



OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST
Community Foundation

THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

**Celebrating
Community Giving**

October 19, 2017
Grand Ballroom
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Oak Park



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**THE OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ENGAGES PEOPLE AND MOBILIZES RESOURCES
TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY.**

**OUR VISION:
A VIBRANT, SUSTAINABLE AND CARING COMMUNITY**





OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST
Community Foundation

INSPIRE

imagination

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passion

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action

THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

Collective Giving

Community Foundations are unique organizations. Through them, people can create simple solutions to complex and strategic giving interests. Through them, people can work together – collectively – to achieve amazing impact. Through them, social impact organizations can receive funding to fulfill their missions.

Tonight you will see the power of collective giving. By coming together as neighbors, family, friends, our contributions to our Fund for Forever will – forever – give back into our community. By coming together as women, entrepreneurs, or NextGen leaders, we make an impact together that is greater than we could ever make alone. By bringing together agencies that focus on serving seniors, the Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust provides funding through collective action for a specific purpose.

Through all of these actions, your Community Foundation serves as the center of excellence in strategic giving.

Enjoy the evening. And consider the question: how can we help you collectively give?



THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

WELCOME

Barb Rohm Rossa
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GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Giving Group Grants

Kristin Carlson Vogen
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Excellence in Philanthropy Grants

Impact Excellence: Capacity Building

Enrichment Grants



Community Grants

Kott Charitable Trust Grants

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Future Philanthropists Grants

Future Philanthropists Program

Senior Class Representatives

PASSPORT PRIZE DRAWING

EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS FEBRUARY 2017

Outstanding Individual: Kendall and Patricia Hunt to The Collaboration for Early Childhood	\$1000
Outstanding Group: Rush Oak Park Hospital (Bruce Elegant) to Infant Welfare Society	\$1000
Outstanding Youth: Sydney Jackson to Roses 4 Austin	\$1000
President's Award to New Moms	\$1000

ENRICHMENT GRANTS

This year, the Foundation has provided **180** enrichment grants for students amounting to **\$548,929** through seven funds that provide grants for young people to attend programs such as summer camps and travel abroad to enrich and transform their lives.

IMPACT EXCELLENCE: BUILDING CAPACITY

Four hundred and thirteen participants attended Impact Excellence seminars and other events in 2017. Seventy local nonprofits benefitted by attending one or more of the ten sessions offered this year. The seminars covered a range of topics including Succession Planning, Strategic Partnerships, Using Big Data, Program Evaluation, Story Telling, and Enhancing your Volunteer Program. Two Board Boot Camps were scheduled for 2017, one targeted for Board members with up to 3 years of nonprofit Board experience and an advanced session for Board members with more than 3 years of nonprofit Board experience. Additionally, the Foundation in partnership with the West Cook YMCA, Oak Park Public Library, Housing Forward, Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest, Ten Thousand Villages and Triton College conducted a volunteer recruitment event which was attended by 44 nonprofits seeking volunteers and 320 people who came to explore the many and varied volunteer opportunities.

Furthermore, the Foundation provided the following 4 local nonprofits with technical assistance and consulting support in 2017/2018 to calculate their Social Return on Investment to help them determine and articulate the broader value of their impact, beyond what is usually captured in outcomes and financial terms:

- ◆ L'Arche Chicago
- ◆ New Moms
- ◆ Oak Park Art League
- ◆ The Collaboration for Early Childhood

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Accion Chicago \$5,000
Accion provides capital solutions and one-on-one coaching to minority and low-income entrepreneurs who generate jobs and economic growth. This grant supports networking and business coaching for 150 entrepreneurs in our community.

Alliance to End Homelessness \$10,000
This grant supports the region-wide system to standardize and expedite the process by which people in need access shelter, housing and homelessness resources.

Children's Research Triangle \$5,000
Children's Research Triangle addresses the mental health needs of high-risk children presenting immediate risk factors, including physical, sexual and emotional abuse; neglect, exposure to violence; prenatal and environmental substance exposure. This grant allows CRT to expand its Trauma Treatment Program in Schools in the Austin community.

Collaboration for Early Childhood ** \$6,000
This grant will help Early Childhood Education home-based and center providers implement the Project Approach early learning curriculum.

CommunityHealth** \$6,000
This grant will allow CommunityHealth to serve 10,000 patients who are low-income and uninsured in Oak Park, River Forest, and nearby communities.

Hephzibah Children's Association** \$7,000
Hephzibah provides housing and support services primarily to lower income and at risk children and families. This grant will support improvements in Hephzibah's data collection, analysis and reporting.

Housing Forward* \$6,000
This grant will address key employment barriers and increase job readiness/employability for 180 clients who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

IWS The Children's Clinic** \$5,000
This grant will improve access to mental health care for low-income children through the integration of mental health and medical services.

Lutheran Child and Family Services * \$6000
This organization works to improve the well-being of youth, adults, families. This grant will help 30 foster care youth who identify as LGBT achieve permanency with a foster parent/family.

Mujeres Latinas en Accion** \$5,000
This grant will provide comprehensive bilingual/bicultural services to Spanish speaking victims of domestic violence and their children.

New Moms, Inc.* \$5,000
This grant is for the Family Support Program, serving high-risk young mothers (ages 13-24) by providing home-based parent mentoring, doulas and weekly parent support groups.

Oak Park Art League** \$5,000
This capacity building grant will help OPAL redefine its mission and programming so as to represent a diverse audience and to implement Art for Social Change as a new programmatic approach to change.

Oak Park Education Foundation \$5,000
This grant will provide scholarships for low-income children so they can attend summer BASE Camp which involves them in hands-on STEAM (science, tech, engineering, arts and math) projects.

Oak Park Festival Theatre* \$5,000
This general operating grant will help the Theatre more fully engage with a greater diversity of talent on the board and with actors.

OPRF Food Pantry** \$8,000
This grant for the Emergency Hunger Relief Program provides emergency supplies of high quality, healthy, nutrient-rich food to 50,000 individuals each year.

Oak Park-River Forest Day Nursery* \$5,000
This general operating grant will ensure that 75 children from our community are well prepared and ready to learn when they transition to Kindergarten, regardless of their ability to pay.

Opportunity Knocks \$5000
Opportunity Knocks provides opportunities and resources to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that they may pursue occupational and social interests. This grant will support health and wellness program and increase therapeutic benefits for participants.

PCC Community Wellness Center** \$6,000
This grant will enhance PCC’s community urban garden and farm stand in Austin, so that this “Farmacy” can be used to enhance the clinic’s health education efforts to combat chronic diseases like diabetes.

Pro Bono Network** \$5,000
Pro Bono Network increases access to legal aid services for low-income residents by removing hurdles for attorneys to provide provide pro bono representation. This grant will increase capacity in orders of protection, juvenile expungement program, and senior clinic work.

Sarah’s Inn** \$8,000
Sarah’s Inn improves lives of those affected by domestic violence and breaks the cycle of violence for future generations. This grant supports the Counseling Program.

Smart Love Family Services \$10,000
This grant will allow Smart Love to recruit and train therapists of color, as their client base are primarily people of color to enhance staff capacity and cultural competency.

Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest \$5,000
This general operating grant will increase engagement across major age groups and ethnicities, broaden financial support, and increase collaboration with community agencies.

**United Way of Metropolitan Chicago,
West Suburban Regional** \$13,500
Supports the Live 2020 Campaign, a community impact plan for Chicagoland and western suburbs.

West Cook YMCA* \$5,000
This grant supports the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residents program which is key to the Y’s social responsibility and addresses the local need of affordable housing.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association \$5,000
This grant will provide improvements to its web-based technology and capacity, such as, for the first time, allowing online program registration. WSSRA provides community-based therapeutic recreation services for individuals of all ages with disabilities.

Total Community Grants in 2017: \$156,500

* The first year of a two year grant awarded in 2017

** The second year of a two year grant awarded in 2016

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS GRANTS

BUILD Chicago	\$2,600
Peer Health Educator Program	
Hephzibah Children’s Association	\$2,000
Sibling Camp – Junior Counselor Program	
Maywood Fine Arts	\$3,000
Teens as Teachers	
Oak Park Education Foundation	\$2,500
VEX Robotics	
Opportunity Knocks	\$2,500
Teaching “warriors” to be philanthropists	
OPRF Infant Welfare Society	\$2,000
Back-to-School Fair	
Roses 4 Austin	\$2,500
After school art education	
West Suburban Special Recreation Association	\$3,000
SENSE-sational Fun Summer Day Camp	
YEMBA	\$2,500
Mentoring Empowerment Program	
Youth Outreach Services	\$2,400
Transitional Living Program	
Total Future Philanthropists Grants in 2017:	\$25,000

GRANTS FROM GIVING GROUPS

ENTREPRENEUR LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY: BIG IDEA

Rescue Foundation	\$50,000
To expand this unique program that reduces return rate to prison (recidivism) of former inmates by interrupting the cycle of events that leads to recidivism and transforms people from being a burden on public funds (prosecution, imprisonment, and welfare), to law-abiding, tax-paying contributors within local economies. This grant is to expand the employer and employee training/support curriculum.	

NEXTGEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Opportunity Knocks

\$2,000

Grant to build capacity of professional staff who will become a Certified Inclusive Fitness Trainer (CIFT) through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

WOMEN LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Based on consensus decision-making, Women Leaders in Philanthropy have determined three causes to fund this year. They have earmarked \$36,000 for the following causes:

- ◆ Advancement of women and girls
- ◆ Heroin/opiod drug and alcohol awareness and addiction prevention
- ◆ Establishment of a low income participation fee scholarship fund, The Youth Engagement Scholarship Fund

Total Giving Group Grants in 2017:

\$87,000

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COMMUNITYWORKS GRANTS

Leadership Lab \$25,000

Leadership Lab’s goal is to create stronger, more engaged leaders who will ensure that Oak Park-River Forest, and surrounding communities, are desirable places to live and work. This general operating grant will support the implementation of activities that contribute towards Leadership Lab’s goal and outcomes.

PlantGreen/Seven Generations Ahead \$89,898

PlantGreen engages local and regional organizations and the communities of Oak Park and River Forest in developing and implementing a 10 year environmental sustainability plan. This general operating grant will support implementation of activities that contribute towards achieving the outcomes of the plan. First year of a two-year commitment.

Success of All Youth (SAY) \$98,726

Success of All Youth’s (SAY) mission is to align priorities, efforts and resources across the community to empower all youth to be successful. Distributions will support implementation of activities that contribute towards the achievement of SAY’s priority outcomes.

Total Communityworks Grants in 2017: \$213,624

RUSSELL & JOSEPHINE KOTT MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST GRANTS

Aging Care Connections \$75,000

For Aging Well Neighborhood Specialist and program support

Center for Disability & Elder Law \$53,000

For Senior Legal Assistance Clinics

Center of Concern \$10,000

For General Operations

Concordia University Chicago \$235,000

For the Center for Gerontology

Greater Food Depository Food for Seniors	\$15,000
Illinois Saint Andrew Society Fourth of a 5-year grant for the Caledonian House, a memory care facility for older adults.	\$20,000
Illinois Saint Andrew Society For General Operations	\$10,000
Kott Gerontology Institute Kott Scholars Program	\$280,000
Little Sisters of the Poor (St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly) General Operations	\$50,000
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois Seed grant for Older Caregiver Support Program	\$50,000
Lutheran Disaster Response For hurricane relief and wildfire relief, to aid seniors	\$150,000
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois For Contingency Care Fund	\$50,000
North Shore Senior Center Older Adults Benefits Program	\$35,000
Norwegian Lutheran Bethesda Home Association For Music & Memory and horticultural programs	\$ 13, 500
Open Arms Clinic General Operations	\$10,000
United Cerebral Palsy Seguin Services of Greater Chicago For Senior Services Daytime Activities Program	\$ 45,000
West Cook YMCA For Active Adult Navigation Program	\$35,000
Window to the World Communications, Inc. (WTTW) For Grandparent Connections and Chicago Tonight.	\$120,000

Total Kott Grants in 2017: \$1,256,500

GRANTS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING FUNDS

Auxiliary of West Suburban Medical Center Fund

Advancing the health of individuals in the west suburban community through health promotion, wellness activities and initiatives that contribute to health improvement.

Beck Seniors Fund

Supporting programming for seniors in Oak Park and River Forest.

Community Chest of Oak Park & River Forest Fund

Supporting the social service needs of the communities of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park in the areas of child and family support programs, health and wellness programs and crisis and emergency services.

Communityworks Endowment Fund

Advancing community aspirations with current focus on The Success of All Youth, Environmental Sustainability and Community Leadership.

Eleanor Teng Women's Care and Advocacy Fund

Supporting organizations and programs that serve or advocate on behalf of women who are seniors, disabled or victims of domestic abuse.

Fund for Forever

Enhancing impact on the well-being, enrichment and sustainability of Oak Park and River Forest through grants to local organizations.

Future Philanthropists Fund

Supporting the grantmaking of the Future Philanthropists Program, a 2-year program in which select junior and senior high school students learn the art and science of philanthropy.

Near West Health Services and Education Fund

Supporting the health education and health services needs of the residents, particularly lower income individuals, in the primary service area of the West Suburban Medical Center.

Mclroy Family Fund

A donor advised fund established by the Mclroy Family which supports their philanthropic interests.

Pane e Pesci Fund

Addressing the basic needs of vulnerable individuals and populations, with a preference to facilitate matching grants within the human services sector.

Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust

Enhancing services for seniors through educational internships, quality programs and capacity building for agencies serving seniors.

2017 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TOTALS:

Excellence in Philanthropy Award Grants.....	\$4,000
Enrichment Grants.....	\$548,929
Community Grants.....	\$156,500
Future Philanthropists Grants.....	\$25,000
Giving Group Grants.....	\$87,000
Communityworks Grants.....	\$213,624

Grants awarded 1/1/17 to 9/30/17: \$1,035,053

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