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DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



*Reaching Goals
Realizing Dreams*

Amanda Perkowski, 2017 Cynthia Aspden Fund Grant Recipient

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President's Note



TDF has a vision for dressage in the US, and we're greedy: At the local level we want to see horses ridden more competently and humanely. We'd like US breeders to produce horses that are competitive, and we'd

like young horse riders to be able to develop them. We want the North American Youth Championships to be comparable to the European Young Rider Championships. And internationally, we'd like to predictably see US riders on those podiums. It can happen, and it should happen because the size of this country—which used to be our nemesis—and can now become our strength if TDF can help level the playing field financially.

We can succeed when we achieve these two subsidiary goals:

1—We need more worthy grant applicants who aren't currently reaching their goals because of financial restraints. Look at the numbers on page 9. We're authorized to give away much, much more than this. If you know of worthy members of your dressage community, at any level, please ask them to call us or visit our website and apply for a grant.

2—We need donors to join our family and support our mission. We're thinking very big. Please be a part of the "rising tide" of dressage in this country.

I look forward to meeting all of you who join the team in any capacity. As you look through the list of donors on pages 12-15, please thank those you know. And oops! If you aren't on the list this year, please join us and support our vision. Thank you!

Cheers,

TDF: Building U.S. Dressage Through Your Generosity

TDF's donors help dressage enthusiasts reach their goals, which improves the sport we all love! Because of these generous donors, educational opportunities are made available to riders of all levels, instructors, trainers, judges, breeders, and so many more. When we all work together-- giving and receiving-- our sport becomes stronger and more accessible.

With the help of many, some of our 2017 accomplishments include:

Providing more grants

3 new Grant Funds added in 2017

More donors helping our sport

25% increase in the number of gifts from 2016

Making dressage more accessible

35 dressage clubs received grants, providing education to hundreds of participants nationwide

We hope you enjoy reading how TDF's donors are improving our sport by helping others reach and exceed their goals!

GOAL: Support the development of riders at all levels, by providing opportunities for

consistent and correct training



**Sabine Schut-Kery and Sanceo—
Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize Recipients**

“Training in Germany with the Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize was more than amazing! Sanceo and I learned so much every day and made the most of the experience. We spent a great deal of time working on the basics, balance and biomechanics, which really improved our strength necessary for Grand Prix. The Prize gave me the opportunity to fully focus on the training and development of this special horse.”



**Alamo Dressage Association— Recipient of
a Violet Hopkins Fund Grant for GMO Events**

“Our club’s goal for the event with Jeremy Steinberg was to bring our youth riders closer together and inspire them to be passionate about our sport. With the help and overwhelming generosity of TDF, that is exactly what was accomplished! The event was a huge boost in morale with our youth riders and their families!”



**Sarah Lindsten—
Gifted Fund for Adult
Amateurs Grant Recipient**

“Having an entire week devoted solely to my training and spending leisure time with Cookie was a dream come true. I do not have a lot of spare time, so this week was very special to me. Our training goal was to increase our trot scores from 6.5 to 7, so we worked on active transitions and maintaining throughness.”

GOAL: Improve the sport through instructors & professionals

continuing education of judges, who have a far-reaching impact

Gwen Ka'awaloa (L) and Katie Barglow (R) — Inaugural Recipients of TDF's Shannon Foundation Fund Grants for Judges' Licensing

"The 'R' Program is time-intensive, requiring dedication and commitment. As a competitor, trainer, 'r' judge and working in the emergency health care field, it's important for me to carve out both time and finances to meet goals. And the 'R' was my goal," Gwen shared.

Katie said, "I was so thrilled to receive this grant from TDF toward promotion to my 'R' license. The road to becoming a judge is long, time consuming, and expensive; it's a journey I started in 2008. Now I'm happy to say that you can look for me at C this coming show season!"

Both Gwen and Katy achieved their goal of becoming an 'R' dressage judge in early 2018!



Cara Barker-Yellott — Barnett Continuing Education Grant Recipient

"Many of my students are new to dressage, and having an instructor with the tools to impart to them both a solid foundation and a passion for the sport is key to molding them into riders who will be an asset to the future of dressage."



Credit: Jessica Fan

Adrienne Lyle — Recipient of the Patsy Albers Award

"I came up through the youth and Young Rider programs and I think it is great that the Patsy Albers Award recognizes people who were able to build on their experiences from these programs to create greater successes."



Credit: Annan Hepner



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Century Club Team #295, Carol Alonso and Julio

"A Century Club Ride has been one of my goals for many years, so when my PRE partner of 24 years, El Gavilan (Julio), turned 26 in April of 2017, we decided to make the ride into an event to celebrate our 101 years! Our Century Club Ride was definitely a high point of my horse life!"



Thousands of people from across the country were impacted by your support!

\$39,869 Awarded to Groups

To host educational events for riders of all levels

\$68,458 Awarded to Individuals

Enabling them to reach their goals



48 New Century Club Teams

From 22 States and Canada

Funding Direct to USDF:

USDF Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series	10,000
USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program	15,000

Funding to USDF Group Member Organizations and Other Non-Profit Groups/Clubs:

Violet M. Hopkins Fund	5,675
Dancing Horse Freestyle Fund	3,789
ODS Linda Acheson Fund	2,660
Edgar Hotz Judges Fund	1,370
Sally Swift Fund	1,375

Funding to Individuals:

Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize	25,000
Young Rider International Dream Program	4,748
Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs	6,000
Continuing Education for Instructors Fund	3,760
Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award	5,000
Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members	1,000
Elysium Farm Breeders Fund	1,000
Major Anders Lindgren Scholarships	10,000
Evie Tumlin Fund for Region 9 Adult Amateurs	1,000
Captain Jack Fritz Grants	2,500
Landkamer Fund for Competition Management	250
Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges	2,900
Patsy Albers Fund	1,000
Carolyn Van Cise Fund for MI Youth	500
Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals	750
Cynthia Aspden Youth Development Fund	3,050

Total Grants and Scholarships in 2017: \$108,327

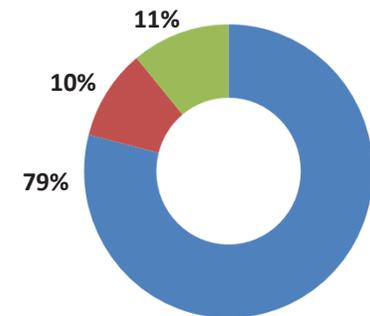
Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assets	3,731,102	3,205,054
Liabilities	110,045	136,111
Net Assets	3,621,057	3,068,943

Summary of Revenues & Expenses

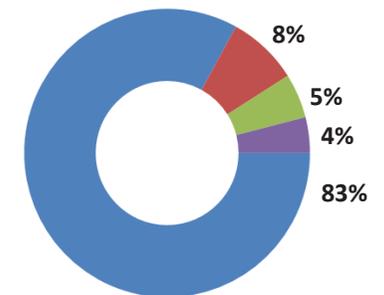
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contributions	203,783	223,421
Investment Revenue	651,602	210,250
Grants and Program Expenses	236,874	228,111
Supporting Services Expenses	62,423	51,045

2017 Grants & Expenses



\$236,874	Grants and Programs
\$29,864	General and Management
\$32,559	Fundraising

2017 Contributions



\$169,972	Individuals/Foundations
\$16,616	GMOs/Dressage Clubs
\$9,715	Monthly Donors
\$7,480	Corporations

The figures that appear on pages 10-11 are derived from the audited 2017 and 2016 Financial Statements. Please contact The Dressage Foundation at (402) 434-8585 or email info@dressagefoundation.org if you would like a copy of the complete audited 2017 and 2016 Financial Statements for The Dressage Foundation.

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