



FRANCIS FAMILY
FOUNDATION

Brighter futures for all generations



VISION

The Francis Family Foundation envisions current and future generations of well-rounded individuals who are creative, lifelong learners, striving to achieve their fullest potential within their communities.

Since 1913, when Parker Browne Francis II first launched the Oxygen Gas Company in Kansas City, Missouri, the Francis family has continued to be an inspirational and influential force in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In 1951, as the company grew and developed into a major national manufacturer and supplier of industrial and medical gases, Parker B. Francis II established a foundation bearing his name to help promote education and research in the fields of anesthesiology and related pulmonary sciences. Parker B. Francis III also established a foundation to fund his interests in education, and arts and culture.

Since the two foundations merged in 1989 to become the Francis Family Foundation, the pattern of grantmaking made today still reflects the interests of the founding donors. For more information about the history of the Foundation, please visit www.francisfoundation.org.

Today, thanks to the vision of Parker B. Francis and his son John B. Francis, the Francis Family Foundation celebrates 64 years of philanthropy, including the funding of the Parker B. Francis Pulmonary Fellowship Program and support of educational and arts programs located within the Kansas City metropolitan area.

It is in the context of this history that the 2015 Annual Report honors the accomplishments of more than 280 grants representing a social investment of \$6.2 million. While John B. Francis and his wife Mary Harris Francis are both deceased, stewardship of the Foundation was passed to their children – Ann F. Barhoum, David V. Francis, J. Scott Francis and Susan Neves – and six non-family Board members – Debby Ballard, Mary Lou Jaramillo, David Oliver, J. Michael Sigler, Susan Stanton and Jean-Paul Wong. Susan Neves has since retired from the Board.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

In 2015, the Foundation continued its use of the Strategic Framework for 2013-2017, which serves as a path to making this vision a reality. It is built upon strategies that target talented individuals and organizations that strive to provide excellent programs and services within their communities. Specifically, the Foundation focuses its strategies in the areas of pulmonary research, lifelong learning with a particular emphasis on early childhood development, and arts and culture. By focusing support in these areas, the Foundation is committed to making a difference in improving the quality of life through our grantmaking.

The following stories from our grantees illustrate some of their successes in the three focus areas of our Strategic Framework. The stories begin with arts and culture and lifelong learning locally, and then pulmonary research Fellows in the United States and Canada.



**SUPPORTING
ARTS & CULTURE
IN KANSAS CITY**

ARTS & CULTURE

DESIRED RESULTS

An excellent ecology of the arts grows and is sustained regionally; well- rounded children, youth and adults who can thrive in the 21st Century.

MEASUREMENT

- Arts and culture organizations and artists using effective and innovative strategies for audience development
- Schools with meaningful Arts in Education experiences integrated in school curricula and aligned with the common core standards
- Establish local public funding streams in the region to support arts and culture organizations and artists

OVERALL GRANTMAKING STRATEGY 2015

Support and advocate for development of the greater Kansas City area as a creative regional hub for excellence in arts and culture, rich with expression of diverse cultures and affording access to all levels of creative participation. The Foundation continues to support the many arts and culture institutions that “anchor” a strong and vibrant quality of life in Kansas City. At the same time, through our Small Arts Grants Program, the Foundation seeds both new and emerging organizations, and expands access for children and underserved populations throughout the community.

Francis Family Foundation funding promotes the principle that arts and culture are fundamentally important for all people.

2015 ARTS & CULTURE GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from a list of 16 one-year grants (made to large and mid-size arts and culture organizations for \$535,000) include an expanded emphasis on arts integration as reflected by the following:

- A new \$75,000 grant to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art supporting the School and Educator Services division. This grant will build the Museum’s capacity to reach out to schools throughout the region with Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) training. VTS is a method of teaching that engages students in critical thinking skills through the arts. As a teaching tool, teachers and students can use VTS in any subject.
- An expanded grant to The Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education. This organization is growing advocacy efforts throughout the state and is the principle architect of the A+ pilot program. Two schools are implementing the project, which infuses the arts throughout all subjects school-wide (based on the Oklahoma A+ model).
- Additional funding to Kansas City Young Audiences to support linkage among Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives and the arts. Often called STEM to STEAM, this work will bring together programs like Project Lead the Way (a STEM focused curriculum used broadly throughout the KC area) and KCYA’s work in bringing arts to K-12 education.

The Foundation awarded 70 grants totaling \$985,125 in support of arts and culture organizations and programs in the Greater Kansas City area. This amount is more than \$200,000 greater than the amount of grants awarded in 2014.

Fourteen multi-year grants to large and mid-size arts organizations previously approved in 2013 continued, totaling \$140,000 in 2015 payments. Examples include the American Jazz Museum, ArtsTech, Kemper Museum, Heartland Men’s Chorus, Lyric Opera Education Programs, and the Performing Art Series at Johnson County Community College. A grant to KCPT of \$50,000 approved in May also continues to help support their arts and culture coverage, such as “Arts Upload,” on television, radio, website, and in the community.

In addition to the \$985,125 total is the matching grant of \$500,000 to the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance downtown campus also approved. The Foundation is optimistic the matching contingencies on the UMKC Conservatory grant will be met in 2016 to release the first capital payment. Not included in the 2015 total are payments on capital campaigns approved prior to 2015.



**NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART
PROGRAM/INITIATIVE
GRANT AMOUNT: \$75,000**

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art has built a vibrant community outreach program that engages students throughout the greater Kansas City area in the art of critical thinking. Using Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) training as a teaching tool, the Museum has partnered with schools in the Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Kan., and Raytown School Districts to introduce many programs from its School and Educator Services department that reach more than 60,000 students and 6,000 teachers. The VTS model is aligned with common core standards to help increase a student's ability to observe, articulate verbally and in writing, and develop critical thinking skills that impact all areas of their lives.

In addition, a pilot program around the treatment of autism will be expanded into nine schools, 57 classes and effect more than 1,200 students. The program features the adoption of VTS, which is the primary method used in Thinking Through Art, in STEPS classrooms across the area, serving students with autism spectrum disorders and other neurological conditions. Ongoing school workshops will continue for Pre-K through 8th grade and will include a tour of the Museum galleries that inspire a related art process in the Ford Learning Center classrooms. Workshop attendance has ranged from 15-16,000 students and are aligned with state and national visual art standards, as well as common core learning strategies.

**KANSAS CITY FRIENDS OF ALVIN AILEY
GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT
GRANT AMOUNT: \$35,000**

For the past 31 years, KCFAA has annually presented the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Ailey II to audiences throughout the Kansas City region. They reach more than 30,000 young people each year through arts education programs at more than 135 area schools and community centers, in an effort to support youth development and provide young people critical life skills through dance.

"Mr. Alvin Ailey said 'dance belongs to the people' so we're bringing dance to the people through Ailey In Your Neighborhood, performances for area schools and public performances at the Folly," said Tyrone Aiken, KCFAA's Chief Artistic Officer.

This renowned dance ensemble offers both the programming and performance elements necessary to influence and contribute to a vibrant arts culture in the greater Kansas City area. Using innovative strategies for audience development, KCFAA provides arts residencies to help expose a diverse spectrum of area residents to a broad dance experience, which not only helps sustain a future of arts patrons but imparts skills derived from dance as an extracurricular activity.



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**HEARTLAND MEN'S CHORUS
GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT
GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,000
AWARDED: \$40,000 IN 2013**

Heartland Men's Chorus provides excellence in performance while advancing men's choral music, building community, and reaching out to diverse audiences. The Chorus regularly performs with more than 150 singers, and presents a three-concert season at the historic Folly Theater. They have performed nationally and internationally, but places particular importance on performing in smaller communities throughout the Heartland, especially in elementary schools with anti-bullying awareness programs. The Chorus collaborates with other like choruses nationally and raises their beautiful voices to enlighten, inspire, heal and empower listeners.

SMALL ARTS GRANTS FUND

The Foundation continued its support of small arts groups and community-based arts programs by awarding 39 grants totaling \$260,125 through the annual Small Arts Grants Fund. Some examples of first-time grantees include La Marcha Touring, Black Archives of Mid-America, KC Wordshop, Mutual Musician's Foundation International, KC Melting Pot Theatre, Ensemble Ibérica, Kansas City Women's Chorus, Northeast Community Center, and Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

**LA MARCHA TOURING (MATTIE RHODES)
DBA MAKING MOVIES
PROGRAM/INITIATIVE
GRANT AMOUNT: \$7,500**

A first-time Foundation grantee, Making Movies is an American band based out of Kansas City, Missouri. Named after the third album by the Dire Straits, Making Movies started as a collaboration between brothers, Enrique and Diego Chi, both born in Santiago, Panama. Additional band members Brendan Culp, a Kansas City native, and Juan Carlos Chaurand, from Guadalajara, Mexico, joined as the group launched in 2009. Built upon a heavy foundation of Afro-Latino rhythms, they have created a bilingual (English and Spanish), psychedelic re-envisioning of the Latin American "son."

The Small Arts grant monies will help fund the cost of the annual Mattie Rhodes Rocks Summer Camp, a project in which Making Movies is heavily involved. Band member Diego Chi is the director of MRR, an after-school, music education program at the Mattie Rhodes Center.

MRR students will attend the camp for hands-on music education from Making Movies, and other acclaimed musicians and songwriters. At the conclusion of the camp, students will perform on the Base Academy of Music stage for hundreds of people at the annual Making Movies Carnival in Kansas City. The Carnival also features Steve Berlin of Los Lobos.

A portion of the Small Arts grant was used to award a paid apprenticeship to an exceptional MRR student, who will in turn work with new students and with Making Movies at the Summer Camp. Mattie Rhodes, the fiscal sponsor for Making Movies and a long-term Large Arts grantee of the Foundation, provides Latino Cultural Arts programming to more than 500 youth and engages nearly 7,000 individuals in gallery exhibit and community art events.



ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS LIST

The following section includes a list of 2015 grantees beginning with Arts & Culture and Lifelong Learning locally, followed by PBF Fellows in the United States and Canada. Capital and endowment campaigns are also included following the Arts & Culture grants list.

ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

AMERICAN JAZZ MUSEUM

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

ARTSKC – REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

(Metropolitan Arts Council of Greater Kansas City)
General operating support
Awarded: \$50,000

ARTS TECH

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION

General operating support
Grant amount: \$30,000

COTERIE THEATRE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$20,000

FOLLY THEATER

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC

Program/Initiative
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

HARRIMAN-JEWEL SERIES (William Jewel College)

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

HEARTLAND MEN'S CHORUS

General operating support
Grant amount \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

HEART OF AMERICA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$25,000

KANSAS CITY BALLET

General operating support
Grant amount: \$20,000

KANSAS CITY FRIENDS OF ALVIN AILEY

General operating support and diversity symposia
Grant amount: \$35,000

KANSAS CITY REPERTORY THEATRE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$15,000

KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

2015-2016 Youth Education and Community Engagement Programs
Grant amount: \$25,000

KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES

General operating support and STEM
Grant amount: \$50,000

KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

LATINO WRITERS COLLECTIVE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,000

LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY

Program/Initiative
Grant amount: \$10,000

MATTIE RHODES CENTER

Program/Initiative
Grant amount: \$35,000

METROPOLITAN ENSEMBLE THEATRE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$15,000

MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

MISSOURI ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

General operating support
Grant amount: \$40,000

NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM (Liberty Memorial Association)

Program/Initiative
Grant amount: \$20,000

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS LIST

NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART (Nelson Gallery Foundation)

Program/Initiative
Grant amount: \$75,000

PAUL MESNER PUPPETS

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES AT JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000

THE KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

General operating support
Grant amount: \$50,000

UMKC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Musical Bridges
Grant amount: \$20,000

UNICORN THEATRE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$40,000 in 2013

SMALL ARTS GRANTS FUND

5-STAR JAZZ BAND

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

ARTS ASYLUM

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

ARTS IN PRISON

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

BACH ARIA SOLOISTS

Program/Initiative
BachReach introduces urban youth and other non-traditional audiences to chamber music composed and inspired by Bach.
Grant amount \$6,000

BLACK ARCHIVES OF MID-AMERICA

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

CROSSROADS ACADEMY

Program/Initiative
The Crossroads Academy Fine Arts Program supports the academic, creative and physical development of our scholars and is an integral aspect of the holistic program offered at the school.
Grant amount: \$7,500

EM'S SPOTLIGHT (Emily A. Silverman Memorial Fund)

General Operating Support
Grant amount: \$6,000

ENSEMBLE IBERICA, INC.

General Operating Support
Grant amount: \$6,000

GEM THEATER (Gem Theater Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Inc.)

General Operating Support
Grant amount: \$7,500

GUADALUPE CENTERS, INC.

Program/Initiative
In conjunction with its 100-Year Celebration, a three-part cultural arts project will be implemented and include a newly commissioned painting, a video documentary and archive development.
Grant amount: \$7,500

JELLYBEAN CONSPIRACY

General operating support
Grant amount: \$5,000

KANSAS CITY ARTISTS COALITION

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

KANSAS CITY CHORALE

General operating support
Grant amount: \$7,500

KANSAS CITY JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Program/Initiative
Capture the "current artistry" of THE KCJO, provide marketing and advertising support, generate revenue, and bring the joy of beautiful music to our fans.
Grant amount: \$4,000

KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Program/Initiative
Provide community arts resources and exposure to youth and adults in the Wyandotte county area and neighboring counties.
Grant amount: \$7,500

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS LIST

KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 500)

Program/Initiative

Professional development workshops that improve the abilities of fine arts teachers to provide rigorous instruction to urban youth.

Grant amount: \$7,500

KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S CHORUS

General operating support

Grant amount: \$5,625

KC CREATES, INC.

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

KC MELTING POT (Just Off Broadway Theatre Association)

General operating support

Grant amount: \$2,500

KC WORDSHOP

General operating support

Grant amount: \$6,000

LAMARCHA TOURING (Mattie Rhodes) dba MAKING MOVIES

Program/Initiative

Mattie Rhodes offers young people the ability to experience music as a way to express identity, to preserve culture, to find a career path, and to give back to the community.

Grant amount: \$7,500

LATINO WRITERS COLLECTIVE

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

LIBERTY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Program/Initiative

Classical Classics was presented in April 2016, featuring the winners of the High School Artist Competition, as well as, side-by-side performances with student musicians from the Liberty Public Schools.

Grant amount: \$1,500

MUTUAL MUSICIANS FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

NATIONAL STORYTELLING MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION

dba NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER

Program/Initiative

HPKC is an intensive research-based after-school and weekend music program for underprivileged children, exposing them to artistic experiences that would not otherwise be available to them.

Grant amount: \$7,500

OWEN/COX DANCE GROUP

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

REEL IMAGES FILM AND VIDEO GROUP

Program/Initiative

Reconciling with the Elders is a documentary film that examines the deteriorating relationship between the youngest and oldest of African-American men, confronting the often hostile attitudes between them while seeking to illuminate the reasons for the discord and understanding the impact it has on the community.

Grant amount: \$7,500

SPINNING TREE THEATRE

General operating support

Grant amount: \$2,500

STONE LION PUPPET THEATRE

Program/Initiative

A festival series in local communities, bringing awareness to environmental issues and providing realistic opportunities for change while using a variety of artistic mediums, such as puppetry, theater, music, dance and sculpture.

Grant amount: \$7,500

STORYTELLERS, INC. (Artstech)

Program/Initiative

Interactive arts education for at-risk youth in a variety of different programs (e.g. Sentenced to the Arts, Creative Connections, Club KC, etc.) to help them use creative skills to change and enhance their approach to life and problem-solving.

Grant amount: \$7,500

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS LIST

SWOPE CORRIDOR (Renaissance Upper Room, Inc.)

Program/Initiative

The Eddie Baker School of Music provides free one-on-one music lessons with practice instruments and group music lessons for students who would not be exposed to the fine arts otherwise.

Grant amount: \$7,500

THE LIVING ROOM COLLECTIVE

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

THE WHOLE PERSON, INC.

Program/Initiative

The Expressions Series – *Showcasing Artists with Disabilities* – gives local artists with disabilities the opportunity to showcase their talents and share their stories with the public in professional, welcoming and inclusive Kansas City spaces.

Grant amount: \$5,000

UNITED INNER CITY SERVICES

Program/Initiative

The ARTS @St. Mark's supports children and families using a creative vehicle to achieve kindergarten readiness by facilitating healthy expression.

Grant amount: \$7,500

WYANDOT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Program/Initiative

ArtMakers' Place exists to serve, inspire, encourage, care and provide opportunities for persons with serious mental illness and to help them renew their lives through the arts.

Grant amount: \$7,500

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AMERICA

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SOCIETY

General operating support

Grant amount \$7,500

WYLLIAMS/HENRY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY

General operating support

Grant amount: \$7,500

CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

UMKC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND DANCE (UMKC Foundation)

Capital

Grant amount: \$500,000

KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Capital

Grant amount: \$200,000

Awarded: \$1,000,000 in 2005

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

Capital

Grant amount: \$410,000

Awarded: \$1,000,000 in 2013

SUPPORTING EARLY EDUCATION IN KANSAS CITY



LIFELONG LEARNING

Francis Family Foundation funding encourages lifelong learning for people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds through innovative, diverse, creative and research proven ways of learning.

DESIRED RESULTS

Well-rounded children and youth who are creative, flexible, globally competitive, adaptive to a culture of innovation and diversity, passionate about learning, and able to problem solve, in groups and individually, so they can thrive in the 21st Century.

MEASUREMENT

- Children entering kindergarten school ready
- Children prepared to read on grade level in third grade
- Children and youth actively engaged in achieving high academic standards

OVERALL GRANTMAKING STRATEGY 2015

Invest in innovative organizations and attract, develop and retain the best teachers, leaders, staff and other people who provide and advocate for a continuum of:

- Quality during a child's earliest learning experiences
- Access to excellence in K-12th grade, especially in the urban core of Kansas City
- The family's role as first teachers in early literacy

The Foundation made a \$690,000 investment in 11 new grant awards supporting our lifelong learning focus.

Evolving direction – Our focus on affecting policy through advocacy efforts is growing. The impetus is clear. Foundation resources are limited and supporting direct services can only reach a very limited number of children. As a result, increasing amounts of Foundation lifelong learning funds are focused on advocacy. The current environment in Missouri, as an example, offers unprecedented strategic grant making opportunities to impact the early education system over the next five years, (e.g. government funded universal voluntary preschool).

Quality teaching – Kids reading on grade level by 3rd grade is critical for their future success in school and beyond. The Foundation continues to support efforts to improve the quality of teaching in both early learning centers and K-3rd grade throughout the metro area. Key to this work is the professional development activities of the Francis Institute for Child and Youth Development, the Metropolitan Center on Early Learning, and PREP KC. All are recipients of continued support from the Foundation. The Foundation expects these efforts to lay the groundwork for children's success in school, an important benchmark for the community.

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ACE) GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT AMOUNT: \$100,000

ACE will convene business leaders in Missouri and Kansas, who are committed to improving the public education system so that all high school graduates are prepared to succeed in a competitive global economy. The effort will focus on state-wide system transformation, not programs. This advocacy and collaborative work is an excellent alignment of the



Foundation's Lifelong Learning outcomes, which are children entering kindergarten school ready, children reading on grade level in 3rd grade, and children and youth actively engaged in achieving high academic standards.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ON EARLY LEARNING (MCEL AT MARC) GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT AMOUNT: \$150,000

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will support an intensive, two-year effort to advance the region's early learning system. The focused workplan identifies core system changes needed to prepare for expanded quality preschool for three and four-year-olds, enabling them to enter kindergarten school ready. Public leaders and civic institutions are bringing considerable momentum and energy to early education, most notable through the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's "Big 5" Kindergarten-Readiness Initiative. MARC with Partners in Quality will provide technical support to the Big 5 Initiative and engage early education leaders in the design, deployment and delivery of significant improvements to the core early learning system.

LIFELONG LEARNING GRANTS LIST

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ACE)

General operating support
Grant amount: \$100,000

FRANCIS INSTITUTE FOR CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

(Foundation of Metropolitan Colleges)
Program/Initiative
Francis Institute for Child and Youth
Development (Francis Resource Center and
FICYD Director)
Grant amount: \$105,000

KANSAS ACTION FOR CHILDREN, INC.

Advocacy
General operating support Grant amount:
\$50,000

KANSAS CITY AREA PARENTS AS TEACHERS CONSORTIUM

(Olathe USD #233)
Direct Service
General support
Grant amount: \$12,000

KCPT - PUBLIC TELEVISION 19, INC.

(Kansas City Public Television)
Direct Service
Program/Initiative: Story Works, KC
Grant amount: \$15,000

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ON EARLY LEARNING

(Mid-America Regional Council Community
Services Corporation)
Professional Development
General operating support
Grant amount: \$105,000

MISSOURI BUDGET PROJECT

Advocacy
General Operating Support
Grant Amount: \$25,000

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH

Direct Service
General operating support
Grant amount: \$65,000

PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION-KANSAS CITY (PREP-KC)

Professional Development
General operating support
Grant amount: \$150,000

REACH OUT AND READ KANSAS CITY

(Kansas University Endowment Association)
Direct Service
General operating support
Grant amount: \$18,000

THE FAMILY CONSERVANCY

Professional Development
General operating support
Grant amount: \$50,000

TURN THE PAGE KC

Direct Service
Program/Initiative: Literacy Lab
Grant amount: \$55,000

A scientist in a white lab coat and safety goggles is working in a laboratory. The background is a light blue wall. In the foreground, several petri dishes are visible, some containing red agar with bacterial colonies. A pipette is being used to transfer a small amount of red liquid into one of the dishes. The text "FUNDING PULMONARY RESEARCH IN NORTH AMERICA" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters.

FUNDING PULMONARY RESEARCH IN NORTH AMERICA

PULMONARY RESEARCH

Francis Family Foundation funding enables breakthrough solutions in pulmonary medicine leading to the development of enhanced treatments and cures for pulmonary diseases.

DESIRED RESULTS

New scientists who serve patients with lung diseases through innovative research are supported at a key transition point in their career.

MEASUREMENT

Increase number of researchers entering and remaining in the pulmonary research field.

OVERALL GRANTMAKING STRATEGY

Attract, develop and retain the best researchers in the field of pulmonary research through the Parker B. Francis (PBF) Pulmonary Research Fellows Program.

The Foundation created the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program, a national postdoctoral study in pulmonary research, in 1975. Since then, the Foundation has contributed \$67 million in support of more than 840 Fellows. For more information, visit www.francisfellowships.org.

2015 PULMONARY RESEARCH GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

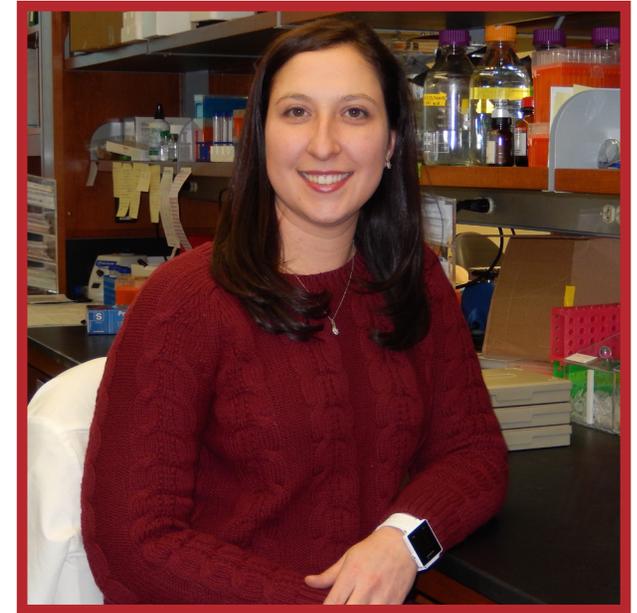
2015 PBF FELLOW

MICHELLE L. MANNI, PH.D.

MENTOR: JOHN F. ALCORN, PH.D.

INSTITUTION: UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways that is a significant health problem worldwide. This heterogeneous disease has no preventions or cures and distinct molecular pathways regulate disease pathogenesis. The need for new models that mimic complex human disease is evident. Research has shown that interleukin (IL-22) may have an immunoprotective role in asthma. The soluble receptor for IL-22, IL-22Ra2, is a newly discovered antagonist of IL-22 activity, but the role of IL-22Ra2 in the lung has not been explored. Targeting of IL-22Ra2 could present a novel approach in treating chronic lung disease.



“The Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program has been critical to my success as an independent physician-scientist. The Fellowship award was invaluable to me during the critical juncture in my career when I was transitioning towards becoming an independent investigator.”

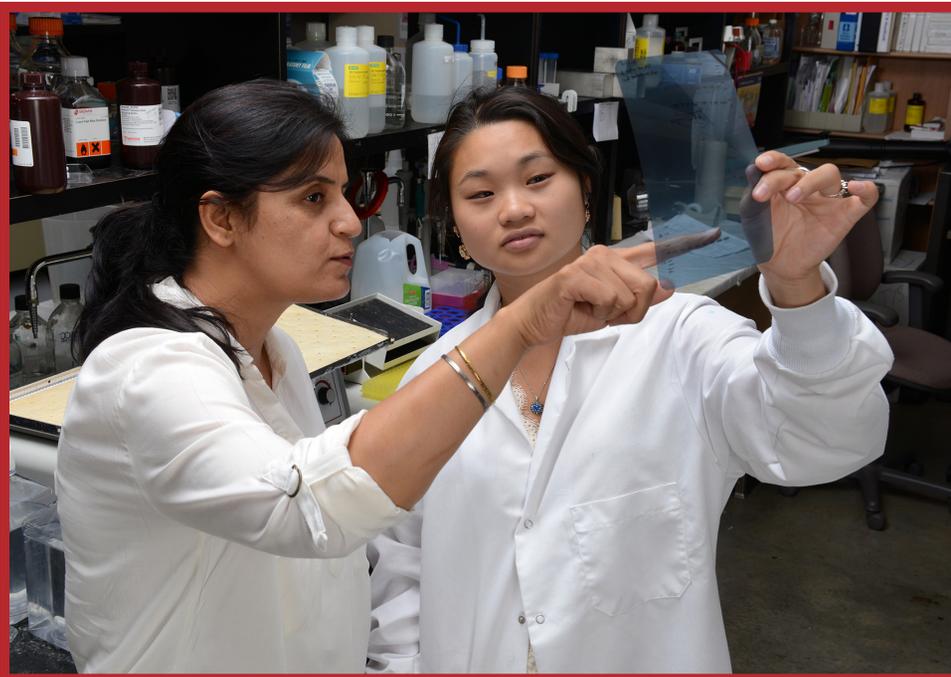
LAURA E. FREDENBURGH, M.D.

**Assistant Professor of Medicine, Brigham & Women’s Hospital
(PBF Fellow, Class of 2007)**

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
JO RAE WRIGHT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE**

In 2012, we lost a great researcher, mentor and friend. Jo Rae Wright, Ph.D. was a creative and tireless educator who was a role model for researchers, educators, and women in science. She will be greatly missed. To honor her spirit, the Foundation established the Jo Rae Wright Award for Excellence in Science given to the top graduating fellow who best exemplifies the values of Dr. Wright. The award celebrates excellence in science and is given to the research home of the fellow for lab supplies to further support their research.

In 2015, the Jo Rae Wright Award for Excellence in Science was awarded to John Alcorn, Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. John Alcorn is studying the disease mechanisms of pneumonia, which ranks in the top 10 causes of death worldwide. He is identifying roles for immune regulators to define the pathways involved in pneumonia. His research addresses the role of helper T cells and their downstream signaling pathways involved in host defense. The goal is to define therapeutic targets in the lung and promote general understanding of pneumonia.



**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER
THE PARKER B. FRANCIS SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
DR. NAVNEET DHILLON, MENTOR**

The PBF Summer Fellowship Program provides valuable and unique medical research opportunities for Kansas City area undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine and medical research. Since 2012, promising full-time graduate students are matched with faculty mentors at the University of Kansas Medical Center for 8-10 weeks of intensive research. Summer Fellows receive a weekly stipend and are mentored by Dr. Navneet Dhillon, Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and a former PBF Fellow. In addition to their research and bio-weekly meetings with Dr. Dhillon, they participate in eight, one-hour training sessions with medical students on a variety of topics. At summer's end, each student presents their research work at a special PBF Research Presentation Day. In 2015-2016, six Summer Fellows successfully completed the program.

PULMONARY RESEARCH GRANTS LIST

PULMONARY RESEARCH AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY

General Operating Support
Grant amount: \$10,000
Awarded: \$50,000 in 2014

THOMAS L. PETTY ASPEN LUNG CONFERENCE PROJECT

The Parker B. Francis Lectureship
Description: To support the PBF Lectureship, where lectures are delivered by established, world renowned leaders in the chosen topic related to lung disease, while the abstract presenters usually are young investigators in training
Grant amount: \$3,500
Awarded: \$10,500 in 2014

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Professional Development
Dr. Huda Zoghbi, Mentor
Dr. Ray Russell, Fellow
PROJECT: Mapping the developmental, genetic and functional organization of respiratory neural circuits
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Professional Development
Dr. Edwin K. Silverman, Mentor
Dr. Emily S. Wan, Fellow
PROJECT: Integrative Genomic Analysis of Acute Exacerbations in COPD
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Professional Development
Dr. Edwin Silverman, Mentor
Dr. Merry-Lynn McDonald, Fellow
PROJECT: Network Medicine Approaches to Cachexia in COPD
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Professional Development
Dr. Scott T. Weiss, Mentor
Dr. Michael J. McGeachie, Fellow
PROJECT: Predictive Genetics of Abnormal Lung Function
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

Professional Development
Dr. Edward Morrisey, Mentor
Dr. Daniel Swarr, Fellow
PROJECT: The long non-coding RNA Fanci in lung development & differentiation
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

PBF Research Opportunity Award
Dr. Hitesh S. Deshmukh
Description: The PBF Research Opportunity grant is awarded in recognition of excellence in pulmonary research.
Grant amount: \$5,000
Awarded: \$5,000 in 2015

CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

Professional Development
Dr. William Hardie, Mentor
Dr. Satish K. Madala, Fellow
PROJECT: Molecular mechanisms of TGF alpha-driven pulmonary fibrosis
Grant amount: \$54,000
Total award: \$156,000 in 2013

CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

Professional Development
Dr. Jeffrey A. Whitsett, Mentor
Dr. Brian M. Varisco, Fellow
PROJECT: Chymotrypsin Like Elastase-1 Links Alveolar and Microvascular Growth
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK)

Professional Development
Dr. Jahar Bhattacharya, Mentor
Dr. Mohammad N. Islam, Fellow
PROJECT: Alveolar protective mechanism of mesenchymal stem cells in acute lung injury
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Ronald Crystal, Mentor
Dr. Odelya Pagovich, Fellow
PROJECT: One-time Gene Therapy to Prevent Peanut-induced Anaphylaxis
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

PULMONARY RESEARCH GRANTS LIST

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Douglas Eaton, Mentor
Dr. Charles Downs, Fellow
PROJECT: RAGE-mediated regulation of ENaC and pulmonary function
Grant amount: \$26,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

HARVARD COLLEGE (PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE)

Professional Development
Dr. Jeffrey Fredberg, Mentor
Dr. Jin-Ah Park, Fellow
PROJECT: Bronchial Epithelial Cells as a Source of Angiogenic Factors
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

PBF Research Opportunity Award
Dr. Benjamin Singer
Description: The PBF Research Opportunity grant is awarded in recognition of excellence in pulmonary research.
Grant amount: \$5,000
Awarded: \$5,000 in 2015

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Marsha Wills-Karp, Mentor
Dr. Stephane Lajoie, Fellow
PROJECT: Innate immune regulators of IL-23/Th17 inflammation drive corticosteroid-refractory asthma
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Professional Development
Dr. Megan B. Murray, Mentor
Dr. Maha R. Farhat, Fellow
PROJECT: Genetic Determinants of Drug Resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Allen G. Harmsen, Mentor
Dr. Anieszka Rynda-Apple, Fellow
PROJECT: Utilizing VLPs to understand predisposition to secondary bacterial pneumonia
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

NATIONAL JEWISH MEDICAL AND RESEARCH CENTER

Professional Development
Dr. David W. H. Riches, Mentor
Dr. Elizabeth F. Redente, Fellow
PROJECT: Therapeutic targeting of macrophage DUSP1 in fibroproliferative lung disease
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$129,000 in 2014

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Jacob I. Sznajder, Mentor
Dr. Kathryn A. Radigan, Fellow
PROJECT: Influenza infection leads to ubiquitin-mediated muscle degradation
Grant amount: \$27,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Adrienne G. Huxtable, Fellow
Dr. Andrew Lovering, Mentor
PROJECT: Inflammation impairs spinal respiratory plasticity
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$80,000 in 2013

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Professional Development
Dr. Michael Green, Mentor
Dr. Lauren Van Scoy, Fellow
PROJECT: Evaluating the impact of a conversation game on advance care planning activities
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

SEATTLE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Professional Development
Dr. Thomas Wight, Mentor
Dr. Stephen Reeves, Fellow
PROJECT: Airway epithelial cell regulation of extracellular matrix in asthmatic airway inflammation
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Mark R. Nicolls, Mentor
Dr. Joe L. Hsu, Fellow
PROJECT: The role of HIF-1 in limiting Aspergillus invasion in airway transplants
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

PULMONARY RESEARCH GRANTS LIST

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Professional Development
Dr. Victor J. Thannickal, Mentor
Dr. Jessy S. Deshane, Fellow
PROJECT: Differentiation of Regulatory Myeloid-derived Cells by Reactive Oxygen Species
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)

Professional Development
Dr. Peter Wagner, Mentor
Dr. Tatum Simonson, Fellow
PROJECT: Integrating genetic and physiological adaptations in high-altitude Tibetans
Grant amount: \$55,000
Awarded: \$151,006 in 2013

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

Professional Development
Dr. Esteban Burchard, Mentor
Dr. Neeta Thakur, Fellow
PROJECT: Social Adversity and Asthma: A new phenotype?
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

Professional Development
Dr. John Fahy, Mentor
Dr. Michael Peters, Fellow
PROJECT: Role of type-2 cytokines and IL-6 in severe asthma
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Professional Development
Dr. Asrar B. Malik, Mentor
Dr. Glenn Marsboom, Fellow
PROJECT: Fibroblast and Vascular Cell Interactions in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER

PBF Summer Fellowship Program
Dr. Navneet Dhillon, Mentor
PROJECT: To provide medical research opportunities for Kansas City area undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine and medical research
Grant amount: \$21,000
Awarded: \$21,000 in 2015

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Professional Development
Dr. Claire Doerschuk, Mentor
Dr. Jason Mock, Fellow
PROJECT: Regulatory T Cells Promote Alveolar Epithelial Repair
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Professional Development
Dr. Steven Perry, Mentor
Dr. Matthew Pamenter, Fellow
PROJECT: Hypoxia Inducible Factor in ventilator responses to chronic sustained hypoxia
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$106,000 in 2014

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Professional Development
Jo Rae Wright Award for Excellence in Science: To provide an award given to the top graduating fellow who best exemplifies the values of Dr. Jo Rae Wright. The award celebrates excellence in science and was awarded to support the research of John Alcorn, Ph.D.
Grant amount: \$5,000

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Professional Development
Dr. Jay K. Kolls, Mentor
Dr. Keven Robinson, Fellow
PROJECT: Role of IL-1 in Influenza and Staphylococcus aureus Co-infection
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Professional Development
Dr. Patricia J. Sime, Mentor
Dr. R. Matthew Kottmann, Fellow
PROJECT: Lactate Dehydrogenase, Lactic Acid and Pulmonary Fibrosis
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT (UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE)

Professional Development
Dr. Yvonne Janssen-Heininger, Mentor
Dr. Vikas Anathy, Fellow
PROJECT: Influenza virus hijacks host cells' unfolded protein response
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

PULMONARY RESEARCH GRANTS LIST

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Professional Development
Dr. Yvonne Janssen-Heininger, Mentor
Dr. Adrianus van der Velden, Fellow
PROJECT: GSTP-CATALYZED
S-GLUTATHIONYLATION IN INDUCED
TUMORIGENESIS
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Professional Development
Dr. Thomas R. Hawn, Mentor
Dr. Monica Campo-Patino, Fellow
PROJECT: CD43 and TB Immunopathogenesis
Grant amount: \$52,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2014

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Professional Development
Dr. Mark M. Wurfel, Mentor
Dr. Carmen R. Mikacenic, Fellow
PROJECT: Influence of TLR Polymorphisms on
Regulatory T Cell Function in ALI
Grant amount: \$54,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2013

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (MEDICAL CENTER)

Professional Development
Dr. Timothy Blackwell, Mentor
Dr. Jonathan Kropski, Fellow
PROJECT: Regulator of telomere elongation
helicase (RTEL1) in pulmonary fibrosis
Grant amount: \$50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (MEDICAL CENTER)

Professional Development
Dr. James D. West, Mentor
Dr. Joshua P. Fessel, Fellow
PROJECT: Metabolic Reprogramming in
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Grant amount: \$26,814
Total award: \$104,359 in 2013

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

PBF Research Opportunity Award
Dr. Victor Ortega
Description: The PBF Research Opportunity
grant is awarded in recognition of excellence
in pulmonary research.
Grant amount: \$5,000
Awarded: \$5,000 in 2015

YALE UNIVERSITY

Professional Development
Dr. Richard Bucala, Mentor
Dr. Maor Sauler, Fellow
PROJECT: MIF-CD74 Signaling Mitigates DNA
Damage in COPD
Grant amount: 50,000
Awarded: \$156,000 in 2015

2015 GRANTS

308 GRANTS

\$6 MILLION

212 ORGANIZATIONS

LARGEST GRANT

The UMKC Foundation – \$500,000 Capital Campaign commitment to support the Downtown Campus for the Arts – new home for the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance.

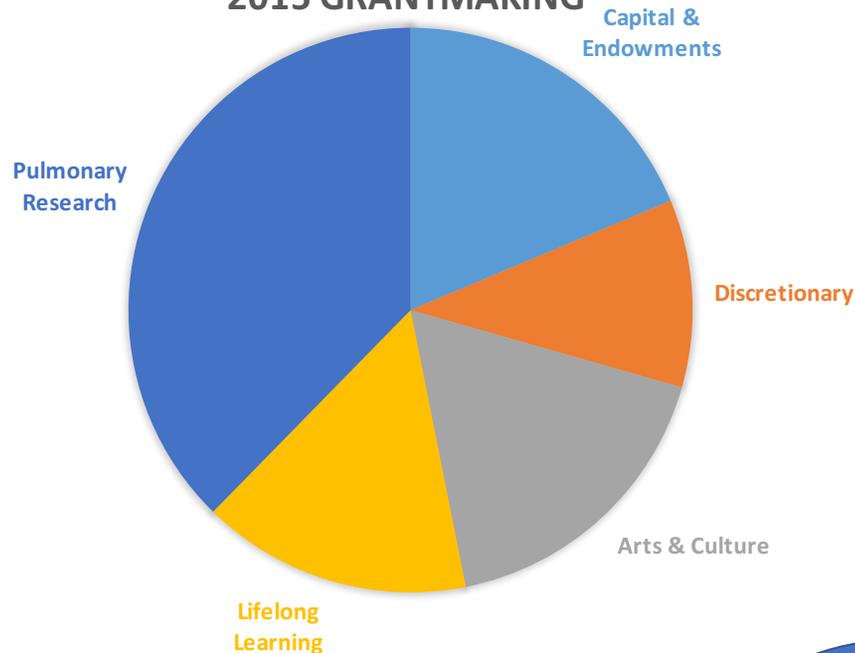
LARGEST GRANT (NON-CAPITAL)

Francis Institute for Child and Youth Development, up to \$250,000 in matching funds to assist the Institute to become a financially sustainable organization.

SMALLEST GRANT

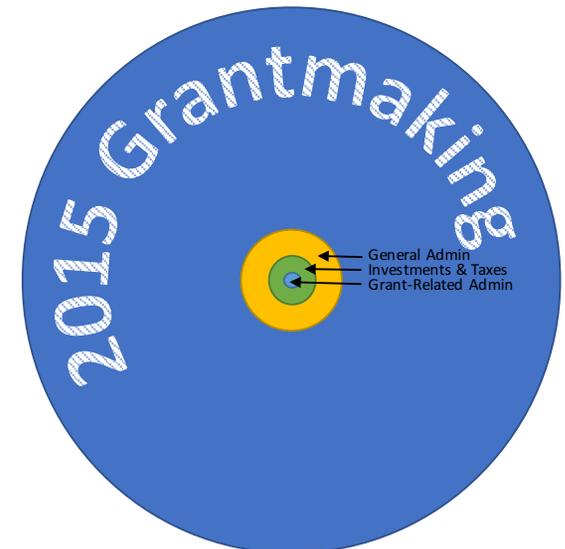
Liberty Symphony Orchestra — \$1,500 to support the “Classical Classics” concert featuring the winners of the High School Artist Competition, as well as a side-by-side performance with student musicians from the Liberty Public Schools.

2015 GRANTMAKING



The grantmaking budget has traditionally been presented, as seen on the left.

However, it is important to see how all costs and expenses make it possible to support the Foundation's grantmaking, as shown on the right.



MISSION

The Francis Family Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals, families and communities with particular commitment to the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Through the vision, history, interests and values of the Francis Family, we strive to accomplish effective and innovative grantmaking in three main areas: Pulmonary Research, Lifelong Learning and Arts & Culture.

To achieve our mission, we will

- implement best research and best practices;
- focus on community-based initiatives and collaborations;
- support programs that address unmet community needs; and,
- practice focused, proactive grantmaking

VALUES

ACCESSIBILITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

Everyone in our communities should have the opportunity to participate fully in educational, cultural and social activities. We seek ways to improve access to these activities for individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, ethnicities, financial abilities and physical and mental abilities. We believe in the rich diversity of the greater Kansas City area and promote inclusiveness in our grant making activities. We seek to celebrate common experiences and concerns through the investments we make.

COLLABORATION

We encourage and model collaboration among funders and community organizations.

COMMUNITY

We embrace and promote a strong sense of community and seek opportunities with great potential for strengthening community life and the urban fabric.

EXCELLENCE

We are committed to standards of excellence in the results of our grant making.

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

We value the creative process among people of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage excellence and innovation in our grant making activities.

INTEGRITY & SUSTAINABILITY

We maintain and promote fiscal and program integrity in our operations and grant making activities to ensure the sustainability of organizations that enrich community life.

PASSION FOR LEARNING

We promote a lifelong passion for learning as a key factor in developing active, well-rounded and contributing individuals in our communities.

PLANNING & EVALUATION

We believe in planning and evaluation as critical methods to assess the effectiveness of our grant making so we can make a difference.