

## Grants 2015

### Community Grants

#### **Accion Chicago**

Accion creates economic opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs by providing customized capital solutions and one-on-one coaching. This grant will help Accion expand its services in Oak Park and River Forest. \$6,000

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago**

Big Brothers Big Sisters empowers at-risk youth by providing high impact one-to one mentoring that enables lifelong success. This grant supports their program expansion to serve the Oak Park River Forest community. . . . . \$5,000 \*\*

#### **Center for Disability and Elder Law**

The Center for Disability and Elder Law provides pro bono legal services to low-income seniors and people with disabilities. This grant supports the establishment of a senior legal assistance clinic in Oak Park. \$4,000

#### **Collaboration for Early Childhood**

The Collaboration promotes optimal cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development of all of OPRF children (ages birth to kindergarten). This grant supports the universal development screening which affords young children vision and hearing screening. \$10,000 \*

#### **CommunityHealth**

CommunityHealth provides free health care to low-income, uninsured individuals. This grant supports the expansion of Community Health's services in Oak Park River Forest and the surrounding communities. \$8,000

#### **Hephzibah Children's Association**

Hephzibah strives to help children thrive and families flourish through innovative, community-based programs. This grant supports Hephzibah's Day Program, which provides services to over 500 working families within OPRF. \$5,000 \*

#### **Housing Forward**

Housing Forward transitions people from housing crisis to housing stability. This grant helps to provide job readiness skills to individuals experiencing homelessness. \$8,000\*\*

#### **Mujeres Latinas en Accion**

Mujeres strives to empower Latinas by providing services that reflect their values and culture and by being an advocate on important issues. This grant supports the Mujeres's Domestic Violence program, which provides bilingual services to survivors of domestic violence and their children while also raising awareness of the lasting effects of violence on families within the Latino community. \$5,000\*

#### **New Moms, Inc.**

New Mom's provides specialized services to high-risk, adolescent-led families in Chicago's Austin area. This grant supports the Bright Beginnings program, providing intensive community-based home visiting services to pregnant and parenting homeless and near homeless youth and their children. \$10,000\*\*

#### **Oak Park Festival Theatre**

Oak Park Festival Theatre provides quality renditions of classics from ancient times to modern writers. This general operating grant supports its theatre productions in Oak Park. \$5,000\*\*

#### **Oak Park-River Forest Food Pantry**

The Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry distributes quality, nutritious food for people who can least afford it. This grant improves the well-being of the OPRF Food Pantry's clients and the community by reducing food insecurity for more than 5,000 households each year. \$10,000\*

#### **Opportunity Knocks**

Opportunity Knocks serves young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, recreational and life-skills programming. This grant assists young adults with developmental disabilities to give back to the local community through fundraising and community involvement. \$5,000

#### **Parenthesis**

Parenthesis Family Center provides parenting education and support to diverse levels of families residing in the OPRF community. This grant supports Parenthesis' Parents As Teacher program, a best practice model providing a comprehensive, holistic approach to support families and child development. \$5,000 \*

#### **Sarah's Inn**

Sarah's Inn provides services to assist those affected by domestic violence and to break the cycle of violence for future generations. This grant supports Sarah's Inn Counseling Program for adult survivors and their children to address the effects of trauma and to learn new healthy coping mechanisms. \$8,960 \*

#### **The Children's Clinic**

This grant supports primary health care, therapy, and dental services to low income families through the services provided by the Children's Clinic. \$5,000\*

#### **The Symphony of OPRF**

The Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest aims to foster the appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of symphonic music by present and future generations. This grant supports the development of a five-year strategic plan for the Orchestra. \$2,500

#### **Thrive Counselling Center**

Thrive is a community mental health center which provides counselling services to individuals, couples and families. This general operating grant helps underwrite the salary of a resident psychiatrist in order to ensure that comprehensive mental health services, including psychiatric services, are available to those who need them most in the community. \$10,000

#### **UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago**

UCP Seguin provides education, family support, employment, life-skills training and residential services to persons with disabilities. This grant supports UCP Seguin's adult employment program in Oak Park and River Forest. \$4,000

#### **United Way of DuPage/WestCook**

United Way of DuPage/West Cook focuses on funding for parental engagement, wraparound supports inside the school and academic reinforcement for at-risk children and youth; job training and placement; access to tax assistance; financial education and asset building; & connecting people with available, preventative health services \$14,892

**West Cook YMCA**

West Cook YMCA is dedicated to developing the spirit, mind and body of all persons through quality leadership, programs and services. This grant supports YMCA’s Single Room Occupancy program which provides single men experiencing poverty a safe and affordable housing opportunity. \$10,000\*\*

**Wonder Works**

Wonder Works fosters children’s intellectual, social and physical development by providing a laboratory that bridges the family room and the classroom. This grant assists needy families with children by providing free museum admission to Wonderworks. \$5,000

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Total Community Grants in 2015 ..... \$151,352

\*The second year of a two year grant awarded in 2014  
\*\*The first year of a two year grant awarded in 2015

*2015 Future Philanthropists Grants:*

**Oak Park Education Foundation/Vex Robotics**

\$4,000: to purchase modern equipment to be used for training youth on robotics engineering and computer programming.

**Hephzibah Children’s Association**

\$1,900: to support youth involvement in planning, organizing and implementing Hephzibah Huskie’s Rodeo.

**OPRF Food Pantry**

\$3,000: to support the creation and assessment of nutrition programming for clients by students and interns working at the Food Pantry.

**Maywood Fine Arts Association**

\$2,500: to support leadership skills training and development for teen youth leaders and help them build healthy lifestyles through nutrition and physical activity.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association**

\$4,000: to support training for seasonal camp staff so that they can enhance the summer day camp experience of youth with developmental disabilities.

**Opportunity Knocks**

\$4,000: to support peer planning and implementation of educational, occupational and social activities for youth with developmental disabilities.

**Parenthesis**

\$3,300: to support the Literacy Initiative designed to teach teen parents the importance of stimulating language and literacy in their child.

**YEMBA**

\$1,700 – to support a mentoring program on leadership skill development and substance abuse.

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow PTO/Kuumba Kids Program**

\$600 – to support instruction and purchase of equipment for drumming, choreography and performance for youth.

*Communityworks Grants*

Success of All Youth (SAY)/OPRF Community Foundation

Success of All Youth’s (SAY) mission is to align priorities, efforts and resources across the community to empower all youth to be successful. This general operating grant will support implementation of activities that contribute towards the achievement of SAY’s mission and outcomes. Second year of a three year commitment. .... \$130,000

PlanItGreen /Seven Generations Ahead

PlanItGreen engages local and regional organizations and the communities of Oak Park and River Forest in developing and implementing a 10-year environmental sustainability plan. This general operating grant will support implementation of activities that contribute towards the achievement of the outcomes of the plan. First year of a two-year commitment. \$69,900

Dominican University Brennan School of Business

Dominican University’s Brennan School of Business offers a nine-month Community Leadership Program (CLP) that targets the professional and personal development of emerging and existing leaders in the Oak Park and River Forest area. This general operating grant will support the implementation of the seventh year of this program. Fifth year of a five-year commitment. \$25,000

Excellence in Philanthropy Awards:

**Outstanding Individual**

John A. Harris .....\$1000 to Wonderworks

**Outstanding Group**

The Neighborhood Giving Project.. \$500 to Opportunity Knocks

**Outstanding Youth**

Ella Dixon..... \$500 to Project Heal

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Total Grants in 2015 from Community Foundation Funds ..... \$403,252

