

Southwest Region includes the following states:

AZ, CA, CO, HI, NE, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT

Grant Recipients are listed below in alpha order of their state

We salute the following financial professionals, staff members, and home office employees for volunteer work in their local community! Those listed below applied for grant to a qualifying charity from the Osaic Foundation during its 2026 funding cycle in March 2026. Applications were evaluated by a committee of advisors, employees, and members of the Foundation Board. Grants were awarded on the basis of factors including the level of sustained, hands-on volunteerism by the applicant and the overall purpose, outcomes, and mission of the charity. Rev07152026

Nominator	Charity	Website
 Mark LaVallee Finance Manager, FP&A, Osaic Scottsdale, Arizona	National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Inc <i>Mark has been an active board member for 5 years, raising funds for college scholarships for high school senior athletes throughout Arizona. The nonprofit's purpose is "Making athletics better for kids and making kids better through athletics."</i> This civic association received a grant of \$2,500	 NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
 Leah Brignall Compliance Analyst, Osaic Phoenix, Arizona	Poverty's Pets Inc. <i>Leah is a 9-year volunteer at Poverty Pets, passing out flyers in target neighborhoods, helping run auction/yard sale fundraisers, and volunteering at spay/neuter events. Poverty's Pets works to end pet suffering and overpopulation in low-income and underserved communities with a focus on spay and neutering.</i> This civic association nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	 POVERTY'S PETS A Phoenix Community Project

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 Mac Collett Sales Supervision Principal, Osaic Scottsdale, Arizona	Stone Creek Bible Church (for Open Hands Sewing Ministry) <i>Mac performs cutting & sewing as well as helps in set up and clean up as part of our quilting ministry. Together, the ministry expresses love through quilts and handmade gifts— created by the community, for the community. Whether you are experienced or a novice, all are welcome to join in fellowship, creativity, and service.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$350	
 Todd Desberg Desberg Financial Phoenix, Arizona	Single Track Arizona Riders Foundation <i>Todd is a founding member who has served for the past 8 years as Board Secretary and a NICA Level 1 Certified Coach for student-athletes. He holds certifications in concussion training, NICA Philosophy, Safety & Risk Management, Athlete Abuse Awareness, and Levels 1-3 coaching. STAR gives young mountain bikers a boost, hosting or sponsoring events for riders of all abilities combining camaraderie and fun while raising money for awarding highly qualified student athletes (grades 6-12) seeking college scholarships.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$2,000	
 osaic EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE Scottsdale, Arizona	NourishPHX <i>The Phoenix EAC nominated this charity due to past and future engagement opportunities for groups of employees and local advisors. Our company has been involved here for the past 9 years, our longest relationship with the Phoenix community. The charity serves south and central downtown and aims to inspire hope & dignity amongst economically challenged residents by eliminating their insecurities around daily needs.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$5,000	
 Elizabeth Hawkins Team Lead, Regulatory Relations, Osaic Scottsdale, Arizona	Free Bikes 4 Kids Phoenix <i>Elizabeth has been a volunteer & Board Advisor for 3 years in supporting fundraising, assisting with finding community support, outreach and resources, and bike collection and restoration. The organization helps kids gain independence and confidence by building navigation and socialization skills. It works with partner organizations, local school districts and tribal organizations in the Navajo, Hopi, and Pascua-Yaqui communities.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	
 Matt Kroeger SVP, Distribution Highland Capital Brokerage Phoenix, Arizona	Archway Classical Academy Veritas <i>Matt has volunteered at the school for 6 years in various capacities, including in-room assistance, distributing lunches, organizing fundraising events, and chaperoning field trips. Archway Veritas is a tuition-free charter school dedicated to offering an exceptional preparatory classical education to its elementary school students, beginning with kindergarten.</i> This education related nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	

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 Matt Kroeger SVP, Distribution Highland Capital Brokerage Phoenix, Arizona	Veritas Preparatory Academy <i>Matt has volunteered at the school over the past year in various capacities, including helping at sporting events, lunchtime, and teacher appreciation events. Veritas Prep is a tuition-free classical public charter school dedicated to offering an exceptional preparatory classical education to its students grades 6-12. The school is faithful to the conviction that an education ordered to Truth, Goodness, and Beauty liberates a young person to live wisely and act notably.</i> This education related nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Mark LaVallee Finance Manager, FP&A, Osaic Scottsdale, Arizona	Cortney's Place <i>Mark serves the organization as a Board Member and has been involved for 2 years. Cortney's Place is a family-founded non-profit, providing an inclusive, stimulating, and meaningful community-based day program for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.</i> This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Gregory Baker Advanced Business Partners Phoenix, Arizona	Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Foundation <i>Gregory has been with the organization for 15 years, as a Board Member and member of the Marketing subcommittee. The organization raises funds for several police departments. Its mission is "Protecting Our Protectors" by fundraising for life-saving equipment, technology, and training for our police officers. SALEF aims to ensure a sustainable financial model by presenting community events and programs, building corporate partnerships, and acquiring grants.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	
 Brian Chan Osaic Wealth Arcadia, California	Arcadia Music Club <i>Brian has been a dedicated staff volunteer for 4 years, managing parent volunteers for the Arcadia High School drumline performances. As a former student member/beneficiary of the program, he now guides parents to manage expectations and help students best prepare for performances. He commits 4-6 hours per event with 10-15 performances per year, to support their success. The organization works to promote and improve music education for aspiring musicians.</i> This arts and culture nonprofit received a grant of \$ 500	
 Carol Underwood Conforti Financial Campbell, California	American Cancer Society <i>Carol has volunteered for 15 years and has provided leadership to the organization in various capacities such as serving as an Executive Leadership Team member, Lead Event Organizer, and Route Marshall. The nonprofit's mission is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$5,000	

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 Michael Wegge Independent Capital Management, Inc. Los Angeles, California	Family Rescue Center <i>Michael currently serves as Board Treasurer and has volunteered for 8 years, devoting time to support its work with individuals and families in need in the West San Fernando Valley. In his role, Michael helps shape the mission and vision for the organization's fundraising and development as well as providing guidance to stakeholders. Family Rescue Center exists to meet the needs of low-income families and the unhoused in its community.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,500	
 Ron K Brenaman Osaic Wealth Carmel, California	Carmel Valley Rotary Endowment Fund <i>Ron has been a volunteer for 41 years and leads a volunteer core who work at the Laguna Seca Raceway, raising funds for the Partners in Community Service. Rotary International members work to combat hunger, fight pollution, improve water quality and sanitation, provide scholarships and vocational training, promote peace, and fund and operate a free local health clinic.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$5,000	
 James Spina Spina Financial Services Dana Point, California	Arts For All <i>James is a 3-year volunteer and Board Member of Arts for All. The non-profit provides high quality music education in underserved youth in California. The grant will be used for music lesson scholarships for youth that cannot afford the lessons.</i> This arts and culture received a grant of \$1,000	
 Juliana Yoon Osaic Wealth El Segundo, California	Baby Kitten Rescue <i>Juliana has been volunteering for 5 years, spending time with kittens, feeding, and providing physical therapy for disabled cats. The organization specializes in neonatal, critical care, and special needs kitten rescue. BKR aspires to promote diversity, inclusivity, and compassion, and to show that animals with disabilities can live full, rich, and happy lives.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$ 500	
 Brian Chan Osaic Wealth Arcadia, California	Fountain Valley HS Royal Regiment Boosters <i>Brian helps organize parent volunteers for student performances and has been volunteering for 3 years. The group provides organizational and financial support to the Fountain Valley Royal Regiment (Band, Color Guard, Percussion, and Orchestra), to develop avenues of communication between the school and community, and to foster a closer relationship between parents and students.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$ 1,000	

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 Chatise Hall Artisan Capital Partners Gardena, California	Gardena Youth Football and Cheerleading Inc. <i>Chatise is the director for Football and Cheer as well as part of the staff, serving for 25 years with the organization. GYFC's mission is to keep participants off the streets and occupied, providing mentorship to become law abiding citizens and successful college students.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$ 2,500	
 Kimberly Korf Kimberly Korf Wealth Design & Insurance Services Grass Valley, California	Mothers Of Recovery Collective (M.O.R.C.) <i>This is a newly formed non-profit, and Kimberly has been involved in many of the formation activities: creating brand and marketing materials, outreach, and event prep. The nonprofit will be focusing on providing educating and resources for financial literacy. The group supports mothers and women in or seeking recovery from substance abuse, trauma, and mental health challenges through peer support gatherings and education.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Steven Barrus Advisory Group for Life Newbury Park, California	Young Investors Society <i>As Vice President, Board Member and 8-year volunteer, Steven helps oversee and facilitate the vision and direction of the organization. He assists students in building financial literacy in preparation for participation in the Global Youth Investment Summit. YIS provides financial literacy education and programs to students from all backgrounds and socio-economic levels.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$2,500	
 Teresita Paje Osaic Wealth Oceanside, California	The Paje Family Foundation <i>Teresita, past president of the San Diego Premier Lions Club, is the founder, organizer, and fundraiser of this brand new Foundation and many others of over 17 years. The Foundation aims to create a sustainable livelihood of indigenous people from the Philippines, providing (at least) annual medical check-ups and vital medications. PFF also advocates for proper nutrition to combat malnourishment as well as supports deserving students in completing their education.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Wornel Simpson Wornel Simpson Sacramento, California	Scholar Athletes Globally Emerging, Inc. <i>SAGE serves young men from underrepresented and underserved backgrounds. Wornel is a 17-year volunteer dedicating several hours weekly to coaching, college visits and giving guidance in all aspects of the student-athlete experience. Wornel's recent book titled "Being Brilliant on the Basics: The Fundamentals of Financial Literacy" incorporates these lessons and shared in his "courtside chats."</i> This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$5,000	

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 Dan Gannett Park Place Wealth Advisors Orinda, California	Amor Ministries Inc <i>Dan mentors high school students who, over the course of one week, build a home for a family in need. He has served this mission as a volunteer annually for 16+ years. Their very name means "love." Amor's mission is to bring people together to manifest Jesus. The organization notes, "building a house does not provide just shelter, it also builds a foundation for the future."</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Daryl Cole Cole & Company Wealth Management Solutions Santa Ana, California	Mercy House Living Centers <i>Daryl is a long-time volunteer, dedicating 6 hours per month over the span of 15+ years. He serves on the General Board as well as Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Daryl provides event support, solicits donations to the organization, and assists in the shelters. Mercy House strives to be a leader in ending homelessness by providing a unique system of dignified housing opportunities, programs, and supportive services.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$4,000	
 David Almeida Belay Wealth Partners South Lake Tahoe, California	League to Save Lake Tahoe <i>As a 5-year volunteer supporter of the organization, David participates in beach cleanups and community education events and provides financial literacy education. Through these efforts, he helps advance the organization's mission to protect and restore Lake Tahoe, prevent aquatic invasive species, strengthen climate resilience, safeguard water quality and clarity, and promote sustainable enjoyment of the Basin.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	
 Juliana Yoon Osaic Wealth El Segundo, California	Rover's Retreat <i>For 6 years, Juliana has volunteered by assisting with international transport (Istanbul to Los Angeles) of rescue dogs and local adoption events. Rover's Retreat rescues domestically and internationally; providing dogs with vet care and fostering until they are adopted.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	
 David Lumiqued Independent Capital Management, Inc. West Covina, California	Society for Financial Awareness <i>David has volunteered several hours per month for 19 years, serving as West Covina Chapter President since 2017 as well as a speaker, promoter, event coordinator, and educator for financial literacy in the local community. The non-profit seeks to provide financial literacy to all, one community at a time by teaching topics like you and your credit score, first time home buying, legal lessons for life, college planning, women and investing, and more.</i> This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$5,000	

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 Lisa DiBiase Fixed Income Operations Specialist, Ladenburg Thalmann Los Angeles, California	San Fernando Valley Philharmonic Pops Orchestra <i>Lisa has been a dedicated volunteer for 13 years, committing over 100 hours of time for costume and prop coordination and front of the house support for each performance. The non-profit's Youth Musical Theatre provides theatrical coaching culminating in live theatrical productions for students.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	
 Debbie Urquhart Branch Exam Manager, Osaic Arvada, Colorado	Community Table <i>Debbie has volunteered for 3 years, committing 9 hours per month of her time. She supports the Community Table as a shopping assistant, helping clients shop in the community food pantry and educating on the programs available. The non-profit strives to feed and provide support and resources for thousands of struggling families.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Matt Bartz Envision Financial Partners Castle Rock, Colorado	Colorado Agriculture Leadership Foundation <i>Matt serves as a general Board Member and has been volunteering the past 5 years. In this role, he contributes to business planning, marketing, and fundraising efforts and participates in board decisions regarding facility improvements, organizational initiatives, and staffing changes. CALF's mission is one of connecting people to agriculture through education, community engagement, and leadership development.</i> This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Shane Morrow Ironbridge Wealth Counsel Denver, Colorado	Wish for Wheels <i>Shane has been volunteering for 5 years, building bicycles, issuing helmets, and helping teach bike skills and safety to elementary school students. Wish for Wheels' mission is to empower the wellbeing of kids, families, and communities, through the gift of new bikes and helmets. Its vision is for every second grader in U.S. Title I schools to own a bike and helmet, promoting personal growth and a healthy lifestyle.</i> This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Sharon Kauffman Insurance Connection Fort Morgan, Colorado	Morgan County Block <i>Sharon has volunteered with the organization since inception and serves as President of the Board. She dedicates 20 hours of her time per month, over the last 5 years, to overseeing the facility, programming, and staff. The Morgan County Block provides a mixed-use shared kitchen facility for the community to support rural economic development and food equity.</i> This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000	

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 Taea Takagi-Jones Takagi & Takagi Honolulu, Hawaii	Montessori Community School <i>Taea serves on the Board of Trustees, providing mission-focused leadership and strategic governance in support of the school's educational mission. She is in her second year as Chair of the Trustee Committee (third year overall), helping guide board development and governance initiatives that advance the school's commitment to Montessori education, lifelong learning, community engagement, and stewardship of the natural world.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Becky Bentz Sr Ops Processing Specialist, Accounts Maintenance, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	The Historic General Dodge House <i>Becky has been volunteering for 5 years as a docent in training and in the future will lead local tours. She has supported the organization with admissions, special events, and various 'as needed' tasks. The museum's mission is to protect, preserve and share the history of General Grenville M. Dodge.</i> This arts and culture nonprofit received a grant of \$500	
 LuAnn Chapman Gatts Osaic Wealth Dunkerton, Iowa	Dunkerton Historical & Tourism Association <i>LuAnn currently serves as a Board Member and, over the last 5 years, she has dedicated 20 hours per month to supporting the non-profit in media/marketing, fundraising, event planning, and membership. The organization's mission is to preserve the local history and allow the community and future generations to learn about their unique heritage.</i> This arts and culture nonprofit received a grant of \$500	
 Allison Rathe Case Manager, Business Excellence, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Hooves & Paws Rescue of the Heartland <i>Allison volunteers to assist in the rescue and transportation of animals throughout Nebraska and Iowa and has been with HPRH for 5 years. Responsibilities include safe transport of neglected, abused, or unhandled animals to rescue facilities or foster homes. The group rescues and rehabilitates abused and neglected horses, donkeys, mules, dogs and puppies and places them for adoption. If not adopted, they remain with the organization in a safe family environment.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$2,500	
 Allison Rathe Case Manager, Business Excellence, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	The Foster Kitten Project <i>Allison has been fostering cats and kittens in her home for the past 2 years. She also helps staff the booth at the local farmers market, where the non-profit sells goods to raise funds for the rescue. The rescue concentrates on orphaned neonatal kittens needing to be bottle-fed.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$500	

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 Kristen Kratochvil Lifetime Retirement Partners Elkhorn, Nebraska	Bags of Fun Omaha <i>Kristen has volunteered for 6 years, committing 10-12 hours per month. She serves as a Member and Treasurer of the Board. Kristen wears several hats due to the size of the organization including fundraising and providing support for events. The non-profit delivers a bag of fun to every child fighting a long-term or life-threatening condition. Their mission is to bring joy, laughter, and relief to every child whose health and happiness are compromised.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Charisse Arens Sales Enablement Manager, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Millard West Band Boosters <i>Charisse has volunteered for 3 years, dedicating several hours each season. She currently serves as a leader and oversees recruitment efforts into the high school band program. The Boosters' mission is to support the Band through physical, logistical, and monetary means, while fostering an atmosphere of high educational standards, socialization, and cooperation.</i> This arts and culture nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Becky Bentz Sr Ops Processing Specialist, Accounts Maintenance, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	La Vista Community Foundation <i>Becky has volunteered at the organization for 5 years and serves on the planning and decorating committees for the "Salute to Veterans" annual event each November. She engages the La Vista EAC as well in her efforts. The organization is dedicated to strengthening relationships between nonprofit organizations, donors and concerned citizens who want to invest in their community's future.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$3,000	
 Michelle Blazauskas Lead IT Asset Manager, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	All Play Miracle Baseball League <i>Both Mark and Michelle have been active volunteers for several years. Mark is currently a coach, and Michelle donates time during the season at the registration desk, answering questions and welcoming participants and their families.</i> <i>The league is unique in that it gives children and adults with special needs an ideal baseball experience; every player bats every inning, all base runners are safe and every batter scores. The baseball field has a rubber-covered surface to soften falls and prevent injuries. Field surfaces are specifically designed for: wheelchairs, walkers, braces, crutches, the visually impaired and other accessibility needs. The All Play Miracle Buddy Baseball League (ML) for children with special needs believes: "Every child deserves the chance to play baseball!"</i>	
 Mark Hosek Corporate Controller, Accounting and Tax, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	This civic association received a grant of \$4,000	

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 Rebecca Flint Regional Supervision Director, Field Supervision, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Kiwanis Club of Southwest Omaha Foundation <i>Rebecca is a 25 year volunteer and currently a Board Member. Kiwanis is a global organization and strives to be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$2,000	
 Michelle Blazauskas Lead IT Asset Manager, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Memories for Kids <i>Michelle has been a volunteer for 10 years and is a member of the organization's Executive Board. Additionally, she volunteers and serves as a member of the annual Luncheon Committee. The non-profit works to create lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer. Families can take a break from the daily rigors of cancer and spend time having fun and enjoying each other.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 La Vista, Nebraska	Food Bank for the Heartland <i>Foodbank for the Heartland was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of past and ongoing volunteer opportunities. The organization is dedicated to eliminating hunger in their community by providing supplemental food to people in need.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 La Vista, Nebraska	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha <i>Habitat for Humanity Sarpy County was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of past and ongoing community service events with the charity. The organization is dedicated to building strength, stability, and self-reliance in families who are in need.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,500	
 Jenny Houfek Investment Advisory Conversion Consultant, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Hands, Hearts and Paws <i>Hands Hearts Paws was nominated by Jenny Houfek, who has volunteered at the organization for the past 13 years as a foster parent. She volunteers at weekly events in addition to the annual fundraiser. Hands Hearts Paws is a dog foster center that takes in all kinds of dogs and aims to pair them with the perfect home.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	

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 Kimberly Massey Commissions Accountant, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Children's Nebraska Foundation <i>Kimberly has a very profound connection to Children's Nebraska Foundation. For the last 5 years, she has dedicated countless hours to the organization in honor of her late daughter, Karlie. Kimberly supports the organization through event preparation and setup, assisting with charity drives, and fundraising efforts. The non-profit works to improve the life of every child through exceptional care, advocacy, research, and education.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Kimberly Massey Commissions Accountant, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Collective for Hope <i>Kimberly has been volunteering this year to assist in the organization's move to a new building. She has also donated supplies for art therapy sessions. The group supports a grief-affirming community through companionship and understanding so every person feels valued and embraced as they navigate loss.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Mark Schneider Internal Investment Advisory Consultant, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Challenger Little League Baseball <i>Mark has been volunteering for over 15 years and is currently assistant to head coach of his son Logan's team. He helps warm up the team before each game, helps athletes ready for their turn to bat (correct helmet, bat, place in line, etc.) and assists in the outfield to make plays and avoid injury. The League provides opportunities for children ages 6 to 21 years old with disabilities in the community to play baseball as a team-player, create new friendships, gain independence, and improve self-esteem.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$500	
 Mark Schneider Internal Investment Advisory Consultant, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Special Olympics Nebraska - Papillion Phoenix Power Lifting team <i>Mark is assistant coach for flag football and their powerlifting team (named Phoenix). He has been volunteering for over 15 years. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Ann Brown Sr Commissions Specialist, Osaic La Vista, Nebraska	Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation <i>Ann is the District Director for the Gamma Eta Chapter. She has been involved for 31 years, working up to 10 hours/month. As an alumnae, she assists the chapter by guiding them to run a smooth collegiate organization including planning professional and networking events, workshops and mock interviews.</i> This education related entity has received a grant of \$4,000	

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 osaic EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE La Vista, Nebraska	NeighborGood Food Pantry <i>The nonprofit was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of past and ongoing volunteer opportunities, including a food drive last fall with the donations going to this organization. Its mission is to eliminate hunger in the greater Sarpy County and Ralston community.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$500	
 Marybeth Marchiano Operations Administrator I Premier Trust, Las Vegas, Nevada	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas <i>Mary Beth has volunteered for 7 years as a House Ambassador for this nonprofit, focusing on community awareness of what Ronald McDonald House offers to families. The charity provides a temporary "home away from home" for families seeking critical medical treatment for their children. It also manages programs that serve the immediate needs of children & families in our own community and beyond.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Marybeth Marchiano Operations Administrator I Premier Trust, Las Vegas, Nevada	St. Viator Elementary School Micah Program <i>Marybeth is a 10-year volunteer and works to educate the community about the school's Micah Program that assists students with unique learning styles to grow into the fullness of life. St. Viator is the only special needs all-inclusive Pre-K through 8 elementary school in Nevada. The school commits to fostering an inclusive culture where barriers are removed and all are seen, valued, and supported.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Jennifer Wallis Arrowpoint Wealth Advisors Edmond, Oklahoma	Oklahoma Council on Economic Education-Invest in Girls Program <i>Jennifer has served on the Executive Committee, was the 2020 Board Chair, and introduced the "Invest in Girls Program" to Oklahoma in 2020. She currently serves as Program Chair and Chief Evangelist. The non-profit's mission is to advance economic education and financial literacy in Oklahoma. The mission of the "Invest in Girls Program" is to usher in the next generation of financially literate girls and increase the number of women working in finance.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$4,000	
 Renita Dick 2 Sisters Financial Tahlequah, Oklahoma	CASA of Cherokee County / Court Appointed Special Advocates <i>Renita has volunteered for an impressive 27 years, serving on the Board, assisting during events, and supporting many fundraisers. The nonprofit is a voice for children who come into the court system as a result of abuse and/or neglect by providing trained volunteer advocates to speak independently for the best interest of the children.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$10,000	

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 Jenny My Le SVP, Corporate Strategy & Client Experience, Osaic Austin, Texas	The Forté Foundation <i>Jenny has volunteered for 5 years, averaging 4 hours per month. She previously served as the Board Chair of the Alumni Leadership Council presiding over meetings, running quarterly alumni engagement activities, and helping with fundraising events. The Foundation supports launching women into fulfilling, significant careers through access to business education, professional development, and a community of successful women.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$1,000	
 Adnan Raja SVP, Digital Transformation, Osaic Leander, Texas	Muslim Community Support Services Inc. <i>Adnan began volunteering 7 years ago and has been a Board Member for the past 5 years. MCSS's mission is to lend a helping hand to community members through temporary financial support, namely rent, food, and utilities until families achieve economic independence. MCSS also provides financial, moral, and educational support to refugee families, domestic abuse survivors, single mothers, and other families in need in the Austin area.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 E Lawrence Smith ELS Vision Wealth Management Dallas, Texas	Guide Right Foundation of Dallas <i>E Lawrence is a founding member, a former Board member and a 22-year volunteer. The Foundation facilitates and sponsors distinctive, age-appropriate programs designed to provide life skills, additional training, educational resources, and financial support to young males in the Dallas area. Its vision is to be the premier community service organization for the development of minority youth to become fully productive citizens.</i> This education-related nonprofit received a grant of \$10,000	
 Claudia De la Rosa Strategic Wealth El Paso, Texas	Borderplex Progress321 <i>Claudia serves as a Board Member and, in her 5 years with the organization, has been actively involved in leadership roles, including chairing some of the largest initiatives and fundraising events. Progress321 strengthens growth in the Borderplex region by connecting professionals across industries to cultivate leadership and support community resilience.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	Progress321
 Bruce Bessner Chisholm Trail Financial Group Georgetown, Texas	ROCK – Ride on Center for Kids <i>For the last 6 years, Bruce has dedicated 3 hours monthly to ROCK. He has supported various activities including MDRT Community Service Project, volunteer and participant appreciation events, and initiated a planned giving campaign "Legacy of Hope" which includes using life insurance and other planned gifts. The organization's mission is to improve independence and life skills in partnership with the horse as well as provide guidance, leadership advice, and advocacy to grow the program and supporting opportunities through service, research, and education.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	

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 John Checki Checki Financial Haltom City, Texas	Amira's House <i>J.J. has served as a board member for over 4 years. The group provides comprehensive residential care and program services to young women facing an unplanned pregnancy, helping them to overcome the past, embrace the present, and prepare for the future. They transform the lives of young women and their children by providing discipleship and program services that break cycles of abuse and poverty and try to make a positive impact across generations.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$2,000	
 Jenny Le SVP, Corporate Strategy & Client Experience, Osaic Austin, Texas	Vietnamese Culture & Science Association <i>Jenny is a 15-year volunteer and is a former Board Co-Chair, former Treasurer/Finance Director and former Program Manager of programs such as Youth Camp and Scholarship Award Dinner. VCSA promotes excellence in education, leadership and skills development through culture and science. It encourages multi-generational and cross-cultural collaborations and civic participation in the mainstream and Vietnamese America and Canada through core event programs that celebrate Vietnamese culture as well as educational initiatives to emphasize civic engagement and a better understanding of the Vietnamese culture.</i> This arts and culture nonprofit received a grant of \$5,000	
 Kyle Sadler Precept Wealth Management Humble, Texas	Family Promise of Lake Houston <i>Kyle has been a volunteer for 4 years and currently serves as President-Elect of the Board of Directors. He actively volunteers, advocates, and financially supports the organization's mission. Further, he is Chair of the Development Committee where he helps raise awareness and supports financial commitments. The group provides a caring and positive environment for homeless children and their families while they design and execute a plan to break the cycle of homelessness in their lives.</i> This health and human services nonprofit received a grant of \$3,000	
 Adnan Raja SVP, Digital Transformation, Osaic Leander, Texas	Quad-City Islamic Center of North Austin Inc <i>Adnan has been involved in teaching and mentoring students in the 4 years with the center. He also helps facilitate community clinic days. The Islamic center is committed to serving a diverse, multi-ethnic, and multi-faith-engaged community. Its mission is to provide spiritual, educational, social, and charitable services in accordance with the teachings of the Quran, while fostering civic engagement, community well-being, and full participation of men and women in society.</i> This civic association received a grant of \$1,000	