



ESCO Technologies Foundation Newsletter

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In 2016 the ESCO Technologies Foundation gave over \$275,000 in grants in support of charitable organizations, scholarships, and employee hardship cases. We're on track to give well over \$300,000 in 2017. The increase in giving relates to expanding the number of core charities we support, giving more to current core charities, and increasing the number of scholarships awarded this year. Through the second quarter, the Foundation has made grants to five new charities and increased the amount of our annual donation to six other organizations. In June, thirteen \$3,000 college scholarships were awarded to the children of our employees (up from nine scholarships the prior year). Twelve students received one-year awards and one student received the Donald Trauscht Memorial Scholarship. This was a four-year award made in honor of Mr. Trauscht's long term commitment to the company. Our ability to continue to grow our annual giving to these many deserving causes is made possible by the generous donations we receive from the company, our employees and outside donors.

ESCO has acquired several new U.S based companies in the past year - Mayday Manufacturing, Hi-Tech Metals, NRG Systems and Westland Technologies. We're in the process of adding board members to represent these locations and are looking forward to expanding our giving into the communities where these companies have operations.

Please see the articles included in this newsletter for information about two of the core charities supported by the Foundation and for details on the 2017 Scholarship recipients. For more information regarding the Foundation and the organizations we support, please see our website at www.escotechnologiesfoundation.org.

Kate Lowrey
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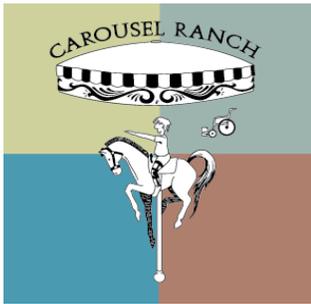
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Fiscal 2016/2017 ESCO Technologies Foundation Grants

	<u>FY'16</u>	<u>FY'17 Q1/Q2</u>
California		
Special Olympics of Ventura County	15,000	15,000
Teen Challenge of Southern California	15,000	15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County	10,000	15,000
Carousel Ranch	10,000	
Foothill Family Services	10,000	10,000
Achieving My Dreams Foundation	7,500	
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley	7,500	10,000
Turning Point Foundation	7,500	
Citizens Advisory Committee	2,500	
Illinois		
Home of the Sparrow	8,000	
People's Resource Center	5,000	
Steuben County Community Foundation		4,319
Massachusetts		
Anna's Pals		5,000
Hope Lodge of Boston	5,000	
Missouri		
De La Salle Middle School	25,000	
Habitat for Humanity	10,000	
Neighborhood Houses	10,000	12,500
Our Little Haven		10,000
Revitalization 2000	10,000	7,500
Center of Creative Arts	7,645	7,000
Friends of Kids with Cancer	7,500	
Great Circle	7,500	
Ready Readers	7,500	
Dan Devereaux Trust	6,000	
Circle of Concern	5,000	5,000
Forest Park Forever		5,000
Marian Middle School		5,000
Ronald McDonald House	5,000	6,000
Special Education Foundation	5,000	
St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra	5,000	
Texas		
Mobile Loaves & Fishes	<u>20,000</u>	<u> </u>
Scholarships	29,500	
Employee Hardship	6,801	5,000
Miscellaneous	<u>7,500</u>	<u>4,975</u>
	<u>\$277,946</u>	<u>\$142,294</u>
Financial Highlights		
ESCO Employee Donations	68,183	49,362
ESCO Company Donations	190,500	97,000
ESCO Employee Match	43,232	24,562
Non-Employee Donations	1,325	300
Misc Inc/(Exp)	<u>(1,863)</u>	<u>1,204</u>
Total	<u>301,377</u>	<u>172,428</u>
Grants Made	<u>(277,946)</u>	<u>(142,294)</u>
Net Activity	23,431	30,134
Cash Balance	533,068	563,202



Carousel Ranch is a core charity chosen by Crissair. Carousel Ranch started in 1997, serving one child in the backyard of a home. Today, they own a 10+ acre ranch with a covered arena and serve 85 children a week in individual therapy sessions. Their mission is to provide equestrian therapy to children and young adults with special needs, utilizing an individual therapy plan to meet each child's specific needs. It's a place where children can and do succeed, regardless of the severity of their disability, and where therapy is disguised as FUN.

They strive to work on the same things that are targeted in traditional forms of therapy, but outside of a clinical setting. Therapeutic riding achieves improved coordination, muscle strength, joint mobility, perceptual skills and self-confidence. It takes students into a new, unexplored world, and provides a sense of independence and freedom that defies their disability.

In addition, Carousel Ranch's Ready to Work (RTW) program offers vocational training for young adults with disabilities. At age 22, people with disabilities "age out" of the educational system. This can be a disorienting and disempowering event that alters their routine, isolates them from friends and mentors, and leaves them without a daily purpose and place to be. Finding and securing employment can be very difficult, so Carousel Ranch developed its RTW program to help address this issue. The program includes two components:

- Classroom based curriculum teaching "soft skills" needed to be successful in the workplace. Topics include clocking in, wearing a uniform, as well as appropriate behaviors, how to work on a team, and the importance of a positive attitude. Students

also complete a resume and practice interview skills.

- Participants then work in the "Tack Shack/Snack Shack" (run by the students), and on various jobs around the ranch. By the time students leave, they will have done a variety of work – from horse and ranch care to office work, food service, cashiering and more.



The Foundation's 2016 grant of \$10,000 helped enable families with financial need to participate in the Equestrian Therapy and Ready to Work Programs.

Testimonial - Lindsay

Lindsay was Carousel Ranch's 3rd student. She was born with cerebral palsy, cataracts, hearing loss and a whisper voice resulting from premature birth. Lindsay wanted to learn to ride independently.

As a teen, she wrote: *I consider that Becky and Denise are not just my teachers, mentors, role models and cheerleaders, but my friends as well. I cherish their compassion for people like me who are trapped in bodies that don't always do what you want. They had a dream and their dream changes lives. I know because years ago, it changed mine."*

Lindsay began to blossom, transforming from a shy, unsure girl, lacking self-confidence - to an amazing, confident young woman that never let anything stop her.



Lindsay recalls *“Equestrian therapy gave me a safe way to risk, to use my body in ways I would have been so afraid to all by myself. To this day, I remember that wonderful feeling inside myself! I would scream inside, **“I can do it!”** You have no idea what an exhilarating feeling it was. This accomplishment was all my own and I loved it. And that sense of accomplishment still carries. Carousel Ranch gave me the opportunity to feel success and the craving to have more of it in other areas of my life. I thank them daily for their understanding and care in helping other kids grow in abilities as well as character. They get into the hearts and speak the special language that we, with special needs speak.”*

Lindsay graduated from UCLA in 2006. She is happily married and living in Rhode Island. She has a beautiful daughter, Mia, who is almost three and operates her own pet sitting business, along with providing pet therapy to the elderly, with her own therapy dog – Mulder.



Testimonial - Chase

“My name is Carri and my 6 year-old son Chase has been riding at Carousel Ranch for the last 2 and a half years.



“Chase was diagnosed with Autism at 26 months. I can remember that day like it was yesterday. I had no idea that 4 little words, your son has Autism, would change our entire world. I remember feeling scared, heart-broken, faithless and hopeless just to name a few. I was scared for my son’s future. He had severe meltdowns, was very anti-social and couldn’t speak. We started intense therapy and I saw some improvements but Chase still was not talking at 3.5 years old. Fast forward to getting a call from Denise that our time to join the ranch was up. It truly was one of the happiest days of my life. To say the ranch and Mookie (his therapy horse) have helped Chase is such an understatement. Within a month of riding, I started to see extraordinary improvements in Chase’s behavior and speech. I owe Chase’s progress to Carousel Ranch and Mookie. The benefit Chase receives from riding helps him in other therapies. The carryover is incredible. Chase is balanced, regulated and so happy after riding. It allows him to stay focused in other therapies, school and social settings.

“Mookie has helped my son grow so much. He and the ranch have given me faith, hope, fearlessness and happiness again. I am so proud of Chase’s accomplishments and no longer fear what is in store for him.”



This year marks 25th Anniversary of Our Little Haven. They began in 1993 serving 30 children and have grown to now serve over 500 children each year. OLH serves the youngest victims of abuse, neglect, and mental health or behavioral needs through a suite of programs designed to offer and facilitate early intervention. OLH provides both physical and mental health treatment during their formative years (ages birth through ten), coupled with treatment services for the entire client family. OLH operates Keystone Outpatient Mental Health Services, Taylor Family Foster Care Case Management and Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool.



OLH is located in St. Louis, MO and is one of the original core charities supported by the Foundation since our inception in 2006. In 2017 our donation of \$10,000 was made to support OLH's Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool. This program serves children that many times arrive as a result of expulsion from multiple prior preschools due to emotional, mental health or behavioral issues. Children with complex needs combined with limited resources, benefit greatly from access to early mental and behavioral health care while at the foundation building stages of their young lives. Through OLH's focus on early intervention and specialized care in a safe, loving, and understanding environment, these children find the comfort and support they need to continue their educational development in a positive light. The specialized and individual care that children receive at Our Little Academy has continuously resulted in a 100% success rate of stable placement in the child's next educational setting. The Foundation's contribution covered the cost of sponsoring one child to attend Our Little academy for a full year.

2017 Foundation Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2017 Foundation Scholarship recipients. This year one student was awarded the Donald Trauscht Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Trauscht was the lead director of ESCO Technologies and a long-term board member. He passed away in November, 2016 and this four-year \$3,000 scholarship was awarded in honor of his long term commitment to the company. In addition, twelve scholarship recipients received \$3,000 each for the upcoming school year. The Foundation's independent selection committee awarded scholarships to the following 13 students from the 53 applications received.

Donald Trauscht Memorial Scholarship

Alexis Griesacker

Penn State Behrend
Alexis's father is Bill Griesacker – Doble

Jamaica Amurao

California State University Channel Islands
Jamaica's mother is Edna Amurao – PTI

Cody Bowman

Oklahoma State University
Cody's father is Trent Bowman – Doble

Kaylee Bowman

Oklahoma State University
Kaylee's father is Trent Bowman – Doble

Amanda Brosnan

University of Richmond
Amanda's father is Kevin Brosnan – Doble

Curtis Geiger

Elmhurst College
Curtis's father is Dan Geiger – ETS

Jeremy Haley

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Jeremy's mother is Chris Haley – Doble

Autumn Kibler

Northern Arizona University
Autumn's mother is Karen Kibler – PTI

Rohini Kumar

Rice University
Rohini's mother is Radhika Menon – ETS

John Longoria

Texas A&M University
John's father is Sergio Longoria – ETS

Peri Matatia

Northeastern University
Peri's father is Michael Matatia – Doble

Katherine Nava

California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona
Katherine's father is Jose Nava – VACCO

William Schatz

Iowa State University
Will's father is Dave Schatz – ESCO Corp

