

THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION

2003 GRANT LISTING



Pathways

## How

can we offer hope and create lasting change  
in the lives of young people and the  
communities that shape their future?

## What

can we do to clear pathways to opportunity  
for youth who face overwhelming obstacles?

## Where

do they find their fair chance  
to grow and succeed?

PART OF THE ANSWER lies in tapping into their passions. By doing so, amazing results can spring forth.

Such was the case in 2003 with 90 urban teenagers who were willing to devote a summer to serving others.

In a pilot program funded by The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and managed by United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, students from Georgia's Fulton and DeKalb Counties received paid internships working for scores of nonprofit organizations. The students gained experience and income – and nonprofits gained extra hands at a time when reductions in funding had left them strapped for help to deliver services.

The interns – named Blank Family Fellows – learned they hold the power to help others. “I think I can do something that makes a difference in the world,” said Meredith Webb, a 16-year-old Decatur High School student. “I just need the chance to show what I can do.”

Applications for the internships poured in from more than 300 students – triple the number of jobs available. Young people earnestly want to use their talents to help others.

All they need is the opportunity.

At the Blank Family Foundation, we are committed to providing access to opportunity and improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. Just like the Blank Family Fellows, we strive to be a catalyst for meaningful and lasting change.

We spent 2003 engaged in a rigorous strategic planning process. The purpose? To assess what we've learned as a grant-making organization, and to determine how we can increase our impact going forward.

By listening to our community partners, and learning from our work with them, our trustees and staff are ready to take our work to the next level. We expect that work will continue to evolve and change over time.

What will *not* change is our commitment to devote our resources and our energy to promote positive change in the lives of individuals – and to build the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Together with our partners, we hope to clear more pathways to success for young people like Blank Family Fellow Meredith Webb, and so many others who seek a fair chance to succeed and an opportunity to serve society.

# 2003 Grants

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation was honored to provide support to the following partners in 2003:

**Academy Theatre**  
Atlanta, GA: \$130,000

**Alliance Theatre Company**  
Atlanta, GA: \$100,000

**American Jewish Committee**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**American Red Cross Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter**  
Atlanta, GA: \$40,000

**Anti-Defamation League**  
Atlanta, GA: \$61,000

**Anti-Prejudice Consortium**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**ARCH Productions Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$40,000

**Arizona Community Foundation**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$55,000

**Arizona Grantmakers Forum**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$2,500

**Arizona Science Center**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$35,000

**Arizona State University Foundation**  
Tempe, AZ: \$20,000

**Arizona Theatre Company**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$25,000

**Art Factory, Inc.**  
Augusta, GA: \$43,000

**Art Start, Inc.**  
New York, NY: \$20,000

**Arts Center of Coastal Carolina**  
Hilton Head Island, SC: \$35,000

**ArtsConnection**  
New York, NY: \$50,000

**Asphalt Green**  
New York, NY: \$15,000

**Atlanta Ballet, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$75,000

**Atlanta Historical Society**  
Atlanta, GA: \$310,000

**Atlanta Landmarks/Fox Theatre**  
Atlanta, GA: \$18,000

**Atlanta Leadership Development Foundation**  
Atlanta, GA: \$10,000

**Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**  
Atlanta, GA: \$5,075,000

**Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde**  
Atlanta, GA: \$30,000

**Babson College**  
Babson Park, MA: \$584,000

**Ballethnic Dance Company**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**Barton Foundation Fund**  
Atlanta, GA: \$100,000

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$70,000

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$60,000

**Blowing Rock Community Arts Center Foundation, Inc.**  
Blowing Rock, NC: \$20,000

**Blue Heron Nature Preserve**  
Atlanta, GA: \$18,500

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$75,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry – Jasper County Club**  
Beaufort, SC: \$44,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Augusta**  
Augusta, GA: \$50,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$300,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Scottsdale**  
Scottsdale, AZ: \$45,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry**  
Beaufort, SC: \$1,000,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry – Beaufort**  
Beaufort, SC: \$54,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry – Colleton (Northstar) Unit**  
Beaufort, SC: \$30,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry – Hampton Unit**  
Beaufort, SC: \$40,000

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry – Hilton Head**  
Beaufort, SC: \$110,000

**Bright Future Youth Center, Inc.**  
Cordele, GA: \$35,000

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden**  
Brooklyn, NY: \$20,000

**Brooklyn Children's Museum**  
Brooklyn, NY: \$29,000

**Brooklyn Youth Chorus**  
Brooklyn, NY: \$44,000

**Brotherhood/Sister Sol**  
New York, NY: \$25,000

**Cabbagetown Initiative**  
Atlanta, GA: \$200,000

**Camp Fire Boys & Girls Council of Greater Arizona, Inc.**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$45,000

**Camp Fire USA, Georgia Council**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**Camp Sunshine**  
Decatur, GA: \$135,000

**The Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead**  
Atlanta, GA: \$10,000

**The Carter Center**  
Atlanta, GA: \$400,000

**Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services at Georgia Southern University**  
Statesboro, GA: \$14,000

**Center for Puppetry Arts**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Charleston Symphony Orchestra**  
Charleston, SC: \$10,000

**Chess-in-the-Schools**  
New York, NY: \$15,000

**Children's Museum of Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Children's Museum of the Lowcountry**  
Charleston, SC: \$25,000

**City of Atlanta, Housing Authority**  
Atlanta, GA: \$369,200

**City of Decatur**  
Decatur, GA: \$250,000

**City of East Point Parks and Recreation Department**  
East Point, GA: \$16,000

**City of Hope**  
Los Angeles, CA: \$203,000

**Clarke County Mentor Program**  
Athens, GA: \$25,000

**Coastal Discovery Museum**  
Hilton Head Island, SC: \$50,000

**Cobb Housing, Inc.**  
Marietta, GA: \$40,000

**Collaborative Education Partnership**  
Atlanta, GA: \$40,000

**Communities In Schools of Atlanta, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Communities In Schools of Berkeley County**  
Moncks Corner, SC: \$30,000

**Communities In Schools of the Charleston Area**  
Charleston, SC: \$50,000

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry**  
Hilton Head Island, SC: \$50,000

**Community Works**  
New York, NY: \$20,000

**Cool Girls**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Cornerstone International Youth Camp Foundation, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$40,000

**Create Your Dreams**  
Atlanta, GA: \$20,000

**Creating Pride, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Creative Spark Center for the Arts**  
Mt. Pleasant, SC: \$24,000

**Crenulated Co., Ltd.; New Settlement Apartments**  
Bronx, NY: \$25,000

**Dad's Garage, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$12,500

**DeKalb County Government**  
Decatur, GA: \$600,000

**The Dolphin Institute**  
Honolulu, HI: \$5,000

**East Atlanta Kids Club**  
Atlanta, GA: \$28,000

**East Harlem Tutorial Program**  
New York, NY: \$50,000

**Emory University Institute for Jewish Studies**  
Atlanta, GA: \$1,000,000

**Environmental Careers Organization**  
Boston, MA: \$60,000

**Environmental Grantmakers Association**  
New York, NY: \$7,500

**Equal Access**  
San Francisco, CA: \$5,000

**Families First (Child Service and Family Counseling Center)**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Fernbank Museum of Natural History**  
Atlanta, GA: \$74,000

**Fighting Back Scholarship Program**  
Devon, PA: \$10,000

**Forest Hills Community House**  
Forest Hills, NY: \$25,000

**The Foundation Center**  
Atlanta, GA: \$70,000

**Foundation for Excellent Schools**  
Cornwall, VT: \$30,000

**Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble of Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$81,000

**Freedom Park Conservancy**  
Atlanta, GA: \$13,500

**Fresh Youth Initiatives**  
New York, NY: \$25,000

**Friends of Peachtree Hills Park**  
Atlanta, GA: \$20,000

**Friends of Van Cortlandt Park**  
Bronx, NY: \$10,000

**The Frost Place**  
Franconia, NH: \$500

**Fund for the City of New York/Center for Court Innovation**  
New York, NY: \$30,000

**Georgia Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**Georgia Center for Nonprofits**  
Atlanta, GA: \$187,080

**The Georgia Conservancy**  
Atlanta, GA: \$30,000

**The Georgia Land Trust**  
Alpharetta, GA: \$3,500

**Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**Georgia Public Broadcasting**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**Georgia Shakespeare Festival**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**Georgia Tech Center for Education Integrating Sciences, Mathematics and Computing**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Inc.**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$42,000

**Girl Scouts of Conchartry Council, Inc.**  
Columbus, GA: \$25,000

**Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia**  
Lizella, GA: \$20,000

**Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia**  
Athens, GA: \$20,000

**Girl Scouts, Central Savannah River Council**  
Augusta, GA: \$20,000

**Girls Incorporated of Greater Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$100,000

**Girls' Opportunities for Adventure and Leadership**  
Atlanta, GA: \$78,500

**Glenn Pelham Memorial Fund, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**The Global Fund for Children**  
Washington, DC: \$20,000

**Global Greengrants Fund**  
Boulder, CO: \$5,000

**Golden Gate Community Center**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$55,000

**Grand Street Settlement, Inc.**  
New York, NY: \$25,000

**Grant Park Conservancy, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$36,500

**Grantmakers for Effective Organizations**  
Washington, DC: \$5,000

**Greater Augusta Arts Council**  
Augusta, GA: \$25,000

**Greensboro Georgia Dreamers**  
Greensboro, GA: \$38,675

**Hands On Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$100,000

**Harlem Children's Zone**  
New York, NY: \$65,000

**Harlem Educational Activities Fund, Inc.**  
New York, NY: \$25,000

**HARMONY: Atlanta's International Youth Chorus**  
Atlanta, GA: \$20,000

**Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion**  
New York, NY: \$5,000

**High Museum of Art**  
Atlanta, GA: \$30,000

**Hilton Head Island Gymnastics Booster Club**  
Hilton Head, SC: \$30,000

**Horizons Student Enrichment Program**  
Atlanta, GA: \$26,300

**Ifetayo Cultural Arts Facility**  
Brooklyn, NY: \$25,000

**Independent Media Artists of Georgia Etc., Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$39,000

**Inner Strength, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**Inner Summit, Inc.**  
Decatur, GA: \$30,000

**Institute of Cultural Affairs**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$40,000

**Interfaith Neighbors, Inc.**  
New York, NY: \$30,000

**International Development Exchange**  
San Francisco, CA: \$3,500

**International Rescue Committee – Atlanta**  
Decatur, GA: \$25,000

**Jewish Atlanta Teen Community Outreach**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta**  
Atlanta, GA: \$692,000

**Junior Achievement of Georgia**  
Atlanta, GA: \$50,000

**Kids In Need of Dreams, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$20,000

**Kids Voting Arizona**  
Tempe, AZ: \$25,000

**The Link Counseling Center**  
Atlanta, GA: \$200,000

**Lions Foundation of Arizona**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$10,000

**Living Roots**  
Savannah, GA: \$25,000

**Lowcountry Earth Force**  
Charleston, SC: \$25,000

**Lowcountry Open Land Trust**  
Charleston, SC: \$50,000

**Lower East Side Tenement Museum**  
New York, NY: \$10,000

**Lower Eastside Girls Club of New York**  
New York, NY: \$20,000

**Make A Difference**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$40,000

**Marcus Jewish Community Center**  
Dunwoody, GA: \$3,000

**The Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation**  
Atlanta, GA: \$10,000

**Mentor's Project of Bibb County**  
Macon, GA: \$30,000

**Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce**  
Atlanta, GA: \$180,000

**Metro Atlanta YMCA**  
Atlanta, GA: \$500,000

**Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund**  
Los Angeles, CA: \$15,000

**Million Mom March**  
Atlanta, GA: \$5,000

**Moving in the Spirit**  
Atlanta, GA: \$75,000

**Narika**  
Berkeley, CA: \$3,000

**National Black Arts Festival**  
Atlanta, GA: \$75,000

**National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts**  
New York, NY: \$40,000

**National Urban Coalition for Unity and Peace, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$7,500

**National Wildlife Federation**  
Atlanta, GA: \$65,000

**The Natural Step**  
San Francisco, CA: \$10,000

**The Nature Conservancy – South Carolina Chapter**  
Columbia, SC: \$50,000

**Neighborhood Music Schools/Georgia State University Foundation**  
Atlanta, GA: \$11,000

**New Connections to Work**  
Valdosta, GA: \$50,000

**New York Botanical Garden**  
Bronx, NY: \$20,000

**New York Hall of Science**  
Corona Park, NY: \$20,000

**Newtown Florist Club**  
Gainesville, GA: \$28,000

**North Carolina Outward Bound School**  
Asheville, NC: \$70,000

**Oakhurst Community Garden Project**  
Decatur, GA: \$27,000

**Olmsted Linear Park Alliance**  
Atlanta, GA: \$300,000

**Our Family Table**  
Atlanta, GA: \$25,000

**Outward Bound USA**  
Garrison, NY: \$25,000

**Palmetto Project, Inc.**  
Charleston, SC: \$50,000

**Partnership for After School Education**  
Atlanta, GA: \$105,000

**Partnership for After School Education**  
New York, NY: \$45,000

**PATH Foundation**  
Atlanta, GA: \$500,000

**Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety**  
Atlanta, GA: \$35,000

**Penn Center, Inc.**  
St. Helena Island, SC: \$50,000

**Performing Arts Program for Youth**  
Atlanta, GA: \$15,000

**Phoenix Boys Choir**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$20,000

**Phoenix Zoo**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$25,000

**Piedmont Park Conservancy**  
Atlanta, GA: \$185,000

**Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona**  
Phoenix, AZ: \$20,000

**Planned Parenthood of Georgia**  
Atlanta, GA: \$30,000

**Prevent Child Abuse Georgia**  
Atlanta, GA: \$100,000

**Progressive Redevelopment, Inc.**  
Decatur, GA: \$35,000

**Project GRAD Atlanta, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA: \$200,000

**Project Reach Youth**  
Brooklyn, NY: \$50,000

**Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**  
Washington, DC: \$39,530

**Refugee Family Services**  
Clarkston, GA: \$50,000

**Rocking the Boat, Inc.**  
Bronx, NY: \$15,000

<b>Rosie's House</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$50,000	<b>Sidney Marcus Awesome Restoration Team</b> Atlanta, GA: \$25,000	<b>The Study Hall at Emmaus House</b> Atlanta, GA: \$30,000	<b>Valley Leadership</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$35,000	<b>Wonderland Gardens, Inc.</b> Decatur, GA: \$25,000
<b>The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island</b> Hilton Head Island, SC: \$35,000	<b>SistaSpace Collective Inc.</b> Atlanta, GA: \$38,300	<b>Teach For America/Atlanta</b> Atlanta, GA: \$100,000	<b>Valley Youth Theatre</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$40,000	<b>WoodHull Institute</b> New York, NY: \$3,500
<b>San Francisco Foundation Community Initiative Fund</b> San Francisco, GA: \$10,000	<b>South Carolina Aquarium, Inc.</b> Charleston, SC: \$100,000	<b>Teach For America/Phoenix</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$75,000	<b>Volunteer Center of Maricopa County</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$30,000	<b>Woodruff Arts Center</b> Atlanta, GA: 287,630
<b>Sautee-Nacoochee Community Association</b> Sautee-Nacoochee, GA: \$10,000	<b>South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations</b> Columbia, SC: \$31,500	<b>Teens At Work, Inc.</b> East Point, GA: \$25,000	<b>Volunteers in Medicine Clinic</b> Hilton Head, SC: \$100,000	<b>World Wildlife Fund</b> Washington, DC: \$100,000
<b>School's Out Charleston</b> Sullivan's Island, SC: \$40,000	<b>South Carolina Coastal Conservation League</b> Charleston, SC: \$50,000	<b>Thumbs Up, Inc.</b> Port Royal, SC: \$15,000	<b>VSA Arts of Georgia</b> Atlanta, GA: \$15,000	<b>Youth Communication: Metro Atlanta, Inc. (VOX)</b> Atlanta, GA: \$50,000
<b>SciTrek</b> Atlanta, GA: \$35,000	<b>Southern Regional Council</b> Atlanta, GA: \$30,000	<b>Trees Atlanta</b> Atlanta, GA: \$112,000	<b>Wave Hill, Inc.</b> Bronx, NY: \$25,000	<b>Youth For Tomorrow – New Life Center</b> Bristow, VA: \$25,000
<b>Several Dancers Core</b> Decatur, GA: \$20,000	<b>Special Olympics Arizona</b> Phoenix, AZ: \$45,000	<b>The Trust for Public Land</b> Atlanta, GA: \$2,007,705	<b>West Atlanta Watershed Alliance</b> Atlanta, GA: \$20,000	<b>Youth Radio – Atlanta</b> Berkeley, CA: \$25,000
<b>Shepherd Center</b> Atlanta, GA: \$1,000,000	<b>Special Olympics Georgia</b> Atlanta, GA: \$40,000	<b>United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta</b> Atlanta, GA: \$500,000	<b>West Valley Fine Arts Council</b> Litchfield Park, AZ: \$30,000	<b>YouthBuild USA</b> Somerville, MA: \$75,000
<b>Shut-In Outreach Ministry (R.E.D.E.E.M.), Inc.</b> Atlanta, GA: \$3,500	<b>Spivey Hall, Clayton College &amp; State University</b> Morrow, GA: \$50,000	<b>University of Georgia; Great Schools and Families Project</b> Athens, GA: \$115,000	<b>Whitefoord Community Program</b> Atlanta, GA: \$275,000	<b>YWCA of Greater Atlanta</b> Decatur, GA: \$200,000
	<b>Strive To Excel</b> Hilton Head, SC: \$75,000	<b>Urban Youth Harp Ensemble</b> Atlanta, GA: \$25,000	<b>Wings for kids</b> Sullivan's Island, SC: \$94,500	<b>Zoo Atlanta</b> Atlanta, GA: \$175,000

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Grants paid through EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFTS . . . . .	\$425,422
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS FOR 2003 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$28,160,000</b>

## OUR FOUNDATION

ARTHUR M. BLANK, owner and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons and co-founder of The Home Depot, created The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation in 1995 to share his civic values and the joy of giving with his family. Since that time, the Foundation has contributed more than \$100 million to support youth development, preserve green space, sustain the arts and enhance the quality of life.

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation supports nonprofit partners in communities where the Blank family has deep community roots: Georgia, coastal

South Carolina and Maricopa County, Arizona. The Foundation also supports two affiliated funds, the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation and the Mountain Sky Guest Ranch Fund in Montana.

Our Foundation works to promote positive change in people's lives and to build and improve the communities in which they live. This philanthropic commitment stems from the Blank family's shared belief that giving back is a fundamental responsibility, and that we share a common calling to be our brother's keeper.

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