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**BOHEMIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$500K TO LOCAL NONPROFITS**

FORT COLLINS, Colo., May 4, 2015 -- [Bohemian Foundation](http://BohemianFoundation.org) today announced that it awarded \$508,480 to 33 local nonprofits working to promote community engagement and improve the well-being of children, teens and families. Since its inception in 2001, Bohemian Foundation Community Programs has awarded more than \$14.5 million in Pharos Fund grants to a variety of nonprofits serving the Fort Collins area.

“The Pharos Fund is such an important aspect of our work,” said Sara Maranowicz, Bohemian Foundation’s Community Programs director. “Through the review process, we learn a great deal from local nonprofits about community needs and how they’re working to achieve meaningful outcomes. We are inspired by the great work happening in our community and by all of the contributions these programs make in the lives of individuals across Fort Collins.”

Pharos Fund is a responsive grant making initiative of Bohemian Foundation that makes awards up to \$30,000 to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with programs that boost public awareness or encourage and enable our youth to become productive members of society. A committee comprised of Bohemian Foundation board members, Bohemian staff and community members selects grantees through a competitive application process.

**Full List of Spring 2015 Pharos Fund Recipients:**

A total of \$508,480 was awarded to 33 organizations.

Organization Name	Award Title	Award Amount
Book Trust	Empowering Poudre School District Students Through Literacy	\$30,000
Cache La Poudre Middle School, Poudre School District	North STEM Institute 2015	\$10,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Larimer County	Fort Collins Harmony House Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program	\$25,000
Colorado Children's Campaign, Inc.	General Support	\$20,000
Crossroads Safehouse, Inc.	General Support	\$20,000
Department of Student Achievement, Poudre School District	Ongoing Success with AVID 2015-16	\$25,000
Division of External Relations, Colorado State University	School Is Cool	\$8,500
The Early Childhood Council of Larimer County	Best Start for Babies and Toddlers	\$10,000

Early Childhood Education Program, Poudre School District	Early Childhood Oral Health Project	<b>\$15,000</b>
Education and Outreach Center, Colorado State University	Triunfo Mentoring Program	<b>\$12,000</b>
Food Bank for Larimer County	General Support	<b>\$30,000</b>
Fort Collins Museum of Art, Inc.	The World of Jan Brett Exhibition	<b>\$10,000</b>
Fort Collins Museum of Discovery	Opportunity Program	<b>\$20,000</b>
Fort Collins Symphony Association	Youth Education Series (YES)	<b>\$5,000</b>
Homeless Gear, Inc.	Children in Need	<b>\$10,000</b>
Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Inc.	Education Extra Program Enhancements	<b>\$20,000</b>
Laramie River Valley Rendezvous, Inc.	Outdoor Adventure Camp and Mentoring Program	<b>\$2,000</b>
Larimer County Child Advocacy Center	General Support	<b>\$10,000</b>
Larimer County Partners, Inc., Partners Mentoring Youth	School Based Mentoring	<b>\$10,000</b>
Live the Victory, Inc., The Matthews House	Community Life Center	<b>\$25,000</b>
Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc.	Renter Program - Preservation of Housing Stability	<b>\$30,000</b>
Poudre High School, Poudre School District	Geometry in Construction Habitat Build--Year 2	<b>\$10,000</b>
Poudre Valley Health System Foundation	Healthy Harbors 2015	<b>\$10,000</b>
Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins	General Support	<b>\$30,000</b>
Securing America's Future Energy Foundation	Drive Electric Northern Colorado	<b>\$5,000</b>
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center	Youth Empowerment Series	<b>\$20,000</b>
Colorado Blues Society, Inc.	Blues in the Schools Artist in Residency-Michael "Hawkeye" Herman	<b>\$5,480</b>
The Community Literacy Center, Colorado State University	SpeakOut! Writing Workshops	<b>\$5,000</b>
The Family Center/La Familia	General Support	<b>\$30,000</b>
The Growing Project	General Support	<b>\$10,000</b>
The Kitchen Community	General Support	<b>\$10,000</b>
United Day Care Center, Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center	Capital Improvements	<b>\$16,500</b>
Wellington Middle School, Poudre School District	Eagle After Hours Transportation	<b>\$9,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$508,480</b>

Bohemian Foundation will begin accepting applications for the next Pharos Fund round starting in August, 2015. Visit [BohemianFoundation.org](http://BohemianFoundation.org) for more information.

[Bohemian Foundation](http://BohemianFoundation.org) is a private family foundation established in 2001. Based in Fort Collins, Colo., Bohemian Foundation works to empower citizens and impact communities through its responsive grant making programs and special initiatives.