

THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION'S  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

2021



# A MESSAGE FROM TDF'S PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear TDF Friends!

These pages warm my heart—especially pages 8-11 that are filled with the names of people who are dear to us. With a 40 percent increase in donors, TDF is feeling the generosity of many, and has great plans for the future.

It reminds me of a Jacques Cousteau quote: "It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert."

TDF's concert is only warming up, and the vision of tomorrow is one in which "every aspect of U.S. dressage will grow and succeed locally, nationally and internationally." That's from the TDF vision statement. It's the TDF pledge that is only possible because of your generosity. It's starting to make a beautiful, downright inspiring concert! Bravo!

Cheers,

Beth Baumert  
President & CEO

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*On the cover:*

*Claire Darnell and Harold S, recipients of TDF's \$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize and \$10,000 Debbie McDonald Fund Grant for Pacific NW FEI Riders. Photo by ESI Photography.*

# FROM DREAM TO REALITY

Thanks to your support, grant recipients across the country have reached their goals and realized their dreams!

From a rider who reached the goal of feeling confident on his young horse, to a rider who realized her Olympic dreams -- and everyone in between -- your donations helped our sport across the board in 2021.

\$222,172

Total Awarded in 2021:  
\$43,490 to Equestrian Organizations  
\$178,682 to Individuals

82

Grant Recipients:  
28 Equestrian Organizations  
54 Individuals

40%

Increase in the # of  
donors since 2020

34

States where TDF  
awarded a Grant

9

New Grants for Amateurs,  
Western Dressage riders, and  
Blind and Visually Impaired  
Para-Dressage riders



A record number of grants  
were awarded to Adult  
Amateurs and for Judges'  
Education

**"There are just not enough words to thank The Dressage Foundation!** Through the generous Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize, I was able to spend immersive time with my coaches in the years leading up to the 2021 Olympic Games. Focusing solely on Sanceo's development during that time is a very important aspect of what we accomplished in Tokyo. I am honored for the support!"

-- Sabine Schut-Kery (CA)  
2021 Team USA Olympic  
Silver Medalist



Shannon Brinkman

# BECAUSE OF YOU...

"The development and recognition of U.S.-bred horses and breeders to the highest level of dressage is one of my own personal passions. I am so grateful to TDF for the Dr. Anne Barlow-Ramsay Grant, which **funds the education necessary for riders to learn how to develop these special horses for the future of international dressage.**"

-- Lindsey Holleger (NY)

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Susan J. Stickle

"I cannot express how much it means to me to be selected as a recipient of a Gifted Fund Grant for Adult Amateurs. **Between a demanding job, a small farm, and horses to care for, carving out the time to focus on my own education can be hard to prioritize.** I'm excited for an amazing learning experience."

-- Leah Strid (MO)

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"I am so thankful for TDF's Para-Dressage Fund Grant! It is so wonderful for para-equestrians to have these opportunities. **Without the support of TDF and my trainer, I would not be where I am today.**"

-- Veronica Gogan (VA)



# THE CENTURY CLUB

The Dressage Foundation's Century Club, founded in 1996, has become a bucket list item, a final celebration, or the start of a new adventure. The members inspire other equestrians— young and old alike— from across disciplines and from around the world.

Over 500 Teams have now joined the Century Club, including riders from nearly every state. It is an honor for TDF to be the home for the Century Club.

25

Years of Honoring Senior Riders and Senior Horses

65

Number of New Century Club Teams in 2021

27

Number of States Represented in 2021

25

Different Breeds of Horses to Join in 2021



Team #490:  
Mary Stack and Cary  
Ages 77 and 23

# 2021 GRANTS & AWARDS

## ***Funding Direct to the United States Dressage Federation:***

USDF Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series	10,000
USDF/USEF Dressage Judges' Clinics	5,600

## ***Funding to USDF Group Member Organizations and Nonprofit Groups:***

Violet Hopkins Fund	8,515
Michael Poulin Dressage Fund	7,000
Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund	4,000
ODS Linda Acheson Fund	3,000
Max Gahwyler Instructor Education Fund	2,425
Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund	1,600
Dancing Horse Freestyle Fund	1,350

## ***Funding to Individuals:***

Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize	50,000
Anne Barlow Ramsay Grant for U.S.-Bred Horses	25,000
Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs	22,500
Major Lindgren Instructor Grants	12,000
Debbie McDonald Fund for Pacific NW FEI Riders	10,000
Century Club	9,241
Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund	6,500
Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award	5,000
George Williams Young Professional Fund	5,000
Team Tate Mentorship and Leadership Fund	5,000
Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund	5,000
Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund	4,000
Cynthia Aspden Youth Development Fund	3,500
Patsy Albers Award	2,500
Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals	2,000
Gerhard Politz Young Adult Fund	2,000
U.S. Breeders Excellence Fund	2,000
Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges	1,500
Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund	1,300
Carolyn Van Cise Fund for Michigan Youth	1,000
Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members	1,000
Veronica Holt Dressage TD Fund	1,000
Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Fund	993
Evie Tumlin Fund for Region 9 Amateurs	650

**Total Grants and Awards in 2021:**

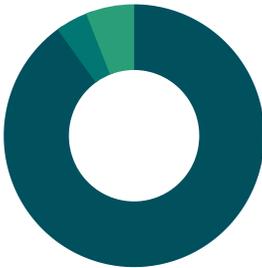
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# FINANCIALS

## The Dressage Foundation's Financials For the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020

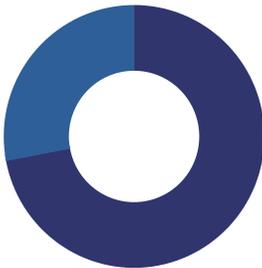
<u>Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets	5,871,330	5,041,345
Liabilities	171,535	247,483
Net Assets	5,699,795	4,793,862

<u>Summary of Revenue and Expenses</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contributions	441,790	361,248
Investment Revenue	774,303	579,676
Grants and Program Expenses	315,800	357,105
Supporting Services Expenses	141,007	66,971



### 2021 Donors

- Individuals: \$398,069
- Monthly Donors: \$15,019
- Dressage Clubs, Businesses & Other Organizations: \$28,702



### 2021 Donation Designations

- Restricted (for Grants and Programs): \$320,230
- Unrestricted (for TDF Operating Expenses): \$121,560

The figures that appear on this page are derived from the audited 2021 Financial Statements. Please contact The Dressage Foundation at (402) 434-8585 or [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org) if you would like a copy of the complete audited 2021 Financial Statements.

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"I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of a TDF grant. **As a working student and a nursing student, funds to travel beyond my current training program are often in short supply. This grant will allow me to continue to follow my dreams.** I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from a professional who once started as a small-town girl with a big dream, just like me."

-- Rachel Tomczak (WI)



Susan J. Strickie