

# evanston!communityfoundation

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Participants of **Girls Play Sports**  
(2017 *root2fruit* grantee)

## 2017 Grant Awards Celebration & Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 30  
5:30 pm

Crystal Ballroom at The Merion  
529 Davis Street, Evanston

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Helping Evanston thrive now and forever as a vibrant, inclusive, and just community, the Evanston Community Foundation builds, connects, and distributes resources and knowledge through local organizations for the common good.

Our principles are:

- we listen first
- sustainability is critical
- we focus on equity
- our leadership is in service to the community



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## State of Evanston Community Foundation

Monique B. Jones, President and CEO

### Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Award Presentation

Diana Cohen, Chair

#### Past Winners

Kendal Gladish  
2004

Ralph Segall  
2008

Judy Kemp  
2013

Mary Finnegan  
2005

Eleanor Revelle  
2009

Diana Cohen  
2014

Susan Manning  
2006

Ronna Stamm  
2010

Pete Henderson  
2015

Mark McCarville  
2007

Kevin Mott  
2011

Lisa Altenbernd  
2016

Judith Aiello-Fantus  
2012

*This award was established in 2004 to honor exemplary board service at the Evanston Community Foundation.  
It is in the name of Jim Kogen, who served on our Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004.  
His generous gifts of time, treasure, and talent were critical to the Foundation's growth.*

### Communityworks grants

Diana Cohen, Chair

*Funded by the Communityworks Endowment Fund established in 2003, our Communityworks initiative provides programmatic and grantmaking support toward the goal of ensuring every child is ready for kindergarten and every youth is ready for work. This year, we will be investing over \$225,000 in grants and programs to sustain a network focused on home visiting, family support, and excellent early childhood education.*

#### 2017 grantees

Evanston Public Library • Evanston/Skokie School District 65 Family Center  
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston • Literacy Works • McGaw YMCA  
Warren W. Cherry Preschool • Youth Job Center

### Partners for the Future grant

Diana Cohen, Chair

*Enables one Evanston-based nonprofit per year to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in matching funds.  
This grant helps the selected organization build its base of financial support,  
and increase its overall fundraising and organizational capacity.*

#### 2017 grantee

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

## **root2fruit grants**

Ann Balusek, *root2fruit* Advisory Board Member

*Funded by the Mammel Foundation, the root2fruit program has benefited 48 organizations and awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants since its inception in 2003. Designed to build the capacity of small to mid-size nonprofits in Evanston, the program provides grants renewable for three years and mentorship for grantees.*

### **2017 grantees**

Books & Breakfast  
Chessmen Club of the NorthShore  
Evanston Work Ethic Program  
Girls Play Sports  
Institute for Therapy through the Arts  
Meals at Home  
Muse of Fire  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Reba Early Learning Center

### **2017 alumni grantees**

Curt's Café  
Evanston Scholars  
James B. Moran Center  
Mudlark Theatre  
Services for Adults Staying in their Homes

### **2017 special grantees**

Caring Outreach by Parents in Evanston  
Community Partners for Affordable Housing

## **Grantmaking Partners to Responsive Grants**

Lisa Altenbernd, Vice Chair and Responsive Grants Chair

*A special thank you to Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2017  
and the twenty-five other Grantmaking Partners whose generosity and commitment  
greatly increased the pool of dollars available to responsive grants.*

### **Unrestricted Grantmaking Partners**

*supports the full slate of grants*

Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2017

Anonymous (3)  
Judith Aiello-Fantus and Maurice Fantus  
Tom and Barb Altman  
Judy Freitag and David D'Arcy  
Lisa Altenbernd and Steve Hagerty  
Mary Laflin Rockwell Fund  
William and Mary Ann McGrath Foundation  
O'Brien Family Foundation  
Rose and Andy Thomas Educational Fund

### **Grant-Specific Grantmaking Partners**

Anonymous  
ABS Fund  
Paul Bechtner Foundation  
Sue and Paul Brenner  
Gratch Family Fund  
Paul and Ty Harvey  
Jessie Macdonald  
Joe "Butch" Martin Fund  
David Mulder Mental Health Fund  
Plumtree Fund  
Rubens Family Foundation  
Michael and Debbie Sear  
Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin  
Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund

## Fund for Evanston and Field of Interest Funds

*ECF's Fund for Evanston and a variety of field of interest funds are sources of funding for our annual responsive grants, communityworks grants, and our new rolling grants cycle. The Fund for Evanston, established in 1987, is our original unrestricted endowment fund. Field of interest funds are endowment funds created by donors that focus on specific areas of interest. We are grateful to donors who have made gifts to these funds which support our grantmaking and programmatic work.*

### Fund for Evanston

*Our general endowment to meet community needs through grants and programs*

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Anderson Fund  
George Cyrus Memorial Fund  
Natasha S. Deutsch Fund  
Evanston Realtors Fund  
Evanston United Way Fund  
Martha and Don Farley Fund  
Rees-Servillo/Jan Heffernan Memorial Dinner Fund  
Jeffrey M. Schoenberg Honorary Fund

### Board-Directed Field of Interest Funds

All Our Sons  
Arts in Community Fund  
Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing  
Communityworks Fund  
Pearl & Sander Davis Fund for Communityworks  
Cultural Diversity Initiative  
Fund for Women & Girls  
Green Communities Fund  
Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts  
Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth  
Sara Schastok Fund for Communityworks  
Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts  
Faith Vilas Fund for Youth

## Presentation of 2017 Responsive Grants

Lisa Altenbernd, Vice Chair and Responsive Grants Chair

*This evening, we are announcing a record of more than \$333,000 in responsive grants to twenty-six organizations, determined by a committee of community members.*

**Alliance to End  
Homelessness in  
Suburban Cook County**

\$7,500

*Coordinated Entry for Homeless Services*  
Develops an efficient regional homeless coordinated entry system that makes homeless services and housing more easily accessible to especially vulnerable populations.

**Center for Independent  
Futures**

\$8,500

*Expanding Opportunities for Young Adults with Disabilities through Community Service*  
Creates afterschool programming to engage Evanston young adults with disabilities in community service for local nonprofits.

**Community Partners for  
Affordable Housing**

\$13,000  
Funded in part by the Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing of the Evanston Community Foundation

*Major Gift Program Development and Implementation*  
Develops a major gift program to expand unrestricted revenue sources to support programming in the community.

<b>Connections for the Homeless</b>	<p>\$20,000</p> <p>Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund and the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Drop In Center</i></p> <p>Links those living on the street with stabilization services including access to food, clothing, laundry, showers, and other basic necessities.</p>
<b>Erie Family Health Center</b>	<p>\$16,500</p> <p>Funded in part by an anonymous grantmaking partner and the David Mulder Mental Health Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Inter-Professional Psychiatry Consultation to Improve Mental Health Access</i></p> <p>Expands access to basic psychiatric treatment by piloting a primary care psychiatric education program which will allow medical providers to better manage low-level psychiatric conditions.</p>
<b>Evanston Public Library</b>	<p>\$20,000</p> <p>Funded in part by the Evanston 150 Project Fund and the Plumtree Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Community Digital Literacy Program</i></p> <p>Brings technology training courses and 100 Wi-Fi hotspots to students and families in the community, in partnership with Districts 65 and 202, Connections for the Homeless, YWCA Evanston/North Shore, Curt's Café, community centers, and low income and senior living communities.</p>
<b>Evanston Scholars</b>	<p>\$20,000</p> <p>Funded in part by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation, Debbie and Michael Sear, Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin, and the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Internship and Career Program</i></p> <p>Connects minority and low-income youth with internships to provide funds for college, help refine their majors, augment classroom experience. and provide networking opportunities.</p>
<b>Evanston/Skokie School District 65</b>	<p>\$15,000</p> <p>Funded in part by the Faith Vilas Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>SEED Professional Development</i></p> <p>Trains district representatives in National Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity Project (SEED) to provide tools for culturally relevant teaching, increase student achievement, address discipline towards restorative justice, foster socio-emotional learning, and develop racial literacy.</p>
<b>Farmworkers and Landscaper Advocacy Project</b>	<p>\$5,000</p> <p>Funded in part by Jessie Macdonald</p>	<p><i>Community Education on Human Labor Trafficking</i></p> <p>Offers workshops to Evanston's 3,000 low-income Latino laborers, providing knowledge and resources to avoid and escape human labor trafficking.</p>

<b>Housing Options for the Mentally Ill in Evanston</b>	\$12,500 Funded in part by Paul and Ty Harvey	<i>Expanding Clinical Impact</i> Provides more Evanston residents high quality clinical services and creates a Client Assistance Fund, allowing clinicians to avoid lapses in care.
<b>Interfaith Action of Evanston</b>	\$12,000 Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation, and the Rubens Family Foundation	<i>Expansion of Emergency Overnight Shelter Program</i> Increases the number of nights that the Emergency Overnight Shelter is open, providing a safe, warm place to sleep for anyone in Evanston.
<b>James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy</b>	\$16,665 Funded in part by the Paul Bechtner Foundation	<i>Access to Mental Health Supports</i> Improves access to mental health care and the community's understanding of mental illness by hosting educational forums, strengthening ties with other mental health providers, and hiring advocates to assist clients in accessing services.
<b>Learning Bridge Early Education Center (formerly Child Care Center of Evanston)</b>	\$13,920 Funded in part by Sue and Paul Brenner, and the EDN Fund for Early Childhood of the Evanston Community Foundation	<i>Language Link</i> Integrates speech therapy, classroom teacher training, and volunteer support for young children with language delays. Benefits extend beyond the child by allowing expansion of joint speech therapy resources among other early childhood centers.
<b>Metropolitan Family Services</b>	\$15,000 Funded in part by Debbie and Michael Sear	<i>Expanding Parenting Fundamentals at Erie Family Health Center</i> Establishes new class offerings at Erie Family Health Center to teach positive parenting skills and strengthen the parent-child relationship.
<b>Mudlark Theater</b>	\$13,000 Funded in part by the Arts in Community Fund and the Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation	<i>Diversity Initiative Project</i> Increases minority participation in Mudlark programming through a collaboration with the Art of Evolution Theatre.
<b>North Shore Senior Center</b>	\$10,000	<i>Older Adults Benefits Program</i> Assists, encourages, represents, and advocates for Evanston seniors in applying for and securing public entitlement and government benefits.
<b>Northlight Theatre</b>	\$15,000 Funded in part by the Arts in Community Fund, Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts, and the Fund for Women & Girls of the Evanston Community Foundation	<i>Building Equity and Opportunity in Evanston with the Arts</i> Expands Speak Up! Theatre for Social Change, in partnership with Y.O.U. and YWCA Evanston/North Shore Domestic Violence Shelter, to give youth the tools and a public forum to speak out about community issues that impact them.

<b>Open Communities</b>	<p>\$10,000</p> <p>Funded in part by the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Relocation of Open Communities Office to Evanston</i></p> <p>Relocates to Evanston the only HUD-certified counseling agency in the northern suburbs, which will expand programs in fair housing advocacy and enforcement, housing and foreclosure counseling, home sharing and landlord mediation, and social justice advocacy and organizing initiatives.</p>
<b>Our House, a program of Connections for the Homeless</b>	<p>\$15,000</p> <p>Funded in part by All Our Sons and the Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Our House</i></p> <p>Provides housing and wrap-around supportive services to homeless Evanston youth, 18-24 years old, to move them toward recovery, long-term housing stability, and independence. Our House began as a Leadership Evanston small group project.</p>
<b>Piven Theatre Workshop</b>	<p>\$9,000</p>	<p><i>The Home Project</i></p> <p>Utilizes performance to inspire social change by engaging marginalized groups, in partnership with social-media initiative Dear Evanston, to explore the concept of "home" as it applies to Evanston residents and organizations.</p>
<b>Services for Adults Staying in their Homes (SASI)</b>	<p>\$12,500</p> <p>Funded in part by the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>SASI/Senior Connections Merger</i></p> <p>Underwrites the merger of two leading organizations that serve seniors which will sustain and enhance services available to isolated and vulnerable older adults in Evanston.</p>
<b>She Is Code</b>	<p>\$13,500</p> <p>Funded in part by the Joe "Butch" Martin Fund, the Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth, the Plumtree Fund, and the Fund for Women &amp; Girls of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>All Hands On Tech Device Repair</i></p> <p>Establishes a self-sustaining apprenticeship program for young women and minorities to learn about technology and build a skillset in device repair.</p>
<b>Trilogy, Inc.</b>	<p>\$8,200</p> <p>Funded in part by the EDN Fund for Early Childhood of the Evanston Community Foundation</p>	<p><i>Free Mental Health First Aid Training</i></p> <p>Equips participants to better identify and manage psychiatric crises and the emergence of mental health symptoms in their friends, families, coworkers, and neighbors in order to help connect them with mental health services.</p>

**Warren W. Cherry  
Preschool**

\$5,650  
Funded in part by the  
EDN Fund for Early Childhood of the  
Evanston Community Foundation

*Strategic Planning 2017*

Ensures the long term stability and effectiveness of the preschool and its programs with a strategic plan focusing on succession planning, program review, and financial stability.

**Y.O.U. (Youth & Opportunity  
United)**

\$12,500  
Funded in part by the ABS Fund and the  
Plumtree Fund of the Evanston  
Community Foundation, and Debbie and  
Michael Sear

*Y.O.U.th Maker Program (YMP)*

Immerses youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) learning pathways using technology, design, and hands-on experiences to help close the educational opportunity gap.

**YWCA Evanston/North Shore**

\$13,500

*Advocacy-Training and Engagement*

Launches an advocacy program to guide local response to policy changes that will directly impact large portions of the Evanston community, particularly in the areas of racial equity, civil rights, and women's health and safety.

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For twenty years, NUDM has made contributions that support the full range of ECF grants without restrictions as to purpose. Since 1998, NUDM has contributed over \$1 million to Evanston through the Foundation, along with countless volunteer hours.

The Evanston Community Foundation happily acknowledges the contribution of over \$109,000 from Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2017. Their contribution supports our responsive grants, community catalyst grants, and program assistance for organizations that serve Evanston.

We are most grateful to **NUDM2017 Executive Co-Chairs Jenny Halpern and Ian Pappas** for their leadership and exemplary service on our responsive grants committee.





