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**DRESSAGE FOUNDATION**

*2016 ANNUAL REPORT*



*"Not only did Verdades and I have great success at the Olympics,*  
**THE EDUCATION I RECEIVED WITH THIS GRANT**  
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Laura Graves and Verdades, Recipients of the 2016 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As you peruse this 2016 Annual Report, imagine how you ideally see the future of dressage in the United States. On a grand scale, my vision includes proficiency across the board. At the all-important lower levels, let's see backyard horses ridden more competently and humanely. Let's see young horses started and then developed better because they're being ridden better. Let's find a way so breeders produce better horses and more of them. Let's see the North American Junior/Young Rider Championships on a par with the European Young Rider Championships, which currently, it is not. Let's get the pipeline of horses and riders from pony riders and young horse classes through Grand Prix functioning smoothly and predictably.

At the top level, let's see Americans standing on those podiums every year. At the 2017 World Cup in Omaha, Isabell Werth said, "I feel the breeze at my neck!" Good. If we play our cards right, the size of this country will be our strength instead of our nemesis. Emerging superstars like Laura Graves will appear from far reaches of this country on a regular basis. Can you imagine? That's not yet a reality, but let's imagine that and make it happen!

The "rising tide" of dressage in this country doesn't depend on the moon—or on government support as it does in many countries. It depends on us. All of us with creative minds are trying to improve the sport and make that tide rise quicker. TDF supporters are helping with their Wisdom, their Work and their Wealth. If you're one of the donors who's helping to sustain the growth of dressage in the U.S., thank you and please keep up your support! Please read through the list to find donors you know, and thank them for joining forces with TDF to help the rising tide of dressage in the United States!

*Beth A. Baumert*

# 2016 OVERVIEW

Your donations to The Dressage Foundation are impacting our sport in an exceptionally positive way. Each year, as the number of generous donors to TDF increases, so does the number of grants that are available for those involved in U.S. dressage.

TDF is unique because grants are offered for nearly every aspect of our sport. Your contributions are helping instructors, judges, riders of all ages and levels, breeders, show managers and many more.

Here is a glimpse of how your donations helped build U.S. dressage in 2016:

- Hundreds of riders from nearly every state participated in a TDF-funded educational experience
- 34 dressage clubs from across the country received funding to provide educational events for their members
- Individual grants were awarded from 11 different Funds, including grants to instructors, judges, High Performance riders, youth, adult amateurs and breeders
- Three new Grant Funds were established in 2016:
  - Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges' Licensing
  - Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund for Region 9 Adult Amateurs
  - Oregon Dressage Society's Linda S. Acheson Education Fund

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# YOUR SUPPORT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE...



Rachel Saavedra  
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## **Laurie Daniel Smith – Recipient of a Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs Grant**

“I’m so grateful that I was able to have the opportunity to immerse myself in dressage for a week, to regain my confidence after an injury and surgery, and make riding my goal again. My sincerest thanks.”

## **Rachel Saavedra – Recipient of a Major Anders Lindgren Grant**

“This Grant not only funded a burst of education for me, it secured my commitment to prioritize my own improvement and the development of my FEI horse throughout the year, which has been so rewarding for me, my horse and my students. To those who contribute to TDF, have no doubt that your contributions are deeply appreciated and are making a big difference in the development of dressage trainers and their students.”

*There have been hundreds of success stories from  
grant recipients across the country.*

**YOUR DONATIONS TO TDF ENABLE  
DRESSAGE ENTHUSIASTS TO CONTINUE  
ON AN UPWARD PATH.**



# YOUR DONATIONS HAVE A BROAD IMPACT ON OUR SPORT, INFLUENCING ALL ASPECTS OF DRESSAGE.



## **Kassidy Peacock – Recipient of a Captain Jack Fritz Grant**

“At the end of the Young Rider Graduate Program, I walked away with an abundance of newfound knowledge that covered every aspect of the sport. I feel like I now have the tools and friends to help me as I begin my journey as a dressage professional. Thank you for helping me attend this program!”

Photo: Susan J Stickle



## **Lisa Dickman, Kaneques Farm – Recipient of an Elysium Farm Fund Grant for U.S. Breeder Excellence**

“With TDF’s help, I was able to attend the 2016 KWPN-NA Annual Meeting that corresponded with the 2016 KWPN Stallion Show in Den Bosch, Netherlands. What a fantastic experience it was! I now feel even more confident that I can continue to make solid choices with my own breeding program, and that I will be able to breed horses that can successfully move through the pipeline toward the top of the sport. I’m so thankful that TDF has helped pave the road for me to achieve continued success in my breeding program.”

***From the youth rider who successfully moved  
up to 1st Level, to the Adult Amateur who had a  
breakthrough in her riding, to the instructor who  
learned how to better teach his students...***

## **DRESSAGE IS IMPROVING ACROSS THE U.S.**



# THE CENTURY CLUB WELCOMED 53 NEW TEAMS IN 2016

# TDF'S SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND AWARDS

*For Year Ending December 31, 2016*



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## **Funding Direct to USDF:**

USDF Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series	10,000
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## **Funding to USDF Group Member Organizations and Other Non-Profit Groups/Clubs:**

Violet M. Hopkins Fund	18,419
Dancing Horse Freestyle Fund	266
Edgar Hotz Judges Fund	2,411
Sally Swift Fund	1,500
General Grant Fund	10,000

## **Funding to Individuals:**

Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize	25,000
Young Rider International Dream Program	20,142
Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs	10,250
Continuing Education for Instructors Fund	1,500
Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award	5,000
Elysium Farm Breeders Fund	1,500
Major Anders Lindgren Scholarships	10,000
Heldenberg Training Center Fund	4,400
Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals	500
Cynthia Aspden Youth Development Fund	2,452

<b>Total Grants and Scholarships in 2016:</b>	<b>\$123,340</b>
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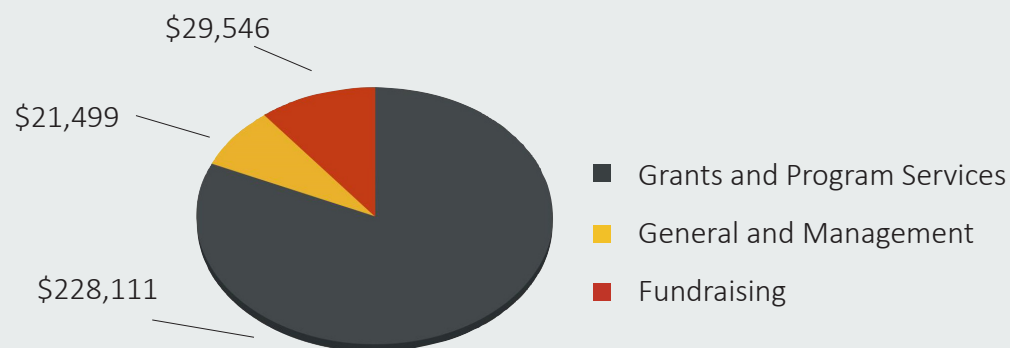
## **THE MISSION:**

*To cultivate and provide financial support  
for the advancement of dressage  
in the United States.*

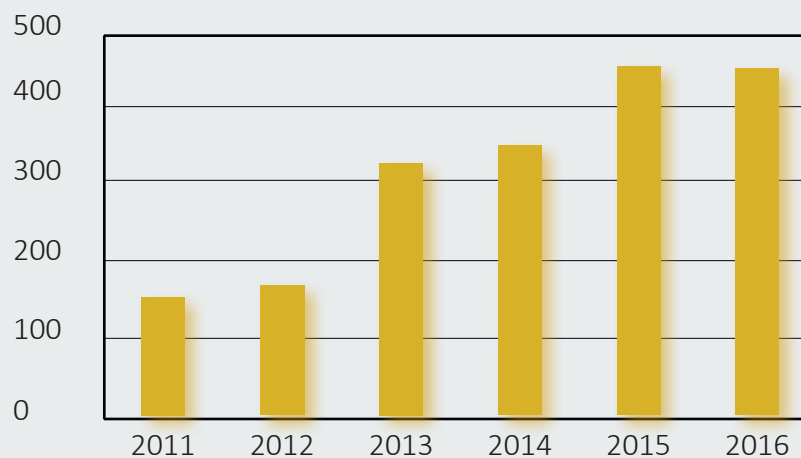
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Despite the turbulent times we are living in, The Dressage Foundation's investments provided satisfactory results for the past year. Our investments produced a 10.5% total rate of return for 2016, while providing a compounded annual return rate of 6.6% over the past three years, and 9.0% over the last five years.

## 2016 EXPENSES



## NUMBER OF TDF DONORS PER YEAR



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Contributions	\$ 223,421	\$225,751
Investment Income	29,857	29,414
Gain on sale of investments	28,776	68,721
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	151,617	(116,349)
Other Income	7,969	24,616
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>441,640</b>	<b>232,153</b>
<b>Grants and Expenses</b>		
Grants and Awards	123,340	155,197
Dressage Program Expenses	104,771	97,909
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>228,111</b>	<b>253,106</b>
General and Management	21,499	26,057
Fundraising	29,546	30,696
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>51,045</b>	<b>56,753</b>
<b>Asset, Liability, and Net Asset Summary</b>		
Investments	2,198,432	1,988,612
Property and Equipment (net of depreciation)	153,681	160,188
Contributions Receivable- (split interest agreements)	814,761	794,818
Other Assets (Note 1)	38,180	120,256
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,205,054</b>	<b>3,063,874</b>
Grants Payable	94,328	107,960
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	6,853	12,954
Gift Annuities Payable	34,930	36,501
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,068,943</b>	<b>2,906,459</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,205,054</b>	<b>\$3,063,874</b>

Note 1) Other assets include cash, pledges of future gifts, interest accrued, and prepaid expenses.

Note: The figures that appear in the Financial Summary shown are derived from the audited 2016 and 2015 Financial Statements. Please contact The Dressage Foundation at (402) 434-8585 or email [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org) if you would like a copy of the complete audited 2016 and 2015 Financial Statements for The Dressage Foundation.



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