



ESCO Technologies Foundation Newsletter

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In 2020, our Foundation budget planned on making \$375,000 in grants. This amount would have been our highest level of giving in our 15 year history. Then the impacts of COVID-19 hit and the world quickly changed. The Foundation Board realized that in addition to supporting our core charities, that we needed to help those most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic and authorized an additional \$100,000 in 2020 funding to support those in need within our local communities. Through June, in addition to our budgeted core charity donations, we have also made \$95,000 in COVID-19 related grants, with our giving primarily focused on organizations distributing food and other necessities. Periodically we receive questions regarding why the Foundation has tried over time and especially in the early years to save some of the money we receive in an effort to build an endowment. 2020 is an example of the benefit of having the flexibility to do something more in a time of extraordinary need, to have the ability to help more when help is needed most. During this time of uncertainty we will continue to support our core charities as well as look for ways we can help combat the impacts of the pandemic crisis in our local communities.

Please see the articles included in this newsletter for information regarding the COVID-19 related grants and for details on the 2020 ESCO Technologies Foundation Scholarship recipients.

For more information regarding the Foundation and the organizations we support, please see our website at www.escotechnologiesfoundation.org.

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Fiscal 2019/2020 ESCO Technologies Foundation Grants

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20 Q1-Q3</u>
California		
Carousel Ranch	30,000	
Interfaith Ministries of Greater Modesto		18,000
Special Olympics of Ventura County	15,000	15,000
Teen Challenge of Southern California	15,000	15,000
Achieving My Dreams Foundation	10,000	10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County	10,000	10,000
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley	10,000	10,000
Disabled Veterans Charities		10,000
Turning Point Foundation	7,500	
The Painted Turtle	5,000	10,000
Illinois		
Home of the Sparrow		8,000
People's Resource Center	5,000	
Massachusetts		
Anna's Pals	5,000	5,000
Hope Lodge of Boston	5,000	5,000
Missouri		
La Salle Middle School	15,000	15,000
Unleashing Potential	12,500	12,500
Friends of Kids with Cancer	7,500	7,500
Our Little Haven	7,500	7,500
Habitat for Humanity	7,000	7,000
Center of Creative Arts	6,250	6,250
Ronald McDonald House	6,000	6,000
Forest Park Forever	5,000	5,000
Marian Middle School	5,000	5,000
Ready Readers	5,000	5,000
Dan Devereaux Trust	3,000	
Circle of Concern	2,500	2,500
Revitalization 2000	2,500	2,500
St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra	2,500	
Texas		
Mobile Loaves & Fishes	20,000	
Denton County Friends of the Family	10,000	10,000
Vermont		
United Way	12,588	10,000
Flynn Center for the Performing Arts		5,000
Vermont Energy Education Partnership	5,000	
COVID-19 Grants		95,000
Scholarships	36,000	39,000
Employee Hardship	8,065	7,537
Miscellaneous Grants (<\$1,000)	14,775	8,563
	<u>\$311,178</u>	<u>\$372,850</u>

Financial Highlights

ESCO Employee Donations	85,077	77,203
ESCO Company Donations	214,000	168,000
ESCO Employee Match	54,624	43,917
Non-Employee Donations	2,300	2,300
Misc Inc/(Exp)	2,296	3,291
Total	<u>358,297</u>	<u>294,711</u>
Grants Made	<u>(311,178)</u>	<u>(372,850)</u>
Net Activity	47,119	(78,139)
Cash/Investments Balance	587,774	509,635

COVID-19 Grants

VACCO Industries



Emergency Resources Association's mission is to prevent homelessness by providing basic needs in times of crisis. Our \$10,000 donation is being used to fund food, shelter, clothing and financial assistance for families facing evictions or loss of utilities. Our donation was greatly appreciated by the local community and soon after VACCO received a call from the South El Monte mayor asking if it would be possible for us to assist another local organization helping to feed the community that was running out of funds. A second \$10,000 donation was made to South El Monte Community Outreach to provide low income families with food boxes.

In addition to the Foundation's support, VACCO has partnered with a local restaurant to provide hot lunch vouchers for senior citizens and families impacted by COVID-19. VACCO is working with the Mayor's office to distribute 1,000 vouchers (valued at \$11.00 each).



ESCO Corporate



In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is arranging weekly distributions of Food & Toiletries on a first come, first serve basis at varying locations in the St. Louis area. The weekly cost to fund this program is \$50,000 and it serves approximately 2,500 families. The Urban League is working with a coalition of local companies (two per week) to fund the effort. The Foundation provided \$10,000 and ESCO contributed \$15,000 for our combined donation of \$25,000. ESCO employees and family members volunteered to support the May 9th distribution day.



ETS-Lindgren



ETS-Lindgren conducted food drives at each of their U.S based locations to support food banks within their local communities. In addition, the Foundation made donations to each of these food banks.

- Central Texas Food Bank - Austin, TX - \$6,000
- People's Resource Center - Wheaton, IL - \$1,000
- Lakeland Pantry - Minocqua, WI - \$1,000
- Hands of Hope Food Bank - Durant, OK - \$1,000
- Rhinelander Area Food Pantry - Rhinelander, WI - \$1,000



NRG Systems



NRG has a long-standing relationship with the United Way of Northwest Vermont and feels the impact of our \$10,000 grant will be broad and significant. The funds will go directly to their coordinated COVID-19 Fund which is working with their network of partnerships to distribute critical supplies and support to communities in dire need.

Mayday Manufacturing / Hi-Tech Metal Finishing



Mayday/Hi-Tech elected to support Denton Freedom House with a \$10,000 COVID-19 donation. Denton Freedom House is focused on providing free residential rehabilitation services for those struggling with alcohol and substance abuse. They have continued to grow as a supporter of the local community and in 2019 took over the operations of a local food bank that was closing. Freedom Food Pantry is open 5 days a week and does not limit the number of times a family can receive food. They serve approximately 70 families a day (60,000 people per year). Many of those who have received treatment in the rehabilitation program work in the food pantry.



PTI Technologies



PTI elected to make their donation of \$10,000 to Food Share, Inc. Food Share is a member of the Feeding America network, which is the nation's largest hunger-relief organization. With the impact of COVID-19, thousands more people in the Ventura community are facing real hunger. Food Share operates a 36,000 square foot warehouse that distributes food to pantries in local neighborhoods. In response to COVID-19, Food Share is distributing food to low income families each day during the week at pop-up pantries throughout Ventura County.



Doble Engineering



The United Way of Tri-County's largest program area is food security. To help all residents have regular access to enough healthy food for three meals a day, UWTC runs two community meal programs and three food pantries, including the Marlborough Community Cupboard. This food pantry has been operating since 1992 and provides residents with healthy food each month

including shelf stable pantry items, fresh produce, meat, dairy, and bread. The need has increased dramatically related to COVID and Doble elected to support this organization with a \$10,000 Foundation grant.



Westland Technologies



Westland has chosen to make a \$10,000 donation to support Haven Center of Stanislaus. Haven Center provides domestic violence support services to battered women and their children. Their services include providing shelter, counseling, crisis intervention, and legal advocacy. As has been well documented, domestic abuse has been on the rise globally during the pandemic. Our donation will help support two COVID-19 related relief efforts. Normally hotels are used only for overflow when Haven Center's shelter is full. During COVID, they are relying on hotels as a primary source of shelter to ensure client and staff safety and to help facilitate physical distancing within their permanent shelter. In addition, they are facing increased staffing costs for essential workers providing services during the crisis.



Crissair



Crissair has chosen to support Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry (SVC) with a \$5,000 grant. SVC serves the elderly, who are often on fixed incomes and faced with the choice of medicine or food. They serve working families who earn paychecks that cannot support their basic needs. They also serve the injured, disabled, homeless, and those unemployed and all those living in uncertainty, and looking for assistance and a better life. SVC is open five days a week and is currently providing food to 50-75 families per day (up from 25 pre-pandemic). During normal times, families are able to receive food once every two weeks, however, during the pandemic, SVC is supplying food to families in dire need as often as needed.

2020 Foundation Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2020 ESCO Technologies Foundation Scholarship recipients. Each student received a one-year \$3,000 scholarship for the upcoming school year. The Foundation's independent selection committee awarded scholarships to the following 11 students from the 46 applications received.

For the first time this year, the applications were divided into two pools: (1) Community/Junior Colleges and Trade, Vocational or Technical schools and (2) Four-year Colleges/Universities and Postgraduate Programs. Based on the number of applications received within each pool, 1 scholarship was awarded for the first pool and 10 for the second pool.

In addition, each year every applicant receives a backpack to utilize for the upcoming school year.

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