



Highland Park
community foundation

2018 Grant Awards Reception
Highland Park Community House



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Highland Park Community Foundation, welcome to our annual Grant Awards Reception!

Tonight's event is the culmination of our efforts throughout the year to understand the needs in our community and raise funds for the organizations that work diligently to address them. This year, we have made great strides in raising awareness that needs do exist in Highland Park and Highwood and that the Highland Park Community Foundation is here to help.

We are pleased to report that tonight we will be awarding a record \$200,000 to support 40 different programs and services.

Thanks to the generous support of many individuals, families, foundations, and corporate sponsors, we are able to make a strong impact on the community. Donations to the Foundation help to nurture children, strengthen families, assist older adults, support individuals with disabilities, develop leadership and academic confidence in teens, enhance artistic experiences, and more. We are extremely thankful to our friends and neighbors who share our vision of an inclusive, well-rounded, and vibrant community.

Each one of us plays a part in enriching the quality of life for local residents. When we work together toward this common goal, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Thank you for all you do and congratulations to all of our grant recipients!

Nancy Mills, Chairman
Highland Park Community Foundation

Program

Musical Performance by Midwest Young Artists

Welcome

Nancy Mills Chairman, HPCF

Guest Speakers

Sara Sher HPCF Golden Apple Committee Chair

John Mall 2018 HPCF Golden Apple Recipient
Social Studies and Academic Exploration Teacher
Northwood Junior High School

Ali Barnett Director of Development, Zacharias Center

Maria Bautista Student, HPHS

Alyssa Knobel 2018 Jack Blane Community Service Award Recipient
Highland Park City Councilwoman

Grant Awards Presentation

David Reich Vice-Chairman, HPCF

Closing

David Reich Vice-Chairman, HPCF

2018 Grant Recipients

A Safe Place	Highland Park High School – National Hispanic Institute
Anixter Center	Highland Park High School – Working Together Programs
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic
Bitter Jester Foundation for the Arts	Highland Park Library
Blessings in a Backpack Highland Park	Highland Park Strings
Catholic Charities - Lake County Senior Services	Jewish Child & Family Service – Response
Center for Enriched Living	Jewish Council for Youth Services (Lutz Family Center)
Center for Independent Futures	Jordan Michael Filler Foundation
College Bound Opportunities	Kids Rank
Community – The Anti-Drug Coalition	Midwest Young Artists Conservatory
East on Central Association	Mother’s Trust Foundation
Family Focus Highland Park	Music Institute of Chicago
Family Service of Lake County – Community Counseling	Northern Illinois Food Bank
Family Service of Lake County – Latino Educational Continuum	Pilgrim Chamber Players
Focus on the Arts, Inc.	Random Acts of Flowers Chicago
Glenkirk	Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers
Highland Park Aquatics Club	Stuart I Raskas Friendship Circle of Illinois
Highland Park Community Foundation Golden Apple	The Art Center Highland Park
Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center	Tri-Con Child Care Center
Highland Park High School – Homework Club	Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Previously Awarded 2018 Recipients

Chicano College Bowl
Jason Estrada, HPCF Personal Achievement Award
Alyssa Knobel, Jack Blane Community Service Award
John Mall, HPCF Golden Apple Award
Music at Food Truck Thursdays (Jens Jensen Affiliated Fund)

Affiliated Organization

Welfare Council of Highland Park/Highwood

A Safe Place provides services to victims of domestic abuse and their families, including housing, therapy, crisis intervention, court advocacy, and support services. HPCF's grant supports counseling for local residents.

Anixter Center – Adult Community Transition assists adults with disabilities transition from structured school environments to independent life in the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters partners with the Neighborhood Mentoring Program and Oak Terrace Elementary School to provide underserved youth with 1:1 mentoring services focused on educational achievement, avoidance of risky behaviors, and socio-economic competence.

Bitter Jester Foundation for the Arts produces live music and theatrical performances in Highland Park, including a summer music competition for musicians ages 12-21.

Blessings in a Backpack Highland Park provides food for school-age children whose families qualify for federal programs and who lack food over the weekends.

Catholic Charities – Lake County Senior Services helps people age 60 and older to remain in their homes and communities and connects them with available services.

Center for Enriched Living provides 55 different programs, including employment readiness, sports, and summer camp, for developmentally challenged youth and adults.

Center for Independent Futures integrates teens and young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities into the community through skills coaching, tutoring, and dedicated residential facilities.

Chicano College Bowl promotes positive cultural identity and an understanding of U.S. history with a Latino focus through an annual knowledge bowl tournament sponsored by HPHS-Hispanos Unidos Club.

College Bound Opportunities enables low-income, high-achieving, multi-cultural students to attend and complete college by providing mentoring, guidance, and financial assistance.

Community – The Anti-Drug Coalition campaigns against underage alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. HPCF's grant supports The Delta Youth Program, which cultivates student leaders.

East on Central Association publishes an annual literary and arts journal composed of art and writing by Highland Park/Highwood talent. HPCF's grant supports free programming for the community.

Family Focus Highland Park is a family support agency. This year's grant supports the Parent/Child Center and its Early Childhood Dual Language Program.

Family Service of Lake County – Community Counseling provides bilingual mental health counseling for local residents.

Family Service of Lake County – Latino Educational Continuum works to improve the quality of life, academic performance, and employment success of Latino students in Highland Park/Highwood.

Focus on the Arts, Inc. is a biennial festival celebrating the visual, performing, and communication arts. Free and open to the public, the festival will be held April 9-12, 2019, at HPHS.

Glenkirk serves adults with disabilities, offering residential and employment services, mental health therapies, and home-based services. HPCF's grant will help support a residential facility for community members with mild to moderate disabilities.

Highland Park Aquatics Club is a high-quality competitive swim club. HPCF's grant subsidizes low-income swimmers.

HPCF's Golden Apple Award recognizes outstanding teachers in the Highland Park public school systems.

HPCF's Jack Blane Community Service Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding service to our community.

HPCF's Personal Achievement Award recognizes a HPHS senior for significant personal achievement and provides a scholarship award.

Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center offers affordable, high-quality, licensed early education and care for two-and-a-half to five year olds and before-school care for school-age children to age 10.

Highland Park High School – Homework Club offers free after-school tutoring and social support for HPHS students.

Highland Park High School – National Hispanic Institute Summer Program is a week-long leadership conference for high-achieving Latino high school students.

Highland Park High School – Working Together provides sports, crafts, and art instruction to local children and adults from low-income families.

Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic offers pro bono legal services, primarily in the areas of housing, immigration, and domestic violence, to those in need who live or work in Highland Park/Highwood.

Highland Park Library offers a free introductory course in basic computer programming to children and individuals with special needs, which is supported by HPCF'S grant.

Highland Park Strings presents free concerts to residents of Highland Park/Highwood. Grant funds support Sunday afternoon performances at HPHS.

Jewish Child and Family Service – Response provides counseling to teens and parents addressing adolescent issues, and sponsors Operation Snowball, a nine-month leadership program focused on drug and alcohol prevention.

Jewish Council for Youth Services (Lutz Family Center) provides non-sectarian partial- and full-day pre-school, full-day childcare, and before- and after-school programs. Grant funds support scholarships to local families.

Jordan Michael Filler Foundation combats substance use disorder through educational and training programs. Grant funds will support its Naloxone Education and Training program.

Kids Rank supports local military children, helping to integrate them fully into the community.

Midwest Young Artists Conservatory is an award-winning music school offering a full music curriculum to youth of all ages. Grant funds will offset costs associated with two free holiday performances at Ravinia.

Mothers Trust Foundation provides immediate assistance to low-income children and families, addressing their most basic needs.

Music at Food Truck Thursdays supports free live musical performances weekly throughout the summer at Highland Park Food Truck Thursdays.

Music Institute of Chicago provides high-quality music instruction and engagement opportunities. HPCF's grant supports a free classical music program at the HP Library for young children and their families.

Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food to under-served areas. HPCF's grant supports mobile pantries that offer nutritious food to more than 6,000 residents of Highland Park/Highwood who face food insecurity.

Pilgrim Chamber Players is a professional chamber musical ensemble. Grant funds support free performances for local seniors and children.

Random Acts of Flowers Chicago delivers recycled flowers and encouragement to individuals in healthcare facilities. HPCF's grant will benefit residents of Highland Park nursing homes, as will the centerpieces from tonight's event.

Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers helps older adults maintain their independence. Professionally trained and supervised volunteers help with transportation, errands, respite care, and chores.

Stuart I Raskas Friendship Circle of Illinois provides free weekly home visits to children and young adults with disabilities. The Friends@Home program, supported by HPCF's grant, benefits both teen volunteers and individuals with disabilities who live in Highland Park/Highwood.

The Art Center Highland Park provides education in the visual arts through classes, outreach, gallery exhibitions, and events. HPCF's grant supports the Making Art Available to All Initiative that provides resources to underserved adults and children.

Tri-Con Child Care Center offers year-round, high-quality day care and education enrichment to children ages 3-7 whose parents live or work in Highland Park/Highwood.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center is the only rape crisis center in Lake County. HPCF's grant supports ZCenter's evidence-based Child Counseling, Advocacy, Victim Awareness, and Community Engagement Program, which provides free crisis intervention, support, and psychological care to child survivors of sexual assault and abuse and their non-offending loved ones.

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