



OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST Community Foundation

EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS FEBRUARY 2018

Outstanding Individual: Roberta L. Raymond to Expressions Graphics	\$1,000
Outstanding Group: Oak Park Women's Guild to New Moms & Hephzibah	\$1,000
Outstanding Youth: PING! Mentors to Donna D'Oro Anderson PING! Fund for Life-Long Music	\$1,000

ENRICHMENT GRANTS

This year, the Foundation has provided **194** enrichment grants for students amounting to **\$581,693** through eight 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

Alliance to End Homelessness \$10,000
The Alliance to End Homelessness strives to eliminate homelessness in suburban Cook County through coordination and maximization of available resources. This grant supports the implementation of the Coordinated Entry system, which assesses and prioritizes assistance for the homeless in Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park.

Children's Research Triangle \$10,000
The Children's Research Triangle provides research-driven services that improve the quality of life for children with special needs or at risk for developmental, behavioral, psychological or educational problems. This grant supports a partnership with New Moms to provide trauma-focused mental health treatment to children and mothers aged 16-24.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Hephzibah Children's Association* \$9,500
Hephzibah's mission is to help children thrive and families flourish through innovative, community-based programs. This grant supports the psychological, emotional and physical needs of severely traumatized children who reside in Hephzi-bah Home.

Housing Forward** \$6,000
Housing Forward's mission is to transition people from housing crisis to housing stability. This grant will address key employment barriers and increase job readiness/employability for 180 clients.

Housing Forward/OPHC* \$10,000
Housing Forward transitions people from housing crisis to housing stability. This grant contributes to the Flexible Rental Assistance Fund, which supports households in financial crisis to sustain or obtain stable housing.

Lutheran Child and Family Services** \$6,000
Lutheran Child and Family Services' mission is to improve the well-being of youth, adults, families and communities served. This grant will help 30 foster care youth who identify as LGBTQ achieve permanency with a foster parent/family.

New Moms, Inc.** \$5,000
New Moms interrupts poverty for two generations: young moms and their children through stable housing, job training and family support. This grant is for the Family Support Program, serving high-risk young mothers (ages 13-24) by providing home-based parent mentoring, doulas and weekly parent support groups.

Oak Park & River Forest Food Pantry* \$10,000
Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry works to reduce hunger locally through direct hunger relief services, hunger awareness education, and advocacy. This general operations grant supports and stabilizes community members who are at risk of hunger and homelessness.

Oak Park Festival Theatre** \$5,000
Oak Park Festival Theater's mission is to breathe fresh air into timeless texts. This general operating grant will help the Theater more fully engage with a greater diversity of talent on the board, actors and in audiences.

Oak-Leyden Developmental Services \$8,000
Oak-Leyden Developmental Services helps adults and children with developmental disabilities meet life's challenges and reach their highest potential. This grant expands Oak-Leyden's community integrated living arrangements program for people with disabilities.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Pro Bono Network

\$10,000

Pro Bono Network increases access to legal aid services for low-income individuals. This grant will empower: low-income tenants at risk of eviction through legal advocacy; survivors of domestic violence through Orders of Protection; and se-niors through execution of Powers of Attorney and Wills.

Pro Musica Youth Chorus*

\$8,000

Pro Musica Youth Chorus educates and empowers young singers to grow and express themselves joyfully through diverse and exceptional musical experiences. This grant will increase enrollment, retention and diversity of singers and develop their youth leadership skills.

Sarah's Inn*

\$9,500

Sarah's Inn improves the lives of those affected by domestic violence and breaks the cycle of violence for future generations. This grant will support the intervention program, which provides system advocacy, emotional support, and safety planning for survivors and their children.

The Children's Clinic/IWS

\$10,000

The Children's Clinic's mission is to advance the health and well-being of children in need. This general operations grant increases access to health care for low-income children in Oak Park River Forest and surrounding communities.

The Day Nursery**

\$5,000

The Day Nursery provides quality child care and preschool in a safe environment for families in the community. This general operating grant will ensure that 57 children from our community are well prepared and ready to learn when they transition to Kindergarten, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Oak Park Regional Housing Center

\$10,000

The Oak Park Regional Housing Center's mission is to achieve meaningful and lasting diversity throughout Oak Park and the region. This general operations grant will help promote diversity and integration in Oak Park's rental market.

United Way of DuPage/West Cook**

\$18,390

Supports the Live 2020 Campaign, a community impact plan for Chicagoland and its western suburbs.

West Cook YMCA**

\$5,000

The YMCA is dedicated to developing the spirit, mind and body of all persons and focuses on three areas: youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. This grant supports the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residents pro-gram which is key to the Y's social responsibility and address-es the local need of affordable housing.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

West Suburban Special Recreation Association** \$5,000
WSSRA formed as a cooperative between the park districts to provide community-based therapeutic recreation for individuals of all ages with disabilities and today serves 11 communities. This grant will allow WSSRA to improve its web-based technology and capacity, allowing online program registration for the first time.

Wonder Works Children's Museum \$8,300
Wonder Works Children's Museum inspires and instills confidence, curiosity, and creativity in young children through play experiences that prepare them for life, including school and beyond. This general operations grant will support the development and implementation of the educational programming in the museum.

Total Community Grants in 2018: **\$168,690**

* The first year of a two year grant awarded in 2018

** The second year of a two year grant awarded in 2017

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS GRANTS

BUILD Chicago \$3,500
Peer Health Educator Program

Green Communities Connections \$2,500
Young Filmmakers Contest

Maywood Fine Arts \$3,500
Teens as Teachers

Oak Park Education Foundation \$2,500
BASE Camp Scholarship Program

Oak Park Women's Guild \$3,500
Guild Kids

Opportunity Knocks \$2,000
Community Ops Program

Sarah's Inn \$2,000
Youth Committee

West Suburban Special Recreation Association \$3,500
Let's Go Ride a Bike

Youth Outreach Services \$2,000
Transitional Living Program

Total Future Philanthropists Grants in 2018: **\$25,000**

GRANTS FROM GIVING GROUPS

ENTREPRENEUR LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY: BIG IDEA

Excellence with Equity \$50,000
To increase college and career readiness by building trusting relationships between students, teachers, and families and a safe space to support individual student and family needs.

Deep Roots \$17,000
To convert local lawns into toxin-free gardens and landscapes.

NEXTGEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Pro Bono Network \$2,000
To improve their legal case management and technology system.

Pro Musica Childrens' Chorus \$1,875
To attend the Chorus America Conference.

WOMEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Based on consensus decision-making, Women Leaders in Philanthropy have determined three causes to fund this year. They have earmarked \$45,500 for the following causes:

Addressing food insecurity among students:

OPRF Food Pantry \$13,000
For the Summer Meals program for youth who are food insecure

Beye School PTO \$7,500
Pilot a backpack food distribution program to fill meals gap on weekends for students who are food insecure

Connecting youth/adults with counseling & support networks for suicide prevention & mental health promotion:

NAMI Metro Suburban \$5,000
To launch the Support 4 U Program, a crisis texting service for D90, D97 and D200 students

Thrive Counseling Center \$5,000
In support of the safeTalk Program which trains community members to be suicide prevention helpers.

Supporting the low income youth participation scholarship fund:

Youth Engagement Scholarship Fund \$15,000
Provides financial assistance to low income youth so they can participate in out of school time activities.

Total Giving Group Grants in 2018: \$116,375

COMMUNITYWORKS GRANTS

Leadership Lab \$25,000
Leadership Lab’s goal is to create stronger, more engaged leaders who will ensure that Oak Park-River Forest, and surrounding communities, are desirable places to live and work. This general operating grant will support the implementation of this leadership development program.

PlanItGreen/Seven Generations Ahead \$87,398
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 achieving the outcomes of the plan. Second of a two-year commitment.

Success of All Youth (SAY) \$97,000
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 grant will support implementation of activities that contribute towards the achievement of SAY’s priority outcomes, specifically related to belonging, mental and behavioral health and underage drinking.

Total Communityworks Grants in 2018: \$209,398

2018 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TOTALS:	
Excellence in Philanthropy Award Grants.....	\$3,000
Enrichment Grants.....	\$581,693
Community Grants.....	\$168,690
Future Philanthropists Grants.....	\$25,000
Giving Group Grants.....	\$116,375
Communityworks Grants.....	\$209,398
Grants awarded 1/1/18 to 9/30/18:	\$1,103,156

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.

Fund for Forever

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

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.

Pane e Pesci Fund

Addressing the basic needs of vulnerable individuals and populations, with a preference to facilitate matching grants within the human services sector.

Near West 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.

Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust

Enhancing services for seniors through educational internships, quality programs and capacity building for agencies serving seniors.