Highland Park community foundation

2019 IMPACT REPORT

An Impact

This past year has been a pivotal one for the Highland Park Community Foundation. Through enhanced efforts to raise awareness of the needs in our community and the role the Foundation plays in addressing them, we have made a greater impact than ever before.

Most importantly, we awarded \$200,000 in grants to fund 40 programs that are critical to the health and well-being of the residents in our community. The nonprofits that provide those services depend on our support, and we are committed to filling the gaps in funding to make sure that residents' needs are met.

We participated in numerous local events and meetings in an effort to share our mission with the community. At our inaugural *Gather for Good* fundraising event, a large, enthusiastic and charitable group gathered in support of our community.

Finally, we are honored to have been selected by the City Council of Highland Park to be the fiduciary of funding that has historically been disbursed by the City to local nonprofit organizations to benefit our community. The Council's action is a strong testament to the work we have done over many years to address the needs of our community now and in perpetuity.

We want to express our gratitude to you, our generous donors, who have helped to make this progress possible. Together, we are making an impact and building a great community for all. On behalf of our entire Board, many of whom are pictured to the right, thank you for your support!

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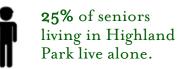
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The needs are real,



More than 7% of our friends and neighbors live in poverty.





28% of our K-8 students are low income, many of whom are affected by food insecurity.

and with your support, the HPCF has addressed them.



Distributed over **\$2 million** in grants.



Funded **444** grant requests.



Built an endowment of close to **\$4 million** to meet needs now and in perpetuity.

Together, we've made a meaningful impact!



\$I spent on highquality, birth to 5 programs results in a **13% return** on investment.



Low income students highly engaged in the arts are more than **twice as likely** to earn a college degree.



Local programs and services enable older adults to live and thrive in our community.

Yet, significant needs remain. To address them, we need additional support.



To date, we have received close to **\$I million** in requests above the amount we have been able to grant.

HPCF's 2018 Grant Award Recipients

A Safe Place Anixter Center Big Brothers Big Sisters Bitter Jester Foundation for the Arts Blessings in a Backpack Highland Park Catholic Charities –

Lake County Senior Services Center for Enriched Living Center for Independent Futures **College Bound Opportunities** Community – The Anti-Drug Coalition East on Central Association Family Focus Highland Park Family Service of Lake County -Community Counseling Family Service of Lake County -Latino Educational Continuum Focus on the Arts, Inc. Glenkirk Highland Park Aquatics Club Highland Park Community Foundation Golden Apple Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center Highland Park High School – Homework Club

2018 GRANT AWARDS BY CATEGORY



ACADEMICS/SCHOOL SPONSORED

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

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An Impact – Social Services

Many of the needs in our community exist below the surface, making them especially challenging to tackle. HPCF supports organizations that fill gaps for the most economically, psychologically, and physically vulnerable. HPCF's grants in this area include initiatives to address food insecurity, provide access to legal services, and alleviate the suffering of survivors of domestic violence and other forms of abuse.







"One of our Highland Park clients is purchasing her first home. This is remarkable in that she and her children have worked to overcome significant abuse to get to this point." – *Nancy Dunsey, Therapist, A Safe Place*

An Impact – Senior Services

Our senior neighbors carry so much of the treasured history and tradition of our community, while providing irreplaceable connections and perspective. HPCF makes grants to support independence and engagement for this important group, and to keep them involved in the larger community.



"Our grant from the HPCF helps us reach more seniors in Highland Park and Highwood and focus on providing services to them with a high level of dignity and enhancement of their quality of life." – Marla Harris, Department Director, Catholic Charities Lake County Senior Services

An Impact – Education and Enrichment

Education is a fundamental value of our community. HPCF provides critical funding for programs that nurture our community's youngest learners and strengthen families through education. We also support programs that foster leadership skills, and provide important learning and extra-curricular opportunities for students at the high school.



"Mr. David checks up on how we're coming along on our homework. He's a retired scientist and really knows his stuff!" – *Student, Family Service of Lake County* – *Latino Education Continuum, YESS Homework Club*

An Impact – Creative and Cultural Arts

HPCF supports programs that provide creative experiences for children and adults and that build community thought the arts. We fund important initiatives with broad appeal and help make poetry events, musical festivals, and concerts free to the public.



"HPCF support has been essential in enabling MYAC to share our classical, jazz, and choral youth ensembles with the Highland Park/Highwood community through free concert events, including our Music at the Fort series, Chamber Music Soirees at Ravinia, and North Shore Classical & Jazz Music Festival."- *Greg Diethrich, Associate Director, Midwest Young Artists Conservatory*

An Impact – Services for Individuals with Special Needs

HPCF supports organizations that work to make our community inclusive and accessible to all. Our grants in this area have expanded to include programs that provide art therapy, respite for parents, and independent living in our community.





"A Center for Enriched Living member recently celebrated his first year of living on his own in a house he shares with three roommates. He does his own laundry, prepares his meals, washes dishes and cleans his room – many skills he learned at CEL." – *Karen Fay, Grants Manager, Center for Enriched Living*

In 2018, the HPCF also...

Awarded the HPCF Golden Apple Award. By honoring exceptional educators, the Foundation hopes to demonstrate the strength and importance of excellent teaching in helping young people reach their potential. We were delighted to honor **Jon Mall**, Northwood Junior High 7th Grade Social Studies and Academic Exploration teacher, for his outstanding skills and passion for teaching.





Gathered for Good. The Foundation held its first major fundraiser, Gather for Good, a highly successful and fun event! We also recognized Alyssa Knobel, with the 2018 Jack Blane Community Service Award for her outstanding contributions to our community and the Foundation. As the City Council liaison to the HPCF, Alyssa has shared her energy and ideas to make us a better, more impactful community foundation.

Created a New Annual Award. We recognized **Jason Estrada** as the first recipient of the **HPCF Personal Achievement Award**. To meet a need that was brought to our attention, our Board created the award to recognize a high school student who demonstrates perseverance toward personal goals when faced with obstacles or difficulties.



An Impact – Together

The HPCF is one of our community's treasures. Since 1992, we have worked to ensure that no one in our community is left behind, by providing grants that nurture children, strengthen families, assist senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, develop leadership and academic confidence in teens, enhance artistic and musical experiences, and more. This support helps to improve people's quality of life, and as a result our community as a whole benefits.

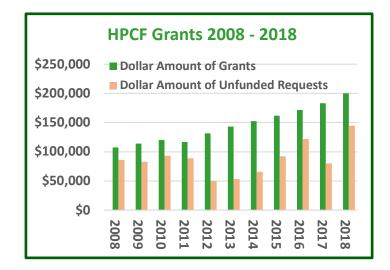
This past year, we distributed **\$200,000** to support **40** programs and services – the highest dollar amount and number of grants we have ever distributed.

Yet, there are many more needs that we are unable to address with our current resources; in 2018 alone, we were **unable to fund \$145,000 of worthy** grant requests. The Foundation is on very solid ground, but together we can do so much more for our community.

Please Join Us In Making A Meaningful Impact

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