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2023

**Grant Awards
& Community Impact Celebration**





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2023 Grant Awards & Community Impact Celebration

Tonight's Events

5-5:45pm Mix & Mingle

5:45-7pm Program - Rotary Auditorium

Program

Welcome – Dr. Sharon Robinson, ECF Board Chair

NUDM Partnership – Grace Dyer and Carli Kelley, NUDM24

Video – iKandi Academy

Connecting and Strengthening Nonprofits –

Rebecca Cacayuran, VP For Community Investment

- **root2fruit bootcamp** – Michael Miro, Principal,
Shorepath Consulting

Elevating Voices – Karli Butler, Director of Community Leadership

- **Leadership Evanston Projects** – Laurice Bell &
Nancy Castillo, Shorefront Legacy Center Toolkit
Melissa Raman Molitor, ASPA Movement

Building Justice and Resiliency – Chris Rothwell,
ECF Board Member

- **E-Town Innovation Grants** – Jamie Lynn Cherry,
Life Without My Child
- **Grantmaking Partners** – Joyce Davidson, Aaron William
Davidson Fund

State of the Community Foundation – Sol Anderson,
President and CEO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

I would like to personally welcome you to the 2023 Grant Awards and Community Impact Celebration. Thank you so much for being with us on what is truly one of the highlights of our year. This is my third Grant Awards as President and I'm still amazed at the level of generosity within the Evanston community. I hope and believe that we can preserve the momentum of last year's wonderful event and drive more change in Evanston.



It is an exciting time here at the Community Foundation as we look ahead. We will work to elevate voices in the community and bolster our efforts to build justice and resiliency in Evanston; and continue to connect and strengthen the nonprofit community beyond grantmaking.

As we gather here tonight, let us remember that the spirit of change resides within each and every one of us. We have the power to drive change, to shape the destiny of our community, and to build a legacy that transcends time. Together, let us celebrate the indomitable spirit of Evanston, a spirit that embodies compassion, resilience, and an unrelenting pursuit of justice.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for joining us tonight. Your presence here is a testament to your dedication to our community and your belief in the power of collective action. Together, we will continue to forge a path toward a thriving and inclusive Evanston—now, forever, and for everyone.

In the Spirit of Ubuntu,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sol Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "S" being particularly large and stylized.

Sol Anderson
President and CEO
Evanston Community Foundation

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

ECF is proud that **our grantmaking is truly community-led**, where a diverse cadre of Evanston community members evaluate and rate proposals, and then recommend them for funding. The grant proposals that the committee has put forth this year are already beginning to uplift lives, strengthen neighborhoods, and build a more equitable Evanston.

E-Town Innovation Grants

Invests in initiatives that prioritize BIPOC* voices and promote equity in the community. Through our strategic investments, we aim to create a more inclusive and vibrant Evanston that celebrates diversity.

Books & Breakfast

Center for Independent Futures

Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI)

Evanston ASPA

Evanston Scholars

Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project-FLAP

The Fatherhood Collective

iKandi Hair Studio

Kuumba Evanston

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Life Without My Child



iKandi Academy Students - 2022 Grantee

MenTal Wealth Advocates

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

Purple Line Adventure Play

Sokana Collective

Young, Black, & Lit

Youth Technology Corps NFP

YWCA Evanston/North Shore

* ECF uses the term BIPOC to highlight the unique history of oppression and continual, systemic discrimination that Black and Indigenous people experience within a U.S. context. These systems, built on white supremacy culture, impact all People of Color. As such, ECF prioritizes organizations led by and/or centered on the voices of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian community members, and those impacted by multiple intersectional systems of oppression.

Nonprofit Growth and Sustainability Grants

Supports a thriving nonprofit sector in Evanston by investing in nonprofits’ organizational capacity and sustainability.

Connections for the Homeless

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

Curt’s Café

McGaw YMCA

Farmworker and Landscaper

Trilogy, Inc.

Advocacy Project-FLAP

Youth Job Center

Collective & Enduring Initiatives

The Community Foundation brings together nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders to address challenges and change systems over the long term in Evanston.

Clear Language Lab Partnership

Literary Works

Guaranteed Income Pilot Program

Northwestern University with City of Evanston and Evanston Community Foundation

Multi-Year General Operating Grant

Reparations Stakeholders Authority of Evanston

Savings for Success- Children’s Savings Accounts Program

YWCA Evanston/North Shore with Evanston/Skokie School District 65, Evanston Community Foundation, Literacy Works



2023 Leadership Evanston Graduates

root2fruit bootcamp Cohort Grants

Investing in small, emerging organizations that serve Evanston, the root2fruit bootcamp is a multi-year program for a cohort of grantees, that provides grants, coaching, and a learning community.

C&W Foundation

Evanston Grows

Evanston CASE

Evanston Latinos

Community Catalyst Grants

Provide financial support for time-sensitive opportunities and needs

City of Evanston

Evanston Gun Buy Back

City of Evanston

2023 Town Gown Conference

Evanston Early Childhood Council

Early Childhood Pipeline Pilot

First Repair

National Symposium for State and Local Reparations

Wraparound Evanston

c/o Mental Health Task Force of Evanston

Young Evanston Artists

YEA Festival

YWCA Evanston/Northshore

Savings for Success Ambassador Stipends

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GRANTMAKING PARTNERS

A special thank you to our 2023 Grantmaking Partners whose generosity and commitment greatly increased ECF’s impact in Evanston this year by allowing us to say “Yes” to more grantees.

B&J Fund	Northwestern Dance Marathon
Sue and Paul Brenner	Partners for the Future Fund
Aaron William Davidson Fund	Plumtree Fund
Julie Fenton and Stuart Chanen	Rosenbaum Witt Family Fund
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SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Northwestern Dance Marathon (NUDM). They have shown their unwavering support of ECF for the past 26 years! NUDM is a strong example of Ubuntu personified as they invest in this community with a commitment to strengthen Evanston. We thank them for taking the time and energy to believe in our vision and partner with us.



NUDM 2001 students present ECF's leadership with their annual beneficiary gift

FOREVER FUNDS

Fund for Evanston and Field of Interest Funds

ECF's Fund for Evanston and a number of field of interest funds are sources of funding for our annual grantmaking. The Fund for Evanston, established in 1987, is ECF's original unrestricted endowment fund. Field of interest funds are endowment funds created by donors that focus on specific areas of interest. We are grateful to donors who made gifts to these funds supporting our grantmaking and programmatic work.

Board Directed Field of Interest Funds

Acorn Fund

All Our Sons

Arts in Community Fund

*Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy
and Affordable Housing*

Cultural Diversity Initiative

EDN Fund for Early Childhood

Fund for Women & Girls

Green Communities Fund

*Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for
Children and the Arts*

*Lorrain Hairston Morton Fund
for Youth*

Sara Schastok Fund

*Sweers' Fund for an Equitable
and Resilient Evanston*

Faith Vilas Fund for Youth

*YEA! Harvey Pranian Legacy
Fund for the Arts*



ECF's founding members in 1986

Fund for Evanston

This Fund is the Foundation's original, unrestricted endowment. It supports programs, initiatives, and grantmaking to meet the needs of the Evanston community. Funds that support the Fund for Evanston include:

*Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Anderson Fund**

*George Cyrus Memorial Fund**

*Natasha S. Deutsch Fund**

*Evanston Realtors Fund**

*Evanston United Way Fund**

Martha and Don Farley Fund

*Rees-Servillo/Jan Heffernan Memorial Dinner Fund**

Jeffrey M. Schoenberg Honorary Fund

**Denotes funds that provide direct support to grants*



ECF's Advocates for Action, Community Building Grant

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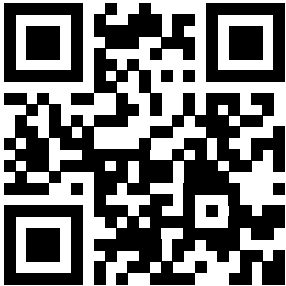
Your support helps create more!

Help support the Evanston Community Foundation's **Now!Fund** which empowers ECF to serve the community now, and throughout the year, enabling us to make grants, bring new ideas to fruition, and mobilize money, people, ideas, and talent. Tonight, let's celebrate the hard work we've accomplished together, and let's look forward to a future of continuing to strengthen this community. We still have a lot of work to do, and we can only do so with your partnership.

**EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGH THE NOW!FUND FOR NOW,
FOREVER, AND FOR EVERYONE**

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SELECT "RECURRING
DONATION AMOUNT"
TO JOIN

THE **IMPACT**!
COLLECTIVE!



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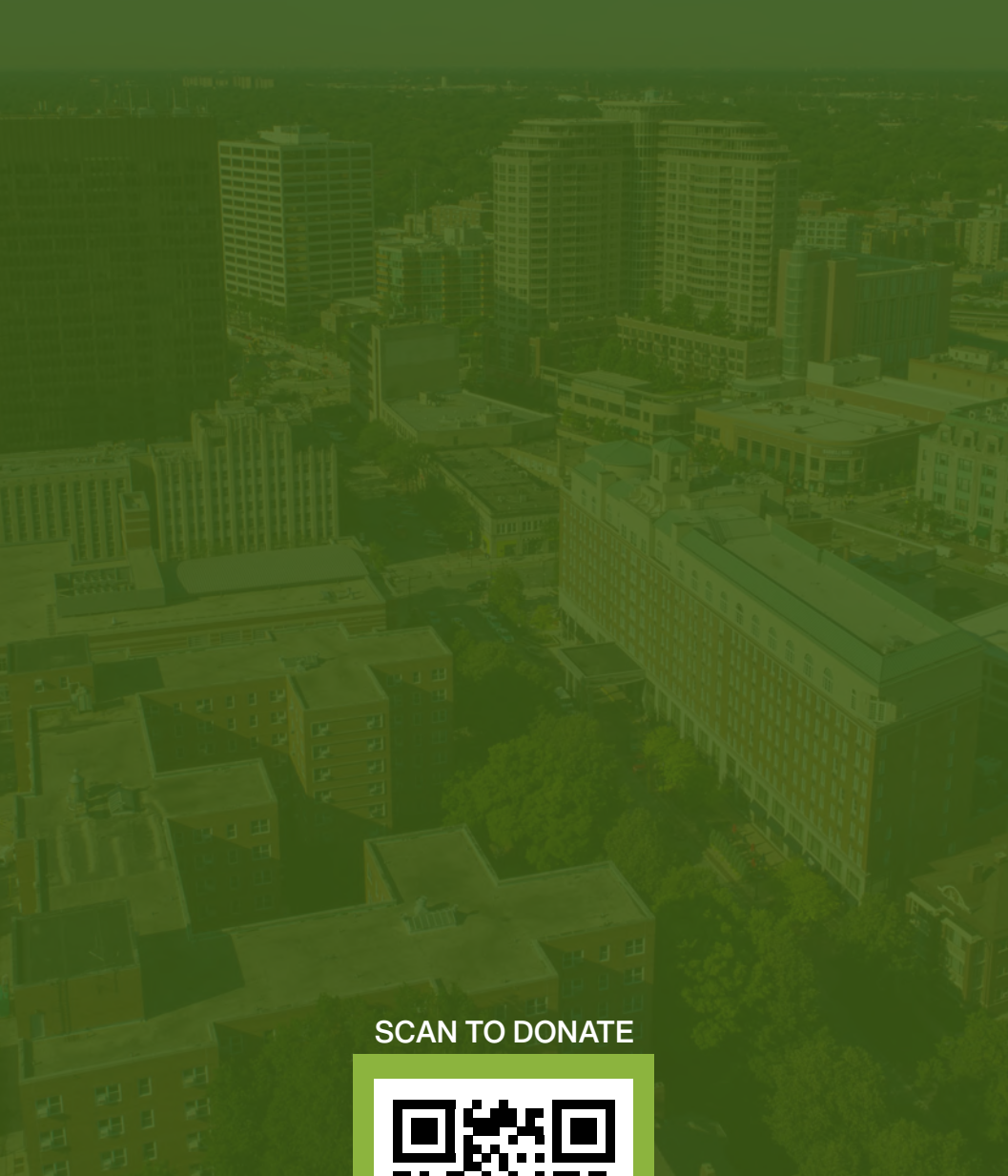


ECF Partners gather at Mashup 2023

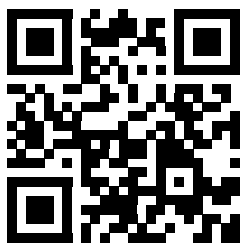
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