

#FINDYOU'RE EXTRAORDINARY

The Otis & Rosie
Brown Foundation
Annual Report
2017





ExtraordinaryIs
Scholars
2017

Congratulations
Hana Ali

Graduate of Mansfield Timberview High School

Attending the University of Texas at Arlington majoring in Biochemistry

#MyExtraordinaryIs



Letter from the founder



Thasunda Brown Duckett
Founder, The Otis & Rosie Brown Foundation

Dear Friends,

Welcome to another year of the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation. It is truly an honor and a blessing to present to you the work we've done over the last year.

I can't believe 2017 marks 4 years since we began this journey. We gave away 10 additional scholarships, sponsored the 8th Annual SlamFest, hosted our 3rd Annual Gala where we honored 5 new DFW nonprofits and began laying the groundwork for a stronger presence in our home city of Arlington, Texas.

#MyExtraordinaryISPassion, Laughter and Giving Back

We are so thrilled to have you - our friends, volunteers, donors and supporters - along on this journey of encouraging the world to #FindYourExtraordinary. After 4 years of meeting amazing students and ordinary citizens doing extraordinary things to brighten the lives of others, we are ever more convinced that together we stand at the right time, in the right place, with the right mission - to make a major difference in our world.

Please take a look at this snapshot of our Foundation. We hope you will be inspired.

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

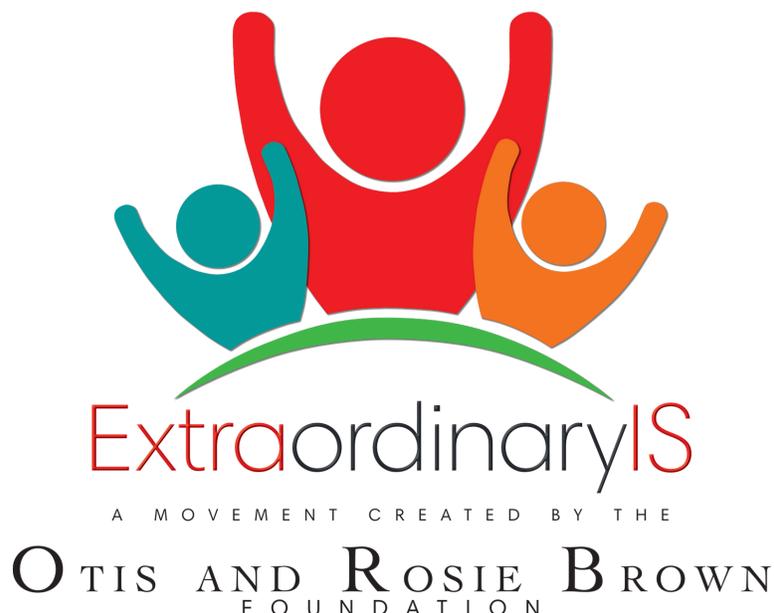
Our mission is to highlight extraordinary people, organizations, and corporations who utilize ordinary resources to make an extraordinary impact on the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

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



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By the Numbers

33
Extraordinary
Scholars



Over \$65,000 in
Grants &
Scholarships



Over 75 Unique
Donors



ExtraordinaryScholars

During the 2017 school year, we met a number of amazing students from around the DFW metro. Young men and women who showed extraordinary character, resilience and commitment to service, family, and community. With over 100 applicants, we are thrilled to be apart of the journey of these young people - and it's only possible through the generosity of our donors and volunteers! Thank you!

Hana Ali
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**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you
can use to change the world."**

Nelson Mandela

Community Grantees



In 2017, the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation was introduced to more 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 often unsung heroes working with ordinary resources to do the extraordinary.

Learn more about these fantastic organizations on the following pages.

Meet Our 2017 Community Grantees

Jade Laswell - Craft Hope - Arlington

Gene Legler - Helping Hands and Caring Hearts - Arlington

Keen Group - Fort Worth

Cordelia Tullous - StepUp! - Dallas

LeTitia Owens - Where Are You? Homeless Outreach - Dallas



Honoree:

Jade Laswell, Founder

Craft Hope is a love-inspired project designed to share handmade crafts with those less fortunate. It is the hope of Founder, Jade Laswell - wife, mother and breast-cancer survivor - and her merry crew of volunteers to combine a love for crafting and desire to help others into projects that make a difference to people around the world.

Through its strong network of generous crafters, Craft Hope has donated over 160,211 items to cancer patients, victims of natural disasters, and those suffering near and far.

www.crafthopetogether.com

Community Grantees



Helping Hands
And Caring Hearts
OF AMERICA

Honoree:
Gene Legler, Founder

Helping Hands and Caring Hearts of America was founded by Gene Legler in 2015 with the express intent of encouraging people to help the less fortunate. Inspired by the example set by his parents of giving and serving those less fortunate than him. With a goal of spurring educational opportunities and inspiring service, the organization provides two (scholarships to minority high school college-bound seniors each year. These are students who exhibit

a commitment to excellence in education, a desire to serve others and who come from low-income backgrounds, Gene hopes to create a sustainable model and grow into other cities throughout the country giving more students the opportunity to succeed through attainment of a college education.

www.helpinghandscaringheartsofamerica.org

Since 2009 the KEEN Group has taught 203 youth outdoor, still photography and computer editing through the Focus Photography Program. Using the

arts to encourage healthy activity and self-expression, these 8 week classes are taught by professional photographers and master photographers with assistance from community mentors. Project Focus targets youth ages 9-15 encouraging them to tap into their creativity while using the camera to express feelings, tell stories, advocate and entertain.



Honoree:
Walter Williams - Board Chair

www.keengroup.org

Community Grantees



Honoree:

Coredelia Tullous, Executive Director - Dallas

Step Up is a national organization working in local cities to propel girls living or going to school in under-resourced communities to fulfill their potential by empowering them to become confident, college-bound, career-focused, and ready to join the next generation of professional women. Step Up does this by creating and implementing impactful after-school and mentorship programs that are open to all girls enrolled in a Step Up partner high school.

www.suwn.org/dallas

After being homeless herself, LeTitia decided to use her vocal ability to uplift the homeless and the needy. After realizing there were so many people that just needed to know they were thought of, the Lord gave her the song: Where Are You? (Written and performed by her and Fred Hammond) LeTitia is committed to using her gifts to bring awareness to the world that there are people who feel abandoned and alone on a daily basis and are seeking hope and a hand. Her prayer is after you hear the words to her song you will not only be inspired but commit to serving those in need.



Honoree:

LeTitia Owens, Founder

www.whereareyououtreach.org

Our Financials



In 2017, we attained a Bronze Level Seal of Transparency from Guidestar.org. Please find our 2017 990 highlighted below. Complete access to these records is available online and upon request.

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