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GRANT AWARDS CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING



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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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State of the Evanston Community Foundation

Monique B. Jones, *President and CEO*

Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Award Presentation

Lisa Altenbernd, *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

Lisa Altenbernd, *Chair*

Partners for the Future helps 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 organization capacity.

Building the Future convenes six local organizations committed to building their major gifts program by participating in a six-session class, organizational coaching, and raising matching grants of up to \$25,000 each.

Partners for the Future and Building the Future are funded by an anonymous donor, through the Partners for the Future Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation.

Partners for the Future Grantee:

Youth Job Center

Building the Future Grantees:

Books & Breakfast

Warren W. Cherry Preschool

Curt's Café

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

Learning Bridge Early Education Center

Mudlark Theater

root2fruit

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 \$1.75M in helping 54 organizations develop their long-term sustainability and impact.

Actors Gymnasium

\$10,000

Expanding human and theatrical potential through the vital forms of circus arts by providing artistic and educational programs that push the limits of physical, emotional, and creative expression.

Art Encounter

\$10,000

Educating, empowering, and connecting people of all age and backgrounds through thoughtful and interactive explorations of visual art.

Childcare Network of Evanston

\$10,000

Empowering children and families through access to quality early childhood education, family supports, and a coordinated system of care.

Evanston Work Ethic (WE) Program **\$10,000**

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.

Hip Circle Empowerment Center **\$10,000**

Empowering ALL women through dance, fitness, and community to believe they are strong, beautiful and worth 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.

Puerta Abierta Preschool **\$10,000**

Designed to give children the opportunity to enrich their language and experience cross-cultural development through age appropriate curriculum and activities geared toward the development of fluency and pre-literacy skills in English and Spanish.

Reba Early Learning Center **\$10,000**

Providing high-quality care, education, and support for children and families of diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Reba Place Development Corporation **\$10,000**

Developing safe, decent, and affordable housing that demonstrate how the diverse racial and cultural groups in Evanston can thrive together.

root2fruit Alumni

Center for Independent Futures

\$5,000

Conducting a Capital Campaign Feasibility Study to guide fundraising efforts for the construction of an 8-story mixed-use accessible building to serve CIF's participant community.

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse

\$5,000

Developing a series of classes that provide skills on how to do basic repairs and create fun experiences that involve re-purposing materials saved from landfills.

Open Communities

\$5,000

Purchase a Donor Management Software system and hire an Informational Technology Consultant to harmonize and speed up existing computer equipment and software.

Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project - FLAP- Ayuda para Trabajadores

\$4,000

Purchase and conduct training on new donor management software in order to increase efficiency and flexibility to start new programs and expand current ones.

The Lilac Tree

\$3,200

Replacing computers and purchasing new printers in order to reduce printing costs by 70% and more effectively administer programs, promote the organization and serve clients.

Communityworks Grants

Lisa Altenbernd, *Chair*

Grants from our Communityworks endowed fund work toward 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.

Youth Job Center and Evanston Public Library:

ABC Boosters

\$25,000

Literacy skill development for rising kindergarteners at District 65's Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood Center, Family Focus/Fleetwood Jourdain, Learning Bridge Early Education Center, and Reba Early Learning Center, utilizing teen workers, trained and supervised by teachers.

City of Evanston Youth and Young Adult Division \$2,400

Kingian nonviolence training for summer youth employment participants.

Evanston Public Library

\$4,000

Board books for home visitors for distribution to families; literacy programs for home visiting families.

Evanston/Skokie School District

65 Family Center

\$20,750

Support for home visiting on a biweekly basis.

Literacy Works

\$8,000

"OK Learn" workshops for parents of children in home visiting at District 65 and Childcare Network of Evanston.

McGaw YMCA**\$20,000**

Y Readers Summer Program focuses on specialized literacy instruction from reading specialists and teachers for rising 1st – 3rd graders in a six-week summer program

Warren W. Cherry Preschool**\$10,000**

Scholarships for “graduates” of ECF supported Infant Welfare Society of Evanston home visiting program

YWCA Evanston/Northshore**\$25,000**

Facilitation of year-long cohort including workshops and individual organizational coaching for three to five early childhood programs to become more equitable institutions

YWCA Evanston/North Shore**and Evanston Community Foundation****\$25,000**

“Savings for Success” is a pilot program to help families save for their children’s post-secondary education through dedicated 529 college savings accounts. It also gives families tools to improve their financial health and security by reducing debt and planning for unexpected expenses.

Evanston Cradle to Career

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

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 are made to collaborative partnerships among EC2C partners, directed at making systems change in our community.

Childcare Network of Evanston, Cherry Preschool, Covenant Nursery School, Evanston/Skokie School District 65, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, Learning Bridge Early Education Center, McGaw YMCA Early Childhood Center, Reba Early Learning Center, School for Little Children, and Unity Preschool **\$65,000**

Enhanced and expanded trauma informed services for Evanston early childhood programs.

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, City of Evanston Youth Division, Connections for the Homeless, Curt's Café, and Erie Family Health **\$65,000**

Empowering youth, families, and front line providers to improve organizational/institutional systems.

Open Studio Project, Childcare Network of Evanston, Learning Bridge Early Childhood Center, and Reba Early Learning Center **\$28,300**

Social emotional learning kindergarten readiness program.

Advocates for Action Grantees

Kimberly Holmes-Ross, *Advocates for Action*

Advocates for Action (A4A) is the community leadership council of Evanston Cradle to Career. This year, with support from ECF, A4A created an innovative new grassroots grants program. Community Building Grants support individuals and groups who want to make their local communities better places to live and raise families. Funded projects connect and engage neighbors, share knowledge and talents, and celebrate residents' diversity and leadership.

Evanston Haitian Community Festival
Get Fit E-Town: outdoor boot camps
Golf Outreach Project
Corbhins: hair texture event

Kemone's World: teen mom workshop
Mission Friendship Church: connecting young men with the senior population
Moving Your Mind: combatting depression and anxiety
Purple Line Adventure Play: pop-up adventure playgrounds
Reviving Our Youth: teaching youth skills
Visions: vision board workshop
West End Area Block Club: toy and tool lending library
World of Women: support group for mothers
Young, Black, & Lit: book fairs

Rolling Grants

Dave Davis, *Rolling Grants Committee Member*

Rolling Grants focus on capacity building, collaborations, pilots or planning, and time sensitive needs and opportunities. Applicants may apply at any time throughout the year with applications reviewed quarterly by a committee of community members.

June 2018 - May 2019 Grantees

Age Friendly Evanston Task Force – Housing Committee

\$5,000

Funded by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Address the issue of insufficient affordable housing for Evanston seniors with low or fixed incomes.

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

\$3,600

Funded in part by Wintrust

Establishing a youth action board north to increase engagement.

Art Encounter **\$5,000**

The Power of Girlhood: collaborative Girl Scout mural in downtown Evanston.

Center for Woman's History and Leadership **\$5,000**

Diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion project.

Eat Play Learn **\$2,500**

Coding and robotics program for 3rd to 5th graders who are interested in sports and are open to building their thinking and STEM skills.

Evanston In-School Music Association (EISMA) **\$2,300**

Expand fall and spring school performances to include two free community-based concerts to engage families and seniors.

Famliy Promise Chicago North Shore **\$2,270**

Upgrade technologies to better serve client base and increase organizational capacity.

Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project **\$4,000**

Community education for low-income latina women.

Foundation 65 **\$5,000**

Support a strategic planning consultant who employs an equity lens in order to clearly and confidently move forward in both fundraising and grant making.

Institute for Therapy Through the Arts **\$5,000**

Upgrade technologies to better serve client base and increase organizational capacity.

MetroSquash **\$1,500**

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

Free Evanston summer camp pilot for 6th and 7th grade students.

Next Step Planning Committee **\$5,000**

Address racial equity and the opportunity gap in racially diverse schools.

Northlight Theatre **\$5,000**

Funded in part by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and by Diana Cohen and David Spitulnik

Transforming Evanston youth through theatre.

Open Communities **\$2,500**

Funded by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Technologies upgrade to continue to provide quality service to clients, increase efficiency, and expand their client base.

Rainbows for All Children **\$3,600**

In collaboration with McGaw YMCA, provide trauma-informed, peer support.

YES/Evanston NJTL **\$3,500**

Funded by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Pilot program that will offer after-school tennis instruction and homework help in partnership with Family Focus.

Community Catalyst Grants

Community Catalyst grants, established in 2013 and funded by Northwestern University's Dance Marathon, allow ECF to address community needs as they arise.

June 2018 – June 2019 Grantees

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	\$1,000
Underwrite the travel costs for Evanston-serving attendees to Rapid Result Institute's 100-Day launch session in Miami.	
Connections for the Homeless	\$1,000
Offset emergency living expenses for clients in need.	
Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse	\$5,000
Waste reuse and diversion education program.	
Interfaith Action of Evanston	\$2,000
Funding a staff member to supervise the overnight schedule and the laundering of linens, enabling the overnight shelter to stay open nights through March 31.	
Young Evanston Artists (YEA!)	\$5,000
Support the 2019 YEA! Day, the most inclusive and comprehensive arts event for children on the North Shore.	

Responsive Grants

Judy Witt, *Chair, Responsive Grants Committee*

Tonight ECF announces \$372,600 in responsive grants to 25 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.

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

\$7,500

Improve the efficiency, speed, and quality of homeless service delivery through a coordinated entry system that connects resources to clients with a holistic lens.

Art Encounter

\$15,000

Funded in part by the Arts in Community Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation

Invest in three community art initiatives, providing collaborative efforts with Family Focus, Fusion Academy and Gibbs-Morrison Community Center. These partnerships will allow for the creation of three new mural projects through the education and empowerment of community members.

Books & Breakfast

\$20,000

Funded by the Paul Bechtner Foundation, Sue and Paul Brenner, and the Ticus Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Deepen the organization's morning program by expanding from four to five schools, increasing their ability to combat achievement gaps, meet urgent student needs, and increase capacity with the hiring of a development director to ensure growth and sustainability.

Center for Independent Futures **\$10,000**

Funded in part by an anonymous grantmaking partner and the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Conduct community safety sessions for ETHS Transition House and Evanston Day School students to reinforce self-advocacy and appropriate interaction with police and providing Crisis Intervention Team training for ETHS special educators, safety officers, and parents.

Children's Advocacy Center of North & Northwest Cook County **\$15,000**

Funded by Jessie Macdonald and by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Provide trauma-focused therapy services in Evanston for young children who have experienced abuse and/or been exposed to domestic or community violence. This will also support programming and intervention for the child's parents or caregivers and siblings.

Children's Home & Aid **\$20,000**

Funded by the Faith Vilas Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Natasha S. Deutsch Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation.

Implement training to the evidence-based Collaborative Problem Solving approach at the Rice Child and Family Center, which provides residential treatment for foster youth impacted by histories of trauma.

Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) \$20,000

Funded in part by the Fund for Women & Girls of the Evanston Community Foundation

Increase family engagement for marginalized communities through comprehensive parent leadership programming. Goals of the program focus on building equitable outcomes and challenging systemic barriers to resources for these families.

Connections for the Homeless \$12,000

Embark on a strategic capital campaign initiative by hiring a professional fundraising consultant. This will begin with research through a feasibility study for increased funds, sustainability, and growth of programming in support of providing services to the homeless population.

Erie Family Health Center \$18,000

Funded in part by the Rubens Family Foundation

Expand the Teen Hub by increasing access to STI walk-in sessions for teens, expanding community outreach activities, expanding comprehensive family planning, and delivering behavioral health support.

The Evanston Alliance \$20,000

Funded by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Create a new partnership among Evanston Cradle to Career, City of Evanston's Youth and Young Adult Division, Youth Job Center, National Able Network and the Evanston Mayor's Employers Advisory Council. The Alliance will work to align their efforts to support young adults in their workforce development to attain successful employment at a livable wage and promote wealth development.

Evanston Public Library **\$12,000**

Funded in part by Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin, the Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing, the Joe “Butch” Martin Fund, and the Plumtree Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Launch Evanston Public Library services with a mobile resource center in the Fifth Ward to support financial literacy and hyperlocal access to library services. This is a partnership with Family Focus and Evanston Community Bank & Trust.

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse **\$20,000**

Funded in part by the Paul Bechtner Foundation and the Red Bud Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Growing employment pathways for the workforce training program through the development a working group of employers who will provide mentoring, interview readiness, shadow work days, and job placements for trainees.

Evanston Scholars **\$15,000**

Funded in part by the Communityworks Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and by Debbie and Michael Sear

Evanston Scholars will work in collaboration with the Chessman Club of Evanston to implement a College Success readiness program and mentorship curriculum for young adults who have been affected by the achievement gap.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra Association **\$8,500**

Funded in part by the Cultural Diversity Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and by the Rubens Family Foundation

Enhancing music education classes for D65’s HeadStart, Pre-K and Early HeadStart to help disadvantaged children be “kindergarten ready” and help eliminate the educational achievement gap between low income children of color and their economically advantaged peers.

**Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago &
Northwest Indiana**

\$7,700

Funded by the Fund for Women & Girls of the Evanston Community Foundation

Provide scouting opportunities to girls facing socio-economic barriers using a new “staff-ignited” troop model that provides improved attainment to STEAM, Financial Literacy, and 21st century skills.

Housing Opportunities for Women

\$13,000

Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Support for a case manager who will assist clients in accessing the services and support they need using the Housing First Model, recognizing housing as the foremost factor in quality of life.

Interfaith Action of Evanston

\$19,200

Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and by Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin

Expand operation of the Emergency Overnight Shelter so that it is open every night from December to February. This is the only organization offering temporary overnight shelter services to anyone in need in Evanston.

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

\$20,000

Funded in part by the Red Bud Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Build on the partnership with the Evanston Police Department to continue Project Bridge, which repairs and rebuilds relationships between law enforcement and youth of color through restorative justice programming. This will launch Project Bridge 2.0, which aims to deepen relationships between veteran and new police officers, explore fears and biases, and teach restorative practices.

Learning Bridge Early Education Center **\$15,000**

Funded in part by the EDN Fund for Early Childhood of the Evanston Community Foundation

Bring an occupational therapist to Learning Bridge for 8-10 hours each month for ten months who will assess children's needs and implement individualized interventions for those with the highest social emotional needs.

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

Expand programming to low-income children and youth of color with innovative STEM activities at the Family Focus building in the 5th Ward by developing and implementing STEM curricular programming in Head Start (preschool) through MetaMedia (middle school) at this site.

Mudlark Theater **\$10,000**

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

Partner with Shorefront, Art of Evolution, and other local organizations to create and produce an original play about desegregation in Evanston schools and the closing of Foster School. This will use interviews and historical research to examine the history and its community impact.

Piven Theater Workshop **\$7,700**

Provide the city a mainstage for multigenerational art about equity, trauma, and resilience in collaboration with Evanston Cradle to Career's Health and Safety Team, Fleetwood Jourdain Theatre, Dear Evanston, James B. Moran Center, Y.O.U., Rainbows for All Children, Connections for the Homeless, and ETHS.

Ridgeville Park District**\$12,000**

Funded in part by the Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation and by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Provide after school opportunities with the Kamen Park After School Program for youth in south Evanston. This collaboration with the City of Evanston will offer a safe space for middle school-age students.

Trilogy, Inc.**\$15,000**

Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and by the David Mulder Mental Health Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Expand collaboration with Connections for the Homeless Hilda's Place in order to increase intake assessments among the agency's clients and help them access Trilogy's service, as well as linkage to mental and primary healthcare.

Youth & Opportunity United**\$20,000**

Deliver mental health services for low-income youth through expanding trauma-informed, psychoeducational groups to ensure access and efficacy for low-income, immigrant, and refugee youth in out-of-school time programs.

Grantmaking Partners

A special thank you to Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2019 and our other grantmaking partners whose generosity and commitment greatly increase the pool of dollars available for community efforts.

Unrestricted Grantmaking Partners, *support the full slate of responsive and rolling grants*

Anonymous

Judy Aiello-Fantus and Maurice Fantus

Hagerty and Altenbernd Fund for Evanston*

Bradley Family Fund*

Evanston Community Bank & Trust

Judy Freitag and David D'Arcy

Gigio's Pizzeria

Cheryl and Mark Kaplan

Mary Laflin Rockwell Fund*

William and Mary Ann McGrath Foundation

Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2019

O'Brien Family Foundation

WGBH Fund*

Grant-Specific Grantmaking Partners

Anonymous
ABS Fund*
Paul Bechtner Foundation
Sue and Paul Brenner
Diana Cohen and David Spitulnik
Gratch Family Fund*
Jessie Macdonald
Joe “Butch” Martin Fund*
David Mulder Mental Health Fund*
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*denotes donor advised Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Fund for Evanston and Field of Interest Funds

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 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

*Denotes funds that provide direct support to grants.

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 22 years, Northwestern University Dance Marathon (NUDM) has contributed to ECF to support the full range of responsive grants. Since 1998, NUDM has contributed over \$1.3 million to Evanston through ECF, and NUDM board members and dancers have volunteered countless hours.

ECF extends its gratitude to NUDM 2019 for its contribution of over \$101,000 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 2019 Executive Co-Chairs CJ Patel and Justin Savin on our responsive grants committee. We're looking forward to our continued partnership with NUDM.

