



Evanston Community Foundation helps Evanston thrive

Founded in 1986, the Evanston Community Foundation helps Evanston thrive now and forever as a vibrant, just and inclusive community. We build, connect, and distribute resources and knowledge to Evanston – not just one group, neighborhood or issue – all of Evanston.

When asked about ECF's role in our community, President and CEO Monique B. Jones said, "ECF has a goal of being a sustainable resource for Evanston. Think of us as Evanston's greatest cheerleader. We help Evanston move forward through collaborations, grantmaking, leadership development and by fostering local philanthropy."

Because Evanston's challenges are complex, ECF makes grants to a diverse array of programs and organizations. Our grants are about more than just money. Through our capacity-building and program grants, we make investments in projects that are making a difference in our community. We support organizations poised for healthy growth — helping them transform to serve more people, more effectively.

ECF also offers frequent learning and networking opportunities for Evanston nonprofits and organizations through our 2017-18 workshop series, *For Organizational Success*. These six workshops are free this year! Board and staff members are encouraged to attend together as a "mini-retreat" opportunity.

For 25 years, ECF's Leadership Evanston program has provided our community with a steady stream of skilled and knowledgeable graduates whose leadership talents enrich Evanston's agencies, boards, and government. With more than 680 alumni, Leadership Evanston invites its participants to deepen both their knowledge of Evanston and their civic engagement to address Evanston's deepest challenges.

None of this would be possible without ECF's broad base of support. There are many different ways to give, and before December 31, 2017, all new gifts of \$250 or \$500 to the Annual Fund will be matched 2:1! Learn more how your gift can reach all of Evanston, and the many different ways ECF can help you with your personal philanthropy, by visiting evanstonforever.org. ■