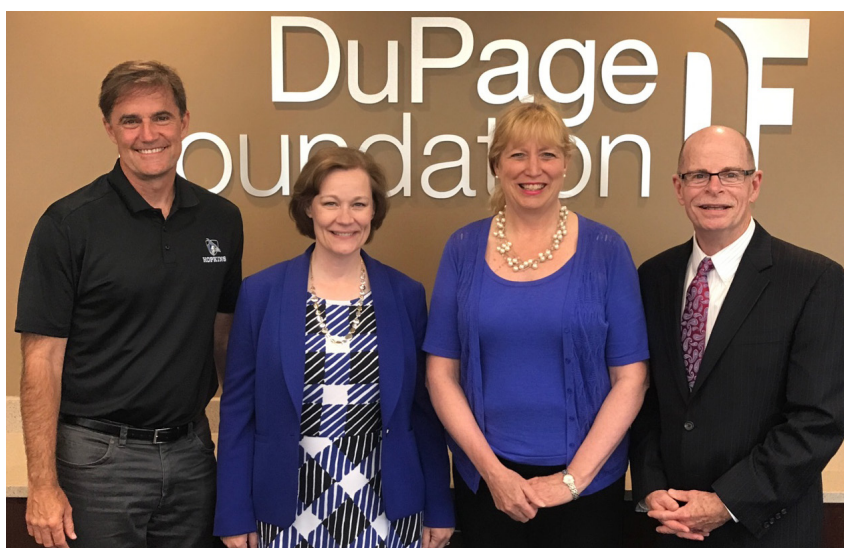


## New Glen Ellyn Fund Launched in Partnership with Village

The Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the **Glen Ellyn Fund Initiative (GEFI)**, an exciting new partnership with the **Village of Glen Ellyn** designed to support unique projects and opportunities aimed at preserving and enhancing the quality of life throughout Glen Ellyn. One of the most attractive features of the initiative is the flexibility it provides for Glen Ellyn residents and friends of the Village to give now, build a legacy, or do both, in order to make a lasting impact for the Glen Ellyn community

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*(Left to right): Allen Gustafson, Gustafson Family Foundation president; Theresa Hawley, Ph.D., Gustafson Family Foundation trustee; Denise Gierach, DuPage Foundation Board chair; and Dave McGowan, DuPage Foundation president & CEO.*

## Gustafson Family Foundation Makes Landmark Investment in DuPage Foundation to Forge New Partnership

When **Allen Gustafson**, president of the **Gustafson Family Foundation (GFF)**, discusses the challenges associated with poverty, he understands that many of us conjure up images of the inner city. Since the 1990s, the growth of suburban poverty has far outpaced that in urban areas across the United States. DuPage County is not immune to that trend. "Despite the affluence of DuPage County, many local families are living in great need," said Gustafson. "Kids are going to bed hungry and parents are working multiple jobs without any prospect for financial security." Allen, his wife **Patti**, and the GFF's Board of Trustees, decided the time was right to ensure that all DuPage children are ready for kindergarten.

In a move that bonds two area grant-makers working to ensure that DuPage children are ready for kindergarten, the

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# Foundation's Bright & Early DuPage Initiative Celebrates Summer Fun

The DuPage Foundation launched its **Bright & Early DuPage** initiative in 2012 with a goal of ensuring that all DuPage children, regardless of race, ethnicity or income level, are ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

Since its inception, the Foundation has provided more than **\$1,048,800** in grants to help DuPage communities build collaborative, sustainable systems to assist young children and their families, particularly those who are at risk, in obtaining the resources they need to prepare for success in school.

On June 21, **56 children** and **25 parents** participated in a **Summer Outreach** event at the Henry Hyde Resource Center in Addison. Additionally, **17 meal packs** were distributed to those families who were identified as being food insecure. Food insecurity, according to the USDA, is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.

Throughout the summer, the **YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago, Project HELP, Loaves & Fishes Community Services**, local school districts and early childhood collaborations spearheaded efforts to get families out of their apartments and homes to participate in play activities and reading events. Four of the early childhood collaboratives that participated in this year's Summer Outreach (**Addison Early Childhood Collaborative, Bensenville Early Learning Supporters, Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative** and the **Willowbrook Corner Coalition**) are funded through Bright & Early DuPage.

"What we love about Summer Outreach is that it gives us a natural and organic way to interact with children and families," said **Lorena Vaughn**, YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago's director of provider services. "Through these events we establish trust and relationships which open the door to further opportunities to connect with them. To be most effective, we're learning as a system to meet the families where they're at."

**Download a copy of Bright & Early DuPage's "By the Numbers," a special community report at: [goo.gl/swSU1H](http://goo.gl/swSU1H)**



*Children celebrate summer fun during the Summer Outreach event held at Addison's Henry Hyde Center.*



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# Foundation Welcomes Mrozek Family Fund

The Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Mrozek Family Fund**, a new donor-advised fund.

The Fund was created with a gift of appreciated stock from Foundation Vice Chair **Ernie Mrozek** and his wife **Diane**.

It will be used by them and their family to recommend grants in support of their favorite causes such as **St. Rita of Cascia High School**, of which Ernie is an alumnus and currently serves as board chairman.

Mrozek, a former vice chair, president and CFO of The ServiceMaster Company, joined the DuPage Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2009. In addition to his current service as vice chair and treasurer before that, Mrozek has been an invaluable contributor to our **Executive, Grant, Investment and Strategic Planning** committees. He and Diane reside in Hinsdale and have two grown children.

The Foundation extends a heartfelt thanks to the Mrozeks for forging this new partnership with us and looks forward to assisting them in accomplishing their charitable goals.

Donor-advised funds allow donors the ability to remain an integral part of the giving process by recommending grants to the agencies and programs they wish to support, both locally and beyond. These funds provide an excellent alternative for people considering establishing a private charitable foundation. Donor-advised funds can preserve anonymity for donors (if desired), provide higher charitable deductions on contributions, eliminate the burdens of tax filings and investment management, and free the donors and others whom they wish to be involved with the fund to focus on supporting the causes and organizations they love.

To learn more about the Foundation's donor-advised fund program and other fund options, please visit our online at [dupagefoundation.org](http://dupagefoundation.org).



*The Mrozek family was recognized by St. Rita of Cascia High School for supporting its recent capital campaign.*

## Glen Ellyn Fund

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and the causes and projects that matter most to them.

"We are incredibly excited to be launching this new partnership with the DuPage Foundation," said **Michael Malone**, a member of the **GEFI Advisory Committee**. "The Glen Ellyn Fund provides a wonderful opportunity for our residents and friends who are passionate about our village to ensure that the aspects of it that they most enjoy continue to thrive and endure for future generations." Glen Ellyn residents and Village friends may contribute to the Glen Ellyn Fund in a number of ways with the Fund supporting current and future programs, projects, capital improvements and other opportunities. The Glen Ellyn Fund will be shepherded by a volunteer Advisory Committee comprised of two Foundation Trustees who live in Glen Ellyn and other civic-minded Glen Ellyn residents. All contributions will be received and administered by the DuPage Foundation in accordance with the donors' wishes.

"As an incentive for residents interested in supporting the Fund, the Foundation has pledged a **1:2 matching grant challenge** of up to **\$200,000** between now and **June 30, 2018** for the creation of a permanently endowed Glen Ellyn field-of-interest fund," said **Michael Sitrick**, Foundation vice president for advancement. "The challenge is being made possible with an unrestricted bequest from the estate of **John J. Bryant**, a former Glen Ellyn resident." Pursuant to the terms of the matching challenge, for every \$50,000 contributed to the new field-of-interest fund up to \$400,000, the Foundation will contribute a \$25,000 matching grant, allowing for the creation of up to a \$600,000 field-of-interest fund.

"We are appreciative of the DuPage Foundation for providing this generous matching incentive," said **Adrianne Gregory**, Village of Glen Ellyn environmental commissioner.

**For additional information about the Glen Ellyn Fund or to inquire about making a gift in support of it, please contact Michael Sitrick, JD, Foundation vice president for advancement, at [mike@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:mike@dupagefoundation.org), 630.598.5285, or by visiting [dupagefoundation.org/initiatives/glen-ellyn-fund.html](http://dupagefoundation.org/initiatives/glen-ellyn-fund.html)**

# NGI Supports Linden Oaks Behavioral Health and World Relief DuPage/Aurora with Grants and Service Projects

The Foundation's **Next Generation Initiative (NGI)** was thrilled to host nearly 50 guests on June 7 for its **Sizzlin' Summer Mixer at Topgolf Naperville**. The event provided a wonderful evening of networking, comradery and education.

In addition, the NGI was delighted to showcase and support the work of two outstanding area not-for-profits: **Linden Oaks Behavioral Health** and **World Relief DuPage/Aurora**. **Amit Thacker**, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health's director of business development, and **Tim Kustus**, World Relief DuPage/Aurora's partnership manager, gave brief presentations and highlighted their respective organizations' missions and upcoming volunteer opportunities. During the event, both agencies were awarded **\$1,000 grants** with donations collected from attendees and a match from the Foundation's NGI Fund.

On June 17, NGI volunteers donated their time at the Linden Oaks Outpatient Education Center to support its stress blanket project. NGI volunteers and Foundation friends helped create stress-relieving blankets for adolescent patients who suffer from anxiety and depression.

"With community support such as yours, we're able to have great success with this project," said **Christine Hanley**, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health's marketing coordinator. "We truly appreciate it and so do our patients."

Then, on July 14, NGI volunteers assisted World Relief DuPage/Aurora with a Youth Club Movie Night at Wheaton Square Apartments in Wheaton. Approximately 75 children enjoyed a cookout, played games and enjoyed a special outdoor screening of the animated film, *Sing*. NGI volunteers cooked and served hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and water; and organized soccer games and rounds of Frisbee.

"Thanks for organizing this great group of volunteers and for allowing us to come speak and be a beneficiary of the NGI's



*NGI volunteers assisted Linden Oaks Behavioral Health with its stress blanket project in Naperville.*

generosity," said Kustus. "I always appreciate the opportunity to get out the word about the refugees and immigrants we are serving here in DuPage County."

Membership to the NGI is open to people and organizations of all ages and interests who are passionate about our community and seeking opportunities to connect, learn and give back.

The NGI's next event will be the evening of **Wednesday, January 24**, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Naperville. Stay tuned for additional details and registration information!

**Learn more about the Next Generation Initiative online:**  
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# Gustafson Family Foundation Fund

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GFF of Woodridge voted in early June to transfer its nearly **\$17 million** private foundation to the DuPage Foundation (DF) to establish a donor-advised fund through which GFF will continue its grantmaking going forward.

GFF is forging this partnership with DF to create a sustainable platform from which to operate at a lower cost, eliminate its administrative burdens of operating as a private foundation, provide more advantageous tax benefits for future contributions to it, and to allow its board to benefit from the expertise of DF's knowledgeable program staff and other DF resources. The transfer marks one of our community's largest investments to date in a DuPage-area charity.

"There are now as many poor living in the suburbs of Chicago as there are in the city of Chicago," said **Barb Szczepaniak**, vice president for programs of the DuPage Foundation. "In the suburbs, there are fewer service providers and the providers that are here can't keep up with the need."

"There were many reasons that compelled us to partner with the DuPage Foundation in this way," said Gustafson. "Beyond the financial advantages, we want to ensure that the Gustafson Family Foundation has a succession plan to continue its legacy of giving created by my parents. This way, no matter which family members and trusted advisors are involved with GFF at any given time, we will have the continuity of the DuPage Foundation helping to ensure our continued impact and success."

The two foundations have worked together before—first around GFF's efforts to build an **Educare** in West Chicago in 2008, and later when GFF made a grant of \$1 million to DF's **Bright & Early DuPage** initiative in 2011, which leveraged a matching gift of **\$1 million** from the **Grand Victoria Foundation**.

"The Gustafson Family Foundation demonstrated its faith in our ability to help transform the lives of vulnerable youth in DuPage when it invested in our Bright & Early DuPage initiative," said **Dave McGowan**, president & CEO of the DuPage Foundation. "The GFF board saw the value of bringing additional dollars into DuPage and trusted us to use those dollars to prepare DuPage children for success in school. We couldn't be more pleased with our relationship with Al and the rest of the GFF leaders and are humbled by the confidence they are placing in our ability to steward these assets that are so personal to them."

"One of the reasons GFF has decided to merge with the DuPage Foundation is to shine a spotlight on the many opportunities that exist right here in our county to make a meaningful philanthropic impact," said **Denice Gierach**, DuPage Foundation Board chair. "Sometimes we can overlook the need that exists in our own backyard."

"Our hope is that this partnership will encourage others in the community to join forces with us and the DuPage Foundation in our efforts to prepare area children for kindergarten," said Gustafson. "DuPage Foundation has been a tremendous champion

of early childhood care and education since adopting its Bright & Early DuPage initiative, and we can think of no better partner to help us focus on our grantmaking and maximize our impact going forward."

The DuPage Foundation currently provides stewardship for more than 300 funds on behalf of area residents and organizations and works with them to facilitate their giving and grantmaking throughout DuPage County and beyond. The transfer of the Gustafson Family Foundation to the DuPage Foundation is the largest gift to the DuPage Foundation in its history and takes our assets from \$71 million to approximately **\$89 million**, an increase of 25%.

"We want to work with partners in our philanthropic pursuits as we can do so much more together than we can ever do on our own," said Gustafson.

## New Funds Established

- Adolescent Fund of Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center
- John J. Bryant Fund
- Gustafson Family Foundation
- Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans Endowment Fund
- Mrozek Family Fund
- Tyrrell Family Foundation
- Wheaton Public Library - Adams Memorial Fund

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# Foundation Welcomes Mahlan as New Administrative Assistant

The DuPage Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of **Michelle Mahlan** as its new administrative assistant. In this role, Mahlan will provide administrative support to the finance, advancement, and program departments, as well as the president & CEO.

"Service to others is something I try to practice each day and it will be a privilege to live that motto working at the DuPage Foundation," said Mahlan.

"I am interested in learning more about efforts to help the homeless in DuPage County and am excited for the opportunity to work as part of the DuPage Foundation team that helps to raise the quality of life in DuPage County and make our communities stronger."

"What impressed me the most about Michelle was her extensive not-for-profit experience, cheerfulness and willingness to help anyone," said **Sabrina Lear**, Foundation office manager. "We have a busy office with everyone chipping in to get things done, so having someone who is willing to do whatever it takes for the good of the organization is a big help. I'm so excited Michelle is joining the Foundation's administrative team."

During the past 12 years, Mahlan has worked and volunteered for several DuPage County organizations. She regularly serves the homeless at her church through **DuPagePads**. Prior to joining the Foundation, Mahlan worked for 11 years as the **Woodridge Park District's** public relations & marketing assistant. Most recently, she worked as the **Village of Burr Ridge's** community development secretary and **South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation's (SEASPAR's)** Board recording secretary.

Mahlan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English with distinction from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Mahlan, her husband David, their three sons, and Goldendoodle Bentley live in Downers Grove. She enjoys gardening, photography and is an avid home chef.

Please join us in welcoming Michelle!



*Michelle Mahlan*



## Ending the Year Well

There are a number of charitable planning strategies that can help you lower your income and taxes this year. Here are some ways you can shift tax dollars to charitable dollars and support your favorite causes:

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- **Outright Gift of an Asset**—Make a gift of appreciated stock, real estate or another asset, avoid paying capital gains tax on the transfer and receive a tax-saving charitable deduction.
- **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**—Make a tax-deductible gift to a DAF, which gives you the ability to make grants to your favorite charities this year and in future years.

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**If you would like further information on any of these end-of-year planning strategies, please contact Michael R. Sitrick, JD, vice president for advancement, for a personal consultation at 630.598.5285 or [mike@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:mike@dupagefoundation.org).**



# Snodgrass Family Fund Supports New Early Childhood Collaboration in Willowbrook Corner

In early spring of 2017, **Barb Szczepaniak**, Foundation vice president for programs, sat down with **Jim and Ruth Ann Snodgrass** to discuss their upcoming grantmaking intentions. The Snodgrasses, who have called Wheaton home since 1968, are committed to enhancing the quality of life in their community. The conversation began with a discussion of the Foundation's **Spring Community Needs grant cycle** and Barb shared a list of organizations that have received funding throughout recent years. The Snodgrasses were already drawn to the health and human services offerings provided by **Outreach Community Ministries, Project HELP, Bridge Communities, and Community Career Center**. But they knew they could do more to support local education. That's when Barb began sharing the success stories attributed to the Foundation's **Bright & Early DuPage** initiative. She said that the deadline for Bright & Early DuPage grant applications was on the horizon, but this cycle would pose challenges. In 2017, the **Bright & Early DuPage Committee** was anticipating grant requests from new communities, but due to limited funds, would not be able to fully support these communities.

Barb noted that the Bright & Early DuPage Committee had received an application from **Willowbrook Corner** which is one of the lowest income areas of DuPage County. Ever since the initiative launched in 2012, the Foundation has wanted to support an early childhood collaboration in that area, but the Committee had to wait for partners working in that community to initiate a collaboration. Barb indicated that the Foundation received eight applications from collaborations and that we were looking for local partners to support one or more of the communities over multiple years. The Snodgrasses read, and were intrigued by the Willowbrook Corner application. Jim and Ruth Ann had an idea.



*Jim (right) and Ruth Ann Snodgrass (center right) attend the Foundation's 2017 Spring Grant Breakfast at Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn with Les (left) and Mary (center left) Wiberg.*

After careful consideration, Jim contacted Barb and stated that they would recommend grants for two years (2018-2019) of funding to support the **Willowbrook Corner Early Childhood Collaboration**.

"During prior discussions, the Snodgrasses had indicated their preference for supporting organizations that encourage self-sufficiency," said Szczepaniak. "They strongly believe that their charitable funds should not simply alleviate current unhealthy and destructive conditions but should also provide, at an early age, education, counseling and other support that can lead to long-running success in family, community and work. They feel that the Willowbrook Corner collaboration meets their criteria and they are pleased to be a catalyst in getting the initiative established."



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