

ANNUAL REPORT 2014





Mission Statement

The Lake County Community
Foundation serves as a central
resource to address community
needs; a strategic partner for the
nonprofit sector and a valued
collaborator with donors to further
the impact of their philanthropy.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable residents of the county by providing civic leadership, promoting collective philanthropy and partnering with our grant recipients.

Community foundations are focused on improving the quality of life in a specific geographic area, both immediately and in perpetuity, and possess unique expertise about the populations they serve. Building from this knowledge, community foundations have the flexibility to develop creative collaborations to meet broad community needs by partnering with individual donors, governments, corporations and other entities to develop new strategies for systemic change and lasting impact.





by the needs in our community

As we reflect upon our first decade of service and look to our future, the board of The Lake County Community Foundation extends its gratitude for your support. Your investment in Lake County allows us to help our community's most vulnerable residents in deep and lasting ways—pooling our charitable dollars for the greatest possible impact. As we continue to address the persistent rise in poverty among our neighbors, we count on your generosity and partnership to foster opportunity for *all* who call Lake County home.

Thank you,

A. Stewart Kerr, Chair

The Lake County Community Foundation

Funded Communities 2004-2014



The Lake County Community

Foundation, honoring a century-old tradition of community philanthropy, awards grants to nonprofit organizations that are addressing the most pressing needs of residents across the county. As a community philanthropic leader and steward of donor resources, the Foundation believes that large-scale social change requires strong leadership and strategic investments to ignite broad, cross-sector coordination.

Improving the Quality of Life for All Lake County Residents

The Lake County Community Foundation initiated a new strategic focus to align its grant-making strategy with the quality of life indicators articulated in Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's comprehensive regional plan, GO TO 2040. The Foundation, in this way, can contribute to systemic change across our region. The Foundation seeks to advance four overarching priorities.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

- Achieve Greater Livability through Land Use and Housing
- Manage and Conserve Water and Energy
- Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space
- Promote SustainableLocal Food

HUMAN CAPITAL

- Improve Education and Workforce Training
- Support Economic Innovation
- Sustain the Health and Human Services System*

EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE

- Promote Advocacy and Public Policy*
- Enhance Access to Information
- Pursue Coordinated Investments

REGIONAL MOBILITY

■ Increase the Commitment to Public Transit

^{*} Sustaining the Health and Human Services System and Advocacy and Public Policy are priorities of the Foundation that fit within the Lake County context of quality of life indicators, but are not part of the Go To 2040 regional plan.



In partnership with families and the community, Zion Elementary School District 6 provides pre-K through 8th grade education. The District strives for academic excellence through teaching, empowering, advocating and motivating.

4,400

subsidized early childhood slots available for 17,000 children living in poverty in Lake County.

SOURCE: Rob Paral and Associates

The Foundation provides:

- Funding to support the development of a full-service community schools infrastructure throughout District 6.
- Connections to partners who play key supportive roles.
- Access to valuable resources and services that address Zion elementary students' and their families' specific needs.

Together with our stakeholders, we have:

Advanced the establishment of a the Full-Service Community School model—a nationally recognized strategy for overcoming the barriers of poverty by improving the conditions for learning. This involves ensuring that basic physical, social, emotional and economic needs of the district's 2,500 students and their families are met through partnerships with community agencies.



Mano a Mano empowers immigrants and underserved families through quality programming that educates and links individuals to essential community resources.

46.4%

of children in Lake County were eligible for free and reduced lunch for the 2013-2014 academic school year

SOURCE: Illinois State Board of Education

The Foundation provides:

- Philanthropic support to launch a feasibility study to evaluate a potential multi-purpose social service and community center in the Round Lake area.
- Capacity-building support, leadership and board development.

Together with our stakeholders, we have:

Expanded programming and services for more than 4,000 predominantly Latino families with very limited English proficiency and an average annual household income of \$20,000.





The Lake County Center for Independent Living provides advocacy, independent living skills training, peer mentoring and referral services to people with disabilities, empowering them to lead self-directed lives as valued members of the community.

27%

of Lake County residents rely on public transportation for work and daily activities

> SOURCE: Lake County 2040 Transportation Plan



The Foundation provides:

- Funding to elevate the profile of regional mobility planning and expand a coordinated transportation model to the southeast quadrant of Lake County.
- Capacity-building support to connect communities to existing transit providers to coordinate services.

Together with our stakeholders, we have:

Established a leadership role and the resources to lead county and region-wide collaborative work with the potential to positively impact 700,000 residents through reduced congestion and improved and expanded transportation choices.



Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County provides communities and residents with the support to buy homes, improve homes and save homes from foreclosure in Lake County.

23.2%

of households in Lake County are severely rent-burdened.

2008-2012 SOURCE: REPORT ON ILLINOIS POVERTY, Heartland Alliance Social Impact Research Center

The Foundation provides:

- A grant to expand the Neighborhood Transformation project to Mundelein, which provided outreach and education services to families in the community, in addition to home renovations.
- Philanthropic support to leverage federal funds for the establishment of a Lake County Foreclosure Mediation Center.

Together with our stakeholders, we have:

Supported the launch of a Foreclosure Mediation Center in partnership with Lake County government, the courts system, the Lake County Arbitration Center, Prairie State Legal Services and the Center for Conflict Resolution. The center offers comprehensive services to more than 2,000 homebuyers, rehabilitation of more than 200 properties, and education and counseling to more than 10,000 households while reducing case processing time in half.



The Alliance for Human Services is a coalition of Lake County organizations and individuals committed to improving the quality of health and human services.

35

organizations serving Lake County residents have come together through the Alliance to achieve collective impact.

SOURCE: alliancehslc.org.

The Foundation provides:

- Capacity-building support to formalize the organization.
- Connections to strengthen the Alliance and its members.
- Technical assistance to raise the Alliance's profile across the county.

Together with our stakeholders, we have:

Launched an organization with the stature and resources to mature into the "go-to" community leader for connecting and reinforcing the social service safety net in the county, and advocating on behalf of the sector around policy issues and funding opportunities.

by those who lead by example



2014 Grant Recipients

■ The Alliance for Human Services	\$ 75,000
■ A Safe Place	\$ 25,000
■ Zion Benton Elementary School District 6	\$ 21,000
■ Waukegan Public Library	\$ 20,000
■ YouthBuild Lake County	\$ 15,000
■ UChicago Impact	\$ 10,500
■ The Ounce of Prevention Fund	\$ 10,000
■ Beacon Place	\$ 5,000
■ Hanul Family Alliance	\$ 5,000
■ Zion Benton Children's Service	\$ 5,000
■ Waukegan Park District	\$ 2,000

For detailed descriptions of organizations and grants, please visit: www.lakecountycf.org/node/222699

"I am very comfortable knowing that my gift is being stewarded by the Foundation and will live on through the causes I care about the most."

- Joan DePree, Donor Advised Fund holder

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by our history

2014

Foundation celebrates a cumulative

\$2,107,380

investment in 168 organizations in competitive grants

2014

Foundation reaches

\$10 MILLION

in assets

2012

Foundation helps launch

THE ALLIANCE FOR **HUMAN SERVICES**

2012

Robert F. Reusché bequests

\$1 MILLION

endowment to the **Foundation**

2001

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest meet with The Chicago Community Trust to explore the feasibility of establishing a community foundation in Lake County

FOUNDATION

AN AFFILIATE OF

THE LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY

THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

Foundation aligns grant making strategy with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's GOTO 2040

2011

comprehensive regional plan

2010

Foundation reaches

\$5 MILLION

in assets

2002

INAUGURAL MEETING

of the founding board

2004

First competitive grants made:

\$116,500 to 17 organizations

2006

Foundation establishes the

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS FUND

with major support from a local civic leader

2008

Foundation awards its

MILLIONTH DOLLAR

in grants

by those who give

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