

Ruth C. Wright Endowment for Animals

Providing for the care of lost, abandoned and injured animals.



Established through a charitable bequest, the [Ruth C. Wright Endowment for Animals](#) provides grant funding for nonprofit organizations in the South Plains area that address the needs of lost, abandoned and injured animals.

Her four legged friends . . .

McGregor of Cabbage Patch (Mac) and Margaret Thatcher, P.M. (Maggie), brought enormous joy and constant companionship to Ruth Wright's life. Most would agree that the unconditional love and affection of our pets improves the quality of our lives. No one felt more strongly about this than Ruth. As a result she included a provision in her will to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation of West Texas that now provides annual grants for the care of lost, abandoned and injured animals. Because Ruth chose to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation of West Texas to achieve her philanthropic goals, the animals she cared about so passionately will be cared for in her name . . . forever.



Dr. Ruth C. Wright

Dr. Ruth Cowart Wright was born January 26, 1929, in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Lubbock High School and went on to complete her education at Texas Tech University and American University. She began her career in academics as a teacher in the public schools of Slaton and Lubbock before going on to join the political science department faculty at Texas Tech in 1957, where she taught until her retirement. She married Elmer Wright in 1964. Ruth authored numerous articles in the field of American government and was the co-author of an early text on Texas government and politics. She was known by her friends for her keen observations on life, her wit, good humor, and most especially, for her love of animals.

“Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”



GEORGE ELIOT

Community Foundation of West Texas. . . **your** community foundation

A community foundation is the one vehicle for charitable giving capable of benefiting the broadest range of philanthropic and civic interests in a specific geographic area. Through the power of endowment, those who are charitably minded can establish funds to build permanent sources of charitable assets to meet the existing, as well as emerging, needs of their community.

With the Community Foundation of West Texas as your partner in philanthropy, your charitable giving can be a charitable investment that pays truly remarkable dividends.

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Who is eligible?

Grantmaking policy and grant award decisions are made by the Board of Directors. Support from the Ruth C. Wright Endowment for Animals is restricted to organizations in the South Plains area that are 501(c)(3) or the government equivalent. Grants may be made for start-up funding, general operating support, program support, equipment and facilities, emergency needs and demonstration programs. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, for political purposes, to retire indebtedness or for payment of interest or taxes. All grant recipients must report on the expenditure of grant funds and results of the supported project within one year of the award.

The Process

The Community Foundation of West Texas accepts proposals for grants from the Ruth C. Wright Endowment for Animals on January 15th of each year. After we receive your complete proposal, copies will be provided to the Grants Committee who will make its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Additional information or a site visit may be requested. You will be notified of the Board's decision as soon as possible after the Board meeting at which your application is considered.

To Apply

Application deadline is January 15th of each year. If the 15th happens to fall on a weekend or a holiday, proposals are accepted on the first working day following the due date.

The proposal packet should include a completed Proposal Summary form (online at www.communityfoundationofwesttexas.org) along with the attachments listed below. Proposals should be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Community Foundation of West Texas
6102 82nd Street, 8B
Lubbock, TX 79424

Narrative & Project Budget

- Description of the project and the need addressed.
- Specific use of funds requested.
- A brief statement of the capability of personnel responsible for project implementation.
- List of grants received/pending related to the project and plans for additional funding.
- A plan for evaluation of project success.
- Plans for project continuation.
- Detailed project budget

Attachments

- Most recent IRS Filing (Form 990)
- A detailed copy of the organization's current annual operating budget and year-to-date financial statements
- A copy of the most recent audit (if no audit current financial statement)
- A current listing of the Board of Directors

"The greatness of a nation
and its moral progress can
be judged by the way its
animals are treated"



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If you have any questions about the proposal process please contact:

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