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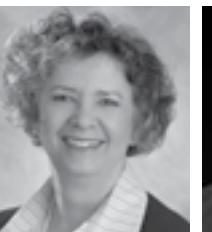
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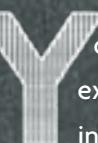
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POWERING BIG CHANGE IN NORTH TEXAS



Young people in Dallas live across a vast space—340 square miles. Within that expanse are exciting pockets of creating and learning, led by young minds and the organizations and individuals guiding them.

For Big Thought, this past year revolved around better reaching those pockets by leveraging past successes and investing in new platforms. This combination expands how we can impact education, not just for a series of afternoons or a single summer, but over a child's life.

We continued our deep partnership with Dallas ISD, providing after-school and summer learning opportunities in campuses across the city. That partnership's success enabled us to reach students in two local charter systems for the first time. Over the course of the school year, Big Thought fellows and teaching artists led arts enrichment experiences with the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP). During the summer, Big Thought piloted summer camps at three Uplift Education campuses, each directly patterned after the best of our previous work with elementary and middle school students.

Led by Big Thought and the Mayor's Office, Dallas also joined three other cities in the burgeoning Cities of Learning movement, which connects students to learning experiences based on their passions. Big Thought trained organizations of all sizes on the concept and how its digital badging component can codify the learning in out-of-school experiences. Students will soon be able to share their digital badges with their teachers, colleges, or employers, turning today's interest into tomorrow's possibility.

The field of education may not have ever been this exciting, and we are proud that Big Thought can be a local connector of institutions and children, bringing them together and in contact with the world beyond Dallas.

Irene Hosford
2013-2014 Board Chair
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President and CEO
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POWER.

The word alone conjures images of people in authority, electricity, moveable objects and currents. It can mean many things – but one principle holds true about power and children; they all have an inherent power that can be cultivated and mobilized for good. Despite immeasurable obstacles that many of the youth we serve face, they all have power to learn and to succeed. Big Thought has made a commitment to PowerUp! our youth – to give them the resources and skillset they need to flourish in school and life. Skills such as resilience and perseverance are learned through experience and hands-on exploration. The arts and creative learning are the foundation upon which we cultivate the imagination.

HOW WE WORK



CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

THE POWER OF POTENTIAL

54% of youth showed a **significant reduction** in problem behaviors overall
(more than 5% decrease)

30% of youth showed **significant improvement** in social skills overall
(more than 5% increase)

As a leader and peer mentor, and someone often referred to as a “polite and selfless helper,” Ladarris Fannin is also a first generation college student. Upon casual conversation, one would never assume he grew up in a crime-plagued area of Dallas. Having landed on probation at the age of 13, his life turned around when he found Creative Solutions, an arts-intensive program operated in partnership with the Dallas County Juvenile Department that helps teens develop life skills and improves college and career readiness.

Ladarris, 20, is now a Creative Solutions alumni and staff member, criminal justice major at Mountain View College and an advocate for youth enrichment. Striving to lower gang violence and help young people make better decisions, he credits his turnaround to Creative Solutions.

“It was a place I could express myself,” Ladarris said. “If it wasn’t for Creative Solutions, who knows where I would be right now?”

During his time in the program, Ladarris learned valuable life lessons such as working with former rivals, putting aside disputes

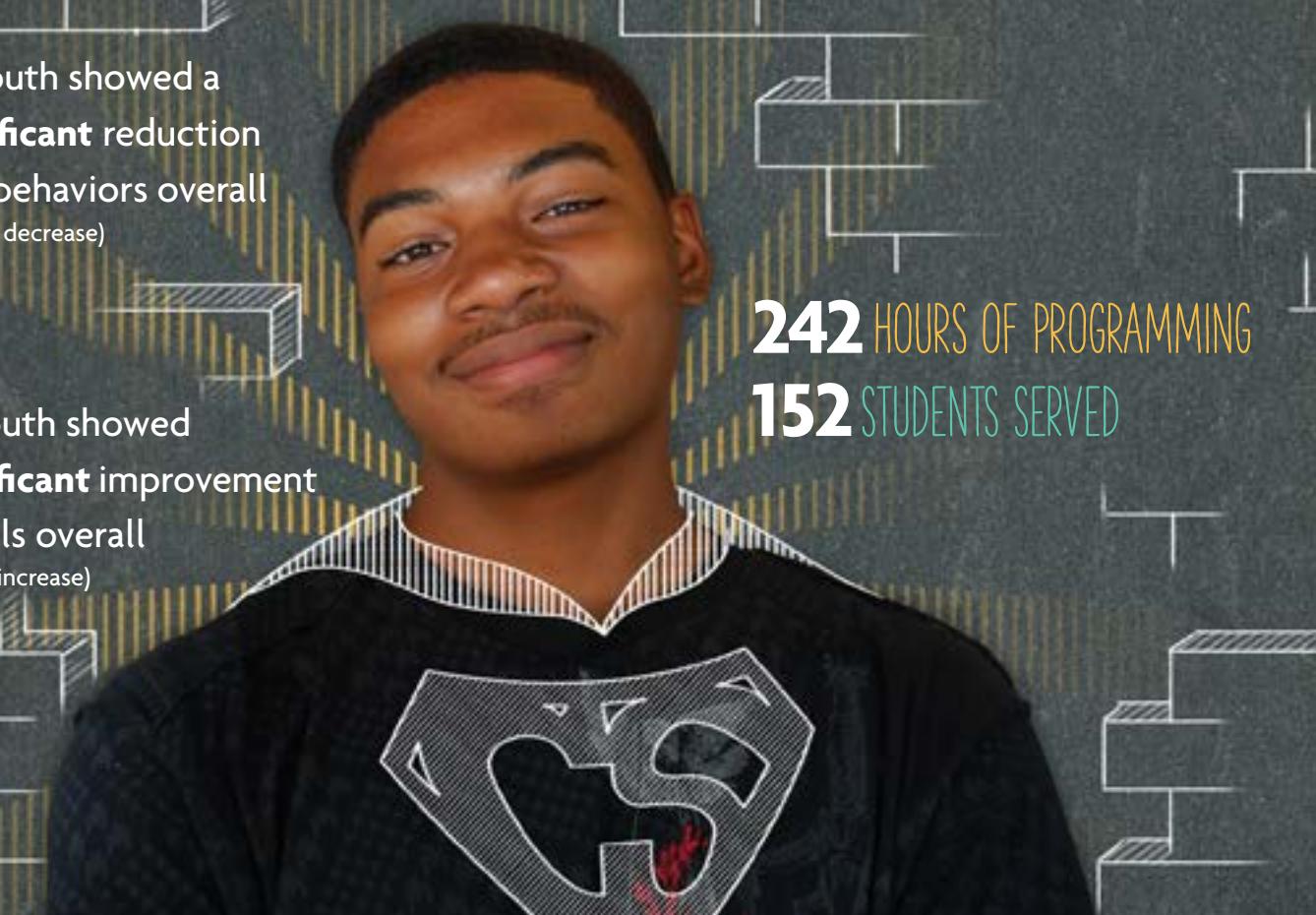
and becoming part of a family. Creative Solutions’ impact was so strong on Ladarris that he is starting his own nonprofit, North Dallas Truce, focusing on educating young people about gang violence, helping them find jobs and providing futures off the streets.

“WHAT MOTIVATES ME IS KNOWING THAT I CAN HELP CHANGE A LIFE.”

- Ladarris

Through Creative Solutions, Ladarris knows first-hand the positive impact needed to do this.

The program includes a 7-week summer course at SMU, and a spring break and summer pilot at Letot Center. Plans are underway to expand the alumni and year-round programming as we prepare to celebrate the 20th anniversary. For a video about the program, go to vimeo.com/85395316.



242 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING
152 STUDENTS SERVED

ARTSPARTNERS

SPARKING CREATIVITY THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

80 PARTNERS*

157 PARTICIPATING CAMPUSES

92,921 STUDENTS SERVED

4,831 PROGRAM HOURS

*See page 10 for a list of partners



Major research shows that arts education is closely linked to academic achievement, lower dropout rates, social and emotional development, civic engagement and equitable job opportunity. ArtsPartners is designed to give every elementary student in the Dallas ISD access to the city's nearly 1,000 arts and cultural programs. Through a grant from The Catholic Foundation, the program also supports five local Catholic schools.

Each participating school receives funds to purchase programs and is given support from Big Thought staff, including professional development and curriculum guidance for educators. As a result, student achievement is on the rise.

ArtsPartners fourth-graders' average gain on the Reading Texas Learning Index is more than six percentage points higher than those students who did not receive ArtsPartners enrichment.

"The students at my school live for field trips and special programs. I teach at school that is classified as underprivileged. Most of the students never get to go anywhere outside of their immediate community. Our school depends on money from

ArtsPartners to be able to share new experiences that broaden our students' horizons," says Jodie Cason, art specialist at B.H. Macon Elementary School. "These experiences expose them to various cultures and art forms. They spark creativity and imagination, as well as give them memories that will last forever."

"WITHOUT ARTSPARTNERS PROGRAMMING, MANY OF MY STUDENTS WOULD NEVER HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF GOING TO A MUSEUM, OR PLAY OR LEAVE THE SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREA THEY CALL HOME."

- Mary Thweatt, ArtsPartners Site Coordinator, Dallas ISD

DALLAS CITY OF LEARNING

POWERFUL PARTNERS MAKE A BIG IMPACT

125 PARTNERS*

111,407 HOURS OF STUDENT LEARNING

11,743 STUDENT ACCOUNTS

200 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

14,289 BADGES ISSUED

*See page 10 for a list of partners

In summer 2014, Big Thought piloted Dallas City of Learning—an expansion on a learning initiative first created in Chicago. Put simply, Cities of Learning connects students to learning opportunities based on their interests. Student achievements are codified and recognized through digital badges containing the granular information about each accomplishment.

Reaching Dallas students is a special challenge. While our city has less than half of Chicago's population, its footprint is 33% larger. In short, our citizens are spread out. Furthermore, 35% of our population has no access to Internet, creating a large access gap for this online interface.

So we called upon partners*—large partners, small partners and our city itself—to help reach those young people. The typically under-represented, the non-dominant population—these are who we strive to access.

We created a series of Turn Ups!: free neighborhood events that immerse families in hands-on experiences and expose students to new interests. More than 2,500 people attended these events at Dallas Love Field, Mountain View College, Vickery Meadow and more.

Dallas City of Learning integrates the principals of *connected learning*, an approach that recognizes that learning doesn't take place only inside classroom walls. In fact, learning is more durable when it is linked across a learner's life.

Together, we interact with Dallas youth to show what happens in the city, what opportunities exist, and how a single experience or question can provide a new life trajectory for a child.

"NONE OF MY KIDS HAVE FLOWN ON AN AIRPLANE BEFORE, SO THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD EXPERIENCE TO TEACH THEM WHAT IT COULD BE LIKE."

- Michelle Polozola, mother who attended the Love Field Turn Up!

THRIVING MINDS AFTER-SCHOOL

THE POWER OF PRESENCE



DALLAS ISD + COMMUNITY-BASED SITES

4,236 STUDENTS ENROLLED

(3613 elementary, 623 middle school)

9,753 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING

25 SITES

106 PARTNERS*

1,384 PARENT PARTICIPANTS

76 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

170 RECIPIENTS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cycle 6 Schools - Blair, Cochran, Donald, Douglass, Moreno, Moseley, Saldivar, Stemmons, Stevens Park and Truett (programming concluded June 2014)

Cycle 7 Schools - Anson Jones, Carver, Casa View, De Zavala, Junkins, Lang, Marsh and Medrano

Community-Based Sites - Bath House Cultural Center, Latino Cultural Center, South Dallas Cultural Center, La Rondalla at Oak Cliff Cultural Center, KIPP Destiny, KIPP Truth, Cary Middle School, and Charles Rice Elementary

*See page 10 for a list of partners

Children need opportunities to test their curiosity, express their feelings and discover their potential. In the Thriving Minds After-School program, they find a safe, creative environment to explore enriching activities that support their academic and personal growth. The program is open to elementary and middle school students and is operated in partnership with Dallas ISD and at various community-based sites.

Thriving Minds Dallas ISD Partnership

In her Thriving Minds After-School program at Marsh Middle School, Big Thought project manager, Kristina Dove, includes everyone, whether she has the infrastructure in place or not.

Raul's desire to join presented a new challenge. Although Dove was not staffed to help a child with special needs, she told him to keep coming. Soon, she convinced school-day teacher Rachit Patel to join her after-school staff, and together started an Explorer Club to "introduce reading to special-needs students as an interactive, social experience."

The club quickly grew to 11 students who have maintained steady attendance and participation. Raul explained the program's success to Dove this way: "Ms., you never separated us!" During the school day, these students are segregated from the general

school population, but in the after-school environment, they eat their snacks, complete homework and pursue projects alongside the other students.

Dove's approach was recently honored by MetLife's Afterschool for All Challenge, a \$10,000 award for programs offering special needs children "the tools to learn, play and succeed side-by-side with children of all abilities."

49% of TMAS students improved their math and reading from fall to spring

25% of participants moved from non-proficient to proficient on state standardized tests

Thriving Minds Community-Based Programs

Kea Westbrook recognizes the struggles students served in our after-school programs face every day.

One third-grade student arrived with behavior that was more than a disruption—throwing chairs, screaming and running out of rooms crying. His daytime teachers confirmed similar behavior in the classroom. Rather than discipline him for his outbursts, Westbrook and her staff mapped out his tantrums to understand what might be their cause.

Along with her team, Kea planned adjustments to the student's daily routine, giving him small tasks that allowed him to join in. Gradually, he gained power over his own behavior, ultimately impacting his performance in the classroom.

Now developing an after-school site in an apartment community, Kea uses examples like this to bring quality instructors and partners to the program. "Our students need quality, and that's what I work to get them," states Westbrook.

Under our community after-school model, Big Thought staff spend time partnering with community leaders to understand the neighborhoods we serve, map the assets of a community and leverage resources to serve the individual needs of each student. "Our programs are about growing a complete being – when we build a program, we take a personalized approach to learning," she said.

"WHAT MOTIVATES ME AS AN EDUCATOR IS CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION - THE LIVES YOU SEE ARE BLANK CANVASES. WHATEVER YOU PUT INTO THEM IS WHAT THEY BECOME."

- Kea Westbrook

THRIVING MINDS SUMMER CAMP

THE POWER TO REDUCE SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

DALLAS ISD SITES

2,947 STUDENTS

370 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING

8 ELEMENTARY SITES

(SERVING 99 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)

2 MIDDLE SCHOOL SITES

(SERVING 3 MIDDLE SCHOOLS)



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roviding students with an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming school year while curtailing summer learning loss, Big Thought offers Thriving Minds Summer Camp programs in Dallas ISD campuses and community-based sites such as cultural centers and neighborhood facilities throughout the city. Elementary camps combine hands-on arts engagement with core academics to keep learning fresh. Middle school programs include higher education and career paths, where participants learn from working professionals in a variety of fields.

Imagine you're a kid again and it's time for summer vacation. But rather than packing your bag and getting shipped off to an overnight camp—or spending tedious days at a desk in summer school—you get to try things you've never experienced before—robotics, dance and theater, visual arts, poetry, writing and more.

Now in its fifth year, Thriving Minds Summer Camp provides students with core classroom academic instruction paired with creative enrichment experiences not often accessible to low-income families. Learning now comes to life through hands-on exploration and play.

In partnership with Dallas ISD, Big Thought has participated in a national study on summer learning conducted by the RAND Corporation. Based on the near-term findings of a two-year study, we now know that students in the program:

- Enter the fall with a meaningful advantage in math
- Enter the fall with a meaningful advantage in reading if they attend at least 22 days and receive at least 39 hours of reading instruction

“MY BRAIN IS FLOWING A LITTLE MORE DEEPER. WHEN I GO INTO FOURTH GRADE, IT’S GOING TO BE PUMPED UP, HAPPY AND READY TO LEARN!”

- 3rd grade summer camp participant

COMMUNITY-BASED SITES

1,041 STUDENTS ENROLLED

1,882 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING

11 SITES

20 PARTNERS*

Locations - Bath House Cultural Center, Latino Cultural Center, Oak Cliff Cultural Center, South Dallas Cultural Center, The African American Museum, St. Philip's School and Community Center, The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, St. Paul United Methodist Church/Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, West Dallas Community Center, Uplift Triumph, Uplift Heights

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hrough Thriving Minds Summer Camp, Big Thought and its partners leverage their combined strengths to maximize summer learning experiences for children across Dallas, especially those with little or no access to educational opportunities. Some partners receive training on a Big Thought-designed curriculum. Others, like the city's cultural centers, provide both financial and staffing support. Still others combine various staffing, curriculum and professional resources to enhance their own program models.

Take a look at one of our partners' stories:

With recesses and other creative outlets reduced during the school day, students commonly miss out on hands-on experiences and outdoor activities. The emphasis on teaching imagination at the Bath House Cultural Center helps fill those needs.

Summer camp at the Bath House focuses not on influencing student ideas, but encouraging them to collaborate creatively and produce their own shows.

“One of the most important things is teaching children creative problem solving,” said Kineta Massey, Big Thought teaching artist. This summer, students took part in nature walks, yoga, drawing, painting and a final theater show based on famous works of art. Students credited this activity towards building their confidence.

“THE PROGRAM REALLY HELPS KIDS DEVELOP IN AREAS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN’T BE ABLE TO TOUCH DURING THE DAY, BECAUSE THAT’S NOT A PART OF THE NORMAL CURRICULUM.”

- Michelle Turner, mother of Lincoln, sixth-grade student summer camp participant



LITERACY INITIATIVES

THE POWER OF WORDS



12,366 STUDENTS SERVED

504 HOURS OF PROGRAMMING

8,880 LIBRARY LIVE! PARTICIPANTS

1,816 DAVERSE LOUNGE PARTICIPANTS

687 | I LOVE TO READ! PARTICIPANTS

Literacy Programs - Library Live!, Little Free Libraries/Libros Libres, I Love to Read Curriculum (integrated into after-school and summer programs), DaVerse Lounge, DaVerse Works Curriculum (integrated into classroom and after-school programs)

Literacy is core to our work at Big Thought—but it's more than just reading, writing and comprehension. We also explore cultural literacies, help kids connect to their heritage, understand their abilities to succeed and stretch their self-imposed limits by imagining new possibilities.

DaVerse founder and partner Will Richey calls his students "comets." The teens who gravitate toward his performance poetry workshops often connect nowhere else. Like comets that travel vast darkness alone, many have no support systems at school or home.

Richey has taught with Big Thought for nine years, primarily through Creative Solutions and DaVerse Lounge—a spoken-word series for young adults. As a probation officer once told him, many teens have tornadoes inside caused by hard experiences that "reach into their souls." But Richey believes that's where the magic resides. If a teaching artist chooses to navigate that inner storm, they can guide students to meaningful discoveries.

Amanda was a sixth-grader who gulped when asked to introduce herself and refused to perform in her middle school workshop. With

Richey's encouragement, Amanda eventually braved the DaVerse Lounge stage to perform a poem. It received a standing ovation.

By eighth grade, she had compiled enough creative work for Richey to help produce her own poetry collection. In her senior year, Amanda's poetry earned a national medal in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Now a scholarship student at the University of Dallas, she regularly returns to perform at DaVerse Lounge, inspiring students who are still too afraid to stand before that packed room.

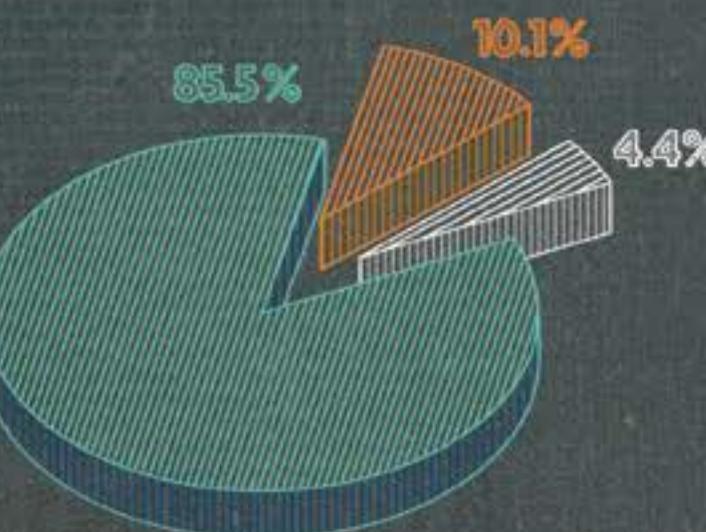
"I WITNESSED MY SON RAP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FRONT OF A LIVE AUDIENCE. I TOLD HIM, 'SON, YOU'RE A CHAMPION.' HE SAID, 'THAT'S BECAUSE I WAS RAISED BY ONE.' MY HEART IS FULL!"

- DaVerse Lounge participant parent

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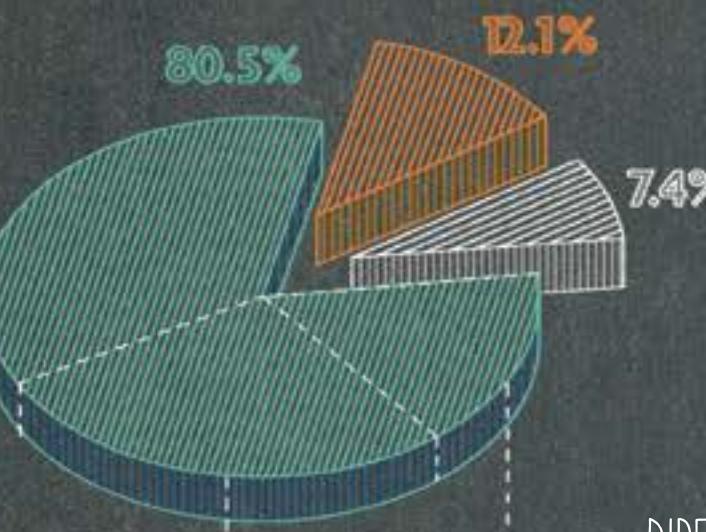
2013-2014

SOURCES OF INCOME



Contributions and Grants	\$9,611,058
Program Service Fees	1,128,987
Other	493,389
Total Sources of Income	
	\$11,233,434

USES OF INCOME



Program Services	\$8,617,027
Supporting Services	1,293,017
Fundraising	795,662
Total Uses of Income	
	\$10,705,706

DIRECT EXPENSES PAID TO PROGRAM PROVIDERS

to Organizations	1,801,075
to Individuals	2,949,625
Total Paid to Program Providers	
	\$4,750,700

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OUR POWER LINES

1st Class Kids/Chefsville-Kids	Choices Leadership Academy	Dan Gibson	Irving ISD	Momentous Institute (Salesmanship Club of Dallas)	St. Mark AME Zion Church
3D Discovery - Public Speaking Program for Children	Cindy Horstman	Dana Proulx-Willis	Jacco Velarde a.k.a Isaac J. Velarde	Mountain View College	St. Paul United Methodist Church
5G Studio - Architects	Circle of Support	Dancing Classrooms North Texas (Tarrant County Youth Collaboration)	Jamal Mohamed	Mozilla Foundation	St. Phillips Community Center
Aberg Center for Literacy	Cities of Learning	Daniel De Cordoba	Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth	Heloise Munson Foundation	SWAY Enterprises
Accenture	City of Dallas	Dawn's Early Light	Jewish Community Center of Dallas	Nasher Sculpture Center	Tammy McNary Photography
Act II Music	Classic Brass	Day Reporting Center	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	NCAA	Tasby Middle School
Adventure Presentations	Color Me Empowered	DePaul University	JONES 2000 & BEYOND	Neighbors United	Texas Education Agency
African American Museum	Commit!	Diversified Youth Services	Joshua ISD	NHP Foundation	Teatro Hispano de Dallas
Akiba Academy	Connected Learning Alliance	DMA/Perot Teen Advisory Council	Journeyman Ink, LLC	North Texas Tarheels	TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc.
All Stars Project of Dallas	Continental Bridge	Don Kromer Boys & Girls Clubs	JP Morgan Chase	Oak Cliff Cultural Center	Texana Living History
Alpha Charter School	Cool 2	Dream Builder	Jubilee Center	Oil and Cotton	Texas Ballet Theater
Amadi Guess Foundation	Creative Arts Center of Dallas	Eagle Scholars Group from Vickery Meadows	Julio Suarez	Old Red Museum	Texas Discovery Gardens
AMAZING	Creative Solutions	Education Consulting	Junanne Peck	Out of the Box	Texas Instruments
American Institute For Leadership Development & Training	Crow Collection of Asian Art	Education is Freedom	Junior League of Dallas	Pan-African Connection	The Academy High School, Irving
American Robotics	Cynthia Padilla	EdVance	Junior Players	Park Cities Baptist Church	The Artist Outreach
Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico	Dallas Afterschool	Empower American Children, Partner Institute	Karen Blessen & 29 Pieces	Pep It Up!	The Badge Alliance
Anne Frank Elementary School	Dallas Arboretum	Fair Oaks Youth and Family	Kent Williams & Le Theatre de Marionette	Perot Museum of Nature & Science	The Black Academy of Arts and Letters
Arlington Classics Academy	Dallas Aviation Administration	Family Place	KERA	Plano ISD	The Concilio
Arlington Life Shelter	Dallas Bethlehem Center	Fay + Sawers Productions	Keyboard Kids	Pleasant Grove Library	The Davies Brothers
Arlington School District	Dallas Black Dance Theatre	Ferris ISD	KIDPROV	Pleasant Mound Church	Theatrical Learning Center
Arron Johnson Fitness Club	Dallas Brave New Voice team	Fine Arts Chamber Players	KIPP DFW	Preservation LINK	Timberglen Rec Center
Art Love Magic	Dallas Can Academy Oak Cliff Campus	Fine Arts Nth	Lakewest YMCA	Prestonwood Baptist Church	Townview Big 'D' Band
Artreach-Dallas, Inc.	Dallas Childrens Theater	Fire Rhapsody Duo	Lany Middle School	Project Still I Rise	Trinity River Audubon Center
AT&T	Dallas Contemporary	Fort Worth ISD	Latino Cultural Center	Puppetry by Sandy Shrout	Trinity River Watershed Management
AT&T Performing Arts Center	Dallas Country Juvenile Department	Fossil Group	Laura Strother	Queens of Heaven, Inc c/o HI DIVA!	True Lee Missionary Baptist Church
Audubon Texas - Dogwood	Dallas County 4H	Fox 4	Leadership ISD	Quin Mathews Films	Turner 12
Audubon Texas - Trinity River Audubon Center	Dallas County Community College System	Frazier Courts	Leo Hassan	Quintanilla Middle School	Uniquely Inspiring Youth to Excel
Austin Middle School, Irving	Dallas Court and Detention Service	Friendship West Church	LeTot	Rand Corporation	United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
AVANCE	Dallas Designing Dreams	Frontiers of Flight Museum	Life in Deep Ellum	Reconciliation Outreach	University of Shakespeare
Ballet Ollimpaxqui	Dallas Fire Department	Garland ISD	Little Free Libraries	Reese's	Uplift Education
Balloon Ninja	Dallas Heritage Village	Generation to Generation Ministries, Inc	Lone Star Circus	Resource One Credit Union	U.S. Conference of Mayors
Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble	Dallas Holocaust Museum / Center for Education and Tolerance	Genesis Womens' Shelter	Lynn Baskind	Richardson ISD	USA Film Festival / KidFilm
Bank of America	Dallas ISD	Geometric and Madi Museum	Lynn Moon Schellenberg	ROCK After School Program	UTD Stem Camp
Bath House Cultural Center	Dallas Love Field	George W Bush Presidential Library and Museum	Making Connections, Inc.	Rockwall ISD	VET
bc Workshop	Dallas Municipal Courts	Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas	Margaret Clauder	Ruda Anderson	Vickery Meadow Youth Devel Foundation
Bellevue Duo	Dallas Museum of Art	Girl Scouts Texas Oklahoma Plains	Mark Shelton	Rylie Academy	Wallace Foundation
Better Than My Best (Drum Circle)	Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs	Grayson County	Marsh Middle School	Santa Clara Regional Community Centers	Walmart
Big 12 Conference	Dallas Opera	Half Priced Books	Marsh MS ROTC	Science Safari	West Dallas Community Center
Blue Shoe Project	Dallas Park Department	Hampton-Illinois Library Blackbox	Martial Arts Knights Order	Services of Hope	West Dallas Tony Mitchell Basketball
Boitumelo Duo	Dallas Police Athletic League	HEART 2 ART	Martin Weiss Rec Center	S-Factor Dance Company	WFAA Channel 8
Boy Scouts of North Texas	Dallas Police Department Narcotics Canine Unit	Heart House	Matthews Southwest	Shakespeare Dallas	White Fire Accessories
Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington	Dallas Public Library	Heart of a Warrior	Mayor's Intern Fellows Program	Shala Yma	White Rock Local Market
Cara Mia Theater	Dallas Regional Chamber	Highland Hills Branch	Mayor's Rising Star Council	Sheila Cunningham	White Rock YMCA
Cary Middle School	Dallas Summer Musicals	Holly Lapinski	Mayor's Summer Reading Program	Sherman ISD	Wilkinson Center
Catholic Diocese of Dallas	Dallas Symphony Orchestra	Hoop it Up	Meadows Museum	Sixth Floor Museum	Willie B Johnson Rec Center
Catholic Foundation	Dallas Theater Center	Horse & Carriage (Buffalo Soldiers)	Medrano Middle School	Skillful Living Center	Willy Welch
CBS 11	Dallas United Crew	I.S.E. Academy	Melody "AFI" Bell	Slappy and Monday's Foundation for Laughter	Wilmer Hutchins High School
Charles Rice Learning Center	Dallas Water Utilities	InSpire	Melody Memory (band)	SMU - Meadows School of the Arts	Wilson & Randolph Enterprises
Children's Aquarium at Fair Park	Dallas Winds	Inspire at University of North Texas	Metro Economic Development Corporation	South Dallas Cultural Center	Writer's Garret
Children's Medical Center	Dallas Youth Network	International House of Blues Foundation	Mexico 2000 Folklorico Dance School	South Side on Lamar	Yogakids Bridge of Diamonds
Chin Woo Lion and Dragon Dance Team	Dallas Zoo (And Children's Aquarium)	International Leadership of Texas	Michael Finley Foundation	Southwest Airlines	Young Arts Institute in Education
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