



The Dolores J & Robert A Bochaty Foundation

Change your Future through Education

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VOICE4AUTISM

BF is proud to announce that from June 1 thru August 31 we will be highlighting advances in treatment for Autism and running a campaign to fund Firefly Autism with 100 ipads (tablets) and 40 laptops for their students. All donations to Bochaty Foundation (BF) this summer will go to VOICE4AUTISM. Picture this: an adult or child on the Autism Spectrum who cannot express themselves (nonverbal) but they can read and type. If you give them an ipad, you've changed their life. Maybe they are trying to progress in public school but falling behind. A therapist notices their handwritten notes are illegible. When she gives them a laptop, they not only type quickly but start getting better grades on papers and tests. Many apps have recently been developed to help those on the Autism Spectrum and their therapists. Look for more about Firefly and ABA therapy this summer. @BochatyFoundation and @FireflyAutism

MIKEROWEWORKS

"Work Smart and Hard". Remember that guy who hosted Dirty Jobs? He showed us what it's like to be a snake wrangler, meat processor, and asphalt paver. Since Mike is addicted to paved roads and against the many detriments of student debt, MikeRoweWorks

Foundation was started to promote and support trade and vocational careers in America. Celebrating their 10th Anniversary, they fund around 200 young people every year with scholarships for technical and vocational education including apprenticeships. MRW walks the walk. With an income of about \$1.5 million, 11% goes to administrative costs (few paid personnel) with about 45% going directly for scholarships. Of the other 44%, some is held to make sure disruptions (like COVID) don't interfere with future grant awards. Some is used to send students to SkillsUSA, a state competition feeding the National Leadership and Skills Conference which highlights their vocational skills and technical education. MRW is also piloting "Show Your Work" in the Chicago area. A program that introduces middle school youth to



vocational opportunities, advanced manufacturing and construction technology as career choices. MRWs promotes the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge which extols hard work, personal responsibility, delayed gratification and positive attitude as the way to happiness, freedom, and security. We're with you Mike! Bochaty Foundation will be giving a grant this year toward trade work scholarships and S.W.E.A.T. We honor First Responders of all kinds including those who make sure our water, electricity, sewers, heat and air conditioning work.

GRANTS4U

Bochaty Foundation (BF) is reaching out to provide small educational grants for vocational/technical education, apprenticeships, certificates, tutoring at any age, college, or other programs that change your future through education. Petitions for individuals and

organizations to apply for \$500-\$2500 are posted online at BochatyFoundation.org, Grantwatch.com and Candid.org. Anyone can complete and submit an app. to us in minutes. Along with basic data we ask for a couple pages about yourself, your goals and your education plan. After that, we will start a dialog with you to help you focus those plans including a phone interview and

mentoring opportunities. BF grants aren't intended to pay the whole bill, but we can supplement job income and other scholarships to fill-in the gap. Education is hard. We truly want to support your efforts anyway we can to make sure you succeed. As of early June, we are speaking with about a dozen applicants.

College in Prison

BF is recruiting college professors and administrators in the Colorado area to join with us in developing a College in Prison program. The kick-off (Oct 2020) will be a Facebook watch party of Ken Burns' PBS program "Prison Behind Bars". Hopefully our discussion will gauge positive interest and create a team that establishes

a similar program in Colorado. We want to bring the incarcerated out with a college education that changes their future. Until then we are learning all we can from BARD Prison Initiative so we can duplicate the success experienced by their other graduates, here in Colorado.

BRAILLE & AUDIO READING DOWNLOAD

It was complete serendipity that we discovered BARD services provided by National Library Service, a division of the Library of Congress. NLS is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a [national network of cooperating libraries](#), NLS offers books in braille or audio, mailed to your door for free or instantly downloadable. Bochaty Foundation (BF) is seeking a way to work with the national or local office to provide computer tablets for those who need a device to which to download the files but can't otherwise afford one. BF hopes to support the availability of these materials to all disabled persons for their education and curiosity.

trees4life

trees4life is a pilot college-prep and leadership program for 8-12th graders. Built on experience opportunities and coaching, our goal for 8-12th graders is self-sufficiency, confidence, troubleshooting skills and team leadership abilities which will serve them through their academic, working and family life. Bochaty Foundation recently lost its partner in this endeavor but we are continuing with 6 middle and high schoolers from Jeffco Public Schools. This summer we focus on an outward-bound component by integrating back country living with history, earth science, biology, teamwork and communication. With their parents as guides and the help of local experts, internet research, National Forest Service, and Ute Nations we are asking them to create an exhibit for the town which includes history of Native peoples, Ranch handling, Food sourcing, Water & Wildlife management and a host of other integrated aspects of life on the Western Slope. Another thread is to reforest natural lands in the area. They will track trees from ArborDay Foundation that they plant for 5 years.



BFonFB and Admin News

Yes, this is the first newsletter for the Bochaty Foundation (BF). We have all the official approvals and legal documentation required by the U.S. which allows us to operate as a nonprofit, accept donations that are tax deductible, and partner with other nonprofits seamlessly.

Yes, we are thrilled with our new website. BochatyFoundation.org talks about our mission, goals, objectives, hopes and dreams to help anyone interested in changing their future through education. There we are always open so you can view any of our documents, apply for a grant, or make a donation. We are also planning a companion facebook page and website, EDUCATION4PEACE.US. It will dialog with you about the programs, people, and organizations that are working to change futures through Education.

Yes, we are on Facebook. We call it BFonFB. Formally the Facebook address is @BochatyFoundation. During the summer of 2020 BFonFB will focus on VOICE4AUTISM by taking your donations for FireflyAutism.org and raising awareness about the lives of those living on the Autism Spectrum. We chose to highlight Firefly Autism, not only because they truly change peoples' futures, but because they do so through Education. The Bochaty Foundation considers

"Education" in the broadest terms and Firefly exemplifies that idea. While academics is included, education also involves instruction about behavior communication, organization, socialization, life skills, common sense, even intuition, feelings, and ideas of a moral and spiritual nature. A myriad of skills and knowledge make up a whole, well-functioning person.

But I digress. One in 54 children are diagnosed with ASD. That doesn't address the needs of adults on the Autism Spectrum or children and adults who haven't been diagnosed. Firefly is upping their game by leading in both diagnostic services and services for adults while opening a new facility in Lakewood, CO. The stories you will see and services you will learn about at BFonFB this summer will amaze you.

Final Thoughts

Where to begin to change the future is a fun and easy exercise. It becomes much more difficult when that conversation must produce plans, goals, and practical outcomes. We are small with only volunteers. We deal in small donations and small grants. But we can still change the future of one person who changes another person's future and so on. It's worth it and we are starting today.