

WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

As we focus on making an impact that improves lives today, we want to ensure it lasts to benefit future generations. That's why we are committed to the issues we work on for the long term, and why we're constantly evaluating our efforts to make sure solutions are effective and lasting.

Where Opportunity Takes Root

The Walton Family Foundation is, at its core, a family-led foundation. Three generations of the descendants of our founders, Sam and Helen Walton, and their spouses, work together to lead the foundation and create access to opportunity for people and communities. We believe the best ideas can come from anywhere, so we stay open to new thinking from all over. We partner with those who are closest to the problem because they're usually closest to the solution.

We work in three areas: improving K-12 education, protecting rivers and oceans and the communities they support, and investing in our home region of Northwest Arkansas and the Arkansas-Mississippi Delta.

In 2019, the foundation awarded more than \$525 million in grants to further our mission. Our headquarters are in Bentonville, Arkansas, with offices in Washington, D.C.; Jersey City, New Jersey; and Denver, Colorado.

Our Mission:

We are a family-led foundation that tackles tough social and environmental problems with urgency and a long-term approach to create access to opportunity for people and communities.

Our Vision:

To live in a world where people can accomplish anything when they have opportunity and encouragement.

Our Values:

- **ROOTED** in the places we work and in a family legacy of giving back
- **ACTIVE** in our work with grantees and in enabling individuals to take an active role in determining their futures
- **STEADY** in our focused approach to creating lasting change
- **BOLD** in our belief about what's possible and in tackling big, complex problems
- **OPEN** about who we are and to ideas from anywhere

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Caryl M. Stern

Executive Director



Caryl M. Stern is the executive director of the Walton Family Foundation. Previously, she was president and CEO of UNICEF USA. A dynamic change-maker, Caryl has dedicated her career to helping others through education, compassion, advocacy and rolling up her sleeves. Since 2007, she has served as president and CEO of UNICEF USA, an organization that supports UNICEF's lifesaving work to put children first.

Caryl has traveled to more than 30 countries in support of UNICEF's work and has spearheaded UNICEF USA's emergency relief efforts for children affected by disasters, including the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the 2011 East Africa drought, the Ebola and Zika epidemics and the ongoing global refugee and migrant crisis.

A sought-after public speaker on the topics of Kids Helping Kids, children and philanthropy, anti-bullying and international development, Caryl was invited to present at the White House's inaugural summit on The United State of

Women and was named one of "25 Women Changing the World in 2017" by People Magazine, "20 Most Influential Moms of 2017" by Family Circle, "25 Moms We Love" by Working Mother Magazine and "Ten Women to Watch" by Jewish Women International.

She serves on the boards of directors of The Container Store and the We Are Family Foundation. In addition, Caryl is a member of the Advisory Board of Chime for Change and a trustee of The World's Big Sleep Out. Prior to joining UNICEF USA, Caryl was an executive at the Anti-Defamation League, the founding director of its A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute, and the Dean of Students at Polytechnic University.

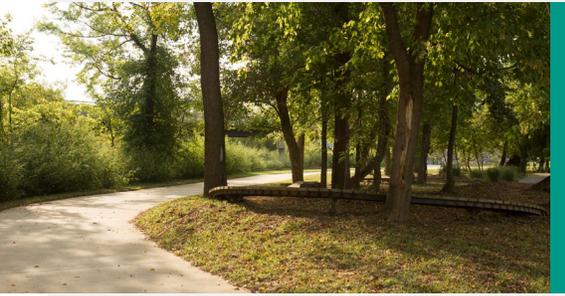
Caryl is an activist, author, executive, public speaker, mother of three and grandmother of two.

News and Announcements

Audubon and the Walton Family Foundation Invest in Next Generation of Conservation Leaders

The National Audubon Society announced a \$250,000 investment from the Walton Family Foundation to build on the success of the Audubon on Campus Chapter Program by expanding engagement with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).





Northwest Arkansas Reports Rising Trail Use for Third Consecutive Study

Northwest Arkansas' trail system is experiencing a steady rise in bike and foot traffic, according to a new report commissioned by the Walton Family Foundation. Since 2015, there has been 36% growth in cycling use and 13% growth in pedestrian activity, with the heaviest volume along the Razorback Regional Greenway, in densely populated areas and near regional assets like Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

LISC and Walton Family Foundation Launch \$2M Effort to Expand High-Quality Education in Opportunity Zones

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) launched the Spark Opportunity Grant Program to bring high-quality schools to economically distressed communities and help ensure education is a cornerstone of their revitalization. The \$2 million program, supported by a grant from the Walton Family Foundation, will assist an estimated 40 public charter schools in expanding their capacity to plan, finance and build facilities that meet the needs of their communities, all while maximizing critical dollars in the classroom.

Walton Family Foundation Expands its Investment in Forest and Wetland Restoration in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley

The Walton Family Foundation has awarded The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) \$1.25 million to restore, enhance and protect the sensitive forest, wetland and aquatic habitats in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley. NFWF and its partners have leveraged this funding to generate an additional \$30 million in matching federal funds. NFWF, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and International Paper awarded eight grants through the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley Restoration Fund (LMAV Fund).



Major Investments to Support, Retain and Increase the Diversity of Educators Nationwide

The Walton Family Foundation announced funding totaling more than \$20 million to support efforts to make the teaching profession more dynamic and sustainable. These grants build on decades of giving dedicated to support, retain and increase the diversity of educators nationwide. "Access to a great education can be life changing," said Alice Walton in an open letter published in The New York Times Magazine. "For decades, the Walton Family Foundation has supported innovative approaches to education. Of the many things we've learned over the years, this truth stands out: A great education begins with a great teacher."

Northwest Arkansas Residents Report High Quality of Life

Northwest Arkansas residents continue to view the region as a great place to live, with 95% of residents reporting being “very happy” or “fairly happy.” According to the latest Quality of Life Survey Report commissioned by the Walton Family Foundation, residents in Benton and Washington counties are generally satisfied with the region’s overall quality of life. The survey also highlights affordability and infrastructure trends that could limit access to key amenities.



Equitable Facilities Fund to Issue \$100M in Bonds to Support Public Education

Equitable Facilities Fund (EFF) will issue \$100 million in A-rated tax-exempt bonds to further its mission of supporting an equitable, high-quality public education for all students by providing financing to excellent public charter schools to build, grow and renovate facilities. Through EFF’s Preliminary Official Statement, the nonprofit lender has laid out plans that will support 30,000 public charter school students by providing affordable funds for their schools’ buildings, equipment and other capital projects, thus directing more resources into the classroom and helping students realize academic success and a lifetime of opportunity.

4.0 Launches \$15M Fund to Grow the Field of Education Entrepreneurs and Expand Innovative Approaches to New Schools

4.0 announced the launch of its next fundraising campaign, Fund III, with matching \$5 million donations from the Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) and the Walton Family Foundation (WFF). Fund III will support 600 diverse education entrepreneurs in incubating, testing and launching innovative approaches to education that will transform America’s education system by creating more high-quality schools and programs that meet the unique needs of students and communities. The CKF and WFF combined gifts of \$10 million comprise two-thirds of the entire goal for Fund III.

NewSchools Venture Fund Announces Fund to Diversify the PreK-12 Teaching Profession

NewSchools Venture Fund, with financial support from the Walton Family Foundation, today announced the launch of a new \$3.5 million competitive funding opportunity to diversify the PreK-12 teaching profession. Up to 14 concepts or early-stage organizations with bold ideas to enhance the recruitment, development and retention of underrepresented teachers (including Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American/Alaskan Native teachers) will be eligible for \$200,000 on average in funding.



Walton Family Foundation Supports Traditional Colleges of Education, Diverse Teacher Pipelines Across the Country

The Walton Family Foundation announced \$1.8 million in new funding to support traditional colleges of education that are incorporating best practices in efforts to recruit, train and increase the diversity of future teachers. The teacher preparation programs at Bank Street College of Education, Marian University and New York University are utilizing emerging, proven trends in teacher development. All programs will prepare teachers to serve students with diverse and varied learning needs, including a focus on students with special needs and English language learners.

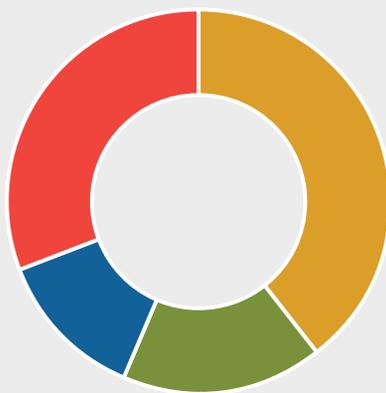
Foundation Unveils Findings on the Northwest Arkansas Arts and Culture Ecosystem

Northwest Arkansas' arts community has offerings for nearly every audience, according to a [new study](#) commissioned by the Walton Family Foundation. With the growth of internationally recognized museums and other cultural amenities, the report found the region is becoming more competitive with American arts capitals.

2019 Walton Family Foundation Grantmaking

In 2019, the Walton Family Foundation's grantmaking exceeded \$525 million as we pursued our mission to solve tough social and environmental programs and create access to opportunity for people and communities.

A full list of 2019 grants is available [here](#).



2019 Grants

\$525.8 million in grants awarded in 2019

- K-12 Education (\$207.4 million)
- Environment (\$90.5 million)
- Home Region (\$66.1 million)
- Special Projects (\$161.8 million)