

who your giving reaches

Because Evanston's needs are complex and varied, we make grants to a diverse array of programs.

thirty years
of giving:
\$6.9 million



The \$6.9 million in competitive and strategic grants captured by this chart is only a portion of the total \$13.8 million in distributions made by the Foundation since our founding in 1986.

The larger figure includes distributions from funds established here by other organizations and individual donors, as well as spending from the Foundation's own endowments for our programs and operations.

For a full list of Foundation funds, please see evanstonforever.org/giving/fund-list.



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charting 30 years of good:

1986

evanston community
foundation founded

1987

first responsive
grants awarded

double the love double the good.

matching gift of \$30,000 to celebrate our first thirty years!

This year, your gift to the annual fund could immediately double in value! To honor the Foundation's 30th anniversary, The Cunningham Family Trust will match eligible annual fund contributions dollar-for-dollar. Eligible gifts include:

- gifts of \$1,000 from donors who gave below that level in 2015
- incremental additions of \$1,000 from donors who gave that much or more last year.

The match will apply to the first 30 eligible gifts made before December 31, 2016.

double your good today!



1993

leadership evanston graduates first class

1998

NU Dance Marathon partnership begins

1999

first fund established through bequest gift

2001

foundation hires first full-time employee

2007

'every child ready for kindergarten, every youth ready for work' initiative begins

2009

endowment surpasses \$10 million

2011

awards 500th grant

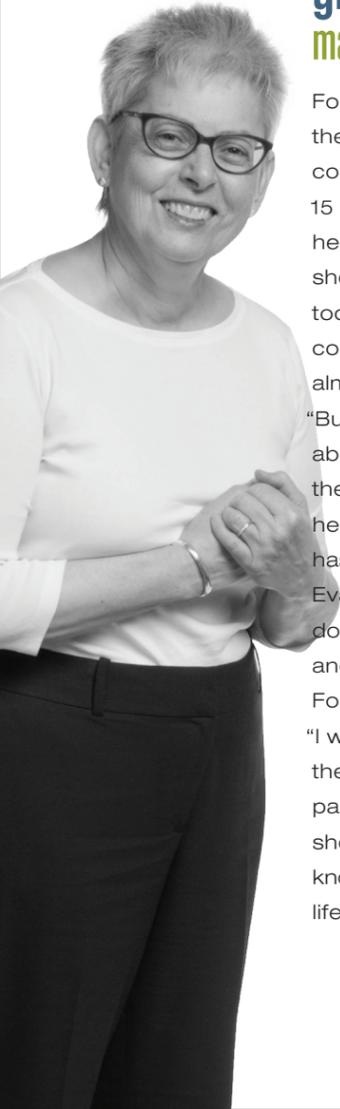
2016

foundation celebrates 30 years!

for all.

giving makes an impact.

For Jean Shedd, supporting the Foundation with annual contributions for the last 15 years has strengthened her connection with the city she loves. "In 1997, when I took the Leadership Evanston course, I'd been living here for almost 20 years," she recalls. "But I still learned so much about our community and all the avenues for good work here." In the years since, Jean has served on the Leadership Evanston steering committee, donated to the program, and given repeatedly to the Foundation's annual fund. "I want more people to have the opportunity I had to participate in ECF programs," she says. "I want people to know how much ECF improves life for all of us."

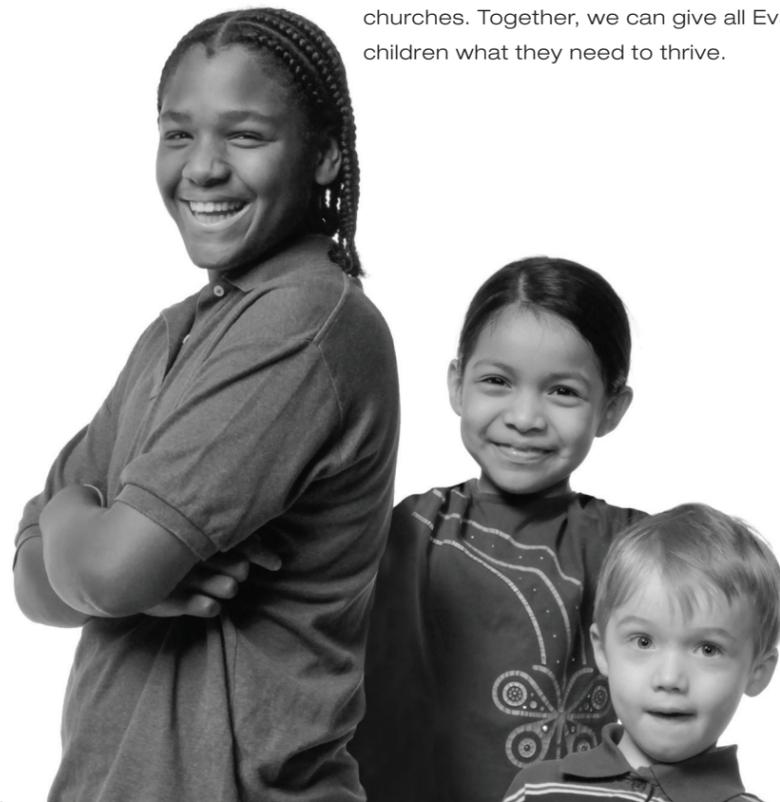


equity levels the playing field.

This year, when Evanston Cradle to Career focused on summer learning as a path to equity for all our children, collaborations supported by the Foundation played a key role.

The ABC Boosters literacy initiative, which the Foundation has nurtured for five years, more than doubled its reach. Teens from the Youth Job Center are trained at the Evanston Public Library to work with pre-kindergarteners on literacy skills. Often, this is their first satisfying job experience. Thanks to growing community support, these "boosters" helped 75 preschoolers this summer.

The Foundation is proud to support other summer learning initiatives, including the McGaw YMCA's Power Scholars and the Freedom School created by Garrett Theological Seminary and local churches. Together, we can give all Evanston children what they need to thrive.



listening gets things done.

In July, unexpected changes in funding forced Connections for the Homeless to close Entry Point, their weekday drop-in center on Chicago Avenue. Many of Evanston's homeless residents had relied on the center for showers and laundry—and now its doors were shut. "Not being able to stay clean takes a horrible toll on people," says Connections Executive Director Betty Bogg. "It's dehumanizing. You can't feel like yourself, and if you have a job you're likely to lose it."

On short notice, the Foundation made a grant that helped open the showers two days a week. In addition, Dan Kelch partners with the Foundation to share proceeds from Taco Diablo and Five & Dime, and soon Lulu's, with local nonprofits on an ongoing basis. This fall, Entry Point was selected to be the recipient of those proceeds.



double your gift.

Everything we do is made possible by your generosity. Multiply your power to do good by investing with the Foundation with your annual fund gift today. You help us take on Evanston's biggest challenges today—and ensure we'll be tackling them for years to come.

giving.
do it from the heart!

