

Start Something Lake County!

2018-2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Start Something Lake County by Mark McMahon. 2018.



THE LAKE COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
An affiliate of The Chicago Community Trust

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of September 2018

ASSETS

Cash	\$	224,467
Investments		12,772,726
Pledge Receivables		175,000

Total Assets \$ 13,172,193

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

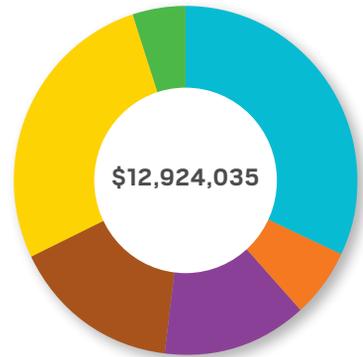
Liabilities	\$	129,664
Agency Funds held for others		118,494
Net Assets		12,924,035

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 13,172,193

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

As of September 2018

■ Donor Advised Funds	\$4,262,627	33.0%
■ Designated Funds	\$793,876	6.1%
■ Operating Endowment	\$1,815,690	14.1%
■ Unrestricted Endowment	\$2,012,693	15.6%
■ Restricted Endowment	\$3,364,748	26.0%
■ Administrative Funds	\$674,401	5.2%



THE LAKE COUNTY LEGACY SOCIETY



Have you thought about your legacy? How do you want to be remembered?

LCCF is here to ensure your planned giving reflects your passions and desire to help others. You can leave a lasting legacy for organizations and causes that matter to you by establishing a designated charitable fund with LCCF or becoming a Legacy Society member. Here are a few thoughtful, yet easy ways you can establish a legacy for good:

- **Make a Bequest** to LCCF to support the community or causes you care about most.
- Establish a charitable fund with

Life Insurance. You can make a significant impact at very little cost. Name your fund as a beneficiary and give later. Or donate an existing policy and take an immediate tax deduction.

- Name your charitable fund at LCCF as your **Retirement Plan** beneficiary. Retirement plans, when passed to an heir, quickly become depleted by taxation. Instead, name your fund as beneficiary and preserve your hard-earned assets for the good of the community you love.

For a list of Legacy Society members and more information about other charitable giving vehicles, visit lakecountycf.org/lake-county-legacy-society/

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY

Now in its 16th year in Lake County, LCCF works as a catalyst for generosity and change; a connector of donors, partners, dollars and ideas; and as the permanent steward of charitable funds dedicated to Lake County and our most vulnerable residents. 2018 marked the 15th anniversary of LCCF and we celebrated big! Thanks to our generous donors and partners, we:

- Distributed over \$625,000 in community grants.
- Hosted 15th Anniversary events around the county to celebrate the power of art and local philanthropy to change lives.
- Launched our first ever initiative to grow the Robert F. Reusché Operating Endowment — Lake County's *forever fund* that will sustain the organization's work for the future.
- Commissioned artist Mark McMahon to "put LCCF on the map" in a one-of-a-kind illustrated watercolor that celebrates the unique heritage of the region we call home.
- Launched an annual initiative to recognize January 23 as "Lake County Poverty Awareness Day". Hosted nationally renowned researcher and author Dr. Scott Allard to amplify community needs often hidden from sight as poverty continues a decades-long shift to the suburbs.
- Leveraged key support from the Lake County Board, mayors, community leaders, organizations, public policy experts and the media to ensure understanding and alleviating poverty remains at the heart of our local philanthropy.



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Lake County Community Foundation celebrates 15 years with charity art party

By Abby Staff
Daily Herald correspondent

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Highwood artist Mark McMahon, left, and Miah Amour, executive director of Lake County Community Foundation, hold the Lake County map McMahon created for the 15th Something Lake County Warehouse Art Party. The event celebrates the foundation's 15 years of philanthropy. / Paul Vasele | Staff Photographer

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- Announced a 2019 partnership with the Gorton Greater Good Project and Kellogg School Center for Nonprofit Management to offer a three-part series to support nonprofit board development and recruitment in Lake County.

The activities discussed in this report are made possible by earnings from our assets and contributions from people like you — our supporters, donors, fundholders and partners. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your confidence in LCCF and your belief in the power of collective philanthropy to change lives right here in Lake County!

GROW IMPACT

2018 Proactive and Competitive Grants

In partnership with our fund holders in 2018, LCCF invested over \$625,000 in grants. Our community investment strategy focuses on improving access to affordable, nutritious food across the county, addressing basic human needs and supporting animal welfare. In celebration of 15 years of local philanthropy, the board of directors allocated an additional \$100,000 to support Basic Human Needs grants.

*Nearly one-third of the Foundation's 2018 grant funding was awarded to new applicants.

Local Food System Grants

Liberty Prairie Foundation – \$55,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank – \$55,000

Early Childhood Grants

Words on Wheels – \$5,000

Animal Welfare Grants

*Fat Cat Rescue – \$7,000

*Spray and Stay – \$7,000

Basic Human Needs Grants

*Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance – \$10,000

*College Bound Opportunities – \$6,000

*Curt's Cafe – \$10,000

Erie Family Health Center – \$8,000

Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project – \$6,000

*Foglia YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago – \$6,000

*Highland Park – Highwood Legal Aid Clinic – \$6,000

*Kohl Children's Museum – \$10,000

*Mother's Trust Foundation – \$6,000

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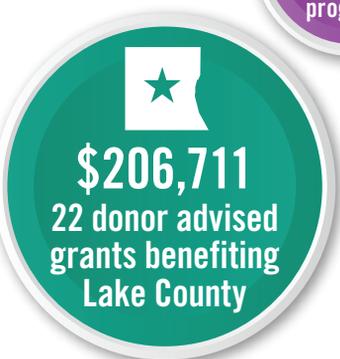
Partnership for a Safer Lake County – \$10,000

*Ragdale Foundation – \$10,000

Twice As Nice Mother & Child – \$10,000

YouthBuild Lake County – \$7,000

YWCA Lake County – \$9,000



FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT *As of January 2019*

- Adeline Steans Morrison Fund
- Allendale Shelter Club Fund
- Basic Human Needs Fund
- BKidz Fund
- Buchanan Family Foundation Fund
- District 103 Learning Fund
- Field Partners Fund
- First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest Lake County Fund
- J. P. DePree Family Fund
- Jamee and Marshall Field Fund
- Lake County Early Childhood Education Fund
- Lake County Humane Society Fund
- LCCF Endowment Fund
- Mother's Trust Foundation Fund
- Paul H. Daube Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ragdale Foundation Cornerstone Fund
- Ravinia Centennial Fund
- Reusché Family Fund for PADS Lake County
- Robert F. Reusché Operating Endowment Fund
- Sanders Partners Fund
- Sedgebrook Benevolent Care Fund
- Sedgebrook Scholars Fund
- Stephen and Carolyn Chase Family Fund
- William H. Lukiung Memorial Fund
- Winthrop Harbor Education Enrichment Fund

INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY

Celebrating 15 Years of Giving

On November 10, a crowd of 300 community residents, local philanthropists, artists and donors were welcomed by the stART Something Lake County Host Committee to a warehouse art party where we celebrated 15 years of giving and community impact across Lake County! A dozen local artists created art live with proceeds benefiting the Reusché Operating Endowment. The gathering also highlighted Lake County musicians, libations, food and social impact partners.



Leave a Lasting Legacy

When Colorado resident Tom Sander reached out to LCCF over a year ago, he and his wife Jenny Henke already had a solid understanding of how community foundations could support their legacy giving. Having

“Community foundations provide a great opportunity for everyone, even those with a modest estate, to leave a legacy of helping those in need.”

- TOM SANDER

been a journalist in Florida, Tom frequently covered stories about Community Foundation of Broward. Similarly, Jenny became aware of the enormous value community foundations bring through her work at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Although Jenny and Tom do not live in Illinois, their ties to Lake County are strong. Born in Chicago and LaGrange, Tom and his younger brother Robert spent much of their childhood in the city and nearby Hinsdale. Years ago, Robert was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. He has been a resident of Lambs Farm for 38 years and has benefitted greatly from the support he receives there.

The family’s positive experience with Lambs Farm ultimately inspired them to reach out to LCCF to explore how a portion of their estate could be used to broadly fund organizations helping developmentally disabled residents of Northern Illinois. During a recent visit to Illinois, Tom met with staff to learn more about the Foundation’s work and discuss its area community partners that provide similar services to residents like Robert.

Tom shared, “I’m a philanthropist and didn’t even know it! By naming The Lake County Community Foundation in my will, I

have peace of mind knowing I don’t have to handle a lot of paperwork and my family can rely on the local knowledge and expertise of foundation staff members to ensure our legacy is well stewarded.”



Brothers Tom (L) and Robert (R) Sander in Alaska. Photo credit: Tom Sander.

THANK YOU

The Lake County Community Foundation is grateful for the generosity of those who make Lake County a stronger, healthier, more vital region by volunteering, making charitable donations to support our mission, establishing named funds and joining The Lake County Legacy Society.

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