



**Annual Report  
2017/2018**

**December 2017 Grants & Scholarships noted below:**

The Degen Foundation awarded over **\$15,964.00** to the following nonprofit organizations that promote health and education with the primary emphasis in assisting the needs of the uninsured and underserved population:

- ***Crisis Intervention Center** was awarded a \$5,000 Grant to provide a "Prevention Education" program for students, teachers, school administration, parents and community members utilizing research based curriculum in multi-session trainings to increase knowledge, change attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that allow sexual violence to occur.*
- ***The First Choice River Valley Pregnancy Medical Center** was awarded a \$6,937.00 Grant to start the "Expanding Health Promotion Services" within this free pregnancy medical clinic. This will fund the 2018 costs for comprehensive Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) services (testing supplies, publications, equipment and other expenses) for women & men at no charge to clients.*
- ***The Gregory Kistler Treatment Center** was awarded a \$4,027.00 Grant to fund the "Mats & Aquatic Equipment" project which funded new mats for the Motor Development Room used for physical therapy; new aquatic equipment - shower chair, Hydro-Fit cuffs, aquatic swim collars, pool noodles, split water back floats, aquatic play mat and a pool volleyball game to teach motor skills."*
- *There was **\$26,500.00** awarded in college scholarships to 24 students from the River Valley and Southeast Oklahoma area.*

The Degen Foundation also gifted the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine a Christmas Gift of **\$21,000.00** to the ARCOM Registered Student Clubs (21 at this time) to help with their expenses.

## **June 2018 Grants & Scholarships noted below:**

The Degen Foundation gifted over **\$248,635.00** dollars to the following nonprofit organizations:

- **ACHE/ARCOM Biomedical Sciences Dept.** was awarded a \$49,985.00 Grant to purchase additional equipment to meet the research needs of newer faculty hires, current faculty, ARCOM students and collaborators.
- **ACHE Celebration Garden & Wellness Park** – was awarded a 3 year - \$500,000.00 Grant (with \$170,000 funded in June 2018) to begin the initial funding of a new garden and park – a comprehensive outdoor site designed to support and advance the mission of ACHE by creating healthy living environments on the ACHE campus. Features in the design include support locations for health and wellness education. The Anatomy Program has specific needs for the Donor Program and this will be met with the memorial area Celebration Garden.
- **Fort Smith Boys & Girls** was awarded a \$5,100.00 Grant to purchase 4 AED's at each of their units: Goldtrap, Jeffrey, Stephens and Evans
- **Methodist Village Senior Living** was awarded a \$16,058.00 Grant to purchase a multi-function power procedure table and arm rest for their Multi-Purpose Treatment Room (specially designed for compatibility with audiology, dentistry, dermatology, general medical practice, optometry, physical therapy, podiatry, psychiatry) during the first phase of projects to include a Center for Excellence for Assisted Living and Memory Care (completion anticipated in late 2018)
- **Stepping Stone School for Exceptional Children, Inc.** was awarded a \$7,492.00 Grant to purchase medical equipment for their facility.
- There was **\$31,500.00** awarded to 28 college students from the River Valley and Southeast Oklahoma area\*

\*The Foundation recently changed the Scholarship Program to applicants applying once a year (in June for a Fall Semester Award) and if they meet the requirements, which is to keep a 3.0 GPA and take 5 credit hours minimum, will automatically receive a Spring Award.

In **June 2018**, The Degen Foundation also gave \$100 to each incoming student (160) totaling **\$16,000.00** to purchase items that they might need for their first year here at ARCOM. Susan Devero, Executive Director of Marketing for ACHE, reported that backpacks with the ARCOM logo, luggage tags, an ARCOM black portfolio, and an ARCOM sweatshirt were provided. The students were very grateful to have received the gifts on their very first day. Susan noted that our students are impacting the region, and our community is very involved.