



The Dolores J & Robert A Bochaty Foundation

Change your Future through Education

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LEAD w/ the FUTURE

In 2022, BochatyFoundation lost Sue Bochaty to cancer. We hope to continue her life's work and legacy by establishing a scholarship which supports music and theatre for youth and young adults. As her passion and her success, many of her students have become sound engineers, voice artists, lawyers, public speakers, salespeople, and encouraging parents. We can't pass up the opportunity to follow her lead.

Starting in January 2023, we will be partnering with Education Through Music and Performing Arts Academy, both in Colorado, to develop school programs and individual scholarships for students to develop their skills and character through music and theater. Stay tuned to the website and Facebook for more info. Our first program will provide a few home practice pianos for low-income students or schools. We also need to find a director/coach who will spearhead the performance part. Please message us if you have any recommendations.
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MarketPlace for Kids

How do fourth graders decide what they want to be when they grow up? Why do they even stay in school if they don't have a vision of someone they want to be like or curiosity to do what interests them? If they've never seen it, how do they know it's available?

MarketPlace for Kids in North Dakota is dedicated to giving them that vision, that curiosity, by traveling to 12 school locations every year and presenting a "Show'n'Tell" of jobs to over 6000 3rd-8th grade students. During the day students are exposed to various STEAM jobs by doing them, guided by people who do the job every day. There are sessions in how to handle your money, safety issues, agriculture, building circuit boards and electrical motors, Navajo communication/culture and development of trade in the area.

MPK also helps the kids build and submit inventions and new business ideas to the "Hall of Great Ideas". It's like SharkTank for preteens. www.marketplaceforkids.org

MOODY & HILLSDALE COLLEGES

Can liberal arts and technology coexist? Have math, technology and science surpassed philosophy, history and literature as skills worthy of school time and training? Bochaty Foundation holds that many of our society's ills can be repaired and healed by including all subjects in our lives and education. Only with both sides can we figure out how to face future challenges like climate, crime, economic depression, and homelessness. That's why BF supports endowments to both Moody Institute and Hillsdale's K-12 development program.

Hillsdale College in Michigan is a very old school that still teaches history, philosophy, literature, etc. You may not know that recently they have been developing similar curricula for k-12 schools and helping establish new schools across the country. During the pandemic it became obvious that these resources were also desperately needed by public school teachers, home schoolers, ESL schoolers, adult ed and a myriad of other providers. That is the effort we are especially trying to support in a small way.

Breaking Barriers for Incarcerated

In Utah, where the rate of incarcerated citizens is up more than 1000% since 1970, we need a new solution to help incarcerated individuals change their lives. Breaking Barriers has had great success helping such individuals, post incarceration, to get into and stay in the local Community College through certification and job stability. It is an easy answer, but it takes many resources. Keeping a person in Community College who has spent probably years in and out of the justice system requires housing, jobs, food, counseling how to access help, tutoring, attention to learning disabilities or autism, support groups, emotional counseling, daycare and more to stay in class. Their results speak for themselves: proud, self-sufficient individuals and families who see life from a sustainably different perspective. www.breakingbarriersutah.org/

Leadville Rocks. . .

In last winter's newsletter we introduced Colorado Learning Connections who was working with Leadville, Colorado public schools to improve graduation rates and minimize grade retention. CLC has returned incredible results, graduating 90% of their at-risk students into the next grade level. We appreciate the dedication and talents of tutors who have worked tirelessly on academic and family issues with kids who don't have many resources and no back up plan. This has been a labor of love which is now turning into a self-sustaining effort, both academically and financially. Well done! www.clcsummit.org

English Language In-home Learners

America is open to everyone. It's our responsibility to teach those immigrating from other countries how to communicate effectively for employment, family and community. Many have paid greatly to come here but they need our help to realize the dream America offers.

We also need to help them understand American history and culture. For instance, the price that has been paid for freedom and what our constitution, laws, and authorities were designed to provide for America's complex society.

ELL has reached over 7000 with their free online classes using trained teachers & proven materials. www.eslinhome.org



Crafters4Cause

Our sister program on Nextdoor, Crafters4Cause, has enjoyed a successful and rewarding year. During 2022 we adopted the Ronald McDonald Houses of Denver and Aurora, CO providing residents with hand crafted jewelry, mittens, hats, baby blankets, learning materials and other special gifts. The Washington Heights Art Center and Dazbog partnered with us to provide a coffee bar for the residents to gather, gain mutual support, and learn from local speakers who provided expertise on medical, insurance, legal, and family issues.

EmPAWerment Esport

You may think we are ultra conservative, but occasionally we see a risk that is worth taking. This fall I spoke with EmPAWerment Esport who is trying to leap into the future of learning and financial aid. While EmPAWerment has a successful ongoing tutor and emotional support program

for local youth in Kansas, they want to try something new and innovative which I'd never heard of before.

Colleges now build competitive E-sport teams (just like hockey and football) who compete with other colleges around the country in digital gaming such as Fortnite, Counter-Strike and Rainbow Six. Illinois State, Loyola, and Boise State are a few who offer E-Sport scholarships to help or completely pay for college tuition. We can't ignore this, but evidently girls are being largely ignored and left behind as candidates for these types of scholarships. Girls don't have the game experience, collaboration, and killer instinct that boys are getting during their preteen and teen years. EmPAWerment is building a program to specifically attract, train and support girls to compete in this new arena. www.ncsasports.org/college-esports-scholarships/varsity-esports and www.nea.gg

FireFly Autism

From the new Director, Dr Kelly: "It's been an amazing year. In August, we kicked off 2 new impactful programs: Diagnostic Service evaluations [which are so lacking in the system] and our Transition Program for 18-21 with Autism [totally unserved]. It gives them the opportunity to engage with various employers via the Neurodiversity Chamber

of Commerce while we increase their skillchest and continue to support behavioral development as they transition into adulthood. We are also partnering with the Chickasaw Nation providing training and resources to their Pediatric Behavioral Health teams serving over 80 Chickasaw families this year." www.fireflyautism.com www.dcncc.org

Update Corner & Final Thoughts

We are continuing to support 4 individual students with supplemental scholarships. Among them are a budding accountant/entrepreneur, a dentist, a nurse, and a genetic researcher who wants to study Autism, since he is himself autistic. I have been astonished at their determination. To a couple who have graduated their tradesmen programs, we wish them well in their new jobs.

As I read this newsletter, I am astounded at all the work these individuals and organizations have contributed and what they are accomplishing. We are truly happy to help, encourage and contribute in a small financial way or with some suggestion of expertise, but these organizations deserve all of the credit and recognition. It encourages me to find each new organization who is striving to make a difference.