



2024 IMPACT REPORT



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A Message From Our President and CEO



Over my seven years with the Scripps Howard Fund and Foundation, I've had the privilege of watching our team grow, adapt and continually find new ways to serve our communities and support the evolving landscape of journalism. Today, as the newly appointed president and CEO, I am more inspired than ever by our mission to create informed, engaged communities. In 2024, thanks to our committed donors, volunteers and partners, we invested \$9.8 million in our programs to advance journalism education, promote childhood literacy and support vital community causes nationwide.

The generosity of our partners—The E.W. Scripps Company, the Scripps and Howard families, Scripps employees, viewers and advertisers — has propelled our work, making it possible to spark change and uplift those we serve. This impact report celebrates not only the achievements of the past year but also the power of collaboration that drives everything we do forward. Together, we are more than a nonprofit; we are a force for good, creating opportunities, building brighter futures and fostering a more engaged, informed world.



Meredith Delaney
President and CEO
Scripps Howard Fund/Foundation



Journalism



\$5.8 MILLION

was invested in the future of journalism

15 FELLOWS

refined their journalism skills

21 PAID INTERNS

gained real-world experience in newsrooms across the country.



MORE THAN AN INTERNSHIP

The Scripps Howard Fund and Scripps Howard Foundation are dedicated to shaping the future of journalism by offering innovative educational programs, paid internships and a wide range of grants.

Without a paid internship from the Scripps Howard Fund, Isabel Nissley would not have been able to spend the summer of 2023 – the summer before her senior year of college – fully focused on journalism.

“It made it possible to focus on my work, rather than worrying about rent or a second job,” Nissley said.

Nissley’s experience at KOSU, an NPR affiliate in Oklahoma, fully immersed her in the newsroom. She reported daily stories, pitched ideas and shadowed veteran journalists. She learned everything from crafting stories to editing radio pieces. This experience provided Nissley with the practical skills and confidence to transition into her role as an environmental reporter at WVXU, an NPR affiliate in Cincinnati.

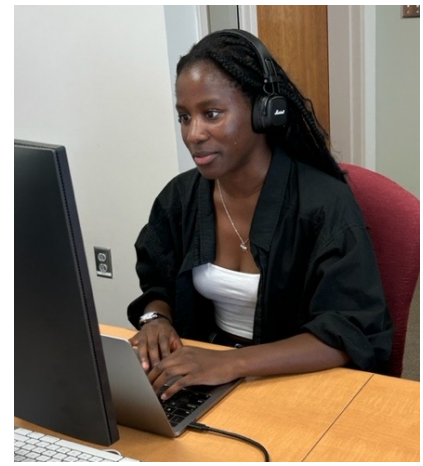
Nissley credits the internship with more than just technical skill.

“I developed a strong relationship with KOSU’s news director, who I later used as a reference for my job at WVXU,” she said. “I also met journalists from across the country through Scripps Howard Fund’s training sessions, which helped me feel connected when I walked into my WVXU interview.”

HELP MAKE JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS POSSIBLE

“The program equipped me with the skills, confidence and connections to succeed as a full-time reporter. It gave me a future in journalism, one that I work toward every day.”

Isabel Nissley, 2023 Scripps Howard Fund Intern



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM



HOWARD CENTER
FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM
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Six years after launching the highly successful Howard Centers for Investigative Journalism, the Foundation continues to invest in the next generation of reporters. Established at Arizona State University and the University of Maryland, the centers provide in-depth investigative training. In 2024, the Foundation committed more than \$2 million to support their work.

Since their inception, the Howard Centers have produced 19 national investigations and nearly 200 stories, earning more than 40 professional and student awards. The Foundation also funds fellowships for 10 Howard Center graduates each year, helping them refine their skills and gain real-world experience.



ROY HOWARD
COMMUNITY
JOURNALISM CENTER
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In 2024, the Foundation expanded its impact by establishing the Roy Howard Community Journalism Center at the University of Southern Mississippi. This groundbreaking program trains student journalists to amplify underrepresented voices, combat misinformation and produce impactful, trustworthy journalism. Through their work, students will not only debunk falsehoods but also foster a more informed and engaged public.



**CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS
FROM THE COMMUNITY
JOURNALISM CENTER**

Community Giving



\$2.5 MILLION

was distributed to support communities.

77 CAMPAIGNS

were led by Scripps-owned stations and networks.

110 CHARITIES

were supported to help those who need it most.

UNPREDICTABLE DEVASTATION: HURRICANES OF 2024

Hurricanes can be tracked in advance, but their worst impacts remain unpredictable. In fall 2024, the southeastern U.S. saw this firsthand.

Hurricane Helene hit Florida first, with strong winds and storm surges causing immediate damage. The worst came later as floodwaters moved north. Just nine days later, Hurricane Milton made landfall, compounding destruction and straining resources.

The Scripps Howard Fund, Scripps local stations and Scripps News joined forces to organize fundraisers alongside their storm coverage. Viewers across the country answered the call, helping to raise \$289,000 for 29 local nonprofits on the frontlines.

Every dollar provided immediate relief and long-term support, offering hope and resources to communities beginning the long road to recovery.

“This is like a million dollars! In some places, \$5,000 is just \$5, but you don’t realize we’re operating on a shoestring budget and making it happen. I want to thank everyone involved for this incredible blessing. To me, it feels like \$5 million!”

Sandra Parlett, director and co-founder, Kennedy Cares Tampa Bay, received relief funds from the disaster relief campaign.

Childhood Literacy



\$1.5 MILLION

was invested in childhood literacy.

256,000 BOOKS

distributed to 34,000 students.

99 TITLE I PARTNER SCHOOLS

received free Scholastic Book fairs.



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TO SEE THE MAGIC
A BOOK CAN SPARK**

CHANGING THE STORY IN CLAY COUNTY

In the heart of Appalachia, Clay County, Kentucky, once a thriving coal mining community, now struggles with more than 78% of families qualifying for Title I assistance. The Clay County School District ranks in the bottom 50% of Kentucky districts, with only 37% of students reading at grade level.

In 2024, the district became the first in the country to have all its elementary schools supported by the "If You Give a Child a Book ..." campaign. Nearly 1,700 students selected books for their home libraries during free Scholastic Book Fairs, putting 14,850 books into the hands of children at risk of falling behind in reading.

"If [students] have a bad home life or school life they go home, open a book and they get lost. That's their escape. It's my escape," said Destiny Kemp, Paces Creek Elementary student. "People might not realize how much literacy impacts someone, but it does impact them."

The "If You Give a Child a Book ..." campaign remains committed to boosting literacy rates through the power of choice. The Fund has secured funding to support the Clay County School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

"It's going to mean a lot to have their books that they got for free, to have them, to know they're actually theirs, and they get to keep them."

Tina Abner, Clay County parent and instructional assistant

“The Scripps Howard Fund and Scripps Howard Foundation continue to honor our family’s legacy by investing in communities, supporting impactful journalism and promoting childhood literacy. The work the Fund and Foundation did in 2024 reflects the values that have guided Scripps for generations, and we remain dedicated to creating informed and engaged communities for the future.”



Ray Granado

Scripps Howard Fund and Scripps Howard Foundation Board Member and Scripps Family Member



Jay Kaufman

Scripps Howard Fund and Scripps Howard Foundation Board Member and Howard-Perkins Family Member

“As a Howard family member, I couldn’t be happier with the Scripps Howard Foundation’s initiatives in journalism education. The Roy Howard Centers for Investigative Journalism at Arizona State and the University of Maryland are not only providing students with hands-on experiential learning, but their groundbreaking stories are gaining national accolades and airtime on outlets such as PBS Newshour and Frontline. I’m equally excited by the newly-launched Roy Howard Center for Community Journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi, where students are producing quality reporting and de-bunking disinformation to restore confidence in local news.”

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