

2012 HIGHLIGHTS



**OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Strengthening Our Community Through Philanthropy

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Four years ago, the Foundation created a strategic plan we have used to guide our grantmaking, our donor services, our role as a community resource and our mission to strengthen the community through philanthropy. Numbers, although showing robust growth, don't tell the whole story of our transformation from a grant-making and scholarship giving organization to one that is dedicated to providing community funding, supporting nonprofit excellence and encouraging philanthropic leadership.

In support of our redefined role we have developed the programs you see listed on the right. Activities for our Women Leaders in Philanthropy have been reimagined and invigorated. Our Future Philanthropist Program is now in its third year having brought the details of fundraising and grantmaking to 60 local high school juniors and seniors. Since inception, these Future Philanthropists have made grants totaling \$50,000 in support of youth.

Our Communityworks Partnership is stronger than ever, with representatives from both Villages, three school districts, community leaders and a number of nonprofits and businesses in the community continuing to advise us on grants in support of the success of all youth, environmental sustainability and the development of community leaders.

Out of our Communityworks Partnership, we have developed The Continuum of Learning, The Community Leadership Program and PlanItGreen. The Continuum of Learning is a cradle-to-career blueprint involving all the key providers of services to children. Details for the Continuum continue to be developed through meetings like the Community Forum held at Concordia University in March. Also in 2012, for the first time we provided grants for social-emotional learning in support of the Continuum. The Community Leadership Program is in its fourth year and provides, through the Brennan School of Business at Dominican University, a focused course of study for new and emerging leaders. Each set of

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**FUTURE
PHILANTHROPISTS
PROGRAM**



CONTINUUM OF LEARNING

**COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM**

PlanItGreen
The Environmental Sustainability Plan
for Oak Park and River Forest

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF POSITION

(2012 UNAUDITED)

DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS: \$ 23,014,732

CONSISTING OF:

UNRESTRICTED & TEMPORARILY

RESTRICTED ASSETS \$ 8,304,378

RESTRICTED ASSETS \$ 14,709,354

TOTAL: \$ 23,014,732

ASSETS HELD FOR OTHERS:

THE RUSSELL AND JOSEPHINE KOTT

CHARITABLE TRUST : \$ 29,720,837



2012 GRANTS

GRANTS FROM FOUNDATION DIRECTED FUNDS IN 2012 SUPPORTED:

COLLABORATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
 DISTRICT 90: SECOND STEP PROGRAM
 DISTRICT 97: INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
 DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
 GREEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
 HEPHZIBAH CHILDRENS' ASSOCIATION
 IMP.A.C.T.
 IRVING SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT
 LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTO OAK PARK
 MAYWOOD FINE ARTS
 MOMENTA
 MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION
 OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 OAK PARK RIVER FOREST DAY NURSERY
 OAK PARK RIVER FOREST FOOD PANTRY
 OAK-LEYDEN DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
 PARENTHESIS
 PCC COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER
 PING!
 SARAH'S INN
 STECKMAN STUDIOS
 THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC
 THRIVE
 TRITON COLLEGE
 VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
 WALK-IN MINISTRY
 WEST COOK YMCA
 WEST SUBURBAN PADS

To learn more about these grants, please visit:

www.oprfcf.org/grants2012.htm

2012 Snapshot:

Total Funds Managed: 108
New donors in 2011: 350
Total Donations Received: \$2,303,712

In Dollars--

Total grants: \$2,314,978
Total Scholarships: \$ 778,151
Total distributed: \$3,093,129

The purpose of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation is to inspire philanthropy and to steward the community toward sustainability and well-being.

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15-20 participants work through an intense program that includes the development of a project with community impact. In 2012, participants created a community calendar web space for teens, a non-profit consulting resource and materials providing practical advice on water conservation. PlanItGreen, The Environmental Sustainability Plan for Oak Park and River Forest, commissioned and funded by the Communityworks Partnership, leveraged the resources we provided with an additional \$50,000 grant from Chicago Community Trust for plan implementation. Specific actions through the Interfaith Green Network and the Sustainable Teachers' Network were developed as well as conducting an Institutional Forum to generate ideas for collaboration on environmental issues.

In 2012, the Foundation established a series of Nonprofit Excellence Seminars for boards and staffs of local nonprofits, providing no cost training on such topics as office technology, grantwriting, and social media. We are continuing with our Senior Executive Roundtable meetings that provide a collegial environment for Executives to discuss operational issues and trends. Out and about, we participated in the River Forest Memorial Day Parade, highlighting our commitment to youth and environmental sustainability. A week later we again invited visitors to Oak Park's Day in Our Village to putt for philanthropy. The newly established endowment fund for Pleasant Home received an anonymous donation for every successful putt.



Lining up to putt for philanthropy at Day in Our Village in Scoville Park

In 2012, the Foundation received accolades from several audiences. The national Council on Foundations recertified the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation as meeting all standards they endorse. This distinction confirms that our operating practices are legal, ethical, and effectively demonstrate transparency and financial responsibility. In 2012, Hephzibah awarded its *Heart of Gold Award* to the Foundation for our continued support of Hephzibah's youth. The local press, too, applauded our efforts. The Wednesday Journal gave its Villager of the Year runner up award to our Executive Director, Sophia Lloyd, for her leadership in bringing the Communityworks matching campaign to a successful conclusion, adding not only a focused financial resource to our community but the many benefits of collaboration through the Communityworks Partnership.



Women Leaders talk with Mary Anne Brown at Hephzibah Children's Association

As we begin 2013, we are working toward greater impact and efficiencies, consolidating the gains we have made with our programs, activities and grants. As always, our aim is to strengthen our community through philanthropy.