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2013 Responsive Grant Awards Presentation

Thursday, May 23
6:00 pm

The North Shore Hotel
1611 Chicago Avenue
Evanston



Participants in a Big Brother Big Sister program, funded by ECF.
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Evanston Community Foundation—We're Here for GOOD

With this year's grant awards we begin the Foundation's second 25 years as a growing resource for Evanston's nonprofits, organizations that do so much to strengthen the Evanston community we all call home. Thank you for joining us today!

Today we celebrate 28 grants selected from a pool of 79 proposals requesting \$826,500, together with an exciting special initiative grant. This is the largest-ever response to our request for proposals, and the single most competitive field of proposals we have ever received. If we had the resources, we would have awarded an additional 15 grants, more than doubling the dollars.

The core resource for today's grants is our Fund for Evanston and 10 endowments for more specific purposes, funds from which we draw an annual spending portion while the balances continue to grow in our investment pool. Well more than 2,000 donors have made gifts since 1986 to build ECF's funds for grantmaking and programs. Investment returns of an annual average of 9.2% make gifts of all sizes grow over time! By December 31, the Foundation expects to make grants and distributions of more than \$800,000 in all—our continuing growth makes an ever-larger pool of resources for the work of Evanston organizations.

We are able to award \$240,850 today—more than in any spring grants cycle in our history. For this we thank Northwestern Dance Marathon 2013 and 16 Grantmaking Partners whose contributions let us say "yes!" more often. Their keen interest in the work of Evanston nonprofits and their faith in your capacity to make an impact are expressed through their gifts for this year's grants.

Thanks to what is truly a giving community, we are here for GOOD—a force for positive change, now and forever.

Our goal as Evanston's dedicated funder is to bring Evanston's assets together—its dollars, its people, its organizations—to do great work. With ECF support, our creative and dedicated grantees will address many community challenges and seize a range of opportunities. Although today's grants are for a one-year period beginning July 1, these projects have been selected for their sustainability and potential for long-lasting impact.

We thank the many parts of our community—Evanston's nonprofits, our donors and funding partners, a hard-working grants committee, and our generous host, the North Shore Retirement Hotel—that bring us to this happy occasion.

Welcome

Sara Schastok, President and CEO, Evanston Community Foundation

Presentation of 2013 Grants

Joan Gunzberg, Chair, Evanston Community Foundation

ARTS AND CULTURE

Center for Community Arts Partnerships (CCAP) at Columbia College Chicago
David Flatley, Executive Director
Lynne Pace Green, Director of Teaching Artist Development

\$7,000
Funded with support by Sweers' Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation

Arts Integration Mentorship Project (Project AIM)
Brings artists into Evanston classrooms to collaborate with teachers on curriculum that integrates the arts with other subjects.

Evanston Art Center
Norah Diedrich, Executive Director
Paula Danoff, Director of Development and Communications

\$5,000
Funded with support from the Arts in Community Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Part-time capital campaign fundraising assistant
Hire a temporary part-time capital campaign assistant to enhance the existing staff and move to a new facility.

Mudlark Theater Company
Andrew Biliter, Artistic Director

\$3,500
Funded with support by Maury Fantus and Judy Aiello-Fantus

Mudpie 2014
Funds showcase adapted entirely from the creative writing of Evanston kids, and performed by their peers.

ARTS AND CULTURE (cont.)

Northlight Theater
Mechelle Moe,
Director of Education
Amanda Dunne,
Assistant Director of Education

\$5,100
Funded by Rubens Family Foundation

Northlight on Campus / AVID
Continues theatre education project in partnership with the AVID program at ETHS for 2013-2014 school year.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Evanston School Children's Clothing Association (ESCCA)
Laura Hohnhold, Co-President
Cari O'Donnell, Co-President

\$3,000
Funded by Dance Marathon 2013 and the Fund for Evanston

To purchase children's underwear and socks
Supply needed apparel for free distribution to District 65 students.

Family Promise Chicago North Shore
Tracy McKeithen,
Network Director
Jeannine Burgdorf,
Board Member

\$9,500
Funded with support by The Gratch Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the F2 Foundation

Job Development and Supportive Employment Service
Develops jobs with companies and works with families in all areas of employment.

BOYS

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Kathleen Lyons,
Executive Director

\$10,000

Funded with support by Edelstein-Berkson Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and the Howard and Ursula Dubin Foundation

Client and Case Management Database System
Updates current client database system to improve management of legal and social work cases, volunteers, and documents.

Literature for All of Us

Karen Thomson, Founder & CEO
Caitlin Moran,
Director of Education

\$8,000

Funded with support from All Our Sons Fund and Faith Vilas Fund for Youth of the Evanston Community Foundation

Juvenile Justice Book Group Workshop for the EPD's Youth Services Program
Offers monthly book group workshop to 20-35 young men and boys who have touched the criminal justice system.

PEER Services

Kate Mahoney,
Executive Director

\$5,000

Funded by All Our Sons Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Safe Passages – An Anger Management Program for Teens in Recovery
Helps teens learn workable anger management strategies as a key recovery tool.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Center for Economic Progress

David Marzahl,
President and CEO

\$10,000

Funded by Lisa Altenbernd and Stephen Hagerty

Free Tax Preparation and Asset Building Services in Evanston in 2014
Provides full-season free tax preparation and asset building services to low-income working families in Evanston.

Grandmother Park Initiative

Jen Goldstein
Gay Riseborough

\$5,000

Funded by the ABS Fund, Sally and Richard Ennis Fund, and Weisblat Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Grandmother Park
Establishes a tot lot in an underserved neighborhood.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Childcare Network of Evanston

Andrea Densham,
Executive Director
Deb Danson, Board Member

\$8,500

Funded with support by the ABS Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Learning Together Screening Enhancement
Provides critical services that can change the life course of underserved children, helping them remain in their high quality child care settings.

Family Focus Dorothy Williams, Center Director	\$10,000 Funded with support by an anonymous donor	<i>Child Connections</i> Engages 20 families with young children in six-week series of parenting education, child development and parent-child bonding workshops as well as one-on-one parent coaching.
Literacy Works Betsy Rubin, Adult & Family Literacy Specialist	\$7,000 Funded by Dance Marathon 2013 and the Fund for Evanston	<i>PACE (Parents Active in Children's Education)</i> Brings interactive parent workshops and staff development to the District 65 Family Center as effective tools for enhancing parents' involvement in their young children's educational development.

EDUCATION

Center for Independent Futures Ann Sickon, Assistant Executive Director	\$10,000 Funded with support by an anonymous donor	<i>Serving Evanston's Disabled & Marginalized Through "Online" Full Life Future Planning Curriculum</i> Strengthens CIF's capacity to extend its Full Life model to a broad base of organizations serving Evanston's marginalized by bringing curriculum online.
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EDUCATION (cont.)

Evanston Township High School Shelley Gates, Dept Chair, Career and Technical Education Peter Decraene, Dept Chair, Mathematics	\$10,000 Funded with support by the Plumtree Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and an anonymous donor	<i>Geometry in Construction</i> Combines current geometry curriculum with construction technology, allowing students to construct a house which will ultimately be sold to an Evanston family.
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FAMILY SUPPORT AND COUNSELING

Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County Mark Parr, Executive Director	\$6,000 Funded by Dance Maraton 2013 and the Fund for Evanston	<i>Counseling for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse</i> Provides direct services for children and their non-offending family members, including free, accessible follow-up counseling services for children in Evanston.
North Shore Senior Center Dr. Elizabeth Gordon, Director of Social Services	\$5,000 Funded by The Gratch Family Fund and the Joe "Butch" Martin Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation	<i>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren</i> Provides emotional support, parenting education, respite, and financial counseling and assistance to low-income, largely African American grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

HEALTH

Erie Family Health Clinic
Rachel Krause, Development
and Marketing Consultant

\$10,500
Funded with support by the Natasha S.
Deutsch Fund of the Evanston
Community Foundation

*Comprehensive Diabetes Management and
Education*
Implements a multi-component diabetes
management and education program in Evanston.

McGaw YMCA
Jonathan Webb,
Senior Director of
Development

\$13,000
Funded with support by the Evanston
Realtors Fund of the Evanston
Community Foundation

Pioneering Healthier Communities-Evanston
Promotes balanced nutrition, healthy eating, and
physical activity among vulnerable low-income
Evanston children from infancy to age 5.

HOUSING

**Connections for the
Homeless**
Roland Fouche

\$12,500
Funded with support by the
F2 Foundation

Project 20
Provides critical health, housing, and supportive
services to chronically homeless people in
Evanston at highest risk of dying within the year.

WOMEN & GIRLS

**YWCA Evanston/North
Shore**
Kathy Slaughter,
Development Director
Pat Hunter, Manager of
Economic Empowerment

\$10,000
Funded by the Fund for Women & Girls
of the Evanston Community Foundation

Women's Economic Empowerment
Strengthens the financial stability of low to moderate
income women and families by increasing their
awareness of basic money management.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

National Able Network, Inc.
Andi Drileck, Vice President of
Workforce Services
Jaclyn Hefling, Client Service
Representative, EPL

\$8,500
Funded with support by the Plumtree
Fund of the Evanston Community
Foundation

Employ Evanston!
Provides vital employment services, including
career counseling, soft-skill and computer training,
and employment transition services, for most in-need
job seekers at the Evanston Public Library.

**Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations
Umbrella)**
Seth Green, Executive Director
Marianne Moberly, Director of
Development

\$11,500
Funded with support by the Lorraine
Hairston Morton Fund for Youth and
Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the
Evanston Community Foundation and
Diana Cohen & David Spitulnik

Youth Entrepreneurship Stars (YES)
Develops and implements a best-practice
entrepreneurship education program for 75
underserved middle school and high school youth in
Evanston.

Youth Job Center of Evanston, Inc.
Kim Hoopingarner,
Development Director

\$7,500
Funded with support by the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation and Diana Cohen and David Spitulnik

Companeros de Juegos (Playfellows)
Engages young children, ages 2-6, in playtime activities that build literacy skills specifically within the Spanish-speaking community of Evanston.

YOUTH

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
Art Mollenhauer, CEO

\$12,000
Funded with support by the Fund for Women & Girls and the Edelstein-Berkson Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Evanston Mentoring Program
Continues expansion of Community Based Mentoring in Evanston by serving a total of 40 Evanston youth in FY2013.

Erika's Lighthouse - A Beacon of Hope for Adolescent Depression
Peggy Kubert,
Executive Director

\$5,000
Funded by The Gratch Family Fund and the Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund of the Evanston Community Foundation

Teen Club and Teen Panel Program at ETHS
Establishes depression awareness program at ETHS, including Teen Panel and Affiliate Teen Club.

YOUTH (cont.)

Lighthouse 21st Century Community Learning Centers
Elizabeth Rankin,
Program Coordinator

\$7,750
Funded with support by the Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts of the Evanston Community Foundation

Enrichment Opportunities for At-Risk Youth
Offers enrichment activities to Washington and Oakton students, who may have barriers such as cost, transportation, language or lack of awareness.

SPECIAL FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

Midwest Child-Parent Centers Expansion

\$15,000

PreK - 3rd Grade support to enhance achievement in low-income families

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Donor-advised funds play an important role in supporting local organizations, both within or outside of our Responsive Grants Cycle.

Grants recommended by donor advisors and approved by the Foundation board

May 1, 2012—April 30, 2013: \$193,761

Grants to Evanston-area service organizations: **\$168,525**

Child Care Center of Evanston	\$5,000	Music Institute of Chicago	\$250
Connections for the Homeless	\$65,250	Next Theatre Co.	\$5,000
Edible Acre Project at ETHS	\$1,000	NU Medill School of Journalism	\$2,000
Evanston Community Foundation	\$14,500	Project Keshet	\$4,000
ECF Grantmaking Partners Program	\$37,800	Roycemore School	\$5,500
ECF Leadership Evanston	\$3,000	St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church	\$3,000
Evanston History Center	\$1,000	Temple Beth Israel	\$2,250
Evanston Public Library	\$100	Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center	\$500
Evanston Township High School	\$2,500	Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella)	\$2,775
Grandmother Park Initiative	\$2,000	Youth Job Center of Evanston, Inc.	\$1,000
Housing Options for the Mentally Ill	\$5,000	YWCA Evanston/North Shore	\$100
Interfaith Action of Evanston	\$1,000		
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation	\$1,250	Grants to metropolitan Chicago organizations:	\$6,800
McGaw YMCA	\$1,500	Grants to organizations outside our area:	\$18,436
Mudlark Theater Company	\$1,250		

Donor-Advised Funds of the Evanston Community Foundation

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

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For sixteen years, NUDM has made contributions that support the full range of ECF grants without restrictions as to purpose.



The Evanston Community Foundation happily acknowledges the contribution of more than \$82,000 from Northwestern University Dance Marathon 2013, \$58,000 of which goes to today's grants. The remainder supports a new grant pool as well as the Foundation's nonprofit programs and expert assistance for organizations that serve Evanston.

As the secondary beneficiary of NUDM since 1998, ECF has received \$730,700 from this extraordinary student organization. We are most grateful to NUDM2013 Co-Chairs Katie Amys and Matt Larsen for their leadership and their participation on our grants committee.

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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.

Together, we:

- build endowments for current and future opportunities
- foster private philanthropy
- focus the impact of collective giving
- find solutions to community challenges
- allocate grants
- provide leadership training

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