“Let’s give it all away. But let’s do it in a particular way, with our hearts and our minds. Let’s find what works and support that.”

—RICHARD RAINWATER
## OUR CORE VALUES

We support visionary solutions in the areas where we work by:

- Approaching our relationships with respect, gratitude, and humility
- Prioritizing visionary and transformative solutions to improve lives
- Striving to be both pragmatic and learning-oriented
- Championing meaningful and impactful collaboration
- Seeking to maintain a sense of urgency in our work
- Adhering to high moral and ethical principles
- Valuing equity, empathy, and compassion for all
- Embracing teamwork

The Rainwater Charitable Foundation would like to express our appreciation to the following partners for generously providing many of the images included in this annual report: AB Christian Learning Center, Bridge 2 Rwanda, Camp Fire Early Ed, Child Care Associates, Christian Relief Fund, Educational First Steps, Fort Worth Independent School District, George W. Bush Institute, Get Shift Done, IDEA Public Schools, Leadership Academy Network Schools, Parents’ Leadership Institute, Texas Wesleyan University, The Concilio, The Mentoring Alliance, United Community Centers, and United Way Tarrant County.
When we reflect on the last two years, our thoughts oscillate between heartbreaking and heartwarming events. On one hand, we have observed more death, sickness, social isolation, racial inequity, and economic hardship than at any other point in our lifetimes. On the other, we’ve witnessed more fearlessness, sacrifice, leadership, and resilience than either of us has ever experienced.

After the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020, the Rainwater Charitable Foundation team was fortunate to be able to quickly transition to working remotely. We continued operations and increased grantmaking in pandemic response and recovery. We spent less time on monitoring and evaluation and more time being present with community leaders in service to people who were suffering the most during the pandemic. Here we must acknowledge the heroes across our community who helped feed, protect, teach, counsel, and provide healthcare to those in need.

At the time of this printing, the Rainwater Charitable Foundation has turned 30 years old and now, more than ever, we are excited about the tremendous opportunities for increased dialogue, understanding, innovation and renewal. We chose the theme Resilience and Renewal because, despite the challenges that we face in our world, we are hopeful that brighter days are ahead.

For example, while the world has rightfully focused on fighting the COVID-19 virus, other illnesses such as neurodegenerative diseases continue to affect millions. Research breakthroughs and collaboration are needed urgently now, and we are hopeful that lessons learned in responding to the pandemic, including increased collaboration and technological breakthroughs, can be used to drive further innovation in medical research.

In the education sector, we’ve seen firsthand how students and families have fought to keep up with their academic work, despite harrowing pandemic challenges. Now is the time for institutions, public and private, to work alongside these families to ensure that all children, particularly those experiencing trauma, have access to the resources they need to achieve at high levels.

We continue to be in awe of the leadership and hardworking dedication of the nonprofit sector, as is demonstrated on the pages of this report. However, we realize the nonprofit sector cannot achieve transformational change alone. Government, business, and faith sector leaders have critical roles to play to scale what works and make positive change happen for all.
At the time of this report’s printing, 30 years have passed since Richard E. Rainwater established the Rainwater Charitable Foundation (RCF).

Richard and his long-time friend Suzy Peacock started the foundation’s giving by visiting families that didn’t have much money and helping provide these folks with the things they needed. They soon began to work with the teachers and community leaders who were serving these families and they started learning along the way. Reflecting on these early times, Suzy wrote:

**30 YEARS OF RCF**

We want to work beside our heroes, as part of the team, to be more than just a benefactor, to be a piece of the solution, a sensitive and supportive partner. Richard’s question to them is, “How can we help you do more and better of what you are already doing?” And then we want to listen to them, to hear what they really need...

**Acknowledging a Milestone**

The humility with which they approached philanthropy, understanding that they didn’t have all the answers, is just one of the things that makes us distinctive. Their focus on partnership and impact is yet another. Richard approached philanthropy in the same way he approached his work—with a joyful spirit.

Over the course of Richard’s life, he gave more than $380 million to nonprofit organizations, in addition to leaving nearly all of his assets for charitable purposes. Thirty years in, our focus on learning, partnership, and impact continues as we strive to make a real difference in people’s lives, with a spirit of joy and humility, in each of the areas where we work.
COVID-19 Funding

In 2020, the COVID-19 virus upended human progress in ways reminiscent of big-budget dystopian Hollywood films. Hundreds of thousands died and even more became critically ill as hospitals were overrun across the globe. Schools closed, community institutions were shuttered physically, commerce teetered, and the social fabric of our society was strained in ways that felt apocalyptic to many. The pandemic seemingly erased decades of progress and momentum in education and science, but like all crises, the pandemic also created opportunities to fundamentally leap forward in important ways.

RCF’s COVID-19 initial response was mostly reactive. As large swaths of the economy shut down, the foundation focused its efforts on making funds available to nonprofits who directly served constituents in need in whatever ways were necessary. We tried to prioritize basic needs such as food and shelter, funds to procure desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPE) or funds to pay for critical needs such as childcare.

We connected researchers and other experts with proposals for how to fight the virus with access to funding. We then began a large-scale analysis of the pandemic response in the scientific and clinical research field to identify unmet needs. One early key takeaway from the analysis identified the importance of keeping the public, local governments and other stakeholders informed of COVID-19 prevalence and disease spread in their communities. Another clear need was for identification of and robust clinical trial support for affordable early treatments, specifically for repurposed drugs for COVID-19. In the spring of 2020, we began making grants in this area.

As the reality of the global pandemic hit home, we tried to find ways to simplify our grant processes and increase flexibility amidst unprecedented times and an impossible-to-predict climate. We also partnered with community leaders and elected officials to find ways to solve tangible challenges like how to help essential workers find childcare or how to increase access to life-saving vaccines.

The devastating short- and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic will not be known for another generation, but at the time of this writing, there is reason for hope. American poverty levels are at the lowest point since estimates were first released in 1959, even as American education outcomes are the worst we’ve ever seen. The rise of virtual learning to reach rural and remote people, the use of mRNA technology to create effective COVID-19 vaccines and the proliferation of telehealth options are all advancements accelerated by the pandemic.

These pages are filled with examples of inspiring achievement even during the darkest days of the pandemic which challenge us to find ways to make the COVID-19 crisis an inflection point for greater progress and true transformation going forward.
Local Prevalence Study at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Support / Texas Health Resources

To better characterize the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) exposure and risk factors in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area, RCF supported a study that tested 21,000 people throughout Dallas and Tarrant counties encompassing all racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and population compositions. This study assessed for both active and prior infections through a community and employer-based recruitment strategy. The study documented racial and socioeconomic disparities in COVID-19 prevalence in Dallas and Tarrant counties and identified associations between COVID-19 infection and behavioral risk factors. In addition, the study included a longitudinal cohort to estimate changes in the presence of antibodies in blood tests over time. Early information from these data suggested a demand for expanded interventions to mitigate the spread and morbidity of COVID-19 in certain communities. More importantly, study leaders frequently provided updates to local government officials and key stakeholders to help inform their decision-making throughout the pandemic.

**Key Findings:**

- **PCR+ PERSONS WITH RESOLVED INFECTIONS:** 33%
- **COVID+ PERSONS REPORT NO SYMPTOMS:** 25%
- **EXPRESS VACCINATION HESITANCY:** 25%

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**Find! Childcare**

Throughout the pandemic, frontline workers continued to provide essential healthcare and basic needs services at great risk to themselves and their families. Many of these workers found themselves scrambling to find safe and caring places for their children while they went to work, as schools shuttered. To help solve this challenge, Tarrant County leaders launched the “Best Place for Kids!® Find!” childcare search website to easily connect essential workers with timely information about childcare vacancies. The tool was launched in less than two weeks through a public-private partnership that included foundations, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County area nonprofits, higher education institutions, and technology partners. In April of 2020, Texas expanded this tool as the Frontline Child Care Portal to provide similar childcare search opportunities to frontline workers throughout the state. Find! is now available to all Texas families looking for childcare.
When the pandemic hit, Educational First Steps (EFS) quickly reallocated RCF grant funds to launch the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Fund. This fund provided additional financial support for childcare center owners facing financial strain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. EFS leveraged the foundation’s grant to raise additional funds and ultimately distributed $275,850 in emergency funds to 105 childcare centers. EFS’ timely support helped childcare providers based in lower income communities weather the pandemic’s economic costs during the period before federal funds were received. As a result of this reallocation, childcare centers were able to maintain their classrooms and provide services to children when schools were closed. EFS leadership also provided emotional support for childcare center owners by hosting virtual lunch meetings as a forum for learning and fellowship during a time that was rife with feelings of confusion and isolation.

North Texas Cares

At the onset of the pandemic, leaders from local community foundations, United Ways and private family foundations in North Texas decided to work together in an unprecedented way to rapidly deploy emergency funds to area nonprofits providing services to those most negatively affected by the pandemic. They created North Texas Cares, a collaborative that streamlines the funding process by using a common online grant application and a shared information portal. In addition to the application and portal, these funders met weekly to share information on emerging community needs and to learn from public agencies and research partners. Between April 4 and July 31, grants totaling over $40 million were awarded to 600 area nonprofits.

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SHARE A BABY ALLIANCE   $ 15,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESPONSE

SPRINGBOARD COLLABORATIVE   $ 40,584

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY   $ 59,340

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY   $ 20,000

TOWARDS AN EDUCATION PIONEERS FELLOWSHIP DEDICATED TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

THE BOOT CAMPAIGN, INC.   $ 10,250

TOWARDS INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF A VETERANS HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM.

THE CONCILIO   $ 60,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

THE RISING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST   $ 10,000

CHURCH OF FORT WORTH TEXAS TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

TRUE LOVE SANCTUARY CHURCH HOLY   $ 10,000

SANCTIFIED CHURCH TOWARDS A PANDEMIC RESPONSE FOOD DRIVE.

UNITED WAY OF TARRANT COUNTY   $ 150,700

TOWARDS MAINTAINING CAPACITY TO INFORM AND ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON CRITICAL PANDEMIC RESPONSE ISSUES.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION   $ 80,204

TOWARDS COVID-19 RESEARCH.

VETSTARTS INC   $ 11,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TEXAS, INC.   $ 10,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

WHITEHOUSE ISD   $ 50,000

TOWARDS PROVIDING DIGITAL LEARNING DEVICES AND PPE.

WORLD RELIEF   $ 20,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES IN SOUTH FORT WORTH.

YMACS OF METROPOLITAN FORT WORTH   $ 25,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

Sum of COVID-19 Funding  $ 2,771,333

Leveraging Our Resources

During COVID-19

RCF leveraged non-monetary resources such as staff capacity and community relationships to address critical needs early during the COVID-19 pandemic. RCF team members collaborated with United Way of Tarrant County, nonprofit leaders, local small business owners and county officials to procure and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) among nonprofit partners and the communities they serve. Beyond funding for this and similar efforts, the foundation contributed staff time to support project management and communication, such as surveying nonprofits to confirm the demand for specific types of PPE. RCF partnered with other regional funders to sustain and extend this dialogue with nonprofits by developing additional nonprofit survey tools, analyzing their results, and reporting out to four philanthropic partners to ensure support was aligned with expressed needs. We deeply value the trusted relationships we have with our partners, and we were proud to leverage our network and invest our staff time to promote timely communication and cross-sector collaboration.

Early Treatment Screening at The Scripps Research Institute and Hit Validation Using 3D Lung Models at University of Southern California (USC)

With the goal of finding an FDA-proven safe drug that could be repurposed to treat COVID-19, RCF funds supported in part a large screen of the ReFRAME drug repurposing library established by Calibr in 2018 in collaboration with The Scripps Research Institute. After validation testing, researchers identified over a dozen existing drugs that could be used as potential therapies for COVID-19 to either treat or block SARS-CoV2 infection through anti-viral mechanisms. RCF also supported a lab at USC to validate in 3D lung organoid models several compound hits from the Scripps screen as well as a few additional repurposed compounds that were showing interesting data that suggested potential as an early treatment for COVID-19. Altogether, findings from these studies will continue to inform critical R&D strategies moving forward.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION   $ 89,204

TOWARDS COVID-19 RESEARCH.

WICKSTARTS INC   $ 11,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TEXAS, INC.   $ 10,000

TOWARDS EXPANDING PANDEMIC RESEARCH.

WATERSHED IBD   $ 59,000

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From its inception, the Rainwater Charitable Foundation has been committed to supporting children, with a fundamental belief that a high-quality education can transform the life trajectory of kids, families, and communities. Every child, irrespective of zip code, deserves educational opportunities that can accelerate positive development.

Over the last several years, our focus within education has been on expanding high-quality early learning seats, supporting effective school leadership programs, anchoring school support around coaching and instructional excellence, and scaling the number of high-achieving schools.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed many bright spots within classrooms and schools across the region, yet only modest improvement in academic achievement across districts. The pandemic exacerbated an alarming reality that we’ve seen in almost every analysis: children from the lowest income families have disproportionately lower outcomes, and these same children have had the most difficult time accessing both in-person learning or high-quality virtual alternatives during the pandemic.

Yet amid these challenges, the pandemic propelled organizations to work together in truly innovative ways. Because of the need for widespread remote learning, efforts were made to provide broadband access to families who didn’t have it before – therefore extending learning opportunities and ways to connect with students. Academic and business communities are working together in novel ways to create clearer post-secondary pathways and opportunities for students. And because of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, public education has the opportunity to increase more resources to address needs before the pandemic, as well as those created by the pandemic. The coming months and semesters will be critical for children in underinvested neighborhoods, and we remain committed to working alongside organizations and communities to create positive change for all children.
## 2019 & 2020 Education Giving Summary

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## Charter Schools

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Sum of Charter Schools $2,850,000 1,775,000

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Sum of Collective Impact $600,000 750,000

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**IDEA Public Schools**

In 2000 the first IDEA school (an acronym for “Individuals Dedicated to Excellence and Achievement”) was granted a charter in Donna, Texas. The school was founded as a way to combat the major educational deficiencies the founders believed they witnessed in their students, focusing the program on student achievement and college readiness. IDEA believes that every child, irrespective of background, can go to and succeed in college. IDEA seeks to provide a rigorous academic experience to prepare students to fully realize their hopes and dreams. Since 2017, RCF has supported IDEA to launch three campuses in Tarrant County that will in time serve 1,924 students, with a fourth campus opened in Fall 2021. Ultimately IDEA Tarrant County seeks to serve 15,000 students across ten K–12 campuses within the next seven years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, external support coupled with internal capacity was utilized to provide blended learning opportunities for students to facilitate out-of-school learning, mitigate learning loss, and even accelerate academic achievement.

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**Uplift Education**

Uplift Education, founded by a group of parents who desired public school options outside of their local school districts, seeks to empower students to reach their full potential by taking a holistic approach to academic, social-emotional wellbeing, and development. Uplift has opened 42 campuses across North Texas, leveraging support from the Rainwater Charitable Foundation to establish eight campuses in underserved communities in Fort Worth. Uplift’s two newest campuses, Uplift Ascend Primary and Middle School and Uplift Elevate Primary and Middle School, collectively serve 1,754 students. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, philanthropic support was coupled with internal capacity to provide students with summer learning materials to mitigate learning loss and drive academic achievement.
HIGHLIGHT

EDUCATION

The Commit Partnership

The Commit Partnership (Commit) is a collective impact organization composed of 200+ partners across Dallas County and the state of Texas. Together, Commit cultivates a collaborative educational ecosystem across school systems, higher education institutions, city, county, and state governments, foundations, nonprofits, employers, and workforce agencies.

Commit’s work is organized through three initiatives:

1. Early Matters Dallas, an effort to improve early childhood outcomes
2. Best in Class, a coalition working to increase the number of effective, diverse educators equitably staffed in DFW
3. Dallas County Promise, a partnership to increase postsecondary attainment aligned with workforce needs.

Since 2014, Rainwater Charitable Foundation has supported The Commit Partnership’s initiatives in Dallas as well as efforts to expand the collective impact philosophy across Texas. RCF also partners with the Commit analytics group to regularly review aggregated academic achievement data to deepen our understanding of how funded programs are doing, which initiatives are ready to scale, and how best to serve students, teachers, nonprofit organizations, and families.

The Commit Approach

The 11 Indicators

- Percent of Dallas ISD students who score proficient or above on the STAAR Math and Reading exams
- Percent of Dallas ISD students who score proficient or above on the STAAR Science exam
- Percent of Dallas ISD students graduating on time
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- Funding is for specific programs or initiatives aimed at boosting college readiness and success at various educational institutions and non-profit organizations.
Tarrant To & Through (T3) Partnership

Our economy, both locally and nationally, is at a critical inflection point. In North Texas, 60% of jobs currently require a post-secondary credential (higher education degree or technical certification) while only 39% of adults possess such a credential. On average, only 23% of eighth graders in Tarrant County are attaining a two-year credential or bachelor’s degree from a Texas higher education institution within six years of graduating high school. For those who grow up at or near poverty, only 14% earn a post-secondary credential within six years of high school.

To address this issue, the Rainwater Charitable Foundation along with a group of key community leaders, set out to find leading practices in improving college and career success among students. The intent was to design an initiative unique to Tarrant County, while recognizing and building on the existing resources currently serving our students and families. Based on these learnings, the Tarrant To & Through Partnership (T3) launched in the Fall of 2020 to ensure more students graduate College, Career, and Military Ready (CCMR), removing barriers to postsecondary pathways and empowering more students to persist in their postsecondary pathway of choice. The T3 Partnership is comprised of school districts, colleges, universities, employers, and organizations, and is anchored by a full-time backbone staff focused on serving schools with the highest needs and potential. Key partners include FWISD, Tarrant County College, and Texas Christian University College Advising Corps (TCU CAC).

T3 addresses four key gaps facing students and families in the current education to career pipeline:

1. **Closing the Information Gap**
2. **Closing the Expectation Gap**
3. **Closing the Guidance Gap**
4. **Closing the Financial Aid Gap**

One primary way that T3 seeks to address these gaps is by partnering with TCU College Advising Corps which places post-secondary navigators in high schools to provide one-on-one and small group advising to students and families. These advisors are near-peer students who have recently successfully made the transition from high school to college.

Key goals and metrics include:

- Increasing the number of students graduating college and career-ready
- Increasing the number of students enrolling in a postsecondary pathway
- Increasing the number of students earning a credential or degree
- Increasing the number of students entering the workforce
Dream Big Scholarships

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The program was designed with a particular type of student in mind—a student who:

- Works hard at school, at home and in the community
- Persist in the face of obstacles
- Never allows circumstances to define them
- Has a clear, big vision for their future

Scholars receive personalized and support for their college journey, including:

- ACT/SAT preparation workshops
- Monthly workshops during their senior year of high school related to college applications, financial aid, professional skills and personal development
- Scholarship funds up to $20,000 over four years

The application process is open to juniors at Tarrant County public schools who have a demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles and a proven need for financial assistance. The online application portal is typically open annually during December and January, and selections are made in May. To get involved, or learn more, please visit DreamBigFortWorth.org.

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Arlington Heights High School (Class of 2020)
Texas Woman's University
“I am a determined scholar because I have faith in myself and know I can achieve many great things and help many people along the way.”

LUYIA GAUCIN
North Side High School (Class of 2021)
University of Notre Dame
“I am a determined scholar because I believe that the only obstacle to success is yourself. Embracing the challenges in my life helped me grow as both a person and a student.”

MARVIN GALDAMEZ
North Side High School (Class of 2021)
Stanford University
“I am a determined scholar because I believe that you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to regardless of the obstacles that get in your way.”

LESLY OMENGE
Saint Houston High School (Class of 2021)
Texas Tech University
“I am a determined scholar because I want to prove that you can achieve anything despite the challenges and struggles you’ve faced.”

ISABELLA DIAZ
Southwest High School (Class of 2020)
Texas A&M University
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LLUVIA GAUCIN
North Side High School (Class of 2021)
University of Notre Dame
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BRITTANY MCHENRY
Arlington Heights High School (Class of 2021)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“I am a determined scholar because I want to study to be able to move my family forward and make them proud. I want to study to help make a positive difference in people’s lives.”

ANDREA TORRES
World Languages Institute (Class of 2021)
University of Texas at Arlington
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Early Childhood Education

Texas Rising Star Boost

In 2018, RCF and local leaders (a group dubbed the Early Childhood Education Roundtable) came together to develop innovative public-private solutions that increase the number of children receiving quality-rated early learning experiences.

Through an organized coaching model, the success of the Texas Rising Star Boost program demonstrates the potential for sustainable change through public-private partnerships. Boost graduates not only became quality rated, but they also often entered the TRS system at higher levels and were less likely to lose their quality rating than their non-Boost counterparts.

In 2019, when the Workforce Commission was tasked with reevaluating the state’s quality rating and improvement system for childcare, Boost served as an example of ways that the system could be modified to increase access to quality childcare. Texas Workforce Commission ultimately approved expanded access to TRS coaching for childcare providers that had previously been ineligible and cited the Boost program in their recommendations for this change.
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### Parent Leadership Institute

Parents are a child’s first teachers and best advocates. Yet the education system, particularly the early-learning system, can be challenging for parents and families to navigate, especially those from historically marginalized communities. The Early Learning Alliance (ELA) and the National Center on Family Learning (NCFL) recognized that to bring about change to systems that will benefit families, decision-making should include parents’ voices. As a result, the first Tarrant County Parent Leadership Institute was launched in 2019 to empower parents through increased systems knowledge and opportunities for collaboration with nonprofit and public agency initiatives. The parent leadership program featured sessions on early-childhood systems, asset mapping and public speaking. Parent groups worked on capstone projects that focused on resource sharing, water and transportation safety, and services for children with special needs. The program continued throughout the pandemic as parents collaborated virtually to create a Parent Leader Advisory Council for the Early Learning Alliance and served as a community of support for each other. In addition, NCFL hosted workshops for various early-learning community organizations to better prepare them to embrace and collaborate with parent leaders.
As the FWCP continues to learn and evolve, we are grateful for the partnership with NTC and for FWISD’s commitment to supporting teachers through the key levers of effective instructional coaching shown to positively impact student achievement:

- Ongoing, professional learning to expose coaches and school leaders to best practices in instruction
- In-field coaching providing immediate, on-the-job guidance and feedback for teachers
- Professional learning communities to promote peer learning among coaches
- Evaluation and consultation to ensure fidelity of implementation

**HIGHLIGHT**

**EDUCATION**

**Fort Worth Children’s Partnership Instructional Coaching**

The Fort Worth Children’s Partnership (FWCP) is a collaborative effort between the Rainwater Charitable Foundation, Fort Worth ISD, and other community partners designed to improve student outcomes in the schools that are most in need of academic improvement. In 2019, RCF made a gift to the New Teacher Center (NTC) to continue support of a key strategy to raise academic achievement.

The New Teacher Center is an organization dedicated to improving student learning by focusing on teacher induction and coaching which has been proven to accelerate the effectiveness of teachers and school leaders. The grant to NTC made it possible to embed over 30 instructional coaches in FWCP schools focused on supporting teachers through a robust professional development plan.

After the successful implementation of the NTC model during the 2018-2019 school year, FWISD made the strategic decision to invest additional dollars and expand the NTC model across the entire school district for 2019-2020. This adoption by the district allowed for all instructional coaches in the district to learn and receive best-in-class professional development in supporting teachers. Based on a survey of FWISD teachers at the end of the school year, the teachers responded with an average score of 4.4 (scale of 1-5) regarding how likely they were to apply the learnings from their instructional coaches to their teaching practices.
## Education Funding

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**Leadership Academies**

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Sum of Leadership Academies $2,051,251 $2,285,329

**Other Education Funding**

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Sum of Other Education Funding $185,000 $270,000

The Leadership Academy Network (LAN) Partnership

In 2018, the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) created five leadership academy schools to transform these historically under-performing traditional elementary schools. The transformational model began with recruiting the best possible educators for students attending these struggling schools. By relentlessly focusing on strong leadership, additional instruction time, and after-school programming during the week, all five schools came off the Improvement Required list in Texas. In 2019, FWISD sought to take advantage of new state legislation (SB-1882) and partnered with Texas Wesleyan University to create the Leadership Academy Network. The partnership allowed the turnaround efforts to be sustained and also provided additional resources as well as operational autonomy for the LAN. Together they continued to drive academic excellence and social-emotional development to become incubators of innovation for FWISD. RCF is proud to support this ground-breaking partnership and the promising practices that have emerged from these and other SB-1882 schools. It is our hope that these schools’ innovative practices will impact the lives of students and families around the nation.
Fort Worth ISD
Family-Centric Schools

In Fall 2019, two Fort Worth ISD schools began implementing a set of practices designed to honor, connect, and offer shared decision-making with families. Informed by research conducted jointly by RCF and FWISD, Oakhurst Elementary and Eastern Hills Elementary embraced a “family-centric” school model, including the following components:

- Multiple, fulltime, family-focused staff, including a Family & Community Partnerships Manager to oversee family outreach and integrated family-focused programming and a Student Success Coordinator to review quantitative and qualitative data to inform holistic success plans for students.
- Dedicated space for family programming and relationship-building known as the Family Opportunity Center.
- Supportive staff practices, including:
  - Academic Parent-Teacher Teams – a strategic supplement to traditional parent-teacher conferences with school-wide events, active participation by students, and data-informed conversations to help families support learning at home.
  - More frequent, two-way communication between school staff and families including at least six positive contacts throughout the year, opportunities for dialogue with school leadership, and home visiting strategies.
- Programming that is responsive to stated family needs such as GED/ESL classes in partnership with Tarrant County College and dual-generation nonprofit programs such as AVANCE INC and Abriendo Puertas.

While the pandemic significantly disrupted the momentum from the first year of implementation, it also revealed the extent to which school staff built meaningful trust with families and stronger systems for outreach and communication. Oakhurst and Eastern Hills Elementary Schools were well-positioned to offer support to families in 2020, as evidenced by the successful launch of a porch visiting program in partnership with MHMR and Read Fort Worth at both campuses. Family-centric practices contributed to measurable outcomes—preliminary data suggests that the negative impact of the pandemic on student attendance has been buffered at these schools relative to peer schools.

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Sum of Out-of-School Time & Literacy & Enrichment: $1,935,000

Rose City Camps

The Mentoring Alliance’s Rose City Summer camp seeks to combine fun and learning through a 10-week, full-day summer camp for kindergarten through 6th-grade students. By partnering with local school districts, the camps are held at school facilities which creates a cost-effective model, while also meeting the significant space needs of a summer camp serving several hundred students. Rose City Camps combine traditional summer camp workers who are often college students, with certified teachers from the local district to staff the program. The partnership with the school district also allows the camps to access academic data for students and then provide the appropriate academic supports for each student. Complementing the academic and character-building components of the curriculum, a wide variety of fun and engaging physical activities focuses on the health and wellness for students. RCF funding is critical to maintaining an affordable rate for families as the fees are based on individual family income.
George W. Bush Institute School Leadership Initiative

Since 2016, RCF has supported the George W. Bush Institute School Leadership Initiative to improve how school districts prepare, recruit, support, and retain principals. The effort involved developing two well-researched frameworks, assembling a cohort of four districts to test the frameworks, and documenting findings to share with the broader field of education.

**Key facets of the approach included:**

- Peer learning through multi-district, team-based convenings and expert coaching
- Customized strategy development to improve principal talent management (see framework at right). Some districts took a top-down approach and began by redefining the role of the principal supervisor and other central office capacities. Others took a pipeline approach and began with an overhaul of principal preparation, recruitment, and selection.
- An Effective Implementation framework to advise districts on practical actions needed to change systems and processes, recognizing that a strategy is only as good as the implementation practices that support it.

**Participating Districts:**

- Fort Worth ISD (Fort Worth, TX)
- Austin ISD (Austin, TX)
- Chesterfield County Public Schools (Richmond, VA)
- Granite School District (Salt Lake City, UT)
## Teacher Pipeline and Development

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## School Leadership

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**Sum of School Leadership**: $ 655,212 (2019) $ 488,000 (2020)
## Additional Education Funding

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**TOTAL FOR EDUCATION FUNDING** $25,877,165
Medical Research Funding

Despite a brief pause in research during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the momentum of tauopathy research continues with greater connectivity throughout the field than ever before.

In partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and CurePSP in early 2020, RCF co-hosted the inaugural Tau Global Conference, an open symposium which attracted over 600 scientists, drug developers and funders from around the world. At the conference, the first Rainwater Prizes were conferred to two scientists in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the study of neurodegeneration. We are currently working with our partners to organize a second Tau Global Conference to be held in 2022.

New research partnerships were also formed in 2019 and 2020, including the Multi-Partner Consortium for Serrata Research in Latin America and a new round of PIPETE grants (Philanthropic Investments in PET TracEr) funded jointly with the Michael J. Fox Foundation. As summarized in this report, other notable scientific achievements have been made thanks to the collaborative efforts of many of our funded scientists.

Additional alliances during the past two years have resulted in more translational research to advance treatments and therapies toward the clinic. The foundation formed a new partnership with The Alborada Drug Discovery Institute at Cambridge University to support our growing drug discovery portfolio, with more initiatives like this planned in the coming years. A new round of Tau Pipeline Enabling (T-PEP) grants awarded with the Alzheimer’s Association resulted in the funding of eight new programs aimed at accelerating translation of new potential therapies.

After twelve years and more than $145 million invested, RCF remains committed to funding novel basic research, drug discovery and clinical trials. In addition, RCF is creating tools and infrastructure to enable researchers to advance their neurodegenerative disease programs. We continue to work with patient advocacy groups, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), other funders, and pharmaceutical companies to advance treatments for patients and families affected by tauopathies.
What is Tau and why focus on Tauopathies?

The tau protein is present in the brains of healthy people, but its abnormal accumulation is associated with the development and progression of Alzheimer’s Disease (AD), Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), and more than twenty other serious neurodegenerative diseases.

Collectively, these diseases are called “tauopathies.” Pure tauopathies (e.g., PSP) are diseases where abnormal tau seems to be the primary pathology, while in secondary tauopathies (e.g., Alzheimer’s), there may be other proteins that are aggregating in addition to tau.

As part of normal biological function, proteins in the body fold into different shapes to perform specific tasks. When these proteins are no longer needed, they are broken down and recycled by the cell. In many neurodegenerative diseases, mutations and other cellular events alter the normal folding process, and the misfolded proteins begin to accumulate. The accumulation of tau is thought to disrupt normal cellular function and lead to the dysfunction and death of neurons.

Due to its misfolded state being a consistent component of so many incurable neurodegenerative diseases, studying and potentially targeting tau dysfunction is an important focus for the development of new treatments in this field. Progressive Supranuclear Palsy is a relatively rare disease, but because it is a pure tauopathy, many scientists believe finding treatments for PSP may be an important step to curing a wide range of other neurodegenerative diseases.

The Tau Consortium

The Tau Consortium is an innovative medical research program that was launched in 2009 by the Rainwater Charitable Foundation. The Consortium currently consists of approximately 46 funded researchers at 25 prestigious academic research institutions. These academic scientists work to make discoveries to understand everything from the biology of tau’s normal function to its dysfunction in aging and disease. The Consortium also helps academic researchers translate their discoveries into novel therapeutics for tauopathies. Integral to the Tau Consortium’s philosophy is collaboration—members must work with each other and with external partners with the aim of accelerating their progress.

Major advances have consistently been achieved using this model. During the early years of the Tau Consortium, our funded researchers have identified a key risk gene involved in tauopathies, discovered radically new disease mechanisms, and developed stem cell and other relevant models to enable drug discovery efforts. So far, we’ve contributed to eight programs which have put treatments into clinical trials and have a growing list of over twenty more programs in the pipeline. Increasingly, the Tau Consortium is internationally recognized as a leader in the field. The following pages highlight the various research projects taking place around the world.
2019 & 2020 Medical Research Giving Summary

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As 2019 marked the tenth anniversary of the Tau Consortium’s founding, our group of funded investigators, lab fellows, nonprofit partners and agency partners convened in San Diego to share recent findings and discuss critical developments in the field.

Special presentations included sessions about mouse models in frontotemporal dementia (FTD), CRISPR for tauopathies, and DNA drug therapy for ALS/FTD. The gathering also included the Tau Consortium’s first poster session to highlight the work of the next generation of tau researchers, during which more than 30 fellows presented their methods and outcomes to the meeting’s participants. A special commemoration was hosted by the trustees, which included a bay cruise reception for all the funded investigators, lab fellows, and nonprofit partners.

The year 2020 kicked off with a full week of meetings and events in Washington, D.C., beginning with a one-day focused TCI meeting with special topics that included innovations in tau models, clinical perspectives on cohorts and biomarkers, drug discovery, and PET imaging. This agenda served as a strong platform to spotlight the investigators’ latest findings before the group took part in the Tau 2020 Global Conference, which was organized in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and CurePSP.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tau Consortium organized its second convening in 2020 as a virtual meeting with more than 240 participants joining to learn about the latest work of the stem cell, drug discovery, and clinical readiness groups. Highlight lectures by Michael Heneka, PhD and Sjors Scheres, PhD presented their innovative studies of NLRP3 Inflammasome Activation and Cryo-EM Structures of Tau Filaments (respectively).
The Tau Consortium Scientific Advisory Board

We’d like to offer special thanks to our Tau Consortium Scientific Advisory Board members: research leaders from around the world who help to guide our scientific research and strategic initiatives.

Eric J. Nestler, MD, PhD is the Nash Family Professor of Neuroscience, Director of The Friedman Brain Institute, and Dean for Academic and Scientific Affairs at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In 2017, he served as the President of the Society for Neuroscience, the largest organization of doctors devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system. Dr. Nestler has served on the Tau Consortium’s Scientific Advisory Board since 2012 and currently serves as its Chair.

James E. Audia, PhD currently serves as the Executive Director of the Chicago Biomedical Consortium. He is the former Chief Scientific Officer of Constellation Pharmaceuticals, where he continues to serve as a board member. Earlier in his career, Dr. Audia spent more than 20 years at Eli Lilly, where he was named a Distinguished Lilly Scholar (the highest rung on the company’s scientific ladder). He joined the Tau Consortium’s Scientific Advisory Board in 2014.

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Maria Grazia Spillantini, PhD is Professor of Molecular Neurology at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. An elected Fellow of The Royal Society, she is credited with many important discoveries in the understanding of Parkinson’s disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, and frontotemporal dementia. Dr. Spillantini joined the Tau Consortium’s Scientific Advisory Board in 2018.

Hui Zheng, PhD is the Director of the Huffington Center on Aging at the Baylor College of Medicine, where she also holds multiple appointments as a Professor of Genetics, Molecular Cellular/Developmental Biology, and Neuroscience. She is a leader in the field of Alzheimer’s Disease research. Dr. Zheng joined the Tau Consortium’s Scientific Advisory Board in 2018.
Poster sessions.

We congratulate all the fellows who participated in the poster sessions, during which these young researchers present their work and learn from the leading tau researchers in the field. 2019 marked the first of the fellows’ bi-annual poster sessions, in which these young researchers present their work to TC participants.

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Clinical Trials and Biomarkers

ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI
Researcher: John Crary, MD, PhD
Identifying Early Clinical and Molecular Phenotypes in Tauopathies.

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ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI
Researcher: John Crary, MD, PhD

FORESTANO, ITALY
ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI
Researcher: John Crary, MD, PhD
Post-mortem diagnosis of tauopathy.

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New Tauopathies Biobanking Initiative

CurePSP, Association for Frontotemporal Dementia (AFTD) and RCF have joined together to support an initiative to establish a federated network of brain banks that will enable increased access to tissue samples for researchers as they work to make discoveries and bring effective treatments to patients with tauopathies like frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).

“Despite substantial efforts within the neuropathology community, there remains an unmet need for centralized, streamlined, and efficient access to high-quality and well-characterized tissue samples from patients with FTD spectrum disease,” said Dr. William Seeley, Professor of Neurology and Pathology at the University of California San Francisco and lead scientist driving the collaboration. “Efforts to meet this need will require the sustained engagement, expertise, and material resources of FTD-specialized brain banks.”

The four biobanks that have come together for this initiative include the Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, led by Dr. John Crary; Boston University School of Medicine, led by Dr. Ann McKee; Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, led by Dr. Dennis Dickson; and the University of California San Francisco, led by Drs. William Seeley and Lea Grinberg.
Dr. Judith Steen

Tau protein changes form over time, so one drug may not be enough. Judith Steen, PhD (Boston-Children’s Hospital) and her colleagues have reported that pathological tau changes its form as neurodegeneration progresses, which suggests that it could take multiple drugs (a cocktail) to target each of these forms in order to halt the disease. Dr. Steen’s team found that tau undergoes a series of post-translational, chemical modifications in a stepwise process that correlates with disease state and severity, with step one being the addition of a single phosphate to tau. Dr. Steen’s paper was published in Cell in November 2020.
Tau Consortium Drug Discovery Institutes

The “valley of death” (i.e., the time, money, coordination, and rigor that it takes to develop preclinical discoveries into clinical-state therapeutics) is often what kills promising scientific research. Effective drug discovery and development requires the interdisciplinary expertise of chemists, biologists, and pharmacologists to deliver clinical candidates that can progress into actual treatments.

Through partnerships with Drug Discovery Institutes (DDIs) and Contract Research Organizations (CROs), the Tau Consortium is attempting to bridge the valley of death by supporting researchers with funding and integrated drug discovery teams and services that cover all aspects of drug discovery and development.

In 2019, RCF entered into a strategic collaboration with Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (CRL), whereby CRL provides the Tau Consortium with integrated drug discovery expertise, infrastructure and services to help accelerate academic research into robust drug development efforts. In 2020, we entered into a strategic alliance with the Alborada Drug Discovery Institute at Cambridge University (Alborada), an organization that is part of the Alzheimer’s Research UK Drug Discovery Alliance. This alliance works to accelerate the discovery of novel, effective therapeutics for Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative diseases. The Alborada team couples the deep disease knowledge of the academic community with high-quality, innovative drug discovery technologies. Our investigators are encouraged to enter into collaboration with Alborada scientists to accelerate their drug discovery programs funded by the Tau Consortium.
The Tau Pipeline Enabling Program (T-PEP)

The Tau Pipeline Enabling Program (T-PEP), a partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association, seeks to accelerate the development of potential new therapies for tauopathies. T-PEP facilitates the translation of innovative but resource-constrained strategies into practical therapeutic programs that can ultimately progress into human clinical trials. T-PEP uses a milestone-based funding model and is open to all U.S. and international interdisciplinary teams at academic institutions as well as small companies.

In 2020, T-PEP selected eight awardees to receive a combined $4M from a pool of 100+ outstanding U.S. and international applicants.

Daniel Chain, PhD
TauC3 Biologics Limited
(London, United Kingdom)
TauC3: A Key Tauopathy Culprit and an Antibody to Mitigate its Effects.

Matthew Disney, PhD
The Scripps Research Institute
(Jupiter, FL)
Reducing Tau Burden by Targeting its RNA with Small Molecules.

Jeff Friedman, MD, PhD
DTx Pharma, LLC
(San Diego, CA)
Safe and Effective Delivery of MSUT2 siRNA for Treatment of Tauopathy.

Kenneth S. Kosik, MD
University of California, Santa Barbara
(Santa Barbara, CA)
Farnesyl Transferase Inhibitors to Treat Tauopathies.

Janice Kranz, PhD
Eikonizo Therapeutics, Inc.
(Cambridge, MA)
HDAC6 Inhibitors to Treat Tauopathies: Proof of Mechanism.

Albert La Spada, MD, PhD
University of California, Irvine
(Irvine, CA)
Evaluation of PPAR-delta Against Tauopathy: A Treatment for Tauopathy.

Stephen Haggarty, PhD
Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA)
Bifunctional Tau Degraders as a Novel Therapeutic Strategy for Tauopathy.

Janice Kranz, PhD
Eikonizo Therapeutics, Inc.
(Cambridge, MA)
HDAC6 Inhibitors to Treat Tauopathies: Proof of Mechanism.

Patrik Verstreken, PhD
VIB
(Leuven, Belgium)
Therapeutic Strategies to Target Tau-Synaptogyrin 3 Interaction.
Mechanisms & Models

Drs. Holtzman and Bateman develop PrecivityAD™

On November 30th, 2020, PrecivityAD™, the first blood test to help diagnose Alzheimer’s Disease, was released on the commercial market by C2N Diagnostics. Though not yet FDA approved, the tool allows clinicians to screen for amyloid beta and ApoE isoforms in blood. The test must be analyzed in a lab by mass spectrometry, but claims 89–98% accuracy. Tau Consortium members developed PrecivityAD™, releasing on the commercial market by C2N Diagnostics. Though not yet FDA approved, the tool allows clinicians to screen for amyloid beta and ApoE isoforms in blood. The test must be analyzed in a lab by mass spectrometry, but claims 89–98% accuracy. Tau Consortium members developed PrecivityAD™, releasing on the commercial market by C2N Diagnostics.
The PIPETTE Consortium

The PIPETTE Consortium (Philanthropic Investments in PET Tracers) is a funding partnership with The Michael J. Fox Foundation. PIPETTE encourages the development of novel 4R tau and alpha-synuclein PET imaging tracers for primary non-Alzheimer’s tauopathies, Parkinson’s disease, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and other neurodegenerative diseases.

The PIPETTE collaboration seeks to pool ideas, expertise, and resources of the two partner foundations to enable the improved diagnosis and treatment of these disorders. High affinity PET tracers that can recognize the 4R tau filaments found in PSP and CBD from the 3R tau filament in Pick’s disease would allow clinicians not only to detect abnormal protein build-up in the brains of patients, but also to pinpoint location and quantify abundance.

In 2020, the first tau PET agent, TAUVID (flortaucipir, 18F-AV-1451), received FDA approval as diagnostic tool for Alzheimer’s Disease (AD). TAUVID binds indiscriminately to 3R tau and 4R tau, the forms of the tau protein found in the neurofibrillary tangles found in AD. TAUVID was developed by Avid Radiopharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Eli Lilly. RCF’s funding of Dr. Rabinovici’s work enabled critical data for TAUVID as a PET agent.

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PhD
University of Pittsburgh

Neil Vasdev,
PhD
University of Toronto

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research

The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated toacceleriating new treatments and curing Parkinson’s disease through excellence in research, education, and patient support. The Foundation is the world’s leading source of investment in research focused on finding a workable treatment and cure for Parkinson’s disease. The Foundation funds scores of innovative research projects each year through a competitive review process and is always looking for the next big idea. The Foundation funds over 200 research projects at institutions around the world.”

For more information, please visit the Michael J. Fox Foundation website at michaeljfox.org.
In 2020, the Rainwater Charitable Foundation, Alzheimer’s Association, and CurePSP co-sponsored the inaugural Tau Global Conference in Washington, D.C. In launching this open, international conference, our goal was to provide a forum for academic, industry, philanthropic, and government stakeholders to:

- Raise awareness and attract more funding to tau research
- Attract more talent to the study of tauopathies, particularly young researchers
- Increase alignment and collaboration around the remaining challenges in tau research

With more than 600 attendees from six continents and all sectors of the ecosystem, the Tau 2020 Global Conference was a tremendous success.
Richard Rainwater understood that the research that the Rainwater Charitable Foundation was funding might not be able to help him directly, but would inevitably lead to better treatments for patients in the future.

When he was physically able, Richard loved to attend research meetings, and always left inspired by brilliant science and the power of collaboration. Before his passing, Richard designated additional funds that would be dedicated to the individual/s anywhere in the world, chiefly responsible for the discoveries that lead to effective treatments for tauopathies.

The objective of the Rainwater Prizes is to encourage and accelerate scientific progress toward new treatments for neurodegenerative diseases by:

1. Enhancing awareness of the critical gaps in neurodegenerative research
2. Attracting researchers to work on tauopathies
3. Awarding scientific achievements that lead to new treatments for PSP

Launched in 2018, the Rainwater Prize Program aims to fuel scientific discovery and, through the Rainwater Prizes, has four categories:

- **The Rainwater Prize for Outstanding Innovation in Neurodegenerative Research** Awarded annually to a scientist who has made seminal discoveries in neurodegenerative disease research.
- **The Rainwater Prize for Innovative Early-Career Scientists** Awarded annually to an early career scientist within 10 years of transitioning to an independent investigator academic position and who has made promising discoveries in neurodegenerative disease research.
- **The Rainwater Milestone Prize for Advances in Tauopathy Research** Million-dollar awards for scientists who address key needs of the field of tauopathy research.
- **The Rainwater Breakthrough Prize for Effective Treatments in PSP** Multimillion-dollar awards to the individual/s chiefly responsible for finding a cure for progressive supranuclear palsy.

The very first prize winners were announced in the fall of 2019 with a ceremony celebrating the winners in February 2020.
Dr. Michel Goedert and Dr. Patrick Hsu named inaugural recipients of the Rainwater Prize

Dr. Michel Goedert
Programme Leader at the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England, UK

Dr. Michel Goedert, Programme Leader at the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England, UK first made a name for himself by showing that tau is an integral component of the paired helical filaments of Alzheimer’s disease and discovering the six tau isoforms that are expressed in the human brain. He has since helped establish the idea that the abnormal assembly of tau protein is central to tauopathies, and along with his colleagues, identified one of the first mutations in MAPT (the gene that encodes tau) that causes inherited frontotemporal dementia in humans.

“IT IS AN HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS WHO UNDERSTAND THE CRITICAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE TAU PROTEIN IN MANY NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES,” SAID DR. GOEDERT. “WITH THIS PRIZE, MY GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER RESEARCHERS TO JOIN US IN FURTHER EXPLORING THE ROOT CAUSES OF THESE DISEASES AND EVENTUALLY TO PARTNER IN DEVELOPING NOVEL METHODS FOR PREVENTION OF DISEASE.”
Dr. Patrick Hsu
Assistant Professor in the Department of Bioengineering at UC Berkeley

Dr. Patrick Hsu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Bioengineering at UC Berkeley, is a rising star in the field of genome engineering. During his graduate training at Harvard University, Dr. Hsu performed some of the earliest studies with CRISPR-Cas9, a technology that enables geneticists and medical researchers to edit parts of the genome by altering its DNA sequence. At the Salk Institute, his lab discovered RNA-targeting CRISPR systems that enabled recognition and control over RNAs in living cells. He used his new tool to target MAPT RNAs to correct splicing imbalances associated with frontotemporal dementia. At Berkeley, he plans to focus on expanding the capabilities of RNA-based CRISPR systems and studying genetic defects that can cause neurodegenerative risk.

"The Rainwater Prize is a special honor that inspires my team to continue creating new technologies that could impact brain disorders," said Dr. Hsu. "The devastation of neurodegenerative disease became apparent at an early age when I witnessed my grandfather suffer from mild cognitive impairment followed by Alzheimer’s disease—an experience that ultimately inspired me to dedicate my career to science.... By collaborating with researchers across industries, I’ve learned that we can all benefit from inspiring – and pushing – each other to go further, faster."
Rainwater Prize Committee

We’d like to offer special thanks to our founding Rainwater Prize selection committee, well-established research leaders from around the world, who support the Rainwater Prize program independent of the foundation’s grantmaking efforts in order to encourage broad, and truly open, participation from the scientific community.

Richard Camarda, MD, MPH, FACSM was the 17th Surgeon General of the United States and now serves as Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Professor of Surgery and Pharmacy at The University of Arizona. In addition to service on several advisory and board positions, Dr. Camarda has taken on key civic roles during the pandemic to respond to ongoing challenges in the country including becoming the senior health advisor for COVID-19 matters in Arizona to the governor. Dr. Camarda serves as founding chair of the Arizona COVID-19 Advisory Committee and has contributed greatly to the mission and outreach strategy for the program.

Luc Buee, PhD is the Director of the Lille Neuroscience & Cognition research center in Lille, France and serves as President of the French Society of Neurosciences (Societe des Neurosciences). Dr. Buee is well known for his involvement in the initial characterization of tau aggregates among several neurodegenerative diseases and has expanded his efforts into better understanding the role of post-translational modifications in tau aggregation. Dr. Buee joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

Roxana Carare, MD, PhD is Professor of Clinical Neuroanatomy and the Equality and Diversity lead at the University of Southampton in the UK. Dr. Carare is most known for her work characterizing lymphatic drainage pathways to understand how fluid and soluble amyloid are cleared from the brain, naturally and how this functionality can change during disease progression in hopes of manipulating these drainage pathways to improve amyloid clearance. Dr. Carare joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

Luc Buee, PhD

Maria Carrillo, PhD is the Chief Science Officer of the Alzheimer’s Association. Dr. Carrillo is well-known for her leadership in lobbying both the public and private sector for increased funding for Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. In addition to these efforts, Dr. Carrillo is a pioneer in the early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease which could lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. Dr. Carrillo has paused her grant review service on the Tau Consortium scientific advisory board to join the Rainwater Prize selection committee since late 2018.

Howard Feldman, MD, FRCP is a clinical neurologist and serves as Professor of Neurosciences at the University of California, San Diego and as Director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Cooperative Study (ADCS) since 2016. Dr. Feldman is known for his contributions to the discovery of progranulin and C9ORF72 mutations which cause frontotemporal dementia (FTD). Dr. Feldman was also involved in important re-conceptualization of Alzheimer’s disease which could lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. Dr. Feldman has paused his grant review service on the Tau Consortium scientific advisory board to join the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

Howard Feldman, MD, FRCP

Irene Litvan, MD is Professor of Neurology and the Taich Endowed Chair of Parkinson’s Disease Research, and Director of the Movement Disorder Center at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Litvan also serves as Chief Editor of Frontiers in Neurology, and is a Fellow of the American Neurological Association and the American Academy of Neurology. Dr. Litvan is well known for her efforts in improving diagnostic criteria for parkinsonian neurodegenerative disorders. Dr. Litvan joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

Irene Litvan, MD

Leonard Petrucelli, PhD is the Ralph B. and Ruth K. Abrams Professor and Chair of the Department of Neuroscience at the Mayo College of Medicine and Science in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Petrucelli is known for his work to uncover cellular mechanisms that cause abnormal protein aggregation in Alzheimer’s disease, frontotemporal dementia (FTD), and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and serves on several advisory boards including his position as Chief Scientific Advisor of Target ALS. Dr. Petrucelli joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

Leonard Petrucelli, PhD

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Dr. Buee joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019. Dr. Buee is well known for his role in understanding how fluid and soluble amyloid are cleared from the brain, naturally and how this functionality can change during disease progression in hopes of manipulating these drainage pathways to improve amyloid clearance. Dr. Carare joined the Rainwater Prize selection committee in 2019.

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In 2020, we lost Dr. Peter Davies, a giant in the field of tau research, a partner in the creation of the Rainwater Prize Program, and most important, a friend and mentor to so many.

Peter's accomplishments, both as a scientist and mentor, have far reaching impact on the field of tau research. The Rainwater Charitable Foundation team was fortunate to know him as a mentor, advisor, and Rainwater Prize Selection Committee member. Peter’s wisdom and leadership helped us build an incredible program together, and his influence can be seen in every aspect of how we operate the Rainwater Prize Program.

Peter received numerous awards and honors during his lifetime, including the City of New York Liberty Medal, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Congress on Alzheimer’s Disease, the first Metropolitan Life Foundation Prize, and the Forder Prize. He is best known for his studies of tau pathology in Alzheimer’s disease and for the production, characterization and use of monoclonal antibodies to tau proteins that have been crucial not only for basic research discoveries, but also for tissue diagnosis and neuropathologic studies of Alzheimer’s disease.

In his final years, Peter was instrumental in the conceptualization and launch of the Rainwater Prize program, and also in the leadership of the first-ever Tau Global conference, a collaboration between RCF, CurePSP and the Alzheimer’s Association.

We owe Dr. Davies an immense debt of gratitude for his dedication to the field of tau, and for his contributions in getting us closer to effective treatments for patients suffering from these devastating neurodegenerative diseases.
In addition to our Education and Medical Research Funding focus areas, RCF supports many organizations whose good works range from providing school infrastructure and instruction for students in Africa, to working to ensure that formerly incarcerated individuals make a smooth transition back into productive society. Working in areas such as homelessness prevention and mental health, these organizations work with the most vulnerable and often overlooked populations in our community. They re-empower people and give them opportunities to fully participate in society, and in the process make our community stronger.
Bridge2Rwanda

For the last twenty years, Rwanda has been one of the world’s fastest developing countries. It has become a model of successful nation-building and has been recognized for its remarkable improvements in security, healthcare, education, infrastructure, tourism, and gender equality. Nevertheless, over 70% of Rwanda’s 12 million population (1.7 million households) still earn their livelihood as subsistence farmers. The average farm is less than two acres, and for many, food security remains a challenge.

Founded in 2007, Bridge2Rwanda was founded to create more opportunities for Africa’s young talent to use their skills, experience, and passion to embrace the continent’s greatest challenges and accelerate Rwanda’s economic growth.

RFF’s 2019 and 2020 grants to Bridge2Rwanda helped to fund B2R Scholars attending the gap-year Leadership Academy in Kigali, helped to scale BREGU Career Services, an initiative to assist talented young Rwandans find jobs and internships with employers in Africa, and to support B2R Farms, an effort to mobilize a new generation of educated young people to become agriculture entrepreneurs.
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<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Towards membership.</td>
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<td>Prism Health</td>
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<td>Towards endowment fund to support cancer programs.</td>
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<td>San Antonio Counseling Center of East Texas, Inc.</td>
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<td>Saving Hope Foundation</td>
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<td>Dallas Social Venture Partners</td>
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<td>Stand Up to Lea</td>
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<td>Towards a ministry grant to build volunteer support.</td>
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<td>Mastodons Society, Inc.</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>Towards general operations and organizational expansion.</td>
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<td>Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County</td>
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<td>Unity Unlimited, Inc.</td>
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<td>Wings of Hope/Outreach</td>
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**Sum of Other Foundation Funding:** $2,629,562

### Other Miscellaneous Gifts

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**Sum of Other Miscellaneous Gifts:** $280,000
### Statements of Financial Position

#### December 31, 2020 and 2019

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### Statements of Activities

#### Years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**Change in net assets from operating activities—before contributions** 123,675,591 | 111,507,554 |

**Contributions from Estate Trust 6,666,667 | 12,100,000 |

**Change in net assets from operating activities—after contributions** 130,342,258 | 123,607,554 |

**Net assets at beginning of year** 1,027,555,064 | 903,947,510 |

**Net assets at end of year** $ 1,157,897,322 | $1,027,555,064 |

**AUDITED FINANCIALS**