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George Family Foundation awards \$1,235,000 in latest grant round

MINNEAPOLIS (Sept. 6, 2017) — Through its latest grant round, the George Family Foundation will support holding civil conversations, developing authentic leadership and expanding integrative health and healing.

All told, the Foundation awarded \$1,235,000 to 15 organizations, out of an annual giving budget of more than \$3.8 million.

In this grant round, the Foundation deepened its long-standing commitment to Krista Tippett's "On Being" (formerly "Speaking of Faith") with a \$300,000 grant to help the organization expand its Civil Conversations Project.

"With the deep divisions threatening and tearing at the fabric of our democracy, I feel it is imperative that we create forums in which people – especially leaders – can hold civil conversations about the crucial issues facing the nation," said Penny George, board chair. "We hope that our increased support will enable 'On Being' to expand the reach of this highly regarded public media program."

The George Family Foundation doubled its support for graduate fellowships in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial & Systems Engineering (ISyE) in the field of health systems at Georgia Tech. Acknowledging the rising costs of graduate education, this multi-year grant will allow Georgia Tech to increase the amount provided to each student. The Foundation also renewed its contribution to the Beta Psi Foundation to support leadership programs for undergraduate members of the Beta Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at Georgia Tech. Georgia Tech continues to be the top-rated industrial and systems engineering school in the U.S.

Other notable grants include a contribution to the Nonprofits Assistance Fund for the Community Health Fund to bring integrative medicine training opportunities to practitioners in 13 Twin Cities-based community clinics, and operational support for Healthy Minds Innovation, a curriculum development and training program of the Center for Healthy Minds at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

The Foundation remains committed to providing general operating support to select organizations in the community and approved grants totaling \$450,000 for general operating and programmatic purposes.

Founded by Penny and Bill George in 1994, the [George Family Foundation](#) is a \$63 million private family foundation that supports programs that promote integrative health and healing, authentic leadership, spirituality and mindfulness, youth development, and the environment and community.

The complete list of grants includes:

\$300,000 to **Krista Tippett Public Productions** to support “On Being”’s Civil Conversations Project.

\$200,000 to the **Georgia Tech Foundation** to support ISyE George Fellows, graduate students in the area of health systems engineering.

\$150,000 to the **Beta Psi Foundation** to support the *Leadership for Life* program.

\$100,000 to **Healthy Minds Innovation, Inc.** to support general operations to further the organizational development of Healthy Minds Innovation.

\$90,000 to **Ripple Effect Images** to support general operations.

\$75,000 to **Nonprofits Assistance Fund, Inc.** to support Community Health Fund's Integrative Health Workplace project.

\$60,000 to **The Sanneh Foundation** to support general operations.

\$50,000 to **Women Moving Millions** to support general operations.

\$40,000 to **Youth Frontiers** to support general operations.

\$30,000 to **The Loppet Foundation, Inc.** to support the Loppet High School Youth Adventures programming.

\$30,000 to **Minnesota Council of Churches** to support MCC's interfaith programming in honor of Peg Chamberlin's leadership.

\$30,000 to the **Page Education Foundation** to support general operations.

\$30,000 to **Youth Farm** to support general operations.

\$25,000 to the **Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing** to support general operations.

\$25,000 to the **Guthrie Theater** to support the Theater's 2017–2018 Annual Fund.

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