

# Impact

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## Investment in Dallas' Future Stars.

Discretionary grants approved, including challenge grant for Arts Magnet campaign

Communities Foundation of Texas is pleased to a significant list of grants in 2005 with the approval of a special \$500,000 multi-year challenge grant to the Advisory Board of the **Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.**

The advisory board is raising \$47 million in a campaign to build new facilities for the highly-acclaimed arts magnet school in the downtown Dallas Arts District.

The challenge grant, approved by the CFT grants distribution committee on November 30, 2005, will be paid out over five years and provide added impetus to an already successful fundraising campaign.

"The arts magnet school has been such a positive influence on the lives of some of our most talented and gifted students," said Charles Wylie, Jr., chairman of the board of Communities Foundation of Texas. "This challenge grant contributes to the broad community support for Booker T. Washington High School that will enable the school to play an even more important role in this city, the Dallas Arts District and the Dallas Independent School District. It will inspire future generations

and social services. The diversity of the funding requests is reflective of the many needs now served by donors from Communities Foundation of Texas. Here are some examples:

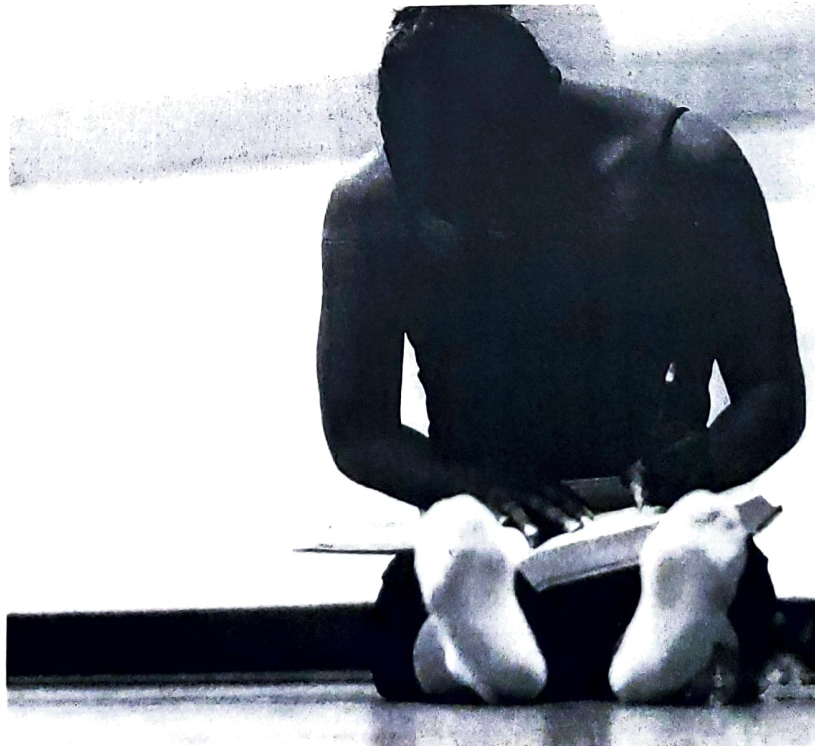
A \$20,000 grant was approved for **Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic** in West Dallas to provide mental health services for patients. The clinic has been serving low income residents of the area since 1972.

A \$100,000 grant was authorized over the next two years to support construction of a

the festival amphitheater.

**Imagine the Impossible Learning and Training Dance Center** was recommended to receive \$30,000 so the organization can continue to offer ballet instruction at 26 elementary schools in the Oak Cliff area. These ballet instructors help minority students gain discipline for academics through dance training.

A \$12,191 grant was recommended for **Exodus Ministries**, an organization founded in 1987 to help parolees reintegrate into society.



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