



Celebrating Community Giving

October 18, 2018
Grand Ballroom
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Oak Park



Thanksgiving in October



OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST
Community Foundation



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THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

THE OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ENGAGES PEOPLE AND MOBILIZES RESOURCES
TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY.

OUR VISION:
A VIBRANT, SUSTAINABLE AND CARING COMMUNITY



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THANK YOU

The Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation is based on a simple, yet powerful principle – to improve the quality of life for those who call Oak Park and River Forest home.

Tonight we celebrate and recognize the steadfast commitment of donors, nonprofit organizations and residents who come together to help transform the lives of so many individuals and families here and in surrounding communities.

We are forever indebted to those who have entrusted us in carrying forth their philanthropic legacy. It is their everlasting vision and contribution that enables us to support many of the nonprofits recognized tonight.

We are grateful to those who volunteer and pool their resources to respond to our community's most pressing needs. Your leadership and dedication is extraordinary.

We are beholden to the nonprofit organizations who deliver crucial services day-to-day that improve the vitality and health of our community. Your unwavering devotion to the well-being of so many is inspirational.

Working together, we can continue to transform lives and grow prosperity in and around Oak Park and River Forest, now and for generations to come.

Tonight, we thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Martinez, Jr.', with a small flourish at the end.

Antonio Martinez, Jr.
President and CEO



THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

WELCOME

Stacey Williams, Board Chair

GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Excellence in Philanthropy Grants

Impact Excellence: Capacity Building

Antonio Martinez, Jr., President & CEO

Communityworks Grants

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Giving Group Grants

Enrichment Grants

Antonio Martinez, Jr., President & CEO

Future Philanthropists Grants

Senior Class Representatives:

Nate Bonnell, Rachel Hansen & Simon Petrick

Community Grants

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Kott Charitable Trust Grants

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Diana Olson, Little Sisters of the Poor

PASSPORT PRIZE DRAWING

THANK YOU

EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS FEBRUARY 2018

Outstanding Individual: Roberta L. Raymond \$1,000
to Expressions Graphics

Outstanding Group: Oak Park Women’s Guild \$1,000
to New Moms & Hephzibah

Outstanding Youth: PING! Mentors \$1,000
to Donna D’Oro Anderson PING! Fund
for Life-Long Music

IMPACT EXCELLENCE: BUILDING CAPACITY

Impact Excellence hosted seven seminars from January to September to build the capacity of nonprofits in Oak Park, River Forest and Surrounding communities. More than 300 people, representing 80 nonprofits participated in these capacity-building services. The seminars covered a range of topics including Advancing Equity & Systems Change, Strategic Investments in Technology, Activate your Strengths, and Using Data for Fundraising Analytics. Two Board Boot Camps and a volunteer management session are scheduled for fall.

Additionally the Foundation, in partnership with the West Cook YMCA, Housing Forward, Hunger Walkathon CROP Walk, Oak Park Public Library, Pro Bono Network, Triton College, Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest and Ten Thousand Villages conducted a volunteer recruitment event, **Volunteer Meet & Match**, which was attended by 48 nonprofits and over 181 potential volunteers.

The Strategic Partnership Initiative for Arts & Culture Organizations was launched in August 2018. With funding from the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation and the Oak Park Area Arts Council, comprehensive organizational assessments will be conducted by Mission + Strategy for seven organizations that are interested in exploring meaningful and strategic collaborations which expand their organizational capacity and increase their social impact. The following organizations are engaged in this initiative:

- i. Oak Park Art League
- ii. Oak Park Festival Theatre
- iii. Pleasant Home Foundation
- iv. Pro Musica Youth Chorus
- v. Steckman Studio of Music
- vi. Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest
- vii. Oriana Singers

New publication - “The Social Return on Investment for New Moms” was published in August by Heartland Alliance, as a result of a participatory process funded by Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, that engaged New Moms’ staff, volunteers and community partners. The publication articulates the broader value of impact, beyond what is usually captured in outcomes and financial terms. **Investing in New Moms generates nearly a 4-fold return for every dollar invested.** Transitional supportive housing, paired with holistic wraparound service is a critical intervention, specifically for young moms, especially when combined with other supports, and this SROI clearly makes that case.

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

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

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.

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS GRANTS

BUILD Chicago Peer Health Educator Program	\$3,500
Green Communities Connections Young Filmmakers Contest	\$2,500
Maywood Fine Arts Teens as Teachers	\$3,500
Oak Park Education Foundation BASE Camp Scholarship Program	\$2,500
Oak Park Women’s Guild Guild Kids	\$3,500
Opportunity Knocks Community Ops Program	\$2,000
Sarah’s Inn Youth Committee	\$2,000
West Suburban Special Recreation Association Let’s Go Ride a Bike	\$3,500
Youth Outreach Services Transitional Living Program	\$2,000
Total Future Philanthropists Grants in 2018:	\$25,000

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.

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 Hephzibah 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, doula's 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.

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 seniors 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 program which is key to the Y's social responsibility and addresses the local need of affordable housing.

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

**RUSSELL & JOSEPHINE KOTT
 MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST GRANTS**

AgeOptions \$45,000
 Expand education and training for nonprofit professionals who advise older adults on their health care coverage.

Aging Care Connections \$75,000
 Support Aging Well Neighborhood program which engages older adults, businesses, healthcare, social services and health education professionals.

Boone County Council on Aging \$14,500
 Support for a pilot program that serves an underserved population with dementia.

Casa Central Social Services Corporation \$35,000
 Support for the health and well-being of Latino older adults as they age independently and safely in their own communities.

Center for Disability & Elder Law \$60,000
 Support for Senior Legal Assistance Clinics in ten locations across Cook County.

Center of Concern	\$15,000
Support for older adults by reducing the stress of housing decisions.	
Church of the Brethren (Pleasant Hill Village)	\$10,000
Support education for CNAs and nurses in exchange for an agreement to work for Pleasant Hill Village.	
Concordia University Chicago	\$200,000
Support older adults, families and aging societies through education, research and practice at the Center for Gerontology.	
Deep Roots Project	\$10,000
Establish a multigenerational gardening project.	
Ford Heights Community Service Organization	\$40,000
Provide nutritious hot meals to seniors and connect them to nutrition education, fitness, and health screening opportunities.	
Franciscan Tertiary of the Sacred Heart, Inc.	\$5,000
Support hearing, dental and vision services for older adults.	
Greater Food Depository	\$15,000
Hunger relief initiative for older adults.	
Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly	\$25,000
Expand house repair services to include health care services through the CAPABLE model.	
Humanitarian Service Project	\$5,000
Home delivery of groceries and other necessities to low income seniors.	
Illinois Saint Andrew Society	\$20,000
Support to build Caledonian House, a new model of memory care.	
Kott Gerontology Institute	\$260,000
Support for the Kott Gerontology Scholars program, a collaboration involving universities, agencies and graduate students.	

Little City Foundation	\$15,000
Support for emotional and educational needs of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	
Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Centers	\$7,500
Support for Medical Care program which brings medical personnel and care to homebound older adults.	
Little Sisters of the Poor (Palatine)	\$90,000
General operations for a continuum of care from independent living apartments through total nursing care.	
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois	\$50,000
Seed grant for Older Caregiver Support Program.	
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	\$50,000
Support for non-medical home care services to help older adults maintain their lives in the community and in their homes.	
Meals at Home	\$7,000
General operations for the delivery of nutritious meals and other support services to homebound older adults.	
North Shore Senior Center	\$35,000
Support older adults in applying for and maintaining public benefits.	
Northern Illinois Food Bank	\$25,000
Home delivery of nutritious food to low-income seniors.	
Norwood Life Care Foundation	\$8,500
Support for long-term respite, memory support and rehab care for seniors on Chicago's northwest side.	
Oak-Leyden Developmental Services	\$30,000
Support for the development of two senior spaces for older adults with developmental disabilities.	
Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council	\$10,000
Support to help older adults identify and access services needed to continue living independently in the community.	

People’s Resource Center \$36,000
Support for emergency food and social services for older adults.

PLOWS Council on Aging \$13,744
Support to help older adults identify and access services needed to continue living independently in their homes.

United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago \$45,000
Help older adults with developmental disabilities age with dignity through the Senior Services Daytime Activities program.

West Cook YMCA, Inc. \$50,000
Support for the Healthy Aging program.

Window to the World Communications, Inc. (WTTW) \$100,000
Support for the Grandparents Connection program, a community outreach initiative.

Total Kott Grants in 2018: **\$1,407,244**

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.



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

2018 KOTT MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST GRANT TOTALS:

Kott Grants.....	\$1,407,244
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