







2024 Local Community Grant Recipients Southwest Region

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 2024 funding cycle in March 2024. 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.

Nominator	Charity	Website
 Arizona	<p>American Heart Association</p> <p><i>The Phoenix EAC nominated this charity due to past and future engagement opportunities for groups of employees and local advisors. The desire is for an annual team to walk in these AHA fundraising events as an Osaic team to help raise funds for heart disease research.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,500</p>	 American Heart Association®
 Matt Kroeger <i>Divisional VP, Signature Life Highland Capital Brokerage</i> Arizona	<p>Archway Classical Academy Veritas</p> <p><i>Matt has volunteered at the school for 5 years for whatever duties are needed in the classroom. Archway Veritas is a tuition-free, public charter school dedicated to offering an exceptional preparatory classical education to its elementary school students, beginning with kindergarten.</i></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$750</p>	






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 <p>Clifford Schomburg Sr. Application Engineer, DevOps Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>Arizona Rangers</p> <p><i>Cliff is a two-year volunteer and Second Lieutenant with the Arizona Rangers, serving about 16 hours per month supporting and assisting local law enforcement agencies with armed security in Arizona with event security, traffic control, and other duties. He also volunteers at other non-profits and for court-ordered DUI classes provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Arizona Rangers, on request, will provide law enforcement support and assistance to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency within Arizona. Also, on request, the Arizona Rangers can provide security services for community and civic organizations. The Arizona Rangers provide support for the youth and youth organizations within Arizona. Additionally, the Arizona Rangers participate in activities which keep alive the history and traditions of the Old West.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>James Tegtmeier Regional Supervision Manager Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>Brandon Caserta Foundation</p> <p><i>James has volunteered for two years with this charity, averaging 10 hours per month helping cross-promote suicide prevention measures as they develop from The Brandon Act, under the Brandon Caserta Foundation. James is a San Diego contact for this Arizona charity, founded to end the stigma of asking for and getting mental health help by providing assistance, guidance, education, and resources to active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,500</p>	
 <p>Jason Trujillo Trujillo Private Wealth Osaic Wealth Arizona</p>	<p>Cactus Foothills Little League</p> <p><i>Jason is a six-year volunteer here, on average 15-20 hours a week, and is current president of the board. He also umpires, coaches, and has oversight to annual planning, budgeting, and completion of little league documentation. The League nurtures the development of the boys and girls who participate; and the coaches and parents, through supervised baseball and softball experiences that promote sportsmanship, loyalty, honesty, a sense of fair play, teamwork, respect, for authority, and courage and will provide life lessons to build individual character and work ethic.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$825</p>	

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 <p>Matthew Ham VP, Business Transformation Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>CYT Phoenix</p> <p><i>Matt has been involved with this children's theatre group the past 4 years, helping to build sets and set the stage for the Broadway-style musical productions. CYT Phoenix develops character and creativity through quality theater arts training that brings families and communities together. Its values are: Character over competition; People over programs; Service over spotlight; Excellence over ego.</i></p> <p>This arts and culture non-profit has received a grant of \$1,500</p>	
 <p>Arizona</p>	<p>Feed My Starving Children</p> <p><i>The EAC nominated this charity due to past and future engagement opportunities for groups of employees and local advisors. FMSC works together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Elizabeth Hawkins Team Lead, Regulatory Relations Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>Free Bikes 4 Kidz Phoenix</p> <p><i>Elizabeth has been a volunteer & Board Advisor for one year, donating six hours per quarter in supporting the success of FB4K-Phx events, fundraising, assisting with finding community support and resources, and bike collection and restoration. The organization seeks to motivate kids to get physical activity outdoors, helping them gain independence and confidence by building navigation and socialization skills. It works with partner organizations to Title I schools, and tribal organizations in the Navajo, Hopi, and Pascua-Yaqui communities.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$1,250</p>	
 <p>Brett Baker SVP Field Supervision Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>Gilbert High School Tiger Baseball Booster Club, Inc.</p> <p><i>Brett has been a volunteer for a year, 10 hours a month, attending monthly board meetings, helping with field prep, discussing fundraising ideas, organizing food for players and their end-of-season banquet. The league offers a positive environment for young men to excel on the field, in the classroom and in life.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	

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 <p>Marsha Garneau-Walters Trust Administration Services Director Premier Trust Arizona</p>	<p>JDRF International -JDRF Desert West Chapter</p> <p><i>Marsha is a 14-year volunteer for the chapter, assisting at their charity events and sharing their mission at various events she attends throughout the year. JDRF is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Its mission is "Improving lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat T1D and its complications."</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Arizona</p>	<p>NourishPHX</p> <p><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 7 years, our longest relationship with the Phoenix community. The charity serves south and central downtown Phoenix and aims to inspire hope & dignity amongst economically challenged residents by eliminating their insecurities around daily needs.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>LeeAnn Moore Relationship Case Manager Highland Capital Brokerage Arizona</p>	<p>Perry High School Baseball Boosters</p> <p><i>LeeAnn has volunteered for nearly three years, 10-15 hours per week, as a member-at-large of the Booster Club, including attending Executive Board meetings, maintaining written records of all meetings and managing correspondence. She also is responsible for the distribution of player-acknowledgment signs, the collection of donation funds for Diamondback Vouchers, fundraisers, managing "team mom's" and coordinating of snacks, meals, and drinks for all home and away games. She does My job "whatever the coaches need to help make the baseball program run smoothly." She even operated the score board during the first "at home" game of the season.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$825</p>	
 <p>Leah Haggard Compliance Analyst Osaic Arizona</p>	<p>Poverty's Pets Inc</p> <p><i>Leah is a seven-year volunteer here, 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></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	

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 <p>Todd Desberg Desberg Financial LLC Osaic Wealth Arizona</p>	<p>Scholarship America - Dollars for Scholars</p> <p><i>Todd has dedicated 26 years to the non-profit, six hours monthly, and has served as an endowment chair, chapter president, board vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. He currently serves as the Tucson-HABBJACH Dollars for Scholars Chapter's Certified Financial Fiduciary. The non-profit helps local high school students attend the University of Arizona with scholarships. Todd has also served as a mentor to a scholarship recipient.</i></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$625.</p>	
 <p>Todd Desberg Desberg Financial LLC Osaic Wealth Arizona</p>	<p>Single Track Arizona Riders Foundation</p> <p><i>Todd is a founding member of the non-profit and has spent the past six years serving as board secretary and certified NICA Level 3 Head coach for student athletes. He has been certified with concussion training, NICA Philosophy, Safety, and Risk Management, Athlete Abuse Training, License level 1, level 2, and level 3 coach courses, Certified First Aide Level 2, and OTB Skills 101 Outdoor and Classroom training. The non-profit supports Arizona's National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) scholar- athletes by actively engaging students grades 6 – 12 in the Arizona NICA chapter for mountain bike racing and riding.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>Arizona</p>	<p>St. Mary's Food Bank</p> <p><i>The EAC nominated this charity – known as “America’s first food bank” -- due to past and future engagement opportunities for groups of employees and local advisors. Our company has been involved here for the past 6 years, one of our longest relationships with the Phoenix community. St. Mary’s Food Bank – a model for others in the US -- serves to alleviate hunger through the gathering and distribution of food while encouraging self-sufficiency, collaboration, advocacy and education.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Arizona</p>	<p>9/11 National Day of Service – September 2024</p> <p><i>The Phoenix EAC nominated this charity due to past and future engagement opportunities for groups of employees and local advisors. 9/11 Day was inspired by the spirit of unity, service, and shared humanity that arose in the United States and spread around the world following the events of September 11, 2001. This is a team “meal pack” event open to the community.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	

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 <p>Todd Desberg Desberg Financial LLC Osaic Wealth Arizona</p>	<p>National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) / Arizona NICA</p> <p><i>Todd is the League Sponsor, Team Co-Founder and Head Coach, and for six years has served as volunteer for off-season Coaching & Rider training programs, in-season practice, race weekends event management and other league promoted events. The group promotes a safe and supervised environment for Arizona's student-athletes to practice their skills and ride with a team while developing strong decision-making skills as it manages and organizes a variety of mountain biking programs and events.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$1,500</p>	
 <p>Marcia Bice Next Level Advisors Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Almost Free To All, Inc. (Branches at the Carnegie)</p> <p><i>Marcia is a founding board member and has served as an executive board member for three years, including president in 2023. The non-profit re-purposed a 1909 Carnegie library to provide the community affordable rental spaces for the arts, cultural activities, events, celebrations, meetings, workshops, trainings, and more. They serve Auburn, CA and the surrounding communities.</i></p> <p>This culture and arts association non-profit received a grant of \$1,000.</p>	<p>Branches at the Carnegie</p>
 <p>Christopher Faulk SecuritWealth Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Class Act Community Playhouse</p> <p><i>Christopher has volunteered for six years at the theater to work the concession stands, collect tickets and clean up. Class Act's mission is to positively impact the lives of its students and families by encouraging personal growth through creative expression and theatre.</i></p> <p>This arts and culture non-profit received a grant of \$825</p>	
 <p>David Jaki Neilan & Associates Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Manta Ray Parents Association</p> <p><i>David has been involved with the non-profit for 9 years, now spending 20 hours a week directly serving the members of the association. The goal of the non-profit is to provide an environment where athletes can have fun and learn safety standards while making an uncompromising commitment to the pursuit of excellence in swimming. Athletes of all ages are taught the technical skills of swimming.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$2,500.</p>	




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 <p>Daryl Cole Cole & Company, Inc Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Mercy House Living Centers</p> <p><i>Daryl has volunteered with the non-profit for 15+ years and sits on the board of directors and serves as the fundraising committee chair. He provides support during events and garner support for the organization by engaging with local churches, community groups, schools, and companies. The non-profit exists to be a leader in ending homelessness by providing a unique system of dignified housing opportunities, programs, and support services.</i></p> <p>This health and human services association non-profit received a grant of \$3,000</p>	
 <p>James Losey Sr. Wealthcare Alliance Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Old Boney Mountain Foundation for Kids</p> <p><i>Both James Sr. (and James Jr.) sit on the board of directors and have volunteered with the non-profit for five years. The non-profit services the underprivileged youth in the community and invests in the future of those who are striving to overcome hardship and become inspired adults. They believe that the greater good is achieved when all are empowered by encouraging partnerships so all feel welcomed and valued for their contributions, and encourage an environment of flowing thoughts and ideas where everyone feels comfortable sharing.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$1,500</p>	
 <p>Billie Cook Financial Focus LLC Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>One ATTA Time</p> <p><i>Billie has volunteered with the non-profit for six years and helps fundraise, connecting with other organizations looking to educate communities on clean water applications, and distribution events. The non-profit unites people together to provide clean water and helps provide disaster areas within the United States, Central America, South America, and SE Asia.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$825.</p>	
 <p>Eric Bond Bond Wealth Management Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Pups and Pals Rescue</p> <p><i>Eric is an eight-year monthly volunteer here, assisting with semi-annual Shred & E-Waste events with all proceeds going to the charity. He has also helped by fostering dogs, and has even adopted 3 dogs through this organization, which focuses on rescuing dogs, cats and an occasional pocket pet; they cover Orange County and Los Angeles County.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	

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 <p>Wornel Simpson Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Scholar Athletes Globally Emerging, Inc.</p> <p><i>Wornel has volunteered with the non-profit for 1 years and helps with overall planning, educational content, logistics, developing standards, and coaching. The non-profit is committed to improving the lives of Sacramento-area youth through promoting academic excellence as well as health and wellness. They create an educational experience embodying the principles of sound mind and sound body by incorporating academic and social accountability with organized sports.</i></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$7,500.</p>	
 <p>David Lumiqued Independent Capital Management, Inc. Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>SOFA-The Society for Financial Awareness</p> <p><i>David has volunteered up to 20 hours a month for 16 years with the non-profit, serving as a speaker, promoter, event coordinator, and educator for financial literacy at businesses, schools, and libraries 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></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Dimple Shah EVP Strategy Osaic California</p>	<p>Survivors of Torture</p> <p><i>Dimple serves on the Board of Directors, volunteering her time and expertise at least twice a month, for 8-10 hours per month.</i></p> <p><i>Survivors of Torture is the only accredited organization in San Diego to provide free quality direct services to new arrivals who have experienced torture and other complex trauma. It is also the only agency able to address this vulnerable population's unique and specialized needs with direct services responsive to diverse cultural beliefs, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs, utilizing a service network with over 90 key partners and access to bank of interpreters.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	
 <p>Dimple Shah EVP Strategy Osaic California</p>	<p>Tech-Angels</p> <p><i>Dimple has served for four years as a volunteer advisor for Tech-Angels, formed to help isolated senior citizens gain connectivity to loved ones through refurbished donated technology devices. Volunteers also provide training and help seniors use apps and websites to track their health & finances, watch entertainment and stay connected. The group also helps decrease the amount of electronic waste by putting functioning devices to good use.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	


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 <p>Christine Smith Independent Capital Management Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Ujima Incorporated</p> <p><i>Christine is a nine-year volunteer, assisting in the creation and maintenance of Ujima's website, and aiding at fundraiser events and award ceremonies. Ujima Inc. serves as a vehicle through which intellectual, economic, social and political resources flow to achieve health equity for African Americans through health education, outreach and advocacy, and by increasing the number of African American Health Science professionals.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>Michael Wegge Independent Capital Management Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Family Rescue Center</p> <p><i>Michael has volunteered for eight years at the non-profit, devoting 5-8 hours per quarter to support its work with individuals and families in need in the West San Fernando Valley by providing food, clothing, vocational training assistance, medical services, as well as referrals as needed. For 25 years, the ultimate goal is to sustain people in desperate circumstances, empowering them to achieve personal and financial independence.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>Sharon Kauffman Osaic Wealth Colorado</p>	<p>Fort Morgan Rotary Club Foundation</p> <p><i>Over a 32-year period of service with the non-profit, Sharon has volunteered in many leadership roles, and has been secretary of the Foundation for the past 15 years, averaging 8 hours of time each month. Funds raised are directed at supporting community improvement projects including delivering meals to the homebound, sponsoring an inbound exchange student at the local High School, support to middle school science fair, museum fund raiser, Rotary Park by the local library and more.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Garrett Wheeler Sales VP Highland Capital Brokerage Hawaii</p>	<p>Historic Hawai'i Foundation</p> <p><i>For the past year, Garrett has volunteered about six hours per quarter at Foundation events with attendee check-in, set up & take down and general organization. he also assists with some tech and web support. To preserve and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts relating to the history and culture of Hawai'i, honoring the values and protocols of Native Hawaiians relative to those sites and cultural practices.</i></p> <p>This culture and arts non-profit received a grant of \$350</p>	



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<p>(Joint Nomination)</p>  <p>Mark Hosek Corporate Controller Osaic Nebraska</p>  <p>Michelle Blazauskas Manager - Data Operations Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>All Play Miracle Baseball League</p> <p><i>Both Mark and Michelle have been active for many years as volunteers. Mark is presently a coach and Michelle donates time during the season at their registration desk, answering questions and welcoming participants and their families.</i></p> <p><i>The league is a unique league in that it that lets children and adults with special needs have an ideal baseball experience. In Miracle League games, every player bats every inning, all base runners are safe, every batter scores. The Miracle League baseball field has a rubber-covered surface meant to soften falls and prevent injuries. All aspects of the field surfaces specifically designed for: wheelchairs, walkers; braces; crutches, visually impaired; and persons with other kinds of mobility impairments.</i></p> <p><i>The All Play Miracle Buddy Baseball League (ML) for children with special needs believes: "Every child deserves the chance to play baseball!"</i></p> <p>This civic association has received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Steven Barrus Advisory Group for Life/Osaic Wealth California</p>	<p>Young Investors Society</p> <p><i>Steven has volunteered with the non-profit for six years and serves as an executive board member, as well as assisting students one on one in their financial literacy. The non-profit provides quality financial literacy education and programs to students from all backgrounds and socio-economic levels. They aim to teach finance and investing skills that will last a lifetime and empower students to take control of their financial future.</i></p> <p><i>The non-profit focuses on high school aged youth with an emphasis on at-risk students who live in impoverished or underserved communities to give them financial independence to break the cycle of generational poverty.</i></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$2,000.</p>	
 <p>Kristen Kratochvil Lifetime Retirement Partners/Securities America Nebraska</p>	<p>Gabby Krause Foundation</p> <p><i>Kristen has volunteered with the non-profit for four years and serves on the board and recently became the treasurer. She wears a lot of hats due to the small size of the organization. The non-profit delivers a bag of fun to every child fighting a long-term or life-threatening condition. They exist to bring joy, laughter, and relief to every child whose health and happiness is compromised.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000.</p>	

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 <p>Kimberly Massey Commissions Accountant Highland Capital Brokerage Nebraska</p>	<p>Children's Hospital Nebraska Foundation/ Children's Hospital & Medical Center Foundation</p> <p><i>Kimberly has volunteered here for more than three years at a benefit fundraiser for the Foundation, a dance marathon at Westside High School. Her time includes speaking at the event about the support her own daughter Karlie received at the institution during her fight with leukemia. Karlie passed away from covid and leukemia in November 2022. The Foundation works to improve the life of every child through exceptional care, advocacy, research and education. It serves children in Nebraska and many other states.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Jeff Sietstra Former VP Business Coaching & Consulting Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>F3 Omaha Foundation</p> <p><i>Jeff has been a volunteer for 5 years which includes being a mentor to a scholarship winner assigned by F3. The organization annually names scholarship winners to spur education and leadership skills for young men. F3 stands for fitness, fellowship, and faith. The annual scholarship is granted to a young man pursuing a post-secondary education that exemplifies values and leadership skills.</i></p> <p>This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
	<p>Food Bank for the Heartland</p> <p><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></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Melissa Korth Regional Supervision Director Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>GRRIN - Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska</p> <p><i>For the past year, Melissa has volunteered at events to help get dogs adopted and she also fosters rescue dogs at her home. While fostering she is responsible for providing care and certain out of pocket expenses until the dog/dogs can be adopted. GRRIN provides a network for sheltering, rehabilitating and placing Golden Retrievers into permanent homes. Members share their knowledge, experience and fondness for this breed. GRRIN members assist one another with advice and information about training, health problems and local dog activities.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	

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	<p>Habitat for Humanity of Omaha</p> <p><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></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$2,500</p>	
 <p>Jenny Houfek IA Support Specialist Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Hands Hearts and Paws</p> <p><i>Hands Hearts Paws was nominated by Jenny Houfek, who has volunteered at the organization for the past 11 years as a foster parent, caregiver, and meet and greet organizer. 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></p> <p>This civic association has received a grant of \$500</p>	
 <p>Rebecca Flint Regional Supervision Director Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Kiwanis Club of Southwest Omaha Foundation</p> <p><i>Becky has been a volunteer for 24 years, serving 10-30 hours per quarter at a variety of community events sponsored by the non-profit.</i></p> <p><i>Her service includes purchasing, wrapping gifts and providing help at the pick-up site at Christmas for Project Wee Care, assembling and delivering Thanksgiving baskets of food, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, purchasing and assembling backpacks for children who have recently been moved into the Foster Care system, donating and wrapping diapers to be dispersed at local food pantries to needy families for NE Diaper Bank, and much more.</i></p> <p><i>Kiwanis seeks 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></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$7,500</p>	


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 <p>Becky Bentz Sr Ops Processing Specialist/Account Maintenance Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>La Vista Community Foundation</p> <p><i>The La Vista Community Foundation and its "FBO Salute to Veterans" event in the fall was nominated by Becky Bentz, a planner for the event, who along with other La Vista employees, has also volunteered and donated to the charity through previous company community service events. The organization is dedicated to strengthening relationships between non-profit organizations, donors and concerned citizens who want to invest in our community's future.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$1,500</p>	
 <p>Michelle Blazauskas Manager - Data Operations Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Memories for Kids</p> <p><i>Michelle has been a volunteer for 8 years and is a member of its guild board. The non-profit works to create lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer. Families are able to take a break from the daily rigors of cancer and spend time having fun and enjoying each other.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$10,000</p>	
 <p>Andrew Thomas Trader Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Millard South High School Band Boosters</p> <p><i>Andrew has volunteered for six years, and wears "many hats" at the non-profit -- including Prop and set building, instrument repair, trip chaperone, Roadie, Cheerleader, assistant to the Director and anything else that may come up. He has also served as Vice President, President and is currently on the Executive Board. he devotes 6-8 hours per month November to July, and 6-20 hours per week August to October. The band impacts the community in a positive way through music education and performances.</i></p> <p>This arts and culture non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Chris Grannan Manager, Client Support Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Nebraska Music Education Association</p> <p><i>Chris has volunteered time over three years for event setup and transportation. The Nebraska Music Education Association is committed to building a robust statewide community of qualified music educators and allies by cultivating genuine relationships, advancing music education, and advocating for the profession.</i></p> <p>This arts and culture non-profit has received a grant of \$1,000</p>	

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 <p>Evan Vladem Associated Financial Consultants/ Osaic Wealth Nebraska</p>	<p>Opera Omaha, Inc.</p> <p><i>Evan has volunteered at the non-profit for a year, and is working on an employe and advisor volunteer engagement event with them this year.. The non-profit enriches the quality of life in the community by creating professional opera and music theater, through main stage productions and community engagement programs that are free to the public.</i></p> <p>This culture and arts non-profit received a grant of \$4,000</p>	
 <p>Jolin Bloom Former Operations Processing Lead Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Raptor Conservation Alliance</p> <p><i>Jolin has volunteered for 9 years as a volunteer transporter for this state-wide charity, taking calls from people in her area who've found sick or injured birds of prey and need help transporting the birds to the RCA rehab center in Elmwood, NE. She also educates the public she meets while picking up birds and answering calls.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$825</p>	
 <p>Nebraska</p>	<p>Siena Francis House</p> <p><i>Siena Francis House was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of ongoing volunteer opportunities at the charity. It welcomes and empowers those experiencing homelessness to navigate their path to housing.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant amount of \$2,500</p>	
 <p>Sandy Snyder Regional Supervision Director Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Stray to Spay (Trap-Neuter-Return)</p> <p><i>Sandy has volunteered for two years helping humanely trap, neuter and then return (TNR) feral cats to their colonies or socializing those that are tame in preparation for adoption into their forever home. The group also helps low-income individuals who need assistance providing food for their colony cats. Since February, 2022 they have TNR 1250 cats aiming to reduce the population of stray cats in the Omaha area.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	
 <p>Mory Schriever Sr. Retirement and Income Planning Consultant, Osaic Nebraska</p>	<p>Teammates Mentoring</p> <p><i>For 5 years now, Mory has volunteered through the Teammates Mentoring charity as a mentor for a young man in 7th grade, meeting generally every Friday for lunch to talk about school and any successes and challenges. He's also taught his mentee how to play cribbage, backgammon and chess. Teammates serves students from 3rd grade to 12th grade, inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring.</i></p> <p>This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	


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	<p>TeamMates Mentoring of Millard</p> <p><i>TeamMates was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of ongoing volunteer opportunities at the charity. The charity aims to positively impact the world by inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring.</i></p> <p><i>This chapter serves those in the Millard School District.</i></p> <p>This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$1,000</p>	
 <p>Alicia Boyce Former Annuity Case Manager Highland Capital Brokerage Nebraska</p>	<p>Titan Band Boosters</p> <p><i>Alicia has been a volunteer for eight years here, including time as a previous board member. The group fosters an atmosphere of high educational standards, socialization and cooperation between students, staff and the community through physical, logistical and financial means.</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit has received a grant of \$825</p>	
	<p>Toys For Tots</p> <p><i>Toys for Tots was nominated on behalf of all employees by the La Vista EAC, in recognition of ongoing support in a 4Q campaign. The organization was founded by the United States Marine Corps, and each December the Marines distribute toys to children in need throughout their communities</i></p> <p>This health & human services non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	
 <p>Jay Wallinger Wallinger Financial Services Osaic Wealth Nebraska</p>	<p>Stuart Community Foundation Fund Affiliated with the Nebraska Community Foundation</p> <p><i>Jay volunteers about 4 hours per week and has been involved with the charity for 24 years in various capacities including past chair and now chair of its endowment campaign committee. The group funds a variety of quality of life community improvement projects in Stuart, including initiatives for early childhood education and workforce housing.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	

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 <p>Leonor Sauri Charles Stephen Financial Advisors Osaic New Mexico</p>	<p>Children's Grief Center of New Mexico (DBA: The Grief Center)</p> <p><i>Leonor has been volunteering here for two years and recently completed the training to become a Volunteer Support Group Facilitator. Every two weeks, she co-facilitates a 90-minute grief support group for adults. Participants are able to use this time to process their grief, learn and connect with others. The Grief Center's programs are available to bereaved individuals age 3+ throughout New Mexico.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	
<p>(Dual Nomination)</p>  <p>Ashley Holley Executive Assistant Premier Trust Nevada</p>  <p>Lavon Wright Trust Administrator II Premier Trust Nevada</p>	<p>Assistance League of Las Vegas (Operation School Bell)</p> <p><i>Lavon has volunteered for four years and Ashley for one year at this charity that ensures that Clark County Title 1 students (pre-K through 9th grade) have appropriate school clothing and other essentials.</i></p> <p><i>Volunteers greet each bus of students who arrive at the facility, then help each child choose multiple outfits, shoes, hygiene products, school supplies, backpack, blanket, books, and other donated items.</i></p> <p><i>Assistance League of Las Vegas's Operation School Bell program opened its doors on September 26, 1978. From that opening day, through the 2022-2023 school year, Operation School Bell has clothed over 172,347 students in Clark County.</i></p> <p><i>The goal is to help children succeed in school by providing new school clothing; health assistance, including hearing, vision and/or dental care; and literacy, cultural and higher educational enrichment.</i></p> <p>This education-related non-profit received a grant of \$2,000</p>	
 <p>Marybeth Marchiano Trust Operations Assistant Premier Trust Nevada</p>	<p>Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas</p> <p><i>Mary Beth has volunteered for 5 years as a House Ambassador for this non-profit, focusing on grant writing and 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></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,500</p>	

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 <p>Dawn Wilson Former Trust executive Premier Trust Nevada</p>	<p>St. Jude Children's Research Hospital</p> <p><i>Dawn is an eight-year volunteer for local fundraising events, signing up runners/walkers for annual benefit events and raising money for research and support at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.</i></p> <p><i>St. Jude treats children from all 50 states and around the world and families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$750</p>	
 <p>Janelle Battenberg Trust Officer Premier Trust Nevada</p>	<p>The Altruistic American</p> <p><i>Janelle is a five-year volunteer and the co-founder and Assistant Executive Director for The Altruistic American. She shares 10 hours a week in all aspects, fundraising, events and community outreach.</i></p> <p><i>The Altruistic American raises awareness of mental health issues through educational events, community initiatives, programs targeted at vulnerable people experiencing the common symptoms of loneliness and isolation, interactive forums, and public awareness campaigns that will highlight the social stigma, prejudice, marginalization, and discrimination experienced by those dealing with ill mental health.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	  
 <p>Renita Dick 2 Sisters Financial Osaic Wealth Oklahoma</p>	<p>CASA of Cherokee Country Court Appointed Special Advocates</p> <p><i>Renita has volunteered for 24 years, serving on the Board, helping at events, and supporting many fundraisers. The Mission of CASA of Cherokee Country is to be 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. They serve Cherokee County, Adair County and Tribal Court that include 14 Counties all together in Oklahoma.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$7,500</p>	

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 <p>Sue Carter Sr. Branch Office Examiner Osaic Oklahoma</p>	<p>Friends of Martin Park</p> <p><i>Sue has volunteered the past year, 9 hours per month on average, assisting the charity with animal care for turtles, snakes, salamanders, fish, and helping with groundskeeping, and picking up trash. She also acts in a docent capacity and answers questions for guests at the nature center, and helps with various activities (kayak safari, seed sorting).</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$350</p>	
 <p>J. J. Checki III Checki Financial Osaic Wealth Texas</p>	<p>Amira's House</p> <p><i>J.J. has served as a board member for the non-profit for the past 18 months. The non-profit 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></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$2,000.</p>	
 <p>Erik Holt Holt Financial Group Osaic Wealth Texas</p>	<p>Boerne Soccer Club</p> <p><i>Erik is a six-year volunteer, 2-3 hours per week, including as a coach since 2017 and serving on the Club Board for the last three years. He has also served as Secretary and a general board member. The club is dedicated to developing ability and character through soccer, in a fun and safe environment for youth ages 4-18 in recreational soccer camps and leagues as well as club soccer. It aims to provide a safe and fun environment and build confidence and character through sport.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$650</p>	
 <p>Ryan Mathes Schroeder Wealth Advisors Osaic Wealth Texas</p>	<p>Executive Women's Alliance</p> <p><i>Ryan has volunteered for six years and is currently a board member with responsibility for communications. The organization's goal is to educate female high school students by providing positive role models, demonstrating wise life choices, and empowering students to reach their goals. It implemented the Women of Vision (WOV) Mentoring Program at the Conroe High School (CHS), Conroe, Texas in 2007 to improve the self-esteem and self image of female high-school students through presentations, discussions and etiquette classes.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$5,000</p>	

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 <p>Jenny Le SVP Corporate Strategy Osaic Texas</p>	<p>Forte Foundation</p> <p><i>Jenny has volunteered for three years, including as Board Chair of its Alumni Leadership Council, on average 4 hours per month. The Foundation supports launching women into fulfilling, significant careers through access to business education, professional development, and a community of successful women.</i></p> <p>This education non-profit received a grant of \$2,500</p>	
 <p>David Farrell Precept Wealth Management Osaic Wealth Texas</p>	<p>Opera Leggera Inc</p> <p><i>David is a five-year volunteer, serving on performance nights at front desk, selling tickets, assisting with table set up/break down. Opera Leggera produces original musical/theatrical productions that preserve cultural values and enrich audiences of all ages and backgrounds while providing professional singers, musicians, dancers, and actors the opportunity to perform in a professional theatrical setting alongside local talents in a collaborative, educational, and inspiring atmosphere.</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$825</p>	
 <p>Claudia De la Rosa Strategic Wealth Osaic Wealth Texas</p>	<p>Progress321 (Three States, Two Countries, One Region)</p> <p><i>Claudia is a four-year volunteer and current board member, averaging 10 hours per week. Progress321 is a group of purpose-driven professionals dedicated to making the region the best place to live, work, and create. It brings together emerging leaders with established trailblazers and foster meaningful, actionable progress in our region. It supports economic development and quality of life initiatives in the Paso del Norte region. (El Paso, Texas, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico)</i></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$500</p>	
 <p>Kyle Sadler Precept Wealth Management/Securities America Texas</p>	<p>Proud Parents Buyers Group</p> <p><i>Kyle has volunteered with the non-profit for four years and assists in fundraising by contacting various business to participate in their livestock show and annual scholarships. He helps create the annual fundraiser livestock show, and is a partner buyer of the livestock show, and member of the planning committee. The non-profit is a philanthropic organization that transforms the lives of children and adults through community programs. They support the local 4-H and FFA kids, support those who participate in the Montgomery County Fair with their livestock and non-livestock projects, offer scholarships for their graduation seniors, and more.</i></p> <p>This civic association non-profit received a grant of \$1,000.</p>	

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 <p>Jenny Le SVP Corporate Strategy Osaic Texas</p>	<p>Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA)</p> <p><i>Jenny is a ten-year volunteer, and is a former Board Chair, current Board Member, and former VP of Grants, devoting 10 hours per week. 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></p> <p>This health and human services non-profit received a grant of \$7500</p>	