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*The Philanthropy of George & Gladys Abell*



## *Abell-Hanger Foundation*

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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## GEORGE THOMAS ABELL

George Thomas Abell was born at Wakeeney, Kansas. While attending Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University), he was a member of Gamma Omega, an honorary fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a social fraternity. He graduated with degrees in civil and irrigation engineering and mechanical engineering. In 1927 he moved to Midland, Texas, where he trained himself as a geologist and entered the petroleum business as an independent oil operator. In 1939, he married Gladys Hanger of Ft. Worth, the daughter of a pioneer Tarrant County family.

During his professional career, he was active in the Independent Petroleum Association of America, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. He was a charter member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers Association.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Abell was also active in many civic, community, cultural, social, educational and historical activities. He was a member of the Board of Education of the Midland Independent School District. He served as President of the Board during the construction of the present Midland High School auditorium. As a result of these accomplishments, he was awarded a life



membership in the Texas Congress of the Parent-Teacher Association. He served as the Chairman of the first capital funds campaign for Midland Memorial Hospital and was a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. A member of the Downtown Midland Rotary Club, he was recognized on numerous occasions for his contributions to the civic, cultural and educational betterment and growth of Midland.

George Abell devoted much time to the Boy Scouts of America, serving in various capacities in the Buffalo Trail Council. He led the capital fund campaign which secured the 6,000 acre camp in the Davis mountains. For his service to the Boy Scouts, he was awarded the highest recognition of the Boy Scouts, the Silver Beaver Award.

While serving as a director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Abell originated the idea for the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame. He spent much of his time and effort collecting antique oil field equipment now displayed on the Museum's grounds. Many of the oil paintings of historical events which are on display in the Museum were researched by George and commissioned by the Abell-Hanger Foundation. He was the first president of the Museum's board of trustees and a member of the Hall of Fame.

## GLADYS HANGER ABELL

Gladys Hanger Abell was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of a pioneer Tarrant County Family. She graduated from Paschal High School and attended Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Austin.

Throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Abell was an active champion of civic and cultural causes, contributing her time, talents, energy, and financial resources as one of West Texas' most philanthropic citizens. She served on the board of governors of Midland Memorial Hospital, board of trustees of Midland Presbyterian Homes, and the President's Club of the Museum of the Southwest. She took great pride in her service on the board of trustees of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame.

Her interests also included the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale, Midland Garden Club, Women's Auxiliary of Midland Memorial Hospital, Delta Delta Delta Midland Alumnae Chapter, and the Midland Women's Club of which she was a life member.



An avid American patriot, Mrs. Abell was a member of the Texas Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation was created by Mr. and Mrs. Abell to carry on the philanthropic endeavors which they pursued during their lifetimes. Speaking of business success, George Abell once said,

*“Sure, men like to be successful, not just for the money, but because of what one can do for his community, his country, and for mankind. Business success provides the opportunity to do some of the things most of us dream about doing for our community and its various institutions, organizations, and agencies.”*

To their memory, this annual statement reports the Foundation's endeavors for the current fiscal year.

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2009

Net Assets	Market Value	Carrying Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 164,148	\$ 164,148
Marketable Securities	112,028,853	138,542,039
Real Estate and Minerals	8,668,750	1,029,813
Other assets	<u>47,763</u>	<u>47,763</u>
	<u>\$ 120,909,514</u>	<u>\$ 139,783,729</u>
<b>Corpus</b>		
July 1, 2008		\$ 141,973,540
ADD:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 3,843,144	
Royalties	1,052,906	
Other	<u>327,479</u>	\$ 5,223,529
DEDUCT:		
Grants	\$ 5,023,264	
Capital Loss	906,900	
Administrative expenses	1,340,334	
Production and ad valorem taxes	<u>142,842</u>	\$ 7,413,340
June 30, 2009		\$ 139,783,729
Adjustment to fair market value		<u>(18,874,215)</u>
June 30, 2009		<u>\$ 120,909,514</u>

## INVESTMENTS

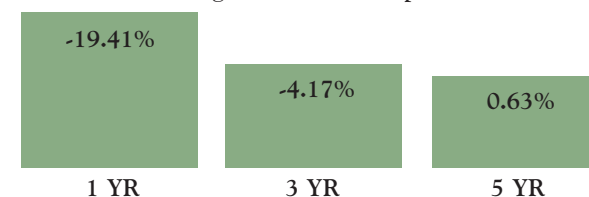
Abell-Hanger foundation has a long-term asset allocation target for its investments of 75 percent equity and 25 percent fixed income. At fiscal year-end the Foundation's assets were invested as follows:



<b>Foundation Administrative Expenses:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
% of Assets	0.69%	0.68%	0.64%	0.82%	1.11%
% of Expenditures:	13.28%	11.23%	12.50%	12.63%	20.6%
<b>Excise Taxes Paid:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Amount	\$105,299	\$60,989	\$130,509	\$71,282	\$83,056
Rate	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
<b>Cumulative Since 1992:</b>					<b>\$2,614,913</b>

## RETURNS

Average Annual Compounds

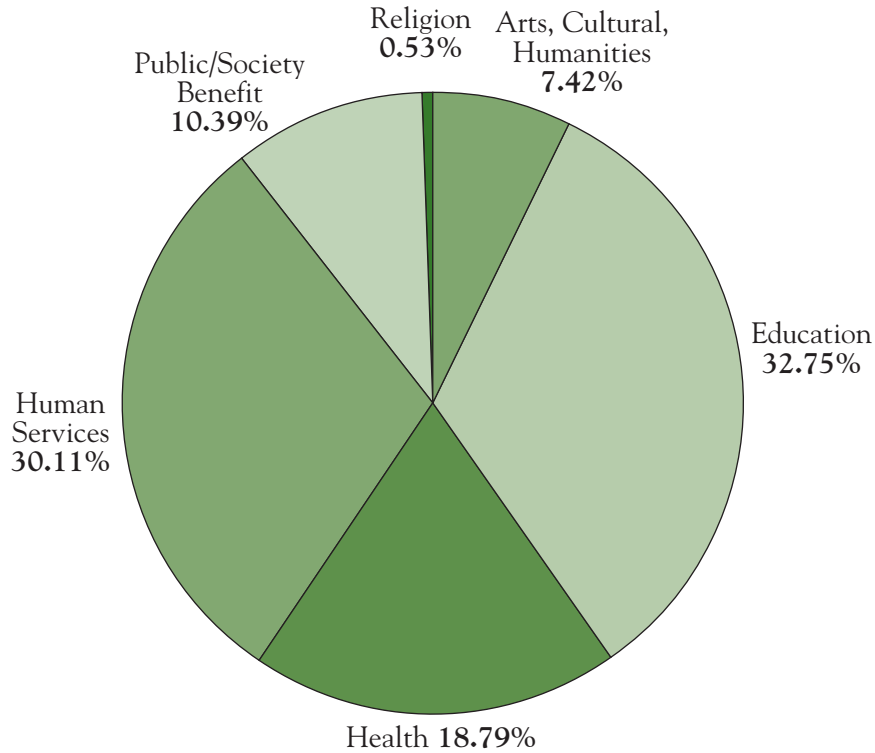


## AREAS OF GRANTS AND GIVING

Year Ended June 30, 2009

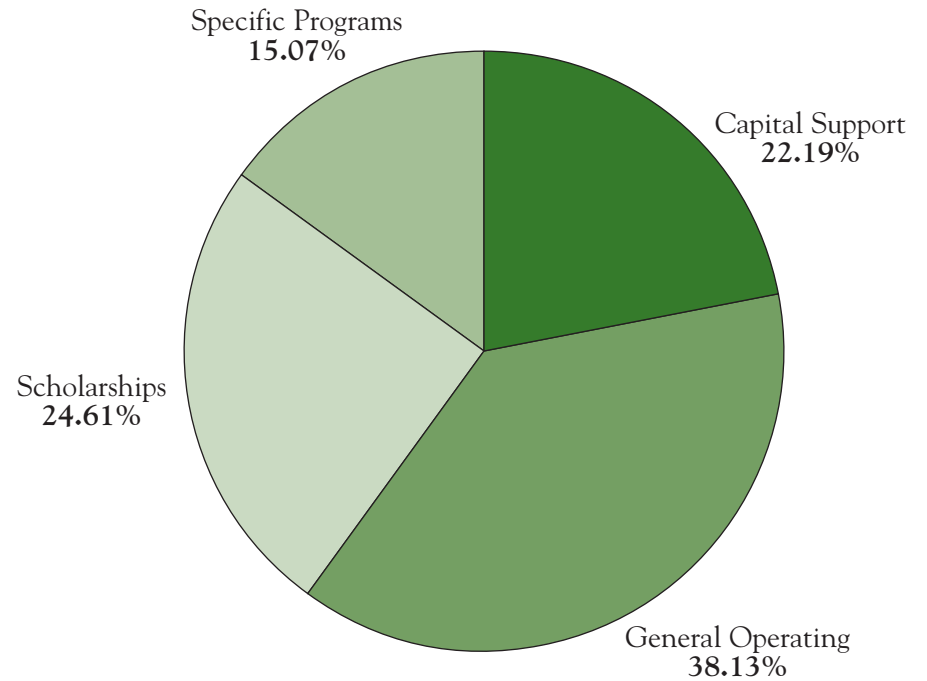
### By Program Area

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### By Support Area

(YE 6-30-09)



### AREAS OF GIVING

	For the year ended June 30, 2009	Cumulative since June 30, 1954
Arts, Cultural, Humanities	372,950	22,779,314
Education	1,645,186	50,595,470
Health	944,065	27,024,894
Human Services	1,512,310	44,523,415
Public/Society Benefit	521,978	15,131,052
Religion	26,775	2,615,306
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$5,023,264</b>	<b>\$162,669,451</b>

### GRANTMAKING AT A GLANCE

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Grants Paid	\$8,228,979	\$7,563,120	\$8,540,046	\$5,023,264
Total Grant Payments	220	225	247	146
Median Grant	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,250
Average Grant	\$37,404	\$33,614	\$34,575	\$34,406
Largest Grant	\$727,050	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$572,681
Smallest Grant	\$211	\$479	\$120	\$75

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In my comments last year, I wrote about the decline in foundation asset values since October, 2007. At that time, our investment assets were valued at about \$154 million down from \$168 million and we had experienced a -6.83% one year return on our portfolio. This decline followed an unusual 17% annual return in 2007. I commented on the discouragement and despair I felt at that situation knowing, of course, that there is a perfect correlation between the fair market value of our assets and future grant making. In my comments, I reflected on the value of permanent philanthropy and its power to produce positive impacts on lives over a long period of time. I also promised that this foundation would stand tall and persevere through the resulting changes in our granting ability to meet the needs of our community and the West Texas region.

Over ninety years ago, Albert Einstein published his general theory of relativity which is a geometric theory of gravitation. While I have little understanding of his theory, I understand that it has astrophysical implications which point toward the existence of black holes. However, I do understand the investment return theory of relativity which relates to year-to-year comparisons of investment returns. This theory holds that a -6.83% rate of return after a 17% annual rate of return will not look so bad after experiencing a subsequent -33% "black hole" rate of return. Now that is the true theory of relativity!!

In a book by Nassim Nicholas Taleb entitled *The Black Swan: the Impact of the Highly Improbable*, the author focuses on our ability (or inability) to predict the future. He argues that we place too much weight on the odds that past events will repeat again, i.e. favorable stock market returns. He writes that really important events are rare and unpredictable. He calls them Black Swans referring to the fact that in 17th century Europe, no one had ever seen anything except white swans and so the universal assumption was that all swans were white. That assumption held until a black swan was discovered in 1697 in Australia. According to Taleb, the characteristics of a Black Swan event are: (1) they occur outside our normal expectations, (2) they have a huge impact and (3) we look for rational explanations after the fact to explain the event.

So I view the events in the financial markets during the second half of 2008 as having all the characteristics of a Black Swan event. Financial returns

were way outside of normal expectations and will have a huge impact on our grant making. The trustees responded to the situation by choosing to focus our grant making in Midland and Ector counties and concentrating on essential human services by reducing our overall grant expenditures by at least one-third. At least temporarily, we have suspended looking at new funding opportunities, including capital projects. We will earnestly strive to provide funding for those organizations which provide essential human services and with which we have been funding partners for years.

Our grant making ability is further constrained by our participation in the capital campaign of Midland Memorial Hospital to build a new patient tower. The Abells were actively involved in the hospital and it was one of their top four charities during their lifetimes. The order of magnitude of this important effort necessitated a proportional response to honor the donor intent of the Abells. The resulting \$7 million grant is the largest in foundation history (by a factor of more than two times) and, with a five year installment payout, severely limits our grant making over that time frame.

As mentioned in my comments last year, I remain an unapologetic true believer in the incredible value to our society of permanent philanthropy. Since inception, this foundation has awarded nearly \$164 million in grants. That amount is more than twice the amount \$80 million George and Gladys contributed to the foundation in 1979 and 1988. In the instance of the hospital grant and despite the turmoil in the financial markets and the precipitous decline in oil & gas prices, this permanent philanthropic entity, blessed with perpetuity as our investment time horizon was able to "cowboy up" and participate in a significant and timely manner in the hospital capital campaign and move it closer to its ultimate goal. It is what the Abells would have expected us to do.

So just like all other investors, we continue to endure to persevere through these challenging and difficult times but we cling to the conviction that the generosity of the American people will continue to make us unique among the peoples on earth. We will stand tall and persevere even as we are "bloodied but unbowed".

David L. Smith  
Executive Director

## PROGRAM AREA GRANT INDEX

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter . . . . .	Health	Dismas Charities, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
American Cancer Society - Midland Unit . . . . .	Health	Ector County Independent School District . . . . .	Education
American Red Cross of Southwest Texas. . . . .	Human Services	Frontier CASA Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Area Methodist Outreach Service . . . . .	Human Services	George W. Bush Childhood Home. . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities
Association of Fundraising Professionals, Permian Basin Chapter. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit	Greater Ideal Family Life Center . . . . .	Human Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Greenwood Independent School District. . . . .	Education
Bill of Rights Institute . . . . .	Public, Society Benefit	Harmony Home Childrens Advocacy Center Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Boy Scouts of America - Buffalo Trail Council, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Hellinghausen Hope, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua . . . . .	Human Services	Helping Hands of Midland. . . . .	Human Services
Boys and Girls Club of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Hendrick Medical Center Foundation . . . . .	Health
Bynum School. . . . .	Education	High Plains Epilepsy Association . . . . .	Health
Camp Fire USA, West Texas Council . . . . .	Human Services	Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland . . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities
Casa de Amigos of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Iraan Public Library. . . . .	Education
CASA of West Texas . . . . .	Human Services	Junior Achievement of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Centers for Children and Families, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Junior League of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Christmas for Our Troops, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Keep Midland Beautiful, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Christmas in Action, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Make A Wish Foundation, West Texas Regional Office. . . . .	Health
Church on Wheels, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Martin County Emergency Medical Service . . . . .	Human Services
Commemorative Air Force. . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities	Martin County Historical Museum, Inc. . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities
Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin Inc. . . . .	Education	Martin County Senior Citizens Center . . . . .	Human Services
Community & Senior Services of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Menard County - Office of Emergency Management. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Community Children's Ministry . . . . .	Health	Midland Area AIDS Support, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Concordia University at Austin . . . . .	Education	Midland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Conference of Southwest Foundations, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit	Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center . . . . .	Health
Crime Stoppers of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Midland College . . . . .	Education
		Midland Community Theatre, Inc. . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities

Midland Fair Havens, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc. . . . .	Health
Midland Festival Ballet . . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities	Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, Inc. . . . .	Health
Midland Habitat for Humanity . . . . .	Human Services	Special Olympics Texas - Permian Basin Area 18 . . . . .	Human Services
Midland Independent School District . . . . .	Education	Springboard Center . . . . .	Health
Midland ISD Educational Foundation . . . . .	Education	St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission . . . . .	Human Services
Midland Need to Read, Inc. . . . .	Education	St. Vincent de Paul Society - Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish . . . . .	Human Services
Midland Rape Crisis Center, Inc. . . . .	Health	St. Vincent de Paul Society - Our Lady of San Juan . . . . .	Human Services
Midland Teen Court, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Ann's Conference . . . . .	Human Services
Mission Health Care Inc. . . . .	Health	Stop DWI, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
New Direction Ministry . . . . .	Human Services	Tall City Christian Track Club, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department . . . . .	Human Services	Teen F.L.O.W. Youth Ministry. . . . .	Religion
Odessa College . . . . .	Education	Texas Interscholastic League Foundation . . . . .	Education
Odessa Crime Stoppers Incorporated. . . . .	Human Services	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. . . . .	Education
Odessa LINKS, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	United Way of El Paso County . . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Palmer Drug Abuse Program . . . . .	Health	United Way of Midland, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Permian Basin Area Foundation . . . . .	Public, Society Benefit	United Way of Odessa, Inc. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit
Permian Basin Girl Scout Council. . . . .	Human Services	University of Texas of the Permian Basin . . . . .	Education
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library & Hall of Fame . . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities	Unlock Ministries Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Permian Basin Public Telecommunications Inc. . . . .	Arts, Culture, Humanities	Van-Serving the Visually Impaired . . . . .	Human Services
Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (dba The Life Center). . . . .	Human Services	West Point Parents' Club of the Texas Plains . . . . .	Education
Philanthropy Roundtable. . . . .	Public, Society Benefit	West Texas Aphasia Center, Inc. . . . .	Health
Prevent Blindness Texas-Permian Basin . . . . .	Health	West Texas Food Bank . . . . .	Human Services
Recording Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Inc. . . . .	Human Services	West Texas Opportunities, Inc. . . . .	Human Services
Safe Place of the Permian Basin. . . . .	Human Services	Winkler County Council for Retarded Children Inc. . . . .	Education
Salvation Army, Midland Corps. . . . .	Human Services	Wink-Loving Independent School District . . . . .	Education
		YMCA of Midland . . . . .	Human Services

# ABELL-HANGER FOUNDATION GRANTS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

## ARTS, CULTURE, HUMANITIES

**\$ 372,950**

**Commemorative Air Force . . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To acquire, maintain and operate World War II vintage aircraft for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial.

**George W. Bush Childhood Home . . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To preserve, protect and restore for historical and interpretive purposes the home of two presidents.

GRANT PURPOSE: matching grant for unrestricted operating support.

**Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland . . . . . \$ 2,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To preserve the Hispanic culture through the education of the arts.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the annual Mariachi Workshop.

**Martin County Historical Museum, Inc. . . . . \$ 10,000**

Stanton, TX

MISSION: To preserve local history and educate citizens regarding their common legacy.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Matching Gifts Program . . . . . \$ 12,950**

Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 12 gifts were matched to 9 agencies in the program area of Arts, Culture and Humanities.

**Midland Community Theatre, Inc. . . . . \$ 55,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To promote the study, practice, and production of dramatics, painting, music, and other fine arts, for educational, recreational, civic, and benevolent purposes in the public interest.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support (\$25,000) and for the community out reach programs (\$30,000).

**Midland Festival Ballet . . . . . \$ 2,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To promote ballet in Midland and surrounding areas of the Permian Basin by providing training for young dancers, enlisting professional dancers and instructors, and offering group performances.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the 2008 "Nutcracker" production.

**Permian Basin Petroleum Museum,**

**Library & Hall of Fame . . . . . \$ 85,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To teach the complexity and inherent risk of the oil and gas industry to the public in the historical and technical context of the region's petroleum business.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Permian Basin Public**

**Telecommunications Inc. . . . . \$ 155,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To use television to provide quality programs and services which advance education, culture and community.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the 2008 Proud Heritage series (\$5,000), and for unrestricted operating support (\$150,000).

## EDUCATION

**\$ 1,645,186**

**Bynum School . . . . . \$ 47,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide educational services specifically designed and maintained to serve developmentally disabled and learning disabled students.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support (\$40,000) and for the SHARE program (Sharing Hands A Respite Experience - \$7,000).

**Communities in Schools  
of the Permian Basin Inc. . . . . \$ 20,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To help young people of the Permian Basin stay in school, successfully learn and prepare for life by coordinating the connection of community resources in the school setting.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Concordia University at Austin . . . . . \$ 15,000**

Austin, TX

MISSION: To develop Christian leaders through a quality liberal arts education covering a variety of academic areas.

GRANT PURPOSE: for campus relocation

**Ector County  
Independent School District . . . . . \$ 32,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To provide public education to the citizens of Ector County.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008-2009 ECISD Students in Philanthropy programs.

**Greenwood Independent  
School District . . . . . \$ 1,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide public education to the citizens of Greenwood.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the High School Project Graduation.

**Iraan Public Library . . . . . \$ 2,500**

Iraan, TX

MISSION: To provide materials and services to meet the personal, educational and professional needs of the residents of eastern Pecos County.

GRANT PURPOSE: for library updates and renovations.

**Matching Gifts Program . . . . . \$ 9,555**

Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 20 gifts were matched to 10 agencies in the program area of Education.

**Midland College . . . . . \$ 499,600**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide community college educational opportunities, including degrees in a wide range of fields.

GRANT PURPOSE: for scholarships to the 2009 Kids College (\$5,000), for the 2008-2009 annual technology replacement at the Advance Technology Center (\$25,000), for the MISD dual enrollment courses at Midland College (\$25,000), to provide funding of the Legacy Scholarship program (\$360,500), for the 2008-2009 MISD high school Students In Philanthropy programs (\$22,700), for the Greenwood High School Students In Philanthropy program (\$12,500), and for the 2008-2009 Midland College Students In Philanthropy program (\$48,900).

**Midland Independent School District . . . . . \$ 21,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide public education to the citizens of Midland.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2009-2010 school uniform fund (\$15,000), for sponsorship of the Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival 2008 (\$3,500), and for the Rusk Elementary 2008 Veteran's program (\$2,500)

**Midland ISD Educational Foundation . . . . . \$ 2,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To generate and distribute resources to students and Midland Independent School District employees to enrich, maintain and expand opportunities for pursuing excellence in education.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of Project Graduation 2009.

**Midland Need to Read, Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To alleviate adult illiteracy by providing trained one-to-one tutors for adults who read at a fifth grade level or below, are over age 17 and are officially withdrawn from school.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Odessa College . . . . . \$ 68,200**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To provide community college educational opportunities, including associate degrees in a wide range of fields.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008-2009 Dollars for Scholars scholarship program (\$35,000) and for the 2008-2009 Students in Philanthropy program (\$33,200).

**Scholarship Programs Administered by the Foundation:**

**Abell Education Continuance**

**Scholarship Program . . . . . \$ 183,194**

Provides two year scholarships to graduates of Midland College enabling attendance at public Texas universities. Recipients render 50 hours of community service for each year of scholarship. Seventeen recipients attended eight universities.

**Abell-Hanger**

**Presidential Scholarship . . . . . \$ 35,000**

Provides up to four year scholarships to students in non-traditional circumstances. Recipients must attend a public Texas university. Five recipients attended four universities.

**James I. Trott Opportunity**

**Scholarship Program . . . . . \$ 296,737**

Provides four year scholarship to graduates of Crane, Ft. Stockton, and Imperial High Schools enabling attendance at public Texas universities. Recipients render 50 hours of community service for each year of scholarship. Twenty seven recipients attended thirteen universities.

**Lester Van Pelt, III**

**Bulldog Excellence Scholarship . . . . . \$ 50,000**

Provides four year scholarships to graduates of Midland High School enabling attendance at the University of Texas at Austin. Four recipients attended the University of Texas at Austin.

**Viola M. Coleman**

**Scholarship Fund . . . . . \$ 7,750**

Provides scholarship assistance for graduates of Coleman High School enabling attendance at public Texas universities or Texas accredited vocational training institutions. Four recipients attended three universities.

**Texas Interscholastic**

**League Foundation . . . . . \$ 188,000**

Austin, TX

MISSION: To award college scholarships to high school students who excel in the University Interscholastic League competitions.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008-2009 annual scholarships.

**Texas Tech University**

**Health Sciences Center . . . . . \$ 40,000**

Lubbock, TX

MISSION: To provide higher public education.

GRANT PURPOSE: to provide scholarships for tuition and books for students in the Permian Basin School of Nursing program

**University of Texas**

**of the Permian Basin . . . . . \$ 111,650**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To provide educational opportunities in arts and sciences, business, fine arts, communications, education and nursing.

GRANT PURPOSE: for 2008-2009 academic year scholarships (\$40,000) and for the 2008-2009 Students in Philanthropy program (\$71,650).

**West Point Parents' Club**

**of the Texas Plains . . . . . \$ 4,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide support to the cadets and their families and to educate students and the community in general about West Point and the military.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the 2008 All Academy Ball.

**Winkler County Council**

**for Retarded Children Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Kermit, TX

MISSION: To provide continued education to mentally retarded and handicapped students beyond the public school age.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Wink-Loving Independent**

**School District . . . . . \$ 1,000**

Wink, TX

MISSION: To provide K-12 education to the children of Winkler and Loving Counties.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the Wink High School Project Graduation 2009.

## HEALTH

### \$ 944,065

**Alzheimer's Association,**  
**Greater West Texas Chapter** . . . . . \$ 25,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To research the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders and provide support and assistance to the afflicted patients, their families and care givers.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support for the Midland Office.

**American Cancer Society -**  
**Midland Unit** . . . . . \$ 20,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To eliminate cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education and service.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the medical equipment program.

**Community Children's Ministry** . . . . . \$ 5,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide medical care for sick children ages 0 through 14 years from low income families who reside in Midland County.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Hendrick Medical Center Foundation** . . . . . \$ 75,000  
 Abilene, TX

MISSION: To be a community and regional health system by providing a spectrum of high quality health services to all residents of the community and region.

GRANT PURPOSE: for construction and start up costs of a School of Pharmacy facility.

**High Plains Epilepsy Association** . . . . . \$ 2,950  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide comprehensive neurological care to individuals with epilepsy including counseling, education, transportation, medical care, and information and referral services.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support for the Midland office.

**Make A Wish Foundation,**  
**West Texas Regional Office** . . . . . \$ 34,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To grant the wishes of children with life threatening illness.

GRANT PURPOSE: to cover expenses for granting wishes.

**Matching Gifts Program** . . . . . \$ 14,615  
 Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 20 gifts were matched to 13 agencies in the program area of Health.

**Midland Children's**  
**Rehabilitation Center** . . . . . \$ 80,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To care and treat children diagnosed as having neurological or orthopedically handicapping conditions through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, aquatic therapy, and hippotherapy.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Midland Rape Crisis Center, Inc.** . . . . . \$ 45,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide 24 hour crisis intervention to victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse and incest; advocacy services through the medical and legal systems; long term counseling and volunteer support and educational programs to children and adults which provide prevention training and help to combat the pervasiveness of sexual assault and abuse.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Mission Health Care Inc.** . . . . . \$ 35,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To prevent premature or unnecessarily prolonged placement in residential institutions for eligible clients whose primary residence is in Midland, Ector and Martin counties of West Texas.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Palmer Drug Abuse Program** . . . . . \$ 170,000  
 Midland, TX

MISSION: To offer counseling, rehabilitation, intervention, and prevention services to adolescent substance abusers and their families.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase building (\$100,000) and for unrestricted operating support including the D-FY-IT program (\$70,000).

**Prevent Blindness Texas-**

**Permian Basin** ..... \$ 20,000

Midland, TX

MISSION: To prevent blindness, preserve sight and restore sight where possible for all Texans.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Samaritan Counseling Center**

**of West Texas, Inc.**..... \$ 25,000

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide pastoral counseling for individuals, couples and families; training for area clergy; and consultive services for other agencies and professionals.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Southwestern Diabetic**

**Foundation, Inc.**..... \$ 7,500

Gainesville, TX

MISSION: To operate a residential camp for children with diabetes in order to equip children with lifestyle skills to manage their illness through education and rehabilitation.

GRANT PURPOSE: for summer camp fees for West Texas children.

**Springboard Center** ..... \$ 310,000

**Midland, TX**

MISSION: To provide high quality, professional counseling and treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction, and to raise the level of community awareness concerning addicting disorders.

GRANT PURPOSE: for expansion of counseling staff members (\$10,000) and for the inpatient capital building campaign (\$300,000).

**West Texas Aphasia Center, Inc.** ..... \$ 75,000

**Midland, TX**

MISSION: To provide intensive speech therapy to patients with Aphasia or profound loss of language.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support (\$50,000) and for Phase I building renovations (\$25,000).

## HUMAN SERVICES

**\$ 1,512,310**

**American Red Cross of Southwest Texas . . . . . \$ 35,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support (\$17,500) and for facility lease expenses (\$18,000).

**Area Methodist Outreach Service . . . . . \$ 14,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To make God's love real in people's lives by providing a means for cooperative ministry with member churches.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support (\$7,000) and for the utility bill assistance program (\$7,500).

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 15,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To organize mature responsible volunteers who will foster a nurturing relationship with children who are deprived of a wholesome relationship with a parent or another adult.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Boy Scouts of America -Buffalo Trail Council, Inc. . . . . \$ 3,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To serve others while instilling values in young people that will help prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime and to achieve their potential as responsible citizens.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008 Distinguished Citizens Dinner.

**Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua . . . . . \$ 7,500**

Ft. Davis, TX

MISSION: To provide a safe place for children to go after school where they will receive homework help, a healthy snack, and will be involved in positive learning and playing.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Boys and Girls Club of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 32,360**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To enhance the quality of life for young people, as participating members of a richly diverse society, with a special concern for the disadvantaged youth, helping to develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase computers.

**Camp Fire USA, West Texas Council. . . . . \$ 17,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To promote the positive development of children and youth by providing programs which develop personal life skills, social responsibilities, health and leadership.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Casa de Amigos of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 75,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To serve Midland's low income persons of all ages and ethnic backgrounds in the areas of social services, health and dental services, senior citizen activities, and education.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**CASA of West Texas . . . . . \$ 55,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing, permanent home.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Centers for Children and Families, Inc. . . . . \$ 30,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To strengthen our communities through counseling, educational and supportive services that enable children, families and individuals to manage successfully the challenges of life; to improve the quality of human relationships; and to reach their fullest potential.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Christmas for Our Troops, Inc. . . . . \$ 3,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide individual Christmas boxes full of a variety of gifts, necessities and goodies for our local men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase items for Christmas boxes for U.S. Troops.

**Christmas in Action, Inc. . . . . \$ 40,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To renovate sub-standard housing in Midland County.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Church on Wheels, Inc. . . . . \$ 30,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To foster and maintain a strong spiritual balance among its members; to increase volunteer and financial resources by raising awareness; and to develop Christ-centered relationships within the community while breaking down cultural, racial, economic, and denominational walls.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support for Breaking Bread Kitchen.

**Community & Senior Services of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 30,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide, with the assistance of other community and state agencies, non-duplicated services in the areas of hunger, health, loneliness and social isolation, limited mobility, counseling and teaching for older adults.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating budget.

**Crime Stoppers of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 10,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To assist law enforcement agencies in fighting crime by providing the citizens a simple and effective way to report criminal activity while offering incentives such as cash rewards and anonymity.

GRANT PURPOSE: for golf tournament sponsorships (\$5,000) and for unrestricted operating expenses (\$5,000).

**Dismas Charities, Inc. . . . . \$ 27,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide a half-way house for ex-offenders and parolees, and help prepare these individuals for leading productive, independent lives in their communities.

GRANT PURPOSE: for resurfacing of parking lots and grounds and to add children's playground and recreational areas for residents and visitors.

**Frontier CASA Inc. . . . . \$ 9,595**

Alpine, TX

MISSION: To train volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who have been placed in foster care.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Greater Ideal Family Life Center . . . . . \$ 47,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To develop youth and senior citizen programs to strengthen the community.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the Academic Banquet 2009 (\$2,500) and for unrestricted operating support for the 2009 Summer Day Camp (\$45,000).

**Harmony Home Childrens Advocacy Center Inc. . . . . \$ 15,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To lessen the trauma inflicted by the system upon child victims of physical and sexual abuse and to improve the response of the justice system to child abuse by uniting the efforts of public agencies and the community.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Hellinghausen Hope, Inc. . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide housing and housing support services to the elderly, handicapped and indigent.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program for the Village Square Apartments low income housing.

**Helping Hands of Midland . . . . . \$ 55,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To serve the poor and underprivileged of Midland County through financial, spiritual, and emotional support.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program.

**Junior Achievement of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 15,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide young people with practical economic education programs and experiences in the competitive private enterprise system, through a partnership between the business and education communities.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Martin County Emergency Medical Service . . . . . \$ 47,000**

Stanton, TX

MISSION: To become a fully integrated mobile health care provider, delivering economic, high quality, prehospital health care to anyone who needs it.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase emergency cardiac equipment.

**Martin County Senior Citizens Center . . . . . \$ 75,000**

Stanton, TX

MISSION: To provide financial assistance for the support, development, and operation of a senior center.

GRANT PURPOSE: for construction of a new senior citizens center.

**Matching Gifts Program . . . . . \$ 47,555**

Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 71 gifts were matched to 37 agencies in the program area of Human Services.

**Midland Area AIDS Support, Inc. . . . . \$ 15,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide public education regarding HIV/AIDS and to support people with the disease and their families and friends.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Midland Fair Havens, Inc. . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide transitional housing services to homeless families.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the children's program.

**Midland Habitat for Humanity . . . . . \$ 100,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To eliminate substandard housing for low-income families by providing them with an opportunity to help build their own homes.

GRANT PURPOSE: for purchase of building located at 303 E. Texas St..

**Midland Teen Court, Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To decrease crime by youth and educate teens in the justice system by providing an alternate court system comprised of a jury of fellow teens.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**New Direction Ministry . . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To address the high recidivism rate of men released from prison by providing them a home-like environment for nine months.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department . \$ 8,300**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To protect the life and property in the area of the northeast part of Midland County and provide assistance to the entire County of Midland.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase a new tanker/tender truck.

**Odessa Crime Stoppers Incorporated . . . . . \$ 10,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To assist local law enforcement agencies in solving and preventing crime and to educate the public in crime prevention and the need to help in solving crime.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Odessa LINKS, Inc. . . . . \$ 10,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To make accessible information regarding health, human, services, education, recreation and the arts.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the Homeless program in Ector County.

**Permian Basin Girl Scout Council . . . . . \$ 20,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Permian Basin Women's Resource Center****(dba The Life Center) . . . . . \$ 25,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide women with free pregnancy testing, non-sectarian counseling, and other assistance as needed; to provide pregnant women with legally acceptable alternatives to abortion; and to maintain within the community an awareness of the needs of pregnant women.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Recording Library for the Blind &****Physically Handicapped, Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide recording and library services, free of charge, for the visually, physically and perceptually disabled.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Safe Place of the Permian Basin . . . . . \$ 90,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide safe, temporary, emergency shelter for female victims of domestic violence and their children; to provide professional and lay counseling for female victims of domestic violence and aggressors; and to provide education to the community on the issues of domestic violence.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Salvation Army, Midland Corps . . . . . \$ 47,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide various services to the homeless and needy by means of the Christian church.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program (\$27,500) and for the 30 Degree Project (\$20,000).

**Special Olympics Texas -Permian Basin Area 18 . . . . . \$ 10,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide an outlet for people with mental retardation to become more involved with everyday society through athletic competition.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission . . . . . \$ 30,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To minister to the physical, educational, emotional and social needs of people in the Midland area.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society -****Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish . . . . . \$ 7,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide assistance to families, regardless of color or religion, aid with rent, utilities, prescriptions and food.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Ann's Conference . . . . \$ 27,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide emotional, spiritual and financial aid to people and families in need regardless of race, color or creed.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program.

**Stop DWI, Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To assist DWI victims through community awareness and advocating legislative laws.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Tall City Christian Track Club, Inc. . . . . \$ 10,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To encourage and promote participation in track competitions coupled with Christian training.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008 track program.

**Unlock Ministries Inc. . . . . \$ 5,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide Christian ministry to at-risk children in order to develop leaders who will positively impact the community for Christ's Kingdom through a meaningful summer camp experience and discipleship through mentoring and positive peer leadership training.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Van-Serving the Visually Impaired . . . . . \$ 37,500**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To record books on record and cassette as well as large print books for the blind and visually impaired.

GRANT PURPOSE: matching grant for unrestricted operating support (\$12,500) and for repair and renovation of facilities (\$25,000).

**West Texas Food Bank . . . . . \$ 22,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To alleviate hunger by providing a collection system that solicits and gathers useful products and redistributes these products to member agencies who have feeding programs for the ill, aged and the needy of the Permian Basin.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase accessories for the Net Weight Filling Machine.

**West Texas Opportunities, Inc. . . . . \$ 10,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To ease the limitations of poverty by investing in families to improve their quality of life through various programs.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the utility bill assistance program.

**YMCA of Midland . . . . . \$ 200,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To unite people of all ages, ethnic groups and religious affiliations with a mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 'Finish Strong Live Strong' campaign.

## PUBLIC/SOCIETY BENEFIT

**\$ 521,978**

### Association of Fundraising Professionals,

**Permian Basin Chapter** . . . . . \$ 5,000

Midland, TX

MISSION: To advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of National Philanthropy Day 2008.

**Bill of Rights Institute** . . . . . \$ 40,000

Arlington, VA

MISSION: To strengthen civic values in the next generation by educating high school students and teachers about the Founders, our Constitution, and the application of Foundation documents throughout our country's history.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the civic teachers education program, recognition event and WT2DC program.

### Conference of Southwest

**Foundations, Inc.** . . . . . \$ 3,500

Dallas, TX

MISSION: To provide a forum of members for the exchange of information about foundation operation, trends and needs in the Southwest.

GRANT PURPOSE: for general operating support in lieu of membership dues.

**Junior League of Midland, Inc.** . . . . . \$ 2,500

Midland, TX

MISSION: To promote charitable, educational, and philanthropic activities and to foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions of the community and to make efficient their volunteer service.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the 2009 Spring Fling.

**Keep Midland Beautiful, Inc.** . . . . . \$ 10,000

Midland, TX

MISSION: To prevent litter through education, voluntary recycling and waste reduction, and beautification in the City of Midland.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**Matching Gifts Program** . . . . . \$ 21,850

Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 18 gifts were matched to 10 agencies in the program area of Public, Society Benefit.

### Menard County -

**Office of Emergency Management** . . . . . \$ 5,415

Menard, TX

MISSION: To provide a comprehensive all-hazard emergency management program for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery during day to day emergency operations and disaster situations within the City of Menard, Menard County, and all other jurisdictions for which mutual aid agreements have been established.

GRANT PURPOSE: to purchase an emergency response vehicle.

### Midland Chamber of Commerce

**Foundation, Inc.** . . . . . \$ 3,000

Midland, TX

MISSION: To provide educational and charitable programs and research for benefit of the community.

GRANT PURPOSE: for sponsorship of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching program.

**Permian Basin Area Foundation** . . . . . \$ 90,713

Midland, TX

MISSION: To serve as a flexible and responsive philanthropic vehicle, embodying the ability to channel contributions both large and small to meet the community's charitable needs.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support for the Nonprofit Management Center (\$80,000), to underwrite Midland Vision 2020 (\$10,000), and for NMC consulting services to non-profits (\$713).

**Philanthropy Roundtable** . . . . . \$ 20,000

Washington, DC

MISSION: To provide a forum of members made up of individual donors, corporate giving representatives, foundation staff and trustees and trust and estate officers for the exchange of information concerning their philanthropy.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the Alliance for Charitable Reform.

**United Way of El Paso County . . . . . \$ 50,000**

El Paso, TX

MISSION: To raise funds for charitable entities within the community by consolidating fund-raising efforts of these organizations.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008 fundraising campaign.

**United Way of Midland, Inc. . . . . \$ 170,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To raise funds for charitable entities within the community by consolidating fund-raising efforts of these organizations.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008 fundraising campaign to underwrite your administrative costs.

**United Way of Odessa, Inc. . . . . \$ 100,000**

Odessa, TX

MISSION: To raise funds for charitable entities within the community by consolidating fund-raising efforts of these organizations.

GRANT PURPOSE: for the 2008 fundraising campaign.

**RELIGION**

**\$ 26,775**

**Matching Gifts Program . . . . . \$ 11,775**

Midland, TX

This program matches donations made of trustees and staff of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on a one for one basis to eligible charities. In this eleventh year of the program 23 gifts were matched to 14 agencies in the program area of Religion.

**Teen F.L.O.W. Youth Ministry . . . . . \$ 15,000**

Midland, TX

MISSION: To reach youth with the message of Jesus Christ and to equip them for a godly, productive life.

GRANT PURPOSE: for unrestricted operating support.

**TOTAL . . . . . \$5,023,264**

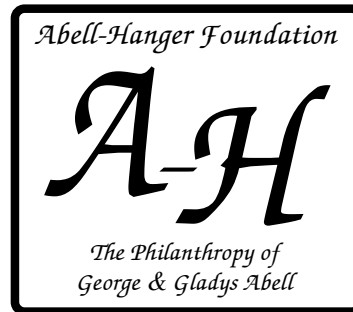
## FOUNDATION POLICY

In furtherance of the mandate in its charter to support “any benevolent, charitable, educational, or missionary undertaking,” the Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations, which are involved in such undertakings for the public welfare, including, but not limited to, education, health services, human services, arts and cultural activities and community or societal benefit.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation has deep roots in Midland and the West Texas region. Midland was the site of Mr. Abell’s professional life and, together with Mrs. Abell, his personal life. As evidenced by the respective biographies in this report, the Abells were engaged in a wide range of community and civic activities. Mr. Abell’s business success was primarily achieved as an oil and gas operator in the rural areas of West Texas. As a result of his involvement in this geographic region, he developed a deep sense of obligation to the people and rural communities of West Texas.

The trustees have a strong commitment to continue the Abell’s philanthropic interests in Midland and West Texas. The trustees have affirmed that commitment to West Texas by targeting a preponderance of the foundation’s annual grant budget to Midland and fifty-five other counties in West Texas: Andrews, Bailey, Borden, Brewster, Crane, Cochran, Coke Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, El Paso, Fisher, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kent, Kimble, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

Please refer to the foundation’s web site, [www.abell-hanger.org](http://www.abell-hanger.org), for current information on foundation policy, grant criteria, and application deadlines.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

To continue the philanthropy of George and Gladys Abell, with emphasis on improving lives of people in the Permian Basin area.

#### VISION STATEMENT

Abell-Hanger will be accessible and forthright in their dealings with all grant seekers, responsive to emerging needs, creative and a leader in the philanthropic community.

Both Adopted June 22, 2007

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