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**Presentation of $117,000 in annual grants helps**

**Cox Charities surpass $2 million giving milestone**

Cox Charities, the philanthropic arm of Cox Communications in Las Vegas, presented $97,000 in grants to 26 local nonprofit organizations on Wed., August 21.

Cox also presented $20,000 in “surprise” grants to longtime nonprofit partners The Animal Foundation, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas Philharmonic and Salvation Army who each received $5,000. Collectively, Cox Charities has awarded more than $2 million to local nonprofits over the past 12 years.

“We’re exceptionally proud to support local nonprofits whose mission is to serve children/families, education/STEAM programs, diversity and the environment,” said Michael F. Bolognini, market vice president and leader. “What is even more exceptional is the fact that these grants are funded entirely by employee donations.”

Employees of Cox Communications, Cox Business and Cox Media presented the 2019 Cox Charities grants during a bi-annual employee gathering that celebrates Cox employees’ commitment to caring for the Las Vegas community through charitable giving.

**Cox Charities 2019 Grant Recipients**

1. **The Animal Foundation, $5,000\* ($2M milestone grant)**
2. Angels of Las Vegas, $3,500
3. Children’s Heart Foundation, $5,000
4. Communities in Schools of Nevada, $2,500
5. DISCOVERY Children’s Museum, $2,500
6. FEAT of Southern Nevada, $5,000
7. FIRST Nevada, $5,000
8. Friends in the Desert Foundation, $2,000
9. Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring, $2,000
10. JAG Nevada, $2,000
11. Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada, $4,830
12. Kline Veteran’s Fund, $3,000
13. Las Vegas Clark County Library District Foundation, $2,500
14. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation, $3,000
15. **Las Vegas Natural History Museum, $5,000\* ($2M milestone grant)**
16. **Las Vegas Philharmonic $5,000\* ($2M milestone grant)**
17. Miracle Flights, $5,000
18. Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, $5,000
19. Nevada Child Seekers, $5,000
20. Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, $5,000
21. Noah’s Animal House, $1,000
22. Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation, $2,500
23. **Salvation Army, $5,000\* ($2M milestone grant)**
24. Spread the Word Nevada, $5,000
25. The Just One Project, $5,000
26. The Public Education Foundation (PEF), $5,000
27. The Shade Tree, $4,984
28. Three Square, $5,000
29. Variety of Southern Nevada, $4,500
30. Vegas PBS, $1,186

**About Cox Charities**

Cox Charities is the philanthropic giving arm of Cox Communications, Las Vegas. It is an employee-driven and resourced community giving initiative that provides annual competitive grants to nonprofit agencies in Southern Nevada. Since 2007, a rotating committee of Cox employees manages the workplace giving campaign, solicits grant applications and approves grant requests. The committee evaluates requests based on the organization’s mission, programming and written grant application. Cox Charities provides funding to initiatives that support the company’s philanthropic cornerstones of children/families, education/STEAM, diversity and the environment. Visit [coxcharitieslv.com](http://coxcharitieslasvegas.com/).

**Photo caption:**

Employees of Cox Communications, Cox Business and Cox Media presented $117,000 in Cox Charities grants to 30 local nonprofits on August 21. Cox Charities has awarded more than $2 million in grants to nonprofits in Southern Nevada since 2007.

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