



## *ESCO Technologies Foundation Newsletter*

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2015 was another successful year of giving for the ESCO Technologies Foundation. Over \$240,000 in grants were awarded in support of charitable organizations, scholarships, and employee hardship cases.

We are pleased to announce two exciting changes for 2016. This year ESCO is increasing its match on employee contributions to 100% of the first \$500 donated. This is an increase from 75% of the first \$500. ESCO values the generosity of our employees and the positive impact that the Foundation is having on our communities and is happy to continue to increase its support of our Foundation.

In addition, the Foundation is expanding the Scholarship Program. In 2016, the amount of each scholarship is being increased to \$3,000 and the possible number of scholarships awarded will now be 25% of the number of applications received (maximum amount allowable per IRS regulations). Last year we received 38 scholarship applications. Going forward that would result in nine \$3,000 scholarships being awarded. Previously we awarded eight \$2,500 scholarships annually. To date, the Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to the children of employees and we are happy to announce this plan to increase our giving in this important area.

Our continuing goal is to further expand our charitable giving and to make an increasingly meaningful impact in the communities where we do business. Please see below for articles relating to our core charities

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**Fiscal 2015 ESCO Technologies Foundation Grants**

**California**

Special Olympics of Ventura County	15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County	10,000
Teen Challenge of Southern California	10,000
Foothill Family Services	9,015
Turning Point Foundation	7,500
Achieving My Dreams Foundation	5,000
Citizens Advisory Committee	<u>2,500</u>
	59,015

**Illinois**

Home of the Sparrow	5,000
People's Resource Center	5,000
Pioneer Center for Human Services	<u>2,000</u>
	12,000

**Massachusetts**

Hope Lodge of Boston	<u>5,000</u>
	5,000

**Missouri**

De La Salle Middle School	10,500
Habitat for Humanity	10,000
Neighborhood Houses	10,000
Our Little Haven	10,000
Revitalization 2000	10,000
Friends of Kids with Cancer	7,500
Great Circle	7,500
Ready Readers	7,500
Adoption Exchange	5,000
Center of Creative Arts	5,000
Circle of Concern	5,000
Ronald McDonald House	5,000
Special Education Foundation	5,000
St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra	<u>5,000</u>
	103,000

**Texas**

Mobile Loaves & Fishes	20,000
Any Baby Can	<u>5,000</u>
	25,000

Scholarships	21,250
Employee Hardship	10,000
Miscellaneous	<u>7,750</u>
	\$243,015

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**Fiscal 2015 Financial Highlights**

ESCO Employee Donations	73,204
ESCO Company Donations	182,500
ESCO Employee Match	36,095
Non-Employee Donations	2,100
Misc (Escrip/Interest)	<u>1,390</u>
Total	295,289

Grants Made	(243,015)
Expenses (Bank Fees)	<u>(3,815)</u>
Net Activity	48,459
Cash Balance 9/30/14	509,637

## ***Home of the Sparrow – McHenry County, IL***

Many of the individuals who seek Home of the Sparrow (HOS) assistance are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. Some struggle with climbing out of depression or substance abuse. The reasons for homelessness are many and varied. HOS programs assist homeless or imminently homeless women and their children to help them find sustainable, permanent housing.

The past four years have seen tremendous growth in the number of persons served through HOS programs. Just four short years ago the agency provided shelter for 123 women and children. From 2012-2015 the agency added 19 affordable housing units, a rapid re-housing program, and a shelter expansion. It also added two outreach and prevention case managers, and a trauma informed education and employment specialist to pilot a program that addresses barriers to employment experienced by the individuals served through HOS. With expanded and re-structured services, HOS expects to provide services to well over 800 people in 2016.

In 2015 the Foundation provided a grant of \$5,000 to help fund HOS's transitional shelters and their rapid re-housing program in McHenry County where TEQ is headquartered.



TEQ employees and their annual Giving Tree



Left to right: Darrell Blocksom TEQ, Debbie DeGraw VP Home of the Sparrow, Tim Collins TEQ, Gene Salvadalena, Executive Director Home of the Sparrow

## ***Boys & Girls Club - Santa Clarita***

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley is one of over 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide. Since 1968, the vision of The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley has been able to provide children with the essential tools needed for a successful and bright future. The Boys & Girls Club Mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The ESCO Foundation recently began supporting this organization which serves the community where Crissair is located. Our \$7,500 grant will help fund their Project Learn program which strives to increase learning skills

and academic achievement by engaging children in interesting and fun learning activities.

The Club strives to improve each child's life by instilling self-esteem, courage, and positive values through all of its educational programs. Children who come to The Club receive mentoring, tutoring, homework assistance, and computer training. They also participate in sports, social recreation, arts & crafts and much more. They gain confidence by developing a sense of usefulness, competence and belonging. This is accomplished by providing a safe haven away from negative influences, developing an ongoing relationship with trained, caring adult role models and access to constructive, supervised programs that are sensitive to the needs of at-risk youth.



## *People's Resource Center*

Our local charity for ETS-Lindgren in Wood Dale, IL, is the People's Resource Center (PRC). PRC serves over 9,000 DuPage County families each year. They are a grass roots, community-supported organization, bringing neighbors together to create a future of hope and opportunity for all. PRC benefits the community in the following areas:

- Food Pantry – Fresh produce, meat, dairy, and staples for families in need
- Emergency Rent & Mortgage Assistance – Short-term help for people at risk of homelessness
- Clothes Closet – Gently used clothing for all ages
- Financial Assistance & Social Services – Assistance with emergency expenses
- Job Assistance – Referrals and mentoring for job searches
- Computers – Computer skills training plus free refurbished home computers and computer repair
- Adult Learning and Literacy – Classes and tutoring to learn English, earn a GED, study for citizenship exams or improve math and reading skills.
- Art Program – Art classes for all ages

ETS-Lindgren employees participate in several volunteer events throughout the year. In FY'15 the Foundation provided a grant of \$5,000 to PRC to support their Adult Learning and Literacy Program.



## *Special Olympics – Ventura County*

Ed Saxey is PTI's Manager of Government Contracts. He and his wife Lynn have been very involved with Special Olympics for several years. Ed coaches basketball and soccer teams. Following is a thank-you letter Ed sent to the Foundation after a recent tournament in Santa Barbara, California.

Thanks to donations such as the ESCO Foundation grant to Ventura County Special Olympics, two teams from the Camarillo site (my teams) and three teams from the Thousand Oaks site were provided transportation to the Santa Barbara Basketball tournament hosted in the Thunder Dome on the UCSB campus. There were 40 teams from 5 California counties in attendance. The Thunder Dome was pushed to capacity with 6 courts operating continuously from about 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Each of our teams played three games, and the competition was stiff. Both of my teams won the Bronze in their respective divisions. Attached are photos of each of the teams. Unfortunately, we had a few injuries. Most were of the nature of feet being stepped on or bruises here and there, but all left the tournament in good spirits, and looking forward to the next one.

Thanks again for the generous donations that PTI and the ESCO Foundation have provided over the years.

Regards,  
Ed Saxey, Ventura County Special Olympics Coach



## *Places for People*

This year the ESCO Corporate holiday giving program supported Places for People. This organization provides services and resources for people with mental illnesses, typically accompanied by homelessness, substance abuse, health disorders and trauma. Connie Reichert from the ESCO Tax Department coordinated the collection and delivery of donations including food, personal care items and warm winter accessories.

## *2015 ESCO Foundation Contributors*

We would like to recognize and thank the 249 ESCO employees plus the following individuals and organizations for contributing to the Foundation in fiscal 2015.

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