

Evanston Now

New Evanston nanobrewery donates to ECF

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Evanston's first nanobrewery, Sketchbook Brewing Co., has donated a portion of its first-month sales to the Evanston Community Foundation.

The donation, \$350, is an undisclosed percentage of December beer sales, according to Shawn Decker and Cesar Marron, co-owners.

"Evanston has welcomed us, right from the start, and we wanted to begin our philanthropic tradition with no delays," said Decker.

After a "soft launch" in September and October, the brewery opened for business to the general public on Nov. 21, operating out of the east alley of the 800 block of Main Street.

Decker and Marron, who met as members of the Evanston Home Brewers Association, said their beer is now being sold in a number of Evanston restaurants, including Boltwood, Prairie Moon, Campagnola, Firehouse Grill, Union, Smylie Bros. Restaurant and Brewery, Bangers and Lace, Farmhouse, and Ten-Mile House.

The brewery focuses on sustainability and will be participating in the Jan. 20 [Green Drinks: Sustainable Brewing](#) (<http://www.greenerevanston.org/events/green-drinks-sustainable-brewing>) event to be hosted by Citizens' Greener Evanston.