

The Dolores J & Robert A Bochaty Foundation

Change your Future through Education

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LOTUS IMPACT

BF is always looking for new ways to tackle long term challenges with innovative solutions. Lotus has chosen to accompany low-income housing development with a non-profit that delivers academic tutoring, life skills, and ESL/citizenship classes to residents in the housing complex. Which skills to teach will be driven by resident need; likewise, requests by parents and school teachers regarding children’s needs to ensure their progress. Many adult learners and their children do not seek educational support away from home, so Lotus will bring teachers to the hub of where they live creating, a community. Students may then be hired as teachers to build it out. The group seems well organized. It smartly utilizes partners to deliver a variety of services. The idea represents high return for modest investment.

PROJECT READ

Project Read addresses adult needs for literacy, digital skills, math, life skills and conversation to ensure good communication with employers, bankers, teachers, authority and first responders. We often take for granted how many folks we interact with every day and how vitally important that exchange is to our growth and independence. Understanding how government systems work and how to get a job is absolutely critical to becoming self-sufficient. Adults may request help themselves or be referred by family or employers. Depending on the circumstances, trained volunteers use one-on-one tutor sessions, labs, or clubs as the person progresses. Since expanding their program to Salt Lake County, Project Read has been inundated with service requests especially in the rural areas. Most do not have computers or rural internet connectivity. BF is sponsoring a pilot program to partner Project Read with rural libraries



around Utah to fill this gap. “The libraries provide the physical space, internet, and volunteers to extend our reach far into Utah’s countryside.” Projectreadutah.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bochaty Foundation (BF) supports small education grants for vocational/technical education, college, or tutoring at any age with the intent to “change your future through education”. Anyone can complete and submit an application in minutes. Along with basic data, we ask for a couple pages that describe goals and an education plan. BF grants aren’t intended to pay the whole bill, but we can supplement income and other scholarships to fill the gap. Education is hard. Uniquely, we stay in touch with each grantee throughout their studies and continue that support until they graduate.

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Lee’s Academy

Lee’s Family Academy is a new, very special school for children on the Spectrum in Las Vegas. Using specially trained staff, Lee’s Academy strives to aid, support and empower every child to thrive. “With training in academics, social emotional confidence, and independent life skills they can become stable adults, parents, and workers.”

As in public schools, digital tools have become key to modern education, especially where custom learning has proven to maximize use and retention. Lee’s Academy is implementing digital presentation boards and tablets to deliver custom academic programs for each child. The method and results are amazing! While a teacher may be working with one individual, the path, successes and struggles of others are being recorded for the teacher to see and track; thus giving a teacher specific info about where the student needs additional practice or

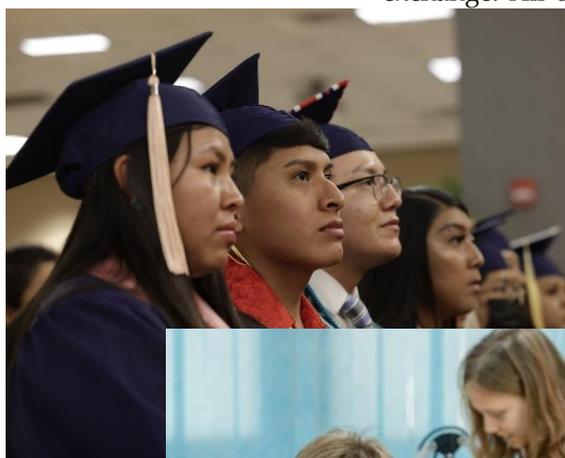
instruction. Most amazing, this allows teachers to combine academic subjects, life skills, and social and emotional learning into the same cohesive lesson. That provides the multiplier factor.

Native American Jump Start

One of our goals is to reach the Native American community regarding education and jobs. Native American Jump Start has identified and is meeting their unique challenges at being able to take advantage of the programs and opportunities offered which will change their lives.

“We’ve discovered that often scholarships and job training are offered but rarely used. College is offered free or an Internship/apprenticeship is granted without response.” So NAJS asked Why? The response will startle you. “NA’s don’t have a car or plane fare to get to the college or job site. They don’t have a computer or connectivity for remote work. They don’t have money for proper clothes, rent or food to live on before the Internship check arrives. If you got an internship 300 miles away but didn’t have a car, didn’t have money to pay for food and lodging until your 1st (or 2nd) check, would you take it? If you received a full scholarship but couldn’t get to campus or pay for books, lab fees, room & board, would you go?” This gap becomes a chasm to first generation graduates.”

A gap we are hoping to help NAJS fill. nativeamericanjumpstart.org/



Hope Lutheran & Goldenview Classical Academy

Through the years, finding schools who can provide excellent academic roots for young people has been a priority. We’ve learned that it’s not just about what they teach, but also how they teach. Public Schools are struggling under the weight of budgets, regulations, testing controversies, volume, and outdated methods. Alternative schools and home schooling can provide an education that meets the challenge.

Hope Lutheran near Kansas City is such a school where new, and some very old, techniques are being used alongside technology to give their students the mental tools they need to become our next generation of inventors, mentors, and leaders. Likewise, Goldenview is delivering Classical education: a holistic, traditional approach which focuses not just on STEM topics but also Liberal Arts to cultivate wisdom and critical thinking.



Both schools focus development on facts, analytical skills, and expression with the intent to learn and integrate others’ view-points. By not telling them what to believe, rather giving them the starting points and tools to discuss, share and ration what is, memorization isn’t the tested result. It’s only one piece in a greater more complex world in which they can continue to learn, respond and reinvent themselves for a lifetime in evolving landscapes.

Continuing Grants

MarketPlace of for Kids Emanating from North Dakota these dedicated folks go on the road to involve Middle Schoolers in various trades and job categories so they can experience which one they might like to pursue.

Jazz St Louis (MO) and Education Through Music (CO) As a family we’ve seen how music creates academic pathways in young brains. We’ve seen how it teaches discipline, leadership, dedication, and responsibility. We’ve also seen lifelong mentorships evolve through the exchange. All of these components create self-sufficient adults eager to mentor the next generation.

Let’s Dig takes school groups, adults, and veterans on expeditions teaching archeology, geology, history and job skills. The outcome may be advanced study, employment, retraining, or life repurposing.

What’s Next?

Bochatey Foundation is committed to supporting motivated individuals who recognize that education will improve their ability to be self-sufficient, care for their families, be responsible citizens and contribute to their communities.

During these early years we have often helped new organizations get

started with funds as well as coaching. We are also proud of established organizations we have supported such as BARD Prison Initiative, iCivics, Hillsdale Homeschool, and Mike Rowe Works. Several individuals have been awarded scholarships to get their degree in Accounting, Healthcare, Culinary Science, Diesel repair, or plumbing. These first years are important to establish a precedent. Which organizations and individuals will we support? Which causes or methods will lay good ground? Which missions and goals best demonstrate our own? Those described in this newsletter are a good start.

Are you next to help shape the future?