

#### LETTER FROM THE **BOARD CHAIR & CEO**

#### **CELEBRATING A YEAR OF COLLABORATION & COLLECTIVE IMPACT**

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing our community's greatest challenges and opportunities through collective impact. We are pleased to share this report of our activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Together, we are transforming lives across DuPage. During FY24, Foundation grants increased 16% from FY23 to nearly \$14.7 million. These distributions included more than \$1.5 million from our signature Community Impact grant program—a record amount. This was only possible thanks to area donors and donor-advised fund representatives, who provided more than \$700,000 in supplemental fundina.

Our Bright & Early DuPage initiative awarded nearly \$275,000 to eight local early childhood education collaboratives, ensuring our area children are poised to lead successful lives. This past February, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker recognized the program for its impact and pioneering framework at a special press conference.

We also continued to implement the award-winning DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP). Working in conjunction with the DuPage County Board, we have helped many of our local health and human services not-for-profits address critical needs for our most vulnerable neighbors, while strengthening these organizations' systems and infrastructure.

Earlier this fall, we committed our final dollars from the DCTP. Eighty-four grants have been awarded since the program's inception in 2022, totaling \$10,450,000. These funds have helped our community address critical issues related to mental health and substance use disorder, food insecurity, and housing instability. Nearly a quarter of our county's residents have benefited directly from DCTP grants to date.

Looking to our future, the results of the DCTP have inspired us to broaden the depth and breadth of our grantmaking. Our successful partnership with DuPage County has encouraged us to create the DuPage Funders' Collaborative, which aims to build stronger coordination among local and regional funders.

During FY2024, we also established 20 new funds, bringing our total to more than 400, while increasing our assets under management to more than \$147.7 million.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome 14 new members to our Legacy Society, which consists of known commitments from more than 200 individuals and families. These generous and forward-thinking friends have named the Foundation in their estate plans to secure our community's future while supporting their favorite causes and charities.

Thank you again for your continued confidence and trust. We could not achieve what we do without your partnership.

Together, we'll keep doing a world of good in our own backyard.®

Mike

Michael R. Sitrick, JD, CFRE William E. Blum President & CEO

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**GRANTS** AWARDED \$14.7 **Million** 

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$147.7 **Million** 

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# AUGUST 2023

#### **DuPage Community Transformation Partnership Awards \$1.3 Million in Grants**

The DuPage County Board and representatives from the Foundation awarded grant recipients nearly \$1.3 million through the second round of Immediate Intervention grants of the *DuPage* Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP). These grants are helping fund the work of 18 social service not-for-profit organizations serving DuPage County residents.



"A whole community approach is crucial if we hope to tackle some of the most persistent and challenging issues we face in DuPage County."

- The Hon. Deborah Conroy, Chair, DuPage County Board

# BRUARY

#### Gov. Pritzker **Celebrates Bright** & Early DuPage

An early childhood education celebration took place with Governor JB Pritzker during a press conference at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley in Villa Park. Representatives from the

Foundation and our Bright & Early DuPage (B&ED) initiative, along with members of the Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative, joined Gov. Pritzker, members of his cabinet, other state and local elected officials, and area families for the event.



#### **Hunger Action Luncheon**

The Foundation was proud to join presenting sponsor Itasca Bank & Trust Co., along with co-sponsors Duly Health and Care, and Edward-Elmhurst Health, together with 13 area chambers of commerce and 275 attendees at a Multi-Chamber Hunger Action Luncheon in Glen Ellyn on August 29. In honor of its 75th Anniversary, the Bank created a permanentlyendowed community fund, the Itasca Bank & Trust Co. Hunger Action Fund of DuPage Foundation.



#### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast**

The re-established DuPage County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast took place January 15, at Drury Lane, with a sold-out crowd of more than 1,200. Inland Real Estate Group seeded a permanently-endowed community fund, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Fund of DuPage Foundation. Grammyaward winning Gospel singer Rev. Darius Brooks gave an inspiring musical tribute with the Cathedral of Grace St. John AME and DuPage AME church choirs.



#### Community **Impact Grants**

During the spring 2024 cycle of our Community Impact grant program, the Foundation granted \$938,077 to 52 essential health and human services organizations across DuPage County.







## FUNDING THE FUTURE: DUPAGE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

Chances are, if you live in DuPage County, the *DuPage Community Transformation Partnership* (DCTP) has made a transformative impact in your town.

The DCTP is a five-year, \$10 million grant program between DuPage County and DuPage Foundation, funded with federal dollars received by the County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It provides Immediate Intervention and Transformational grants to social service not-for-profit organizations, helping DuPage County residents access food, housing, mental health services, and treatment for substance use disorders.

Immediate Intervention grants provide the necessary funding for organizations to respond to the most urgent needs of their clients, and to quickly scale their organizational capacity to deliver critical services and resources.

Transformational grants are designed for maximum impact—not only for individuals, but entire communities. They support evidence-based programs with strategies that build capacity, improve efficiency, change behaviors, and solve key challenges within DuPage County.

As of June 30, 2024, 53 grants totaling \$6.1 million have been distributed through one Transformational and two Immediate Intervention cycles.

#### **TOTAL DCTP GRANTS THROUGH FY24: \$6,131,925**

Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders – **46%**Housing Instability – **34%**Food Insecurity – **20%** 

Awarded 17 two-year Transformational grants totaling \$3.8 million

Awarded 36 Immediate Intervention grants totaling \$2.3 million

**IMPACT OF GRANTS** 

Total Individuals Served

225,617

Total Households Served

65,879

Total Counseling
Sessions
Provided

13,200

DCTP Grants Through FY24 \$6,131,925

**Total** 

This is equivalent to 4MM+ meals

> Total Pounds of Food Distributed

5,212,361

Total Unhoused Individuals Who Secured Housing

FY24
IMMEDIATE
INTERVENTION
GRANTS
\$1,281,316

#### **IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION GRANTS**

Senior Home Sharing, Inc.

World Relief Chicagoland

The Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace

**Sharing Connections** 

| Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Grants | \$639,416 |
|---|-----------|
| Alive Center                                  | 60,000    |
| DuPagePads                                    | 166,416   |
| Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley               | 50,000    |
| Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center         | 50,000    |
| Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc.          | 78,000    |
| Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services    | 120,000   |
| SamaraCare                                    | 65,000    |
| WeGo Together for Kids                        | 50,000    |
| Food Insecurity Grants                        | \$207,200 |
| Hope's Front Door                             | 20,000    |
| Humanitarian Service Project                  | 70,000    |
| Loaves & Fishes Community Services            | 85,000    |
| People's Resource Center                      | 32,200    |
| Housing Instability Grants                    | \$434,700 |
| Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet         | 163,700   |
| Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans         | 50,000    |
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51.000

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25,000

120,000

While the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, many challenges continue to affect our residents. Immediate Intervention grants are helping people like Ana who has been able to access nutritious food for her three children, and Sarah, a homeless senior on a fixed income, who received assistance with a security deposit and first month of rent so she could move into permanent housing. These grants have also funded counseling services to help those with mental health challenges, including a nine-year-old child who received support after losing his father to COVID.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT** 

GRANT PROGRAM

In 2024 our Community Needs grant program was rebranded to Community Impact. This rebrand emphasizes the Foundation's commitment to being a leader in delivering coordinated impact focused on improving

the quality of life for residents across DuPage County.

Community Impact grants fuel organizations and programs that improve and enrich the everyday lives of people in our community. During two grant cycles each year, applications are accepted from local not-for-profits serving the DuPage County community in five areas of service: health & human services, education, environment, arts & culture, and animal welfare. Beginning in fall 2024, arts & culture grants will be awarded under our Arts DuPage initiative.





| HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES<br>GRANTS (52)        | \$938,077 |
|---|-----------|
| 360 Youth Services                            | 25,000    |
| AbilityLinks                                  | 5,000     |
| Assistance League Chicagoland West            | 18,000    |
| Bridge Communities, Inc.                      | 25,000    |
| CASA of DuPage County, Inc.                   | 25,000    |
| Chicago Dental Society Foundation             | 25,000    |
| DuPage Senior Citizens Council                | 12,000    |
| DuPagePads                                    | 25,000    |
| Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley               | 25,000    |
| Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network           | 12,000    |
| Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry                | 11,000    |
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| Evangelical Child & Family Agency             | 10,000    |
| Family Focus                                  | 20,000    |
| Glen House Food Pantry                        | 8,234     |
| Hamdard Health Alliance                       | 25,000    |
| HCS Family Services                           | 25,000    |
| Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc.          | 25,000    |
| Hope's Front Door                             | 10,000    |
| Little Friends, Inc.                          | 15,000    |
| LOVE Christian Clearinghouse                  | 12,000    |
| Marklund                                      | 5,000     |
| Mayslake Village                              | 3,000     |
| Metropolitan Asian Family Services            | 15,000    |
| Metropolitan Family Services DuPage           | 25,000    |
| NAMI DuPage                                   | 25,000    |
| Naperville Elderly Homes                      | 15,000    |
| Neighborhood Food Pantries                    | 25,000    |
| Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services    | 25,000    |
| Northern Illinois Food Bank                   | 25,000    |
| OLI Gardens                                   | 10,000    |
| Outreach                                      | 25,000    |
| Path To Recovery Foundation                   | 10,000    |
| Peoples Community Church                      | 5,000     |
| Ray Graham Association                        | 25,000    |
| Reclaim13                                     | 23,250    |
| Repeat Boutique Center                        | 25,000    |
| Ride Assist Naperville                        | 7,500     |
| SamaraCare                                    | 25,000    |
| Sharing Connections                           | 25,000    |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference     | 4,500     |
| Special Kids Day                              | 6,000     |
| Teen Parent Connection                        | 25,000    |
| The GardenWorks Project                       | 18,000    |
| The Outreach House                            | 15,593    |
| United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chica |           |
| VNA Health Care                               | 25,000    |
| Warm Coats for Cool Kids                      | 22,000    |
| West Suburban Community Pantry                | 25,000    |
| Western DuPage Special Recreation Associati   |           |
| World Relief Chicagoland                      | 25,000    |
| Xilin Association                             | 12,000    |
| YWCA Metropolitan Chicago                     | 25,000    |
|   | 20,000    |

| EDUCATION GRANTS (18)                       | \$278,925 |
|---|-----------|
| Best Buddies                                | 10,000    |
| Candor Health Education                     | 15,000    |
| Child's Voice                               | 2,500     |
| Compudopt                                   | 25,000    |
| CREO DuPage                                 | 15,000    |
| DuPage Children's Museum                    | 20,000    |
| Elmhurst Student Philanthropy Council       | 5,000     |
| Embrace Living Communities                  | 10,000    |
| Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center       | 25,000    |
| Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago | 9,750     |
| Green Halo Scholars                         | 25,000    |
| H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc.                       | 25,000    |
| nnovation DuPage                            | 20,000    |
| nside Out Club DuPage                       | 14,175    |
| Literacy DuPage                             | 25,000    |
| Resilient, NFP                              | 25,000    |
| Turning Pointe Autism Foundation            | 2,500     |
| United States Adaptive Golf Alliance        | 5,000     |
|   |           |

| ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS (21)                 | \$215,175 |
|--|-----------|
| Anima - Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus       | 10,000    |
| BrightSide Theatre                         | 25,000    |
| Buffalo Theatre Ensemble                   | 25,000    |
| College of DuPage Foundation               | 25,000    |
| Darien Arts Council                        | 2,500     |
| Downers Grove Choral Society               | 2,500     |
| DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation | 2,500     |
| DuPage Symphony Orchestra                  | 22,200    |
| Elmhurst Art Museum                        | 25,000    |
| Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts        | 2,500     |
| Elmhurst Choral Union                      | 5,000     |
| Elmhurst Pride Collective                  | 10,375    |
| Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale                 | 5,000     |
| Lisle Community Band                       | 2,500     |
| Naperville Art League                      | 11,500    |
| Opera for the Young                        | 2,500     |
| Paramount Theatre                          | 2,500     |
| Salt Creek Ballet                          | 10,000    |
| Spirito!                                   | 5,000     |
| Wheaton Drama, Inc.                        | 16,100    |
| Young Naperville Singers                   | 2,500     |
|  |           |

| ENVIRONMENT GRANTS (4)                     | \$77,500 |
|--|----------|
| SCARCE                                     | 25,000   |
| The Conservation Foundation                | 25,000   |
| The Morton Arboretum                       | 20,000   |
| Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America | 7,500    |
|  |          |

| ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS (3)    | <b>\$</b> 34,000 |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter       | 10,000           |
| Hinsdale Humane Society      | 14,000           |
| West Suburban Humane Society | 10,000           |
|                              |                  |

## DONORS & PARTNERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The income from unrestricted and field-of-interest funds that donors have established at the Foundation provides an annual budget to fuel our *Community Impact* grants for DuPage County not-for-profit organizations.

Additional support from local donors and Foundation donor-advised fund representatives helps us fund more requests and expands the impact of our grantmaking.

The generosity of these supporters, along with our many other partners, makes it possible for us to respond effectively to DuPage County's growing needs. To learn more about how you can help address our community's greatest challenges and opportunities, contact us at 630.665.5556.

FY24 COMMUNITY IMPACT
GRANTS HIGHLIGHTS

98 GRANTS
WARDED TOTALING MORE THAN
\$1.5 MILLION

\$700K+

PROVIDED BY DONORS AND DONOR-ADVISORS

500% INCREASE

IN DONOR AND DONOR-ADVISED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE 2014

#### EARNINGS FROM THE FOLLOWING UNRESTRICTED, FIELD-OF-INTEREST, AND DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS WERE USED TO FUEL FY24 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

#### **FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS**

Access to Recreation Endowment Fund Arts Fund

Basic Human Needs Fund

The Alben F. Bates and Clara G. Bates Foundation Fund

Shirley and Howard Benson Fund

Children and Youth Fund

Ruth and Hugh Christ Fund

Companions' Fund

Environmental Fund

Health Fund

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History DuPage Fund

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#### **GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT**

## HOW THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE IS SUPPORTING "THE HEART OF THE HOME"



Since 1996, Assistance League Chicagoland West has been identifying community needs and creating innovative programs to fulfill them. Now, thanks to a *Community Impact* grant from DuPage Foundation, the League is making a bigger impact than ever.

#### FROM HUMBLE ROOTS TO LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT

When the Assistance League Chicagoland West chapter started out, they had just \$700. Now, with a \$300,000 budget and a 106-person membership, the organization runs eight programs, including New Start.

The New Start program offers \$800 worth of kitchen supplies to families transitioning from homelessness. Assistance League believes the kitchen is the heart of the home, and New Start provides resources to help families nourish their children and be healthy.

"Having a fully equipped kitchen allows families to eat healthier, more costeffective meals and improves family bonding," said Mary Hood, vice president of donor development. "The ability to provide meals for their family is such an important part of being a parent and has a big effect on their self-esteem."



#### **MOVING FORWARD**

Organizations like Assistance League are the core of a healthy, thriving, and interconnected community.

Take Maria Saldago. Maria was working with another *Community Impact* grantee, Bridge Communities, Inc., to build a good home for her two boys. Then, thanks to the New Start program, she and her family got everything they needed to outfit their new kitchen and make their house feel like home.

"I didn't have anything, we just came with our clothes," said Maria. "I'm usually the one to give, give, give. This was very impactful, especially for people who are not used to receiving love or care."

With Assistance League's *Community Impact* grant, New Start has funded 30 kitchens serving 60 individuals. And they're on track to provide more than 300 kitchens this year, all thanks to community support.

"Imagine what your life would be like if you didn't have what you needed to succeed," said Yvonne Mayer, Assistance League's 2024 board president. "We can help people succeed. We don't want them to go backwards... we want them to keep moving forward."

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#### EDUCATE, EMPOWER, TRANSFORM:

Earl and Kay Harbaugh have been longtime supporters of DuPage Foundation's Community Impact grant program.

THE HARBAUGHS' STORY

"Educate. Empower. Transform." That's the personal motto of Earl and Kay Harbaugh, a motto that captures the impact they've made over decades of altruism in their own community—and all around the world.

As a nurse and educator, Kay's entire adult life has centered around giving back. She devoted nearly 40 years as a volunteer and 12 years as a board member to Delnor Hospital. In 2013, thanks to the Harbaughs' generosity, the Kay L. and Earl K. Harbaugh Clinical Simulation Lab opened at Delnor Hospital. The lab features high-tech mannequins programmed to display thousands of lifelike symptoms, allowing nurses to receive more realistic and immersive training.

When Earl and Kay wanted to see more impact through their philanthropy, they considered starting a private foundation. Through Earl's good friends, the late Charlie Thurston (a DuPage Foundation Trustee Emeritus), and John Kaiser (who is now a DuPage Foundation Trustee), Earl and Kay learned about the many benefits of donoradvised funds and working with DuPage Foundation.

Ultimately, the Harbaughs decided to establish a donor-advised fund at the Foundation to support their favorite local causes. Some of these include Bridge Communities, Inc., DuPagePads, Northern Illinois Food Bank,



#### "EDUCATE AND EMPOWER"

Education is a driving force for the Harbaughs' philanthropy. They honored Earl's alma mater by donating to Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. In total, the Harbaughs funded two scholarships, an international program endowment, an endowment for entrepreneurship, a teaching excellence endowment, and also created the Harbaugh Entrepreneurship Faculty Scholar position.

"You can't transform people unless you can educate and empower them first," said Earl.

In 2012, Earl received the Penn State Distinguished Alumni Award, the University's highest individual award. It's something that wouldn't have happened without the generosity of others.

"Having chaired several major committees at Penn State and raising \$150 million for the cause of Agriculture, you gain an appreciation for philanthropists," said Earl. "You get a feel as a giver of what other people are thinking, and that educates us."

Through his tenure as CEO of Ditch Witch Midwest, Earl never forgot his roots. Kay credits the people who helped him in the early days of his career, and said he would not have been in a position to succeed without them.

"When you have all that help, you want to reciprocate and give help to other people," said Kay.

Under Earl's direction, all Ditch Witch employees were encouraged to participate in a day of service and donate to their favorite charity. Retired for 10 years, he said it was important for him to lead by example.

"Nothing else comes into play unless you care," said Earl.

#### "IT'S ABOUT CARING"

All of the Harbaughs' children are engaged in philanthropy in their own ways. Their daughter, Leanne, spent several years overseas for mission work in Indonesia and Bangladesh, helping women obtain microloans to start small businesses. She now serves as a member of DuPage Foundation's Grant Committee.

"I feel very fortunate and blessed that my parents have modeled for us the spirit of generosity," said Leanne. "They have not only given financially but also have given of their time and talents to the many committees and organizations on which they have served."

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Earl was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and admired Roberto Clemente for what he did - both on and off the field. When he thinks about the impact his family's philanthropy has made, he often remembers a famous quote from another baseball legend, Jackie Robinson:

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

That quote stayed with Earl for life.

DuPage Foundation's Spring 2024 Grant Distribution Open House. Pictured from left to right: Bridge Communities Board members Matt Doucet and Kate Matousek; Kay Harbaugh; Amy Van Polen, Bridge Communities CEO; and Earl Harbaugh.

" It isn't the amount of the dollars that matters. It's not about giving—it's about caring.

- Earl & Kay Harbaugh



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## GIVING THAT HITS HOME PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

Giving is transformational. Community by community, we have spent nearly 40 years supporting DuPage County and its people.

Our new marketing campaign, Giving That Hits Home, showcases the strides DuPage Foundation has made across its mission-driven efforts in fostering philanthropy, connecting donors to area needs, and building community partnerships. It's also a testament to our philanthropic champions, such as those shown below, who continue pushing the Foundation forward.

When you contribute to DuPage Foundation, you directly support your favorite causes and charities while helping address our community's greatest challenges and opportunities—today and for future generations.

We'd like to thank Simon/Myers for creating this campaign with us.

"DuPage Foundation supports education in our county in so many ways. That's the kind of impact I want to make."

- Betsy Goltermann Education Supporter "The right mentor in the right place at the right time can turn around a kid's life. That's coordinated impact at its best."

Gerald Lewis
 Youth Mentorship Supporter

"Too many in DuPage suffer from mental health challenges. I give here so I can make an impact."

> – Sahira Sadiq Mental Health Supporter

"Education can change a

life. I give here so I can see

the youth of DuPage thrive."

YOUR GIFT.
OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT.

When you support DuPage Foundation, you join a community of people and

us a call at 630.665.5556 or visit dupagefoundation.org/impact.

organizations making a positive impact right here in DuPage. Every gift matters. But

there are many ways to support our organization, and how you give is up to you.

To learn more about DuPage Foundation and how you can make a difference, give

– Chris Burke Education Supporter "Ensuring our neighbors thrive in the workforce? That's an impact that lifts all of us."

– Paige Ronchetti
 Workforce Development Supporter

PERSEVERANCE, EDUCATION, AND GENEROSITY: THE LEGACY

OF DR. THOMAS R. SCOTT & SHIRLEY SCOTT

Get to know the well-lived lives of Dr. Thomas R. Scott and Shirley Scott, two incredible supporters of DuPage Foundation with a legacy that will last for generations.

#### **ROOTS OF RESILIENCE**

Tom Scott, born in 1929, grew up in the rugged landscapes near Hudson Bay, Canada.

His early life was a testament to strength: his family moved to the wilderness, where his father built a homestead from scratch.

Shirley, raised on a farm in lowa, was equally passionate about learning and helping others. A valedictorian of her high school class, she earned her bachelor's degree at Elmhurst College (now Elmhurst University) and went on to complete a master's degree in elementary education.

The two met serendipitously in 1959 at a church retreat in Bridgman, Michigan. Tom recounted that first moment with Shirley: "She swung me off my feet." They were married two years later, beginning a lifelong partnership built on shared values.

#### A SHARED LOVE OF EDUCATION AND SERVICE

As newlyweds, the Scotts bought a home in Lombard. Tom worked for the YMCA while completing his studies at George Williams College, and Shirley taught first grade. Together, they exemplified the power of education, with Tom eventually earning his doctorate and becoming an associate dean at Northern Illinois University (NIU). After retiring from teaching full-time, Shirley continued sharing her love of learning by tutoring children and volunteering in her community.

The Scotts' devotion to education didn't stop with their careers. They established a scholarship fund at NIU and purchased an insurance policy to support scholarships at Elmhurst University, ensuring their legacy would propel future students' success.

#### TOM AND SHIRLEY'S IMPACT AND LEGACY

After Shirley's passing in 2013, Tom continued their tradition of giving and volunteering. He was an active volunteer with many organizations, including his beloved Maple Street Chapel in Lombard.

Tom joined DuPage Foundation's Legacy Society before his passing in October 2024, to ensure that his and Shirley's charitable work would live on. He worked with the Foundation to establish an endowed fund that will provide annual grants to the five local charities closest to their hearts, along with the Foundation's *Community Impact* grant program. Tom and Shirley's legacy as community leaders, supporters, and friends will continue for generations to come.

Reflecting on his life, Tom once said, -

"We started out with nothing, and now I want to benefit the community in the best way I can."



Tom and Shirley meeting for the first time in 1959.



#### A LEGACY BUILT TO LAST

DuPage Foundation's Legacy Society honors our generous, forward-thinking donors who have included the Foundation in their estate plans. To ensure your legacy will have a transformative impact on our community for generations to come, you can name DuPage Foundation as a beneficiary in your estate plans. We sincerely thank our 200 known partners listed below, and those who remain anonymous, for their generosity and commitment to securing our community's future.





#### Members as of June 30, 2024

#### \*Remembered

Anonymous (108)

Gary R. and Margaret A. Babbitt

Phillip L. and Judith E. Barnett Howard C.\* and Shirley\* Benson

Herbert J. Bock\*

Ronald R. Bork\*

Jerry C.\* and Betty J.\* Bradshaw

Nancy E. Bruss\*

John J. Bryant\*

Stephen M. and Emily L. Burt

Cleve E. Carney\*

Linda S. Carpenter

Susanne S. Cassell\*

Ruth\* and Hugh\* Christ

Edward S. and Shirley J. Crawford

RC and Lorraine Crompton

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James E.\* and Marie A. Drasal

Lloyd E.\* and Mary C.\* Eckerson Burton E.\* and Patricia A. Ericson

Douglas G. and Martha R. Eyles

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Diane V. Fox\*

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James Gates\*

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Carrie A. and Robert G. Gibson

George N. Gilkerson Jr.\*

Willis M. Gillett\*

Howard G. Goldstein and Peggy A. McGrath

James W. Hebert

#### **New Legacy Society Members (14)** Anonymous (11)

Verna Kautz\*
Bradley G. and Bonnie J. Pihl
Carol Bernhardt Syme

Jane Henderson\*

Alan D. and Jane M. Hoffmann Sharon A. and James M. Huck Jr.

Frank C. and Carolyn Hudetz

Elizabeth L. Jens\*

Melvin E.\* and M. Joyce\* Johnson

Martha J. Johnson

Verna Kautz\*

Arthur J.\* and Mary\* Kolar

Kathleen Lamonica Krochock

William E. Kronenberg

Richard W. and Mary S. Kuhn Richard J. and Susan M. Lamb

William D. Latura and Deborah S. Hartman

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Paul J. and Coleen J. Lehman

Grace Lopatka\*

Daniel and Beth G.\* Maguire

David M. and Mary A. McGowan

Charles B. and Kathleen A. McKenna

Robert V.\* and Laurie K. McMahon

Jack E. and Kathleen G. Mensching

William H. Mitchell

Joseph S.\* and Joan S. Morrissey

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Ellen Noth

Bradley G. and Bonnie J. Pihl Alyse S. and Jeffery A. Pleiter

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Steven J. and Laurie Reitman Albert A.\* and Mimi Rose

Michael J. and Mary T. Schroeck Judith May Schroeder\* Nancy E. Sindelar\*
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Lenora J. Su, M.D.
Darlene R. Swartz
Carol Bernhardt Syme

Thomas R. Scott\*

F. Ronald and Carol L. Seager

Steve E. and Megan M. Shebik

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Mark M. and Barbara L. Turner
Theodore M. Utchen\*
Mary L. Voigt\*
Mary Eleanor\* and James M.\* Wall
Michael and Deborah A. Welgat
Donald\* and Dorothy B.\* White

Les A. and Mary E. Wiberg

Carson R. and Dawn C. Yeager



#### WELCOMING OUR

#### **NEW FUND PARTNERS**

We are grateful to our donors and agency partners for their confidence and trust in our stewardship. It is a pleasure to support community members in achieving their goals, locally and beyond, while working together to raise the quality of life in our area, today and for future generations.

When creating or updating your will or living trust, consider a gift to DuPage Foundation. Consult your estate planning attorney to assist in adding one of the following paragraphs to your documents:

"I hereby give and bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% to The DuPage Community Foundation

d/b/a DuPage Foundation to be used (for its general purposes) (for {specific purpose})."

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath (the residue) ( % of the residue) of my estate to

The DuPage Community Foundation d/b/a DuPage Foundation to be used (for its general

If you are leaving proceeds of an insurance policy or IRA assets to the Foundation, be sure

to indicate this on your insurance or beneficiary forms and not in your will or trust. Insurance

proceeds or IRA assets will be disposed of by the terms of the insurance policy or IRA document.

#### NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED: 20

#### AGENCY ENDOWMENT, DESIGNATED, AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

- Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Dr. Virginia R. Stewart Memorial Fund
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Bridge Communities. Inc. Fund II
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity Fund
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Hinsdale United Methodist Church Fund
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans Fund II
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Fund
- Little Friends Agency Fund
- Lombard Historical Society Agency Fund
- Wheaton Public Library Youth Fund

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purposes) (for {specific purpose})."

IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN

#### **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**

- Anchored for Life Fund
- Darnall Family DuPage Fund
- Excelsior Charitable Fund
- Martin and Patricia Jahn Charitable Fund
- Lopez+Brosnan Charitable Fund
- Mark and Kim Putbrese Charitable Fund

#### FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Fund
- Itasca Bank & Trust Co. Hunger Action Fund

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

- Laura Bresnahan Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bill Doerge Excellence in Architecture Scholarship Fund
- Janene Edgerley Spratt Visual Arts Scholarship Fund

#### Next **Generation**

**Initiative** 

**EMPOWERING A LEGACY:** 

THE NEXT GENERATION

Our Next Generation Initiative (NGI) has been making waves across DuPage County for

the last 20 years. Its programming provides

spaces where anyone can take part, and its

members are helping young people become

philanthropists and volunteers who will lead

our next generation. With NGI's guidance,

these future leaders are joining local

organizations that NGI supports.

INITIATIVE FEECT

DuPage Foundation

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

62 individuals and families joined in calendar year 2023, and 66 individuals and families have joined in 2024.

#### **NGI ENDOWMENT**

Raised more than \$50,000 in sponsorships, membership dues, and aifts in FY24 to offset the cost of NGI events, make grants, and build NGI's permanent grantmaking endowment.



#### FOR FY24, NGI SELECTED TWO AREAS OF INTEREST FOR ITS GRANT FOCUS

#### FOOD INSECURITY

Humanitarian Service Project \$5,700

GardenWorks Project \$6,250

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Conservation Foundation \$6,100

#### **OTHER AWARDS**

Western DuPage Special **Recreation Association** \$2,000

**Loaves & Fishes Community** Services

\$500

Total Grants Awarded: \$20,550

Since its inception, NGI has granted nearly

\$170,000

to local not-for-profit organizations.

Learn more at dupagefoundation.org/NGI.

2023 & 2024 SILVER **CORPORATE SPONSOR** 





**2024 BRONZE CORPORATE** 

**SPONSORS** 

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#### THE BIG **PICTURE:**

CHAMPIONING THE ARTS IN DUPAGE



Arts DuPage Advisory Committee Members and staff

"We want people to realize that the arts are important, and we're an important piece as the conduit between the arts community and the public. We align ourselves with arts organizations, provide resources to the public, and serve as a tool for the community at large."

> - Deborah L. Venezia, Director of Arts DuPage





Our Arts DuPage initiative strives to weave cultural activities and other forms of creativity into the fabric of our community.

As an advocate for all things art, Arts DuPage collaborates with artists, community leaders, local businesses, elected officials, and residents to support, promote, encourage, and distribute grants in DuPage County.

#### **ARTS DUPAGE FY24 HIGHLIGHTS**

**Membership Program:** Increased membership offerings by 60% for our 156 current Arts DuPage members.

**Member Tours & Events:** Hosted exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Elmhurst Art Museum's "Picasso: 50 Years Later" Exhibit. Paramount Theatre's two-story costume shop, and an insider's look at the New Philharmonic featuring Maestro Kirk Muspratt and pianist Wael Farouk at the McAninch Arts Center.

"Arts Speak": Gathered artists and arts organizers for several capacitybuilding events including State of the Arts in DuPage County hosted by seven of the region's top art leaders, constructive advice on writing winning grants featuring professionals from area funders, and a listening session to learn about the arts community's greatest challenges.

**Grant Funding:** Acted as a community navigator in partnership with Arts Alliance Illinois to promote and facilitate the Illinois Creative Recovery Grant within the region. Of the \$2.3 million allocated to DuPage County, \$1.3 million was deployed to organizations associated with Arts DuPage.





#### **BRIGHT & EARLY DUPAGE:** EDUCATION IS EVERYTHING



Investing in children's development as early as possible for their future success is the core belief that drives the efforts of Bright & Early DuPage (B&ED). B&ED works across DuPage County to raise awareness and improve access to early childhood education and support services for families in the community.

B&ED offers annual grants to community groups creating, strengthening, and sustaining early childhood collaboratives. To date, B&ED has funded eight early childhood collaboratives to provide affordable preschool, developmental screenings, and parent education. These collaboratives were awarded nearly \$275,000 from B&ED to better prepare children for success in kindergarten.

#### **B&ED COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS**

The following early childhood collaboratives currently receive funding through the B&ED initiative:

Addison Partners for Play, Learning, & Education (APPLE) Bensenville Early Learning Supporters Birth to Five Community Coalition Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative

WeGo Together for Kids Wheaton/Warrenville Early Childhood Collaborative Willowbrook Corner Coalition

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

#### VILLA PARK AREA EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE

In 2023, Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative received a \$30,000 grant from Bright & Early DuPage to support a Parent Navigator position. The B&ED grant was also used to purchase outreach supplies that will engage low-income parents and connect them to resources and early childhood programs.

One local child who benefited from these programs was Angel. A deaf student in DuPage County, Angel needed extra help with remote learning during the pandemic. So, Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative worked with Angel's family to provide the resources they needed, from accessibility tools to childcare for his younger sister. Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative was there for Angel and his family during a challenging time, and its efforts have made a real impact. Recently, Angel even became a counselor-in-training with the group, so he can help support families like his.



"Angel is leading others in tremendous ways," said Sarah O'Donnell, Tri-Town YMCA CEO. "More of the deaf population is coming to our program because this family got the community support they needed."

The Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative is a group of dedicated community members and leaders working together to improve awareness and access to:

■ Early Childhood Screenings

Vaccinations & Well Child Visits

- Early Intervention & Home Visiting Programs
- Community Resources ■ Kindergarten Readiness Opportunities

  - Family Engagement & Education

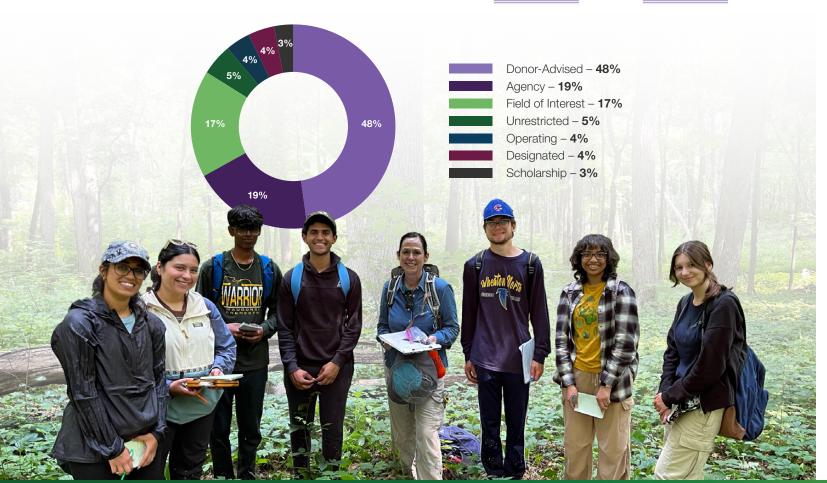
Mental Health Services

Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative received a \$30,000 grant from Bright & Early DuPage.

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

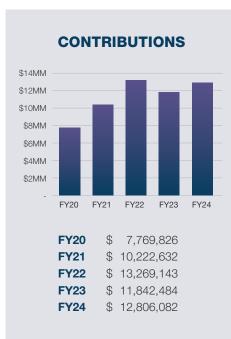
|                                  | June 30, 2024                         | June 30, 2023 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Assets                           | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | ,             |
| Cash and cash equivalents        | 7,029,133                             | 4,001,815     |
| Investments                      | 139,321,694                           | 131,080,757   |
| Pledges receivable               | 50,300                                | 85,300        |
| Charitable lead trust receivable | 95,600                                | 119,234       |
| Prepaid expenses                 | 59,900                                | 62,428        |
| Cash value of life insurance     | 60,257                                | 60,671        |
| Property and equipment           | 1,131,140                             | 1,156,462     |
| Total Assets                     | \$147,748,024                         | \$136,566,667 |
| Liabilities                      |                                       |               |
| Agency funds                     | 28,462,980                            | 26,143,671    |
| Annuity payable                  | 49,806                                | 60,370        |
| Accrued expenses                 | 333,075                               | 296,824       |
| Deferred revenue                 | 4,589,555                             | 7,437,701     |
| Grants payable                   | 1,612,158                             | 150,000       |
| Total Liabilities                | \$35,047,574                          | \$34,088,566  |
| Net Assets                       |                                       |               |
| Without donor restrictions       | 15,176,127                            | 17,811,445    |
| With donor restrictions          | 97,524,323                            | 84,666,656    |
| Total Net Assets                 | \$112,700,450                         | \$102,478,101 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$147,748,024                         | \$136,566,667 |

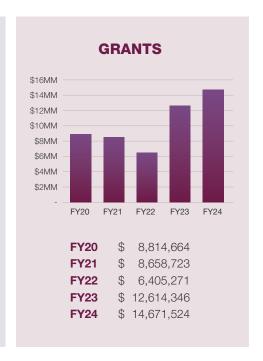


|                                       | Without Donor<br>Restrictions | With Donor<br>Restrictions | Total FY2024  | FY2023        |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue                               |                               |                            |               |               |
| Gifts, bequests, and grants           | 919,686                       | 11,886,396                 | 12,806,082    | 11,842,484    |
| Federal grants                        | 2,848,146                     | -                          | 2,848,146     | 3,150,870     |
| Net investment gain (loss)            | 921,114                       | 7,509,964                  | 8,431,078     | 5,357,418     |
| Investment income                     | 121,034                       | 2,931,721                  | 3,052,755     | 2,538,278     |
| Fee revenue                           | 277,173                       | -                          | 277,173       | 239,146       |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 9,470,414                     | (9,470,414)                | -             |               |
| Total Support and Revenue             | \$14,557,567                  | \$12,857,667               | \$27,415,234  | \$23,128,196  |
| Expenses                              |                               |                            |               |               |
| Grants awarded                        | 14,671,524                    | -                          | 14,671,524    | 12,614,346    |
| Grantmaking activities                | 895,293                       | -                          | 895,293       | 820,758       |
| Management and general                | 943,220                       | -                          | 943,220       | 658,734       |
| Fundraising                           | 682,848                       | -                          | 682,848       | 894,315       |
| Total Expenses                        | \$17,192,885                  | \$ -                       | \$17,192,885  | \$14,988,153  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets     | (2,635,318)                   | 12,857,667                 | 10,222,349    | 8,140,043     |
| Net Assets - Beginning of Year        | 17,811,445                    | 84,666,656                 | 102,478,101   | 94,338,058    |
| Net Assets - End of Year              | \$15,176,127                  | \$97,524,323               | \$112,700,450 | \$102,478,101 |

The FY24 audit for DuPage Foundation was performed by Plante Moran PLLC. These summarized financial statements are condensed from the audited statements, which are available at dupagefoundation.org/financials.







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#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

#### CEMENTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

In the coming years, we will cement our role as DuPage County's champion for philanthropy by creating collective, transformational impact for the benefit of our community and its residents.

Over the next three years, the Foundation will concentrate on three primary efforts to achieve our vision:

#### DUPAGE FUNDERS' COLLABORATIVE

We will mobilize local and regional funders to engage in transformative grantmaking and address key community issues by leveraging funding, information sharing, convening, and collective action. We will play both convening and hosting roles to advance this effort.

#### COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTORS' CIRCLE

We will build a county-wide giving circle to increase the capacity and impact of our annual discretionary grantmaking while engaging new and existing donors—especially the local business community—to join us in achieving strategic, collective impact today while building our discretionary endowments to secure our community's future.

#### **ALL IN DUPAGE CAMPAIGN**

We will launch a \$35 million campaign to raise permanently-endowed unrestricted and field-of-interest funds to double our annual discretionary grantmaking to area not-for-profits, reduce our reliance on annual fundraising to fuel our operations and move toward increased self-sustainability.

We will focus on five key areas of our work to continue to better serve our community:

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#### **ENDOWMENT-BUILDING**

Build our pool of permanently-endowed discretionary assets for strategic use in addressing our community's greatest challenges and opportunities.



#### PROACTIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Enhance our ability to provide exemplary, proactive services to our donors and community partners so that we are viewed as the go-to place to create effective community impact.



#### **DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING**

Leverage all of our assets to create more meaningful and measurable impact, which includes investing in our capacity to make more data-driven decisions.



#### **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Focus our marketing and communications on highlighting local needs and opportunities for impact, and on our constituents' ability to create change by investing with us and through us.



#### **INTERNAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ensure we have the right internal infrastructure, capacity, and resources to deliver on our strategic goals, programs, and services.

#### FOUNDATION STAFF

Our staff members are driven by a shared motivation to give back to the community and further the Foundation's work in service of DuPage County and its residents.



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