



Disability Opportunity Fund Awards Over of \$700,000 in Grants to Organizations Improving Lives of People with Disabilities Through Its DOF Cares Program

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY, July 17, 2020 — To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act (July 26, 2020) the Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF), through its DOF Cares Program, recently awarded over \$700,000 in grants to 52 organizations who are working to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

For the last thirteen years, DOF has been a financial leader focused specifically on the disability market providing lending and investment services and technical expertise to the organizations and agencies working with people with disabilities to help them achieve independence and live their own success stories now and into the future.

In response to receiving a large donation in late 2018, DOF launched DOF Cares: a new program to provide grants to organizations which serve people/children with disabilities and their families. After receiving the donation again in late 2019, the aim of DOF Cares in 2020 is to provide individual grants in the following Priority Focus Areas: Education, Employment, Housing, Public Policy and Socialization/Sports.

“We are thankful of the support from our donor to launch this program.” said Charles D. Hammerman, president and CEO of The Disability Opportunity Fund. “We received excellent and innovative proposals in all five Priority Focus Areas and we are excited that the DOF Cares grants will continue to provide assistance to people with disabilities all across the United States.”

Winners of the DOF Cares Awards for 2020: (in alphabetical order)

AHRC NYC www.ahrcnyc.org/

Allegro Foundation www.allegrofoundation.net/

American Boy www.americanboy.org/

Arc of Cape May County www.arcofcapemay.org/

Arc of New Jersey www.arcnj.org/

Arts in Action www.artsinactionllc.com/

Benedictine Program and Services www.benschool.org/

BiGAUSTIN www.bigaustin.org/

Blick Center www.blickcenter.org/

Brooklyn Community Services wearebcs.org/

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation www.cabrilloedc.org/

Cerebral Palsy Soccer www.cpsoccer.us/

Challenged Athlete Foundation www.challengedathletes.org/

Changing the Present www.changingthepresent.org/

Children’s Academy NYC www.childrensacademynyc.org/

City of White Sulphur Springs www.whitesulphurspringswv.org/



Columbus Community Center www.columbusseves.org/
Community Mainstreaming Associates www.communitymainstreaming.org/
Cornerstone Village www.thecornerstonevillage.org/
Emmanuel Methodist Church www.emmanuelumcwss.org/
FirstLight Federal Credit Union www.firstlightfcu.org/
Five Towns JCC www.guraljcc.org/
Girl Be Heard www.girlbeheard.org/
Greenbrier Valley Community Fund (COVID Response) www.gvfoundation.org/
Green River Academy (White Sulphur Springs, WV)
Guiding Eyes for the Blind www.guidingeyes.org/
Hartley House www.hartleyhouse.org/
Independence Care System www.icsny.org/
Independent Living Alliance www.independentliving.flywheelsites.com/
Initiative for Women's Development www.nyulangone.org/locations/initiative-for-women-with-disabilities
Integrate Autism Employment Advisors www.integrateadvisors.org/
Integrated Living Opportunities www.ilonow.org/
John Jay College www.jjay.cuny.edu/
Karen's Hope www.karenshope.org/
KEEN Greater DC – Baltimore www.keengreaterdc.org/
Lois Bronz Children's Center www.loisbronzchildrenscenter.org/
Long Island Sled Hockey www.lisledhockey.org/
LTO Ventures www.ltoventures.org/
Madison House Autism Foundation www.madisonhouseautism.org/
Main Street Connect www.mainstreetconnect.org/
Music Conservatory of Westchester www.musicconservatory.org/
Nicky's Gardens of Hope www.nickysgardensofhope.com/
Northeast Off-Road Adventures www.nyoffroaddriving.com/
Oral Hull www.oralhull.org/
Partners4Housing www.partners4housing.com/
Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation www.patf.us/
ReBuild Metro (COVID Response) www.rebuildmetro.com/
Smart Solutions www.mysmartsolutions.com/
Special Education Legal Fund www.spedlegalfund.org/
The Sterling Center www.thesterlingcenter.com/
TLW Marketing Group www.lookkeylockkey.com
Together for Choice www.togetherforchoice.org/

Commitment to White Sulphur Springs, WV

In addition to the above grants, DOF has invested over \$1,500,000 towards the revitalization and economic improvement of the City of White Sulphur Springs, WV. By financing projects and providing grants, DOF has supported the city and various not-for profit and for-profit organizations in delivering much-needed services including education of children with special needs and counseling for opioid addiction.

**About Disability Opportunity Fund:**

Created in 2007, Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF) bridges the disability market and community development financial institutions, which have the necessary infrastructure and resources to address the continuing needs of this growing market. DOF focuses on the primary concerns of the market including the need for more housing, schools and community centers. DOF is a not-for-profit organization located in Rockville Centre, N.Y. For more information, please visit www.thedof.org.

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