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George Family Foundation awards \$2,675,000 in latest grant round

MINNEAPOLIS (July 31, 2019) – The George Family Foundation announced today it has approved grants that will support a new women’s health initiative at the Mayo Clinic, youth development programs that offer gap year opportunities, outdoor learning and college readiness programs, as well as general operating support for several long-term grantees of the Foundation.

The Foundation awarded \$2,675,000 to 16 organizations, out of an annual giving budget of \$4.9 million.

In this grant round, Mayo Clinic received a gift of \$2 million from the George Family Foundation. In combination with an endowed gift, the grant will create the innovative Center for Women’s Health, a destination where women will receive personalized, holistic health care that is tailored to meet their needs throughout their lives.

“Our gift represents a significant investment in shifting the ways women interact with health care at Mayo Clinic, one of the premier health care institutions in the U.S.,” says Penny George. “Mayo has long been known for its Executive Health Program. This program will mirror the success of that approach but take it a step further. The focus will be not only on women but also on integrative health and healing practices that will go hand in hand with traditional medicine — an approach we’ve been advancing through our work over the past two decades.”

Other notable grants include \$90,000 to Tergar International, a mindfulness training organization, to increase the capacity of its web-based learning systems; \$100,000 to Global Citizen Year, a gap year education program, for need-based scholarships for youth in Minnesota and the Dallas metro area; and \$75,000 to End in Mind, a new nonprofit

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organization that strives to encourage all of us to give deeper thought and discussion to how we want to live the last part of our lives.

Founded by Penny and Bill George in 1994, the [George Family Foundation](#) is a \$61 million private family foundation that supports programs which promote integrative health and healing, authentic leadership, spirituality & mindfulness, youth development, environment and community.

The complete list of grants includes:

\$2,000,000 to **Mayo Clinic** to support the Mayo Clinic Center for Women's Health.

\$100,000 to **Global Citizen Year** to support participants with financial need that come from Minnesota or Dallas, Texas.

\$100,000 to **Tergar International** to support the Joy of Living program expansion, as well as support for general operations.

\$75,000 to **College Possible** to support general operations.

\$75,000 to **End in Mind Project** to support general operations.

\$50,000 to **Auburn Theological Seminary** to support the Sojourner Truth Leadership Circle: Cohort 3 Healing for Healers program.

\$50,000 to **Loppet Adventures** to support the Loppet High School Youth Adventures programming.

\$50,000 to **Women Moving Millions** to support the Women Moving Millions Philanthropic Leadership Curriculum program.

\$30,000 to the **Georgia Tech Foundation** to support the Women in Engineering Leadership program.

\$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 2019-2020 annual fund.

\$25,000 to the **Tides Foundation** to support Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US) strategic planning, focused on development and marketing.

\$25,000 to the **United States of Care Campaign** to support general operations.

\$20,000 to **Youth Frontiers** to support general operations.

\$12,500 to **Education Opens Doors** to support general operations.

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\$12,500 to **North Texas Food Bank** to support general operations.

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