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A Season of Record-Breaking Grants:

Nearly \$900,000 Awarded to 51 Local Agencies

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A Message from Our President & CEO



Dear Foundation Friends:

I hope you're having a wonderful summer! It's been an energizing past few months of connection, collaboration, and impact here at the Foundation.

As you thumb through the pages that follow, I'm excited for you to learn more about the important work we've been championing to raise awareness about our county's most pressing needs while providing opportunities to come together and address them.

Our **Spring Community Needs grant cycle** awarded a record-breaking nearly **\$900,000** to **51 local health and human service not-for-profits** that are working daily to assist our most vulnerable neighbors and address issues affecting all aspects of our community. This was made possible, in part, by an outpouring of support from local donors and Foundation donor-advised fund representatives who contributed approximately \$400,000 in supplemental funding to bolster our grant budget and fund approximately 70 percent of eligible requests received.

With May having been Mental Health Awareness Month, we were honored to host a community forum on the state of mental health and substance use disorder in our county. DuPage County government officials and leaders from some of our area's not-for-profits joined together for an outstanding panel presentation discussing how our respective sectors are working collaboratively to address these issues on behalf of our residents and community.

Speaking of mental health, our now nationally-recognized and award-winning **DuPage Community Transformation Partnership** recently celebrated the fruits of its largest grant award to date with the opening of **Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services'** new counseling center in Bloomingdale. A **\$500,000** grant made in partnership between **DuPage County** and the Foundation fully funded the creation of this new center while providing additional funds for the hiring of therapists to administer mental health care for youth in the Addison/Glendale Heights area.

We couldn't be more excited about the impact this powerful, five-year, \$10 million partnership is having on our community. Despite being a county of tremendous resources, the needs in DuPage remain significant and urgent, and we are proud to lead in addressing them, collectively, with partners like you, while building systems that will help raise the quality of life for all.

Lastly, you'll read about some exciting efforts on which **Arts DuPage**, **Bright & Early DuPage**, and our **Next Generation Initiative** are leading, along with the celebration of some staff milestones and the addition of two new employees to our ranks. I can't say enough about the tremendous team we have. They, together with our cadre of more than 150 volunteer leaders, energize and inspire me every day with their dedication to our mission and commitment to serving our community and partners.

Thank you all for your continued advocacy, support, and partnership. Together we'll keep **doing a world of good in our own backyard.**[®]

Sincerely,

Mike Sitrick, JD, CFRE
President & CEO

Our Vision

To raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County.

Our Mission

To foster philanthropy, connect donors to area needs, and build community partnerships.

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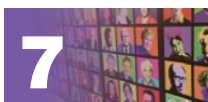


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Who's on the cover?

Clients of Bridge Communities, Inc. Bridge Communities received a \$25,000 Spring Community Needs grant for its Children's Program. Bridge Communities provides free transitional housing and support services to nearly 100 local families facing homelessness to help break the cycle of poverty. (Grant partially funded by the Betty M. Bock Fund and Harbaugh Family Fund.)

New Funds Established

Since March 2023

- Anonymous (2)
- DiDomenico - Oberle Fund
- Glenbard West Centennial Scholarship Fund
- Partipilo Fund for Health and Human Services
- WDSRA Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Legacy of Dick Cline

DuPage Foundation mourns the loss of our friend and advocate **Richard G. “Dick” Cline**, who passed away on March 19, at the age of 88, surrounded by his loving family.



A longtime resident of DuPage County, Dick made his mark in the corporate world starting in the 1970s as chairman and CEO of Jewel Companies, Inc. (Albertsons, Inc.), and then later in the same capacity at Nicor, Inc. He also served on several prominent boards, and went on to establish himself as an equally prominent force in the philanthropic world.

Dick was an avid champion of DuPage Foundation, helping increase our visibility within the community and grow our impact. In 2000, he and his wife, **Carole**, made a lead transformational gift of \$1 million to our **DuPage Forever Fund** (formerly the *General Endowment Fund*).

Dick was also an early volunteer leader for the Foundation, serving as co-chair of our *Commission 2000: Building a Foundation for the Future* initiative. At Dick’s encouragement, Carole would later go on to join the Foundation Board and co-chaired the Annual Benefit for many years with their good friend, the late **Cleve Carney**.

“We’ve had the honor of benefiting from Dick and his family’s friendship and advocacy since our early beginnings,” said **Mike Sitrick**, Foundation president & CEO. “Dick has always been a shining light for philanthropy in our community and an outstanding ambassador.”

Dick and Carole have passed on their passion for philanthropy and volunteerism to their four children, 17 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Today, their son, **Rich Cline**, serves on the Foundation’s Board of Trustees and Rich’s daughter, **Sara (Cline) Howland**, serves as a Steering Committee member for the **Next Generation Initiative**, which Dick and Carole’s daughter, **Linda Cline Raymond**, helped start.



Dick and Carole Cline

In recognition of their community leadership, Dick and Carole were honored in 2004 as “Philanthropists of the Year” by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network during its Annual Philanthropy Awards. ■

Memorial contributions can be made to the *DuPage Forever Fund* at dupagefoundation.org/clinememorial.

Remembering Mary L. Voigt

The Foundation also mourns the loss of **Mary L. Voigt**, who passed away on January 23, just one month away from turning 100 years old. Mary grew up in Fayetteville, AR, received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Arkansas, and completed one year of graduate study from the University of Iowa (Iowa City).



Mary was a longtime resident of Downers Grove. She spent the majority of her career in the Chicago office of Standard Oil of Indiana, which later became Amoco Oil. Following her retirement in 1986, she became the assistant secretary of the board of directors of the BP/Amoco Alumni Association of Greater Chicago. She was an avid doll collector and served on boards for a variety of doll collecting organizations.

In her early eighties, when most people begin slowing down, Mary sold her Downers Grove home, auctioned off the majority of her doll collection, bought a BMW, and moved into a condominium at Plymouth Place Senior Living, where she made new friends, served on the homeowners’ board, and on various committees. She was also active in knitting and quilting groups.

Prior to her passing, Mary established a donor-advised fund at the Foundation, the **Mary L. Voigt Fund**, and very generously named it as the residual beneficiary of her estate. As a result, Mary became part of our **Legacy Society**. Her fund creates a perpetual base of support for her loved ones to utilize for the benefit of her community and her favorite causes. We are extremely proud to honor Mary and celebrate her life and commitment to her community and philanthropy. ■

Create Your Legacy Through DuPage Foundation



DuPage Foundation's **Legacy Society** honors the generous, forward-thinking donors who have made a commitment to secure DuPage County's future by including the Foundation in their estate plans. Ensure that your legacy will have a transformational impact on our community for generations to come by naming DuPage Foundation as a charitable beneficiary in your estate plan. The Foundation will receive, administer, and provide ongoing stewardship of your planned gift to make certain your intentions are honored. ■

To learn more about how you can create your own charitable legacy and join this special circle of Foundation friends who are investing in the future of our community, please contact **Yashica Weeks, CFRE, CAP®**, director of gift planning, at yashica@dupagefoundation.org or **630.598.5288**.

The Animal Welfare Legacy of Ron Bork



During the spring of 2011, **Ron Bork** began to establish the groundwork to benefit the causes that resonated with him and made provisions through his estate to create the **Ronald R. Bork Fund** of DuPage Foundation. As a result of his inspired vision, a five-year animal welfare legacy fund was created that generated **\$1.2 million** in local impact.

During his lifetime, the award-winning visual artist had a passion for storytelling. Ron called Glen Ellyn home for nearly 40 years until his passing on August 4, 2016, and he was adamant about leaving a transformative legacy for his community.

Ron loved animals, so he instructed that a portion of his fund should support the **Willowbrook Wildlife Center** with the remainder to benefit other not-for-profit agencies in DuPage County that provide or facilitate animal welfare services.

A working group of animal lovers established a five-year application process and annually reviewed and distributed grants to local organizations.

Half of the funds went to Willowbrook Wildlife Center, 32 percent went to supporting veterinarian care and medical supplies, 10 percent went to technology and facility construction at these organizations, and 8 percent to transport vehicle purchases.

"We received the final award from the *Ronald R. Bork Fund* and appreciate that DuPage Foundation managed this bequest for the benefit of animals in DuPage County, fulfilling Mr. Bork's wishes," said **Jeannine Kannegiesser**, chief partnership & philanthropy officer for the **Forest Preserve District of DuPage County**.

Our sincerest thanks to Ron for his generosity and trust in our stewardship. ■



From left to right: Pat deRosset, Ruth Carlson, Foundation Vice President for Programs Barb Szczepaniak, Trustee Emerita Laurie McMahon, and Trustee Megan Shebik, comprised the Animal Welfare work group that reviewed the Ronald R. Bork Fund grant applications.



DuPage Foundation Grants Nearly \$900,000 to 51 Local Health and Human Services Not-for-Profits

Sharing Connections' Good Night's Sleep Program

DuPage Foundation recently granted **\$899,076** to **51 not-for-profit organizations** providing essential health and human services to residents across DuPage County through the Spring 2023 cycle of our **Community Needs Grant Program**.

The following organizations received a Community Needs grant:

• 360 Youth Services	\$25,000	• NAMI DuPage	\$25,000
• Assistance League of Chicagoland West	\$12,000	• Naperville Elderly Homes	\$15,000
• Bridge Communities, Inc.	\$25,000	• Neighborhood Food Pantries	\$25,000
• Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet	\$20,000	• Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services	\$25,000
• Center for Advancing Domestic Peace	\$2,500	• Northern Illinois Food Bank	\$25,000
• Chicago Dental Society Foundation	\$21,000	• People's Resource Center	\$20,000
• DayOne PACT	\$23,500	• Ray Graham Association	\$23,000
• Donka, Inc.	\$15,000	• Repeat Boutique Center	\$25,000
• DuPage Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000	• Ride Assist Naperville	\$5,000
• DuPage Health Coalition	\$25,000	• Serenity House Counseling Services, Inc.	\$25,000
• DuPagePads	\$25,000	• Sharing Connections	\$25,000
• Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley	\$20,000	• Special Kids Day	\$6,000
• Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network	\$1,500	• Spectrios Institute for Low Vision	\$12,000
• Evangelical Child & Family Agency	\$10,000	• Teen Parent Connection	\$20,000
• Family Focus	\$20,000	• The Community House	\$25,000
• Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities	\$23,000	• The GardenWorks Project	\$18,000
• Glen Ellyn Food Pantry	\$7,076	• The Outreach House	\$25,000
• Glen Ellyn Youth & Family Counseling Service	\$25,000	• Warm Coats for Cool Kids	\$18,000
• Hamdard Health Alliance	\$25,000	• WeGo Together for Kids	\$11,000
• Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc.	\$25,000	• West Suburban Community Pantry	\$13,500
• Little Friends, Inc.	\$10,000	• World Relief Chicagoland	\$25,000
• Loaves & Fishes Community Services	\$25,000	• Xilin Association	\$10,000
• LOVE Christian Clearinghouse	\$12,000	• Youth Outlook	\$20,000
• Mayslake Village	\$2,500	• YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	\$25,000
• Metropolitan Asian Family Services	\$15,000		
• Metropolitan Family Services DuPage	\$10,000		
• My Child's Life Matters	\$2,500		

Visit dupagefoundation.org/grants/spring-grant-recipients.html for grant recipient project descriptions.

“The sheer volume of grant applications that came through during this past cycle is a testament to the need for support and the opportunities to help in our county,” said **Roger McDougal**, a Foundation trustee and Grant Committee chair.

Additional contributions from local area donors and grant recommendations from advisors of DuPage Foundation donor-advised funds helped increase the Foundation’s Spring 2023 *Community Needs* grant budget by 79 percent.

Applications for DuPage Foundation’s *Community Needs Grant Program* are accepted twice per year and are reviewed by the Foundation’s volunteer Grant Committee.

The fall cycle of *Community Needs* supports programs that improve and enrich the quality of life for DuPage County residents in the areas of education, arts & culture, environment, and animal welfare. For grant guidelines and more information, please visit dupagefoundation.org/CNGP. ■

Program Focuses on Importance of Destigmatizing Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, DuPage Foundation collaborated with DuPage County officials and representatives of area not-for-profits to present a community program and reception, **“Transformational Solutions to Community Needs, Part II: Addressing Mental Health Needs & Substance Use Disorder.”**

DuPage County State’s Attorney **Bob Berlin** was one of five panelists discussing the importance of removing the stigma related to mental health and substance use disorder. “It all starts with mental health and we need early intervention,” said Berlin. **Fight Crime: Invest in Kids** is a program he supports, and it provides statistical evidence that after school hours are a prime time for juvenile crime. “Keeping kids busy is an investment we make now that pays off in the future.”



Panelists from left to right: Marco Jacome, Kandice Henning, Bob Berlin, Barb Szczepaniak, Deb Conroy, and Mike Sitrick.



Approximately 100 community members gathered for this timely discussion on mental health and substance use disorder.

Joining the State’s Attorney in this special program were: DuPage County Board Chair **Deb Conroy**; Alive Center Founder & CEO **Kandice Henning**; Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc. CEO **Marco Jacome**; DuPage Foundation Vice President for Programs **Barb Szczepaniak**; and DuPage Foundation President & CEO **Mike Sitrick**, who moderated the panel discussion.

The panelists discussed how their institutions are collaborating to provide transformational solutions to some of our community’s most significant challenges in the areas of mental health and substance use disorder.

Special thanks to our venue partner **Power Forward DuPage**, and to the **LeFort-Martin Family Donor-Advised Fund** and

the **Sullivan Taylor Family Fund** of DuPage Foundation for defraying the cost of the program. ■



College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Museum of Art (CCMA) and the McAninch Arts Center (MAC) are currently home to one of the

most significant visual art exhibits ever to hit DuPage County. **"Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop | Works from the Bank of America Collection,"** sponsored in part by **DuPage Foundation and our Arts DuPage Initiative**, comprises 94 pieces on loan through Bank of America's Art in Our Communities® program and features some of Warhol's most iconic images.

More than just an exhibit, Andy Warhol Portfolios is an immersive and multifaceted experience. With 11,000 square feet of display space, the MAC showcases a biographical photo essay of Warhol's life, an interactive cloud installation, a children's print factory, a Studio 54 nightclub recreation, and a Central Park outdoor café.

Andy Warhol: 26,280,000 Minutes of Fame

In celebration of the exhibit, more than 25 communities rose to the MAC's Pop Art Challenge. Each participating municipality submitted headshots of four local notables, who were "Warholized," arranged in a mural, and installed in a prominent location in that town. This opportunity, sponsored by **JCS Arts, Health, and Education Fund of DuPage Foundation**, recognizes more than 100 hometown heroes and brings their stories to light. ■



Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop | Works from the Bank of America Collection at the College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Museum of Art and the McAninch Arts Center.

Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop runs through September 10. For more information, visit theccma.org.

Bright & Early DuPage Parent Advocate Programs: Sharing Ideas and Solutions



The development of Parent Advocates has been a critical component of success for the **DuPage**

Foundation Bright & Early DuPage (B&ED) Initiative.

B&ED is engaging and uniting local organizations and individuals to build awareness for, and facilitate access to, early childhood education and support services



A recent Bright & Early DuPage Parent Advocate Workshop.

for DuPage children and their families.

Each year, B&ED provides grant funding to local community organizations to help establish,

build, and maintain early childhood collaboratives. B&ED also serves as a voice for early learning and child-friendly policies at all levels of government.

"Our parent advocates are vital to the success of this program because they have a deep understanding of the nuances within each different group we work with to help bring childhood collaboratives to life," said **Deborah du Vair**, former chair of B&ED and current consultant for the program.

A series of workshops have been taking place at the Foundation office, focusing on critical issues each group has identified. "Ideas and solutions are shared using the collective experiences of our team members," said du Vair. Topics cover everything from case study review, self-care, mental health, and relationship building, to the importance of marketing and communications. ■

View the *DuPage Early Childhood Community Profile* at dupagefoundation.org/BrightAndEarly.

Next Generation Initiative (NGI) Spring and Summer Socials

DuPage Foundation's **Next Generation Initiative (NGI)** hosted its Spring Social on April 27, at **Alive Center**, in Naperville, to shine a spotlight on and raise funds for youth mental health.



NGI members and Foundation staff at the Spring Social, from left to right: Karen Fleming, Samantha Hollis, Grant Simmons, McKenzie Kuhn, Kait Balsewicz, Nathan and Paige Ronchetti, Heather Lehmann, and Jeff Balsewicz.

Alive Center's mission is to create Teen-Led, Teen-Driven™ centers focused on empowering the youth of today to become the confident, impassioned, resilient leaders of tomorrow. Its unique model drives teen empowerment, promotes physical and emotional wellbeing, and inspires personal growth and a sense of belonging.

Thanks to generous donations from attendees, NGI members, and a \$3,000 matching challenge from the **Summer Oaks Fund** of DuPage Foundation, the **Next Generation Initiative Fund** awarded a **\$6,000** grant to Alive Center.

Special thanks to the evening's Event Partner, **101 Digital**; Catering Partner, **Busy Butternut**; Beverage Sponsors, **Solemn Oath** and **City Water**; and 2023 Silver Annual Corporate Partner, **Duly Health and Care**.

NGI's Summer Social took place on June 14, at **Noon Whistle Brewing Co.**, in Lombard. Highlighting the needs of DuPage County's youngest residents and their parents, the event featured **The Outreach House's** First Things First program.

The Outreach House's mission is to provide compassionate and practical assistance to individuals and families in need, with dignity and without judgment.

Thanks to generous donations from attendees, NGI members, and a \$2,500 matching challenge from the **Edward and Wanda Jordan Family Foundation**, the **Next Generation Initiative Fund** awarded a **\$5,000** grant to The Outreach House. Additionally, attendees donated more than 2,600 diapers and other baby supplies through a diaper drive.

Special thanks to the evening's Event Partners, **Kuhn, Heap & Monson** and **Mutual of America**; Catering Partner, **Busy Butternut**; and 2023 Silver Annual Corporate Partner, **Duly Health and Care**. ■



73 NGI members and friends gathered for the Initiative's Summer Social to learn about and support The Outreach House.

NGI offers opportunities for community members of all ages to join together to learn about philanthropy, participate in the giving process, volunteer, and help raise the quality of life for the residents of DuPage County. To learn more or to become a member, visit dupagefoundation.org/NGI.

Innovative Partnership Receives National Award



DUPAGE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP



The **DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP)**, a collaborative, five-year, \$10 million grant program between **DuPage County** and **DuPage Foundation**, has earned a national achievement award from the **National Association of Counties (NACo)**.

“We’re pleased this wonderful program has received national recognition and we’re grateful to DuPage Foundation for its partnership through the DCTP’s rollout,” said DuPage County Board Member **Greg Schwarze**, who chairs the County’s Human Services Committee. ■

To learn more visit dupagefoundation.org/DCTP.

DCTP Funds New Counseling Center



NEDFYS and DCTP representatives, Bloomingdale Mayor Franco Coladipietro, and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce were on hand for the ribbon cutting of NEDFYS' new mental health care facility on May 30.

Last October, **Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS)** was awarded a **\$500,000** Transformational grant from the **DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP)** to fund the opening of a new community counseling center in Bloomingdale and to hire therapists to provide mental health care for youth in the Addison/Glendale Heights area.

The need for expanded mental health services for youth continues to escalate, which is evidenced by the increasing number of adolescents who are currently on the wait list for counseling.

“When NEDFYS’ application was initially submitted in June 2022, its wait list for counseling was 102 individuals,” said **Barb Szczepaniak**, DuPage Foundation vice president for programs. “In March of this year, NEDFYS reported that its wait list was at 271 youth.” NEDFYS anticipates this grant will impact 950 individual clients over the two-year grant period. However, the opening of this center will continue to serve youth well beyond that time frame. ■

Staff Updates

Michael Trench Joins the Foundation as its Vice President for Advancement



The Foundation is pleased to welcome **Michael Trench** as its vice president for advancement. Michael will serve as a part of the Foundation's leadership team and will oversee the Advancement Department, as well as work closely with individuals, families, businesses, and their advisors to help them plan and accomplish their unique charitable goals.

Michael previously served as the chief development officer and foundation executive director for College of DuPage, executive director for the Community Foundation of Will County, and most recently as the director of development for King-Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge.

Michael holds an undergraduate degree in history and languages, and a graduate degree in theology, along with post-graduate work in history. He finds that inspiration is what motivates people to invest in the causes and organizations they value and cherish.

Gunnar Peterson Joins the Foundation as its Advancement Intern

The Foundation is pleased to welcome **Gunnar Peterson** as its new advancement intern. Gunnar started in May and is providing support to the Advancement team with the planning of the Annual Benefit and other events in addition to assisting staff with research, presentation preparation, and other tasks.



Gunnar attends North Central College (NCC) and brings a range of relationship management and organizational skills from his past work at Target and The Home Depot. He is in the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, is a Rho Kappa Chapter member, and is an NCC Intramural Volleyball Team Captain. He is also BASSET certified and an NIU Business Competition Winner.

Kait Balsewicz and Yashica Weeks Earn CAP® Certification

Team members (from left to right) **Yashica Weeks, CFRE, CAP®**, director of gift planning, and **Kait Balsewicz, CFRE, CAP®**, assistant director of donor services, recently earned their **Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®)** certification from the **American College of Financial Services**.

They spent months completing their studies to increase their knowledge and skills to better serve our constituents in effective charitable planning. Congratulations to Yashica and Kait!



Foundation Celebrates Staff Milestone Anniversaries

Maureen Brink, administrative assistant, one-year anniversary on August 15.

Karen Vicary, office manager, five-year anniversary on June 12.

David Weisz, vice president for finance, 10-year anniversary on August 14.

Barb Szczepaniak, vice president for programs, 15-year anniversary on June 2.



From left to right: Maureen Brink, Karen Vicary, David Weisz, and Barb Szczepaniak.



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Make a Splash at Under the Sea



It's time to dream in colors borrowed from the sea and experience beauty and adventure at **DuPage Foundation's 2023 Annual Benefit: Under the Sea** on **Saturday, November 4**, at **The Westin Chicago Lombard**. Become spellbound with the majesty and abundance of the deep through live music, unique activities, and mouthwatering cuisine fit for kings and queens of the sea. ■

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For event information or sponsorship and ticket opportunities, please contact **Kaitlyn Miller Balsewicz, CFRE, CAP®**, assistant director of donor services, at **630.598.5292** or **kait@dupagefoundation.org**. Event ticket sales are open now at **dupagefoundation.org/underthesea**.