



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

A community foundation is defined simply as a grantmaking public charity dedicated to improving the lives of people in a defined local geographic. Increasingly, however, larger community foundations are funding global initiatives, in addition to programs in their geographic region.

DuPage Foundation covers the geographic territory of DuPage County, Illinois, and surrounding areas, including neighboring Cook County, where Chicago is located.

MOST COMMON PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Education
- Children
- Human and Social Services

DUPAGE FOUNDATION ALSO FOCUSES ON:

- Arts
- Environment
- Animal Welfare and more!

FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

- The first community foundation was created in 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio, and operates now as the Cleveland Foundation.
- Every continent but Antarctica has a community foundation, and it is estimated that there are at least 1,200 community foundations outside of the United States and Canada.
- As of 2020, there were over 900 community foundations in the United States. With the addition of affiliate community foundations that serve typically rural geographies, there are over 1,400 communities being served by a community foundation in the United States.
- Total giving by community foundations in 2015 was nearly \$7 billion. Community foundations in California gave the most, with total giving by community foundations in the state totaling nearly \$1.5 billion.
- Nearly every type of gift, from cash to real estate to bitcoin to stock, can be donated to a community foundation.

About DuPage Foundation

DuPage Foundation was established in 1986. In 2021, we'll be celebrating our 35th year!

In FY20, DuPage Foundation made \$8.8 million in grants to area not-for-profits through various grant programs, including its Community Needs grant program, which makes grants twice each year