The following organizations and programs have been chosen to receive funding from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Educational Programs throughout the next year.

**AFA**
The AFA (formerly the American Festival for the Arts) Year-Round Programming and Summer Music Conservatory partners with schools to offer music education programs for youth in the Houston area. The Scholarship Enrichment Fund provides assistance and transportation support to applicants in all AFA programs.

**Alley Theatre**
The Alley Theatre’s Educational and Community Engagement Programs serve more than 100,000 students, teachers and families each year. Show funds help underwrite student admission to Student Matinees and School Nights, introducing the magic, power and excitement of theater to students of all ages.

**Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans**
The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans’ mission is to inspire and empower at-risk Latinos to pursue their potential and achieve success. Efforts are focused in the areas of education, workforce readiness and leadership development. Show funding supports the Early Childhood Program, serving low-income students ranging from 6 weeks old to 4 years of age.

**Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation**
The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation’s primary goal is to increase literacy rates among people of all ages in Houston. The foundation is dedicated to raising awareness of the value of literacy and to mobilizing available area resources. The Show’s support will help expand the connect4literacy.com system, connecting volunteers to Houston’s literacy programs.

**Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists**
BRASS promotes excellence in biomedical research by providing scholarship and research funding to bright young scientists enrolled in the Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

**Books Between Kids**
Books Between Kids gathers donated books and distributes them each May to more than 25,000 students in the Houston area. Children are able to attend a book selection fair at their schools, and each child chooses six books of interest. The books are for the children to own and take home, building their personal libraries. Show volunteers also provided more than 30,000 books to the program last year.

**Borderlands Research Institute – Sul Ross State University**
Students hired from the Wildlife Research and Management Mentorship Program work on various research and management projects conducted by the Sul Ross State University Borderlands Research Institute to help conserve the natural resources of the Chihuahuan Desert Borderlands.

**Breakthrough Houston**
Breakthrough Houston provides tuition-free, academic enrichment and college preparatory programming to underserved students, seventh through 12th grades, in the Greater Houston area.

**Brookwood Community**
The Brookwood Community, located in Brookshire, Texas, provides an educational environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging, and fosters dignity and respect for adults with disabilities. The Brookwood Community receives year-round support from the Show, as well as exhibit space during the event for community residents to sell their hand-made products.
Camp For All
Camp For All is a barrier-free camp, working in partnership with 56 other nonprofit organizations and institutions, to provide children and teenagers with illnesses and/or special needs a unique camp experience. Funding supports the Equestrian Program, which provides recreational, educational and therapeutic benefits to people of all abilities.

The Center for Hearing and Speech
The Center for Hearing and Speech Melinda Webb School allows deaf and hearing-impaired children the chance to experience an average childhood in a mainstream school. The school teaches deaf children, ages 18 months through 6 years, to listen, speak, and read by the time they enter first grade.

Children's Museum of Houston
The Children’s Museum of Houston’s Kidtropolis is a child-sized city that teaches visitors lessons about civic engagement and the works of government, communications, economics and businesses. Show funding supports the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Vet Clinic, a hands-on area that teaches children about the care and treatment of both small and large animals.

Comp-U-Dopt
Comp-U-Dopt’s mission is to provide computers and computer education to children in Houston who do not have regular access to the technology. It is comprised of three separate programs: Computer Adoption, Learn to Earn and an after-school program.

Crime Stoppers of Houston
The Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe School Program is a proactive crime-prevention and public-safety tool in public and private schools across the city. Students are trained on issues concerning public safety, security of their school campuses and citizenship.

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston
Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston provides demanding college prep curriculum to students who are living at or below the federal poverty line. Students attend class four days a week and a work-study program one day a week in an entry level position at many of Houston’s top companies and organizations, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. One hundred percent of its graduates, the classes of 2013, 2014 and 2015, were accepted to a college before their high school graduation.

*ESCAPE Family Resource Center
ESCAPE Family Resource Center’s primary goal is to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the Greater Houston area. The Center offers 11 curriculum-based child abuse prevention programs, one home visitation program for families, and numerous trainings for professionals and other individuals who work with children.

*Girl Scouts of San Jacinto
Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Show funding supports Girl Scouting in the School Day, which allows girls to discover a wide variety of interests while developing their leadership capacity to make a difference in the world and in the community.

Glassell School of Art
The Houston Museum of Fine Art’s Glassell School of Art summer workshops offer a variety of programs for eligible students, kindergarten through high school, who participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program. Students are able to showcase their work at school exhibitions.

Greater Houston Partnership – Opportunity Houston 2.0
Greater Houston Partnership – Opportunity Houston 2.0 is an initiative to help ensure continued job growth and capital, as well as foreign investment growth within the Houston area.

Housing, Entrepreneurship and Readiness Training
Housing, Entrepreneurship and Readiness Training is an educational and job-training program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. H.E.A.R.T. prepares trainees for work by covering areas such as product inventory, shipping and receiving, and customer service. Participants work in the community at various organizations and venues, including NRG Stadium.
Harris County Hospital District Foundation
The Harris County Hospital District Foundation raises funds and public support for Harris Health System programs and services. The Show’s funding supports the Shattered Dreams program, which dramatizes alcohol-related car accidents to help educate high school students on the deadly consequences of driving under the influence. This year the foundation will add a new segment to the program covering the topic of distracted driving with a focus on the dangers of texting while driving.

The Hobby Center Foundation
The Hobby Center Foundation Discovery Series is an arts education community partnership that provides an opportunity for teachers and students to experience the arts outside of the classroom in a Downtown Theater District venue.

Houston Area Women’s Center
The Houston Area Women’s Center is a safe haven for individuals affected by domestic or sexual violence, and includes shelter, counseling, and advocacy for all involved. The Show’s support helps fund the center’s Sunshine Learning Center, which provides a safe and nurturing learning environment for children between the ages of 3 months and 9 years, living at the shelter.

Houston Ballet Foundation
Houston Ballet Foundation Education and Community Outreach Initiatives bring first- through 12th-grade students into Houston Ballet’s studios, as well as offer programs that go directly into schools and community facilities to educate and inspire students.

Houston Community College Foundation – Public Safety Institute
The Houston Community College Foundation – Public Safety Institute specializes in providing state-of-the-art training for students in law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services. This year’s funding will help support the development of an Emergency Telecommunications Center at the PSI.

Houston Grand Opera
Houston Grand Opera’s educational outreach programs, HGOco, are Student Performance Series; OPERA TO GO!, a touring performance of children’s opera; and Story Book Opera, an educational outreach enhanced with curriculum materials and teacher workshops.

Houston Hispanic Forum
The Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day’s mission is to reduce the dropout rate among Hispanic students and provide assistance to students and families as they pursue educational and career goals. More than 12,000 students from 58 school districts attended the event in 2015 with their families, counselors and/or teachers.

Houston SPCA
Show funding supports the Houston SPCA and Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences partnership, which offers fourth-year veterinary students the opportunity to work side by side with Houston SPCA veterinarians. Students learn about a variety of conditions, diseases, disorders, injuries and treatment needs that affect diverse species of animals.

Houston Symphony
The Houston Symphony provides admission to concerts for elementary and middle school students, teacher training and supplemental classroom materials. These programs serve more than 50,000 students from 22 Houston-area school districts.

John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science
The John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science School Field Experience and Educational Programs provide an interactive learning experience for students of all ages. Prior to a class visit, teachers can customize their students’ museum experience by choosing from several programs that best suit their current science classroom curriculum. Funding also supports Discovery Camps, Boy and Girl Scouts programs, Free Family Thursday, and a nursing program partnership.

Medilife Houston
Through Medilife Houston, members of the Houston Fire Department Public Affairs and Educational Division attend approximately 1,500 events each year, offering educational and community events support. The vision of the organization is to continue supporting fire and community initiatives by purchasing equipment and other items that do not normally fall under the HFD operating and community support budget.
Memorial Park Conservancy
Master- and undergraduate-level students from the Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences will serve in research positions to study current park use related to ecology, natural resources, progressive recreation and cultural heritage.

*Miracle Farm
Miracle Farm’s core residential program serves as an intervention and preventive measure for at-risk teenage boys. These young men attend an on-campus charter school, receive vocational training, and engage in horsemanship, and ranch and range management.

NASA – Texas Aerospace Scholars
NASA – Texas Aerospace Scholars is a unique partnership created by the state of Texas and the Johnson Space Center to encourage Texas youth to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics degrees and careers. Programs are offered to high school and community college students, as well as middle school educators.

*Neighborhood Centers
Neighborhood Centers offers a summer job program for youth, ages 16-21, placing them in local nonprofit and government agencies throughout the Houston community. Show funding supports an initiative Neighborhood Centers has implemented to strengthen the workforce readiness skills of these students and provide them with training in leadership and planning to prepare them for their roles throughout the summer.

Neuhaus Education Center
Funding supports the Neuhaus Education Center Partners in Literacy Reform, a partnership among the center, HISD, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, focused on literacy throughout pre-kindergarten and kindergarten years. Show funding supports the coaching phase of the program and the administering of the Early Literacy Quick Assessment Tool for teachers.

Pro-Vision Academy Charter School
Pro-Vision Academy Charter School is a free, public, open-enrollment charter school serving an academically, socially and economically at-risk population in Sunnyside, the oldest African-American community in south Houston. Funding supports the Seeding Hope Urban Farm, helping to produce locally grown, minimally processed foods for the Sunnyside community.

Project GRAD Houston
Project GRAD Houston supports high school and college students by delivering the tools and resources necessary for students to prepare for, enroll in and succeed in college. Show funding helps Project GRAD enroll more than 500 new Project GRAD scholars each year.

Reasoning Mind
Reasoning Mind addresses the three most pressing problems in kindergarten through 12th-grade education: human capital, curriculum quality and student engagement. It is an online system that adjusts the level of instruction based on each student’s learning level and interest in mathematics. Currently, more than 13,000 second- through sixth-grade students in the Houston area are enrolled.

The Rise School of Houston
The Rise School of Houston is dedicated to the early education of infants, toddlers and pre-school children born with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The Rise School prepares these children for a successful kindergarten through 12th-grade experience, and for life.

Schreiner University – Western Art Academy Workshop
The Museum of Western Art provides Schreiner University – Western Art Academy Workshop scholarships to 48 students who participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program each year. These scholarships allow high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to learn traditional Western art techniques from practicing professional artists.

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Houston and Galveston
Shriners Hospitals for Children provide high-quality care to children with neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative-care environment.

*SIRE Therapeutic Horsemanship
SIRE seeks to improve the quality of life for those with special needs through therapeutic horsemanship activities, therapies and educational outreach.
Small Steps Nurturing Center
Small Steps Nurturing Center operates two preschools for children ages 2 to 6 who live in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth wards of Houston. The schools offer a Christian environment, transportation to and from school, nutritional meals, and counseling to students. The school requires parents to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per school year.

Spring ISD Elementary Reading Program
Funding for the Spring Elementary Reading Program provides a trainer who supports reading programs in select elementary schools in the Spring ISD.

Teach for America – Houston
Teach for America recruits outstanding recent college graduates to commit two years to teach in urban and rural areas and become lifelong leaders in pursuing educational excellence and equality. Funding for this program allows Teach for America to continue to grow the talent pool, meeting the goal of strategically placing 500 members into Houston-area schools during the next two years.

Texas 4-H
2016 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference (hosted by Texas and Louisiana)
The conference is an opportunity for county extension agents nationwide to gain knowledge and improve their skills in educating and leading the next generation of more than 7 million 4-H youth development members.

State 4-H Congress
State 4-H Congress is a five-day, simulated legislative experience for 4-H members 15 to 18 years old. Approximately 350 members from all geographic and program areas (Prairie View Cooperative Extension, 4-H Military, etc.) of the Texas 4-H program use the Texas Capitol in Austin during July to submit, debate and pass bills dealing with subjects of concern to 4-H members.

State 4-H Leadership Conference
The State 4-H Leadership Conference is a citizenship experience to Washington, District of Columbia, for up to 31 Texas 4-H members who have excelled in their record-keeping skills and have been awarded first place for their record books.

Striving for Leadership
These funds support 33 students, elected by their peers to the Texas 4-H Council, who will plan and teach leadership workshops for 85 district-level 4-H officers. District officers represent the 12 extension areas in Texas.

Texas A&M University
Beef Cattle Short Course
The Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University focuses on Texas beef cattle producers and presents seminars to help the industry improve efficiency and profitability. Funds are used to defray high school and college students’ registration costs for this annual program.

Bush School of Government & Public Service
The Show’s funding supports graduate students within the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University, which is a professional graduate program that educates students on principled leadership in public and international affairs, conducts research and performs service.

Dr. Joe Townsend ’67 Leadership Fellows Program
Dr. Joe Townsend ’67 Leadership Fellows Program at Texas A&M University supports advanced undergraduate studies in leadership theory.

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans
Held at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University, the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans provides training and mentoring in entrepreneurship and small business management to veterans with disabilities resulting from their military service in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Mays Business School is one of eight select business programs in the U.S. that offer the EBV programs.

Texas FFA Association
Career Development Winners
Show funds are used to defray FFA chapter expenses for Texas Career Development winners at national FFA career development events held in conjunction with the national FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, each fall.

Leadership Development Awards
The Leadership Development Finals are the culmination of a statewide tournament that begins with 57 district-level events. More than 5,000 entries compete at the district levels in 13 leadership contests, and 20 semifinalists qualify at area-level contests for the state competition hosted by Sam Houston State University. The financial support of the Show allows participants to defray some of the entry fee costs.
State Leadership Conference and Area Conferences
The State Leadership Conference provides training for the 10 Texas FFA area officers, who in turn provide training for the state’s district officers. Funding also supports leadership conferences conducted by the state’s 10 area associations.

*Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation
The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation provides support to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and provide outdoor recreational opportunities for present and future generations.

Texas Ranger Association Foundation
The Texas Ranger Association Foundation is committed to preserving and perpetuating the history and heritage of the Texas Rangers. The foundation assists with the expansion and improvement of programs and activities at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum located in Waco, Texas.

Texas Wildlife Association Foundation
The Learning Across New Dimensions in Science program of the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation provides educational programs about agriculture, wildlife and habitat conservation to Texas schools. Through teacher training, curriculum materials and traveling exhibits, the program is able to educate both teachers and students.

Theatre Under The Stars

YMCA
Theatre Under The Stars, along with the YMCA, provides after-school care programs and summer programs to benefit low-income students. Young people have a chance to learn music appreciation and arts education.

River Performing and Visual Arts Center
The River Performing and Visual Arts Center, a program offered by Theatre Under the Stars, provides accessible, affordable fine arts opportunities for children, ages 2 to 19, with disabilities or chronic illnesses, or who are economically disadvantaged.

The University of Texas at Austin – UTeach
The University of Texas at Austin – UTeach program addresses the shortage of qualified math and science teachers in Texas and beyond. UTeach integrates a rigorous math and/or science major, research experience, acquisition of effective teaching techniques, field experience, and certification into a four-year program. Its mission is to attract and retain more teachers; create better students in kindergarten through 12th-grade science and math education; establish a pre-service curriculum that integrates modern technological teaching tools, scientific discovery, and subject mastery; and build partnerships with school systems and teachers across Texas.

*To Educate All Children
TEACH provides educators with intensive training in classroom culture to make school a safe and special place, focusing on de-escalation, conflict resolution, nonverbal communication, and building the self-confidence of every student.

United Way
Funding supports the United Way 2-1-1 Texas Helpline program, which provides support to anyone in need of information, referrals and coordination of health and human services. Calls are facilitated in more than 150 languages and cater to specific needs, such as physical and mental health, child care, veterans’ assistance, and counseling and disaster recovery.

University of Houston – Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Show funding supports a summer training course at the University of Houston – Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities designed to help both teachers and paraprofessionals utilize Applied Behavior Analysis training techniques for students with autism.

UTHealth School of Nursing
The UTHealth School of Nursing seeks to educate nurse clinicians and scientists, discover and translate medical advances, and model best practices in regional, national, and global clinical care. Show funding provides two scholarships to students within the UTHealth School of Nursing accelerate Ph.D. program, which was created in 2010 to help produce faculty members in three years.

*Writers in the Schools
Writers in the Schools programming, WITS Creative, provides students with weekly literacy workshops taught by professional writers. Children are exposed to a variety of literary genres and inspiration from visiting cultural or nature-based venues.

**Yellowstone Academy**
Yellowstone Academy is a private, faith-based school providing a specialized academic curriculum to address the educational challenges of children living in poverty. The school serves students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and provides them with two full meals a day, uniforms, bus transportation, health screenings, physical education and extracurricular activities.

**YMCA of Greater Houston**
The YMCA of Greater Houston’s Camp Cullen, located in Trinity, Texas, is offered to students within the Houston ISD and other area school districts. It is a six-day, overnight camping experience and includes equestrian programs, water sports, ropes courses and climbing, fishing, arts and crafts, and science. The Show’s funding supports hundreds of scholarships to students who live in low-income areas of Houston for the summer of 2016.

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