

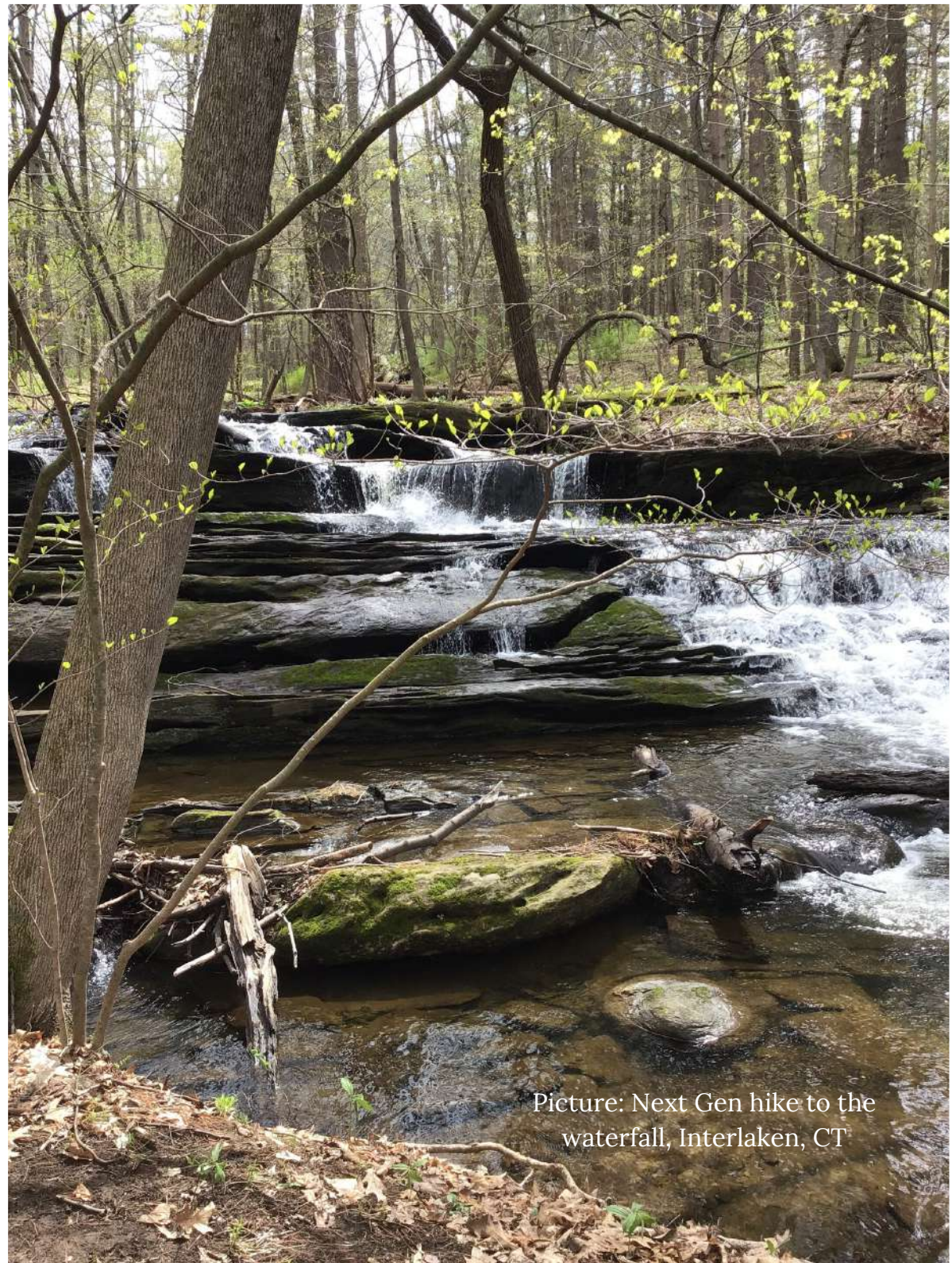


ANNUAL
REPORT
2019



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Picture: Next Gen hike to the waterfall, Interlaken, CT

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2019 can be described as a year of opportunities to renew, re-imagine and reinvigorate. We have enjoyed the completion of many of our long standing goals within the Foundation, and have embraced new ways of doing things. For example, the TGFF Board has accepted new responsibilities. TGFF has also successfully launched the Next Gen Leadership, as well as made investment & business decisions within the Foundation that helps us work more efficiently. Changes in governance and routine has brought some new life to what we do and we have felt you respond as a family. The TGFF Board would like to express to the family and our grantees that YOU are the heart, and the joy of what we do. Thank you for your efforts in sustaining the Foundation and those individuals we are serving.



MISSION

Partnering with others to develop sustainable resources for organizations that foster independence, primarily for those who are blind.

VISION

Sustainable Solutions for Independence

NEXT GEN BOARD

The Next Generation Board is all about allowing more of the Gibney Family to participate in a deeper level with TGFF. It's a newer group made up of fourth generation Gibneys and on! We've been a board for one whole year, and have managed to get a lot done and have many more plans for the future.

In 2019, the Next Generation met for the first time as a group at the Annual TGFF Retreat in Connecticut. There, we brainstormed how we wanted to use our allocated money to make an impact that was important and meaningful to us. We decided to focus on helping children/youth, education, and asisstive technology. We then sent out emails to many organizations in the Portland area that we knew worked in these areas, asking them what dreams and projects they wished they could accomplish. From these responses, we were able to narrow down our top organizations to SLLEA and SMART Reading. We continued the grant process with both organizations and were able to put both their dreams in motion!

In 2020, we're working on coming up with even more ways to be involved in our communities and create more opportunities for family members to contribute to the Next Gen Board. We also hope to be able to make a larger grant and work with another deserving organization!

~ Celeste Beazer, Next Gen Board Chair



GIVING PHILOSOPHY

TGFF's Giving Philosophy:

Our philosophy is to involve, inspire, and invest in the people and programs that further the mission of The Gibney Family Foundation.

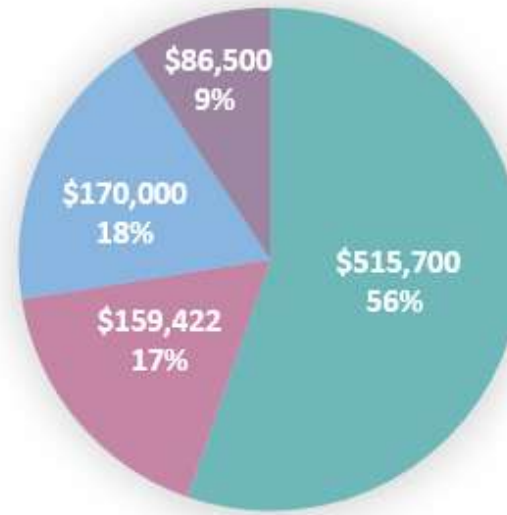
We believe as we involve ourselves, we inspire others to collaborate resources in causes that improve the lives of those we serve.

As family, we hold steady to our values as we practice intentional and sustainable grantmaking.



GRANTS BY AREA OF FOCUS

*Does not include donations



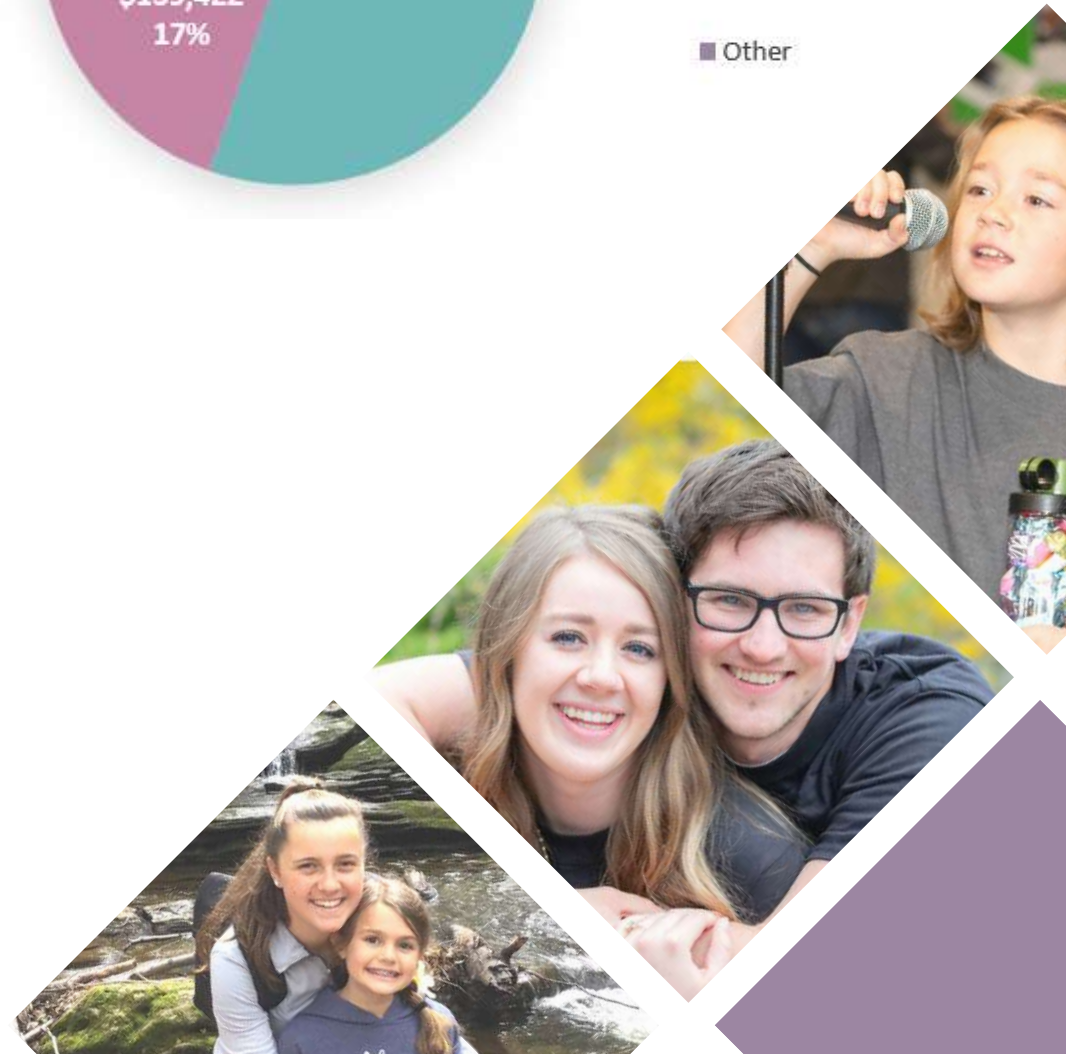
- Blind & Visually Impaired
- Adaptive Sports and Technology
- Youth
- Other

AREAS of Impact

Blind &
Visually Impaired

Youth &
Family Support

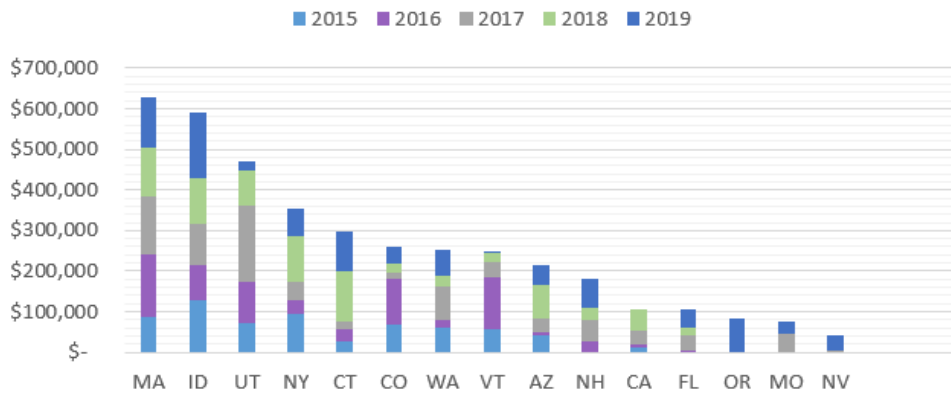
Disabled Sports &
Adaptive Technology



OVERVIEW OF GRANTS FOR 2019:

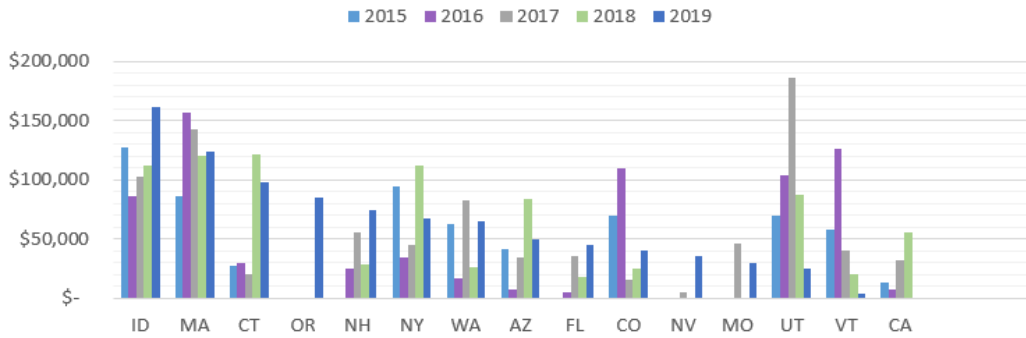
TOTAL GIVEN: \$953,362

Total Grant Dollars by State

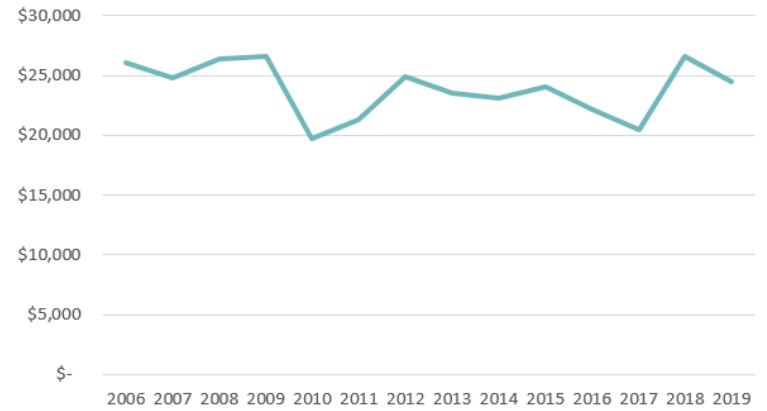


Yearly Grant Amount by State

*sorted by largest to smallest amount in 2019



Average Grant Amount

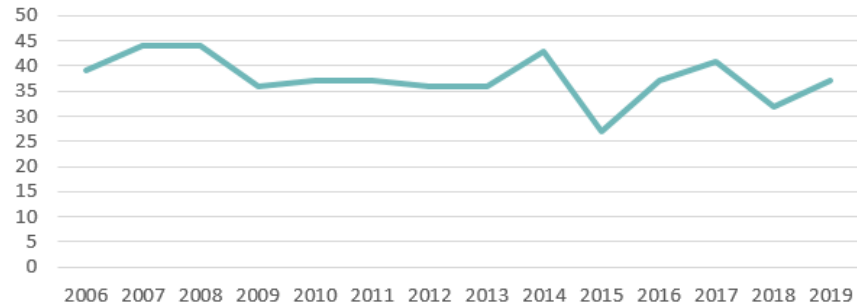


Total Granted by Year

Grants and Donations included



Number of Grants Per Year



BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

TGFF strives to empower visually impaired individuals with independence, employment and quality of life which all should be able to enjoy.

CARROLL CENTER FOR THE BLIND \$40,000

An initiative to launch a professional internship program for university scholars in the field of blindness.

COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND \$10,000

Support an existing program that will allow CCB to expand their training seminars, reach more blind individuals and create new job opportunities and placements.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF AGENCIES SERVING THE BLIND \$10,500

Support includes a Statewide Vision Summit to address the needs of the aging population and work on the creation of a new profession: Support Services Provider/Older Individuals who are Blind (SSP/OIB).

FOUNDATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN \$5,000

Support The "Ready To Work" program, which is a multifaceted program designed to prepare youth who are blind to be self sufficient, contributing members in their community when they reach adulthood.



FUTURE IN SIGHT

\$25,000

Assist FIS with a capacity building initiative designed to reach, educate, and serve more infants and toddlers (birth up to the third birthday) in NH who have visual impairments, including their parents and vision resource coordinators.

IDAHO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOUNDATION \$5,000

Provide blind and visually impaired students the opportunity to attend an overnight educational and activity camp to learn life skills, participate in activities, and increase self confidence.

MAB COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. \$31,000

Support the expansion of their existing volunteer program to become a statewide program, reaching a broader population of seniors who need assistance.

MANA-SOTA LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND, INC. \$35,000

Funding to create two levels of training for their existing Adjustment to Vision Loss course, which will enable more clients to participate.

NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS \$18,350

Fund the Touch of Genius Award which supports the development of affordable braille and tactile literacy technology solutions for the blind and visually impaired.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND, IDAHO **\$5,000**

Assist in establishing a week long residential camp experience where students will learn skills for independence, braille literacy and increase confidence.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SKI FOR LIGHT **\$4,996**

Assist in funding the replacement of their handheld radios, which are important safety equipment, as well as creating a new website.

NEVADA BLIND CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION **\$35,000**

Funds will allow them to kick off their fundraising efforts for a capital campaign to purchase their facilities by covering the marketing and hard costs associated with the campaign.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND ATHLETES **\$65,000**

Program Related Investment

OLMSTED CENTER FOR SIGHT **\$47,095**

Support increasing the awareness and solutions to improve accessibility in the workplace, marketplace and educational system with the goal of expanding access and employment opportunities for youth and adults.



PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND **\$22,637**

Provide tools and education materials to propel teens who are blind or visually impaired to successful college, employment, and community living.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED **\$25,000**

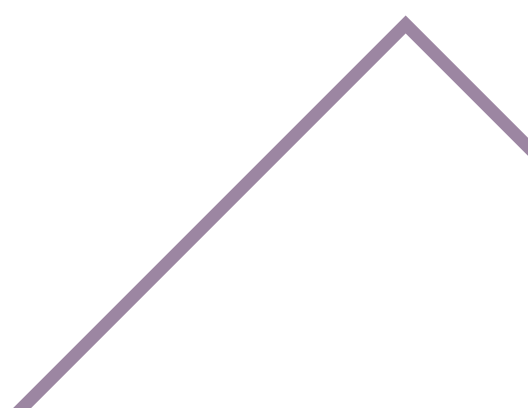
Support SAAVI as they become the first Structured Discovery Rehabilitation Center in Arizona. This will teach independence to individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

VISIONSERVE ALLIANCE **\$30,000**

Enable VSA to conduct its 2019 Fall Executive Leadership Conference as an Open Space Technology event and seek to engage leaders across all sectors involved in the field of blindness, low vision and vision loss.

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK, INC **\$4,200**

Provide two Vermont schools with full-day puppet presentations and workshops about blindness where a student who is blind/visually impaired attends.



DISABLED SPORTS & ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

TGFF helps organizations put smiles on faces and confidence in souls to reach for the stars through sports and recreation and furthering independence through adaptive technology solutions.

ACHILLES INTERNATIONAL, INC CONNECTICUT CHAPTER **\$12,464**

Provide partial funding to support their Director of Development who helps increase revenue through grants, sponsorship and donations. This position strengthens the Chapter's infrastructure.

HIGHER GROUND SUN VALLEY, INC. **\$51,945**

Enable Higher Ground to provide individualized, targeted recreation and sports instruction to students from Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in a fully accessible, inclusive environment, so they can build fundamental skills.

NORTHEAST PASSAGE **\$24,381**

Enable them to create a new partnership with Project Walk Boston in Stratham, NH to help individuals with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) enjoy improved emotional and physical well-being.

OAK HILL, CHAPTER 126 **\$34,894**

Support an Adaptive Sports Field Trip program which will provide an opportunity for children with and without disabilities from schools across Connecticut to play adaptive sports together and learn about blindness.



SMART LIVING, LEARNING & EARNING WITH AUTISM **\$45,000**

Provide the resources to significantly advance their ability to embed task analysis and systematic instruction for all their students through technology.

** Next Generation Board Impact Grant

UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES **\$30,000**

Provide seed money to establish the Wellness Activity Challenge program. The program will incentivize individuals who are blind and visually impaired access to participate in adaptive sports and recreational activities and assist them in developing a physical fitness regimen.

UTAH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM **\$20,000**

Provide funding to UATP to purchase a cargo van to deliver refurbished mobility equipment and pick up donated equipment. Increased public awareness will be widely seen with new marketing information on the van's exterior.

WAYPOINT ADVENTURES, INC. **\$6,800**

Enable Waypoint to purchase an electric mountain bike for use by disabled adventurers eager to participate in hikes and outdoor adventures.

YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT

Hard work, focused education, and a “it takes a village approach” helps at-risk youth to see their potential. Strong families are a pillar of our society and we are committed to helping these families survive and thrive.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF IDAHO \$50,000

Enable CHS to meet the critical need of attracting and retaining additional clinicians/therapists in order to serve more children in need.

EYE TO EYE, INC. \$20,000

They are serving 200+ middle school students with learning disabilities through projects that intentionally build social and emotional skills.

HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES \$20,000

Enable them to further expand and enhance their behavioral health program by increasing the number of therapists.

IDAHO YOUTH RANCH, INC. \$40,000

Enable them to accelerate their services of equine-assisted psychotherapy to youth.

GIFTS OF LOVE \$10,000

Funding to support and increase their Weekend Backpack Program, which fills a gap in providing food assistance to children and families.

SMART READING \$30,000

Enable them to serve more children in SMART by increasing the number technological resources the Site Coordinators use, as well as providing additional flexible training options.

** Next Generation Board Impact Grant



OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS

A variety of organizations, new and existing, fall into this category showing the diversity of family involvement.

BAGS OF LOVE \$10,000

Provide funds to enhance operational support equipment to keep up with the growing demands.

HEALING MEALS COMMUNITY PROJECT \$40,000

Support the development and implementation of an operational plan which includes policies and procedures that will promote ongoing business efficiency.

HOOFBEATS TO HEALING STRAIGHTER WAY FOUNDATION \$5,000

Purchase more effective saddles for optimal therapeutic riding experience for clients.

INCLUDEABILITY, INC. \$10,000

Provide funding towards the production of "Making Sense", the first full length independent feature film to feature five forms of disability played by actors with disabilities.

NORTHEAST DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING \$25,000

Funding a teacher of the deaf to work with toddlers and their families enabling them to get a head start on accessibility and services before preschool.

Thanks to funding received from TGFF for a new COO position, we now have a strong operational organization. This new structure enables us to demonstrate to other funders that we are a viable and sustainable organization.

It is our intention to actively pursue additional speaking engagements, deepen current relationships and apply for grants from a larger audience in 2020.

Without the continued generosity of our community partners, we would not have been able to get to 30,000 total meals served to date to over 250 families in 45 towns in Connecticut. Thank you for your cherished support of us in so many ways!! All of us at Healing Meals are grateful to have the support of all of you at The Gibney Family Foundation.

~ Sarah Leathers
Founder & CEO of Healing Meals Community Project





It was such a special day with your family! Your commitment to your vision is amazing, to see a group that size with that much dedication is incredible. Your spirit and energy made it an unforgettable day. With our combined passion, focus, and energy the possibilities are endless.

~ Paul Weiland
Adapted Sports Program Coordinator at
Oak Hill Adaptive Sports & Fitness



We were so honored to spend the day with your family! It was so much fun to have our courts and fitness center filled with such a caring cause driven crew. Everyone's energy was amazing. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to showcase our programs and services.

~ Kelly Boscarino
Director of Oak Hill Adaptive Sports &
Fitness



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DONOR'S INTENT

"Embrace the concept of a narrowly focused mission as an opportunity to encourage a geographically scattered family to maximize successes as we work together toward a common goal. These unified efforts and resulting successes will allow passion to grow. The narrow focus will also honor the dedicated and inspirational efforts of the Donor's mother and aunt who spent many hours enabling blind children to read through their efforts to translate children's books into Braille."

