

# THE DEGEN FOUNDATION

## Annual Report 2016/2017

Final Quarterly Reports for the **December 2015 Grant Cycle** have been received and the following information will show how our funds have made a positive impact in our community:

- **Arkansas Colleges of Health Education grant for \$5,140** – to purchase 3 AED units with alarmed cabinets, pads, AED rescue kit and 3-D signage for each floor of the new building. These units will be ready for use by the Grand Opening ceremony on August 20, 2016.
- **Fort Smith Children’s Emergency Shelter grant for \$3,648** – to purchase 2 G% AED units with mounted cabinets for the home and one of their vans with CPR training for 12.
- **Park Partners of Fort Smith received a grant for \$3,200** - to purchase and install AED units in the 2 complexes at the new River Valley Sports Complex being built at Chaffee Crossing.
- **Good Samaritan Clinic was awarded a grant for \$6,389** - to purchase a new color copier for the facility and reports showed it was purchased immediately after they received the funds.
- **Hanna House was awarded a grant for \$3,840.78** – to provide 48 group sessions of mental health counseling for their clients.
- **Junior League of Fort Smith received \$1,400.00** - provide First Aid and CPR training for 40 to include Skills 4 Life committee members and the foster kids they service.
- **\$14,358.56 to The Gregory Kistler Treatment Center** – to replace an aging telephone system to improve over-all operations at the Kistler Center

### June 2016 Grants & Scholarships awarded:



*Mikayla Cole, Executive Director of The Arc for the River Valley, was happy to receive a grant for \$6,000.00 to help The Arc start their first Basketball Program – this will promote another way for their members to exercise and be healthy as well as practice basketball skills for Special Olympics.*

*The funds will provide two outside basketball goals, two wall mounted goals, 6 basketballs, two pumps, two basketball storage racks and two yard guards. We know the clients will put this equipment to good use.*

*Amanda Evenson, Development Coordinator for **The Gregory Kistler Treatment Center**, is pleased to receive a \$1,855.00 grant that will provide two speech language testing kits (the CELF-5 and GFTA-3) and two adjustable height desks.*

*The CELF (Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals) screens students who may be at risk for a language disorder. The GFTA (Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation) is a systematic measure of articulation of consonant sounds for children and young adults). These purchases will help the Center achieve their goal to stay up-to-date with current advances in the field of speech-language pathology.*



*Below is Emily Robertson, Speech-Language Pathologist at the Kistler Center using the GFTA-3 test to evaluate Ms. Lilly Garner.*



*The Degen Foundation awarded over **\$23,000.00** in college scholarships to 20 students from the River Valley and Southeast Oklahoma area in June 2016.*

**December 2016 Grants & Scholarships noted below:**

The Degen Foundation awarded over **\$50,000.00** to the following nonprofit organizations that promote health and education with the primary emphasis in assisting the needs of the uninsured and underserved population:

- *Abilities Unlimited* was awarded a \$3,150.00 Grant to purchase 20 Fitbits and two WIFI Smart Scales for their exercise program for clients. They have clients that participate in the Special Olympics and Special K runs and this would assist the clients in tracking their progress.
- *The Community Dental Clinic* was awarded a \$33,250.00 Grant to purchase a new digital panoramic x-ray machine for the clinic to help with diagnosis.
- *The Good Samaritan Clinic* was awarded a \$4,800.00 Grant to purchase one audiometer and three otoscopes. The audiometer conducts hearing tests for school/sports physicals as well as patients. The otoscopes will allow better examination of patient's ears/eyes - which is critical to treatment.
- *The Westark Area Council, Boy Scouts of America* was awarded a \$10,000 Grant to upgrade their health lodge to enhance quality of care to scouts who may be injured or sick at the Rogers Scout Reservation located south of Booneville, AR.

Over **\$25,000.00** in college scholarships was awarded to 22 students in the River Valley and Southeast Oklahoma area.

**2016 Year End Gifts**

Four (4) \$5,000.00 gifts were given to the following organizations to be used however they wished for the Holiday Season:

***Antioch Association for Youth & Family***

***The Fort Smith Children's Emergency Shelter***

***The Gospel Rescue Mission***

***The Salvation Army – Angel Tree – Fort Smith, AR***