



GEORGETOWN AREA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Formerly the Chisolm Trail Communities Foundation

2025 Annual Report

Different name, same heart.

WHO ARE WE?



Our Mission...

To bridge donors to nonprofits with effective solutions to meet community needs in Williamson County.

Our Vision...

To facilitate philanthropy that enriches, enhances, and builds a better quality of life for the citizens of Georgetown and surrounding communities.

What do we do?

We strengthen our region by connecting donors to the causes they care about most. As a trusted philanthropic partner serving the Georgetown area, we help individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits make a lasting impact through strategic giving, fund management, and community partnerships.

Whether you're a donor seeking to give back or a nonprofit looking to build sustainability, GTACF is here to help your mission thrive.

- 🕒 Deep knowledge of local needs and nonprofits
- 🕒 Professional stewardship of funds and investments
- 🕒 Transparent reporting and donor engagement
- 🕒 Strong community roots and partnerships
- 🕒 Personalized, hands-on support

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Managing Director

A year of change, growth, generosity, and community impact.

In 2025, after more than 17 years of service as the Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation (CTCF), we proudly returned to our original name: the Georgetown Area Community Foundation (GTACF).

This milestone reflects both our deep roots and our continued commitment to the people and place we serve. We also launched a new website—GTACF.org—making it easier than ever to create funds, donate, support causes, and access online reporting.

It was another remarkable year for local philanthropy. We facilitated nearly \$2.5 million in contributions and, together with our donors, helped provide more than \$9.6 million in grants to 114 organizations—most of them serving our local community. We also awarded \$99,000.00 in scholarships. Since our original founding in 1998, we have granted more than \$28 million to initiatives that strengthen Georgetown.

These accomplishments are made possible by the generosity and vision of our donors. Their commitment continues to shape a stronger, more vibrant community and reflects the enduring belief our founders placed in Georgetown.

One of our most significant programs, the Garey Park Project, in partnership with the City of Georgetown Parks and Rec, continues to make meaningful progress. This park will be a lasting asset—designed for recreation and enjoyment for generations to come.

As we look toward 2026 and beyond and finalize our rebranding, we remain committed to our mission of bridging donors with nonprofits through effective solutions that address community needs in the Georgetown area and Williamson County. Among the fund types we offer, donor-advised funds (DAFs) are experiencing significant growth nationwide. They provide a simple setup process, enable tax-efficient giving across a variety of asset types, and allow for strategically timed grants. Continuing to expand education, awareness, and adoption of DAFs within the Georgetown-area donor community is a key priority for us this year.

GTACF remains proudly headquartered in the historic Mann's Drug Store Building (built in 1880), located on "The Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas." With deep roots in this community, we look ahead with enthusiasm—committed to growing local philanthropy through our fund offerings and the continued generosity of our donors.

David G. Clark

Managing Director

OUR STORY

1998

Georgetown Area
Community Foundation
commenced operations

2007

Name changed to
Chisholm Trail
Communities
Foundation

2008

Received Mann's
Drug Store building
from the W.D. Kelley
Foundation

2011

Facilitated giving
of over cumulative
\$1 million

2017

Facilitated giving
of over cumulative
\$5 million

2020

Facilitated giving
of over cumulative
\$10 million

2023

25th Anniversary
of Fostering
Philanthropy

2025

Proudly returned to our
original name,
Georgetown Area
Community Foundation



CTCF → GTACF

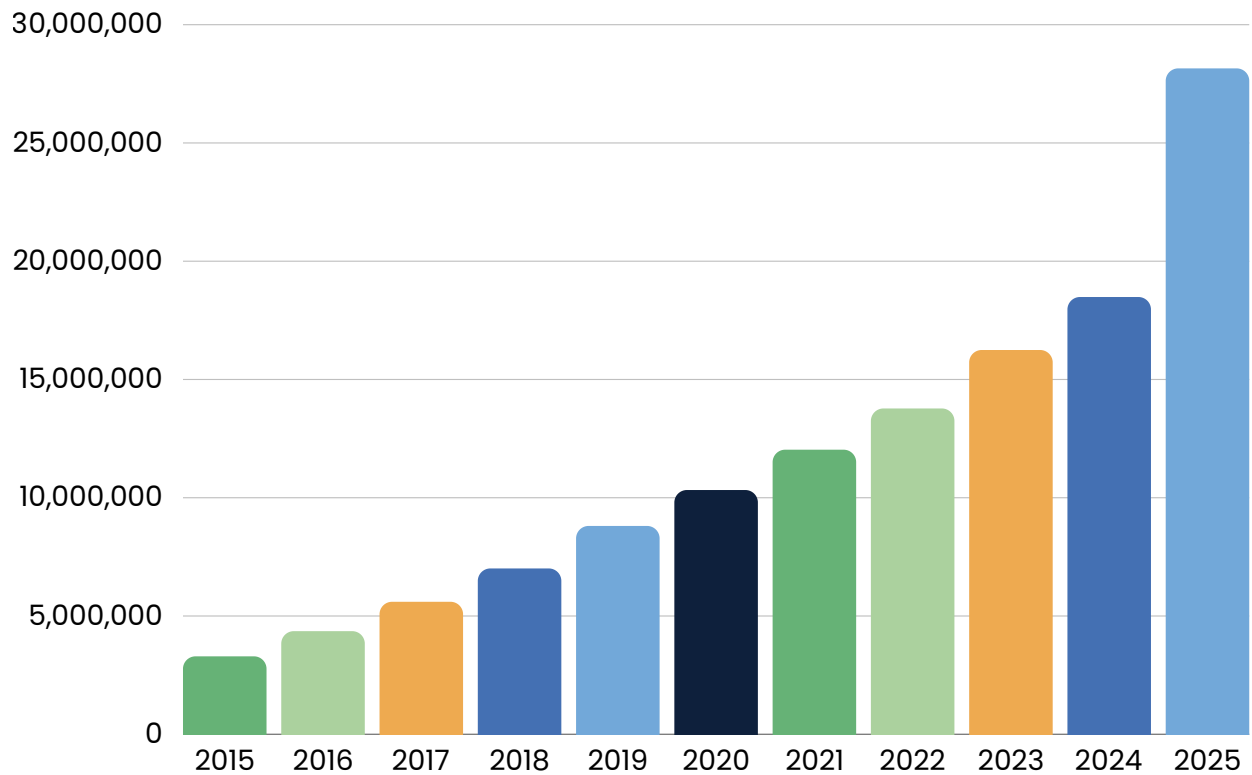
After more than 25 years serving our community, we returned to our original name - the Georgetown Area Community Foundation.

This change was made to better reflect the people and places we proudly serve and re-emphasize the trust, legacy, and community roots tied to our original name.

This change signals a rededication to our mission to bridge donors to nonprofits with effective solutions to meet community needs in the greater Georgetown area.

Along with our name change, we launched a new website - GTACF.org. With a cleaner look and feel, easier navigation, a new login portal, and quick and easy access to reports and online forms for Fund Advisors.

Cumulative Grants by GTACF 2015-2025



During 2025:
Nonprofits supported
114

Scholarships given
\$99,000

Total grants awarded
\$9,665,736

90% awarded within the Georgetown Area



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF



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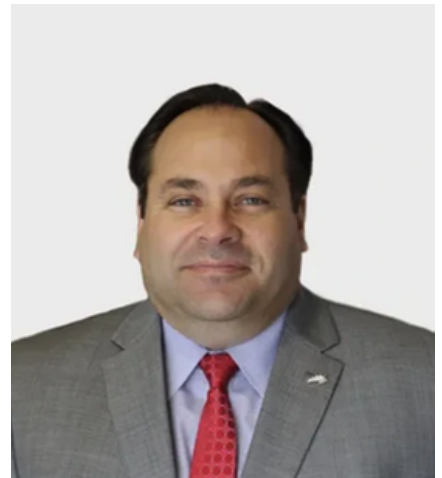
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THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING MEMBERS

Tom Faragher

Tom Faragher was born in Seattle and earned a University of Washington BBA and a Stanford Business School MBA. His 30-year career in finance included 14 years with Texas Commerce Banks and 13 years as Administrative Director of the nonprofit Land Trust of Napa County. Tom joined the GTACF board in 2020 and has served as Managing Director from 2023 through March 2025.

Eric Cooper

Eric C. Cooper, CCIM, Chief Executive Officer. Eric has over 30 years of experience in the Construction and Development Industry, and has worked on over 200 projects in 27 states, for national chains, City, State, and County, and Federal Governments. Eric brings a wealth of knowledge to all phases of the development and construction process. From site selection, establishing control budgets, design management, and pre-construction, to "Build to Suit", Eric understands and is versed in all phases of the process.

In 2014, he joined the Board of Georgetown Area Community Foundation, Future Trails Fund, and was Board Chair in 2017.

Dr. Stephen Benold

Stephen Benold, M.D., is President of Benold Financial Planning in Georgetown. He graduated Cum Laude, B.A. in Biology and Economics from Rice University, Houston, Texas, and received his M.D. from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas.

He is certified with the American Board of Family Practice, and earned his Certified Financial Planner certification in 2007, and was admitted to the Financial Planning Board of Standards in May 2011. He is very active in many civic activities as well as activities in organized medicine. He joined GTACF's board in 2020 and was Chair from 2020 to 2022.

Stephen is an El Paso, TX, native. He attended Georgetown High School and currently lives in Georgetown with his wife of more than 47 years, Nancy. He is a member of First United Methodist Church, where he has taught a Sunday school class for 33 years and has sung in the choir for longer than that.

YOUR GIFT CREATES
A STRONGER,
MORE CONNECTED
COMMUNITY!



Types of Funds



Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

A Donor-Advised Fund offers the impact of a private foundation with fewer costs and restrictions, making it an easy, flexible way to support your favorite nonprofits.



Designated Fund

A Designated Fund provides reliable, ongoing support for a specific program, initiative, or nonprofit you choose. It ensures that critical work continues year after year.



Field of Interest Fund

A Field of Interest Fund lets you focus your giving on a specific cause or community need – such as education, the arts, or health – while we identify nonprofits and programs that align with your goals.



Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund allows you to invest in the future by helping students pursue their education and dreams.



Agency Fund

An Agency Fund allows your nonprofit to invest its charitable assets for long-term growth while keeping them accessible for future needs. We handle the investment management and reporting so your team can stay focused on its mission.

The Garey Park Fund

A Legacy Gift Transforming Georgetown

What began as a family's vision for preserving the beauty of the Texas Hill Country has become one of Georgetown's most treasured community assets.

In 1966, Jack and Cammy Garey purchased a 525-acre ranch on the outskirts of Georgetown. Nearly three decades later, they built their 6,500-square-foot home on the property, creating a place they cherished deeply. In the summer of 2004, the Gareys made an extraordinary commitment to the community by donating their 525-acre ranch to the City of Georgetown, along with \$5 million to support park development and renovations to the estate. Voters later approved an additional \$10 million bond package in 2008, and construction officially began on March 31, 2017.

Today, Garey Park is the City of Georgetown's largest park, offering amenities for residents and visitors of all ages.

The park features the Play Ranch playground and splash pad, rentable pavilions, the Dog Ranch, fishing ponds, an equestrian arena, more than seven miles of hiking and equestrian trails, and the beautifully restored Garey House.

Jack Garey's commitment to the community continued beyond his lifetime. Through his estate, he left a remarkable \$20 million gift dedicated to the future of Garey Park. These funds are managed through a Donor Advised Fund at the Georgetown Area Community Foundation and are designated exclusively for capital improvements that will enhance the park for generations to come.

The estate gift has already made a significant impact through Phase II improvements, such as an amphitheater, camping cabins, a skate park, and much more.

The Value of Foundation Stewardship

Managing charitable estate gifts through the Georgetown Area Community Foundation provides donors and nonprofit partners with confidence that their legacy will be protected and their charitable intent honored. The Garey Park Fund demonstrates several key benefits of Foundation management:

Professional Investment Management

Foundation-managed funds benefit from diversified investment portfolios and institutional-quality asset management designed to preserve and grow charitable assets over time.

Lower Fees Through Economies of Scale

By pooling assets with other charitable funds, organizations gain access to cost-effective investment management and strategies that may not be available independently.

Administrative Efficiency

The Foundation manages accounting, reporting, compliance requirements, investment oversight, and grant distributions, allowing organizations to focus on their mission rather than administrative responsibilities.

Long-Term Financial Stability

Foundation stewardship ensures that charitable assets are managed responsibly and distributed according to donor intent, creating lasting community impact for generations.

The **Garey Park Fund** established by Jack Garey is a powerful example of how thoughtful estate planning, charitable giving, and community foundation stewardship can work together to create a lasting legacy.

Through the vision of Jack and Cammy Garey and the continued management of their gift, Georgetown residents will enjoy expanded recreational opportunities, preserved natural spaces, and a world-class community park for years to come.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa is the Rotary Club of Georgetown–Sun City's signature *service project*. For 25 consecutive years, they have been making Christmas special for families in our community. Georgetown Fire Department fires up the griddles and cooks pancakes and sausages. BWS served 1025 people in 2025 and Santa was extremely busy that day getting photos with 400+ children. "Breakfast with Santa" was able to provide significant food-related assistance to selected families and organizations at Christmas, which is the *primary* purpose of this annual event.

Support this service project by providing funding through GTACF.



Ways to Get Involved

Start a Fund

There are two categories of funds: Organization funds, and funds for individuals. Funds for individuals allow you to support the causes that mean the most to you personally. Organization funds provide a way for nonprofits to grow and secure their mission.

To learn more, please visit our website or give our office a call.

Donate

We offer almost a dozen ways to donate to our funds, and we have more options available to fit your specific needs. Please visit our website or give us a call to find out more ways to support the Georgetown community.

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