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## **Cresap Family Foundation Announces 2022 Grants**

*Foundation Giving Tops \$11 Million to Oklahoma Organizations Since Inception*

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OKLAHOMA CITY—As 2022 draws to a close, The Cresap Family Foundation is proud to share an investment of \$1,601,060 to nonprofits across the country. Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of grantmaking, the Foundation has awarded more than \$11 million since inception.

The Cresap Family Foundation recognizes the integral role nonprofits play in Oklahoma and is committed to improving the quality of life for Oklahomans and beyond through the support of programs impacting youth and families, health and wellness, education, arts and humanities, and animal welfare. A full list of awards is listed on [cresapfoundation.org](https://cresapfoundation.org).

In 2022 The Cresap Family Foundation partnered with central Oklahoma nonprofits to establish Getting Ahead—Bridges Out of Poverty OKC. Operated by the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, the program helps participants set goals for life, build a network of support, and discover resources to create a more stable environment for families. The program has experienced success in its first year and anticipates further growth in the coming year, offering the program at 8 sites across the metro, serving nearly 100 participants.

“We were made aware of this opportunity and consider this initiative one of the major successes of 2022,” says John Cresap, President. “Encouraging partnerships and creating opportunities for families—this was a double win.”

Brandy, a recent Getting Ahead graduate, is a single parent and small business owner. Participation in Getting Ahead refined her time management and negotiation skills and helped her recognize the value of her own hard work. Brandy’s business revenues have tripled and the impact of this on her life, her family, her confidence is impossible to measure. The good keeps rippling forward. To learn more about Getting ahead, visit <https://ymcaokc.org/gettingahead/>.

Denny, Gail, and John Cresap established the foundation following the sale of the family's business, Premium Beers of Oklahoma, one of the largest Anheuser-Busch distributorships in the country. A desire to give back to the communities that had supported Premium Beers of Oklahoma for 44 years resulted in the foundation's creation.

For more information, visit the foundation online at [www.cresapfoundation.org](http://www.cresapfoundation.org) or [www.foundationmanagementinc.com](http://www.foundationmanagementinc.com).

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