

Stewart Trust Annual Report – January 2020

The past year marks the Trust's 71st year of support for the two goals of the Stewart legacy: research and treatment of cancer, and medical treatment of pediatric afflictions. The Trust awarded \$4.231 million in grants to 45 non-profit organizations. The list of these organizations can be found on the [Stewart Trust website](#). In addition to its traditional long-term support of excellent non-profit organizations in the Nation's Capital, the Trust:

- Initiated a major collaboration with Children's National Medical Center to support DC pediatric mental health services.
- Added a new class of Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research, marking the sixth year of this collaboration with The Pew Charitable Trusts.
- Continued support for cancer care programs for underserved children and adults in D.C.
- Supported D.C. Community health clinics - all Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) - focusing on primary care services and other youth health services.
- Supported therapeutic intervention programs for children in five D.C early childhood education centers.
- Updated its web-based grantmaking and internal operations.

The Trust has increased its giving in therapeutic services understanding that many services are not covered by insurance. The Trust funds Rosemount Center, Bright Beginnings, Easter Seals, Educare and House of Ruth all organizations providing high quality services to the most vulnerable children in the District.

For cancer care, the efforts of these organization ranged from hospital care (Washington Hospital Center), to early diagnosis programs for the Latina community (Nueva Vida), to end-of-life care for the homeless (Christ House and Joseph's House), to a unique children's camp (Special Love) and home food service provided by volunteers (Food & Friends).

Six years ago, the Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust and Pew Charitable Trusts launched the [Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research](#) program to support groundbreaking research to better understand the causes, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. Since that time, the program has helped launch the careers of 37 promising early-career scientists. In 2019, the Stewart Trust approved two additional scholar awards – in addition to the usual five - to expand the program to accommodate more researchers and increase the impact of the program. As a part of the larger Pew biomedical scholars network, the scholars will continue to participate in formal and informal gatherings where they can share insights and discoveries and build new projects. The research efforts of the Pew-Stewart scholars continue to be recognized by leaders in their fields and renowned scientific organizations.

As part of its focus on pediatric mental health, the Trust allocated funding to study the capacity of schools to support the mental, emotional, and behavioral health for children in Washington, D.C. This included on-going grant funding to The George Washington University's School of

Public Health, Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, Dr. Olga Price. The Trust anticipates the completed report, [Effectively Integrating School Behavioral Health Frameworks to Promote Student Success](#), will strengthen schools' ability to provide school-wide social emotional and behavioral health frameworks for all students.

Additionally, the Stewart Trust added the [Wendt Center for Healing and Loss](#) to its outstanding non-profit grantees. The Trust is funding the Child Healing to Improve Learning and Development (C.H.I.L.D.) program - mental health services for children and youth impacted by trauma and loss, helping them to overcome adversity and live healthy lives. Participants receive a comprehensive scope of services delivered on an ongoing basis throughout the year and in partnership with a wide spectrum of youth-serving organizations. In addition to services at Wendt's two office locations, C.H.I.L.D. strategically circumvents barriers to care by locating the work where children already are: in schools, homes, and a variety of other community settings.

The Trust added two additional new grantees: [Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington](#) for critical vision screens for young D.C. children, and [Capital Caring](#) for D.C. pediatric palliative and hospice care.

Operationally, in 2019, the Trust:

- Published a new website.
- Completed implementation of a trial program of multi-year grants. Seven grantees, each with a long history of support from the Trust, have been invited to participate.
- Executed a process to award all grants/funding electronically.

The Stewart Trust congratulates and thanks the dynamic, highly capable organizations and researchers supported by the Trust for their ongoing dedication and excellence in addressing cancer and childhood medical afflictions for those most in need.