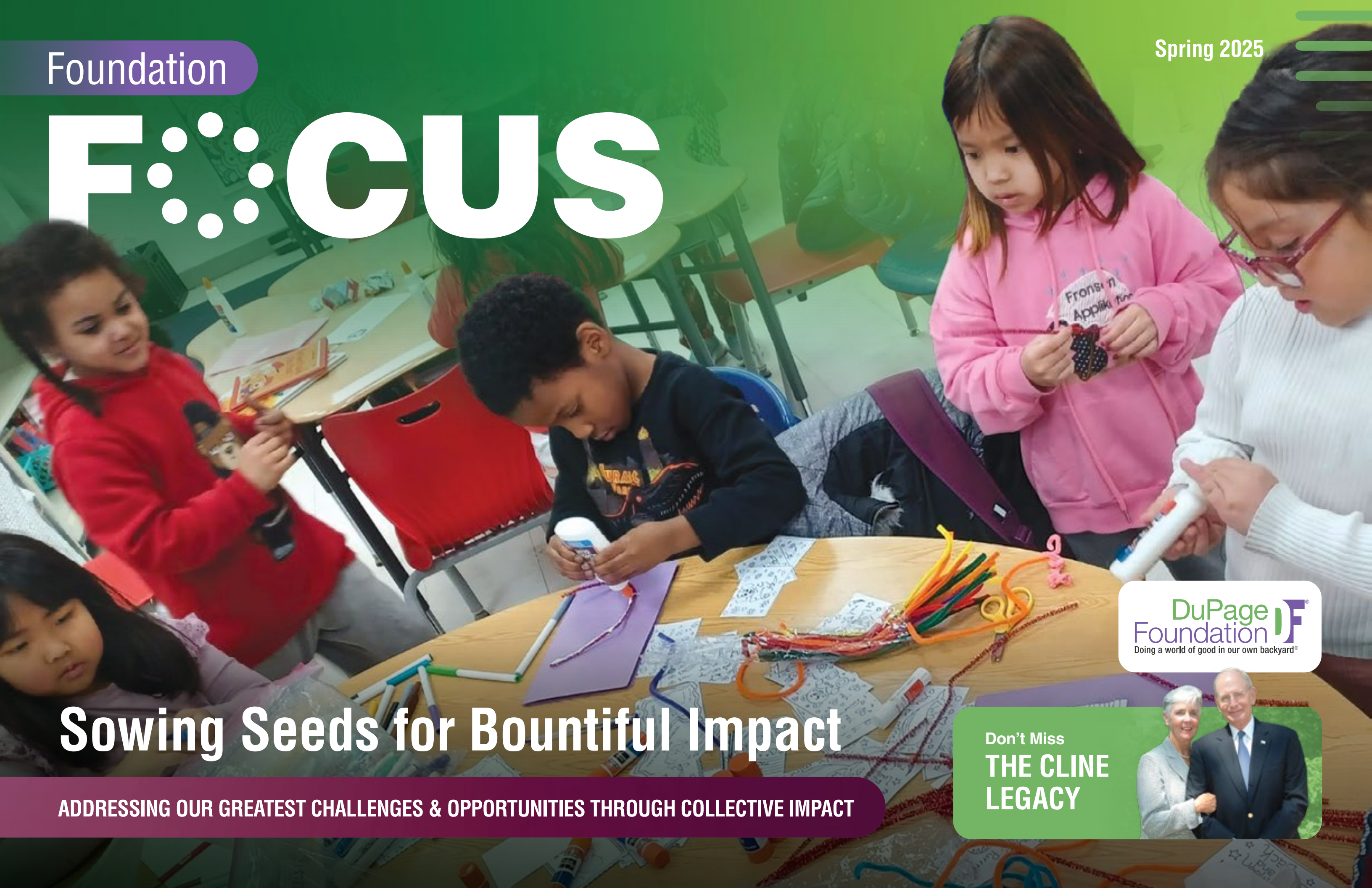


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## Sowing Seeds for Bountiful Impact

ADDRESSING OUR GREATEST CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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Dear Foundation Friends:

Spring is a season of new beginnings, and we're excited by the seeds we're sowing together through our shared work on behalf of our community.

While my wife is definitely the gardener in our family, the power of intentional planting and careful cultivation is not lost on me. It's always amazing to watch the hard work she puts in yield beautiful results throughout the growing season.

As we think about the Foundation's goals for this year and beyond, the above premise is fitting. The seeds we plant together today and nurture will yield bountiful impact that will help our community flourish perennially as we address the needs of the day and develop transformational solutions to secure our future.

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have prioritized responsive grantmaking to ensure our nonprofits have the tools and resources they need to aid our community's most vulnerable residents. Thanks to the help of thousands of generous donors, scores of Foundation fund representatives, and phenomenal funding partners like the DuPage County Board and other area corporate and private foundations, we have collectively delivered extraordinary support to address our community's immediate needs while transforming systems to help nonprofits serve our residents with greater effectiveness and efficiency.

With the last of our *DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP)* funds committed this past fall and local challenges persisting, we must all continue working together to address the needs of the day while building resources to answer the call perennially as new needs and opportunities arise.

In this latest issue of *Foundation Focus*, we are proud to share updates of our most recent impact, highlight some of our community partners working with us to make it possible, and explore opportunities for how we can go "all in" together to keep **doing a world of good in our own backyard.**



Please enjoy the pages that follow. Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and commitment to building our community with us.

**Mike Sitrick, JD, CFRE**  
President & CEO



## FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

### Trustee Julie Curran Wants to "Raise Everybody Up" in DuPage County

While serving as an executive at BMO Harris Bank, Hinsdale resident Julie Curran discovered a passion for supporting her community that led to her getting involved with DuPage Foundation in 2016. Now, as chair of the Campaign Committee for *All In DuPage*, a \$35-million endowment-building effort by the Foundation, Julie's going "all in" to make a transformative impact.

"For me, it's about quality of life," said Curran. "We're starting to see wider income disparity and different challenges in DuPage we wouldn't have envisioned years ago. The need is everywhere. And as a community partner, we're making sure that we raise everybody up."

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### 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.





# Fueling Capacity and Sustainability

Nearly \$680,000 Awarded to Local Charities

In Fall 2024, as part of four grantmaking programs—*Arts DuPage*, *Capacity-Building*, *Community Impact*, and the *Glen Ellyn Fund*—we awarded 66 grants to local organizations totaling nearly \$680,000. These grants impacted everything from education centers and the arts to animal shelters, innovation hubs, and so much more.

## ARTS DUPAGE (23) \$159,900

Anima - Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus	8,500
BrightSide Theatre	10,000
Chhobighar Film Society*	5,000
Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education*	20,000
College of DuPage Foundation	13,000
Darien Arts Council*	5,000
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation	3,000
DuPage Symphony Orchestra	9,400
Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts	6,000
Elmhurst Choral Union	5,000
Equality Downers Grove (EQDG)*	5,000
ESSE Adult Day Services	10,000
Fair Lady Productions	5,000
Lisle Community Band	5,000
Naperville Men's Glee Club*	2,500
NaperVoice	5,000
Paramount Theatre	12,500
Salt Creek Ballet	10,000
Senior Suburban Orchestra	2,500
Sinfonietta Bel Canto	5,000
Spirito!*	5,000
The West Towns Chorus	2,500
Village Theatre Guild	5,000

## CAPACITY-BUILDING (10) \$100,000

Anima - Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus	9,000
Bridge Communities, Inc.	14,600
BrightSide Theatre	10,000
Candor Health Education	11,500
DuPagePads	15,000
Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network	2,500
Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry	7,500
Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center	8,000
NAMI DuPage	15,000
The GardenWorks Project	6,900

## GLEN ELLYN FUND (2) \$20,400

Glen Ellyn Park District	5,000
Go Green Glen Ellyn	15,400

## COMMUNITY IMPACT (31) \$399,250

<b>Animal Welfare (3) \$59,250</b>	
A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter	14,250
Animal Rescue Foundation	25,000
West Suburban Humane Society	20,000

<b>Environment (4) \$68,000</b>	
Fermlab Natural Areas	12,000
Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement	21,000
The Morton Arboretum	20,000
Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America	15,000

<b>Education (24) \$272,000</b>	
Alive Center	25,000
Bartlett Learning Center	12,000
Best Buddies	10,000
Candor Health Education	10,000
Child's Voice	5,000
CREO DuPage	19,000
DuPage Children's Museum	15,000
DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation	5,000
Embrace Living Communities	10,000
Exodus World Service	15,000
Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center	10,000
Go Team 2704 NFP	2,000
GPS Education Partners	20,000
Green Halo Scholars	23,000
grit2	5,000
H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc.	15,000
HOPE Fair Housing Center	5,000
Innovation DuPage	25,000
Inside Out Club DuPage	5,000
KidsMatter	15,000
The Community House	6,000
The Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace	5,000
Turning Pointe Autism Foundation	5,000
United States Adaptive Golf Alliance	5,000

\*Supported by *Illinois Arts Council's Regional Arts Partners* grant funding.



# Capacity-Building Grants

Investing in Our Community Today & Preparing for Tomorrow

Last fall, we launched a new *Capacity-Building* grant program for area nonprofits, which we plan to offer annually going forward. The application response from our grantees was impressive, and we were proud to award a total of \$100,000 in distributions to 10 local organizations. (See list on page 4.)

## SO, WHAT ARE CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS, AND WHAT MAKES THEM SO IMPORTANT?

Unlike traditional grants, capacity-building grants empower organizations to invest in improving their own internal framework. These grants help them upgrade everything from their technology and donor engagement strategies to marketing, public relations, and more. In other words, they help fuel organizations in becoming as effective and sustainable as possible, so they can broaden their reach and maximize their impact for our community.

"We're opening the door for nonprofits across DuPage County to receive funds that are otherwise difficult to access," said Foundation Vice President for Programs Barb Szczepaniak. "By helping expand an organization's capacity to fundraise, market, be technologically efficient, and more, these grants create a domino effect that in turn provides more programs in the community."

And we're just getting started. As we prepare for our second grant cycle in 2025, we're refining the program's focus so we can better support local organizations and keep that "domino effect" going.

Visit [dupagefoundation.org/grants](https://dupagefoundation.org/grants) to learn more.

## ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL

*Arts DuPage* received \$30,000 in regranting funding through *Illinois Arts Council's Regional Arts Partners (RAP)* grant program, an invitation-only initiative designed to support arts programming in underserved populations within the community.

Thank you to our donor-advised and local funding partners who provided an additional \$217,550 in support for our Fall 2024 grantmaking.

Grantees pictured: Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry (top right) and The McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage (bottom right).





# DCTP Transformational Grants

15 Social Service Organizations  
Awarded More Than \$3.3 Million

The *DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP)* is a five-year, \$10-million partnership between the Foundation and the DuPage County Board. This partnership supports local social service nonprofits focused on addressing food insecurity, housing instability, mental health, and substance use disorder. In Fall 2024, the *DCTP* awarded \$3,370,958 in grants to 15 organizations, helping local residents receive the support they need, so our community can thrive.

To learn more about the impact of this powerful collaboration, visit [dupagefoundation.org/DCTP](http://dupagefoundation.org/DCTP).

## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (11) \$2,761,315

Alive Center	98,000
Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley*	322,200
Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center	100,000
KidsMatter	270,000
Little Friends, Inc.*	241,000
Metropolitan Family Services DuPage*	550,000
Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services*	398,500
Outreach	175,000
Ray Graham Association	223,615
Serenity House Counseling Services, Inc.	200,000
Tri-Town YMCA	183,000

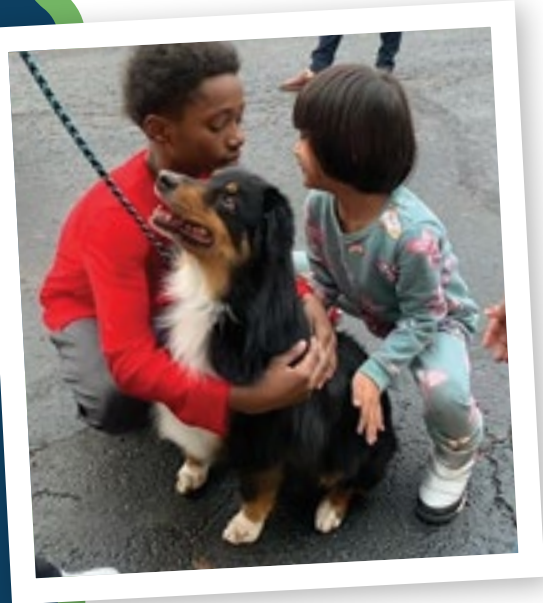
## Food Insecurity (2) \$155,410

Neighborhood Food Pantries	110,000
People's Resource Center	45,410

## Housing Instability (2) \$454,233

Bridge Communities, Inc.	223,620
DuPagePads	230,613

\*Partially funded by *JCS Arts, Health, and Education Fund*



Thank you to Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center for sharing photos of their programs!

# Transformation in Action

How One Grant Recipient Is Reshaping Students' Lives

Our recent *DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP)* grant to Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC) is proving to be a game-changer, helping GECRC grow its programs as it continues supporting students with academic and social-emotional learning (SEL) programs.

## STRENGTHENING STUDENT SUPPORT & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center is all about giving kids from under-resourced families the tools they need to succeed—in school and in life.

In 2025, GECRC is focused on transitioning its social-emotional learning programming from the pilot phase, for which they received a 2022 *DCTP* Transformational grant, to a point where SEL is embedded in all aspects of GECRC's programs and culture going forward. That includes The Character Effect, a proven curriculum that helps kids build resilience, manage emotions, and develop positive relationships. With our *DCTP* grant, GECRC can now provide additional staff training, so this curriculum can be used across all its after-school sites. That means the program will make a positive difference in even more lives.

Beyond SEL, this grant has enabled GECRC to take a significant step toward its goal of serving all eligible students in school districts 89 and 41. GECRC is also continuing to partner with local schools and community organizations to create tailored learning experiences. By working together, they're ensuring each child gets individual support.



Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center

## SUCCESS STORY: ISABELA'S JOURNEY

Isabela Gallegos knows GECRC's life-changing impact as well as anyone. As a student in GECRC's programs, she found a safe, supportive place to grow academically and personally. Now, she's a college freshman pursuing a degree in education, with dreams of becoming a Spanish teacher.

She's also a volunteer with GECRC, supporting the organization that changed her own life years ago. It's her way of giving back—tapping into her own experience to support the next generation.



GECRC board, staff, and alumni: Board President Celia Rodee, Tutor Scholarship recipient Angy Lopez, Alumni Scholarship recipient Isabela Gallegos, and Director of Programs and Volunteers Lisa Hepner.

## LOOKING AHEAD

For GECRC, receiving this *DCTP* grant is about expanding opportunities and helping every child succeed, so our community can continue to grow and thrive.

"We're so excited about this grant because it allows us to grow our programs at a time when academic and emotional support is more important than ever," said Leah Harding, executive director of GECRC. "This funding will help us serve more students, enrich our programs, and build even stronger community partnerships."



# Collective Impact

Mobilizing Support for Local Residents



Pictured left to right: DuPage County Board Member Greg Schwarze, Foundation Chair Bill Blum, Foundation Vice President for Programs Barb Szczepaniak, DuPage County Board Member Paula Deacon Garcia, DuPagePads President & CEO April Redzic, Foundation President & CEO Mike Sitrick, and DuPage County Board Chair Deborah Conroy.

For hundreds in DuPage County, the bitter cold is more than just an inconvenience—it's a dangerous challenge. That's why DuPage Foundation and the DuPage County Board recently stepped up with local donors and partners to provide nearly \$400,000 in emergency funding to DuPagePads, helping our most vulnerable residents get the shelter and support services they needed this past winter.



## THE POWER OF RESPONSIVE PHILANTHROPY

Recognizing an impending homelessness crisis this past winter, DuPagePads reached out to the DuPage County Board for emergency assistance which, in turn, asked us to join them in collectively providing support. We quickly mobilized our *Emergency Fund* and network of donors, fund holders, and funding partners to contribute \$190,000 alongside the DuPage County Board's \$200,000 allocation.

"This is the power of collective impact at work," said Mike Sitrick, Foundation president & CEO. "Through public-private partnerships between donors, businesses, foundations, local government, and nonprofits, we can create real change. In this case, we were able to respond quickly to a crisis, ensuring that people had a warm place to stay when they needed it most."

## ENGAGING DONORS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The rapid response to DuPagePads' urgent need was made possible by our strong relationships with our donors and funding partners. We do more than serve as a grantmaker—we actively engage donors and partners in meaningful ways to match their passions

and resources with pressing community needs and opportunities for impact. The result is both highly effective and personally fulfilling.

"This wasn't just about writing a check," said Barb Szczepaniak, Foundation vice president for programs. "This was about mobilizing our community to respond quickly with purpose. We were calling and emailing with donors and funding partners, telling them exactly what was at stake—people's lives. And they stepped up."

## BUILDING A STABLE, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE THROUGH COLLECTIVE IMPACT

We have a long-term vision for the future: strengthening the *DuPage Funders' Collaborative*. This initiative brings together local funding partners to create a united approach to philanthropy, ensuring that resources are available not just for urgent crises, but for sustainable, systemic change.

"We don't just want to be reactive," said Sitrick. "We want to build our resources up to a point where we have the capacity to be able to deploy critical support when it's needed. And when the need is greater than our capacity, we want to be able to call on our donors and partners to close the gap."

Through the *DuPage Funders' Collaborative*, we are mobilizing local and regional funders to come together to share common areas of philanthropic interest, discuss community challenges and opportunities, and explore the potential for collaborative funding. The goal is to build a community-wide network that can address emergencies while also tackling root causes behind critical issues such as access to mental health services, housing instability, food insecurity, and more.

## A CALL TO ACTION

The collaboration between the Foundation and DuPage County Board saved more than 100 lives, but the work isn't done. We are actively seeking new partners to expand our long-term impact efforts.

"If we're all working together, we'll be able to really address some of these problems and pool resources," said Szczepaniak. "In the end, we'll have a better chance at getting to the core of community challenges and can ultimately have a greater impact."

To learn more about how you can support collective impact within our community, visit [dupagefoundation.org](https://dupagefoundation.org).

## The Illinois Gives Tax Credit

### A Powerful Incentive to Invest Locally



With the new *Illinois Gives Tax Credit Act*, Illinois taxpayers can contribute to permanent charitable endowments at Qualified Community Foundations—including DuPage Foundation—and receive a state tax credit for 25% of their contributions.

This program, which has been funded by the State with a maximum of \$5 million in credits allowed per year through 2029, unless the Act is extended, focuses on building permanent community endowments to support Illinois nonprofits. While gifts to donor-advised funds are ineligible, contributions can be made to support or create funds for unrestricted community endowments, nonprofits working in specific interest areas like basic human needs, mental health, education, the arts, the environment, and more, and funds designated to benefit specific Illinois charities.

The Act allows for 25% of qualified charitable contributions to be deducted annually for a maximum state tax credit of \$100,000 per person or \$200,000 per



couple. Credits will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for those who apply online at [MyTax.Illinois.gov](https://MyTax.Illinois.gov) through a carefully prescribed process, so it's important to act quickly.

The *Illinois Gives Tax Credit* can help us all make a positive impact in our community. We recently launched *All In DuPage*, a \$35-million endowment-building campaign focused on growing our capacity to annually provide robust, sustained strategic impact where it matters most.

Learn more about how you can give and apply for credits today by visiting [dupagefoundation.org/ILGives](https://dupagefoundation.org/ILGives) or contacting **Kait Balsewicz**, director of donor & community engagement, at **630.598.5292** or [kait@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:kait@dupagefoundation.org).

*Disclaimer: DuPage Foundation does not provide legal or tax advice and recommends that you consult with your tax and legal advisors and other members of your professional advisor team prior to making a significant charitable gift.*



# The Cline Legacy

Trustee Emerita Carole Cline Goes “All In” with \$1-Million Gift



Carole and her late husband, Dick Cline, spent decades advocating for the needs of DuPage County and investing in strategic, long-term solutions.



Dick and Carole at a University of Illinois event in 1956.



Carole (center) with her daughter, Patty McDougal, accepting flowers from Board Chair Bill Blum at our Annual Benefit: Through the Looking Glass this past fall.

Carole and Dick (bottom row, right center) treasured time spent with their 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, pictured here in 2022.



There were many reasons to celebrate during our Annual Benefit last November, but one of the greatest was a pivotal gift received from longtime Foundation friend, Trustee Emerita Carole Cline. During the event, Carole and her family announced a \$1-million gift toward our *All In DuPage* campaign, a \$35-million endowment-building effort aimed at addressing our community’s greatest challenges and opportunities—today and for generations to come.

Of course, when it comes to DuPage, Carole and her late husband Dick have always been “all in.” As longtime Glen Ellyn locals and Glenbard High School sweethearts, the Clines always considered DuPage home and held a prominent role within our community. Partnering with several friends such as the late Jerry and Betty Bradshaw, Cleve Carney, and Charlie Thurston, among others, they became early supporters of our mission shortly after our founding in 1986.

In the decades to come, the Clines would distinguish themselves as tireless advocates for our mission, expanding our base of partners while embracing key leadership roles. In 2000, they made the first \$1-million unrestricted gift to our *DuPage Forever Fund* (formerly our General Endowment Fund), significantly increasing our capacity to annually respond to DuPage’s most pressing needs while inspiring others to do the same. Now, in 2025, Carole and her family are expanding upon the legacy that she and Dick started all those years ago.

\$750,000 of Carole’s \$1-million gift created the *Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Community Impact Fund*, a permanently-endowed fund that bolsters our annual grants in health and human services, youth education, workforce development, the environment, and arts and culture. The remaining \$250,000 was invested to

strengthen our *Operating Endowment* and help build our capacity and infrastructure to effectively serve our community into the future.

“Carole’s steadfast support shows high trust in our grant process and our ability to make a difference within the community,” said Barb Szczepaniak, Foundation vice president for programs. “This gift supports a continuum of grantmaking, allowing us to provide immediate impact grants and fund transformational, long-term changes to improve current systems.”

“DuPage is a fantastic place to live and work, yet we also face significant challenges,” said Mike Sitrick, Foundation president & CEO. “Investments from partners like Carole, her family, and many other generous people and organizations provide vital fuel to help us raise the quality of life for all who make DuPage their home.”



(From left) Ralph Smykal, Joe Kindlon, Carole Cline, and Charlie Thurston receive Trustee Emeritus status from the Foundation in 2004. Carole served as a Trustee from 1992 – 2004.

## All In DuPage

Our Ambitious New Endowment-Building Campaign Aims to Make a Lasting Impact

ALL IN  
DUPAGE

DuPage County is a special place. We’re a big community, but we can often feel like a small town, one where we know our neighbors and are always ready to lend a hand.

And while DuPage County is thriving in many ways, we also face serious challenges. Housing instability, food insecurity, mental health issues, and substance use disorder are pervasive. Access to critical childhood education is inaccessible for many families. Our vibrant arts scene brings joy to our residents and helps fuel our economy—but it needs our continued support.

That’s why we, as DuPage’s champion for philanthropy, are calling on our community to step forward. It’s time to make a bigger impact together, with funds that will benefit our community and neighbors for generations to come. It’s time to go “All In” for DuPage.

Our new campaign, *All In DuPage*, seeks to raise \$35 million to increase our community’s pool of permanently-endowed resources to annually address its greatest challenges and opportunities, today and for generations to come. Taking a two-pronged approach, we’re focused on:

- 1 Making a difference by raising \$25 million in new endowed funds for our community grant programs. This will allow us to grant more than \$2 million annually from the programs, doubling our impact and increasing the breadth and depth of our grantmaking so we can lead in driving targeted philanthropy to nonprofits working on the front lines.
- 2 Growing our *Operating Endowment* by \$10 million. This will fuel our mission-critical work and ensure our infrastructure remains strong and keeps pace with our growth while moving us toward becoming a more self-sustaining organization for our community.

Are you ready to go *All In* for DuPage? Learn more about how you can support our community’s future by contacting **Michael Trench**, vice president for advancement, at [michael@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:michael@dupagefoundation.org) or **630.665.5570**.



# Annual Benefit

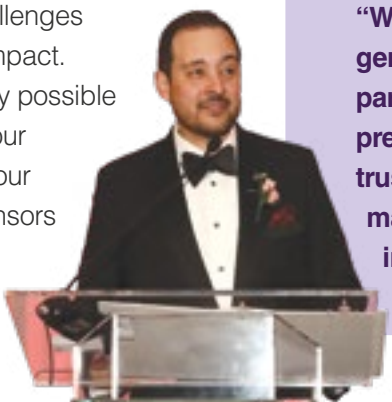


## “THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS” RAISES MORE THAN \$750,000

This past November, more than 425 guests traveled down the rabbit hole at The Westin Chicago Lombard for a Wonderland-themed edition of our *Annual Benefit*. Over a memorable evening of dining, dancing, and paddle-raising, our community raised more than \$750,000 toward our mission—a record-breaking level of support!

This is a big moment for us—and for all of DuPage. As DuPage County’s champion for philanthropy, we bring together people, knowledge, and resources to address our community’s greatest challenges and opportunities through collective impact. Achieving this vision for DuPage is only possible thanks to the incredible generosity of our community. The funds contributed by our donors, community partners, and sponsors on this single evening help support our programs and operations year-round, and make it possible for us to help local donors, businesses, and organizations achieve their charitable goals.

While the entire evening was truly wonderful, there were a few standout moments. One came during the paddle raise, which drew more than \$225,000 in total contributions. Duly Health and Care, Earl and Kay Harbaugh of The Villages, FL, and Julie and Jeff Curran of Hinsdale matched every dollar we received up to a combined \$50,000.



**“We are deeply grateful for the amazing generosity displayed by our friends and partners,”** said Mike Sitrick, Foundation president & CEO. **“It highlights both their trust in our work and the commitment so many in our community share toward investing in local philanthropy.”**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2025 BENEFIT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8!**



Mike and Devan Hazelhurst



Chris and Kaylee Phalon



Shefali Shah and Pranav Patel



### “THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS” HOST COMMITTEE

Pictured from left to right:  
 Braden and Alice Waverley  
 Krishna and Meghna Bansal  
 Chris and Susan Burke  
 Bill and Jen Blum, Co-Chairs

Dorothy O’Reilly  
 Megan and Steve Shebik  
 Joan Morrissey  
 Beth and Mike Sitrick  
 Not pictured: Steve and Emily Burt

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MLK Celebration Choir

## MLK Breakfast Sets Record Attendance, Netting \$100,000+ for Unity Fund Endowment

Dr. King's powerful legacy was celebrated at this past January's DuPage County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream" Unity Breakfast. More than 1,400 gathered at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace to connect, learn about opportunities for collaboration, and give back to our community, making it Illinois' largest MLK Day event.

"I witnessed Dr. King's unshakable belief in unity as a force for change," said Fred Gray, an acclaimed civil rights attorney and the Unity Breakfast's keynote speaker. Known for representing Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he reflected on how Dr. King's message continues to resonate today.

Proceeds from the event benefited our *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Fund*, a permanently-endowed fund at the Foundation seeded by The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc. and supported by many sponsors and donors. The Fund supplements our *Community Impact* grant program in the areas of health, human services, and education, with a focus on supporting area nonprofits that prioritize serving Black, Indigenous, and people of color. This year's Breakfast netted more than \$100,000 for the Fund, and the DuPage County MLK Advisory Committee is committed to building the Fund to more than \$1 million over time to help meet our community's needs.

**Thank you to all of the Breakfast's many community sponsors for their support, especially the following lead partners:**

- PREMIER:** Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc. and Wintrust
- IMPACT:** Richard W. Colburn, DuPage Foundation, IUOE Local 150, and the National Association of Realtors
- COMMUNITY:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.; Michael W. Frerichs; Meson Sabika; Nicor Gas; and United Airlines

Visit [dupagefoundation.org/mlkfund](https://dupagefoundation.org/mlkfund) to learn more about the *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Fund*.

## DuPage Foundation Welcomes Michael Capobianco as Our New Finance Associate

Michael Capobianco joined DuPage Foundation on January 20 as our finance associate. In his new role, Capobianco will focus on financial data management, account analysis and reconciliation, and investment management.

Hailing from Geneva, Capobianco is a recent graduate of North Central College with a bachelor's degree in finance and a minor in marketing. While at North Central, he was a member of its Bulls and Bears Investing Club and completed a financial representative internship with Northwestern Mutual in Naperville.

With ties to communities across DuPage County and the greater western suburbs, Capobianco's unique skill sets across finance and marketing will be an asset to the Foundation.



## Create a Lasting Legacy



Our Legacy Society honors the generous, forward-thinking donors who have included DuPage Foundation in their estate plans. By naming our organization as a charitable beneficiary, you can ensure your generosity will have a transformational impact for generations to come.

When you include DuPage Foundation in your estate plan, you help us secure our community's future and make a lasting impact. The Foundation will receive, administer, and provide ongoing stewardship of your planned gift to ensure your intentions are honored.

To learn more about joining this special circle of Foundation friends, please contact **Michael Trench**, vice president for advancement, at [michael@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:michael@dupagefoundation.org) or **630.665.5570**.

### 24 New Funds Established Since October 2024

- Atten Family Fund
- Bridge Communities, Inc. Opening New Doors Capital Expenditures Fund
- Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Community Impact Fund
- Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Operating Endowment Fund
- Cline-Raymond Family Fund
- Community Impact Investors' Circle Endowment Fund
- Community Impact Investors' Circle Pass-Through Fund
- The Conservation Foundation Mains Family Legacy Endowment Fund
- Fitch Family Charitable Fund
- Goodlow Giving Fund
- Grotelueschen Family Fund
- Martin & Patricia Jahn Operating Endowment Fund
- Langert Family Fund
- Joseph Lizzadro Family Foundation Fund
- Candace McCarthy King Health and Human Services Fund
- Charlie & Kathy McKenna Fund for Health & Human Services
- Lee Ohana Fund
- Partyka Family Fund
- Michael J. and Mary T. Schroeck Family Fund
- Strunk Family Fund of Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center
- Jeanne M. Webster Family Fund
- Leslie A. and Mary E. Wiberg Endowment Fund for Wheaton Drama Inc.
- Leslie A. and Mary E. Wiberg Endowment Fund for Wheaton Municipal Band
- Young Naperville Singers Agency Fund

## How the Next Generation Initiative is Making an Impact in 2025



Each year, DuPage Foundation's *Next Generation Initiative (NGI)* Steering Committee selects three impact areas with input from *NGI* members. Members then vote on two causes they want to support and one they'd like to learn more about. Once the focus areas are chosen, the Steering Committee invites local nonprofits to apply for a grant and then features each at its social events where members come together to connect, learn, and give back.

### OUR 2025 CAUSES

This year, *NGI's* efforts will focus on:

- 1 Housing & Shelter
- 2 Early Childhood Care & Education
- 3 Learning More About: Refugee & Immigrant Services

### OUR 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The *NGI* Steering Committee is proud to announce its grantees:

- **Wednesday, April 9**  
Spring Social for Early Childhood Care & Education  
*Grantee: DuPage Children's Museum*
- **Thursday, June 26**  
Summer Social for Refugee & Immigrant Services  
*Grantee: Exodus World Service*
- **Thursday, September 25**  
Fall Social for Housing & Shelter  
*Grantee: DuPagePads*

### WHY IT MATTERS

The *Next Generation Initiative* makes a transformative impact on causes and organizations right here in our community. It's also a great way to connect with caring people in DuPage and join together to do something bigger.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

To learn more or become a member or sponsor, visit [dupagefoundation.org/NGI](https://dupagefoundation.org/NGI) or contact **Clarice Swanson** at [clarice@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:clarice@dupagefoundation.org) or **630.598.5288**.



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