

DuPage Foundation History

1986

The DuPage Community Foundation is formally established as a donor-advised fund of The Chicago Community Trust, starting out with a \$100,000 matching challenge grant. An advisory committee of community leaders is appointed to oversee the Foundation.

1987-1988

The Foundation awards its first grant to the DuPage County Historical Society for \$10,000. In 1988, the Foundation awards \$50,000 in grants to six area organizations.

1992-1993

DuPage Foundation surpasses \$1 million in charitable assets.

1994

DuPage Foundation separates from The Chicago Community Trust and receives 501(c)(3) status.

1998

The Foundation celebrates \$1 million in grants awarded on behalf of DuPage County.

2001-2004

The Foundation receives its first million-dollar gifts. After receiving several major gifts, the Foundation's charitable assets total \$15 million.

2007

The Next Generation Initiative is established as a way of endowing our future by cultivating our next generation of philanthropic leaders. The Foundation's assets grow to \$25 million.

2010

The Foundation distributes more than \$1 million in grants in a single year for the first time and celebrates awarding more than \$10 million in its history.

2011

The Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary surpassing \$30 million in assets and \$10 million in cumulative grants. The Legacy Society grows to more than 100 members.

2013

Bright & Early DuPage is launched, ensuring that children in DuPage are prepared to enter kindergarten and poised to succeed in life.

2015

Arts DuPage is launched by the Foundation to support, promote, and advocate for the arts in DuPage County.

2017

The Gustafson Family Foundation makes a landmark investment in DuPage Foundation transferring its nearly \$17 million in assets to create our largest donor-advised fund and cement a longtime partnership. The Foundation surpasses \$70 million in assets and \$30 million in cumulative grants.

2020

DuPage Foundation sets up a *COVID-19 Response Fund* and awards nearly \$1.8 million in grants to DuPage not-for-profit organizations.

2021

The Foundation celebrates its 35th anniversary and surpasses \$125 million in assets and \$60 million in cumulative grants.