2003

Civic leaders create the Foundation as an affiliate of **The Chicago Community Trust**.

Community leaders launch the **Foundation's endowment** with gifts totaling more than $500,000.

2004

The Chicago Community Trust provides a **seed grant of $200,000**.

Six new funds are established, totaling $1M.

2005

First part-time **executive director** hired.

Sponsors *Strengthening Collaboration and Capacity*, a conference for nonprofits serving Lake County.

2006

Establishes the **Basic Human Needs Fund** with major support from a local civic leader.

Convenes *Early Childhood Education* summit in partnership with United Way of Lake County and IFF.

Surveys over 100 nonprofits to assess **capacity needs**.

Announces **REACH Grant Program**, supporting capacity building.

Adopts diversity policy.

Sponsors *State of Latinos in Lake County*.

2007

Assets reach $2.6M.

Establishes first **agency endowment**.

Hosts series of **capacity building workshops** for local agencies.

Announces the first **Basic Human Needs Award**, honoring agencies that serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

Convenes family foundations to build **philanthropic partnerships**.

2008

Awards its **millionth dollar in grants**.

Offers **capacity building workshops** for grant recipients.

Foundation facilitates an **analysis** of the sector.

2009

Assets reach $3.1M.

First **full-time executive director** hired.

Completes inaugural **strategic plan**.

Launches two **county-wide initiatives**: access to health services for uninsured and a mapping project to identify gaps and needs for health and human services.

Establishes first Field of Interest fund, the **Lake County Early Childhood Education Fund** with a gift from Happy Day Nursery in Waukegan.

2010

Receives **endowment gift** from the now defunct Lake County Humane Society ensuring grant funding in perpetuity for both animal and human welfare.

Convenes funders from across Lake County to share information and opportunities to maximize impact across the county.

Initiates a **Leadership Task Force**, bringing together human services nonprofit leaders for professional development, to forge collaborations and create an action plan to serve the growing needs of the sector in the county.

2011

Total grant awards since 2003 reach $2M.

18 funds now held in perpetuity for the benefit of the community.

2012

$1,000,000 estate gift from the Foundation's founder launches the Robert F. Reusché Operating Endowment.

Assets exceed $7M.

Establishes new **strategic grant making priorities** and guidelines focused on advancing quality of life indicators.

Leadership Task Force transitions to independent nonprofit, **The Alliance for Human Services**, focused on the efficient delivery and collaboration among human service organizations in Lake County.

Advances two **new initiatives**: improving access to public transportation and creating a stronger workforce.

2013

Celebrates its **10th Anniversary** with donors and grant recipients at the BMW Championship in Lake Forest.

Foundation invests in **community information sessions** around local research completed by Dr. Scott Allard, University of Chicago professor and

Brookings Institution fellow, on the topic of suburban poverty.

2014

Assets reach $10M.

Total competitive grant making exceeds $3M.

Foundation hosts first *On the Table* events in Lake County, in cooperation with The Chicago Community Trust.

2015

Launches a nonprofit capacity building series in partnership with Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County.

Hosts "Community Conversations" with 200 stakeholders to discuss demographic trends and the changing needs of the Lake County nonprofit landscape.

2016

Launches **The Lake County Legacy Society** and recognizes 14 individuals and couples who have chosen to shape Lake County's long-term future by making a gift to the Foundation in their estate plans.

Hosts first **"Giving and Impact" Annual Meeting** and celebrates the award of $290,000 in community grants to 17 Lake County based nonprofit organizations.