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GRANT AWARDS  
CELEBRATION  
& ANNUAL MEETING

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Thursday, May 31, 2018

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Helping Evanston thrive now and forever as a just, vibrant, and inclusive community, the Evanston Community Foundation builds, connects, and distributes resources and knowledge to Evanston.

### THE STRATEGIC GOALS THAT GUIDE OUR INVESTMENTS ARE:

- An Evanston that is inclusive and equitable for all
- An empowered and engaged community that collaborates across sectors to define problems and work on solutions
- A thriving nonprofit sector
- The long-term sustainability of ECF



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State of the Evanston Community Foundation  
Monique B. Jones, *President and CEO*

### Communityworks Grants

Communityworks grants support the goals of *Every Child Ready for Kindergarten, Every Youth Ready for Work*. The current grants made from the Communityworks Fund focus on summer learning for young children and access to early childhood education.

**Warren W. Cherry Preschool** **\$10,000**  
Scholarships for graduates of home visiting programs for high quality early childhood program

**City of Evanston Youth and Young Adult Division** **\$2,400**  
Junior Kingian Nonviolence conflict reconciliation project for young people engaged in summer programming

**McGaw YMCA** **\$20,000**  
Y Readers Summer Program with specialized literacy instruction from reading specialists and teachers for rising first through third graders in a six week summer program

**Youth Job Center and Evanston Public Library:**  
**ABC Boosters** **\$25,000**  
Literacy skill development for 110 rising kindergarteners utilizing teen workers, trained and supervised by teachers. Partnership with Evanston/Skokie School District 65 JEH Center, Family Focus/Fleetwood-Jourdain, Learning Bridge Early Education Center, and Reba Early Learning Center

## Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Award Presentation

Diana Cohen, *Chair*

This award was established in 2004 to honor exemplary board service at the Evanston Community Foundation. It is in the name of Jim Kogen, who served on our Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004. His generous gifts of time, treasure, and talent were critical to the Foundation's growth.

## Partners for the Future and Building the Future

Diana Cohen, *Chair*

Since 2010, Partners for the Future has enabled one Evanston-based nonprofit per year to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in matching funds. This grant helps the selected organization build its base of financial support, and increase its overall fundraising and organizational capacity.

In 2017, with the support of the same anonymous donor, the Foundation launched Building the Future, a two year major gifts program that includes a six session class, organizational coaching, and matching grants of up to \$25,000 for six local organizations.

The current Partners for the Future and Building the Future grantees are all currently in a silent phase for their major gifts campaign. Watch for news of them over the coming months.

## *root2fruit* Grants

Ann Balusek, *root2fruit Advisory Board Member*

Made possible by a partnership with the Mammel Foundation, *root2fruit* builds the capacity of small to mid-size nonprofits in Evanston through three year grants of \$10,000 a year along with a training program. Since 2003, the program has invested more than \$1.6 million in helping over 50 organizations develop their long-term sustainability and impact.

## 2018 Grantees

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| <b>Art Encounter</b>   | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| Educating, empowering, and connecting people of all ages and backgrounds through thoughtful and interactive explorations of visual art   |                 |
| <b>Chessmen Club of the North Shore</b>  | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| Engaging and providing services to youth and the Black community through building bridges to better health, better education, and better communities                                       |                 |
| <b>Childcare Network of Evanston (CNE)</b>   | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| Empowering children and families through access to quality early childhood education, family supports, and a coordinated system of care  |                 |
| <b>Evanston Work Ethic (WE) Program</b>  | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| Assisting Evanston Township High School students in improving their career and technical employment outcomes, while meeting the needs of local employers in growing sectors and industries |                 |

**Girls Play Sports** **\$10,000**  
Fostering leadership skills and confidence in girls through their participation in a wide variety of sports

**Hip Circle Empowerment Center** **\$10,000**  
Empowering ALL women through dance, fitness, and community to believe they are strong, beautiful, and worthy of attention

**Institute for Therapy through the Arts (ITA)** **\$10,000**  
Energizing and empowering individuals, families, and communities to grow and heal by inspiring change and wellness in individual and families through creative arts therapy

**NAMI CCNS** **\$10,000**  
**(National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban)**  
Improving the lives of individuals with serious mental illness and those who love and care for them through education, support, and advocacy

**Reba Early Learning Center** **\$10,000**  
Providing high-quality care, education, and support for children and families of diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds

## **2018 *root2fruit* Alumni Grantees**

Organizations that have completed the three year *root2fruit* program are eligible for one year capacity building grants.

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**Books and Breakfast** **\$5,000**  
Grantwriting

**Warren W. Cherry Preschool** **\$1,000**  
Technology upgrade

**Frances Willard Historical Association** **\$5,000**  
Strategic planning

**The Lilac Tree** **\$5,000**  
CRM database system

**The Recyclery Collective** **\$5,000**  
Storage facility

## **Evanston Cradle to Career**

Sheila Merry, *Executive Director, Evanston Cradle to Career*

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Evanston Cradle to Career (EC2C) is a collective impact initiative with over 40 nonprofit, education, and government partners working toward the common goal of success for all Evanston youth by age 23. An EC2C partner, ECF serves as fiscal sponsor and manages the grantmaking process for new funds contributed to the effort by the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. Grants were made to collaborative partnerships among EC2C partners, directed at making systems change in our community.

### **2017-18 Grantees**

**Childcare Network of Evanston, Family Focus, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, and Evanston/Skokie School District 65** **\$11,500**

Planning grant to evaluate the costs and benefits of centralized intake for home visiting programs and to develop a strategy for better coordination across programs

**Childcare Network of Evanston, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, Evanston/Skokie School District 65, Learning Bridge Early Childhood Center, and Reba Early Learning Center** **\$50,000**

Shared trauma training for early childhood program staff and shared trauma-informed clinical services to support families

**Evanston/Skokie School District 65, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, and Metropolitan Family Services** **\$50,000**

Transitioning Community Schools efforts to District 65 leadership, expanding to Oakton School, and developing new school-based legal and family counseling services

**Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, Family Focus, City of Evanston Department of Parks and Recreation, Youth Job Center, and YWCA Evanston/North Shore** **\$16,000**

Planning grant to identify systemic barriers to young fathers' engagement and begin a fatherhood initiative to address those challenges

**YWCA Evanston/North Shore, City of Evanston Parks and Recreation Department, and City of Evanston Equity and Empowerment Office** **\$31,000**

Creating and offering increased capacity for equity training across city departments

## Rolling Grants

Lisa Altenbernd, *Vice Chair*

In June 2017, ECF launched a Rolling Grants pilot program for grants of \$5,000 or less. Applicants may apply at any time throughout the year with applications reviewed quarterly. Rolling Grants are focused on capacity building, collaborations, pilots or planning, and time sensitive needs and opportunities. In the first year, \$71,573 has been awarded through this extension of ECF's responsive grants.

### 2017-18 Grantees

#### **Addie Wyatt Center for Nonviolence Training** \$5,000

Training in Kingian Nonviolence for ETHS students and development of summer institute in collaboration with Evanston Park District

#### **Art Encounter** \$5,000

*Funded in part by the Cultural Diversity Initiative of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Language of Art writing and art program at Washington School

#### **Center for Independent Futures** \$5,000

Support for licensure as Illinois Developmental Disability self-directed assistance provider

#### **CJE Senior Life** \$5,000

Balance and creative movement program for Evanston seniors

#### **Edible Evanston, Citizens' Greener Evanston** \$2,400

*Funded in part by the Green Communities Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Installation of demonstration rain gardens at Eggleston Park Food Forest

#### **EISMA (Evanston In-School Music Association)** \$4,300

Community concerts to expand EISMA's reach

#### **Evanston Dance Ensemble** \$3,250

Board diversity training

#### **Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse** \$5,000

Identity design and branding refresh

#### **Evanston Symphony Orchestra** \$4,500

*Funded in part by the Sweers' Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Support for ESO and District 65 middle school young persons' joint concert to advance equity in orchestra

#### **Girl Scouts** \$4,928

Pilot of new troop development model

#### **Meals at Home** \$5,000

Feasibility study for a community kitchen

#### **Mitchell Museum of the American Indian** \$5,000

*Funded in part by the Weisblat Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

IT upgrades to improve customer service

#### **North Shore Choral Society** \$2,250

Arts Reach Evanston programs at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center

**Northlight Theater and Family Focus** **\$5,000**  
*Funded in part by the Red Bud Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Theater workshop for grandparents raising grandchildren

**Open Studio Project** **\$4,945**  
*Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Workshops with adult caregivers of Moran Center for Youth Advocacy's clients

**Park School PTA** **\$5,000**  
*Funded in part by Hagerty Altenbernd Fund for Evanston of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Park Playground for All

**PEER Services** **\$5,000**  
Modernizing IT infrastructure

## **Community Catalyst Grants and Climate Action Grants**

*Lisa Altenbernd, Vice Chair*

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Community Catalyst grants, established in 2013 and funded in part by Northwestern University's Dance Marathon, allow ECF to address community needs as they arise, as well as support community foundations around the country as they rebuild after facing disaster. Climate Action Grants invest in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions-reduction projects in Evanston benefiting nonprofit organizations and lower-income households.

**Center for Economic Progress** **\$1,200**  
Providing general operating support for tax preparation in Evanston

**Evanston Connections for the Homeless** **\$1,200**  
Consolidating basic human necessities and housing stabilization services under one roof, and providing relief for and developing relationships with individuals along the spectrum of homelessness

**Evanston/Skokie School District 65** **\$1,000**  
Providing low-income children in District 65 with school supplies in collaboration with COPE

**Greater Houston Community Foundation** **\$1,500**  
Supporting the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund focusing on providing immediate, medium, and long-term relief to the Greater Houston area

**League of Women Voters of  
Illinois Education Fund** **\$750**  
Presenting and publicizing candidate forums, one for municipal offices and two for school board candidates, in March as a way of encouraging engagement in the local election process

**Logan Square Neighborhood Association** **\$4,025**  
Raising greater awareness in the Evanston community of immigration issues in general, as well as the need for comprehensive immigration reform

**The Miami Foundation** **\$1,500**  
Supporting relief efforts to Florida residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma

**Piven Theatre Workshop** **\$2,000**  
Supporting the costs of creating a new, more secure website to replace the former website and registration system

**Shorefront****\$3,500**

Supporting a 60-minute documentary capturing the compelling story of Lorraine H. Morton, the city of Evanston's first Black mayor, and the impact she had on Evanston and her overall life of service

**Silicon Valley Community Foundation****\$1,500**

Supporting a joint fund created by Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties' community foundations that provides support for nonprofit organizations as they help individuals, families, and the community recover and rebuild after the devastating fires

**United for Puerto Rico****\$1,500**

Aiding individuals and small businesses devastated by Hurricanes Irma and María to accelerate their recovery by helping meet housing, food and health needs, so they may rebuild their lives, communities, and Puerto Rico

**Young Evanston Artists****\$5,000**

*Funded in part by the YEA! Harvey Pranian Legacy Fund for the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Supporting for the 2018 YEA! Festival to allow youth in Evanston to experience visual and performing arts in a one day, outdoor event held at Raymond Park

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## Climate Action Grants

**Rimland Services NFP****\$550**

Purchasing motion sensor lighting in 11 Evanston community based living options to reduce electric consumption and to increase sustainability

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church****\$4,000**

Converting lighting to LED in community meeting rooms

**Responsive Grants**

Judy Witt, *Board Member and Responsive Grants Chair*

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Tonight ECF announces \$337,500 in responsive grants to 26 organizations, determined by a committee of community members. Each of these grants further the Foundation's strategic goals of an inclusive and equitable Evanston, an empowered and engaged community that collaborates, and a thriving nonprofit sector.

**2018 Grantees****Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County****\$10,000**

*Funded by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Improving the efficiency, speed, and quality of homeless service delivery through a coordinated entry system

**Books & Breakfast****\$20,000**

*Funded in part by Sue and Paul Brenner and the Weisblat Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Expanding Books & Breakfast program to a fourth school, Lincoln Elementary School, and expanding staff capacity

**Center for Independent Futures****\$10,175**

*Funded in part by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Travel training for individuals with disabilities to facilitate their ability to lead independent and productive lives



**Warren W. Cherry Preschool** **\$10,500**  
*Funded in part by the EDN Fund for Early Childhood of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Bridge funding for scholarships for new and continuing students at Cherry Preschool

**Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County** **\$7,500**  
*Funded in part by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Services for young children experiencing trauma, including assessment, case coordination, and trauma-focused individual and family therapy services

**Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois** **\$9,644**  
*Funded in part by the Faith Vilas Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Training and development of train the trainer model in the evidence-based Collaborative Problem Solving approach at Rice Child + Family Center

**Connections for the Homeless** **\$20,000**  
*Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Building a private prevention fund to support people who are behind on rent or utilities by providing financial assistance that helps them avoid evictions

**Curt's Cafe** **\$9,700**  
Improving database system to enhance resource development efforts that provide program support

**Erie Family Health Center** **\$17,000**  
*Funded in part by the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Natasha S. Deutsch Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Creating services customized for adolescents and youth at the Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center

**Evanston Scholars** **\$15,000**  
*Funded in part by an anonymous grantmaking partner, Debbie and Michael Sear, and the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Improving access to internships and support for Evanston Scholars enrolled in college

**Evanston Symphony Orchestra Association** **\$7,630**  
*Funded in part by the Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Cultural Diversity Initiative Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Enhancing free music programs for children enrolled in District 65 HeadStart and Early HeadStart programs

**Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary** **\$15,000**  
*Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Summer support for children in Evanston, particularly from the 5th Ward, through a research-based, multicultural curriculum

**Girls Play Sports, Inc. NFP** **\$15,000**  
*Funded in part by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Expanding Girls Play Sports staff in order to build resource development efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program

**The Harbour, Inc.** **\$15,000**  
*Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Rubens Family Foundation*

Improving use of technology and expanding staff hours to ensure greater access for youth in need of shelter and support

**Housing Opportunities for Women** **\$20,000**  
*Funded in part by the Fund for Women & Girls of the Evanston Community Foundation, the Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing of the Evanston Community Foundation, and the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Outreach and collaborative efforts to support new housing for low-income women in Evanston

**Impact Behavioral Health Partners** **\$15,000**  
Continuing development of the Client Assistance Fund and staff training in order to enhance the care of program participants

**Interfaith Action of Evanston** **\$12,000**  
*Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin*

Support for continuing expansion of overnight emergency shelter during the winter months

**McGaw YMCA** **\$20,000**  
*Funded in part by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Plumtree Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Support for Y Achievers and the development of academics, college knowledge, positive relationships, life skills, and positive identity for high school students to prepare for college

**The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy** **\$10,345**  
*Funded by the Paul Bechtner Foundation*

Training for parents and guardians of children with special needs to help them understand educational rights and processes, and become advocates

**North Shore Senior Center** **\$10,000**  
Providing assistance for older adults to identify applicable benefit programs and helping them secure those benefits

**Northlight Theatre** **\$10,000**  
*Funded in part by the Arts in Community Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Support for a capital campaign consultant to help facilitate Northlight's move to Evanston

**PEER Services, Inc.** **\$11,000**  
*Funded in part by the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Active outreach to persons presenting challenges with substance abuse at hospitals or with public safety personnel

**Services for Adults Staying in  
Their Homes (SASI)**

**\$5,206**

*Funded by Jessie Macdonald*

Training for home care providers to increase their understanding of and sensitivity to LGBTQ clients

**Y.O.U. (Youth & Opportunity United)**

**\$15,000**

*Funded in part by the David Mulder Mental Health Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation*

Integrating clinical services into out-of-school programs to destigmatize counseling and address the unmet mental health needs of youth

**Youth Job Center**

**\$11,800**

*Funded in part by the Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation, an anonymous grantmaking partner, the Joe "Butch" Martin Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation, and Debbie and Michael Sear*

Expanding the summer tutors program in order to allow more youth to participate

**YWCA Evanston/North Shore**

**\$15,000**

Development of training to support local residents in developing advocacy skills

## Grantmaking Partners

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A special thank you to Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2018 and our other grantmaking partners whose generosity and commitment greatly increase the pool of dollars available for community efforts.

### Unrestricted Grantmaking Partners

*Supports the full slate of responsive and rolling grants*

*Anonymous*

Judy Aiello-Fantus and Maurice Fantus

Tom and Barb Altman

Paul Bechtner Foundation

Evanston Community Bank & Trust, A Branch of Wintrust Bank

Judy Freitag and David D'Arcy

Hagerty Altenbernd Fund for Evanston\*

Cheryl and Mark Kaplan

Mary Laflin Rockwell Fund\*

Main-Dempster Mile

William and Mary Ann McGrath Foundation

Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2018

O'Brien Family Foundation

Rose and Andy Thomas Educational Fund\*

Twice & Thrice LLC

Weisblat Family Fund\*

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## Grant-Specific Grantmaking Partners

Anonymous  
ABS Fund\*  
Paul Bechtner Foundation  
Sue and Paul Brenner  
Gratch Family Fund\*  
Hagerty Altenbernd Fund for Evanston\*  
Jessie Macdonald  
Joe “Butch” Martin Fund\*  
David Mulder Mental Health Fund\*  
Plumtree Fund\*  
Red Bud Fund\*  
Rubens Family Fund  
Debbie and Michael Sear  
Weisblat Family Fund\*  
Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin  
Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund\*

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## Fund for Evanston and Field of Interest Funds

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ECF’s Fund for Evanston and a variety of field of interest funds are sources of funding for our annual responsive grants, Communityworks grants, and our new rolling grants. The Fund for Evanston, established in 1987, is our 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.

## Fund for Evanston

*Our general endowment to meet community needs through grants and programs*

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

## Board-Directed Field of Interest Funds

Acorn Fund  
All Our Sons  
Arts in Community Fund  
Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing  
Communityworks Fund  
Cultural Diversity Initiative  
EDN Fund for Early Childhood  
Fund for Women & Girls  
Green Communities Fund  
Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts  
Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth  
Sara Schastok Fund for Communityworks  
Sweers’ Fund for Children and the Arts  
Faith Vilas Fund for Youth  
YEA! Harvey Pranian Legacy Fund for the Arts



For 21 years, Northwestern University Dance Marathon (NUDM) has contributed to ECF to support the full range of responsive grants. Since 1998, NUDM has contributed over \$1.2 million to Evanston through ECF, and NUDM board members and dancers have volunteered countless hours. This year, NUDM helped connect ECF and Evanston to its primary beneficiary, Cradles to Crayons, bringing much needed resources of clothing, toys, and school supplies to Evanston children.

ECF extends its gratitude to NUDM 2018 for its contribution of over \$104,000 that supports our responsive grants, community catalyst grants, and program assistance for organizations that serve Evanston.

We are also grateful for the creativity, leadership, and service of NUDM 2018 Executive Co-Chairs Jamie Newman and Daniel Nussbaum on our responsive grants committee. We're looking forward to our continued partnership with NUDM.

