

Join Us on June 8th!



Transform Dallas is returning with better weather on June 8th! Be sure to register and serve alongside DLF and our core team as we work to transform communities across the city.

Register to volunteer at www.transformdallas.org

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Summer for All



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EVERY CHILD DESERVES A SUMMER

The American Camp Association estimates the average cost of daytime summer programs to range from \$199 to \$800 or more per week. This can be a huge deterrent for families in need. When children aren't engaged in summer learning activities, they fall prey to summer learning loss: a phenomenon where children lose up to 2 months of their academic instruction. Long term, students who are unable to participate in engaging activities during the summer fall behind significantly in school.

Dallas Leadership Foundation offers free, safe, and educational summer programs to children in low-income communities each year. We need your help to #KeepCampFree for DFW students this year!

Consider making a gift today and help us serve more young people this summer!

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Creating a Culture of Job Readiness For Incarcerated Individuals

"The ability to gain employment and the ability to retain employment are two very different skill sets the offender must acquire to be successful in the workplace" - National Institute of Corrections

DLF has worked with incarcerated men on the Hutchins Unit since 2002. In recent months, DLF's reentry team noticed that while participants in the Faith Based Dorm were able to find employment upon release, their ability to stay employed was becoming an issue. As a part of many reentry programs, finding employment is one of the initial requirements. However, the educational tools and resources to both find job opportunities and maintain them is lacking.

"I hope to prepare the offenders professionally, mentally and spiritually to be successful in the workplace so that they can become financially stable"

- Ashton Galloway, Employment Case Manager

DLF's WIN! program launched in April as a solution to equip incarcerated men with soft skills and other tools for employment prior to their release. Ashton Galloway, Employment Case Manager for DLF, has been integral to the program's curriculum which spans across six modules on topics like conflict management, resume writing, and financial literacy.

In addition to these skills, program participants will also have an opportunity to participate in mock interviews and will receive access to job leads and referrals upon release. Upon the start of the program, initial assessments showed 60% of participants not being ready to enter the workforce despite feeling able to find and maintain a job. In fact, Ashton notes that one of the biggest challenges was "getting into the mind of the inmates and helping them see why they need the program".

As the first 30 WIN! program participants have wrapped up their training, 90% show a stronger understanding of soft skills which will greatly improve their employability.

DLF Chosen as One of Five Agencies to Share \$1.2 Million in Funding

Dallas Leadership Foundation understands that to continue building safe and stable communities, a focus on health, education, and employment is needed. Out of this discovery, the Navigators program has been outlined and piloted in one of the 12 communities DLF serves, Mill City. Through this program, residents are trained by DLF staff to connect members of their community to resources in either of these service areas. This helps DLF overcome the barrier of trust and allows service providers to gain access in safe and engaging ways to the community. In April, Texas Health Resources awarded DLF with a \$53,000 grant to model this program more specifically around mental health.

DLF, in partnership with The Center, Lake Pointe Church, AVANCE-North Texas, and the University of North Texas will work in targeted zip codes as a part of the Well Together initiative from Texas Health Resources. Together, all five agencies are working to expand mental and physical health services to residents in Dallas and Rockwall county.

"This is our opportunity to play a role in upstream issues that impact health and well-being," said Catherine Oliveros, DrPH, Texas Health's vice president of Community Health Improvement. "Siloed efforts have limited success. If we are really going to transform health and health care, we must transform systems and communities."

DLF is excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside Texas Health Resources and the other agencies involved in the Well Together initiative.



Texas Health Dallas

A Message from Wil



Wil McCall, Dallas Leadership Foundation President & CEO

My father recently passed. Many have navigated this painful and unavoidable stretch of life's journey. During this time of bereavement I have personally seen anew, the power of the body of Christ. Congregations, coworkers, community partners, friends and family are ministering to my family as we travail the unfamiliar terrain of this kind of grief. When the body of Christ is best emulating the example set by Jesus, it transforms the most painful episodes of life into a power that illuminates God's presence and activity in and around us. So many of you are doing just that for my family and me, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. More importantly, the Lord has invited all followers to serve others. When the body of Christ "works," it brings a tangible benefit to its community. On June 8th, we are inviting you to benefit families across the city of Dallas during our Transform Dallas Work-Day. There are thousands of Dallas citizens who are hurting and can use a helping hand to encourage them as they navigate unfamiliar and painful stretches of their life journey.

Please sign up at transformdallas.org or at dlftx.org to journey with those who can benefit from your time and talent, I know more than ever before that the Lord will use you to illuminate His presence and activity in the lives of others and yours.

Best,

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