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The Otis & Rosie Brown Foundation Annual Report 2016

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2016 ExtraordinaryIs Awards Gala

From Left: Keynote Speaker, Gold Medalist Carl Lewis,
Madison Duckett, Thasunda Brown Duckett



Letter from the founder



Thasunda Brown Duckett
Founder, The Otis & Rosie Brown Foundation

I am pleased to share the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation's Annual Report with our extraordinary friends, volunteers, and donors.

2016 was a year of momentum for our Foundation. We were able to award scholarships to our ten ExtraordinaryIs Scholars and fund several nonprofits and individuals who continue to make an extraordinary impact with ordinary resources. We are proud of our progress and even more excited about the continued opportunity to make a difference in our community and the lives of others.

#MyExtraordinaryIs Passion, Laughter and Giving Back

We understand the responsibility required when receiving generous contributions from our donors and volunteers. We strive to ensure the utmost integrity, transparency, and communication to report on the impact we are making. This report is intended to provide you a clear and accurate picture of how we are carrying out our mission.

Our resources continue to support:

- *Increasing college enrollment and graduation rates from diverse communities*
- *Funding for local nonprofits and individuals who are making an extraordinary impact with ordinary resources*
- *Promoting opportunities to volunteer and give back to local community programs and efforts that impact our community*
- *Creating a #MyExtraordinaryIs movement encouraging and empowering us all to recognize that we have the ability to be extraordinary.*

By being good stewards of our financial resources, we can ensure that our ongoing mission to support and fund student, individuals, and nonprofits who are making a meaningful and profound impact continues.

I continue to be filled with gratitude and inspiration to partner closely with our volunteers and tireless board members to carry out our passion and commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you all for being extraordinary.

Sincerely,

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Who We Are



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to highlight extraordinary people, organizations, and corporations who utilize ordinary resources to make an extraordinary impact on the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to spawn a movement of people working - as individuals, in companies, nonprofits and everything in between - to share their gifts, talents and resources in service to the world around them.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

1. Connecting families to resources in the local North Texas community
2. Fostering academic engagement and excellence
3. Partnering with local organizations to more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families



**2016 Extraordinary Nonprofit Winner, HUUH
@ the HUUH Luncheon**

From Left: HUUH Founder, Dandrean Gray,
Event Guest

Executive Board



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Thasunda Brown-Duckett

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The Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation

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Erin Parisi

Executive Board Member

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2016 ExtraordinaryIS Scholars Check Presentation

On left: Board Member, Reggie Brown; On right: Board Member, Jamaal Brown



Scholarships

Fostering educational engagement and excellence is one of the key focus areas of the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation. In 2016, we awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving students going to college. Our \$1,000 scholarships fill the gaps for families for whom the little things on the way to college can be a hindrance.

We were proud to support the following students in following their dreams of college:

- Alexis Alvarado
- Ariana Campbell
- Tristan Cojoe
- Joshua P. Davis
- Chris Ferguson
- Chrysten Fowler
- Lizbetth Frias
- Dorian Strong
- Victor Rodriguez
- Ezekiel Tyson, III

Education is the most powerful weapon which you
can use to change the world

Nelson Mandela

Community Grantees



In 2016, the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation was introduced to a few phenomenal people and organizations doing great work in the North Texas area and around the world. The organizations represent the epitome of the

ExtraordinaryIS mission. We are proud to find, support and celebrate these unsung heroes working with ordinary resources to do the extraordinary.

Life's most persistent and urgent question
is what are you doing for others?
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Our 2016 Community Grantees

Beacon Hill Preparatory - Dallas, Texas
Helping Us Help Her (H.U.H.H.) - Fort Worth, Texas
Magic Beans - Dallas, Texas; Haiti
Stephanie's Dream - Palmer, Texas

Learn more about our grantees on the following pages.

Making an Impact



HUHH Founder, Ms. Dandreon Gray is on a mission to empower teenage girls of Dallas-Ft. Worth with the ability to understand their purpose in life. Helping Us Help Her (H.U.H.H.) does this through providing developmental tools to teenage girls that will equip them to become morally excellent. Their key objectives are to prepare, educate, and expose teenage girls with the lifelong tools and experiences that will enhance their ability to make choices while understanding the impact of the consequences that follow.

www.huhh.org



Founded by Ms. April Cooper after a trip to Haiti in 2012, Magic Beans is a Dallas based non-profit that provides basic support and necessities to children and teens locally & in developing countries. Magic Beans philosophy is based on the classic children's tale Jack and the Beanstalk, where just like Jack the children in the developing world are fighting a giant. With poverty killing an estimated 30,000 children a day Magic Beans provides the "magic beans" for these children: clothing, food, tuition and other basic necessities. Through the generosity of others, these children are able to start climbing their way out of poverty in pursuit of the golden egg that will provide a brighter future.

www.magicbeansco.com

Making an impact



Charnella Derry, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Beacon Hill, runs a tight ship. Beacon Hill Prep provides holistic child development through academic, cultural and life-skill programs with active parental involvement. By designing and delivering academic and enrichment programs that transcend traditional boundaries students develop the critical skills required for effective lifelong learning while also working and staying well above grade level. In addition to individualized learning plans, Beacon Hill also offers enrichment classes in Chinese origami, chess, basketball, storytelling, golf, cooking, etiquette, and art.

www.beaconhillprep.org



Stephanie's Dream is a 501(c)(3) Christian-based ministry founded to raise awareness on the cause and prevention of mental illness and suicide. Emphasis is placed on the importance of proper nutrition by providing nutritional testing and offering the "Gift of Hope" program. This ministry gives hope to those affected and encourages lifestyle changes by embracing God's power.

www.stephaniesdream.org

Our Financials



EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2017
Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____ and ending _____

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
OTIS & ROSIE BROWN FOUNDATION
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
7220 FOSSIL RIM TRAIL
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ARLINGTON, TX 76002

D Employer identification number
46-3378247

E Telephone number
877-601-3211

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ **WWW.EXTRAORDINARYIS.ORG**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **74,704.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																63,785.													
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																													
	3	Membership dues and assessments																													
	4	Investment income																													
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																													
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																													
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																													
	6	Gaming and fundraising events																													
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																													
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 16,378. of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)									10,919.																				
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events									14,231.																					
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																														
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																														
b	Less: cost of goods sold																														
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																														
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																														
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																														
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																													
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																													
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																													
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																													
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																													
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																													
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)									SEE SCHEDULE O																				
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																														
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																													
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																													
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																													
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																													

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form **990-EZ** (2016)

*Entire 990 available online

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