# Giving and Impact in Lake County

### **2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**





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## MISSION

The mission of The Lake County Community Foundation 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.

#### Dear Friends:

Now in our fifteenth year, The Lake County Community Foundation (LCCF) is one of more than 800 community foundations across the U.S. that plays a pivotal role as a connector and catalyst by pooling and stewarding financial resources of individuals, families and organizations to drive positive change across the regions they serve through philanthropy.

Right now in Lake County, poverty exists even in the most affluent suburban communities where people are affected by loss of employment, illness and other traumatic events. Social problems are occurring at an alarming rate. Statistics show that poverty is a growing reality for suburbanites, having more than doubled in the last 25 years. Families are struggling: more than 56,000 residents are hungry, including 16% of Lake County's children; over 24,000 people live in extreme poverty; and one in three Lake County residents experiencing homelessness is a child.\*

By bringing together donors, partners, dollars and ideas to create and grow permanent funds, LCCF seeks to build a better Lake County, Illinois—today and for generations to come. This **2017 Report to the Community** illustrates just a small portion of the work made possible by the generous collective philanthropy happening all across this region. We are proud of this organization's track record of leadership in Lake County and our role as a catalyst for generosity and change; a connector of people and organizations; and as the permanent steward of charitable funds dedicated to improving the lives of our most vulnerable residents.

We make a greater impact together than any one of us can make alone. Thank you for your belief in the power of community and philanthropy to change lives.

Start something good at www.lakecountycf.org/give.

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Martha Hinchman Chair, Board of Directors

\*Sources: The 2016 Map the Meal Gap produced by Feeding America for Northern Illinois Food Bank; lakecountyhomeless.org/the-facts/; lakecountyil.gov



# **INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY**

### A Flexible Tool for Your Philanthropy

For years, individuals, families and organizations in Lake County have been starting something good by establishing named funds at LCCF. Donor Advised Funds offer a lot of flexibility in helping donors to achieve their philanthropic goals. Two new funds are doing just that.

In 2017, Miriam and David Sanders transferred their family fund to LCCF from The Chicago Community Trust. "As a Lake County resident, I appreciate knowing my investment remains here at home. The staff at LCCF has been helpful in connecting me to organizations and opportunities that align with my charitable interests," said Miriam Sanders. For the Learning Fund Foundation, establishing a donor advised fund created a giving vehicle to diversify funding resources and ensure the continuation of support to District 103 students and families. Jodi Welyki, President of the Learning Fund Foundation Board shared, "Having a dedicated fund page on LCCF's website has simplified our fundraising process. Our board has peace of mind in knowing that our assets are professionally managed with LCCF's investment pool."

Whether you are interested in leaving a lasting legacy in the community or making your annual giving easier, a donor advised fund at LCCF offers the flexibility and expertise to meet your philanthropic goals.

### Leave a Lasting Legacy



In June 2016, LCCF launched The Lake County Legacy Society to

recognize civic and community leaders, families and residents who have chosen to shape Lake County's long-term future by making a gift to LCCF in their estate plans. By harnessing the power of endowments, assets left to the Foundation will continue to grow, supporting good work and emerging needs for years and generations to come. The following individuals and families who are committed to shaping our community's future became members in 2017:

Mr. Kenneth Buchanan Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawrence Connolly Ms. Jenny Henke and Mr. Tom Sander Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Morales, Jr. Mr. Robert Sander Dr. and Mrs. Girard W. Weber

To learn how you can start something good and to see a full list of Legacy Society members, visit https://www.lakecountycf.org/ lake-county-legacy-society/.



# **GROW IMPACT**

### 2017 Grant Recipients

### **BASIC HUMAN NEEDS GRANTS**

Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County – \$6,000 to support staffing for the Housing Accessibility Program

**Mano a Mano Family Resource Center** – \$5,000 to provide immigration legal services, outreach and community education in Lake County

**Partnership for a Safer Lake County** (fiscal agent – A Safe Place) – \$8,000 to support the Partnership's continuation of work

### EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANTS

**Reading Power** – \$10,000 to support its pre-kindergarten reading program at Green Bay Early Childhood Center in North Chicago

Twice As Nice Mother & Child – \$10,000 to expand the organization's diaper distribution program and support staff and board development

### LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM GRANTS

Liberty Prairie Foundation – \$55,000 to support coordination of Lake County's local food system, creation of a Grow Lake County virtual info hub and expansion of new distribution programs that increase access to fresh food in underserved communities

Northern Illinois Food Bank – \$55,000 to collaboratively address food insecurity in Lake County by increasing access to healthy, nutritious food through produce drops, mobile pantries and diabetes prevention education

### ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS

**Equestrian Connection** – \$10,000 to support a non-mounted mental health program

**PAWS Chicago** – \$10,000 to support the North Shore Adoption Center

Words on Wheels – \$5,000 to build its educational tools inventory



To learn more about how LCCF serves as a catalyst to build and fund innovative, collaborative solutions to complex social problems, visit https://www.lakecountycf.org/community-leadership/.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of September 2017

ASSETS Cash Investments Pledge Receivables	\$	589,572 11,734,055 175,000
	Total Assets \$	12,498,627
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$	373,641
Agency Funds held for others		102,538
Net Assets		12,022,448

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#### **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

As of September 2017

Donor Advised Funds	\$3,876,893	32.2%		
Designated Funds	\$740,043	6.2%		
Operating Endowment	\$1,640,466	13.6%	\$12,022,448	
Unrestricted Endowment	\$1,904,425	15.8%	ψ12,022,440	
Restricted Endowment	\$3,296,531	27.4%		
Administrative Funds	\$564,090	4.8%		

#### FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of September 2017

Adeline Steans Morrison Fund Basic Human Needs Fund BKidz Fund Buchanan Family Foundation Fund District 103 Learning Fund Field Partners Fund First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest Lake County Fund J. P. DePree Family Fund Jamee and Marshall Field Fund Lake County Early Childhood Education Fund Lake County Humane Society Fund LCCF Endowment Fund Paul H. Daube Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Ragdale Foundation Cornerstone Fund Ravinia Centennial Fund Reusché Family Fund for PADS Lake County Robert F. Reusché Operating Endowment Fund Sanders Partners Fund Sedgebrook Benevolent Care Fund Sedgebrook Scholars Fund Stephen and Carolyn Chase Family Fund William H. Luking Memorial Fund Winthrop Harbor Education Enrichment Fund

The Lake County Community Foundation is grateful for the generosity of those who make Lake County a stronger, healthier, more vital region by establishing named funds to achieve their charitable goals.

# LEAD AND CONNECT

### Leading for Good in Lake County

In October, LCCF partnered with Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County and Lake County Cares to host a volunteer networking event for professionals interested in filling a leadership position on a nonprofit board or committee. Participants had the opportunity to meet with over 30 agencies across Lake County with missions ranging from early childhood education and workforce development to arts and culture and veterans services. Agencies made connections with 75 individuals looking to become more involved in their community. Pam Gracyalny, Executive Director of Lake County Cares, noted, "It's inspiring to see so many new faces interested in volunteering! People are eager to help and there are lots of ways to offer support both big and small." With plans for a 2018 event already under way, we can be proud that Lake County residents have a heart for doing good.

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