

## making good work better

Because Evanston's needs are complex and varied, we make grants to a diverse array of programs.

### the broad reach of Foundation grants

**33.9%**  
early childhood education

**21.9%**  
youth and education

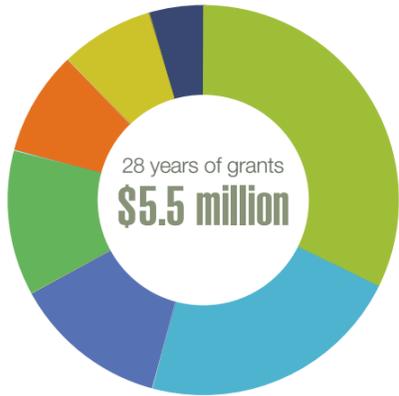
**12.6%**  
the arts and humanities

**12.1%**  
family support & counseling

**8.5%**  
community development

**7.5%**  
basic human needs

**3.7%**  
housing



The \$5.5 million in competitive and strategic grants, shown above, is only a portion of the total \$10.9 million in qualified distributions and grants made by the Foundation since our founding in 1987. This \$10.9 million includes distributions from the 80 or so funds established at ECF by other organizations and by individual donors.

The larger figure also includes Foundation programs like Leadership Evanston, Communityworks, and our operating costs.

For a full list of Foundation funds, please see [evanstonforever.org/giving/fund-list](http://evanstonforever.org/giving/fund-list).

# OUR HOME OUR MISSION OUR CAUSE

## EVANSTON everything we do begins with our community.

Community-wide challenges require community-wide solutions.

**That's where we come in.**

We take Evanston's pulse, listening to its needs and dreams.

Then we bring together people, organizations, and resources, using local strengths to realize local solutions.

**Together,** we do what no one organization could do alone.



# STRONGER.

We make Evanston stronger by helping local organizations grow, adapt, and broaden their reach.

## new channels

This fall, wonderful new sounds are filling the halls at the Council for the Jewish Elderly's adult day center on Howard Street.

Thanks to a Foundation grant, the center has bought new instruments and expanded its music program. Visual art classes have been central to the center's approach for years; music is a natural next step, especially for clients who experience memory loss and cannot always find the words to express themselves. Making music together—or even just being in the room and listening along—opens up new emotional channels. Play on!



# SMARTER.

We look at the big picture to see how Evanston's issues and communities connect.

## learning together

The idea behind our new Two Generation initiative is simple: to nurture the child, it makes sense to nurture the parent as well. That's why this spring we offered a career exploration program, including financial planning, to low-income parents of children enrolled in early childhood education programs. Both generations are learning together.

The program, developed in collaboration with Northwestern researchers, aims to make education a family affair. Judging from all the proud smiles and happy tears at our first graduation ceremony, we're on the right track. Now we're working to address the barriers to further success.

# BETTER.

The right support at the right time can make all the difference.

## return on investment

A Foundation grant changed the fate of the Special Needs Transition House at Evanston Township High School. Ten thousand dollars allowed the program—which serves students with moderate to severe disabilities—to fund more job coaching and training. As a result, more graduates found work.

These jobs are about more than money: they're also a source of pride for young Evanstonians who might otherwise have left high school without prospects.

Having proven its ability to leverage new resources, the Transition House was able to secure increased state funding. Before our grant, the amount the program received was \$11,000 each year. Now it receives \$44,000.



# TOGETHER.

Everything we do is made possible by our donors' generosity.

If Evanston is your cause, there's no better way to make a difference in our community than investing in the Foundation.

**please join us today.**