Marking our 65th anniversary with renewed philanthropic vision, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations reflect with pride on past fields of interest and grantees, including the Salk Institute for Biological Studies — an AVDF grantee for more than 40 years — that houses the Arthur Vining Davis Center for Behavioral Neurobiology.

Philanthropic Principles

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations’ philanthropic values are based on three key principles:

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Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Mission

Grounded in Arthur Vining Davis’ principled and innovative leadership in national corporate life and philanthropy, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations strengthen America’s intellectual life, humane instincts and democracy through philanthropic support for private higher education; interfaith leadership and religious literacy; public educational media; environmental engagement, stewardship and solutions; and palliative care and end of life.
The Early Days

Arthur Vining Davis’ parents, Mary Vining Davis and Perley Bacon Davis—a Congregational minister—understood the value of education. They sent young Arthur to Roxbury Latin School in Boston, after which he enrolled at Amherst College with an academic scholarship, concentrating his studies on chemistry and physics. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1888 and accepted a job as the first employee of the Pittsburgh Reduction Company.

Although the young graduate worked as a shop helper and bookkeeper earning $14 a week, he soon joined the small company team developing a process to make aluminum that would be commercially viable and available to industry and consumers. On Thanksgiving Day 1888, after much trial and error, Mr. Davis himself poured the first ingot of stronger and more affordable aluminum, destined to become indispensable in international construction, electronics, aeronautics and aerospace—among many more applications.

Building a National Industry

A leader with an extraordinary work ethic and executive genius, Mr. Davis was a key figure when the Pittsburgh Reduction Company became the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) in 1907. He was named
company president three years later, and built the young enterprise into a vital national industry. Working long hours without stopping for lunch—a lifelong habit—the indefatigable industrialist continued to steer Alcoa toward increasing expansion and profitability throughout his life.

**Corporate Visionary**

Recognized as a visionary in industry and innovation, he was recruited to serve on dozens of boards, and in 1947 was awarded the Presidential Certificate of Merit for ensuring an adequate supply of aluminum for America’s efforts in World War II.

A strategic thinker as well as an industrialist, in 1925 Mr. Davis built a smelting plant on the Saguenay River in Northern Quebec. To ensure its success, he founded a community of houses, schools and parks on the river and named it Arvida. There the plant’s workers would live, worship and educate their children. An aluminum lunch pail Mr. Davis designed for the employees became emblematic of the dedicated workers who contributed to the success of the company.

**No Time for Retirement**

Although he remained chairman of Alcoa until 1957, Mr. Davis stepped away from active management in 1948, “retiring” to Florida. But his version of retirement meant continuing his prescient and determined entrepreneurship through the array of opportunities he recognized in the Sunshine State. He invested substantially in land and embarked on multiple new enterprises, ranging from banks, hotels, shipping companies and an airline to ice cream manufacturing, nurseries, a furniture plant, a steel fabricating plant and dairy and vegetable farms.

**A Patriotic Philanthropist**

Throughout his life, Mr. Davis exercised a charitable spirit, first formalizing his philanthropy in 1952 by creating a living trust. With a philosophy of giving, both broad and pragmatic, he directed his charity to make grants that would strengthen America’s future. His earliest recorded gifts were to colleges and theological institutions, which he viewed as the bulwarks of society, education and culture. He helped fund the University of Miami and established the Baptist Hospital in Miami with gifts of 55 acres and more than $1.5 million.

**Strengthening America in Perpetuity**

Arthur Vining Davis died in 1962 at the age of 95, having established in his will two more charities that would, in concert with the first, become the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations (AVDF). Throughout its first 65 years, the AVDF Trustees have followed this directive to strengthen the nation with over 3,800 grants to 2,821 grantees totaling more than $300,000,000. These grants reflect the uniquely entrepreneurial spirit that shaped the founder’s business success and his philanthropic legacy.

Grounded in the evolving spectrum of American culture, the vision of Arthur Vining Davis will continue to guide his nation and, by extension, the world.
Arthur Vining Davis

1867
Arthur Vining Davis is born to Perley Bacon Davis and Mary Vining Davis on May 30 in Sharon, Mass.

1873
The young student attends school in Boston’s Hyde Park neighborhood before enrolling at Roxbury Latin School.

1884
Mr. Davis begins his studies at Amherst with a merit scholarship and graduates in 1888 Phi Beta Kappa.

1888
Mr. Davis is hired as the first employee of Pittsburgh Reduction Company, where he pours the original ingot of commercial aluminum on Thanksgiving Day.

1891
Mr. Davis becomes general manager and a director of Pittsburgh Reduction Company.

1903
The Wright Brothers take off at Kitty Hawk in the world’s first flying machine. The engine block and crankcase of the historic plane are cast from aluminum supplied by Pittsburgh Reduction Company.

1907
The Pittsburgh Reduction Company becomes the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa).

1948
Mr. Davis resigns from active management of Alcoa, moves to Coral Gables, Fla., and embarks on a real estate career, buying large tracts of land in Florida that included the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

1952
On December 15, Mr. Davis establishes the first foundation of what will become the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

1957
Mr. Davis uses “Arvida” to name a Florida corporation that encompasses his wide range of enterprises, including real estate development, an airline, a furniture plant and orchid cultivation.

1958
Mr. Davis officially retires from Alcoa. The press release reads, “Arthur Vining Davis, the only living American who has seen and participated in every chapter of the aluminum industry’s history in the United States, has resigned as Chairman of the Board and as a director of Aluminum Company of America.”

1958
Mr. Davis donates 55 acres and more than $1.5 million to establish Baptist Hospital of Miami.

1962
Mr. Davis dies at the age of 95, directing through his will the formation of the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

1967
AVDF makes its first two grants to public television — WQED in Pittsburgh and WGBH in Boston — leading to long-term relationships with many stations.
His Life and Philanthropic Legacy

1910
Mr. Davis becomes president of Alcoa, the same year that aluminum foil is introduced to America.

1917
The U.S. military uses 90 percent of Alcoa’s wartime production during World War I.

1925
The New York Stock Exchange first lists Alcoa’s common stock on July 31.

1927
Mr. Davis establishes an Alcoa plant in Quebec and founds the community of Arvida (from Arthur Vining Davis), described by The New York Times as a “model town for working families.”

1928
Mr. Davis is elected chairman of the board at Alcoa.

1930
Considered a high point of 20th-century engineering, the Empire State Building features 730 tons of aluminum in its construction.

1941
Alcoa begins supplying aluminum critical to the U.S. military during World War II, earning Mr. Davis the Presidential Certificate of Merit in 1947 for his wartime efforts.

1975
AVDF becomes one of the earliest supporters of hospice and palliative care in America, funding grants in Connecticut, Seattle and Washington, DC.

1987
Capstone funding from AVDF was crucial to completion of Ken Burns’ The Civil War, which earned more than 40 major film and television honors, including two Emmy Awards, two Grammy Awards and a Peabody Award.

1995
AVDF reaches a total of $100 million in grants in 1995 and exceeds $200 million in 2005.

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The AVDF Board of Trustees addresses for the first time intergenerational succession plans for trustee membership.

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AVDF launches its 2017–2022 Strategic Plan and celebrates 65 years of grantmaking, including over 3,800 grants totaling more than $300 million.

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The four leaders who have chaired the Board of Trustees are:
- Arthur V. Davis
- William B. Given Jr.
- Nathanael V. Davis
- J.H. Dow Davis
Arthur Vining Davis Foundations

AVDF Grantees
Alphabetical Listing
1952-2017

A
- A Better Chance
- Abilene Christian University
- Academy for Educational Development
- Academy of Parish Clergy
- Accredited Theological Schools of Ohio and Indiana
- Adelphi University
- Adrian College
- Agnes Scott College
- Alabama Hospice Organization
- Alaska Children's Services
- Alaska Pacific University
- Albion Institute
- Albertson College of Idaho
- Albion College
- Alderson-Broaddus College
- Alfried University
- Alice Lloyd College
- Allegheny College
- Alma College
- Alverno College
- American Academy of Diplomacy
- American Academy of Physicians
- American Academy of Religion
- American Academy on Character Education
- American Baptist Seminary of the West
- American Bar Association
- American Council on Education
- American Field Service
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Indian Law Center
- American Institute for Public Service
- American Museum of Natural History
- American National Red Cross
- American Red Cross
- American School of Classical Studies at Athens
- American Society for Microbiology
- American University
- Amherst College
- Andover Newton Theological School
- Appalachian Regional Hospitals
- Aquinas Institute of Theology
- Arizona, University of
- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Asbury University
- Ashland Community Hospice
- Aspen Institute
- Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
- Association of American Colleges and Universities
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Association of Black Foundation Executives
- Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
- Association of Kansas Hospiices
- Association of Theological Schools
- Atlanta University Center
- Auburn Theological Seminary
- Augustana College
- Austin College
- Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Averett University
- Avila Films

B
- Bacon College
- Bahamian Scholarship Program
- Baker University
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bangor Theological Seminary
- Baptist Bible Institute
- Baptist Health Foundation
- Baptist Hospital of Miami
- Bard College
- Bard College
- Barnes-Jewish Hospital
- Barry University
- Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- Bates College
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Belmont University
- Beloit College
- Benedicte College
- Bennett College
- Bennington College
- Berea College
- Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
- Berry College
- Beth Israel Medical Center
- Bethany College (KS)
- Bethany College (WV)
- Bethany Theological Seminary
- Bethel College
- Bethesda Lutheran Hospital
- Betheune-Cookman University
- Bicentennial Pagent
- Big Bend, Hospice of
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Big Picture Company
- Birmingham-Southern College
- Biscayne College
- (St. Thomas University)
- Bishop College
- Blackburn College
- Blue Ridge Assembly
- Bluffton College
- Board for Theological Education
- Bobbs Academy
- Boston College
- Boston Hospital for Women
- Boston Theological Institute
- Boston University
- Boston University School of Medicine
- Boston University School of Theology
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- Bremer-Butler Hospice
- Brick Store Museum
- Bridgeport, University of
- Brite Divinity School
- British Schools and Universities Foundation
- Brooklyn Hospital
- Brotherwood Commission
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- California, University of (Berkeley)
- California, University of (Los Angeles)
- Calvin College
- Calvin Theological Seminary
- Cambridge College
- Cambridge Health Alliance Foundation
- Campbell College
- Campbellsville University
- Campus Crusade for Christ International
- Canisius College
- Cape Cod Hospital
- Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital
- Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Institute
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Carnegie Museum of Art
- Carroll College (MT)
- Carroll University (WI)
- Carson-Newman University
- Case Western Reserve University
- CAST, Inc.
- Catawba College
- Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
- Catholic Theological Union
- Catholic University of America
- Centenary College of Louisiana
- Center for Advanced Jewish Studies
- Center for Applied Linguistics
- Center for Large Landscape Conservation
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Center for Teaching Quality, Inc.
- Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Cedar College
- Centre College
- Chatham University
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Chicago Theological Seminary
- Chicago, University of
- Chicago, University of/Pritzker School of Medicine
- Children's Home of Vermillion County
- Children's Hospital (Boston)
- Children's Hospital (Los Angeles)
- Children's Hospital (Seattle)
- Children's Hospital (St. Paul)
- Children's Medical Center
- Children's Orthopedic Hospital & Medical Center
- Children's Television Workshop
- Christ the King Seminary
- Christian College Consortium
- Christian Theological Seminary
- Church Divinity School of the Pacific
- Citizens General Hospital
- Cliftin University
- Claremont Graduate University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Claremont School of Theology
- Claremont University Consortium
- Clark University
- Clarke College
- Clare College
- Clark University
- Colorado, University of
- Colorado, University of
- Colorado, University of
- Columbian University
- Columbus University College of Physicians/Surgeons
- Common Sense Media
- Community Foundation for the Arts
- Community Foundation for Northeast Florida
- Community Hospitals of America Inc
- Concordia College
- Concordia Seminary
- Connecticut College
- Connecticut Hospice
- Connecticut College
- Cornell College
- Cornell University
- Cornell University Medical College
- Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education
- Council of Independent Colleges
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Council on Foundations
- Cumberlands, The University of
- Dade Community Foundation
- Dallas, University of
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Dartmouth College
- Dartmouth Medical School
- Davidson College
- Davenport Films
- David Grubin Productions
- Davidson College
- Davis & Elkins College
- Delaware, University of
- Denison University
- Denver, University of
- DePauw University
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College
- Dillard University
- Dine College
- Doane College
- Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
- Dominican University of California
- Drake University
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Drexel University College of Medicine
- Drury University
- Dubuque, University of
- Duke University
- Duke University Divinity School
- Duke University Medical Center
- Duke University School of Engineering
- Earthline College
- East Carolina University
- Eastern Red Cross
- Edward Mennonite University
- Eckerd College
- Eden Theological Seminary
- Edgewood College
- Educational Enrichment Program
65 Years of AVDF Grants: 1952-2017

- Educational Ventures
- Emirina College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emory & Henry College
- Emory University
- Emory University – Candler School of Theology
- Emory University School of Medicine
- Episcopal Church at Yale
- Episcopal Church Foundation
- Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
- Episcopal Divinity School
- Episcopal Social Services
- Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
- Exploratorium

F
- Fairfield University
- Faulkner Hospital
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Ferrum College
- Filmmakers Collaborative
- Firelight Media
- First Congregational Church
- Fisk University
- Five College Consortium
- Flagler College
- Florence Crittenton Home of Dade County
- Florida A & M University
- Florida Association of Colleges and Universities
- Florida College
- Florida Independent College Fund
- Florida Institute for Art Education
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Memorial University
- Florida Southern College
- Florida State Museum
- Florida Theological Center
- Florida, University of
- Florida, University of College of Medicine
- Forbes Health System
- Forum for Theological Education
- Foundation Center
- Foundation Center Technology Information Services

G
- Gallaudet University
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Gaston Episcopal Hospital
- General Theological Seminary
- George Peabody College for Teachers
- George Washington University
- George Washington University School of Medicine
- George Williams College
- Georgetown College
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown University Hospital
- Georgia Health Sciences University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia, University of
- Gettysburg College
- Golden Gate University
- Good Shepherd Mission
- Good Shepherd, Hospice of the Gordon College
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Goshen College
- Goucher College
- GPN/Nebraska ETV
- Graduate Theological Union
- Grand Canyon University
- Great Lakes Colleges Association
- Great Schools Partnership
- Greater Miami Boys’ Clubs Foundation
- Greater Miami Philharmonic Society
- Green County, Hospice of
- Grinnell College
- Guilford College
- Gustavus Adolphus College

H
- Hamilton College
- Hamline University
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampshire College
- Hampton University
- Hanover College
- Harding University
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Hartford Seminary
- Hartwick College
- Harvard Medical School
- Harvard University
- Harvard University Divinity School
- Harvard University Graduate School of Education
- Harvard University School of Public Health
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hastings Center
- Hastings College
- Haven School
- Haverford College
- HealthCare Chaplaincy
- Hebrew Union College
- Hellenic College
- Hendrix College
- Heritage Hospice
- Heritage University
- Hillsdale College
- Hiram College
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hollins University
- Holy Cross, College of the
- Horner, Hospice of
- Hood College
- Hood Theological Seminary
- Hoosac School
- Hoover Institution
- Hope College
- Hope School
- Hospice Care, Inc.
- Hospice Foundation of America
- Hospice Institute
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Hospital for Special Surgery
- Houghton College
- Houston, University of

I
- Howard University
- Howard University School of Divinity
- Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

J
- Jackson Laboratory
- Jackson Memorial Hospital
- Jacksonville University
- James Agee Film Project
- James Madison University
- Jason Foundation for Education
- John Carroll University
- John F. Kennedy University
- Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Juniata College
- Junior Achievement of Miami

K
- Kalamazoo College
- KCET
- KCTS
- Kentucky Wesleyan College
- Kenya College
- KERA
- KHET
- KIDSNET
- King College
- Kirkland College
- Knox College
- KQED
- KTOO

L
- La Verne, University of
- Lafayette College
- LaGrange College
- Lake Forest College
- Lancaster Theological Seminary
- Landmark College
- Landmark School
- Lane College
- Lawrence University
- Lehigh University
- Lenox-Rhyne University
- Leonardo Academy
- Lewis & Clark College
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Life’s End Institute
- Lincoln University
- Linfield College
- LISC Jacksonville
- Lives and Legacies Films
- Los Angeles Education Partnership
- Louisiana College
- Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Luther College
- Luther Seminary
- Lutheran General Hospital
- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Andover Newton Theological School
Andover Newton, one of AVDF’s earliest grantees, received a 1967 grant to construct an academic building in memory of The Reverend Perley Bacon Davis, Class of 1861, and father of Arthur Vining Davis.

Dana Farber Cancer Institute
AVDF has funded many projects at Dana Farber over the years, including a 2004 program for mid-career education of interns and family physicians in palliative care.

Fred Rogers Company
AVDF is proud to have supported the award-winning PBS program Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood, offering preschoolers lessons in emotional intelligence and human kindness.

Interfaith Youth Core
A 2014 AVDF grant supported a project to transform public perception of religious differences from an assumption of conflict to one of understanding through thought leadership and strategic convening.

Jackson Laboratory
Among many AVDF-funded Jackson Lab projects was a research and teaching program for science and math teachers.
Arthur Vining Davis Foundations

- Lynchburg College
- Lynn University
- Macalester College
- Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute
- Maine, Hospice of
- Manifest Productions
- Marian Center
- Marietta College
- Marine Biological Laboratory
- Marine Council
- Marist College
- Mariboro College
- Marquette University
- Mars Hill College
- Martha's Vineyard, Hospice of
- Mary Baldwin College
- Maryland Public Broadcasting
- Maryville College (TN)
- Maryville University (MO)
- Mason Productions
- Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Massachusetts, University of
- Mayo Clinic
- McCormick Theological Seminary
- McDaniel College
- McLean Hospital
- MCP Hahnemann University
- McPherson College
- Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Meharry Medical College
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Menninger Clinic
- Mercer University
- Mercy College
- Meredith College
- Metairie Park Country Day School
- Methodist Hospital
- Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio
- Metropolitan College of New York
- Metropolitan Museum and Art Center
- Miami Children's Hospital
- Miami College Consortium
- Miami Heart Institute
- Miami, Hospice of
- Miami, University of
- Miami, University of/Miller School of Medicine
- Miami-Dade Community College
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
- Michigan, University of
- Michigan, University of/Medical School
- Middlebury College
- Middlesex School
- Mills College
- Millsaps College
- Milton Academy
- Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- Minnesota Hospice Organization
- Minnesota, University of
- Mississippi College
- Moravian Theological Seminary
- Morehouse College
- Morningside College
- Morningside House
- Morris Brown College
- Morris College
- Mote Marine Laboratory
- Mount Angel Seminary
- Mount Holyoke College
- Mount Senario College
- Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- Muhlenberg College
- Museum of Science
- Muskingum College
- Mystic Seaport Museum
- National Academy of Sciences
- National Academy of the Arts
- National Association of College & University Business Officers
- National Audubon Society
- National Center for Family Philanthropy
- National Congress on Church-Related Colleges and Universities
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National Council for Children and Television
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Equity Project
- National Faculty
- National Gallery of Art
- National Geographic Society
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- National Humanities Center
- National Institute for Campus Ministries
- National Judicial College
- National Louis University
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Public Broadcasting Archives
- National Research Council
- National Science Center Foundation
- National Service Secretariat
- National Strategy Information Center
- National Urban League
- Nature Conservancy
- Nebraska CTV Network
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Neurosciences Research Foundation
- Nevada, University of
- Nevada, University of/School of Medicine
- New College
- New England Medical Center
- New England, University of
- New Ipswich Congregational Church
- New Kensington Centennial Celebration Committee
- New Mexico, University of
- New Testament Language Project
- New York Academy of Medicine
- New York Foundation for the Arts
- New York Hall of Science
- New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center
- New York Public Library
- New York Theological Seminary
- New York University
- Newberry College
- Newman University
- Newseum Institute
- Niagara University
- North Florida, University of
- North Park Theological Seminary
- Northeast Ohio Medical University
- Northwestern University
- Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Northern California Hospice Association
- Northwestern Illinois, Hospice of
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Northwestern University
- Northwestern University Medical School
- Norwich University
- Notre Dame, University of
- Oberlin College
- Oberlin School of Theology
- Occidental College
- Ogilala Lakota College
- Oglethorpe University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon Health Sciences University
- Oregon Public Broadcasting
- Oregon, University of
- Otterbein College
- Ozarks, College of the Holy Cross
- Pace University
- Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Pacific Medical Center
- Pacific School of Religion
- Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden
- Pacific Union College
- Palmetto College
- Paleonotological Research Institute
- Palmer Theological Seminary
- Pankey Dental Foundation
- Panamanian Cancer Research Institute
- Partnership for Palliative Care
- Payne Theological Seminary
- PBS
- Pennsylvania Consortium for the Liberal Arts
- Pennsylvania University of School of Medicine
- Peoples Library
- Perkins School of Theology
- Pfeiffer University
- Philadelphia Divinity School
- Phillips Theological Seminary
- Phillips University
- Picker Institute
- Pierpont Morgan Library
- Pilgrim College
- Pine Crest School
- Pine Manor College
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- Pittsburgh, University of
- Pitzer College
- Planned Parenthood
- Plimoth Plantation
- Plymouth Village of Redlands
- Pomona College
- Pontifical College Josephinum
- Presbyterian College
- Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
- Presbyterian School of Christian Education
- Prescott College
- Primary Source
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Princeton University
- Project Hope
- Project Pericles
- Providence College
- Public Broadcasting Associates
- Ruft Game, University of
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Rice University
- Richmond, University of
- Ripon College
- Roanoke College
- Rochester, University of
- Rockefeller University
- Rockford College
- Rocky Mountain College
- Rollins College
- Roosevelt University
- Rockhurst Latin School
- Rural School and Community Trust
- Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center
- Rust College
- Rutggers University
- SACEM
- Saint Andrew's School
- Saint Augustine's College
- Saint Barnabas Hospital
- Saint Benedict, College of
- Saint John's College (MD)
- Saint John's College (NM)
- Saint John's University School of Theology (MN)
- Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital
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- San Francisco Theological Seminary
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- Sarah Lawrence College
- Scholars Press
- School for Advanced Research on the Human Experience
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- Scripps College
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- Seattle Children’s Hospital Foundation
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- Xavier University
- Xavier University of Louisiana
- Yale New Haven Health System
- Yale University
- YMCA of Greater Miami
- YMCA of Pittsburgh
- YMCA of the Rockies
- Young Life
- Zoological Society of San Diego

Grant Highlights

Mayo Clinic
One of many AVDF Mayo Clinic grants, 2008 funding supported a relationship-centered communication program for doctors.

National Geographic Society
Guns, Germs and Steel, supported by a 2014 AVDF grant, is a PBS documentary about Jared Diamond’s theory on the great disparity between those who have advanced technology and those who still live primitively.

The Nature Conservancy
Since 1992 AVDF has supported more than 20 Nature Conservancy projects at various state chapters, including grants toward purchasing tracts for preservation in Massachusetts, Oregon, Texas, Florida, Virginia and Maine.

Partnership for Palliative Care
In support of Veterans in Palliative Care, an AVDF grant funded fellowships for veterans in undergraduate nursing programs.

Salish Kootenai College
In 2007, AVDF helped fund construction of a health and physical education facility at this Native American tribal college that serves the Bitterroot Salish, Kootenai and Pend d’Oreille tribes.
To develop the perspective to guide its grant-making in the 21st century, AVDF Trustees and staff engaged in wide-ranging context briefings with national thought leaders and organizations to explore emerging trends, strategies and approaches to key issues in philanthropy and American life.

2014–2016: Developing a Strategic Plan

A Disciplined Process.

Understanding that Mr. Davis’ giving was both broad in outlook and pragmatic in goals and seeking to ensure this legacy in a changing world, the AVDF Board of Trustees launched a comprehensive, three-year process of strategic planning in advance of its 65th anniversary. This systematic review of program areas and funding priorities proceeded in the context of both the founder’s vision and contemporary American opportunities and challenges.

After consulting scholars and thought leaders in modern philanthropy and in existing program areas, board members began to study, analyze and deliberate about what they had learned. Their decisions would be consequential in AVDF’s leadership role as a grantmaker, broadening and clarifying the focus and quality of its grant programs and encouraging philanthropic innovation in its grantees.
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**Key Speakers:**
- Biddy Martin, President, Amherst College
- Clayton Rose, President, Bowdoin College
- Clayton Spencer, President, Bates College
- Eboo Patel, Founder & President, Interfaith Youth Core
- Shaun Casey, Special Representative for Religion & Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Jennifer Peace, Associate Professor of Interfaith Studies, Andover Newton Theological School
- Stephen Prothero, Professor of Religion, Boston University
- Rabbi Or Rose, Director, Center for Global Judaism, Hebrew College
- John DeGioia, President, Georgetown University
- Robert Groves, Provost, Georgetown University
- Thomas Banchoff, Director, Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs
- Marta Urquilla, Deputy Director, Berklee Center for Social Impact & Innovation
- Timothy Warren, Co-Chair, Georgetown Environment Initiative
- Mark Tercek, President & CEO, The Nature Conservancy
- James Yoder, Dean, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Max Holmes, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Research Center
- David Ralston, Associate Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Fiamma Straneo, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Huntington Willard, President & Director, Marine Biological Laboratory
- Howard Koh, Provost, Harvard School of Public Health
- Daniel Shapiro, Founder & Director, Harvard International Negotiation Program
- James Ryan, Dean, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Erin Driver-Linn, Director, Harvard Initiative on Learning and Teaching
- William Brody, Past President, Salk Institute
- Jamie Merisotis, President & CEO, Lumina Foundation
Shaping The Future of AVDF
Our Philanthropic Priorities

After thorough research, analysis and deliberation, the AVDF Board of Trustees confirmed its continuing commitments to Private Higher Education, Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy, and Public Educational Media – all descendants of its historical funding priorities.

In addition, the Board of Trustees agreed to introduce two new program priorities in 2018: Environmental Engagement, Stewardship and Solutions; and Palliative Care and End of Life. Initially, AVDF invites proposals only from existing and designated partners in these two new programs.

Today, the philanthropic priorities of AVDF remain moored in its founder’s fundamental principles, while reflecting the evolving imperatives of the 21st century.
Private Higher Education

Support for private higher education is grounded in Arthur Vining Davis’ conviction that “an educated society strengthens democracy through principled, thoughtful and compassionate leadership.”

Private Higher Education grant proposals will be considered in the following general areas:

| Leadership development for faculty, students and senior leaders |
| Interfaith literacy and leadership for curriculum and student and faculty research |
| Diversity, inclusion and support for underserved education constituencies |
| Environmental stewardship and sustainability in research, curriculum and experience |

**Private Higher Education Grants**

AVDF’s philanthropic support to private higher education concentrates on private colleges and universities with a primary academic mission in the liberal arts and sciences, rather than career or vocational studies. These institutions should exemplify academic quality and financial stability. Proposals from associations and consortia that serve higher education are also welcome.

**Diverse Student Populations**

A portion of funding is reserved each year to help support the vitally important work of historically Black colleges and universities, Native American tribal colleges, schools within the Appalachian College Association and Work College Consortium members.
Bates College
Left: Commencement day at Bates — a nonsectarian liberal arts college in Lewiston, Maine — where an AVDF grant in 2010 helped bring a visionary teacher and scholar to lead the Department of Biology.

St. John’s College, Santa Fe
A 1967 AVDF grant supported the endowment of St. John’s College, Santa Fe, sister campus of St. John’s College, Annapolis, one of the oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning in the United States.

Morehouse College
AVDF grants to the 150th Anniversary History Project helped to capture the narrative history of this great HBCU and pass on its legacy to future students, leaders and the broader public.

Emory University
Emory’s Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods received an AVDF grant in 2014 to create an innovative model for the use of data as a tool for powerful exploration and discovery in a liberal arts context.

Princeton University
Princeton received an AVDF grant to develop campus-as-laboratory resources for undergraduate education in the “urban water cycle,” specifically helping a diverse group of students explore environmental water resource issues.
Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy

A focus on understanding among faith traditions in America reflects our founder’s principle that religious diversity is essential to civil discourse within a democracy and that leaders in all walks of life are more effective through an appreciation for the religious views of others.

Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy grant proposals will be considered in the following general areas:

- Higher education programs in interfaith leadership and religious literacy
- Interfaith curriculum development in theological schools, private colleges and universities and programs with national impact
- Interfaith issues for palliative care and end of life teaching, practitioners and research
- Interfaith issues embedded in environmental engagement and stewardship
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Harvard University Pluralism Project

Left: Floating lanterns launched by Buddhist monks on Memorial Day in Honolulu, Hawaii, memorializing those who have passed away. Harvard’s Pluralism Project: World Religions in America is designed to document and better understand the changing contours of American religious demography. An AVDF grant allowed the project to expand mapping of interfaith organizations, identify promising practices and collect case studies.

Emory Candler School of Theology

A 2015 AVDF grant supported an initiative to provide critical support for multifaith understanding and leadership for community leaders and students.

Virginia Union University School of Theology

An AVDF grant funded the cultivation of interfaith fluency in six historically Black graduate theological schools, facilitating transparent dialogue to prepare church leaders for service in a religiously diverse society.

Yale University Divinity School

Yale Divinity School has received many AVDF grants through the years, including a program grant in 2014 for entrepreneurial interfaith leaders.
Public Educational Media

Educational television media has expanded to include more diverse and innovative programs across the arc of one’s lifespan. In addition, access to these programs continues to widen through ever-growing platforms for public media distribution, including children’s television.

| Childhood literacy and character development | Interfaith leadership and religious literacy | Documentaries and films that promote intellectual inquiry and “big ideas” |
| Environmental and science films that raise awareness and teach about environmental stewardship and solutions | Apolitical, timely and innovative media programming |

Public Educational Media grants proposals will be considered in the following general areas:

**AVDF Philanthropic Priorities**

50 Years of Public Television Support

AVDF is internationally known for its 50-year history of support for public television. Early AVDF philanthropic partnerships included PBS stations such as WGBH (Boston), WQED (Pittsburgh), WETA (D.C.), WNET (New York) and KQED (San Francisco). Since 1974, AVDF Trustees have focused on national broadcasts for children’s educational programs with lasting value, such as *Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood*, *Cyberchase*, *Reading Rainbow*, *Between the Lions* and the newly launched mathematics program, *Peg + Cat*. Our most visible and longstanding philanthropic partnership has been with the nation’s leading documentary filmmaker, Ken Burns.

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Grants support capstone funding to complete production for major films that are assured of national airing by PBS or other national distribution platforms. Grant proposals should highlight innovative uses of technology that will enhance educational outreach and contribute to teaching audiences of all ages. Preference is given equally to children’s series and programs of enduring value on subjects such as history, culture, the environment and science. Consideration is given on occasion to stand-alone programs of exceptional merit with a confirmed national airing. Educational television programs whose primary purpose is advocacy fall outside the program guidelines and will not be accepted.
WETA & Ken Burns
Left: AVDF’s longstanding relationship with filmmaker Ken Burns has led to many landmark works, including *The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*. AVDF also supported Burns’ 10-part documentary, *The Vietnam War* and his Emmy-award-winning *Baseball*, *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History* and *The Civil War*.

Mystery of Matter; The Filmmakers Collaborative
A 2014 AVDF grant supported *The Mystery of Matter: Search for the Elements*, an Emmy-winning, multimedia project about the long and continuing quest to identify, understand and organize the basic building blocks of matter — the human story behind the Periodic Table of the Elements.

WGBH
AVDF provided capstone funding for the 2014 Peabody Award-winner, *Freedom Summer*, which focuses on 10 weeks in 1964 when more than 700 student volunteers partnered with local communities and black citizens to challenge the foundations of white supremacy in Mississippi.

WNED
A 2006 AVDF grant supported production of five new episodes of *Reading Rainbow*, a PBS series designed to encourage children to read that received 26 Emmys for Outstanding Children’s Series.

WTTW
*Nature Cat*
An AVDF capstone grant supported *Nature Cat*, an animated series designed to inspire children ages 3 to 8 to get outdoors, discover nature and develop connections with the environment.

Firelight Media
AVDF supported *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, the first multi-platform documentary project focused on the transformative history of HBCUs in America, and broadcast nationally by the film showcase, Independent Lens.

National Geographic Society: The Greeks
AVDF supported *The Greeks*, a series produced in association with PBS that highlights the people of ancient Greece, the origins of democracy and attention to athletics and early art.

WETA
*Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*
AVDF supported documentarian Ken Burns’ PBS film, *Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*, the most comprehensive documentary on a single disease ever made. The series explores the past, present and future of cancer at an auspicious moment in the history of the disease.
Environmental Engagement, Stewardship and Solutions

To strengthen our stewardship of the earth, we will address environmental challenges and climate change through public engagement and education, innovative problem solving and strategies to restore the natural balance of the environment.

For 2018–2020, Environmental Engagement, Stewardship and Solutions grant proposals will be considered in the following general areas from our designated partners only:

- Programs that support research and education for faculty and students in private colleges and universities
- Mentoring and research post-baccalaureate fellowships with selected partners
- Environmental stewardship through problem solving
- Freshwater and marine conservation educational opportunities
- Academic and experiential opportunities to address climate change
- Engaging and educating the public in partnership with media

A Sharper Focus on the Earth

As AVDF contemplated the next phase of its work, AVDF Trustees focused on areas of emerging urgency and consequence. Issues surrounding the environment represent such an area. While a new priority, this program area has been reflected in AVDF’s history of grantmaking, with many projects in ongoing areas of focus that involved our natural environment. For example, a private higher education grant helped a diverse group of students explore environmental problems in urban surroundings; and a public educational media grant supported a documentary on America’s national parks. AVDF now looks forward to supporting projects that deepen engagement with the natural world and seek solutions to both current and emerging environmental issues.

Natural Partnerships

Potential grant recipients include organizations designated as partners that promote conservation and ecological research; sustaining species in the natural world; ending and reversing the negative effects of humans on the climate; and a deeper public understanding of challenges and opportunities in Environmental Engagement, Stewardship and Solutions.
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Left: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, a recognized world leader in researching and exploring the global ocean, received the first environmental grant ever made by AVDF. For nearly 40 years, AVDF has supported the institution with additional grants for fellowships, funding to develop a prototype set of distance-learning undergraduate courses in ocean sciences, and ocean engineering. A Sea Grant in 2000 supported an endowment for Ph.D. students in a joint program with MIT.

Exploratorium

A 2013 AVDF grant supported Currents of Change, an initiative to engage students in interactive, place-based environmental education by bringing the science of sustainability into the classroom.

Warren Wilson College

A 2010 AVDF grant to Warren Wilson funded “Advancing Environmental Literacy,” a collaboration with Middlebury College and others toward solving environmental problems through academics and internships.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

An AVDF grant in 2014 to the Systemic Environmental Literacy Partnership Program strengthened secondary education in Maryland through the Maryland Environmental Literacy Program and increased teacher content-knowledge in environmental issues.
Palliative Care and End of Life

Having provided philanthropic support in the early years of hospice in America, AVDF renews its commitment to the vital areas of research, access and standards in Palliative Care and End of Life.

For 2018–2020, Palliative Care and End of Life grant proposals will be considered in the following general areas from our designated partners only:

| **Support of pediatric palliative care initiatives and research** |
| **Interfaith issues for leaders in palliative care** |
| **Partnerships in research in medical schools and teaching hospitals** |
| **Closing the gap in access to services** |
| **Development of quality standards for palliative care** |
| **Engaging and educating the public in partnership with media** |

**AVDF Philanthropic Priorities**

### Matters of Life and Death

What is a “good death”? Physicians, priests, philosophers, politicians, patients and families ask this question about the end of life. Hospice plays a critical role here, but the issues faced by patients and their families are broader than patient comfort and care. An early supporter of hospice in America, AVDF has now refined its focus on the evolving conversation and joined the search for answers. Palliative care is thought of in connection with a good death, and as medical breakthroughs change the outcome of conditions formerly considered to be terminal, palliative care is evolving to treat symptoms that give patients with chronic disease a good life, as well.

### Grants to Bring Answers

Palliative care is gaining prominence in medical therapies, and new approaches to end of life are promoting the best possible management of this inevitable part of the human experience. In both areas, questions become entwined with fear, pain, grief and lack of knowledge. AVDF seeks to expand and broaden public understanding of these emerging fields. Grants will support programming and research that focus on education, treatment, access and delivery, interfaith resources, and the development of quality standards.
A 2011 AVDF grant to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center supported the dissemination of Critical Care Communication (C3) Teach, an integral training program for changing the culture of critical care communication nationwide.

Cleveland Clinic
AVDF supported Cleveland Clinic’s Respond with H.E.A.R.T. program based on a survey showing that 41 percent of patients say the “patient experience” is the most important factor when choosing a hospital.

Washington University School of Medicine
“Palliative Talk: Improving Communication between Doctors, Patients and Families about Serious Illness” was funded by an AVDF grant in 2013.

Emory School of Medicine
In 2003, an AVDF grant supported Emory Faculty Development Workshops with a series on Teaching the Human Dimensions of Care.

Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston)
AVDF supported a personal and professional coaching program to improve the training of internal medicine residents and prepare them to better meet the needs of their patients.
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**New Program Area Grant Totals**

| Environmental Engagement, Stewardship and Solutions | 5 Grants totaling $843,265 |
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**Historical Program Area Grant Totals**

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