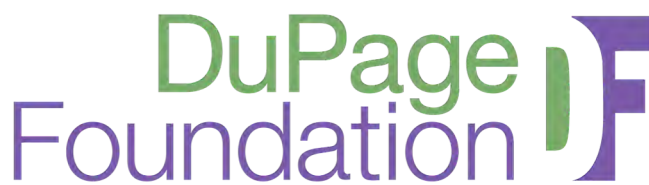




# JCS FUND FY2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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The JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund awarded 55 grants from July 2018 through June 2019 in furtherance of its mission to support instrumental music, cultural, health, educational, artistic, and other charitable organizations serving the needs of DuPage County.

## COMMUNITY NEEDS

Through its Community Needs grant program, the DuPage Foundation supports programs and projects that improve and enhance the quality of life for DuPage County residents. After an initial vetting by the Grant Committee, applications are shared with donors and fund representatives to garner increased financial support. During FY2019, the JCS Fund recommended grants to support the following arts and education endeavors.

### **Century Walk**

To support a mural project featuring Metea Valley High School students' artwork at a Naperville public parking garage.

### **Chicago Sinfonietta**

To support a five-concert subscription season in DuPage County.

### **ClaySpace**

To purchase stools, shelving, and a scissor lift table for ceramic artists.

### **DuPage Art League**

To update the Art League's website enabling 400+ members to enroll in classes online.

### **Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center**

To raise the academic achievement of low-income K-8 students in Glen Ellyn schools through after-school and summer programming.

### **Senior Suburban Orchestra**

To support orchestral concerts for seniors and students whose facilities and schools are unable to afford the full concert fee.



*Century Walk: A Metea Valley student paints a mural on the walls of Naperville's Van Buren Parking Facility.*



*Chicago Sinfonietta: Dancers from the Cerqua Rivera Dance Company perform with the orchestra.*

# ARTS ADVOCACY

Funding supported increased advocacy about the importance of the arts to a thriving community and provided avenues to highlight the beauty of art all around us.



Arts DuPage supports, promotes, and advocates for the arts in DuPage County. An initiative of the DuPage Foundation, Arts DuPage stimulates engagement and investment in the County's vast cultural landscape through [artsdupage.org](http://artsdupage.org), its comprehensive website for all things art. "People visiting [artsdupage.org](http://artsdupage.org) for the first time are always amazed at the number of arts activities that are available and tell me how excited they are to learn about events that are new to them," said Debbie Venezia, director of Arts DuPage. "Recently, someone came up to me at an event and told me that she learned about it through [artsdupage.org](http://artsdupage.org). That's exactly what we hoped to happen when we created the site."

The inaugural Arts DuPage Month kicked off in October 2018 and welcomed 60 arts organizations that offered incentives, discounts, and special workshops to arts enthusiasts across DuPage County.

## Arts DuPage Highlights

# 45,000

ANNUAL ARTSDUPAGE.ORG VISITORS

# 14,000

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

# 458

EVENTS POSTED PER MONTH

# 222

ORGANIZATION PROFILES FEATURED

# 109

ARTIST PROFILES FEATURED

## WTTW Chicago Tonight Arts Correspondent

A grant from the JCS Fund is bringing exclusive arts coverage to WTTW News' *Chicago Tonight*. Funding has endowed a new full-time arts correspondent to report on and produce exclusive on-air and digital content, covering the arts scene throughout the Chicagoland area.

Angel Idowu began her tenure as *Chicago Tonight's* Art Correspondent in July 2019. "We are delighted to welcome Angel to our team," said Mary Field, *Chicago Tonight* executive producer. "Having a reporter covering arts full time is an important addition to the staff, and Angel's energy, enthusiasm, and creative ideas will be great assets to our program."



ANGEL IDOWU  
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# VISUAL ARTS

During FY2019, grants were awarded to provide people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience the joy that visual arts can bring to their lives.

## "Picture This" Mini-Grants

To enrich DuPage County's creative landscape, the JCS Fund supports painting and drawing projects that enliven public spaces, raise visibility of DuPage County's robust arts and cultural scene, and create local art engagement opportunities.

### **Downers Grove Public Library**

To create a student-designed mural in the Library's teen center.

### **Itasca Park District**

To purchase portable display walls for community artwork.

### **Little Friends**

To support the Inklude Studio Exhibition at DuPage Art League.

### **NAMI DuPage**

To offer free art programs for adults with mental illness.

### **People's Resource Center**

To support the Kid's Art program.

### **Riverwalk Adult Day Services**

To create a group art project for participants in the day services program.

### **Wayne Township**

To teach art classes to seniors.

### **Western DuPage Special Recreation Association**

To support art programs for teens and adults with disabilities.

### **Wheaton College**

To support a free, interactive, and educational printmaking demonstration and workshop.

### **Wheaton Public Library**

To purchase a moveable display wall system. To support the exhibit, "When Home Won't Let You Stay: Stories of Refugees in America."

"RECEIVING THIS GRANT OPENED SO MANY DOORS FOR OUR MEMBERS. I CAN'T WAIT TO OPEN MORE PATHS TO CREATIVITY."  
- WAYNE TOWNSHIP



*Western DuPage Special Recreation Association: A Creative Corners participant creates art.*

## Elmhurst Art Museum

The Art is for Everyone program that gives low-income children the chance to access the arts by providing hands-on programs, transportation, and memberships was supported.



# MUSIC

Grants were awarded to increase access to high quality music opportunities for children and adults.

## Young People's Music Initiative (YPMI)

Since the launch of YPMI in 2013, thousands of children from DuPage County schools have benefited from the JCS Fund's support of general and instrumental music programs, including the following during FY2019:

Addison Elementary Schools  
Addison Trail High School  
Bensenville Elementary Schools  
Blackhawk Middle School  
Community Consolidated District 89  
Edison Middle School  
Fenton High School  
Glenbard East High School  
Glenbard North High School  
Glenbard South High School  
Glenbard West High School  
Glenn Westlake Middle School  
Hadley Junior High School  
Hubble Middle School  
Indian Trail Junior High School  
Jackson Middle School  
Jefferson Middle School  
Leman Middle School  
Lombard Elementary Schools  
Monroe Middle School  
Queen Bee School District 16  
Salt Creek District 48  
Villa Park Elementary Schools  
West Chicago Community High School  
West Chicago Elementary Schools  
Wheaton North High School  
Willowbrook High School  
Wood Dale Elementary Schools  
Wood Dale Junior High School

## Chicago Sinfonietta

A grant provided education programs and connected professional musicians with students at Jefferson Middle School in Villa Park and Blackhawk Middle School in Bensenville. Through master classes, students learned tips to improve technique and the mentors inspired many kids to increase practicing of their instruments.

## Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO)

With major support from the JCS Fund, the CSO performed three concerts as part of the Wheaton College Artist Series, providing suburban residents with the opportunity to experience the world-renowned orchestra close to home. In addition, CSO musicians and the CSO Civic Fellows provided multiple master classes for elementary, middle and high school students at local schools.

## College of DuPage

The New Philharmonic Orchestra, COD's professional orchestra, received grant funding to support performances at the school's McAninch Arts Center.

## Wheaton College

Grant funding enabled the Wheaton College Artist Series to increase the prestige of its performances. These efforts resulted in a dramatic 38.8% increase in ticket sales.

A grant was also awarded to the College's Community School of the Arts for the Community Outreach for Developing Artists program to provide music and visual arts programming for children whose families do not have the financial resources to access these programs.

# 16,244

STUDENTS IMPACTED THROUGH YPMI

# HEALTH

Grants were awarded to improve the health of DuPage residents, particularly those with limited access to resources.

## Healthy Lifestyle Grantees

Despite being one of the healthiest counties in Illinois, data shows prevalence of chronic diseases such as stroke, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and arthritis across DuPage County. Grants supported evidence-based programs that increased healthy eating and physical activity opportunities.

### **Bridge Communities, Inc.**

To create a nutrition program for planning, shopping, and preparing quick, healthy, and affordable meals for homeless adults and youth who are transitioning into permanent homes.

### **The GardenWorks Project**

To provide materials and gardening supplies to approximately 1,000 clients as part of the Garden to Table Nutrition Education program.

### **Northern Illinois Food Bank**

To support a healthy eating education program for low-income individuals with diabetes and other chronic health problems.

### **UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago**

To support individualized healthy eating and exercise programs for 21 individuals with disabilities living in group homes.

*The GardenWorks Project: A volunteer helps a family plant vegetables in their new raised bed garden.*



## Northwestern Medicine

A multi-year grant from the JCS Fund is helping Northwestern Medicine expand its HomeCare Physicians (HCP) program.

Each month, Thomas Cornwall, M.D. (founder of HCP) and a team of doctors and nurse practitioners make approximately 400 house calls to homebound individuals in DuPage and Kane counties. Their mission is to improve the quality of life of homebound patients and their caregivers, while reducing health care costs by enabling patients to remain in the comfort of their homes, avoiding hospitals and nursing homes.

Funding will be used to teach additional providers about the life-changing and life-saving role of delivering home-based care.

"HOME-BASED PRIMARY CARE'S TIME HAS COME. THIS HIGH-QUALITY CARE, AND THE RESULTING COST SAVINGS, IS SOMETHING OUR SOCIETY DESPERATELY NEEDS."

-THOMAS CORNWELL, MD

*UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago: An exercise trainer helps a client with his personal fitness regimen.*

