



2019 Parents Fund **Impact Report**



A MESSAGE TO PARENTS FUND DONORS

The Parents Fund was created in 2014 to enhance the academic and co-curricular experience at Mason. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we have raised almost \$234,000 to date. From scholarship opportunities to initiatives that provide direct support to students in need—your gifts have ensured that our students have access to resources that help them learn, grow, and succeed.

This report highlights the impact of your contributions to the Parents Fund. Inside, you'll see stories from students who have directly benefited from your gifts, as well as a breakdown of how support from the Parents Fund has touched many aspects of our campus community.

Thank you for investing in the student experience at Mason. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

With Patriot Pride,

Rose Pascarell
Vice President of University Life

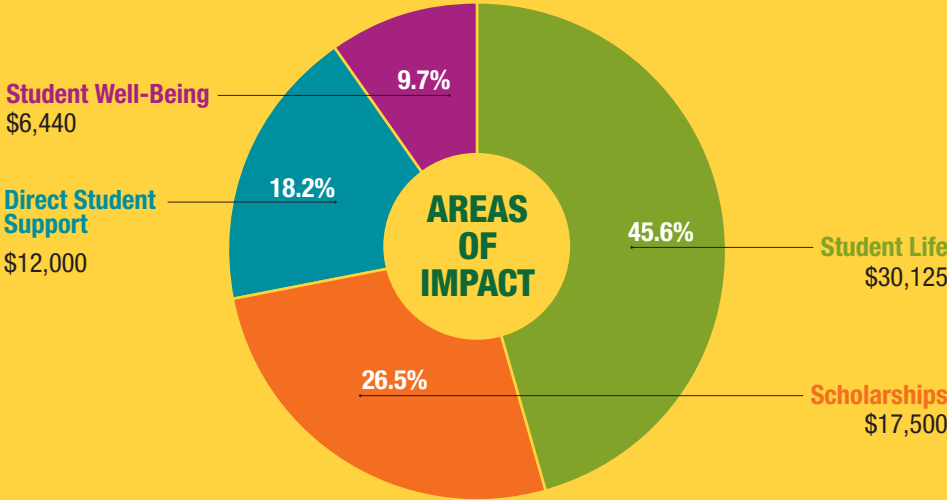


2018 PARENTS FUND GRANTS

A portion of money raised in the Parents Fund was allocated three times in 2018 to support **strategic initiatives** within the George Mason community that enhance the student experience.

\$66,065 was allocated in 2018 to **25 projects** across the university community via Parents Fund grants

15,466 students were **impacted** by projects receiving funding from Parents Fund grants in 2018



OVERALL GIVING TO THE PARENTS FUND

\$233,766
Number of **dollars raised**
(2014–present)

5,717
Number of **donors**
(2014–present)

The Impact of Your Gift

The following stories illustrate the impact of your dollars at work.

DEAR WORLD

Dear World is an interactive, award-winning project that unites campus communities through portraits that tell personal stories. Parents Fund grant money helped bring Dear World to our campus, where more than 225 members of the Mason Nation shared their own personal stories through portraits sparking meaningful conversation in our community about the stories behind their messages.

student statement

The Dear World Project at Mason allowed me to proudly permeate the legacy of the immigrant community at Mason. It serves as a continual reminder to many that throughout your journey in life you will encounter difficult times, but you will learn from it and realize how much stronger of a person you have become because of it.

UNPAID INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

University Career Services received Parents Fund grant money to provide scholarships to 20 students completing unpaid internships. Despite the value employers see in internships, and the future financial benefit students receive by participating in an internship, many Mason students are unable to pursue internships because of the financial burden it creates if those opportunities are unpaid.

student statement

I was given the opportunity to complete an internship with George Mason University's Mason and Partners (MAP) Interprofessional clinics and experience a whole new side of health care. MAP clinics serve the uninsured, immigrant, and refugee communities within Prince William and Fairfax Counties in Northern Virginia. As an intern, some of my responsibilities were to enter in patient data, troubleshoot equipment, and educate Mason nursing and nurse practitioner students on how to use the electronic health record. My experiences at this internship will stay with me forever. I am grateful that the Unpaid Internship Scholarship afforded me this opportunity.

UNDOCUALLY TRAINER SCHOLARSHIPS

Mason's UndocuAlly Training has been locally and nationally recognized as a best practice for cultivating a supportive campus environment for undocumented students. Parents Fund grant money provided scholarships to five students who serve as UndocuAlly trainers and who have educated more than 200 faculty, staff, students, and community members on the barriers undocumented students face and how fellow Patriots can be allies to undocumented students.

student statement

As an UndocuAlly trainer I have personally been able to witness many undocumented students succeed due to the fact that they know George Mason University is a place that not only recognizes them, but supports them. To all the Parents Fund donors: Thank you for allowing these trainings to happen, because without this funding so many students wouldn't feel welcome or proud to call Mason their home away from home. I am beyond grateful that I had the opportunity to continue to do the work that is creating a movement on this campus. I hope this testament serves as representation as to what this funding has been able to accomplish this year alone, and the opportunities that it has given to hundreds of students like myself.

