GRANT AWARDS CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING

STREAMING LIVE ON
THURSDAY, JULY 16
5:30PM

@EVANSTONFOREVER
Helping Evanston thrive now and forever as a vibrant, equitable, and inclusive community, the Evanston Community Foundation builds, connects, and distributes resources and knowledge through local organizations for the common good.

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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Ayesha Goswamy and Cami Steppe, NUDM 2021 Executive Co-Chairs

TONIGHT’S EMCEE
Tim Russell, VP Community Engagement, WTTW-WFMT

MESSAGES FROM
Monique B. Jones, President & CEO

FEATURED GRANTEES
Young, Black and Lit
Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
Reba Early Learning Center
Connections for the Homeless
C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor
Evanston Cradle to Career
Evanston Care Network
Evanston Latinos

FEATURED DONOR
Nikki and Chris Brummett interviewed by Dr. Sharon Robinson

JIM KOGEN FOUNDATION SPIRIT AWARD PRESENTATION
WITH LISA ALTENBERND
Established in 2004, this award honors exemplary board service at the Evanston Community Foundation. This award is named for 1998-2004 board member Jim Kogen, whose generous gifts of time, treasure, and talent were critical to the Foundation’s growth.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRANTEE COMMUNITY
The impact COVID-19 has had on our community work and how ECF donors have made a difference.
2020 is a different year for ECF's grantmaking. In mid-March, when the shutdown started, our board and staff moved quickly and strategically to respond to the challenges our community faced.

Within a week, ECF’s board created the Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund (ECRRF) with an initial $100,000 from ECF’s endowment. To date, our community has generously contributed over $2.7 million to that Fund.

Also within a week, we released restrictions on current grants, suspended our regular responsive and rolling grants cycles, and began to create a plan for how to best use the ECRRF in Evanston, focusing on relief, recovery, and rebuilding. We issued the first grants from the Fund on March 23.

As of July 15, ECF has made grants of over $2.5 million into the community. We continue to issue grants almost weekly, based on what we learn from nonprofits and community members. Our work to help nonprofits build capacity through our root2fruit, Building the Future, Leadership Evanston, and Building Equitable Institutions programs continues as well.

Through the ECRRF, ECF is awarding four types of grants that we are celebrating tonight:

Strategic grants: immediate needs, relief.
Total awarded as of July 15: $1,507,850

Strategic grants: collective and enduring initiatives, focusing on improving access and equity.
Total awarded as of July 15: $141,660

Operating grants: grants to support nonprofits in maintaining their infrastructure.
Total awarded as of July 15: $689,824

All of this work is rooted in ECF’s commitment to equity, collaboration, and a thriving nonprofit community. And in the incredible network of nonprofits, businesses, institutions, and individuals who work tirelessly to make Evanston better. We celebrate our community partners through this Grant Awards event.
Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund: Strategic Grants:
Immediate Needs: Relief

Children and Families
• District 65 with PTA Equity Project and Foundation 65: 200 laptops for District 65 students
• PTA Equity Project with District 65, Foundation 65, and EBSA: basic human need support for District 65 families

Early Childhood: direct support for families with young children
• Childcare Network of Evanston
• Family Focus Evanston
• Infant Welfare Society of Evanston
• Learning Bridge Early Education Center
• Reba Early Learning Center

Food and Supplies Relief
• C&W Market with Evanston Aid: groceries for District 65 families
• Chef Q: meals for families
• Chessmen Club of North Shore: Oakton School Blessings in a Backpack
• Cradles to Crayons with Bundled Blessings, Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, and early childhood programs: diapers for families
• Curt’s Café: meals for Family Focus families
• Gyros Planet and Taqueria: meals for Latinx families
• Hillside Food Pantry: supplemental food
• Interfaith Action of Evanston: soup kitchen coordination and food
• Soul & Smoke: meals for seniors and District 65 families

Housing
• Connections for the Homeless:
  • Eviction prevention rental assistance
  • Staff support for expanded services
  • April hotel costs
• Family Promise: April housing costs
• YWCA Evanston/North Shore: housing and food for domestic abuse survivor families
Seniors
• C&W Market: groceries for seniors
• Dementia Friendly Task Force: support for individuals and caregivers
• Jennifer’s Edibles: meals for seniors
• Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois: support for 30% increase in individuals served

Undocumented and Mixed Status Residents: direct support for lost wages
• Evanston Cradle to Career
• Evanston Cricket & Social Club
• Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)
• Haitian Congress


Early Childhood
• Evanston Chamber of Commerce with early childhood programs (IWSE, Reba Early Learning Center, Learning Bridge, Toddler Town, Childcare Network of Evanston, McGaw YMCA, Family Focus, Covenant Nursery School, Barbereux School, Puerta Abierta Preschool, Cherry Preschool, School for Little Children, Northminster Nursery School, Roycemore School, and Unity Preschool): PPE and cleaning equipment
• Evanston Chamber of Commerce with Family Focus and McGaw YMCA: PPE and cleaning equipment for youth and family programming
• Evanston Early Childhood Council: support for staff person to coordinate advocacy efforts and communications
• Evanston Early Childhood Council: support for early childhood care and education programs to purchase additional supplies necessary for safe reopening
• Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse: organization and distribution of PPE and cleaning equipment to early childhood and family programs

Transition to Adult Life
• Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse: enrollment of Evanston residents in ERW workforce training program for building trades
• Evanston Scholars: support Scholar-Designed Internship program to replace lost summer jobs, internships, and wages due to COVID-19
• Youth Job Center with James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy and Curt’s Café: personalized support for 100 recent ETHS graduates without plans for education or employment
Building Equitable Institutions (in collaboration with YWCA Evanston/North Shore and Erikson Institute)
- Covenant Nursery School
- Learning Bridge Early Education Center
- Reba Early Learning Center
- School for Little Children

BUILDING ENDURING COLLABORATIONS

Evanston Rapid Response Fund: Strategic Grants: Collective and Enduring Initiatives
- Executive Service Corps: assistance to nonprofits for EIDL applications
- Evanston Care Network with City of Evanston and Evanston Public Library, Evanston Community Foundation, Evanston 311, and Amita Health: support for establishment of collective point of entry platform for free and reduced cost social services
- Evanston Chamber of Commerce with the Black Business Consortium Evanston North Shore and Evanston Community Foundation: creation and administration of the Evanston Local Marketplace, an online platform to promote minority and women owned business, advance collective purchasing, and connect local business with institutional buyers
- Evanston Latinos: outreach and translation to support service access for Latinx community, support for organizational capacity building, establishing 501c3 status, and hiring staff person
- Literacy Works: assistance for nonprofits and institutions to improve communications clarity, especially for those with literacy challenges

SUPPORTING A THRIVING NONPROFIT COMMUNITY

Evanston Community Rapid Response Grants: Operating Grants
- Center for Independent Futures
- Childcare Network of Evanston
- Children’s Advocacy Center
- Connections for the Homeless (3)
- Curt’s Cafe
- Evanston Symphony Orchestra
- Family Focus Evanston
- Family Promise Chicago North Shore
- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP) (2)
- Girls Play Sports
- Infant Welfare Society of Evanston (3)
- Learning Bridge Early Education Center
• McGaw YMCA (2)
• James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
• Mudlark Theater
• NAMI CCNS
• Open Communities
• Open Studio Project
• PEER Services
• Puerta Abierta
• Rainbows for All Children
• Reba Early Learning Center (2)
• Reba Place Development Corporation
• Youth and Opportunity United
• YWCA Evanston/North Shore (2)

**root2fruit 2020**
• Actors Gymnasium
• Art Encounter
• Evanston Wilmette Golf Course
• Hip Circle Empowerment Center
• Puerta Abierta
• Reba Place Development Corporation
• Young, Black & Lit

**root2fruit 2020 alumni 2020**
• Books & Breakfast
• Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
• Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM)
• Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)
• James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
• Reba Early Learning Center

**Building the Future**
• Childcare Network of Evanston
• Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
• Family Promise
• Institute for Therapy through the Arts
• Meals on Wheels
• PEER Services

**Partners for the Future**
• Books & Breakfast
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