

*The cool air is finally here -  
what a great time to take a look at all  
of the exciting things going on at ECF!*

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## **Welcome fall,**

Listening to the author of *Racing to Justice*, John A. Powell, speak at a foundation partner meeting, I was reminded of how important it is to set benchmarks that are not dependent on the dominant group. Moving into the last quarter of the year and preparing for 2018 gives us an opportunity to add that perspective to our plans.

An honest question to consider: Do you do the work that is easy just to say that it's been done, or do you take the tough road that will make the change we want to see in the world? Leaves are changing, falling, renewing. New ones will come with the fierceness of living without knowledge that they too will renew. This is our time to renew. We look forward to connecting with you during this important part of the year.

Monique

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## **Celebrate!Evanston record crowd gave nearly \$245,000**

Reflecting on the Foundation's annual autumn event, Monique B. Jones remarked, "I am so grateful for all of the generous support of so many Evanstonians. Every dollar will help us reach out across Evanston supporting collaborations with creative ideas to address Evanston's challenges."



[View photo galleries & read more about Celebrate!Evanston 2017](#)



## Join the party!

A few spots remain at some of the fantastic sign-up parties that were offered at Celebrate!Evanston. Reserve your spots today for unique Evanston experiences you won't find anywhere else!

[Explore ECF sign-up parties](#)



## ECF doubles its free nonprofit workshops

This year ECF is proud to offer six workshops, *For Organizational Success*, that offer frequent learning and networking opportunities for staff and board members of Evanston nonprofits and organizations. Facilitated by experts, the workshops are free of charge this year, and advance registration is required.

Register Now!

## ECF and Northwestern University Dance Marathon honored at 2017 Evanston MashUp

In September, 2017, ECF and NUDM received the Evanston MashUp Evanston/Northwestern Catalyst Award, an annual award given to recognize people and organizations with committed partnerships between NU and the city.



Monique B. Jones and Daniel Nussbaum accept the 8th Annual Evanston MashUp 2017 Evanston/Northwestern Catalyst Award

[Watch the MashUp Catalyst Award Video](#)

## ECF Rolling Grants keep rollin', rollin', rollin'

Introduced earlier this year, Rolling Grants allow ECF to make investments in projects and organizations throughout the year that are poised to make a difference in the community. ECF is proud to have awarded grants for the fall quarter to Art Encounter, Evanston In-School Music Association (EISMA), Meals at Home, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, and Northlight Theater /Family Focus.

[Read more about ECF's fall Rolling Grantees](#)



At ECF, we invest in projects and programs that will make a difference in our community - like Edible Evanston's home gardening group. ECF strengthens nonprofits, launches innovative ventures and encourages collaboration between people and organizations.

Your gift to ECF reaches all of Evanston.

**Give today and extend your reach**

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