

Funder ID: **2733**



## Mortenson Family Foundation

Funder type: **Corporate Foundation**

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**<http://www.mortenson.com/CommunityInvolvement.aspx> (go to)**

Geographic focus: **(Emphasis on Minnesota Metro) International, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, National, WI** | [edit](#)

Types of support: **Annual Campaigns, Capital Campaigns, Faculty/Staff Development, General/Operating Support, Program Development, Scholarship Funds** | [edit](#)

Funding Restrictions: **No grants to individuals.**

NTEE Code(s): **ED, HEA, HS, INT, POP**

Special Population Groups: **Children & Youth (all ages), Economically Disadvantaged, Homeless and Hungry, Religious Communities**

Deadlines: **None**

Related corporation? **YES**

Corporation: **Mortenson Company**

Corp url: **<http://www.mortenson.com/>**

Corp products: **The company operates as a diversified construction organization, offering customer-centric services in general contracting, construction management, program management, design-build, project development, and turn-key development. Mortenson maintains its company headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and supports full service offices in Chicago, IL ; Denver, CO ; Milwaukee, WI ; Phoenix, AZ; and Seattle, WA. The company built Target Center, managed the construction of the Minneapolis Convention Center. The company also built Coors Field and the Pepsi Center, the professional basketball/hockey arena in Denver.**

Total assets: **36,890,671** as of **2012**

Average grant range: **5,000** to **30,000**

Grant low: **1,000**

Grant high: **150,000**

Trustees / directors: **Alice D. Mortenson, Chairperson and President; Mauritz A. Mortenson, Jr., Vice President and Treasurer; Mark A. Mortenson, Secretary; Christopher D. Mortenson; David C. Mortenson; Mathias H. Mortenson**

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**Overview:** A mid-sized but growing family-operated, company supported foundation with shifting interests -- moving from higher education to much more interest in human services, youth development and international youth-related relief.

Both family members and the corporation award many more dollars outside of the foundation than through the foundation itself. Patriarch Maurtiz ("Mort") Mortenson and Matriarch Alice Mortenson are particularly generous with education related projects, arts & culture, and civic causes. Other family members give generously to youth and human service organizations.

Recently, the foundation has increased its giving in Africa and South Asia, especially for community development.

**FISCAL NOTE:** During the last four years the assets of the foundation have more than tripled and giving has also doubled. However, the foundation tends to make one or two six-figure grants each year (e.g., Northside Achievement Zone) and the rest of the grants are in the \$5000 to \$30,000 range.

### **Interest Areas/Priorities**

- **International Finance & Enterprise:**
- **Youth Development:**
- **Youth Development, Citizenship:**
- **International:**
- **International Affairs, Relief:**
- **Education, Higher Education:**
- **Faith-Based Organizations & Efforts:**
- **Housing/Shelter:**
- **Human Services, Emergency Aid:**
- **Children & Youth:**
- **Human Services:**
- **Education, Reading & Literacy:**
- **Health Care:**
- **Arts & Culture:**
- **Performing Arts, Music:**
- **Food Banks:**
- **International Affairs, Developing Countries:**
- **International Affairs, Development:**
- **International Affairs, Economic Development:**
- **International Affairs, Health:**
- **Youth:**
- **Youth Development, At-Risk Youth:**
- **Education, K-12:**
- **Technology Education:**
- **Technology, Education and Careers in Science and Technology:**
- **Women & Children:**
- **Women's Economic Empowerment:**
- **Africa:**
- **Social Entrepreneurship:**
- **Southeast Asia:**
- **Performing Arts:**
- **Education, Equity in Access:**
- **Education, Charter & Alternative Schools:**

### **Sample Grants**

\$ 1,500,000 to Northside Achievement Zone, Minneapolis, MN  
\$ 3,000 to Admission Possible, St. Paul, MN  
\$ 2,000 to Youth Enterprise, Minneapolis, MN  
\$ 57,500 to Blake School, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
\$ 4,000 to Viviendas Leon, San Francisco, CA

\$ 20,000 to Common Hope, St. Paul, MN  
 \$ 10,500 to Washburn Center for Children \$ 3,000 to Urban Squash Twin Cities, Plymouth, MN  
 \$ 20,000 to Breakthrough Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN  
 \$ 30,000 to Banyan Community, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 50,000 to American Refugee Committee, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 5,000 to King Baudouin Foundation \$ 5,000 to Hospitality House (Minneapolis), Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 35,000 to Youthcare, Seattle, WA  
 \$ 23,000 to World Savvy, San Francisco, CA  
 \$ 25,000 to Educate Tanzania, Chaska, MN  
 \$ 2,500 to Minnesota Military Appreciation Fund, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 10,000 to International Development Exchange, San Francisco, CA  
 \$ 25,000 to MacPhail Center for Music, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 10,000 to Global Fund for Women, San Francisco, CA  
 \$ 2,500 to Emerge, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 50,000 to University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
 \$ 7,500 to Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 47,000 to Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis, MN  
 \$ 25,000 to World Vision, Pleasant Hill, OR  
 \$ 100,000 to Minnesota Zoo Foundation

**Application Procedures:** The foundation reports it only funds pre-selected organizations. However, almost half of recent grants were awarded to new recipients.

Send a letter to the Executive Director requesting an opportunity to talk about your organization or to submit a full request for consideration.

*Updated 4/2014*

**Grants Paid**

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
(\$123,000)	(\$181,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$247,000)	(\$575,500)	(\$384,000)	(\$617,500)	(\$550,000)	(\$800,000)	(\$1,200,000)