



Highland Park
community foundation

2018

IMPACT REPORT

A Growing Impact

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to present the Highland Park Community Foundation's 2018 Impact Report, which highlights the strong impact we have had on our community over the past year. With \$183,000 granted to 35 organizations in 2017, we distributed more grant dollars than ever before to worthy organizations providing social services, education programs, and arts enrichment. Many of these organizations have been severely hurt by state budget cuts as well as decreased funding from other major sources, and they now depend on our financial assistance.

We are very proud of the impact we have made in the community, yet we want to do more to address the growing needs faced by our grant recipients. Thanks to your generous donations, we have a healthy endowment fund, which is the source of funds for our grants. We hope you will continue to give to our annual campaign and, in doing so, give back to the community that gives us so much.

Thank you for your help in making our community a great place to live for all!

Sincerely,

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David Reich, Vice-Chairman; Terri Olian, Executive Director;
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Our funding goal:
\$2 Million+ by 2020*

*total grant dollars distributed since the Foundation was created

OUR COMMUNITY HAS SIGNIFICANT NEEDS. TOGETHER, WE CAN MEET THEM.

Our Mission

We support organizations and programs that meet the unmet needs of our community and expand opportunities for all Highland Park and Highwood residents.

Our Vision

We envision an inclusive, well-rounded and vibrant community where residents' lives are enriched through our philanthropic efforts.

The Need: More than 2,500 (7.5%) of our friends and neighbors in Highland Park and Highwood live below the federal poverty level.

The Impact:	HPCF	\$1,751,449	404
	1992-2017	Funds Distributed	Grants Awarded

An Impact on Our Youngest Residents

2017 Early Childhood Grants

- Family Focus Highland Park
- Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center
- JCYS George W. Lutz Family Center
- Tri-Con Child Care Center

"Highland Park Community Foundation has been an instrumental partner in assisting Tri-Con with its mission of providing access to early care and education for a population in need. Learning environments like Tri-Con definitely influence outcomes, as demonstrated by the 42% increase in key kindergarten skills reported in Lake County since 2006."

*Pam Feinberg, Executive Director
Tri-Con Child Care Center*



The Impact: \$1 spent on high-quality, birth to five programs results in a 13% annual return on investment.

An Impact on Social Services



"This past year, the Northern Illinois Food Bank supplied Highland Park food pantries with over 160,000 pounds of food, providing 134,000 meals. Thanks to the Highland Park Community Foundation, we also regularly distributed food to an average of 90 households, benefiting more than 250 individuals."

*Hester Bury, Executive Director
Northern Illinois Food Bank*

2017 Social Services Grants

- Anixter Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Blessings in a Backpack Highland Park
- Center for Enriched Living
- Center for Independent Futures
- Community—The Anti-Drug Coalition
- Family Service of Lake County, Community Counseling
- Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic
- Jewish Child & Family Services/Response
- Kids Rank
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Random Acts of Flowers
- Stuart I Raskas Friendship Circle of Illinois
- Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

The Need: Food insecurity affects 25% of our elementary school students and 18% of our seniors.

The Impact: More than 300 food-insecure households in our community regularly received nutritious meals this year due, in part, to HPCF funding.

An Impact on Cultural Arts

2017 Cultural Arts Grants

- East on Central Association
- Focus on the Arts, Inc.
- Food Truck Thursdays, Jens Jensen Park
- Highland Park Strings
- Midwest Young Artists Conservatory
- Music Institute of Chicago
- Pilgrim Chamber Players
- The Art Center Highland Park

"Midwest Young Artists Conservatory is grateful to the Highland Park Community Foundation for its support of our Music at the Fort program. This series, showcasing some of the exceptional faculty and guest artists that teach at the Conservatory, provides a relaxing evening of music for our neighbors in Highland Park and Highwood."

Karen Dennis, MYAC Administrative Director



The Impact: Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to earn a college degree.

An Impact on Education and Enrichment



2017 Education and Enrichment Grants

- College Bound Opportunities
- Family Service of Lake County,
Latino Educational Continuum
- Highland Park Aquatics Club
- Highland Park Golden Apple
- HPHS Homework Club
- HPHS National Hispanic Institute
Summer Program
- HPHS Working Together Programs

“Working Together provides extracurricular enrichment programs to hundreds of low-income children, including classes in dance, art, Tae Kwon Do, computer science, music, and swimming. It truly is a community effort, with volunteer instructors and donated space. Highland Park Community Foundation grants allow us to purchase necessary materials such as art supplies, uniforms, and costumes.”

*Alicia De La Cruz, Co-Founder
HPHS Working Together Programs*

The Need: 22% of our students are low-income.

The Impact: Enrichment programs narrow the achievement gap between low-income and non-low-income students.

An Impact on Our Senior Residents

2017 Senior Services Grants

- Catholic Charities,
Lake County Senior Services
- CJE SeniorLife
- Southeast Lake County
Faith in Action Volunteers

"With the help of the Highland Park Community Foundation, Faith in Action Volunteers has enabled more than 500 older adults to remain independent longer with a higher quality of life. Many of the seniors we serve are isolated and need a helping hand because it is not safe for them to travel outside the home alone and yet they cannot afford a professional caregiver."

*Robbie Boudreau, Executive Director
SE Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers*



The Need: 26% of our 6,300 senior residents live alone.

The Impact: Grantees provide support and transportation to thousands of our seniors.

The Highland Park Community Foundation gratefully acknowledges the hundreds of donors whose generosity enabled the Foundation to award a record **\$183,000** in grants to **35** local not-for-profit agencies in 2017, directly benefiting thousands of our Highland Park and Highwood neighbors and friends.

Your impact has been profound.

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