

2022 marks the Highland Park Community Foundation's **30th anniversary year.** This milestone year presents a special opportunity to reflect on the ways we impacted our community.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF IMPACT 1992-2022

Through our grants, we made it possible for:

- Young children to attend pre-school, older children to participate in after-school and weekend activities, and students of all ages to be academically supported
- Children and adults to eat when they otherwise would have gone hungry, to obtain essential mental health and legal services, and to secure affordable housing and related services
- Individuals with disabilities to access programs and services that empower them to lead their best lives through activities, employment, and community involvement
- Seniors to obtain transportation and other services they need to carry out their daily routines, engage with peers, and age in place
- Residents of all ages to enjoy creative experiences that benefit individuals and build a stronger and more vibrant community

In 2021, we distributed nearly **\$710,000** in annual and emergency grants to make possible what otherwise would have been impossible for children and adults throughout Highland Park and Highwood. In total, since our founding, we have infused over **\$3.8 million** into our community to **help neighbors** and **improve the quality of life** for all Highland Park and Highwood residents.



"HPCF's support of our CCHI
mission means so much to
our organization and the
growing community of need
that we serve!"

Laurie Williams, Director, Collaborative Community Housing Initiative

PHOTO: CCHI Members - Daniel, Josh, Zach, Jamie, Erin, Geri, Sheila, and Jacob - participating in CCHI's "Get to know your neighbor" Program

2021 grant recipients

EDUCATION

Early Childhood

Family Focus Highland Park
Highland Park Community Early
Learning Center
Jewish Council for Youth Services Lutz Family Center
Tri-Con Child Care Center

K-12

112 Education Foundation College Bound Opportunities Focus on the Arts HPHS - Estudiante to Student Mentor Program HPHS - Homework Club

General

Highland Park Historical Society Highland Park Public Library Highwood Public Library Working Together

CREATIVE & CULTURAL ARTS

Bitter Jester Foundation for the Arts
East on Central Association
Highland Park Strings
Midwest Young Artists Conservatory
Music Institute of Chicago
The Art Center Highland Park
Uptown Music Theater of Highland Park

SENIOR SERVICES

Catholic Charities – Lake County Senior Services

Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers

SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Anixter Center
Center for Enriched Living
Glenkirk

Glenkirk

Keshet

The Stuart I Raskas Friendship Circle of Illinois

HUMAN SERVICES Counseling

Cancer Wellness Center
Family Service of Lake County
Rainbows for All Children
The Balance Project
The Josselyn Center

Food Insecurity

Blessings in a Backpack Highland Park Northern Illinois Food Bank Project Shop N' Drop

General

A Safe Place

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Roberti Community House

Collaborative Community Housing Initiative Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Cradles to Crayons

Curt's Café

Direct Giving Lab
Gratitude Generation

Infinity Foundation

JCFS Chicago Response for Teens

Keeping Families Covered

Kids Rank

Mothers Trust Foundation

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

Operation Warm

Parks Foundation of Highland Park

Youth Services

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & PREVENTION

Community - The Anti-Drug Coalition

GPF Foundation

Highland Park After Prom

Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation



"We are very grateful for the Foundation's continued support of our CBO Scholars.
Our community is very lucky to have a resource like the HPCF that supports so many great organizations."

Leslie Alter,
Donor Relations Director,
College Bound Opportunities

PHOTO: Jenni Silva, CBO Scholar and HPHS graduate, class of 2017, NEIU graduate, class of 2021

"Many of our care receivers don't have family support of any kind. This makes it difficult for them

to live independently and age in place. Faith in Action's Escorted **Transportation Service provides** the help older adults in Highland Park and Highwood need for medical appointments, grocery shopping, errands, therapies, and socialization. HPCF's grants have a huge impact on our ability to provide this essential service!" Robbie Boudreau. Executive Director. Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers PHOTO: A SELCFIA Volunteer dropping off a local GRANT RECIPIENT: Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers resident and her service dog at her home

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In our community...

Needs are at an all-time high. Needs that existed pre-COVID remain, urgent needs COVID created still exist, and new needs have arisen.

Households are food insecure. Working parents struggle with after-school and day care for their children. Residents face devastating job losses creating numerous hardships such as multiple families sharing one apartment, living paycheck to paycheck, and not being able to save money. Seniors need companionship and assistance with meals and transportation. Individuals with disabilities can no longer participate in programs that improve the quality of their lives. Increased numbers of children and adults face mental health challenges. Incidents of domestic violence have risen as have requests for counseling stemming from sexual assault. PPE, cleaning, and sanitizing supplies have created budgetary issues for residents as well as the nonprofits that serve them. There is an urgent need for workforce development programming. The list goes on.

Pandemic uncertainty continues, and residents are still suffering.

16.8% 4.5%



16.8% of Highwood and 4.5% of Highland Park residents live in poverty

18%



18% of Highland Park and 18% of Highwood residents 60 and over qualify for food stamps

22%



22% of North Shore School District 112 students are low-income with many facing food insecurity

2021 COVID emergency grants



We began and ended 2021 with emergency grant distributions to help residents impacted by COVID-19. With funds raised through our **Emergency Response Appeal, launched in** March of 2020, and our 2021 annual campaign, we distributed COVID Emergency Relief and Recovery grants totaling \$45,175 in January, **April, and December to assist specifically** with COVID relief and recovery. Including these grants, our total COVID grants to date have reached \$240,000.

2021 COVID GRANT RECIPIENTS

A Safe Place

Anixter Center

Cancer Wellness Center

Catholic Charities - Lake County Senior Services

Center for Enriched Living

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Highland Park Community Early Learning Center

Highwood Public Library

JCFS Chicago

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Project Shop N' Drop/SaLT Serving Safely

Rainbows for All Children

Roberti Community House

Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers

The Balance Project

Tri-Con Child Care Center

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center







GRANT RECIPIENTS (top left to right): NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK - Mobile Markets provide food for record numbers of local families
KESHET - Programming continues in COVID-safe environment • MIDWEST YOUNG ARTISTS - Students practice in a COVID-safe environment
(bottom left) PROJECT SHOP N' DROP - Students prepare bags of groceries for local families • (middle top) COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING - New homeowners assisted during COVID • (middle bottom) CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING - Members participate in
virtual programming • (bottom right) GRATITUDE GENERATION - Volunteers assemble toiletry bags for Highland Park and Highwood families









CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF 1992-2022

2001



needs within the Highland

1999



"Just as the fountain gave water,

2004

Board meets initial goal the endowment fund

2005



HPCF partners with the Park District of HP to restore Jens Jensen Park on Roger Williams



2010



KUNAL PUJARA AND HIS 3RD GRADE TEACHER, LOUISE PARIS

HPCF Golden Apple Award to in the HP-HWD public schools

2015

2016

the HPCF

First 4th of July Parade for

L TO R: BETSY BRINT - HPCF CHAIRMAN, NANCY MILLS - PAST-CHAIRMAI COOKIE KOHN - BOARD MEMBER, JOE REINSTEIN - BOARD MEMBER



New logo created to reflect broaden its scope to include

2017





2020



Board establishes a COVID-19 **Emergency Relief Fund and** between March of 2020 and December of 2021 distributes \$240,000 to address urgent

2018

City of HP selects the HPCF to funds for distribution to

of the community with young

First annual Gather for Good fundraiser to raise awarene our community



FIRST GATHER FOR GOOD FUNDRAISER

2006

the City of HP to coordinate a city-wide Hurricane Relief effort for victims of Hurricane

2014

Blane Community Service Award





IMPACT

Through our Annual and COVID Grants, we have infused \$3.8 million of critical funding into the Highland Park-Highwood community to address needs in five main categories: education, human services, senior services, services for individuals with disabilities, and the creative and cultural arts. Thanks to our generous donors, we have changed individuals' lives and enhanced our community as a whole.

ANNUAL GRANTS

Pre-2001 26 totaling \$63,750 2002-2006 68 totaling \$197,930 2007-2011 121 totaling \$546,700 2012-2016 153 totaling \$760,150 2017-2021 236 totaling \$2,033,669*

* Includes \$650,000 City of HP funds budgeted by the City Council for distribution by the HPCF



HPCF Corporate Champions

Our Corporate Champion Program was developed to create partnerships with businesses that will help us f Highland Park and Highwood residents. We are thrilled

better address urgent as well as on-going needs of Highland Park and Highwood residents. We are thrilled to introduce Sunset Foods (Gold Level) and Mariani Landscape (Bronze Level) as our newest Corporate Champions and gratefully acknowledge our initial and continuing Corporate Champions: Platinum Level: Mesirow; Bronze Level: Autohaus on Edens, Banner Kitchen and Bath, First Bank of Highland Park, and Highland Park Bank & Trust. Please contact us to add your business as a Corporate Champion in our 30th year!

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GOLD



BRONZE







BANNER

KITCHEN & BATH SHOWROOM





"Sunset Foods and the Cortesi family have a long history in Highland Park. As a locally owned neighborhood business, we have been committed to helping local organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of living in Highland Park for over 80 years. From its inception, Highland Park Community Foundation and Sunset Foods have worked together to sustain and foster this important and worthwhile mission."

John Cortesi, President, Sunset Foods

"We are committed to the Highland Park community and want to support it in every way we can. We've planted roots with our brand new Mariani Design Studio right up in town at Sheridan and Vine—it will be the premier landscape architecture facility of its kind. And of course, we're extremely excited to be making a five-year commitment to support the Highland Park Community Foundation."

Frank Mariani, Chairmai Mariani Landscape



Colleen Barkley, Frank Mariani, and Rocco Fiore inspect the plans for Mariani's new Design Center

GRANT RECIPIENT: Jewish Council for Youth Service - Lutz Family Center

SPONSORS

Thank you for your generosity and support! We are excited to continue working together to achieve our vision of an

inclusive, well-rounded, and vibrant community where residents' lives are enriched through our collective efforts.

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Keller Williams North Shore

2021 DONORS TO THE

FOUNDATION

\$2,500 - \$4,999

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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