



Photo above: Five-year-old students receive a book, pencil, eraser, stickers, Altrusa bookmarks, and an invitation to join the local library. Rocket Into Reading project grant, Altrusa Club of Te Kuiti, New Zealand, District Fifteen

Spotlight an Altrusan

Debbie Mabry
Altrusa International of Temple, Texas, District Nine

A member of Altrusa International of Temple, TX, District Nine, since 1980, Debbie has been club president twice, Governor of District Nine in 1997-1999. She was elected to the Foundation Board in 2003 as vice chair and served as chair of the Foundation in 2005.



Debbie Mabry, center, with Altrusans, Holly Mabry McCoy (daughter) and Reagan Fendrick

“I like to say I grew up in Altrusa, because it has molded me into the person I am today in so many ways.” -Debbie Mabry

Every grant cycle, I was in awe of the service being done by Altrusans. Unfortunately, we did not have enough funds in those years to grant money to every submission, and the ones we did award were MUCH smaller amounts than are given now – some as little as \$100. Our endowment fund was growing, but still had a long way to go to cover all requests.

The past 40 years as an Altrusan have been so much richer because of the opportunities Altrusa has given me to grow as a person and leader as well as given me to serve our community. One of the highlights of those years was serving on the International Foundation Board of Trustees.

I remember how very proud I was making the Foundation’s biennial report to the convention body in Orlando and announcing that for the first time, every grant submission that was eligible and complete was awarded funding. A big step forward!

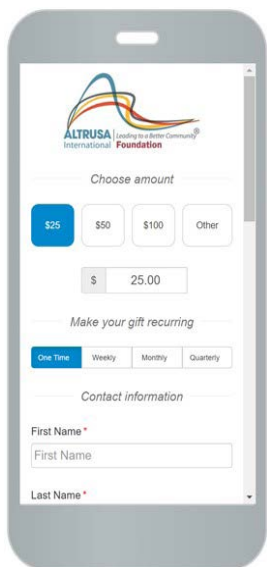
My first position, when I was elected to the International Foundation board, was that of vice-chair and grants committee chair. I have always felt so fortunate to have begun my years on the Foundation as grants chair, as I saw first-hand the impact our grants have on communities around the globe.

There were many highlights during the time I served on the Foundation Board, starting with the Lucente Lamplighter award. I remember chair Barbara Stone surprising Josie at the Convention by announcing the new award for those giving 10 lamplighter donations.

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I immediately set my goal to be a Lucente Lamplighter, not only to support the foundation, but to honor Josie - a person who I worked with and looked up to for many years. Later, the club-level Lamplighter, and club-level Club 21 memberships, also began allowing clubs to support the Foundation as well as individuals.

Our Disaster Relief program awarded many grants during that time to relief organizations around the world. One of the trustees during the time I was chair was very passionate about disaster relief, and we worked that whole biennium to establish a new club level disaster relief grant that clubs could apply for if they had a project to help in a disaster area.

It was a tremendous honor to serve on the Altrusa International Foundation Board. I believe in our Foundation and the support it gives clubs and communities world-wide. My new personal goal in supporting the Foundation is to someday reach the level of Hofmeister Lamplighter—to honor an Altrusan who has given so much to Altrusa and to the International Foundation.



Debbie Mabry (bottom left, first row) with members of her Temple Texas Club



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Let's come together as a global community by supporting your Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

Text the word "ALTRUSA" to 41-444 and choose a one-time or recurring tax-deductible gift to a following program of your choice:

- Lamplighter Program
- Grants Program
- Club 21 Program (club or individual level)
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Where Needed Most

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION DAY OF GIVING

*June 20th, 2020
Total raised was \$54,688!*

*In consideration of
canceled District
Conferences, the
fundraiser counted
contributions received
from April 1st to July
4th, 2020.*

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DAY OF GIVING WINNERS! ALTRUSA CLUB SERVICE AWARDS

Largest Total Altrusa Club Contribution

- 1st Place \$1,500 to Downtown Dallas, Texas
- 2nd Place \$750 to Temple, Texas
- 3rd Place \$500 to Champaign-Urbana, Illinois



Largest Total Altrusa Club Contribution Per Capita

- 1st Place \$1,500 to Downtown Dallas, Texas
- 2nd Place \$750 to Jeffersonville, Indiana
- 3rd Place \$500 to San Diego, California

THANK YOU!



Your support goes a long way!

Spotlight District Eleven Altrusa Clubs

District Eleven Altrusa Clubs, with the support of Governor Pat Zoller, are assisting their communities by applying to the Disaster Relief Fund of Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

ANAHEIM

Pathways of Hope provides food through the HUB of Hope distribution and resource center in North Orange county, CA. The impact of COVID-19 is causing parents to stay home from work and children home from school, leaving some students without school nutritional programs. In addition, local businesses are closing their doors resulting in layoffs. The POH staff and volunteers are distributing pre-packaged food bags daily to neighbors. Currently, they serve over 100 struggling households each day. The HUB relies on donations from churches, local businesses, grocery stores, bakeries and restaurants. Donations and monetary gifts have dried up with the closing of local establishments and concern over longevity of jobs. The \$1,000 grant from the Disaster Relief Fund allowed HUB to provide over 200 community members with food and supply relief.

CENTRAL COAST

Santa Maria, California is a small agricultural town with many essential workers on the lowest end of the economic scale. In this time of COVID-19, poverty is a significant issue and the impact on the Santa Barbara County Food Bank is crushing. Virtually every day of the week, this organization provides residents from going hungry during the pandemic. Altrusa International of Central Coast, Inc. chose to donate \$1,000 of their service project funding to support local food distributions. In addition, the Food Bank received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant to provide necessary food for people of the Santa Maria Valley.

GOLDEN VALLEY

One favorite project of the Altrusa International Club of Golden Valley is the "Smiles for Seniors" day care center. Golden Valley members partner projects with the seniors with their ASTRA Club of El Camino Jr. High School. When COVID-19 came along, they were unable to actively support their projects. The club received \$1,000 for the "Brown Bags" project for seniors through the Santa Barbara County Food Bank.

*Maskeraiders of
Los Angeles, CA*



LOS ANGELES

Altrusans of the Los Angeles, CA Club felt it was their duty to step up during these challenging times to help protect our most vulnerable community members. They decided the best way to help would be to distribute masks to the members of the black community in the Los Angeles area. According to the CDC, the racial breakdown of Covid patients shows that 45% of hospitalized patients were white, 8% Latino and 33% black. The statistics show that a disproportionate number of blacks are affected by the pandemic.

The club partnered with Maskeraiders, an organization of dedicated women who are volunteering their time and material to make masks for those in need. The Altrusans received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant for Maskeraiders to make 200 masks for the Black Community.

SAN DIEGO

The San Diego Food Bank and North County Food Bank chapter distributes 28 million pounds of food and serves an average of 350,000 people per month. The demand is greater now with school closures. The food bank is meeting this need through a program titled "Pandemic EBT – Getting Help Buying Food While Schools are Closed." Members of the San Diego club annually volunteer at the distribution center as one of their Make a Difference Day projects. The San Diego Food Bank received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant to help make a difference in community needs during this current crisis.

*San Diego
Food Bank*



SAN LUIS OBISPO

The San Luis Obispo Club works closely with the 5Cities Homeless Coalition by sharing holiday gifts with families who are struggling with homelessness. With the \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant, and other donations received from the community, 5CHC was able to house 4 families, prevent eviction for 8 families affected by COVID-19, and provided food, water, hygiene supplies and masks to more than 50 people ages 18 to 87 living in encampments or sheltering -in-place at a local campground.

**"Since March, we've given away
enough food for 240,000 meals."**

-Jesse Ramirez,

Founder of Valley View Community Food Bank

THE WEST VALLEY

The West Valley Club received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant for the Valley View Community Food Bank. The food bank serves over 400 people a day. Club President, Sue Larkin, delivered the check and toured the food bank with Founder, Jesse Ramirez. Requests for food have multiplied five-fold because of the pandemic.

TUCSON

The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona is a Tucson Club favorite. Before the pandemic, 17% of people in Arizona did not know where they would get their next meal. The number has increased due to job losses and school closures. The Tucson Club collects peanut butter, rice, beans and other food staples to help contribute. The club also received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief grant which provided 3500 meals during this time of crisis.

Please send nominations for *Spotlight an Altrusan, or Altrusa Club*, to foundation@altrusa.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANTS PROGRAM AND CLUB 21 PROGRAM AWARDS

The Grants Program awarded (48) Altrusa Clubs a total of \$148,182 in funding for the development of their community service projects. The next grant application due date is March 15th, 2021. You may click here to download the guidelines and application.

The Club 21 Program awarded two organizations a total of \$8,500 in support of their international healthcare plans. The Andando Foundation is new this year. Click here to read more about the organizations. The next Club 21 application due date for children's camps is March 15th, 2021.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

In the days of Covid, there are more virtual tools at our fingertips than ever before. Maybe your club members are interested in applying for a grant but are uncertain on how to proceed. There are also funds available to serve communities impacted by the pandemic through the Disaster Relief Fund. Maybe you need assistance completing the request. We want to know. Please contact Shawna Veldhuizen, Foundation Director, with your questions or any suggestions on how we can meet your Altrusa Club needs.

You can mention one or more of the ideas below in your message if they sound good to you!

Facebook Live

- Announce grants and/or awards Live
- Explain how to write a grant and take questions
- Website navigation: where to find applications, etc.
- Host Q&A on any topic, such as how to form a local club foundation

District Liaisons

- Prefer to hear from Liaisons more frequently, such as deadline reminders and guidelines for grant writing
- Would like to see Liaisons host workshops at District Conferences

Charlotte International Convention

- Make silent auction items available on Facebook Live for members not in attendance
- Ideas for workshops

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SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING INTERNSHIP

The Foundation is offering a Social Media & Marketing Internship to assist the Foundation Director with implementing an effective communications and marketing plan that educates members of Altrusa, and the public, about Foundation programs. The intern should be a current university student available to work 8-10 hours a week. Weekly tasks will focus on updating and tracking social media pages, designing marketing materials, and editing webpages.

We look forward to working with the intern from January to July 2021. The position includes attendance to the Altrusa International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Expenses for the intern to attend Convention will be covered by the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.



Please send resumes to Shawna Veldhuizen, Director, at foundation@altrusa.org

Charlotte,
North Carolina

UPCOMING DATES

- January 15: 2021-2023 Trustee Nominee Bio's and Photos Due
- March 15: Grants Program Due Date
 - March 15: Club 21 Program Due Date (children's camps)
- March 15: Club 21 Membership Renewal
- May 15: Anna H. Settle Community Leadership Award Nominees Due

Leave a legacy
for future generations of Altrusans

The Altrusa International Foundation was established in 1962 as the charitable arm of Altrusa International, Inc. to fund the development and implementation of effective community services and leadership programs around the world. Planned gifts to the Altrusa International Foundation strengthen Altrusa's legacy for future generations.

Altrusans who include the Foundation in their planned gifts will receive special recognition at the Charlotte International Convention.

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