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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

At the Leo Buscaglia Foundation we are proud to be carrying on the life principles of our founder by making grants to small but highly effective non-profit organizations that are filling essential needs in their community.

With many non-profit organizations struggling to make ends meet this year our Foundation has supported 17 organizations, many in the Southern California region, with grants totaling \$105,000. Our grants are relatively small, but each grant is meaningful to an organization working on the ground with those who are in need.

Leo firmly believed in and lived by the principle of giving back. He felt his good fortune should be used to help others to improve the quality of life in their communities. Organizations with lean budgets and a core volunteer or mentoring component were of particular interest. We are proud to be associated with the organizations we helped fund this past year.

We invite you to join us in our mission with your tax-deductible gift to the Leo Buscaglia Foundation as you consider your year-end contributions.

Thank you and warm wishes,
William R. Boyd, Jr.
President

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Dr. Buscaglia's Impact Today

This recent correspondence is such a good example of how Dr. Buscaglia's books and audio files still influence people today. A third generation is learning the concepts of sharing their good fortune and paying forward.

December 1st

Mr. Jordan,

I am so excited to share with you our family's holiday D.T.U. experience. As we spoke on the phone in October, my husband always had a dictionary on a music stand in our dining room when our sons were young. If we didn't know a word, we had one of our sons look it up!! I now believe we referred to the D.T.U. as our DINNER TABLE UNIVERSITY. I have looked/read through all of Leo Buscaglia's books I could get my hands on and have marked the pages that refer to his Papa and how he encouraged them all to learn something new every day.

To read again his words: "Even now, when Felice goes to bed, maybe he's worked twenty nine hours that day and he's exhausted, but when he crawls into the sheets, that gorgeous moment before you go off, he says to himself, "Felice, what did you learn today?" And if I can't answer that question, I have to get up and get the encyclopedia and flip to something and learn something new!" (excerpt from "*Living, Learning and Loving*" by Leo Buscaglia)

It has been Leo Buscaglia's influence on our family that at this time in our lives, we once again go back to what we know best and that is family, faith, friends. Our sons will receive this Christmas a copy of the Seven Christmas Stories by Dr. Buscaglia, and I hope my husband can inscribe to them what each has meant to him. Each of their homes will get canisters filled with pasta, spices, flour, treats, etc. for them to use in their own family's DINNER TABLE UNIVERSITY. And yes, the dictionary on the music stand is back in our dining room for our grandchildren to see/use as they learn something new every day.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our story/mystery of the D.T.U. My husband, Roy Freeman, is on hospice now. He is a remarkable man and I am grateful for the lessons he has taught me and our family.

Sincerely,
Jackie Freeman

December 30th

Good afternoon Jeff,

What a pleasure it was to hear from you. Yes, of course, you can use our story. Our sons were so touched by their Christmas D.T.U. theme presents. Everyone was in tears. What a Christmas memory! And our sons knew right away why the dictionary was back in the dining room.

Jackie Freeman

2011 Recipients

Please visit our web site to see descriptions of each of the 2011 grant recipients. There are lots of photos, links to their web sites, mission statements and more!

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