

2011-2012
25th
anniversary
year

evanston!communityfoundation

You bring

- + ideas
- + energy
- + vision

**The Foundation
adds**

- + expertise
- + connections
- + strategy
- + stewardship

**Together, we
generate
momentum.**

**It all adds up
for Evanston!**

**it all
adds
up**



added value

We start with what you bring—and build from there.

Our community is alive with people who care enough to want all children to be ready for kindergarten, to be engaged in community life as they grow up, to leave high school ready for the next round of education or postsecondary training, and to live full lives regardless of disadvantage or disability. Evanston residents contribute generously of their time, ideas, and resources because they know that we are connected across the lines that appear to divide us.

We're here to build, connect, and distribute increasing resources to bring those visions to reality and help our community thrive.

We're still best known for distributing grants to community organizations, and despite difficult times, we continue to do more each year. Charitable distributions for 2012 exceed \$800,000.

The value we create

As we look to our 30th anniversary in 2016, we want the Foundation to be as well known for the value we create as for the grants we make.

Truth is, ECF convenes and participates in hundreds of conversations, encouraging individuals and organizations alike to forge connections to pursue their goals. Every day we field inquiries, make introductions, help other boards, advise other staffs so that nonprofit organizations, residents, and businesses can do more—and do it better. What difference does this make? We hope the stories and numbers in this report suggest how it all adds up.

As 2012 winds toward a close, we invite your continuing support.

Penelope Sachs, Board Chair
Sara Schastok, President and CEO

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You bring energy and ideas

“When you get a Foundation grant of \$10,000, it's more like a grant of \$50,000 because of all that comes with it,” said one grantee.

We support nonprofit organizations *and* we provide training to individuals to inform their engagement with local boards, commissions, and nonprofit groups. No other group does that—it all adds up to more for Evanston!

and growth

and foresight

We're challenging organizations to look to their futures.

Growing over time, endowments are the heart of ECF—and a distinctive value added. Why not celebrate our 25th anniversary by stimulating other nonprofits to invest in their futures?

Our *ENDOW Now* program offers \$5,000 matching grants to groups that muster at least \$15,000 to set up their own endowments at ECF. So far three groups have signed up—North Shore Village, Youth Job Center, and Evanston 4th of July Association—each committing to build a fund over time that will return a new steady stream of support.

The challenge grant strategy also underlies *Partners for the Future*, an initiative funded and advised by an anonymous donor. The Foundation selects one organization each year that's ready for the big challenge of motivating its supporters to increase their giving. The YWCA Evanston/North Shore met its \$50,000 match in 2012, and Connections for the Homeless is now completing its effort to match \$100,000.



Tracy Alden, Evanston 4th of July Association, left, and Helen Gagel, North Shore Village

and a network

We celebrated our anniversary by honoring Evanston's terrific nonprofits.

Helping Evanston thrive for 25 years and counting! We rely on a network of exceptional organizations to fulfill our goals. To celebrate our anniversary and what our community has accomplished since 1986, we wanted to recognize organizations that have made important contributions with Foundation grants. In early 2012, we surprised the boards of 25 organizations with award checks of \$1,000.



clockwise from top:
Family Focus Our Place
YWCA Evanston / North Shore
Warren W. Cherry Preschool
Open Studio Project
Center for Independent Futures



25th anniversary awardees

- Center for Independent Futures
- Warren W. Cherry Preschool
- Child Care Center of Evanston
- Childcare Network of Evanston
- Connections for the Homeless
- Evanston Coalition for Latino Resources
- Evanston Public Library
- Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse
- FAAM
- Family Focus Our Place
- The Family Room
- Grandmother Park Initiative
- Housing Options for the Mentally Ill
- Interfaith Action of Evanston
- Infant Welfare Society of Evanston
- The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- The Musical Offering
- Open Studio Project
- PEER Services
- Piccolo Theatre
- SASI: Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes
- Shorefront
- Youth Job Center of Evanston
- Y.O.U.: Youth Organizations Umbrella
- YWCA Evanston/North Shore

and partnership

NU students partner with us to give back to Evanston.

Northwestern students dance their way to a big impact in Evanston. As secondary beneficiary of NU Dance Marathon since 1998, the Foundation serves as DM's "feet on the street"—our knowledge of local needs helps turn their massive fundraising to great results. The partnership has funneled more than \$80,000 into our community this year, and \$648,000 since the beginning. And the beat goes on! Dance Marathon 2013 is March 8–10.

and connections

We're helping youth agencies join forces to expand kids' horizons.

Interacting with strong, caring adults is an important way that kids learn to be strong, caring adults themselves. Organizations like Y.O.U. and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) have recognized this by creating mentorship programs to link young people to adults in the community. But the need remains great, especially for kids in single-parent families (about 22% of Evanston children).

Expanding mentorship opportunities could involve not working harder, but working together, smarter. That was the insight of the youth agencies and concerned individuals who participate in All Our Sons, an ECF initiative launched by Jennie Berkson and David Edelstein to help boys navigate the challenges of growing up. "Each group that provides mentors was doing recruiting, each group was doing training — doing the same things over and over," says Edelstein. Now, through an ECF grant to a collaboration called Evanston Mentors, youth organizations are exploring ways to coordinate their efforts, starting with an online directory to publicize mentorship opportunities. A major goal is to hold joint recruitment events to raise awareness about the importance of adults stepping up for kids and the wealth of opportunities in Evanston to do so.

Adults like Aaron Salsbury, a marketing executive in food service, who has paired up with 8-year-old Omari Roberts through BBBS for everything from Cubs games and football to occasional homework help. Or Gary Arnold, a Skokie resident who "was looking for a way I could make a difference in somebody's life and expand my own horizons as well." Through Y.O.U. he connected with 14-year-old ETHS freshman Jonathon Connerly-Bey. Given their shared interest in food, the two go out to dinner together once a month and rate the restaurants using a scorecard Jonathon created. Becoming a restaurant critic wasn't exactly what he expected, says Jonathon, but he's enjoying it, along with the chance to talk about what's going on in his life.

"When boys have somebody in their lives showing concern for how they're doing academically and overall in life, they do better" says Edelstein. Evanston Mentors is working to make those connections.

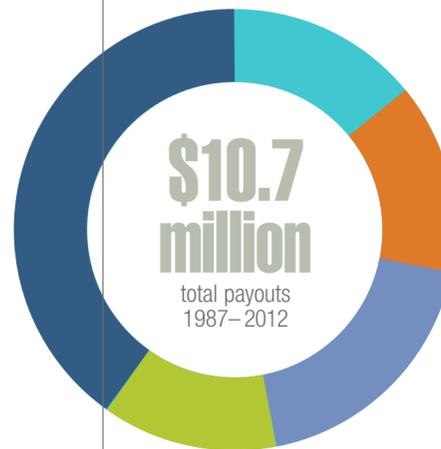


Big Brother Aaron Salsbury
with Little Brother
Omari Roberts

and resources

We distribute philanthropic dollars.

The Foundation's 76 funds hold resources for many different purposes. Whether supporting the Foundation's grantmaking or operations, financing the initiatives of other organizations, or meeting donors' interests, ECF makes things happen.



total charitable payouts by distribution type

- 40.0% competitive and strategic grants
- 14.2% donor advised fund grants
- 13.8% endowment draws for operations
- 19.4% Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship
- 12.6% scholarships, designated organization distributions, and other

By nurturing the visionaries we help lead Evanston where it wants to go.

Just as ECF's big anniversary year ends, an even bigger one begins: Evanston's 150th Anniversary. We knew this celebration should be about more than fireworks and fun. So we joined with others to plan and launch Evanston150: a broad community visioning process to find our best shared ideas for Evanston's future.

Ten terrific ideas emerged (check them out at Evanston150.org) to improve our physical and environmental health, expand opportunities for young people, and add things we can all enjoy, like vibrant public spaces and free wi-fi. The ten included two ideas we've been investing in since 2007, based on community input: preparing kids for kindergarten and training young people for work.

The ECF board stands ready to manage funds to advance the ten ideas, consider grant proposals, and foster collaborations among idea teams and existing institutions and organizations.

Foundation staff remain engaged to help the ten "idea teams" transform vision into action. We're offering them the kind of capacity-building that we provide through Leadership Evanston and *root2fruit*: community organizing, leadership skills, identifying community assets, and getting the right people at the table.

Already there are signs of progress. A pilot project involving the YMCA, YWCA, District 65 and Northwestern volunteers offers second graders at Oakton, Dawes, and Washington schools free swimming lessons — one of the ideas that bubbled up in "Water Water Everywhere." And a new community health center (envisioned in "Here's to Our Health") is coming, thanks to a \$650,000 federal grant to Chicago's Erie Family Health Center. Here's to more visions becoming reality!

and encouragement

and momentum

benefit from Child-Parent Centers, a longstanding model for improving educational outcomes.

"Getting the major players in town to collaborate is always tricky," says Charles Lewis, an education activist whose family foundation has supported Communityworks and contributed to matching funds required for the study (part of an extraordinary \$450,000 raised here). "All the leading players have been working in a very collaborative way, all focused on kids between preschool and third grade."

As momentum builds, other local funders offer support, and our *Every child* network implements new ideas. One foundation is working through ECF to extend home visiting for 20 children ages 3-5. Another wanted to enhance pre-K literacy, and asked the Foundation to develop a high-impact plan. We brought together several potential partners, and the result was ABC Boosters. This summer program had Evanston Public Library training teens recruited by Youth Job Center to work one-on-one with preschoolers at Fleetwood-Jourdain and Robert Crown Centers, reading books and playing games to boost letter recognition. "I didn't think that kids would really respond to learning during the summer time," said one teen. "[But] I see that the kids really love this. Secretly, kids at any age love being read to, even when they can read. It's a pretty amazing thing to see."

That collaboration reached a high point in 2011, when we joined Northwestern, District 65, local childcare centers, the city, and other local foundations to support Evanston's inclusion in a federally funded study of how young children

taught them to engage and enjoy books." It's no surprise that improving early learning emerged as one of Evanston150's top ten ideas in (see story on page 5)—more evidence that our community's efforts on behalf of our youngest citizens are reaching a critical mass.

More families, more partners, more possibilities for 'Every Child'.

Every child ready for kindergarten, Every youth ready for work: that's the long-term vision we've been pursuing since 2007. We started with a plan: focus on the youngest children and build impact over time. Our funding has enabled local agencies to provide birth-to-three home visiting for fifty more families at a time, along with professional development for home visitors and collaborations among professionals. As the children (and as our Communityworks endowment) grow, we've been adding components: more early literacy, parent drop-in centers, scholarships for preschool. We've also been working steadily with others in the community committed to early learning.

The teens themselves got a lesson in responsibility, says program co-director Maria Torres, a kindergarten teacher at Dawes. They helped the little ones get ready for kindergarten — and "more important,

since 2007

- 486 families reached by home visiting
- 67% families who stayed with the program
- 371 kids screened for developmental problems



Idea Team volunteer leaders Pam James, left, of "Water, Water Everywhere" and Cynthia Kasper of "Edible Evanston"

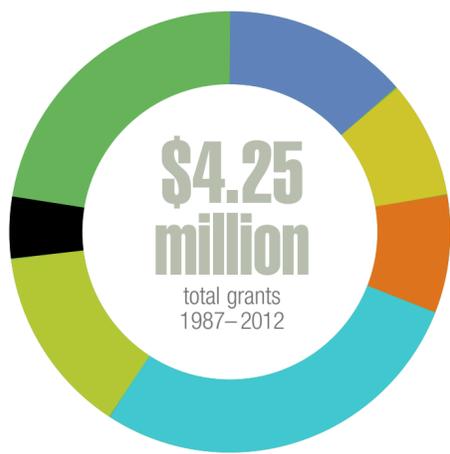
and
a wide net

Wide-ranging, far-reaching.

The Evanston Community Foundation's grantmaking reaches many corners of Evanston. We support organizations poised for healthy growth—helping them transform to serve more people, more effectively. We look for projects that will support people on paths to better futures. Making the Foundation—our general endowment or our annual fund—a priority in your charitable giving strengthens Evanston's entire fabric.

Targeted funds (page 9) give you the option to focus your support in specific areas.

competitive and strategic grants



- 13.5%** the arts
- 8.7%** basic human needs
- 8.6%** community development
- 28.3%** early childhood education
- 13.9%** family support and counseling
- 4.3%** housing
- 22.7%** youth and education

Grants change lives.

Thanks to our recent support of The Harbour, the shelter and counseling organization for young women in crisis could be there when Tressann Minzit needed it. Now she's working in Evanston, paying the rent, and going to college.

and
a life-line



2011/12 total grants and distributions: \$1,862,812

and **impact**

2012 competitive and strategic grants: \$560,698

communityworks

Every child ready for kindergarten, Every youth ready for work: \$219,208 in strategic grants

Home Visiting Support Services and Enrichment Activities for Ages 0-3
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston \$ 83,301

Baby Talk
Evanston/Skokie District 65 Family Center 43,185
Parents as Teachers

Evanston Public Library 1,850
Professional development for early childhood workers
Childcare Network of Evanston 3,500

Early childhood systems development
Home Visit Collaboration, Leadership and Evaluation 26,372

New Home Visiting for Ages 3-5
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston 11,500
Evanston/Skokie District 65 Family Center 11,500

Infant Mental Health Consultancy
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston 6,500
Evanston/Skokie District 65 Family Center 5,000

Preschool: Bridge to Kindergarten
Warren W. Cherry Preschool 6,500

ABC Boosters
Evanston Public Library 11,000
Youth Job Center 9,000

responsive grants

responding to community need, building community assets: \$214,490 to 30 organizations

We are grateful to all our Grantmaking Partners, particularly Dance Marathon, for their gifts that allowed us to fund all grants listed below. See page 15 for our full list of partners. The following board-directed Funds at the Foundation also support these grants:

All Our Sons Fund
Arts in Community Fund
George Cyrus Memorial Fund
Nataasha S. Deustch Fund
Evanston Realtors Fund
The Fund for Evanston
Green Communities Fund
Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts
Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth
Rees-Servillo Jan Heffernan Memorial Dinner Fund
Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts
Faith Vilas Fund for Youth
Fund for Women and Girls

Barr-Harris Children's Grief Center \$ 7,500
Evanston Grief Center for Low-Income Families

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago 7,500
Evanston Community-Based Mentoring Program

Center for Independent Futures 13,000
Train the Trainer Program at ETHS

Changing Worlds 7,500
Arts, Cultural and Literacy Connections

Warren W. Cherry Preschool 9,100
Sustaining Quality Pre-School for At-Risk Children

Childcare Network of Evanston 8,280
Communitywide Child Care Scholarship

Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County 7,500
Counseling for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

Communityworks: Supplemental for Every Child Ready for Kindergarten Every Youth Ready for Work* 5,000
*Funds were distributed to partner organizations through our Communityworks grants listed above.

Connections for the Homeless 13,000
Project 20

Curt's Café 5,000
Job and Life Skills Training for Young Ex-Offenders and At-Risk Youth

Edible Evanston 4,850
(volunteer organization of Evanston150) Carlson Greenhouse Renewal

Evanston Art Center Building Relocation \$ 7,000

Evanston History Center 150th Anniversary Project Coordinator 5,000
Expansion of Evanston Mentoring Programs 6,000

Evanston School Children's Clothing Association Purchase Children's Underwear and Socks 3,000

Evanston/Skokie School District 65 21st Century Community Learning Centers Enrichment Opportunities for At-Risk Youth 8,000

Evanston/Skokie School District 65 Lake Dance LakeDance Science Curriculum Using Dance as a Teaching Tool 5,260

Family Focus Child Connections Parenting Workshops and Coaching 9,000

Family Promise Chicago North Shore Part-time Case Manager 8,000

Grandmother Park Initiative Community Outreach 6,000

The Harbour, Inc. Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter 5,000

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston Music & Movement Teacher Professional Development Partnership for Peace 7,000

McGaw YMCA Pioneering Healthier Communities 10,000

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy Partnership for Peace 6,000

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago Home Repair Services 5,000

Shorefront Legacy Keepers 4,000

Theatre and Interpretation Center at Northwestern University Co-production of "The Exonerated" with Next Theatre 7,000

Youth Job Center WILL: Women Invested in Learning and Livelihoods 7,500

Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella) Caring Adult Connections 10,000

YWCA Evanston/North Shore Legal Advocacy Program 7,500

donor-advised funds 2011 grants: \$254,338

Grants recommended by donor advisors and approved by the Foundation board

grants to Evanston area service organizations: \$178,752

Childcare Center of Evanston	\$	1,000
Connections for the Homeless		7,050
Evanston Community Foundation (ECF)		12,900
ECF Grantmaking Partners Program		44,202
ECF Leadership Evanston		1,500
Evanston Community Development Corporation		1,500
Evanston 4th of July Association		1,000
Evanston Public Library		5,100
The Family Room		1,800
Housing Options for the Mentally Ill		500
Interfaith Action of Evanston		1,000
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation		1,250
Keep Evanston Beautiful, Inc.		1,000
Literature for All of Us		1,800
McGaw YMCA		12,000
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian		500
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy		10,000
Music Institute of Chicago		8,000
Next Theatre Company		5,500
Northwestern University Bienen School of Music		2,000
Open Studio Project		1,800
Percolator Films		750
Roycemore School		1,000
St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church		3,000
Second Baptist Church		250
The Talking Farm		10,000
Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella)		1,250
Youth Job Center of Evanston Inc.		1,000
YWCA Evanston/North Shore		40,100

grants to metropolitan Chicago organizations: \$24,800

grants to organizations outside our area: \$50,788

2012 distributions from designated funds

awards, grants & scholarships: \$19,820

Acorn Fund grant to Ladd Arboretum for Prairie Plant Plot	\$	1,000
Beatty Family Scholarships at ETHS: 3 scholarships		3,000
Virginia L. and Wm. K. Beatty Fund award to Medical Library Association		1,320
William K. Beatty Medical History Fund award to Galter Library at Northwestern		1,000
Chicago Urban Youth Scholarship Fund: 8 scholarships		10,000
Fisher Fund for Nursing Education grant to Lake Forest Hospital		750
Bruce E. Mitchell Short Story Award at ETHS 3 awards		1,000
Norman W. Thomas, Jr. Scholarship at ETHS 1 scholarship		750
Rose and Andy Thomas Scholarship at ETHS 1 scholarship		1,000

grants to designated agencies: \$48,891

Center for Independent Futures	\$	533
Citizens Lighthouse Community Land Trust		544
Evanston Environmental Association for Environmental Education		13,670
Evanston Police and Fire Fund		3,000
ETHS Educational Foundation		
Margaret Gunn Scholarship		12,000
Barry Zwick Football Scholarship		5,000
Foster Reading Center Programs		
Roving Reader program at Child Care Center of Evanston		611
Foster Reading Center program at McGaw YMCA		2,445
McGaw YMCA for Project SOAR		663
Skokie Community Fund for Skokie Community Giving Program		10,225

2012 foundation initiatives programs & operations: \$163,325

support from:
Mr. and Mrs. Carlye Anderson Fund
Communityworks Fund
Nataasha S. Deutsch Fund
Don and Martha Farley Fund
Fund for Evanston Foundation Fund
Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Fund
Gene Lavengood Fund
Leadership Fund

other initiatives: \$815,940

Evanston150	\$	98,066
The Foundation is fiscal sponsor for this grassroots community collaboration.		
I3 Grant to University of Minnesota To match federal grant for Parent-Child Centers Research Project.		10,000
Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship		707,874
The Foundation is fiscal sponsor for this special project to advance leadership development in the early childhood field. See page 15 for the list of corporate and private foundation funders.		

Continuing our commitment. “Leaving a gift to the Evanston Community Foundation is a great way for us to continue our commitment to this community after we’re gone. We are confident that what we leave will be well-managed and -spent, in areas of need that are important to us now and in ones that we can’t yet foresee.” —Kirk Hoopingarner



Kim and Kirk Hoopingarner

and
a plan

Pastor’s fund supports effort to give young ex-offenders a second chance.

Rev. Richard Mosley of Hemenway United Methodist Church nurtures a passion for restorative justice that heals victims and perpetrators, families and communities. Determined to pursue that vision for Evanston, he turned to us. We helped him set up an endowed fund to benefit Curt’s Café, the restaurant started by Susan Trieschmann that hires young ex-offenders, giving them a chance to learn job skills and build a resume. “Young people who have served their time, when they come back to Evanston, should know that they have choices, and that there’s a place of hope and encouragement,” says Rev. Mosley. “I believe that Curt’s Café is the first step to make this vision a reality.” The endowment at the Foundation will help sustain that vision.

Rev. Richard Mosley
Hemenway United Methodist Church

daniel burnham society

The Pillars of Evanston

Anonymous (2)
Elizabeth and Carlyle Anderson*
John and Carol Balkcom
Virginia L. Beatty
Diane and Karl Berolzheimer
Lester and LaShawn Blair
Mary Anne and Joe Cappo
Julie Captain
Julie and Josh Chernoff
Christina and David Cugell
Natalasha Deutsch*
Martha and Donald Farley
William Friedlander
Kendal and Ken Gladish
Joan and Guy Gunzberg
Kim and Kirk Hoopingarner
Judy and Bob Kemp
Ronna Stamm and Paul Lehman
Margaret and Paul Lurie
Bonnie and Jay Lytle
Susan Manning and Doug Doetsch
Kathy Miller

Betty A. Papangelis
Claudette Rasmussen
Eleanor and William Revelle
Elizabeth and James Roghair
Penelope and Toby Sachs
Sara Schastok
Ralph Segall
Ann B. Stevens
Carolyn J. Sweers
Edna and Larry Ter Molen
Faith Vilas*
Barbara Goodman and Seth Weinberger
Linda and Payson Wild
Marge and John Wold
Sidney Zwick
*deceased

These individuals have pledged to include the Evanston Community Foundation in their estate plans, or have established lifetime planned gifts. Contact burnham@evanstonforever.org to discuss your plan!



funds of the foundation

foundation endowments by fund type



annual fund

Supports the full range of current grants and activities

funds for foundation initiatives

Evanston150 Project
Community-wide initiative that engages all of Evanston in imagining the future, resulting in 10 visionary ideas to celebrate Evanston’s 150th anniversary in 2013.

Evanston Climate Action Fund
Funds grants for greenhouse gas emission-reduction projects to help Evanston meet the goals of its Climate Action Plan

Evanston Women’s History Project
Documents Evanston women’s stories and history sites, and provides public access to this history through tourism materials, educational curriculum and leadership programs

Grantmaking Partners
Supplements funds for spring responsive grantmaking. Please see page 15 for a list of grantmaking partners, including Dance Marathon at Northwestern University

Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship Fund
Advances leadership development in the field of early childhood care and education. This is a special project funded by corporate and private foundation grants; ECF is a fiscal sponsor

and
flexibility



Baltazar Jacob Hernandez,
Curt’s Café

board-directed broad purpose funds

Acorn Fund
Encourages activities to test new ideas of value to our community

All Our Sons
Supports boys and young men as they strive to become responsible members of the community

Arts in Community Fund
Strengthens Evanston as an extraordinary arts community

Balkcom Family Fund
Promotes literacy and affordable housing

Communityworks Fund
Identifies and supports systematic approaches to strengthen Evanston in areas of early childhood care and education, land use, and workforce training and development; includes: Pearl & Sander Davis Fund for Communityworks

Cultural Diversity Initiative
Fosters understanding among ethnic and racial groups within early childhood education

Evanston Realtors Fund
Increases annual grant awards — a fund initiated by real estate professionals; with contributing funds from: George Cyrus Memorial Fund

Leonard Fisher Fund for Nursing Education
Funds continuing education for ICU nurses at Highland Park and Lake Forest Hospitals

Foundation Fund
Provides for the Foundation’s infrastructure — our own endowment; includes: Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Fund Gene Lavengood Fund

Fund for Evanston
Meets community needs as they change over time through Foundation grants and programs — the original fund of the Foundation; with contributing funds from:

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

Fund for Women & Girls
Supports grants and community education to empower women and girls

Green Communities Fund
Encourages area residents to focus attention on environmental protection, greenhouse gas reduction, resource conservation, and energy efficiency

Leadership Fund
Develops individuals’ leadership skills in diverse groups through exploration of Evanston assets and challenges; includes: Leadership Chairs Challenge NEW Marybeth Schroeder Fund for Leadership

Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts
Funds hands-on arts education programs that benefit disadvantaged children and youth

Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth
Supports organizations and projects to increase employment and educational opportunities for Evanston youth

Skokie Community Fund
Resource for the betterment and welfare of Skokie residents

Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts
Supports arts education for Evanston youth in grades 6 through 12

Faith Vilas Fund for Youth
Provides for programs serving youth

organizational endowments

Center for Independent Futures Fund
Forms innovative partnerships to create product and service models that give adults with disabilities and their families the skills and opportunities to realize a full life

Chessmen Legacy Fund
Established in memory of Morris Barefield and Charles Thomas to support Evanston youth and elderly

ETHS Educational Foundation Fund
Distributes funds to Evanston Township High School in order to complement, enhance and enrich, beyond the means of conventional public funding, opportunities that further the educational mission of ETHS

Margaret Gunn Scholarship Endowment at ETHS
Annual awards in memory of Margaret Gunn, class of 1945
Joseph and Linnie Lee Moragne Memorial Scholarship Fund
Annual awards for African-American ETHS graduates demonstrating high achievement and leadership
Unterman Fund for ETHS
Supports the educational experience of needy students of good character and academic ability
Barry Zwick Football Scholarship Fund
Annual scholarship award for at least one graduating senior who participated in the football program

Evanston Environmental Education Fund
Advances environmental awareness and promotes environmental stewardship in Evanston

Evanston Fourth of July Association Fund NEW
Supports family-oriented entertainment events on the 4th of July and throughout the summer

Evanston Symphony Orchestra Association Fund
Delivers quality, affordable, accessible classical music to the community

Grady Bird Sanctuary Fund for the Evanston Environmental Association
Supports repair and maintenance of the Association’s bird sanctuary

Literature for All of Us Fund
Encourages literature appreciation in youth

North Shore Village Endowment Fund NEW
Benefits a network of services enabling seniors to live independently in their homes as vital members of the community

Roycemore School Endowment Fund
Provides support for faculty and program-related projects
Eisner Endowment for Roycemore School

Youth Job Center Endowed Fund NEW
Supports employment-related services for disadvantaged and at-risk youth

donor-designated funds

Virginia L. and William K. Beatty Volunteer Service Award
Recognizes a medical librarian who has demonstrated service to the Medical Library Association and the health sciences library profession

Beatty Family Scholarship Fund
Provides assistance to three college-bound ETHS graduates with interest and achievement in the areas of foreign language, journalism or writing, and science, honoring the children of Virginia L. and William K. Beatty: Carol, Margaret and William B.K. Beatty

William K. Beatty Medical History Prize
Honors outstanding research in the field of medical history

Chicago Urban Youth Scholarship Fund
Provides tuition assistance to students in programs of Midtown Educational Foundation, Chicago

Citizens Lighthouse Community Land Trust Fund
Supports long-term affordable housing for low- to moderate-income people in Evanston

Fund for Curt’s Café NEW
Applies principles of restorative justice to develop work and life skills in young ex-offenders.

Evanston Police and Fire Fund NEW
Increases the net resources available for the men and women devoted to the safety of our community

Foster Reading Center Fund
Supports this after-school program to increase reading skills and provide readers in home daycare settings

Susan Willis Heiberger Memorial Garden Fund
Maintains the Heiberger memorial garden at ETHS

Rayna and Marvin Miller Fund for Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs
Advocates for fair and affordable housing

Bruce E. Mitchell Short Story Fund
Provides annual awards recognizing outstanding short stories by ETHS juniors.

Chuck Remen Memorial Fund
Benefits Project SOAR at the McGaw YMCA

Norman W. Thomas Jr. Scholarship Fund
Provides college or technical school scholarship assistance to a graduating ETHS senior

Rose and Andy Thomas Educational Fund
Provides scholarship assistance to a graduating ETHS senior who is a first or second generation resident of the USA and/or has an interest in international travel and studies; supports early childhood education and anti-hunger initiatives

donor-advised funds

Allows donors to recommend grants; similar to, but more economical than a private foundation, and easier to establish

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

and
hope

and stewardship

2011/12 financial highlights

The Foundation received nearly \$2.8 million in gifts and grants in 2011, including \$750,000 in matching funds from the Grand Victoria Foundation as we completed the final phase of the Communityworks matching challenge in September 2011. At December 31, 2011, Foundation assets were nearly \$15.2 million.

In 2011 investment results did not contribute substantially to our asset base, thus our net assets increased just \$720,000 in 2011 compared to an increase of \$1,845,000 in 2010. Liabilities consist primarily of the funds we hold as agency endowments; the increase in liabilities is due to gifts added to those funds in 2011.

2011 results and report of the investment committee

We will recall 2011 as the first time in 18 years in which the portfolio's annual return (-0.28%) did not match up to at least two of our three primary investment return benchmarks. While ECF's portfolio outperformed the -2.0% median rate of return of our peer group in the Council on Foundations, the results fell short of ECF's spending target of 5.0% and of the blended benchmark return of 1.9%. The backdrop of a subpar domestic economic recovery, fiscal turmoil in Europe, and a slowing economy in China did not create a favorable environment for equity investing in 2011. Broadly speaking, there was a much smaller range between the best and worst stocks in 2011 than in many years. The markets, it seemed, did not discriminate much among individual stocks; they tended to move as one. That theme carried out to most other asset classes as well. Moves occurred in lockstep and were quite volatile, moving first up and then down (and vice versa) in sharp bursts of trading. It was, in short, a hard market in which to stand out. At the end of the year, our asset allocation remained within policy allocation ranges and broadly spread.

2012 investment performance

As the ongoing global debt liquidation cycle continues, central banks around the world have taken extreme steps to counter its deflationary impact, bringing interest rates for strong governments down to near zero. In response to the elixir of easy money, the financial markets have produced better returns than in 2011. The blended benchmark we use as a measure of the global market available to us rose 5.71% in the first six months of 2012, and the ECF portfolio has kept pace, rising 5.43%. Investors find themselves at a curious crossroads at mid-year 2012. With interest rates held down by policy makers, many investors are finding safe and sustainable sources of income elusive and are stretching in many cases to find investable opportunities. In our view, the markets are beginning to show signs of distorted valuation as a result of prolonged exposure to administered rate levels. Despite the stresses that are likely to continue for the next few years, we continue to believe that a return of 5% is attainable over the long run and have recommended a 5% spending level for 2013 to the Foundation's board. Our investment allocation at mid-year is defensive as we await opportunities to put money to work at attractive valuations.

*The Foundation's Blended Benchmark is the weighted average of the market indices used by the investment committee to measure portfolio performance and includes the Wilshire 5000 Index, the MSCI-EFAE Index of international equities, the Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index, and the J. P. Morgan Global Bond Index.

summary of financial data

as of December 2011 and 2010, in thousands

Net Assets	2011	2010
Assets	\$ 15,159	\$ 14,207
Liabilities	(1,813)	(1,581)
Net assets	\$ 13,346	\$ 12,626

Revenues

Contributions	\$ 2,767	\$ 2,355
Program revenues	80	81
Investment results	(14)	1,392
Total revenues	\$ 2,833	\$ 3,828

Expenses

Program services, including grants	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,721
Management and general	174	141
Fundraising	122	121
Total expenses	\$ 2,113	\$ 1,983

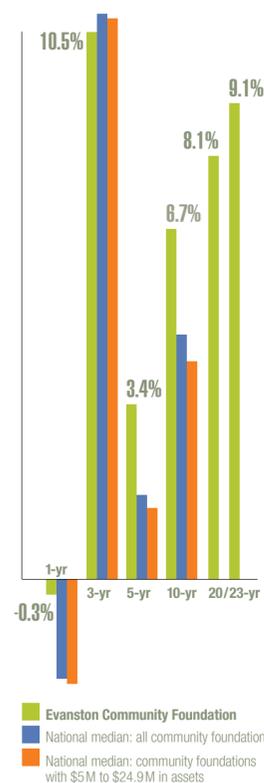
Increase in Net Assets

Revenues in excess of expenses	\$ 720	\$ 1,845
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Audited financial statements and Form 990 are available for review at the Foundation office.

investment performance

average annual total return through December 31, 2011



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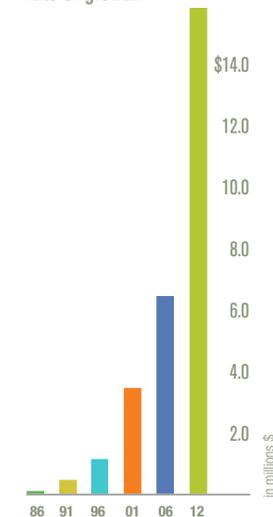
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26 years of asset growth

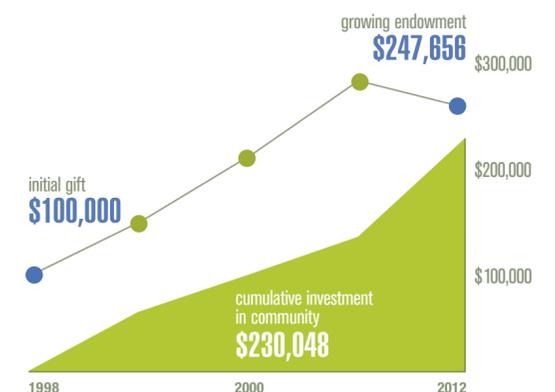
Investment in the organization's infrastructure has made a difference in our rate of growth.



and performance

a gift to the endowment gives AND grows

Based on actual results, a gift of \$100,000 in 1988 would have funded distributions more than twice the size of the original gift—and would also have left in place a fund that is substantially more than twice the size of the original gift.



Investing for the long term.

Bart Rocca has made a career in helping business leaders think strategically. A semi-retired management consultant and longtime Evanston resident, Rocca takes the same strategic approach to charitable contributions: he looks for long-term impact.

That's why he and his family made a major 2011 contribution to ECF's Communityworks fund (which helped us make the Grand Victoria Foundation match) and has now joined our advisory committee.

For starters, the focus on early childhood promises to pay off far into the future. "The first three years of life are tremendously important for cognitive development," says Rocca, "which is so important to be successful in life. Making sure children of less advantaged backgrounds get a reasonable start—that's very appealing. Then there's the purely financial aspect. Grand Victoria's matching grant let me double my money, and I'm all in favor of doubling my money! Plus with Communityworks you make a one-time donation, then the revenue generated by that endowment sustains the program for many years."

Rocca has been an active ECF supporter since the 1990s, both financially and through service with Leadership Evanston. "We're fortunate to have such a vibrant community foundation," he says. "Those are very valuable dollars that the foundation generates—they've been tremendously beneficial to the nonprofits I'm familiar with. I'm pleased that it's established a reasonable growth path in difficult economic times. It's nice to live someplace where there are so many efforts going on to strengthen the community."

and strategy

Catherine and
Bart Rocca



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