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### **George Family Foundation awards \$2,140,000 in latest grant round**

**MINNEAPOLIS** (July 26, 2018) – The George Family Foundation announced today it has approved grants that will support authentic leadership programs, a new multi-year exhibit on Minnesota’s Native American communities, and faith-based social justice efforts at three preeminent national organizations.

The Foundation awarded \$2,140,000 to 21 organizations, out of an annual giving budget of \$4.9 million.

In this grant round, the Foundation continued its support of authentic leadership training programs at Harvard University, the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School and Duke University. It also continued its support of multi-faith, social justice leadership training at Auburn Theological Seminary and Faith in Public Life.

“We support leadership programs in nearly all of our funding focus areas,” said Gayle Ober, president of the George Family Foundation. “Of the 21 grants we approved at our June meeting, nine support programs that will train today’s and tomorrow’s leaders. Our continued investment in these trainings reflects our hope to grow the authentic and ethical leaders so desperately needed throughout our society.”

Other notable grants include \$100,000 to the Minnesota Historical Society for a new long-term exhibit focused on the many contributions of Minnesota’s Native American communities, as well as a major five-year grant to support reproductive health peer education programs offered by Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.

The Foundation remains committed to providing general operating support to select organizations in the community and approved grants totaling \$250,000 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:

\$675,000 to the **Harvard Kennedy School** to support the George Leadership Fellowship program.

\$300,000 to **Duke University** to support the Penny Pilgram George Women's Leadership Initiative.

\$225,000 to **Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota** to support the *Peer Education in Minnesota: Building Youth Leaders for a Healthier Future* project.

\$150,000 to **Interfaith Youth Core** to support the IFYC Alumni Relations program.

\$125,000 to the **Harvard Business School** to support the George Leadership Fellowship fund.

\$100,000 to the **Minnesota Historical Society** to support the Native American Galleries/Our Home: Native Minnesota and Lacrosse exhibits.

\$100,000 to **Sojourners** to support general operations.

\$75,000 to the **Humphrey School of Public Affairs** to support scholarships for the Policy Fellows program in the nonprofit sector, with preference given to women and minorities.

\$60,000 to **The Sanneh Foundation** to support capacity building and program expansion.

\$50,000 to **Auburn Theological Seminary** to support general operations.

\$50,000 to **Faith in Public Life** to support *Understanding and Countering the Language of Violence: Building Interfaith Networks of Solidarity with Religious Minorities and Immigrants* project.

\$30,000 to the **American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Foundation** to support the HEART-IM program.

\$30,000 to the **Tides Foundation** to support general operations for Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US).

\$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 2018-2019 Annual Fund.

\$20,000 to the **Center for Courage and Renewal** to support the Academy for Leaders program in Minnesota.

\$20,000 to the **Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas** to support Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas's STEM Programming for Girls at the STEM Center for Excellence on behalf of the Next Generation Fund.

\$20,000 to **Juxtaposition Arts Inc.** to support general operations on behalf of the Next Generation Fund.

\$20,000 to the **Minnesota Arboretum Foundation** to support the Minnesota Arboretum's youth environmental education programs.

\$20,000 to **Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas** to support reproductive health education for middle and high school students in Dallas County.

\$20,000 to **Voyageur Outward Bound School (VOBS)** to support the Twin Cities Center.

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