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to care.

# evanston! community foundation

Bringing Evanston's strengths to bear  
on our challenges, and building new community  
resources, together.

## 1 potential

### Sparkling new beginnings

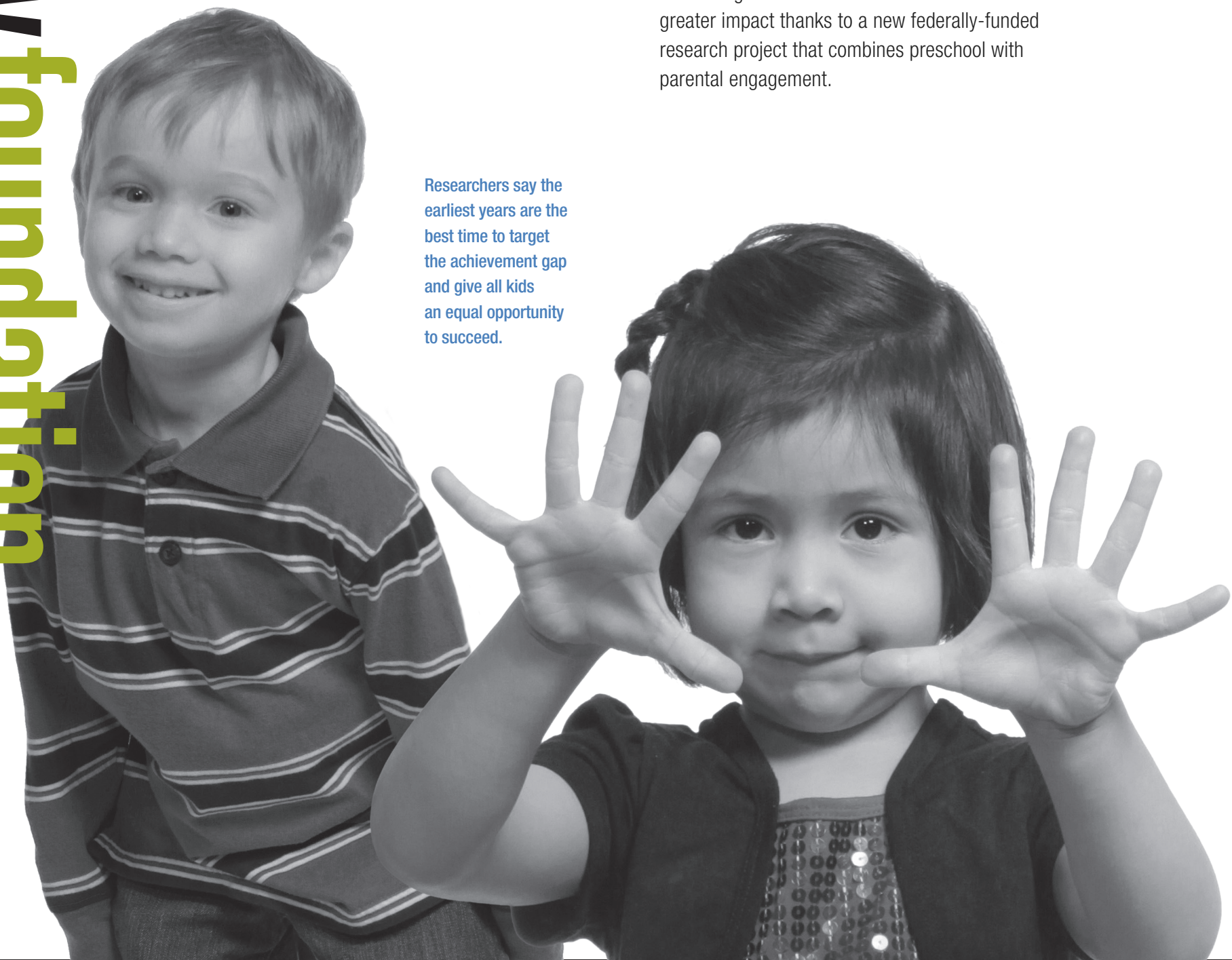
You put your money where your hopes are, and we put it to work. Endowment gifts since 2004 have allowed the Foundation to increase efforts to nurture Evanston's youngest children and their families. We are building resources for programs in the birth-to-5-year-old arena, and extending home visiting for families with children who aren't quite ready for preschool. Evanston is becoming that place where Every Child is Ready for Kindergarten.

## evidence 2

### Making the case with facts and figures

You expect the Foundation to multiply your gifts and funnel them into programs that produce measurable results. You want to see nonprofits working together toward shared community goals. We deliver. We're tracking the effectiveness of more than \$1.7 million invested in early-childhood initiatives since 2007, money that has built up a network of organizations (including Infant Welfare Society of Evanston and the District 65 Family Center) providing direct services to hundreds of Evanston's most vulnerable families. The strength of our local network will have still greater impact thanks to a new federally-funded research project that combines preschool with parental engagement.

Researchers say the  
earliest years are the  
best time to target  
the achievement gap  
and give all kids  
an equal opportunity  
to succeed.

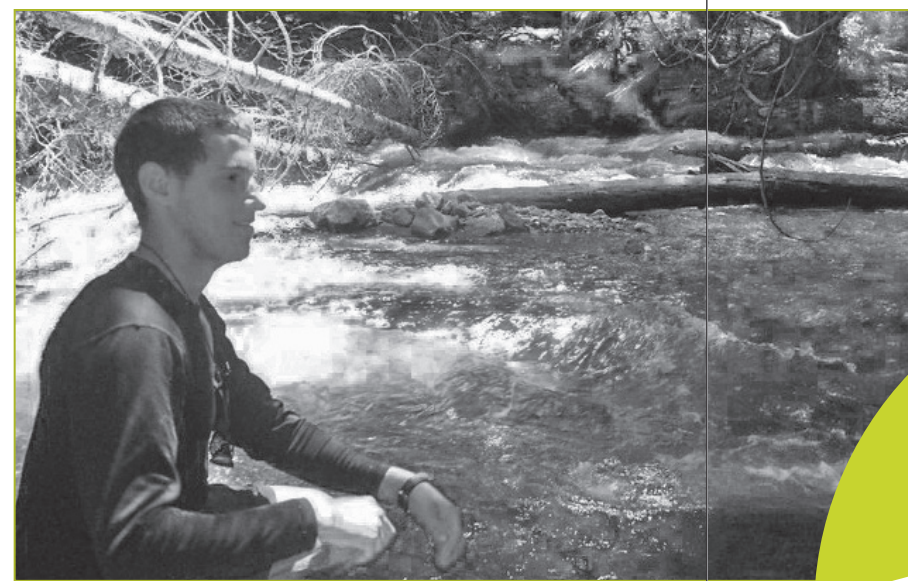


# WE'RE HERE FOR GOOD

## Leading Evanston where it wants to go

Call us merchants of collaboration. Without a specific product to stock and sell, the Foundation can focus on big community challenges that cross many sectors. That *is* our direct service. We never go it alone—or assume that we have all the answers. Step one of “Leading Evanston” is settling on the destination or goal—and that takes a *lot* of what we offer: listening, synthesizing, and consensus-building.

## 3 intelligence



Kids will learn to believe enough in themselves to take risks and become positive leaders, through outdoor adventures made possible by the Avi Kurganoff Memorial Fund at the Foundation.

### Growing through loss

When Jorge Kurganoff and Judy Mendel lost their son Avi after an accidental fall at the University of Vermont, they turned to the Foundation to honor Avi’s legacy and share it with others. The Foundation consulted Y.O.U., a local youth development agency, to create Avi Adventures for elementary-age youngsters. This spring the students will have opportunities to go on group camping experiences, through a partnership between Y.O.U. and the McGaw YMCA.

## 4 hope

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## 7 compassion

### Reaching out, and changing lives

The Foundation knows that the energy and focus of Evanstonians are matched by big-hearted determination to help people in tough situations. Through two consecutive responsive grants to Connections for the Homeless, we have helped the organization move dozens of our town’s most desperate folks into stable housing and get help for mental health and substance abuse issues. One recent client had been living in a public parking garage for months—but moved into supportive housing in 2012 and has stayed there, thanks to interventions and assistance provided with Foundation support.

## 6 endurance

### Here for GOOD, and FOREVER

Leave it to the Foundation. Knowing how much people love this town—the lake, the schools, the parks, and the unmistakable “speak-your-mind, buckle-down, and get-it-done” spirit that infuses the place—we’ve created a way to preserve those treasures in perpetuity. Through the Daniel Burnham Society, you can set aside any amount with confidence that future Evanstonians will use it as gratefully and thoughtfully as we have in this generation, even after all of us are gone.

## save the date

### 27th annual grant awards

Thursday, May 23 at 5:30pm at the North Shore Retirement Hotel. Join us to hear what the new recipients of our 2013–14 Responsive Grants plan to accomplish with ECF’s support! Admission is free, but space is limited

### workshop: growing a great board

Thursday, May 30 at 5:30pm. Learn about best practices in board recruitment and training to advance your organization’s mission and build capacity and sustainability.

### snapshot evanston

Thursday, October 24. Catch our one-day, fast-track orientation to the Evanston community and its issues, offered by ECF’s Leadership Evanston program.

### celebrate! evanston

Saturday, October 26, 6:30pm at the Levy Senior Center. Our annual gala is one of the best parties in town. Ask now about sponsorship opportunities!

For info and reservations for any of these events: 847.492.0990 or [info@evanstonforever.org](mailto:info@evanstonforever.org)

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## 5 patience

Groundbreaking for Grandmother Park in an underserved neighborhood is set for this spring after three years of work from Gay Riseborough and Mary Adams Trujillo, fueled by \$12,000 in Foundation grants and an almost-done \$250,000 campaign.



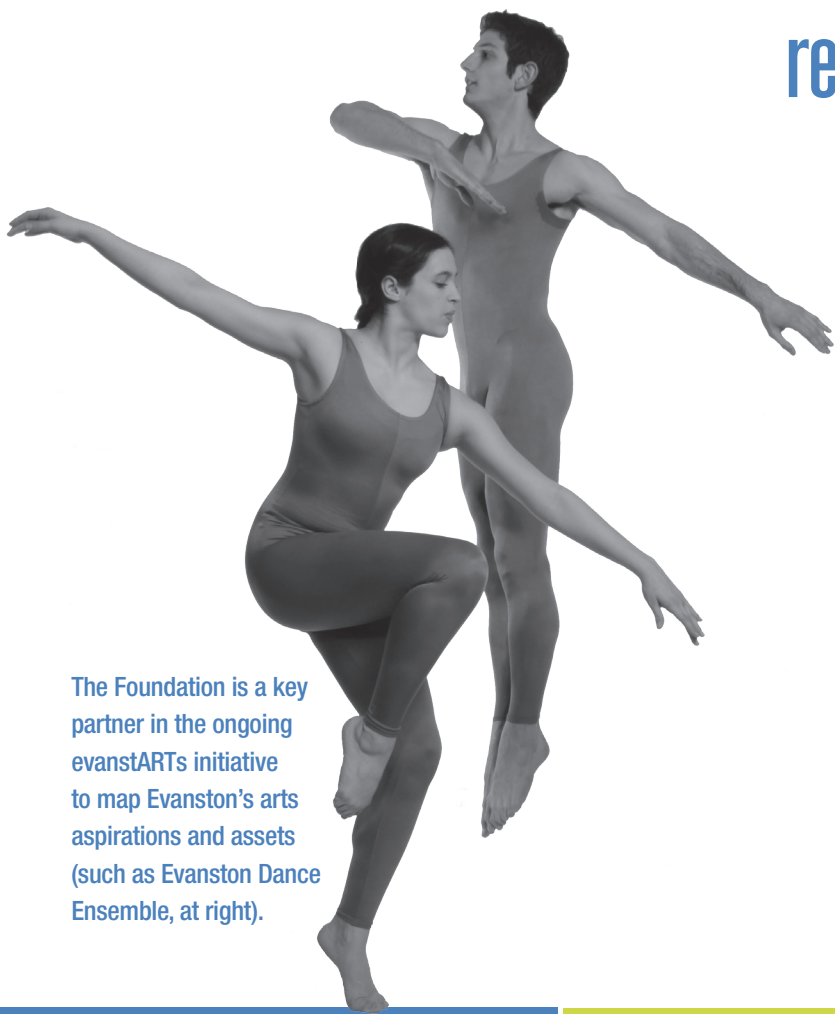
## 8 integrity

### Your gift is in good hands

We’re governed by local leaders you can trust, like Judy Aiello-Fantus. She joined the Foundation Board of Directors as a longtime donor and civic leader, including a distinguished career as Evanston’s assistant city manager. She knows this town inside-out—especially the interplay between nonprofits and the business community as a key to Evanston’s economic success.

Judy was awarded the 2012 Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Award for her leadership and vision. “Besides all that high-level intellectual, social and political capital, she is the model of a tireless board member—ready to do the big stuff, and to personalize fundraising letters and lick the envelopes,” says 2011 Kogen honoree Kevin Mott.



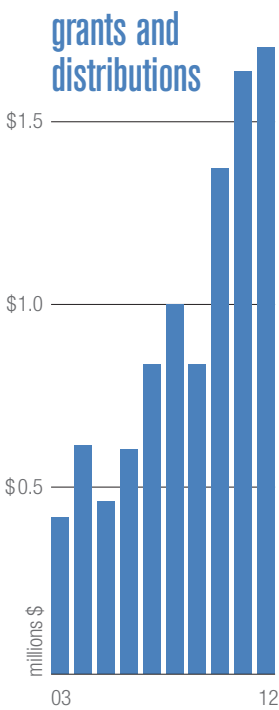


The Foundation is a key partner in the ongoing **evanSTARTs** initiative to map Evanston's arts aspirations and assets (such as Evanston Dance Ensemble, at right).

# respect 9

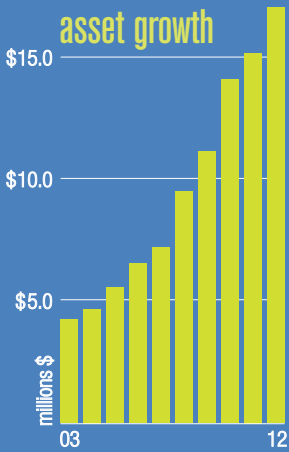
## Honoring the community's generosity

Careful stewardship of your contributions so that they support both today's needs and the community's bright future is an ironclad commitment of the Evanston Community Foundation. With your support, we're an increasingly important resource for Evanston. The tremendous ten-year growth in both our asset base and the amount we've been able to give away each year tells the tale.



# funds of the foundation: pooling resources for a big impact

We're here for good:  
The Foundation is your locally based way to pool gifts that build permanent charitable funds—a way to give back and look ahead.



# 10 inclusiveness

**annual fund**  
*supports the full range of current grants and activities*

## board-directed broad-purpose funds

- Acorn Fund
- All Our Sons
- Arts in Community Fund
- Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing
- Communityworks Fund
- Pearl & Sander Davis Fund
- Cultural Diversity Initiative
- Evanston Realtors Fund
- George Cyrus Memorial Fund
- Evanston Swims Fund **NEW**
- Leonard Fisher Fund for Nursing Education
- Foundation Fund *provides for ECF's infrastructure; our own endowment*
- Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Fund
- Gene Lavengood Fund

Fund for Evanston *our general endowment to meet community needs through grants and programs*

- Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Anderson Fund
- Natasha S. Deutsch Fund
- Evanston United Way Fund
- Martha and Don Farley Fund
- Rees-Servillo/Jan Heffernan Memorial Dinner Fund

Fund for Women & Girls  
Green Communities Fund  
Leadership Fund

- Leadership Chairs Challenge **NEW**
- Marybeth Schroeder Fund for Leadership
- Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts
- Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth
- Skokie Community Fund
- Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts
- Faith Vilas Fund for Youth

## organizational endowments

- Center for Independent Futures Fund
- Chessmen Legacy Fund
- ETHS Educational Foundation Fund
- Margaret Gunn Scholarship Endowment at ETHS

- Joseph and Linnie Lee Moragne Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Unterman Fund for ETHS
- Barry Zwick Football Scholarship Fund
- Evanston Environmental Education Fund
- Evanston Fourth of July Association Fund **NEW**
- Evanston Symphony Orchestra Association Fund
- Grady Bird Sanctuary Fund for the Evanston Environmental Association
- Literature for All of Us Fund
- North Shore Village Endowment Fund **NEW**
- Roycemore School Endowment Fund
- Eisner Endowment for Roycemore School
- Youth Job Center Endowed Fund **NEW**

- Foster Reading Center Fund
- Susan Willis Heiberger Memorial Garden Fund
- Rayna and Marvin Miller Fund for Open Communities
- Bruce E. Mitchell Short Story Fund
- Chuck Remen Memorial Fund
- Norman W. Thomas Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rose and Andy Thomas Educational Fund

## donor-designated funds

- Virginia L. and William K. Beatty Volunteer Service Award
- Beatty Family Scholarship Fund
- William K. Beatty Medical History Prize
- Chicago Urban Youth Scholarship Fund
- Fund for Curt's Café **NEW**
- Evanston Police and Fire Fund

## donor-advised funds

- ABS Fund
- B & J Fund
- Edelstein-Berkson Family Fund
- Sally and Richard Ennis Fund
- Friends of the Arts Fund
- Goodman/Weinberger Fund
- Gratch Family Fund
- Jon Kimmel Memorial Fund
- Avi Kurganoff Memorial Fund
- Lytle Family Fund
- Joe "Butch" Martin Fund
- Partners for the Future Fund
- Plumtree Fund
- Mary Lafin Rockwell Fund
- Weisblat Family Fund
- Zunamon-Cuniff Family Fund

## funds for foundation initiatives

- Evanston150 Project
- Evanston Climate Action Fund
- Evanston Gun Buyback Fund **NEW**
- Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship

# competitive and strategic grant recipients

April 2012 to March 2013

- Barr-Harris Children's Grief Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
- Center for Independent Futures
- Changing Worlds
- Childcare Network of Evanston
- Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County
- Connections for the Homeless
- Curt's Café
- Edible Evanston
- Evanston150/Celebrate!2013
- Evanston Art Center

- Evanston Day Nursery
- Evanston History Center
- Evanston Mentors
- Evanston Public Library
- Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
- Evanston Scholars
- Evanston School Children's Clothing Association (ESCCA)
- Evanston/Skokie District 65 Family Center
- Evanston/Skokie District 65 LakeDance
- Evanston/Skokie District 65 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Family Focus
- Family Promise Chicago North Shore
- Frances Willard Historical Association
- Grandmother Park Initiative
- The Harbour, Inc.
- Infant Welfare Society of Evanston
- James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

- Lake Street Church
- McGaw YMCA
- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- Mudlark Theatre Company
- Next Theatre Company
- North Shore Village
- Piccolo Theatre
- Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago
- Saint Nicholas Church
- Shorefront
- The Talking Farm
- Theatre and Interpretation Center at Northwestern University
- University of Minnesota, for Evanston Parent-Child Centers
- Warren W. Cherry Preschool
- Youth Job Center
- Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella)
- YWCA Evanston/North Shore

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