

DuPage Not-for-Profits Receive Nearly \$270,000 in Grants

The DuPage Foundation was pleased to award nearly **\$270,000** in grants to 30 not-for-profits working in the areas of Animal Welfare, Arts and Culture, Education, and the Environment as part of our **2018 Fall Community Needs** grant cycle. Grants were distributed at our Holiday Open House in December.

Thirty-six grants totaling \$506,000 were also awarded to DuPage Health and Human Services agencies during our **2018 Spring Community Needs** grant cycle last June.

For the Fall cycle, the Foundation received 113 applications in 2018, significantly more than the number of requests from previous years.

"The increase in requests illustrates the growing need for funding that our county's not-for-profits are facing," said **Barb Szczepaniak**, Foundation vice president for programs. "As the number of requests



(Left to Right) Roy Spencer of Perma-Seal; Foundation Trustee Betsy Brosnan; Joyce Hothan, now-retired executive director of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC); GECRC Board Member Lisa Tylke; and Laura Ann Spencer of Perma-Seal celebrate a grant to the Center partially funded by the Perma-Seal donor-advised fund.

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increases, we cannot be more appreciative of our generous donors and fund advisors whose support increases our Community Needs budget."

Because of grant recommendations from advisors to our donor-advised funds, the Foundation awarded an additional **\$234,000** from our two Community Needs grant cycles in 2018.

Perma-Seal Fund advisors recommended a partial grant enabling the Foundation to award **\$20,000** to **Literacy DuPage's** tutoring program for non-English speaking adults.

"We teach people how to speak, understand, read, and write in English, and we're specifically planning to work with employers in DuPage County, including Perma-Seal, to help employees improve their work-based literacy through tutoring," said Executive Director **Therese McMahon**. "This grant means the world to us and to so many of our learners."

Animal welfare was a new grant category in 2018 and is an example of how the Foundation connects donors with causes about which they care. Inspired by his lifelong love for his dogs, a donor established the **Companions' Fund**, a permanent endowment

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Imagination Ball Raises Nearly \$440,000



From surprise Golden Tickets to scrumdiddlyumptious cocktails and entrees to an everlasting supply of candy and fun, the DuPage Foundation's **2018 Imagination Ball** was a night to remember as it generated nearly **\$440,000** for Foundation operations and programs aimed at raising the quality of life throughout DuPage County.

Held on November 17 at The Westin at Yorktown Center in Lombard, the Imagination Ball has so far raised more than **\$360,000** for the Foundation's **Operating Fund** with contributions still being received.

The Foundation also secured nearly **\$77,000** in support of our **Next Generation Initiative (NGI) Community Innovation Matching Grant Challenge and Paddle Raise** which benefited our **NGI Fund** and three grantees: **Little Friends**, **NAMI DuPage**, and **Teen Parent Connection**.

These organizations each received grants of **\$12,500** after being selected as part of a competitive application process for having successfully established creative and innovative solutions to community needs.

"With more than 260 guests, this year's Benefit was our largest and most successful to date," said **Dorothy O'Reilly**, Foundation trustee and event chair.

"It was fantastic to have so many Foundation friends and partners on hand to celebrate with us. Their support is vital to our success and is what fuels our ability to increase the breadth of our community impact each year. We are truly grateful for their generosity and investment in our work."

Premier Sponsor **Northern Trust** could not have been more proud of their event sponsorship.

"The evening was a fun-filled ode to philanthropy and community, a tremendous success by all measures!" said **Roger McDougal**, Foundation Trustee and Northern Trust's senior vice president and managing director.

"The Rise and Shine program is unique. We have two social enterprises: one is a cafe and the other is a printshop. People get a chance to learn job skills, but really the most important thing they gain is confidence."

Mark Dennison, Supported Employment Director, NAMI DuPage



Foundation Trustee Nate Wasson and his daughter Grace dance to the sound of the band Final Say.



(From left) Jim Atten, NGI Steering Committee members Juliana Maller and Tamara Ortegel, and Tamara's husband, Don Ortegel, were among the guests who enjoyed the pure imagination of Willy Wonka-themed decorations and bidding on silent auction items.

"Little Friends' Respite Opportunities program offers multi-week sessions for children with special needs and their siblings featuring activities and socialization opportunities as well as providing caregivers opportunities for rest and relief from challenges associated with raising a child with special needs."

Mike Briggs, President & CEO, Little Friends



The decorations sparkled, and so did the the guests, including (left) Diana Martinez and Dan Porter.



Trustee Joyce Webb (above center) entertains guests at her table. Benefit Committee Member June Barnard (below center) chats with guests India Ehioba and her son Alex.



"We are proud and grateful to be recognized for our Baby Bucks program, which provides young parents with the essentials they need to care for their babies."

**Becky Beilfuss, Executive Director,
Teen Parent Connection**

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Local Groups Benefit From Community Needs Grants

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focused on supporting animal welfare projects.

A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter was thrilled to be a first-time grant recipient of the Foundation.

"This grant will allow A.D.O.P.T. to help pets and their families who are experiencing a personal crisis due to illness, hospitalization, rehab, foreclosure, etc. by providing short-term foster care for pets," said A.D.O.P.T. Executive Director **Chris Stirn**.

During this past fiscal year, **\$4.8 million** was awarded from the Foundation's more than 325 funds on behalf of our donors and community.

Dare to Dream Inspires Latinas to Make Big Plans

January 2019 marked the 11th year for the **Dare to Dream: Get Educated!** conference, which received an **\$8,500 Community Needs** grant, partially funded by the **Donor-Advised Fund for Needy Children**.

This conference brought 278 middle-school Latina girls and 232 parents or mentors to the **McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage** to learn about setting goals and the lifelong economic and personal value of higher education. Applying for college, financial aid, and career opportunities were also discussed by students and their adult mentors.

Four DuPage-area **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** branches work with the **Regional Office of Education** and local school districts to design the program. More than 100 volunteers work to present the conference and provide follow-up contact with the students. Evaluations consistently show that attendees believe the conference has a positive impact on them.

In addition, \$1,000 scholarships are made available to Dare to Dream attendees who are graduating in 2019.



Students from Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison attend the Dare to Dream: Get Educated! conference. Focused on encouraging Latinas to pursue their college goals, the conference was a fall 2018 Community Needs grantee.

These organizations received a total of **\$268,275** through our **2018 Fall Community Needs** grant cycle and recommendations from representatives of donor-advised funds:

Animal Welfare: \$25,675

A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter: \$7,500
Naperville Area Humane Society: \$10,675
West Suburban Humane Society: \$7,500

Arts & Culture: \$94,100

Century Walk Corporation (Funded by the JCS Fund): \$20,000
Chicago Sinfonietta (Funded by the JCS Fund): \$15,000
ClaySpace (Funded by the JCS Fund): \$2,500
College of DuPage Foundation: \$16,000
DuPage Art League (Funded by the JCS Fund): \$9,100
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation (Funded by the History DuPage Fund): \$2,500
DuPage Symphony Orchestra: \$10,000
Elmhurst Choral Union (Funded by the Mary Eleanor and James M. Wall Fund): \$2,500
Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale: \$2,000
Paramount Arts Centre: \$4,500
Senior Suburban Orchestra (Funded by the JCS Fund): \$2,500
St. Andrew Lutheran Church: \$2,500
Storycatchers Theatre (Funded by the Shebik Family Fund for Basic Human Needs): \$2,500
Young Naperville Singers: \$2,500

Education: \$108,500

Alive Center: \$10,000
Community House: \$10,000
Dare to Dream: Get Educated! (Partially funded by the Donor-Advised Fund for Needy Children): \$8,500
DuPage Children's Museum: \$10,000
The GardenWorks Project: \$2,500
Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (Partially funded by the JCS Fund and Perma-Seal Fund): \$15,000
KidsMatter: \$20,000
Literacy DuPage (Partially funded by the Perma-Seal Fund): \$20,000
North Central College (Funded by Betty W. Smykal): \$2,500
Robert Crown Center for Health Education: \$10,000

Environment: \$40,000

Conservation Foundation: \$14,000
Fermilab Natural Areas: \$12,000
SCARCE: \$14,000

Healthy Lifestyles Grants Total More Than \$100,000

Healthy Lifestyles grant recipients received funding early this year to support four evidence-based programs that encourage healthy eating and physical activity. The grants totaled **\$105,000** and were provided by the **JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of the DuPage Foundation**. Recipients included:



Bridge Communities' Reality Kitchen Program

This two-part nutrition program provides hands-on tips for planning, shopping, and preparing quick, healthy, and affordable meals for homeless families who are transitioning to permanent housing. Participants start with a workshop on the basics of nutrition taught by a registered dietitian. Family members then participate in one-on-one sessions that include finding recipes for healthy meals, developing a grocery list, shopping, and learning how to read food labels. At the final session, the client family prepares ten meals.



The GardenWorks Project Home Gardening Program

The program provides 300

low-income clients with a raised garden bed, gardening tools, and a volunteer coach to ensure a successful first produce harvest. The overall goal is for clients to develop life-long gardening skills and to become more knowledgeable about healthy eating and cooking with nutrient-dense foods on a budget.



Northern Illinois Food Bank Whole Body Approach to Disease Prevention Program

This healthy-eating educational program directed toward low-income individuals with diabetes and other chronic health problems will be provided for Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and

Wayne Township Food Pantry clients. During a 10-week period, participants will learn lifestyle changes that reduce diabetes risk, including eating more fruits and vegetables and healthy movement. The goal is to encourage behaviors that decrease the development of chronic diseases.



UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago Project FUN (Fitness and Ultimate Nutrition) Pilot Program

Project FUN will provide exercise and healthy eating education to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities who live in five of the organization's group homes. The program will help participants make better choices through diet and exercise, reduce reliance on medical treatment, and lower the number of emergency room and health-care visits that might be due to inadequate diet and exercise. The pilot is expected to be replicated at the remaining 71 homes in DuPage and Cook counties.



In this 2003 photo, Joan Masterson, right, then-chair of the Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry, accepts their first Squire grant from then-DuPage Foundation Director of Grants Bonnie Heydorn.

Squire Fund Nears \$1 Million in Grants

Established in June 2002, following the passing of late Foundation friend **John W. "Bill" Squire**, the John W. Squire Fund has, to date, awarded nearly **\$1 million** in grants to 52 organizations serving the residents of DuPage County.

The Fund, which operates as an unrestricted and designated hybrid, gives our Grant Committee the maximum flexibility to annually address pressing community needs while also providing perpetual support for four organizations that were dear to John and his wife Joan: **Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry, People's Resource Center, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church.**

"The John W. Squire Fund has given hope and opportunity to thousands of PRC families struggling with hunger and poverty," said officials from People's Resource Center.

Carol Squire, John's daughter, agrees. "The Fund is a wonderful reminder for my children to be proud of and inspired by their grandparents," she said.

To learn more about leaving a legacy for our community, visit www.dupagefoundation.org or contact **Mike Sitrick**, Foundation vice president for advancement, at **630.598.5285** or mike@dupagefoundation.org.

Joan Morrissey Returns to Board

The DuPage Foundation is pleased to welcome back **Joan Morrissey** of Wheaton to our Board of Trustees. Morrissey most recently served as a Trustee Emerita following her initial Trustee term from 2006 – 2015 and has remained actively involved on multiple Foundation committees.

"I am honored to again serve as a Foundation Trustee," said Morrissey. "I'm especially looking forward to helping advance the important work of our **Bright & Early DuPage** and **Arts DuPage** initiatives."

Previously, Morrissey served on the **Wheaton Public Library Board** for 29 years and was an active member of the **College of DuPage Foundation** Board and chair of their scholarship committee.

Joan has a deep love for the arts, acting in and directing many community theatre productions as well as teaching classes at College of DuPage. Morrissey and her husband, Joe, have three grown children and nine grandchildren.

Morrissey presently serves as chair of the Foundation's **Arts DuPage** and **Bright & Early DuPage** committees. We are grateful for her time, expertise, and this renewed commitment!



Emergency Fund Aids Evangelical Agency After Fire

Last year, the **Evangelical Child and Family Agency** (ECFA) in Wheaton suffered a terrible fire. Along with damage to their building, ECFA's files received extensive smoke and water damage.

ECFA received a **\$5,000** grant from the DuPage Foundation **Emergency Fund**. According to **Barb Szczepaniak**, Foundation vice president for programs, the Emergency Fund, established in 2014, offers a way for the Foundation and its donors to do something immediately when there is a crisis in the county.

From fires that can affect low-income residents in apartment buildings to extreme weather damage, the fund can be tapped quickly to get agencies and the clients they help back on their feet.

"We can be very nimble and respond quickly," Szczepaniak said.

The funds were used by ECFA as a match to help it garner other gifts, including \$12,000 during its annual Christmas in July appeal.

ECFA is a Christian social services agency that offers services such as adoption, child welfare services, counseling, and pregnancy care.

It started because ECFA saw a need to assist women with unplanned pregnancies and homes for children in the foster care system. The agency currently has offices in both Illinois and Wisconsin.

The loss of the building has not affected the day-to-day services for the community. Rebuilding is taking place and ECFA is planning to move back this summer.

ECFA's files were sent to be treated to remove the smoke smell and dry-frozen to remove the moisture. Moving forward, they intend to maintain the files digitally.

To donate to the Foundation's Emergency Fund, visit **www.dupagefoundation.org** or call **630.665.5556**.

New Funds Established

Through March 1, 2019

- James R. Bonde Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bridge Communities, Inc. Charitable Gift Annuity Fund III
- Michael E. and Nancy E. Drevalas Foundation
- DuPage River Preservation Fund
- Grover Hermann Sunset Fund
- H.O.M.E DuPage Agency Fund
- Johansen Family Fund
- Maple Street Chapel Agency Fund II
- A. George and Patricia C. Pradel Fund
- Strategic Plan Implementation Fund
- Trabilsy Fund
- Turning Pointe Autism Foundation

To establish your fund, contact us at **630.665.5556**.

For a complete listing of current funds, visit **www.dupagefoundation.org**.

NGI Charity Trivia Night Warms Up Winter



Thirty teams competed for the traveling trophy and for the chance to recommend a grant to a local charity during NGI's Charity Trivia Night in February.

NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVE (NGI) CHARITY TRIVIA NIGHT!

FirstMidwest Bank and guests, playing under the team name **Alternative Facts**, won the trophy during our **NGI Charity Trivia Night** on February 6 at **Empire** in Naperville. The team, as part of their victory, selected **Little Friends** as the recipient of a **\$2,000** grant.

Thirty teams were ready for heated trivia action after the event was postponed from Jan. 30 due to extreme cold. **Alternative Facts** also earned a \$200 food and beverage credit courtesy of **Empire** and their team name engraved on the NGI Charity Trivia Night travel trophy.

Perfect Puzzlers from **Turning Pointe Autism Foundation** came in second. The team won **Empire** swag and a gift certificate from **Morton's**.

Along with the grant to **Little Friends**, proceeds from the event will also support the Foundation's Next Generation Initiative Fund.

A Split-the-Pot raffle earned an amazing \$1,250, with **Don Ortelgel** taking half home. Attendees were encouraged to join NGI, and, as an extra incentive for signing up that night, new members' names were added to a raffle. **Arica LeFavour** won a \$100 **Empire** gift card. Welcome to all our new members who joined that night, and thanks to **BKD CPAs and Advisors** for sponsoring the event!

NGI individual memberships allow participants to engage in philanthropic activities and meet others interested in helping raise the quality of life for the residents of the DuPage community. Corporate sponsors gain valuable exposure and reach audiences inspired to effect positive change in the county.

Join NGI by visiting www.dupagefoundation.org or contacting **Kait Balsewicz**, development officer, at kait@dupagefoundation.org or 630.598.5292.

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Arts DuPage is Your Source for Local Events and Tickets

Arts DuPage is hitting all the right notes! Year-end reports indicate a 264% increase in the number of website users over the previous year. Ticket clicks rose to almost 1,500.

This means area residents are using the online resource to find music, art, dance, and literary events, and DuPage County arts organizations are benefitting.

If you haven't tried finding your next artistic adventure, go to www.artsdupage.org and start searching!



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