

Grants in 2016



EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS FEBRUARY 2016

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| Outstanding Individual: Carollina Song
to The Collaboration for Early Childhood | \$1000 |
| Outstanding Group: The Buzz Café
(Laura and Andrew Maychruk)
to Housing Forward | \$1000 |
| Outstanding Youth: Aidan Bertocchini
to The Oak Park-River Forest Food Pantry earmarked
for diaper purchases | \$1000 |

ENRICHMENT GRANTS

This year, the Foundation has provided 223 enrichment grants for students amounting to \$766,986 through three funds that provide grants for young people to attend programs, such as summer camps and travel abroad, to enrich and transform their lives.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Accion Chicago \$6,000
Accion creates economic opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs by providing customized capital solutions and one-on-one coaching. General operating support to expand Accion's work in Oak Park and River Forest to serve additional small business owners.

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

Collaboration for Early Childhood* \$6,000
The Collaboration for Early Childhood is a public/private partnership that works to establish services and programs that foster social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children prenatal to kindergarten age. This grant will help Early Childhood Education providers implement the Project Approach early learning curriculum.

CommunityHealth* \$6,000
The mission of CommunityHealth is to serve those without essential health care. This grant will allow CommunityHealth to serve 10,000 patients who are low-income and uninsured in Oak Park, River Forest and the surrounding communities.

Hephzibah Children's Association* \$7,000
Hephzibah provides housing and support services primarily to lower income and at risk children and families. This grant will support improvements in Hephzibah's data collection, analysis and reporting.

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

IWS The Children's Clinic* \$5,000
The Children's Clinic provides quality medical, dental and social services to those who are unable to afford private health care. This grant will improve access to mental health care for low-income children through the integration of mental health and medical services.

Mujeres Latinas en Accion* \$5,000
Mujeres Latinas en Accion provides services that reflect the values and culture of Latinas and advocates on issues that make a difference in their lives. This grant will provide comprehensive bilingual/bicultural services to Spanish speaking victims of domestic violence and their children.

New Moms, Inc.** \$10,000
New Moms 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.

Oak Park Art League* \$5,000
The Oak Park Art League supports artists so that they can discover and refine their unique creative voice. This capacity building grant will help OPAL redefine its mission and programming so as to represent a diverse audience and to implement Art for Social Change as a new programmatic approach to change.

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

OPRF Food Pantry* \$8,000
The mission of OPRF Food Pantry is to work together as a community to reduce hunger locally. This grant for the Emergency Hunger Relief Program provides emergency supplies of high quality, healthy, nutrient-rich food to 50,000 individuals each year.

Parenthesis-New Moms, Inc. \$8,000
Oak Park-based Parenthesis Family Center is merging with New Mom's, Inc., an Austin-neighborhood based non-profit. As these organizations have similar missions, the merger of these organizations will bolster their combined capacity to reach parents and children across the two communities to transform their lives. This grant will help market the transition to their stakeholders and participants.

PCC Community Wellness Center* \$6,000
PCC works to improve health outcomes for the medically underserved population in the west side. This grant will enhance PCC's community urban garden and farm stand in Austin so that this "Farmacy" can be used to enhance the clinic's health education efforts to combat chronic disease like diabetes.

PING! \$5,000
Providing Instruments to the Next Generation (PING!) opens the door to musical education by providing instruments to students in Districts 90, 97 and 200 who could not afford to rent or purchase them and enrichment opportunities. This grant will assist students to have private music lessons in order to close the musical skills gap.

Pro Bono Network* \$5,000
Pro Bono Network increases access to legal aid services for low-income residents by removing hurdles for attorneys, particularly those on career break, to provide pro bono representation. This grant will increase capacity in orders of protection, juvenile expungement program and senior clinic work.

Sarah's Inn* \$8,000
Sarah's Inn improves lives of those affected by domestic violence and breaks the cycle of violence for future generations. This grant supports the Counselling Program.

Thrive** \$10,000
Thrive is a community mental health center which provides counselling services to individuals, couples and families. This general operating grant will help 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.

**United Way of Metropolitan Chicago,
West Suburban Regional**** \$12,717
Supports the Live 2020 Campaign, a community impact plan for Chicagoland.

West Cook YMCA** \$10,000
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.

Total Community Grants in 2016: \$140,717

* The first year of a two year grant awarded in 2016

** The second year of a two year grant awarded in 2015

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS GRANTS

Brooks Best Buddies Leadership Conference	\$2,750
To support International Conference Travel and Attendance for three leaders.	
Green Community Connections	\$2,000
Prize support for the youth environmental film competition.	
Hephzibah	\$1,250
For “Sibling Camp”, a program in which children in Hephzibah’s foster care system can attend to interact and engage with their siblings.	
Housing Forward	\$2,500
For educational kits to be used by children in the rotating PADS shelters and also in the Housing Forward offices.	
Maywood Fine Arts	\$3,400
For the Get Off the Street (GOTS) program, a peer-to-peer leadership and mentoring program.	
New Moms	\$2,000
To purchase new machinery to help new moms gain on-the-job experience, and career skills such as interviewing, scheduling, and working shifts in their factory.	
Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society	\$2,800
For a Back-to-School fair for lower-income students	
Parenthesis	\$3,000
For the Teen Parent Hands-On Learning Experience Initiative	
Roses 4 Austin	\$2,900
To provide after-school art enrichment for students.	
Sarah’s Inn	\$2,400
For the Youth Committee Project organized and planned by young people to create awareness of domestic violence and educate youth on how to prevent it.	
Total Future Philanthropists Grants in 2016:	<hr/> \$25,000

GRANTS FROM GIVING GROUPS

NEXTGEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Parenthesis \$2,000
For the Chicago Parent Program Training to be conducted during 2016.

ENTREPRENEUR LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY: BIG IDEA

Oak Park-River Forest Food Pantry \$50,000
For *The Surplus Project*: hire a program coordinator to oversee the expansion of the program beyond surplus cafeteria food from Rush Oak Park Hospital to six additional locations in the community.

WOMEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

NAMI West Suburban (Grantee) \$3,500
for its student program called Ending the Silence.

Oak Park Area Arts Council \$7,000
for activities related to expanding youth engagement in the arts.

Thrive Counseling Center \$3,500
for its Crisis Intervention services.

West Cook YMCA \$7,000
for participatory scholarships.

Total Giving Group Grants in 2016: \$73,000

COMMUNITYWORKS GRANTS

Success of All Youth (SAY)/OPRF Community Foundation \$130,000
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 two year commitment.

COMMUNITYWORKS GRANTS

PlanItGreen/Seven Generations Ahead \$69,900

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. Second year of a two-year commitment.

PlanItGreen/Seven Generations Ahead/ Community Solar Initiative \$3,000

To develop Community Solar Initiatives that establish Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) or similar instruments with local community institutions, taxing bodies, individuals and businesses

PlanItGreen/Elevate Energy \$5,000

Elevate Energy works with owners and occupants in targeted building sectors through the Oak Park-River Forest Building Efficiency Outreach Program to learn about and address energy and water efficiency in their buildings.

Community Leadership Program \$18,700

Grant to restructure the Community Leadership Program

Total Communityworks Grants in 2016: **\$226,600**

2016 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TOTALS:

Excellence in Philanthropy Award Grants.....\$3,000
Enrichment Grants..... \$766,986
Community Grants.....\$ 140,717
Future Philanthropists Grants.....\$25,000
Giving Group Grants.....\$73,000
Communityworks Grants.....\$226,600

Grants awarded in 2016: **\$1,235,303**

Grants Made Possible by the Following Funds

Auxiliary of West Suburban Medical Center Fund

Advancing the health of individuals in the west suburban community through health promotion, wellness activities and initiatives that contribute to health improvement.

Beck Seniors Fund

Supporting programming for seniors in Oak Park and River Forest.

Community Chest of Oak Park & River Forest Fund

Supporting the social service needs of the communities of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park in the areas of child and family support programs, health and wellness programs and crisis and emergency services.

Communityworks Endowment Fund

Advancing community aspirations with current focus on The Success of All Youth, Environmental Sustainability and Community Leadership.

Eleanor Teng Women's Care and Advocacy Fund

Supporting organizations and programs that serve or advocate on behalf of women who are seniors, disabled or victims of domestic abuse.

Future Philanthropists Fund

Supporting the grantmaking of the Future Philanthropists Program, a 2-year program in which select junior and senior high school students learn the art and science of philanthropy.

Health Services and Education Fund

Supporting the health education and health services needs of the residents, particularly lower income individuals, in the primary service area of the West Suburban Medical Center.

Fund for Forever

Enhancing impact on the well-being, enrichment and sustainability of Oak Park and River Forest through grants to local organizations.

Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust

The Trust focuses on opportunities to provide grants that enhance services for seniors through educational internships, quality programs and capacity building for agencies serving seniors.