

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Increasing Our Capacity for Impact

In 2014, the Board and staff of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation focused on increasing our capacity to have an impact both for our donors and our Villages.

In January we held a reception for our fundholders and discussed our investment portfolio and investment strategies. We discussed our 2013 investment performance and the outlook for 2014. This meeting engendered ideas about giving that led to actions throughout the year and to a significant increase in targeted impactful distributions.

In April we convened more than 100 people for a Success of All Youth Design Institute where the participants designed an approach to addressing how to work toward that success. From that event, volunteers offered their time and expertise and the Foundation created two positions to support this call to action. We hired a Success of All Youth Director and a Communications Manager to provide the framework and support for the volunteers who are helping to build this coalition.

We continued to build capacity with our nonprofit partners with Impact Excellence programming to provide no cost, convenient expertise to local nonprofits on topics such as: board governance, recruiting for board diversity and introduced the 360 degree evaluation technique for board and staffs. As part of our Impact Excellence programming in 2014, The President & CEO of The Donors Forum spoke to the Executive Directors and their board members on the future of philanthropy focused on strategic partnerships and impact investing. We marketed Giving Tuesday by providing our nonprofit partners with tools to promote giving locally on Giving Tuesday, a social media campaign that invites giving on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. And we have begun to discuss our local nonprofits serving the areas as our Social Impact organizations—emphasizing the effect of the work these organizations do instead of their tax status.

We continue to provide a strong *Communityworks* focus with our Advisory Board leadership, supporting a sixth year of Community Leadership development and further implementation of PlantGreen, The Environmental Sustainability Plan for Oak Park and River Forest. This Board continues to consider and support activities of local nonprofits that further environmental sustainability, community leadership development and the Success of All Youth.



**OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Strengthening Our Community Through Philanthropy

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OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUMMARIZED YEAR END

STATEMENT

(2014 UNAUDITED)

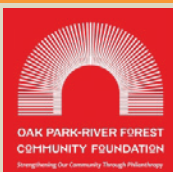
DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS:	\$ 26,929,023
DISTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 3,268,986

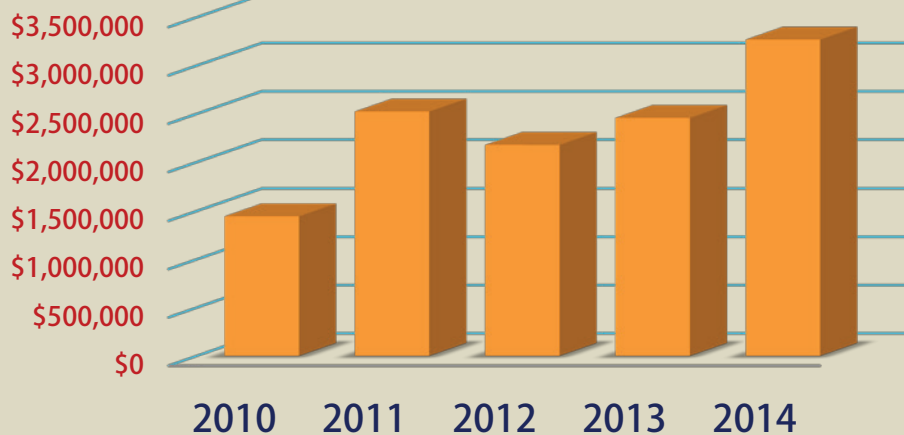
ASSETS HELD FOR OTHERS:

THE RUSSELL AND JOSEPHINE KOTT
CHARITABLE TRUST : \$ 30,800,963
(AS OF 11/30/14, END OF FISCAL YEAR)

DISTRIBUTIONS: \$ 1,564,396



OPRF Community Foundation Total Distributions: All Funds



2014 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

ACCION
COLLABORATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION
LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF WESTERN COOK CO.
NAMI METRO SUBURBAN
OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION
OAK PARK FESTIVAL THEATRE
OPRF DAY NURSERY
OPRF FOOD PANTRY
PARENTHESIS
SARAH'S INN
SMART LOVE FAMILY SERVICES
SUGAR BEET CO-OP
THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC
THRIVE
WEST COOK YMCA
WEST SUBURBAN PADS
WEST SUBURBAN SENIOR SERVICES
MAYWOOD FINE ARTS
MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION
UNITED WAY OF DUPAGE/WEST COOK
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TRUST
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COMMUNITYWORKS GRANTS:

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
DISTRICT 97
SEVEN GENERATIONS AHEAD
HEPHZIBAH
RIVER FOREST PARKS FOUNDATION
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
GREEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
WEST COOK WILD ONES

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS GRANTS:

BEST BUDDIES
HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION
OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION
OAK PARK RIVER FOREST FOOD PANTRY
PARENTHESIS
RELENTLESS MENTORING
SARAH'S INN
WEST SUBURBAN SPECIAL REC ASSN
YEMBA

For details about these grants, please visit:

www.oprfcf.org/grants2014.htm

2014 KOTT MEMORIAL TRUST GRANTS

ADVOCATE LUTHERAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
AGING CARE CONNECTIONS
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
(BACOA)
CANTATA ADULT LIFE SERVICES
CASA CENTRAL
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
CENTER OF CONCERN
CENTER FOR DISABILITY & ELDER LAW
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY
HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROJECT
ILLINOIS SAINT ANDREW SOCIETY
LITTLE BROTHERS FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY
LITTLE CITY FOUNDATION
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY)
LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF ILLINOIS
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS
MERCY HOUSING LAKEFRONT
NAPERVILLE ELDERLY HOMES
NORTH SHORE SENIOR CENTER
NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK
NORTHERN ILLINOIS MEDICAL CENTER
NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN BETHESDA HOME ASSOCIATION
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION
PEOPLE CARE, INC.
PLOWS COUNCIL ON AGING
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY SEGUIN SERVICES OF GREATER CHICAGO
WEST COOK YMCA
WINDOW TO THE WORLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (WTTW)

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2014 HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Our 2014 grantmaking provided greater impact, too. We combined our endowed funds of Charitable and Health with Community Chest and other Field of Interest funds into one application. Social impact organizations could now apply for multi-year grants of up to \$10,000 per year --both firsts for us! We distributed several two-year grant, three at the maximum amount. Area social impact organizations received sixteen grants of \$5000 or more!

We updated our management structure from one managed by an Executive Director to one led by our new President & CEO, Kristin Carlson Vogen, who joined us in August. We established a Director of Finance and filled that position with a CPA to enhance our capacity to serve. We also fully implemented an accounting and database system that provides immediate access to real time information about our funds.

With our Future Philanthropists Program engaging 20 high school students presently, we have provided an eye-opening perspective on how philanthropy works and its impact to more than 70 students since the program's inception. Similarly, the Community Leadership Program has provided this developmental experience to 65 individuals who have graduated and 19 in the program now. Many have moved into leadership positions in the community and within their place of employment. Our Women Leaders in Philanthropy membership continues to grow. From a founding group of six, there are now 58 members. Their interest and support increases our capacity to provide impact. All of our efforts are aimed at strengthening our community through philanthropy.

We anticipate that 2015 will offer opportunities for greater impact. We are positioned to build capacity in the Social Impact sector, better serve our donors and their charitable interests, and provide resources to help realize our unique community aspirations.

2014 Snapshot:

- Funds Managed: 110
- New Funds in 2014: 6
- Donations Received: \$ 486,097.83
- Scholarships Awarded: 269
- Dollar Value of 2014 Scholarships : \$810,300.00
- Women Leaders in Philanthropy: 58
7 new Women Leaders in 2014