







The **Highland Park Community Foundation** improves lives and enriches our community as a whole.

Through grant funding, we **strengthen** families, **support** individuals with disabilities, **nurture** children, **assist** older adults, **develop** skills in teens, **enhance** artistic experiences, and more.

This report illustrates many of the ways in which the Foundation addressed the needs in our community and added to its vibrancy in the past year. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to infuse more than half a million dollars into Highland Park and Highwood in 2019, making a real impact on so many of our neighbors.



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Family Service - Latino Educational Continuum
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Highland Park Public Library
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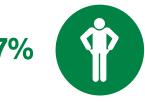
Xochitl Rodriguez, HPHS student, participant in HPCF-supported programs including Working Together an College Bound Opportunities



In our community...

Needs exist, many below the surface, making them especially challenging to tackle. Families cannot afford to send their children to pre-school or daycare. Seniors need assistance with meals, transportation, and companionship. There is food insecurity. School-aged children lack the support they need for academic success. Young adults with disabilities need help to lead inclusive, meaningful, and productive lives. There are victims of domestic abuse. Residents lack access to affordable legal and counseling services. The list goes on.

In 2019, we awarded \$525,000 in grants to fund 50 programs and services that address many of these needs. Yet we were **still unable to fund \$220,000 of additional needs** identified by our grant applicants.



7% of our friends and neighbors live in **poverty**





25% of **seniors** in Highland Park and 31% in Highwood live alone — many lack family and friends to call for help





25% of District 112 students are low income — many are affected by **food insecurity**



Highland Park Community Foundation Golden Apple

The HPCF believes that excellence in teaching helps young people reach their potential. The Foundation therefore honors one outstanding educator each year with the HPCF Golden Apple Award.

"Exceptional teachers are guiding the next generation of Highland Park and Highwood citizens. Through our recognition of outstanding teachers, the HPCF celebrates the profound impact exemplary teaching has on the children in our community."

Sara Sher, HPCF Golden Apple Committee Chair



With your support, together we ensure that people of all ages have a better chance for life success. Our partnership truly creates life-changing tomorrows."

Gail Hodges, Director of Development, Famil

We are excited to continue our work together to do more to achieve our vision of an inclusive, well-rounded community

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