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DuPage Foundation
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Dear Foundation Friends:

I hope your 2023 is off to a great start! It is a pleasure to be writing to you as DuPage Foundation’s new president & CEO and to have succeeded my friend and colleague, Dave McGowan, CFRE, who retired this past December after 25 years of distinguished service to our organization and community.

Since starting my new role in January, there has been much excitement throughout the organization and among our partners around what we can continue accomplishing together for our community.

2022 marked one of DuPage Foundation’s most impactful years to date, culminating with the start of our powerful new alliance with the DuPage County Board through the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP). This five-year, $10 million grant program, established through federal funds received by the County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is enabling us to deliver vital support to area social service organizations helping our most vulnerable residents who continue to struggle in their recovery from the pandemic with a focus on addressing four key areas: food insecurity, housing instability, mental health, and substance use disorder.

As you’ll read in the pages ahead, since the creation of the DCTP, we have already committed nearly $5 million in grants—an unprecedented level of community support for us.

This is just one example of how we are working collaboratively to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage. From addressing broad needs through our signature Community Needs Grant Program, to investing in our county’s vibrant arts sector through our Arts DuPage initiative, and ensuring that area children have access to quality, affordable early childhood education through our Bright & Early DuPage initiative, the scope of our impact is robust. Since our inception we have now granted more than $75 million on behalf of our donors and partners throughout our community and beyond.

But we can’t meet the needs of our residents alone. We need more partners to join us in our work if we’re to take our impact to new heights and truly make a difference for our community. It’s time to go All In for DuPage, together.

As we begin this next chapter, rallying partners around opportunities to deliver targeted, coordinated impact will be my primary focus. I invite you to join us in this important work.

From helping address our community’s most pressing needs collectively, to helping you support one or more causes that you’re passionate about, or creating a personal charitable legacy plan for you and your loved ones, DuPage Foundation is here to be your partner.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and support. We look forward to seeing what the future has in store for our incredible community. Together, we’ll keep doing a world of good in our own backyard.®

Mike Sitrick, J D, CFRE
President & CEO
DuPage Foundation

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.
A Powerful Partnership: DCTP

Fall Community Needs Grants Deploy Nearly $475,000 to 37 Not-For-Profit Organizations

Foundation Friends "Come Together" to Celebrate Dave McGowan's Retirement

Mike Sitrick Named Foundation's New President & CEO

2022 Annual Benefit Raises Nearly $540,000

Fall Program Highlights Solutions to Community Needs/Creating Your Legacy

NGI Charity Trivia Sells Out

Bright & Early DuPage Fall Grants and Latest Collaborative: Villa Park

NCTV's Spotlight/Staff Updates

JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund Supports Public Art in Glen Ellyn

New Funds Established Since August 2022
- John and Pamela Dalby Fund
- Faithful Family Fund
- Willis M. Gillett Family Fund
- The Hillcrest Fund
- His Hesed Fund
- Pane e Pesci Fund
- Jeffrey and Susan Williams Family Fund

Visit dupagefoundation.org/MyFunds to learn more about establishing your own fund.
During the fall 2022 cycle of its Community Needs Grant Program (Community Needs), DuPage Foundation granted $473,150 to 37 not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of education, arts & culture, environment, and animal welfare.

Through Community Needs, DuPage Foundation supports programs and projects that impact, improve, enhance, and enrich the quality of life for DuPage County residents. Through two grant cycles each year, the Foundation accepts applications from local not-for-profit organizations serving the community.

“We were able to fund so many unique needs in our fall grant cycle,” said Barb Szczepaniak, DuPage Foundation vice president for programs. “From music therapy for senior adults and business skills development for youth, to replacing trees and providing low-cost veterinary services, the positive impact the grantees make with these funds will touch the lives of countless DuPage County residents.”

The following organizations received a grant:

### Education:
- Alive Center: $20,000
- B.R. Ryall YMCA: $25,000
- Best Buddies: $10,000
- Career & Networking Center: $23,000
- Child’s Voice: $2,500
- Compudopt: $5,000
- Doodlebug Workshop Vocational Training Center, Inc.: $5,000
- DuPage Children’s Museum: $18,000
- Exodus World Service: $19,000
- Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center: $25,000
- H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc.: $25,000
- Innovation DuPage: $15,000
- Inside Out Club DuPage: $12,500
- KidsMatter: $14,250
- Literacy DuPage: $22,000
- Your Children’s Bookshelf: $15,500

### Arts & Culture
- b.unity: $7,500
- Buffalo Theatre Ensemble: $20,000
- Chicago Sinfonietta: $5,000
- College of DuPage Foundation: $25,000
- Covenant Living at Windsor Park: $5,000
- DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation: $2,500
- Elmhurst Art Museum: $20,000
- ESSE Adult Day Services: $5,000
- Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale: $2,000
- Lizadro Museum of Lapidary Art: $2,500
- Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement: $5,000
- Opera for the Young: $2,500
- Salt Creek Ballet: $5,000
- Spirito!: $5,000
- Young Naperville Singers: $2,500

### Environment
- The Conservation Foundation: $25,000
- Partnership for Education Progress: $9,200
- SCARCE: $25,000
- Village of Glen Ellyn: $10,000

### Animal Welfare
- Fetching Tails Foundation: $9,700
- Hinsdale Humane Society: $23,000

Applications for DuPage Foundation’s Community Needs Grant Program are accepted twice per year and are reviewed by the Foundation’s volunteer Grant Committee. Learn more at dupagefoundation.org/CNGP.
Foundation Friends “Come Together”
To Celebrate Dave McGowan’s Retirement

After 25 years of working “Eight Days a Week” as DuPage Foundation’s chief staff officer, it was only fitting that Dave McGowan, CFRE, was surrounded by more than 200 Foundation partners, family members, and friends as they sent him off in style.

McGowan’s retirement party on December 1, at Danada House in Wheaton, featured Beatles’ cover band American English and Republic Bank’s 4EVER4 Beatles memorabilia exhibit.

Thank you to Republic Bank for its lead sponsorship and for providing the 4EVER4 exhibit and to Foundation friends Al and Patti Gustafson, Janet Hodge, Laurie McMahon, and My Chef Catering for their generous underwriting of this event.

When McGowan started as executive director in 1998, Foundation assets totaled nearly $4 million and cumulative grantmaking totaled nearly $1 million. At the close of his career, assets exceeded $130 million and cumulative grantmaking totaled $70 million—a combined $200 million in total charitable capital. McGowan was named president in 2003 and CEO in 2015. During his tenure, the Foundation experienced immense growth, established new initiatives, received countless accolades, and made significant community impact. In 2022, he was named “Humanitarian of the Year” by West Suburban Philanthropic Network.

Dave McGowan surrounded by Foundation staff.

Dave and his wife, Mary, have named DuPage Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate and created the Dave and Mary McGowan Fund for their children and their families to recommend grants benefiting DuPage organizations. To contribute in honor of Dave’s service, visit: dupagefoundation.org/mcgowanfund.

Mike Sitrick Named Foundation’s New President & CEO

A new year brings a season of change at DuPage Foundation with the appointment of Mike Sitrick, JD, CFRE, as our new president & CEO.

The announcement came after the December 30 retirement of Dave McGowan, CFRE, who spent 25 years as the Foundation’s chief staff officer. “We knew the day would come when Dave would decide to hand over the reins and I couldn’t be more pleased with the outcome in finding a strong successor to take over this important leadership role,” said Foundation Board Chair Nate Wasson, who chaired the committee that led a national search in coordination with DHR Global.

Sitrick, whose selection was unanimously approved by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, most recently served as the Foundation’s executive vice president for advancement. He has held multiple roles within the organization dating back to 2003 and initially served as its first full-time development staff member before going on to study and practice law. He returned in 2013, leading the Advancement Department, helping achieve a period of unprecedented growth and community impact.

“It is an honor to succeed Dave and serve as DuPage Foundation’s next leader,” said Sitrick. “I look forward to working with our phenomenal staff, volunteer leaders, and partners to continue delivering on our promise of raising the quality of life throughout DuPage County and seeing even greater impact for our residents.”
In January 2022, a powerful new collaborative endeavor was established between DuPage County and DuPage Foundation named the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership (DCTP).

The DCTP officially launched on February 22, 2022, with DuPage County presenting $10.6 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to DuPage Foundation to manage the DCTP program over the next five years.

Thanks to the County’s funding, in July 2022, $1,102,235 in Immediate Intervention grants was distributed to 18 social service not-for-profit organizations in the areas of food insecurity, housing instability, mental health, and substance use disorder. These funds were intended to provide financial assistance for local not-for-profits to meet the immediate needs of their clients.

A second set of funds was also distributed in October 2022, with $3,849,374 in Transformational grants awarded to 17 social service not-for-profit organizations. Transformational grants are two-year grants intended to support evidence-based programs that focus on long-term solutions to build capacity, improve efficiency, and ensure efficacy of programs that support DuPage County residents.

As part of its community recovery plan, DuPage County sought a strategic partner in DuPage Foundation to augment its efforts to support residents in need.

The goal of DCTP is to eliminate food insecurity, promote housing stability, and provide effective mental health and substance use disorder treatment and prevention programs.

“The impact we’ve been able to make in year one of this partnership has been incredible for DuPage County residents,” said DuPage Foundation Trustee and DCTP Committee Chair Megan Shebik. “Together with the DuPage County Board, we’ve provided transformative change in some of the
hardest hit sectors of social services. I’m proud to be a part of this partnership and committee that is making a difference in the lives of so many.”

The DCTP is a five-year program, currently in year two. Grant applications for Immediate Intervention will be available in 2023. Transformational applications will be available in 2024.

The following 17 social service not-for-profit organizations received DCTP Transformational grants in October 2022:

- Access Community Health Network $300,000
- B.R. Ryall YMCA 253,000
- Bridge Communities, Inc. 200,400
- Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center 100,000
- Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc. 350,000
- KidsMatter 200,000
- Mercy Housing Lakefront 82,710
- Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services 500,000
- Ray Graham Association 86,940
- SamaraCare 302,704
- Senior Home Sharing, Inc. 100,000
- Teen Parent Connection 257,500
- The Community House 250,000
- Tri-Town YMCA 335,000
- Wayne Township Pantry & Senior Services, NFP 25,500
- West Suburban Community Pantry 235,620
- World Relief Chicagoland 270,000

Total October 2022 Grants $3,849,374

“A game of Uno at the Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center, one of DCTP’s Transformational grant recipients.

“The first year of this partnership has been incredibly powerful as we’ve worked together to ensure that residents who have been adversely affected by COVID-19 receive assistance from the many wonderful area not-for-profits that are there to help.”

-DuPage County Board Member Greg Schwarze, chair of the Board’s Human Services Committee

Grant Eligibility
To be eligible to apply for a grant through the DCTP, an organization must be a 501(c)(3) social service not-for-profit providing assistance in the areas of food insecurity, housing instability, mental health, or substance use disorder that meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Have more than 50 percent of its total clients be DuPage County residents; or
- Provide services in facilities physically located in DuPage County; or
- Have a DuPage County advisory board.

Letters of intent for Immediate Intervention grants are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24. Visit dupagefoundation.org/DCTP for grant guidelines, application deadlines and evaluation criteria.
DuPage Foundation’s Annual Benefit: Bonjour DuPage, welcomed nearly 300 guests on Saturday, November 5, to experience the grandeur of French cabaret at The Westin Chicago-Lombard.

With generous support from donors, community partners, and sponsors, the evening grossed nearly $540,000 for DuPage Foundation operations and programs aimed at raising the quality of life throughout DuPage County.

More than $140,000 was generated during a paddle raise, thanks in part to a generous $50,000 matching challenge from Duly Health and Care, Earl and Kay Harbaugh of St. Charles, and Joe and Amy Weidenbach of Naperville.

“Bonjour DuPage was a stunning success thanks to the generosity and support of DuPage Foundation’s donors,” said Nicki Anderson, event hostess and Foundation volunteer. “It was a beautiful evening celebrating the impact DuPage Foundation has in supporting community residents in so many ways.”

The evening featured gourmet French-inspired cuisine, music by the French jazz band LePercolateur, a can-can performance by The Honey Taps, casino-themed games and more. Thank you to all who helped make this critical event a success!

DuPage Foundation was delighted to host four generations of the Cline family at its Annual Benefit: Bonjour DuPage on November 5. Pictured from left are: Jill and Jeff Cline of Glen Ellyn, Rich Cline of Wheaton, Sara Cline Howland of Glen Ellyn with her son Davis, Carole and Dick Cline of Wheaton, Linda Cline Raymond and Jim Raymond of Wheaton, and Patty and Ted McDougal of Elmhurst.
On Thursday, October 13, 2022, DuPage Foundation presented a special program featuring a panel of expert government and not-for-profit leaders who discussed how their institutions are collaborating to provide transformational solutions to some of our county’s most significant challenges in the areas of food insecurity and housing instability.

Held at The Morton Arboretum, panelists included Jennifer Bucko Lamplough, chief impact officer, Northern Illinois Food Bank; Mary Keating, director of community services, DuPage County; April Redzic, president & CEO, DuPagePads; Barb Szczepaniak, vice president for programs, DuPage Foundation; and Mike Sitrick, new president & CEO, DuPage Foundation, who moderated.

The event highlighted the shift toward innovative thought and transformation of service delivery to meet the changing needs of the community. “It really showcased the difference that our culture of collaboration can make,” said DuPage Foundation volunteer and Glen Ellyn resident Candace King.

“Despite being one of the wealthiest counties in Illinois, more than one in four households struggle to meet basic needs such as access to nutritious food and safe and affordable housing,” said Szczepaniak. “Rising inflation on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more families needing assistance and this event provided a forum for community members and donors to learn about the growing needs and new strategies that are being employed by local not-for-profit organizations to meet the increased demand for their services.”

This program was the first of a two-part series. The second program will be presented in Spring 2023 focusing on mental health and substance use disorder.

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What will your charitable legacy be? Our team at DuPage Foundation is here to support you in answering this question and achieving your personal goals for your community and favorite causes. By adding some simple language naming DuPage Foundation as a beneficiary of your will or trust, or as a beneficiary of your retirement account, a life insurance policy, or other type of asset, you can ensure that your community and the causes you love are supported while reducing or eliminating potential estate taxes.

Our staff will work with you to create a customized charitable plan that meets your unique goals while helping you and your advisors maximize benefits for yourself, your loved ones, and the causes you wish to support.

Friends who create charitable legacy plans through DuPage Foundation become members of our Legacy Society and are honored for their forward-thinking commitments on behalf of our community.

To learn more about how you can create your charitable legacy and join this special circle of Foundation friends who are investing in the future of our community, please contact Director of Gift Planning Yashica Weeks, MS, CFRE, at yashica@dupagefoundation.org or 630.598.5288.
DuPage Foundation’s Next Generation Initiative (NGI), hosted its sixth annual Charity Trivia Night on Thursday evening, February 2.

After two years of virtual trivia, the sold out, in-person event at Empire Burgers + Brew in Naperville, made it clear that everyone was thrilled to be back together.

“You could feel the energy and excitement of being back in-person,” said Kait Balsewicz, DuPage Foundation’s assistant director of donor services. “Thank you to the NGI Steering Committee for their dedication and for creating such fantastic events that bring passionate individuals together from all over DuPage County to have fun and make a difference.”

The event raised nearly $8,000 for NGI’s grantmaking activities. Two hundred participants represented 34 teams vying for the championship title and the opportunity to recommend a grant from the Next Generation Initiative Fund to their favorite charity.

The first place team, “Pillars of the Earth” recommended a $2,000 grant to North Central College’s Center for Financial Literacy, whose mission is to prepare students to be informed citizens and leaders.

Special thanks to the evening’s Event Partner, Chris and Kaylee Phalon of Edward Jones, and to Empire Burgers + Brew in Naperville for the in-kind donation of their facility for the evening.

Bright & Early DuPage Fall Grants and Latest Collaborative: Villa Park

In September 2022, Bright & Early DuPage (B&ED) awarded five grants totaling $250,000 to support early childhood collaborative efforts in three areas: System Capacity Building, Parent Engagement, and Outreach.

Collaboratives could request funding of $20,000 in each area to support programs and projects aligned with that category.

In January 2023, B&ED also awarded a $20,000 grant to the newly-launched Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative (VPAECC), to support a bilingual outreach specialist who will provide education and resources to promote positive early childhood development for the area’s most vulnerable families. VPAECC is the seventh early childhood collaborative launched with B&ED support since 2013.

“We’re delighted to serve as a catalyst for expanding early childhood collaboration into a new DuPage community,” said Barb Szczepaniak, DuPage Foundation vice president for programs. “It takes a village to prepare children for school and to launch them on the road to lifelong success, which is why the Foundation invests financial resources to help communities establish and build a coordinated approach toward this goal.”

The following organizations received a B&ED grant:

- Addison Partners for Play, Learning & Education: $20,000
- Bensenville/Elmhurst Early Learning Supporters: $60,000
- Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative: $90,000
- Wheaton Warneville Early Childhood Collaborative: $20,000
- Willowbrook Corner Coalition (Partially funded by the Snodgrass Family Fund): $60,000

View the DuPage Early Childhood Community Profile at dupagefoundation.org/BrightAndEarly.
Robin Carroll Joins the Foundation as Director of Marketing & Communications

DuPage Foundation is pleased to welcome Robin Carroll as its new director of marketing & communications. Carroll started this past January and is responsible for continuing to build the Foundation’s brand as DuPage County’s philanthropic leader, communicating the impact of its programs and initiatives, and highlighting community needs and opportunities to address them while seeking to increase awareness and engagement through multiple marketing channels.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Robin served as marketing director for Hinsdale Humane Society for ten years, ran her own copywriting and public relations firm for 13 years, and spent a number of years at Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. in Chicago, IL, as director of public relations.

Carroll has served as a board member of the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), as public relations chair for the Western Springs Historical Society, and as a contributor to the Western Springs Journal. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in art history.

The Sedicated staff at DuPage Foundation have Special Anniversaries to Celebrate

- Samantha Hollis, communications associate
  January 10: One-year anniversary
- Kait Balsewicz, CFRE, assistant director of donor services
  March 5: Five-year anniversary
- Mike Sitrick, JD, CFRE, president & CEO
  April 1: Ten-year anniversary (second start date)
- Yashica Weeks, MS, CFRE, director of gift planning
  April 4: One-year anniversary

From left to right: Samantha Hollis, Kait Balsewicz, Mike Sitrick and Yashica Weeks.
JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund Supports Public Art in Glen Ellyn

Glen Ellyn\'s Taylor Avenue Pedestrian Tunnel provides a safe, illuminated route for residents. The College of DuPage (COD), Village of Glen Ellyn, and DuPage Public Art Committee (DPAC) set out to change it from a utilitarian passage to a work of art.

The resulting public mural installation is part of the DuPage Public Art Project proposed by McAninch Arts Center Director Diana Martinez, who is also a DuPage Foundation Trustee and chair of Arts DuPage, in response to COD President Dr. Brian Caputo\'s commitment to the Arts, Culture, and Community Engagement Pillar of COD\'s Strategic Long Range Plan. The art competition was announced and garnered more than 60 applications from artists around the world. \"The Grove,\" a design submitted by Pilsen artist Juan De La Mora, won and was brought to life with generous support from the JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of DuPage Foundation.

Arts DuPage and the JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of DuPage Foundation invite local DuPage County governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) organizations to apply for a grant to support public art in 2023. The JCS Fund is offering a matching grant of $25,000 for DuPage County permanent public art projects. To learn more, visit: dupagefoundation.org/jcsfund.