

Simplified Charitable Giving



All in the Family: Mother Daughter Duo Awarded ETCF Scholarships

It's not often that a mother and daughter attend college at the same time, and enter the same field of study, but that is exactly what Tjuaniequa 'Tikki' Wideman and her daughter Jaela Wideman are doing.

What makes it even more unique is that both mother and daughter were recipients of scholarships from East Texas Communities Foundation.

"Watching my mother complete college while my brothers and I were little showed me that you are never too old to chase your dreams," said Tikki Wideman, mother to Jaela. "Now a mother myself of a 20 year old, I want to set the example for her, like my mom did for me, that you are never too old to improve in your craft."

Tikki Wideman is currently a Registered Nurse in the Cardiac unit at Christus Mother Francis in Tyler. She is returning to the classroom to obtain a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington to become an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Tikki was awarded the Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell scholarship from East Texas Communities Foundation in the spring of 2020.

Jaela Wideman, a graduate of John Tyler High School, was awarded the Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College. Jaela is currently enrolled in Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler joint nursing program. The renewable scholarship she received from ETCF is helping her to complete her associate degree while acquiring her Bachelor of Science in Nursing concurrently.

"Since playing doctor with my plastic stethoscope as a child, healthcare has always been my passion," said Jaela Wideman. "Ultimately, I plan to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Although it will take years to get there, I am driven to succeed. I also know that my mom will always be there to support me along the way."

While years separate their experiences, mom Tikki says that the drive to succeed and care for others is a quality they both share. "I've always taught my daughter that it's not about you, it's about what you can do to be a blessing to others," said Tikki. "For both of us to receive these scholarships was a true blessing for which we are very thankful."



Tjuaniequa "Tikki" Wideman and her daughter Jaela Wideman share many things in common including a passion for nursing.

Marans Grant Helps Museum

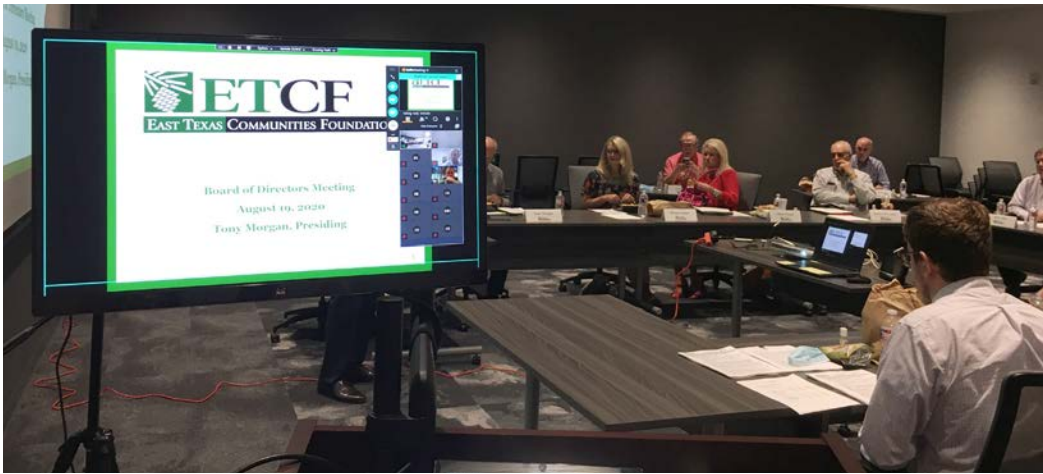
500 works of art created by middle school students from all over East Texas were on display at the Tyler Museum of Art (TMA) in October as part of their Middle School Day of the Dead exhibit, remembering and honoring our ancestors.

A grant from the Burt and Nancy Marans Charitable Fund held at East Texas Communities Foundation was given to the museum to help develop the program for use by middle school art teachers in the Northeast Texas area.



"With restrictions in place at school districts due to COVID-19, we knew we needed to pivot and rethink how to make art education available to students this year," said Chris Leahy, Executive Director of the Tyler Museum of Art. "Thanks to the Marans grant, we were able to visit with Regions 8 and 7 Education Service Centers and make available materials to support art teachers that had students both in person and learning remotely."

In the spring, the TMA will host a high school art exhibit featuring the work of graduating seniors. "It's just a fabulous tribute to the students and to their teachers," said Leahy. "You can see in these works how the teachers have taken that spark of creativity in the student and really developed it."



PATH, People Attempting to Help, with grant support from ETCF, remains committed to making sure children in need receive a warm coat this winter. PATH holds their annual coat drive every October.

The 2020 distribution event will be done via drive-thru due to restrictions caused by Covid-19.

Pictured is Maria Segura from a past distribution event, as she sorts through coats for her children to try on at the North Tyler Day Nursery gymnasium.

ETCF board and staff have adapted to new ways of communicating during the Covid-19 pandemic by launching hybrid board meetings. “Leveraging video conferencing tools allowed for social distancing during our full board meeting,” said Kyle Penney, ETCF President. “Implementing a virtual component to our full board meeting has allowed flexibility for our board members. While being virtual is never a complete substitute for physical presence, having access to virtual connectivity has allowed ETCF to continue to be effective during this time.”

Mrs. A.D. Francis Endowment Awards Grants to Winnsboro Area Nonprofits

The Mrs. A.D. Francis Endowment Fund awarded grants to three public charities serving the Winnsboro, Texas area. The fund, held at East Texas Communities Foundation, made grants to the Winnsboro Community Resource Center, Winnsboro Center for the Arts and East Texas Crisis Center.

Winnsboro Community Resource Center received a grant to purchase a commercial freezer. The Winnsboro Community Resource Center (WCRC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting the lives of the economically disadvantaged in the community by providing the stepping stones that will lead to safety, stability and a path to self-sufficiency. In 2019, WCRC served over 1900 families.

“The pandemic has caused more local families to seek additional support due to the loss of jobs or reduced work hours,” said Winnsboro Community Resource Center Executive Director, Ray Richter. “With the funds provided by this grant, we can purchase an additional freezer and be better prepared to serve the increased demand without negatively impacting our overall budget.” Richter added that by purchasing the new freezer, “WCRC has doubled their freezer capacity.”

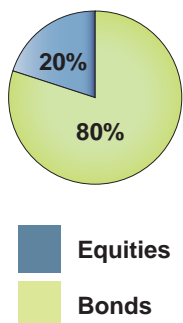
“We have seen an increase of 10 families, on average, each month requesting food assistance,” Richter said. “We primarily provide shelf-stable foods but feel that the addition of frozen meat will give a greater variety to our food offerings.”

Other Winnsboro area nonprofits receiving grants were the Winnsboro Center for the Arts, to help plan for a book festival in the spring of 2021, and the East Texas Crisis Center (ETCC) to provide emergency financial assistance to victims of family violence and sexual assault in Wood County.

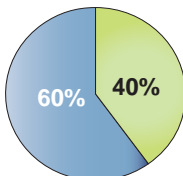


A grant from the A.D. Francis Endowment doubled freezer capacity for Winnsboro Community Resource Center. Pictured left to right: Ray Richter, Christopher Birlew, Anna Thomas, Ron Attaway and Theresa Muller.

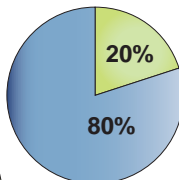
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GROWTH



INVESTMENT RETURNS - As of September 30, 2020

PORTFOLIO	Year-To-Date	3 Year	5 Years	Since Inception
Conservative	6.40%	6.30%	6.20%	5.39% (02/03)
Conservative-ETF	NA	NA	NA	1.85% (06/20)
Moderate	2.90%	6.40%	7.90%	6.25% (02/03)
Moderate-ETF	4.00%	7.10%	8.30%	8.27% (09/11)
Growth	4.30%	7.20%	9.00%	7.72% (02/03)
Growth-ETF	2.80%	7.90%	NA	9.77% (03/16)

Additional information available at www.etcf.org. Returns shown are net of fees paid to money managers.

Scholarship Created to Honor Life of Center, Texas Man

The John Harris Scholarship is the legacy of a man who was devoted to his community, his church, and education. Mr. Harris earned a degree in business and music at Baylor University, then returned to his hometown of Center, Texas, to teach high school students. He was generous, articulate, and attentive to detail. This fund was established upon his death to help students from Center High School attend college.

Three students were awarded the John Harris Scholarship for 2020. Taylor Burch, Benjamin Galindo and Mallory Fausett. Ms. Fausett, pictured here, plans to attend Tyler Junior College and focus on a career in healthcare.

November is National Scholarship Month. If you have considered opening a scholarship to support students with their educational pursuits, please contact ETCF at 903-533-0208 for details on how to establish a fund today. Scholarship applications open online for students to apply December 1, 2020. For complete details go to <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>



GRANTS

MAKING AN IMPACT +

Take a look at what is happening around East Texas. The pictures below represent just a few of the ways fundholders are investing in our communities through ETCF.



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Education: Students attending the The UT Tyler Innovation Academy, Palestine campus, started the 2020 school year in a new building, thanks in part to a grant from the Palestine University Academy Designated Fund. The new 15,000 square foot modular building contains 12 classrooms, two restrooms and an administrative wing.

Youth Development: A grant was made to Troup High School to benefit the Ag Science Department welding program. The funds helped the school purchase equipment.

Health: A grant from the Edwin A. Blue and Janice Owen Miller Charitable fund made it possible for Champions for Children of Smith County, in partnership with Northeast Texas Public Health District, to host a training for childcare workers in Henderson County. Attendees learned the benefits of physical activity and nutrition for a child's overall development.



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Human Services: The Hospice of Texarkana received a grant for general operations and program training. The Hospice of Texarkana's mission is to significantly enhance the end of life experience by ensuring access to quality hospice care.



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Religion: The John Harris Charitable Fund made grants to the First United Methodist Church of Center to benefit their newly formed Media Ministry. The ministry will incorporate audio-visual equipment to help the online viewer move from being a spectator to actively participating in worship.

Holiday Hours

ETCF offices will be closed:

Thursday, November 26th
& Friday, November 27th

In observance of Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 24th
& Friday, December 25th

In observance of Christmas



Friday,
January 1st

In observance of
New Year's Day



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EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



East Texas Giving Day Nonprofit

Registration Opens

Wednesday, January 13th

register your nonprofit online at

www.EastTexasGivingDay.org

Want to be a part of East Texas Giving Day?

Plan to attend our virtual trainings & learn how to build a successful campaign for East Texas Giving Day. Find out more online at <https://etcf.org/giving-day/giving-day-events/>

VIRTUAL KICK-OFF

Wednesday, January 13th
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

FIRST-TIMERS GUIDE TO GIVING DAY

Wednesday, January 20th
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

See the complete list of trainings online at <https://etcf.org/giving-day/giving-day-events/>