



Highland Park Community Foundation

Impact Report
2013





The Highland Park Community Foundation has created this **Impact Report** to show you, our generous donors, how your contributions serve to aid and improve our community. Since its founding in 1992, the Foundation has supported a wide variety of local agencies and has had a strong positive impact on the quality of life of our residents. We thank you for your ongoing support!

.....**2012 Grant Recipients**.....

Social Services

Anixter Center
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Family Service of SE Lake County
Bilingual Counseling
Nuestro Center
Friendship Circle
Sunday Soccer, Swim and Dance
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Senior Services

Catholic Charities, Seniors Program
SE Lake County Faith in Action

Child Care

Family Network
Highland Park Community
Nursery School and Day Care
Jewish Council for Youth Services
Tri-Con Child Care Center

Our Mission
The mission of the Highland Park Community Foundation is to meet the unmet social service, cultural, educational and environmental needs of Highland Park and Highwood, and to promote philanthropy in the community.

Educational Services

College Bound Opportunities
Estudiante to Student
HP Golden Apple Award
Homework Club, HPHS
National Hispanic Institute, HPHS

Arts/Civic Programs

The Art Center of Highland Park
East on Central
Focus on the Arts
HP Library-Digitized Media Center
Midwest Young Artists
Music Institute, Highland Park Campus
Pilgrim Players



An Impact on Early Childhood

"Preparing all our children for success in school ultimately benefits each individual child as well as the entire community."

*Jean Wallace-Baker
Executive Director
Highland Park Community Nursery
School and Day Care Center*



**Residents Living
Below Poverty Level**

5.9%
in Highland Park

10.8%
in Highwood



An Impact on Seniors

"Providing social support to seniors through personal connections helps them maintain their independence and quality of life."

*Robbie Boudreau
Executive Director
Faith in Action*



**Residents
Over Age 65**

19.3%
of Highland Park Residents

10.3%
of Highwood Residents





An Impact on Education

The HPCF supports several organizations working to improve high school graduation rates and college prospects, such as College Bound Opportunities (pictured here), Estudiante to Student and the HPHS Homework Club.



**HPHS 4-Year
Graduation Rate**

88.9%
Overall

72.5%
of Low Income Students





An Impact on the Arts

"Communities committed to accessible arts and arts education for all of their citizens are better integrated, prosperous and exciting to live in."

*Jennifer Bartel
Director, Highland Park Campus
Music Institute of Chicago*



**Students Receiving Free
Books/Reduced Lunches**

1 in 5

District 112

1 in 7

HPHS Students



Help Make an Impact

For more than 20 years, the Highland Park Community Foundation has provided financial support to service and cultural agencies in Highland Park and Highwood. Our impact on the community continues to grow. In 2012, the Foundation awarded a record \$131,700 in grants and scholarships to 25 local agencies.

The HPCF has a solid financial base, but as highlighted in this report, the needs of the community are increasing while resources are dwindling. The Board's vision is to grow the Endowment Fund by \$300,000, thereby allowing the Foundation to issue \$150,000 in grants in subsequent years.

More information about the HPCF, including how to donate, can be found by visiting www.hpcommunityfoundation.com. Donations can also be mailed to the Highland Park Community Foundation, P.O. Box 398, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Now more than ever, we need your support to continue to enrich the lives of local residents and maintain the vitality of our community.

**HPCF
Today**

\$2.7
Million Endowment

\$131,700
in Grants Awarded, 2012

25 Agencies
Supported, 2012



The 2013 HP Golden Apple winner, Indian Trail music teacher Caitlin Lucci, is shown with her husband, Braeside School teacher Craig Lucci (left), HP Golden Apple committee chair Sara Sher, and Indian Trail principal Craig Keer.

In 2010, the HPCF and a local family foundation initiated an annual **Golden Apple Award** to recognize outstanding teachers in our school systems. By honoring an exceptional educator, the Foundation strives to demonstrate the strength and impact of excellent teaching in helping young people to reach their potential.

Statistics presented in this report were obtained from US Census data, Districts 112 and 113, and the City of Highland Park.

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