



Auer Family
Foundation

— Family at the Center —



2017-18 Two-Year Report



**2017-18 was busy for the Foundation.
We provided over \$137,000 in grants to
over 30 different charity groups.**

We continue to see grant requests from groups that have direct ties to one or more of our family members. This is exactly the type of activity that we as a Foundation (and a family) want to encourage and support.

Some of the programs involved taking time to help mentor young adults. Brittany has been involved with iMentor and Julie has worked with SOHO—devoting their time to provide positive role models for others.

We have also sponsored several programs to help provide additional assistance to young adults with Autism. We have come to learn that traditional support often ends when a child reaches adulthood, so these program help to bridge that gap by providing continued assistance to these young adults and their families.

Please see the highlights of some of our grants in this report.

One of the main parts of the mission is to encourage local community involvement. Family members were active coordinating matching Foundation gifts for their individual fundraising efforts. Sue participated in the Avon 39 (mile) walk to help raise money to combat breast cancer. Many others helped raise money for their own favorite groups. Over the two years, the Foundation had matching gift requests totaling more than \$16,000.00

**Our goal continues to be to keep our Family
at the center of the Auer Family Foundation.**

Have a question, an idea, or a group that you would like to support? Just reach out to a present or past Trustee and they can help get the ball rolling. There is no limit to what we can do if we work together as one really big family.

Love, Dan



Mothers of Sorrows School

mosschool.org

Jeanne Bonanno has worked with Mothers of Sorrows School, an original charity of our parents, the AFF founders, to develop grant requests that support their programs.



Mother of Sorrows School is a pre-school through 8th grade school located in South-Central Los Angeles. Sponsored by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, they are steeped in the Vincentian charism and serve families regardless of their ability to pay full tuition. 98% of Mother of Sorrows students qualify for free or reduced lunch from the National School Lunch Program. Their mission to provide a transformative education of the mind, body, and spirit draws strength from the academic support programs, extra-curricular activities, and the variety of health and education services provided to promote the development of both students and families.

In 2017 the Foundation provided funds to cover 20 Science Microscopes, 4 Handbell Sets and 6 Acoustic Guitars. In 2018 funds were provided for Math Books for the Library, Flash Cards and other manipulatives, Scientific Calculators, Stop Watches and games of calculation review, test prep and rainy day activities.



"Guitar Class meets every week... we were able to develop a plan to allow students to borrow a guitar to take home and practice daily... Since then, the growth and confidence in our kids has grown... The teachers and I are constantly amazed at how something like learning an instrument is helping some of our middle school boys and girls stay calm, focused, and committed! "

—Griselda Villareal



First Place-Phoenix

firstplaceaz.org

Jim Auer brought First Place-Phoenix to the board, requesting a grant to assist in supplies needed for the Culinary Teaching Kitchen.

First Place-Phoenix opened in 2018 providing a living environment and community life for adults with Autism that is robust and vibrant. The fundamental resources and capacity provided allow these individuals the opportunity to transition toward independent living. The Culinary Teaching Kitchen is a common learning environment where residents learn kitchen skills that they can replicate in their own apartments within the facility.

"Our first residents moved in to First Place yesterday and we are super excited. Families are in awe of the culinary teaching kitchen!"

—Denise D. Resnik, Founder & President/CEO



Brittany Auer secured a grant of \$5,000 to help facilitate in-person meetings for some of the 900 new mentor-mentee pairs, enrolled as the Class of 2022.

82% of the 3,600 iMentor students live below the poverty line. 72% are first generation college students.

iMentor builds mentoring relationships that empower first-generation students from low-income communities to graduate high school, succeed in college, and achieve their ambition. Together, in school cafeterias across our city, students meet with adults to discuss the student's dreams. One constant that each student and mentor can count on is a space to connect and have a healthy and positive conversation. The aspiration is for each student to achieve their highest education and career dreams with a dedicated champion alongside them.



"I get to experience this first hand with my mentee of 2 years, Shante. It has been an awesome experience working with her as she focuses on graduating from high school."

—Brittany Auer, AFF Board Member



Joseph's House

Joseph's House
jhfw.org

Carolyn Auer Sturr is volunteering at Joseph's House and secured a grant for a program to help empower residents in obtaining a drivers license.



Joseph's House provides a safe home and family environment for moms and babies who find themselves homeless due to a wide variety of circumstances. The residence provides its mothers and children with a private room and a family living environment complete with nursery, kitchen, computer-equipped study, dining, living and recreation rooms common to all. The home is staffed 24/7 by trained professionals who give the mothers the structure, responsibility and skills they need to achieve independent living.

Joseph's House staff design and implement life skills instruction and online self assessment tools for the mothers in our home that include lessons in nutrition, prenatal care, parenting, financial literacy, career planning, health education, chastity, social skills, and more.

Mothers and children are assisted in procuring appropriate healthcare for both herself and child at nearby medical facilities and follow individual health plans overseen by physicians and monitored daily by Joseph's House staff.



"We have our first licensed driver!

She is really doing well at work and looking to start a dental assistant program next year. This will help open the possibilities to new opportunities!

We have two more moms who are starting their 5 hour course and lessons in the coming weeks."

*—Bronson T. Kopp,
Executive Director*



Youth
Emerging
Stronger

Formerly Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN)

Youth Emerging Stronger
youthemergingstronger.org

Steve Auer put together a request for Youth Emerging Stronger, formerly LAYN, for funding to go towards summer activities for the kids they shelter.



Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN) recently changed their name to Youth Emerging Stronger. They're still who they've always been. But changed their name to reflect their results: Youth Emerging Stronger. Healthier. More confident. More determined. More prepared. And ready to build a brighter future.

Their mission is to provide runaway, homeless and foster youth with safety, stability and housing, along with the relationships and resources to thrive now and in the future.

"Thanks in part to your support, our youth had lots of adventures these past few months. Wes Siler, who runs Indefinitely Wild, once again led a group of TLP residents on an outdoor adventure they will never forget." —LAYN Staff



Space of Her Own (SOHO)
spaceofherown.org

Brittany Auer worked with **Julie Hawkins** to continue support for SOHO's bedroom renovation project.

SOHO's one-to-one mentoring fosters growth through creative art and carpentry activities, healthy dinners and meaningful community service projects. The first year of the program ends in the renovation of each girl's bedroom—giving her a "Space of Her Own."

In 2018, SOHO had 36 new 5th grade girls which lead to 36 room makeovers. The Auer Family Foundation helped fund the beds and bedding for this project.

"You are amazing for giving us SOHO girls life changing experiences. My mentor Kimberly is kind and inspiring. I have learned to be more open to new activities and have made lots of new friends and awesome things for my room. Thank you!" —Ariana



Table Top Farmers

northpointeresources.org

Ellie Auer came to NorthPointe Resources Table Top Farmers through former board member, Johnny Auer. Ellie secured a grant for equipment and supplies.

NorthPointe is an organization that helps adults with developmental or mental illnesses, most of whom are living below poverty level. They offer programs that work with personal growth, skills training and other services to promote over-all well being.

They recently developed a new program called TableTop Farmers that allows these individuals to learn about growing vegetables, specifically lettuce, arugula and herbs. After learning the basics of growing these products, participants are taught and encouraged to sell at local farmers markets and they have even paired with a local restaurant who is now sourcing their food.



Run for Hospice Fair Haven

runsignup.com/Race/Events/NY/Sterling/RunforHospice

Molly Rogers helps every year to coordinate Team Nana's runners and requests funds to help sponsor the race. All proceeds of the race go to Hospice.



The Auer family usually had participants in the Fair Haven annual Run for Hospice. In 2010 when Peggy Auer passed, Team Nana was formed and most of the Auer Family participated that year.

The team of runners has grown to include family friends, and some of the youngest members of our family. Our cover photo features our young runner, Arya Easter with her Aunt Mimi Auer and her Nana, Carolyn Auer Sturr.

This is a family tradition which family and friends in Fair Haven during the July 4th festivities are urged to walk, run or cheer, raising money for a great organization.



Lighthouse for Hope
lighthouseforhope.org

Camille Auer was volunteering at Lighthouse for Hope and asked her father, **Jim Auer**, to help secure a grant for items to help patients and their families.



Lighthouse for Hope is a non profit organization founded by cancer survivor, Hannah Cobley. Hannah is determined to use her second chance at life to help others struggling with a battle she has fought. Cancer affects every aspect of a family's life. It takes a physical, emotional, and financial toll on those diagnosed. Lighthouse for Hope's goal is to financially aid families experiencing poverty in addition to pediatric cancer. By selling merchandise, LFH is able to provide families with day to day necessities such as gas cards, groceries, and clothes to wear to chemotherapy. However, the ways Lighthouse for Hope provides are not limited to those things. Lighthouse evaluates each family's specific needs and aids accordingly.

"We were able to deliver some things to London and her family. London is battling Neuroblastoma. She received her first stem cell transplant and is in the hospital and will be for quite some time. We were able to bring her family some gifts and hopefully provide them some relief during this time. Thank you for helping us make that possible!" —Hannah



Americares Free Clinics
americares.org/en/sub/afc/

Steve Auer worked on a grant for glucose home testing strips for the 4 Americares Free Clinics after speaking with **Mary pat Pino** about clinic needs.

Americares Free Clinics offer a broad net of aide and assistance. This particular proposal was for assistance to 4 walk-in free health care clinics they operate for the working poor in Danbury, Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport. In these 4 cities in Connecticut 11-13% of the population still has no health insurance. The ACA provided healthcare insurance expanded coverage to millions who never had access to it before. These Americares clinics provide free healthcare for those who still fall through the cracks and have no private or government insurance. They therefore have a much narrower range of choices to get their healthcare. Usually that means they do not get treatment unless they end up in an emergency room. Our donation provided these strips to 67 working poor people in Fairfield County for a year. Managing one's diabetes is all about being able to monitor your glucose levels and knowing when you need insulin.



2017-18 Grants & Gifts

Group	Contact	Amount	Purpose
2017			
Growing Power	Johnny	4,000.00	Purchase software and hardware
Ventura Teen Challenge	Jeanne	3,495.00	Sponsor young women
HONORehg	Ellie	3,500.00	Improvements to welcome, living and community areas of their "single females" facility
Lighthouse for Hope	Jim	2,500.00	Help 5 families with a child fighting pediatric cancer
Many Mansions	Jeanne	3,036.00	Help with new community center
Caryn Von Holtz Scholarship	Carolyn	2,000.00	Sponsoring college scholarships
LAYN	Steve	3,000.00	Summer Camp Programs
Mother of Sorrow	Jeanne	3,010.85	School Supplies & Musical instruments
Run For Hospice	Molly	500.00	Support for Fairhaven, NY Run for Hospice
St Vincent's Meals on Wheels	Steve	3,572.50	New rolling carts
iMentor	Brittany	7,500.00	Mentor—pairing
Americares in CT	Steve	4,000.00	Glucose home testing strips for diabetics at (4) clinics
Friendship House	Ellie	4,800.00	Music Therapy program for adult Autism group
HONORehg	Dan	4,000.00	Foot lockers and dressers for recovery housing unit
Social Ministry Program Fair Haven	Molly	4,000.00	Assistance for 35 local households
St Vincent de Paul	Jim	5,000.00	Kitchen equipment
Hopecam	Ellie	5,000.00	Purchase 20 Chromebooks
Total 2017		64,619.35	
2018			
SOHO	Brittany	4,922.22	36 room makeovers
Ventura Teen Challenge	Jeanne	6,000.00	Sponser 60 women
Volunteer League of SF Valley	Jeanne	4,000.00	School clothing and supplies
First Place Phoenix	Jim	4,000.00	Culinary supplies for training in kitchen
North Point Resources	Ellie	4,000.00	Table Top Fresh produce program supplies
LAYN	Steve	3,000.00	Summer camp programs
Joseph House - Syracuse	Carolyn	4,000.00	Help single mom's get drivers licenses
Mother of Sorrow	Jeanne	1,610.35	Math program supplies
Run For Hospice	Molly	500.00	Support for Fairhaven, NY Run for Hospice
St Joseph's School for Nursing	Carolyn	3,959.10	Medical training equipment
St Vincent's Meals on Wheels	Steve	3,983.76	New kitchen equipment
Grossman Burn Center	Steve	3,000.00	Gas cards for burn patients
CCLA – SF	Linda	5,000.00	Guadalupe sponsor
Caryn Von Holtz Scholarship	Carolyn	2,000.00	Sponsoring college scholarships
Future 5	Brittany	3,920.00	Support senior yearbook project
Ventura County Community Fdn	Jeanne	2,000.00	Hill/Woolsey Fire support and supplies
Chances for Children	Jim	4,700.00	Complete roof construction of school in Haiti
HONOR	Molly	4,500.00	Purchase of beds
Social ministry program	Molly	2,500.00	Program expenses
iMentor	Brittany	5,000.00	Funding for new class of 2022's pairing events
Total 2018		72,595.43	

Matching Gifts are used to encourage family members to donate to worthwhile organizations.

2017 Matching Gifts \$9,440.00

2018 Matching Gifts \$6,940.05

Foundation Background

The Auer Family Foundation was founded in 1993 by Peggy and Ed Auer. An important component of Foundation's primary mission is to encourage charitable volunteerism by their 10 children and their spouses by providing financial support to those organizations benefiting from this volunteer involvement, and to encourage charitable giving in the family by offering matching grants.

There are over 100 organizations who have received aid from the Foundation over the years. This support is in response to specific requests for assistance—usually for programs and needs that are new, unexpected and/or not budgeted for by the groups in need.

Requests for grants are handled by our Family Foundation Trustees. Foundation Trustees work with these organizations to identify their needs and to ensure that our grants will have maximum impact. Trustees serve a five year term, and are drawn from the family ranks. Molly Rogers and Jeanne Bonanno have finished their terms and we thank them for all their work. We welcome to the board Kim Auer and Mary pat Pino, who is returning for a second term.

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