COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

A report on grants awarded to local nonprofits for charitable projects, programs, and events benefiting the people of Northern Illinois.

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The Imagination Library is an early-years book gifting program that creates a home library and helps parents instill a love of reading. In the first five years of the program in Stephenson County we have mailed 80,435 books.

United Way of Northwest Illinois
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Book Gifting Program

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Over 94,000 students have attended programs.

Crossroads Blues Society
Blues in the Schools in the Park
The Community Grants Program is the largest grantmaking program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL). Grants are awarded to support charitable projects, programs, and events operated by nonprofit organizations in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Community Grants are made in six focus areas: Arts & Humanities, Education, Health, Human Services, Sustainable Communities, and Youth & Families.

In Fall 2021 CFNIL awarded 76 new grants totaling $1,301,089.04, in addition to $170,000 to three multi-year grant commitments from prior cycles, for a total of $1,471,089.04. Each grant was reviewed by community volunteers who assessed the proposed plan, budget, anticipated outcomes, and community need. Learn more about the Community Grants Program at cfnil.org/community.

## 2021 - 2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTMAKING

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TOTAL: 79 $18,621.38 $875 - $109,000

## COMMUNITY GRANTS FOCUS AREAS

### ARTS & HUMANITIES
Grants made to:
- Increase the availability of and access to artistic and cultural experiences, especially those that represent our community’s diverse culture.
- Celebrate the region’s history and preserve historical integrity.

### EDUCATION
Grants made to:
- Align with Education Works guidelines (visit cfnil.org/education-works).
- Provide creative and systemic approaches for educational improvement.
- Support the education of current and future medical professionals.

### HEALTH
Grants made to:
- Improve the quality of and access to health services.
- Support community wellness.
- Conduct research to promote the health and well-being of our community.

### HUMAN SERVICES
Grants made to:
- Support the education of current and future medical professionals.
- Provide services to persons with intellectual disabilities, especially activities that promote inclusion.
- Support efforts to ensure public safety and access to quality, affordable, and permanent housing.
- Preserve our natural environment, especially activities that increase the region’s understanding and appreciation of the environment.

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
Grants made to:
- Promote neighborhood and economic development.
- Support efforts to ensure public safety and access to quality, affordable, and permanent housing.
- Preserve our natural environment, especially activities that increase the region’s understanding and appreciation of the environment.

### YOUTH & FAMILIES
Grants made to:
- Provide pathways to self-sufficiency.
- Strengthen families.
- Support intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.

## DONOR NAMED FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

CFNIL has been creating endowments and honoring donor intent through grantmaking since 1953. Some donors have established funds, listed below, which support various charitable activities awarded in the Community Grants Program.

- Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund
- Barber-Colman Management Fund
- Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund
- Community Arts & Humanities Fund
- Donald V. & Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund
- Dr. Courtney J. & Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund
- Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund
- Elunsie Winthrop Stromberg Fund
- Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund
- Guy E. Reno Family Fund
- Guyer-Hyzer Fund
- Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund
- Jon W. Lamdin Historic Preservation Fund
- Karen K. “Duke” Lewis Fund
- Margaret K. Alden Christian Ministry Fund
- Merryle A. Stockhus Fund
- Norris A. & Margaret K. Alden Fund
- Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund
- Red Macdonald Memorial Theatre Endowment Fund
- Roger & Mary Retthman Fund
- The Corbett Family Fund for Youth, Families, & Human Services
- United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund
- Vera Maureen Fisher Fund
- William & Katherine McCay Fund

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This grant will increase our capacity to holistically engage at-risk youth entering the juvenile justice system and retraining the community. Mentorship, life skills training, and other programming will provide a support system, develop patterns of resiliency, and empower participants to make choices that break patterns of addiction, crime, poverty, and recidivism.

Statelinet Youth for Christ
Juvenile Justice Ministry Outreach Program

PICTURED: Stateline Youth For Christ Juvenile Justice Ministry Volunteers.
GRANT CHARACTERISTICS KEY

Projects, programs, and events as unique as the communities of northern Illinois.

While every grant awarded this cycle was made possible by local generosity and will serve local needs, each grant is also unique. The people and places of northern Illinois are diverse: urban and rural, well-established and new; representing many nations, heritages, and backgrounds. As you peruse the grants listed in this report you will notice icons accompanying the descriptions. Each icon represents a characteristic which makes the grant unique, as described below.

- **LOCAL**
  - of, relating to, or characteristic of a particular place

- **ARTS & HUMANITIES**
- **EDUCATION**
- **HEALTH**
- **HUMAN SERVICES**
- **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**
- **YOUTH & FAMILIES**

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COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS

69 agencies awarded 79 grants for a stronger northern Illinois.

This section of the report provides a highlight of each of the grants awarded in this cycle, listed in alphabetical order by organization name. Each charitable activity benefits the people of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties and provides local support for local services, programs, and projects which make our communities healthier, more vibrant, and more resilient.

Each grant description is accompanied by icons which indicate the grant’s Focus Area, geographic location, whether this is the first grant the organization has received from CFNIL, and more. A key to learn about these icons is found on page 6.

ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD

Ready to Learn

$7,500

Early life experiences are the foundation for lifelong achievement and success. Community-wide interventions and targeted supports for children and their families will improve the educational and life outcomes of children and strengthen neighborhoods, families, schools, and the region.

ARTISTS’ ENSEMBLE THEATER

“The Outsider” Production

$2,000

AE will produce “The Outsider” by Paul Slade Smith, a smart, funny new play about politics and the importance of elections.

BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Combating Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults

$13,081

Funds will be used to facilitate a structured social call program combating social isolation and loneliness in older adults, with the goal of improved health and vitality.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF FREEPORT & STEPHENSON COUNTY

Project Safety View

$7,918

Cameras will be installed at King Community Campus for the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County (BGC), Amity Learning Center, and the Head Start program. A single system will allow access for all three organizations and ensure greater safety for youth served by our programs and community residents.

ARTISTS’ ENSEMBLE THEATER

“Ben Butler” Production

$2,000

AE will produce “Ben Butler” by Richard Strand, a play based on a true historical event when General Benjamin Butler created a legal precedent for effectively freeing fugitive slaves by designating them as contraband of war in service of military objectives. The play provides a look at a crucial moment at the very beginning of civil rights in America.

Mendelssohn will present classes in music and visual arts, providing the opportunity to explore forms of creative expression and expand participant’s view of the world.
**Burpee Museum of Natural History**

**SPARK THE LOVE STEM Programming**

$24,202

Burpee Museum will create traveling STEM kits for after school programming or classroom learning. Kits will be appropriate for elementary through middle school with the goal of teaching students to ask and seek to answer questions about our Earth, its people, and its resources.

**Children’s Home & Aid**

**CHILDREN’S HOME & AID**

**Doula Program**

$3,085.16

This program uses trained doulas to support high-risk women before, during, and after pregnancy, increasing health and well-being of mother and child. The project develops strong parent/child attachments to help mothers build healthy and safe futures for their babies.

**Children’s Safe Harbor**

**CHILDREN’S SAFE HARBOR**

**Expansion of CSH Services**

$20,820.80

Children’s Safe Harbor will expand hours for Supervised Visitation and Exchange services, significantly decreasing wait-list times and helping more families in need of services.

**Comprehensive Community Solutions**

**YouthBuild 2022**

$15,000

CCS will facilitate online high school diploma courses, construction credential courses, first aid/CPR & AED and OSHA 10 certifications. These achievements will strengthen participants’ ability to attain sustainable employment or successful transition into apprenticeships or post-secondary education.

**Crossroads Blues Society**

**Blues in the Schools in the Park**

$2,500

Crossroads Blues Society has been doing Blues in the Schools (BITS) programs in the Rockford area for 20 years, serving over 94,000 students. Blues in the Schools in the Park is a family-oriented event featuring solo artists and bands who support the BITS programs. The event will be held at Lyman Park in Rockford and include music, crafts and interactive activities.

**Discovery Center Museum**

**STEM on the Rock**

$24,600

Discovery Center STEM educators and National Society of Black Engineers volunteers will deliver hands-on STEM enrichment sessions at the YMCA and Booker Washington Center. This partnership will allow Discovery Center to reach more students and increase STEM engagement and career pathways for minority middle school students.

**Ethnic Heritage Museum**

**Heritage Park Walkway**

$14,000

A walkway will connect Ethnic Heritage Museum to the Graham Gristina House and nearby municipal parking lot, ensuring ADA compliance for the museum grounds. The wide brick walkway will make movement between buildings and areas safe, comfortable, and unencumbered.

**Farworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)**

**Election Prevention & Community Legal Education for Latinx Immigrant Workers**

$10,085.94

FLAP will link low-income Latinx immigrant workers to resources in northern Illinois via presentations at the Mexican Consulate mobile unit, churches, non-profits, libraries, and businesses. Special attention will be given to teaching how to prevent eviction through the justice system.

**Girls on the Run**

**Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County**

**Building New 2022 Habitat Life Stories**

$4,600

New home and repair projects will be provided to up to 25 lower income individuals in Ogle County, through the purchase of building materials to serve new Habitat partner families to deliver decent, sustainable, and affordable housing services.

**Hoo Haven Surgical Room Project**

Hoo Haven is expanding its ability to provide more complex surgical interventions on site. The addition of a surgical room specifically equipped for this purpose will provide immediate critical care and surgical intervention for injured animals.

**Irish Marching Society**

**Christmas Time in Ireland**

$4,000

Irish Marching Society will launch a School of Irish Dance, kicking off the project with “Christmas Time in Ireland”, a performance by Paddy Homan and the Noble Siss, Proceeds will be used for scholarships to participate in Rockford’s School of Irish Dance.

**Jeremiah Development, NFP**

**Jeremiah HELP: Small Engine Repair**

$20,000

Jeremiah Development HELP/Small Engine Repair provides youth with hands-on STEM experience. Students struggling in a traditional school setting will use hands-on training to develop skills needed for a future career in the trades, from equipment repair to business start-up.

**Ken-Rock Community Center**

**Ken-Rock Security Upgrades**

$8,536

In 2020 Ken-Rock moved to a new facility which had recently been a church. The organization has completed many improvements to the building and indoor upgrades are necessary to ensure the safety of the facility for staff and program participants.
**MILESTONE, INC.**  
Medical & PT Equipment Upgrade Phase 2  
$10,000

Milestone will continue to upgrade the medical equipment at Elwood Heights including EZ Lifts, walkers, digital scale chairs, and a wheelchair transfer chair. These upgrades will help increase the quality of life of clients as they age, preserve their quality of care, and continue to increase clients’ level of independence.

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**KIDS AROUND THE WORLD, INC.**  
Welding Career Pathway 2022  
$35,000

Kids Around the World, Inc. (KATW) will continue the Welding Career Path program in partnership with YouthBuild Rockford, First Institute of Training and Management, Inc., and Workforce Connection, to help high school drop-outs from poor communities gain self-sufficiency.

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**MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER**  
Camp Grant Exhibit Conceptual Design  
$15,000

Midway Village Museum will hire an exhibit design firm to design and conceptualize Phase I of a new permanent exhibit. The exhibit will center around Camp Grant, a former army infantry training base located where the Rockford Airport now stands.

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**NATUREL LAND INSTITUTE**  
Family Nature Adventures 2022  
$6,300

NLI will present Family Nature Adventures at Nygren Wetland Preserve, a free, bilingual event to impart a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Kids can earn a Junior Naturalist badge and certificate by visiting nature and arts-themed learning stations.

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**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
Support for Camp Pathways in RPS205 and D100  
$50,000

EdSystems will partner with Rockford Public Schools, Belvidere District 100, and regional partners to provide strategic counseling, technical assistance, and other supports to foster equitably accessible high-quality pathways that prepare young people for success in college, career, and civic life.

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**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**  
Milk2MyPlate Program  
$10,000

The Milk2MyPlate Program provides consistent access to fresh milk for families through the Food Bank’s member food pantries. Access to fresh dairy products at no charge helps guests continue to consume essential nutrients during times of need.

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**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**  
Northwest Center in Rockford Safety Upgrades  
$5,000

As a hub for the Food Bank to store, pack and distribute food throughout the region, the Northwest Center continues to adapt and evolve. The Food Bank will enhance safety features to their highest level of service for neighbors, member agencies, and volunteers.

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**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Empowering Women for Success  
$25,000

Grants dollars will be used as matching funds for the Empowering Women for Success (EWS) program. EWS is a program designed to help women make positive changes that will lead to success in their desired careers through case management, training, and job placement.

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**POLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
2022 Outdoor Concert Series  
$5,000

Polo Public Library will hire five local bands to present free community concerts in the library’s outdoor pavilion, one each month from May through September of 2022, creating a series of outdoor welcoming events for this rural community to come together to enjoy music and each other’s company.

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**Reimagining Interpretation of Midway Village Museum’s Victorian Village**  
$495,849

The tour system for Midway Village Museum's historic village has not changed in nearly 20 years. Midway will use the funds to underwrite staff time in reimagining the interpretation of the historic village and training of current interpreters or docents.

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**WRENCH**  
Helping students get a leg up  
$3,500

WRENCH is a mentoring program that helps students get a leg up in high school and college. The program pairs high school students with mentors who help them with college preparation, resume building, and other needs.

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**Reimagining Interpretation of Midway Village Museum’s Victorian Village**  
Nikolas Ritschel Foundation  
(To be one stipend)

Nikolas Ritschel grants “wishes” to young adults fighting cancer who live in northern Illinois. This funding will support a “wish” in 2022.

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ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
RSO Music Director Finalist Concert Videos
$8,100
In 2022, the RSO will bring nine Music Director Finalists to Rockford. Recording these concerts will be essential in the process of securing the best Music Director, preserve a connection with RSO patrons, and maintain program accessibility in the lingering midst of the pandemic.

SEVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER
Community Science and Land Stewardship across Winnebago County
$10,348
Severson Dells and the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County will equip volunteers to collect data and support Preserve stewardship. This will inform land management strategies and improve the Preserves as community resources, gathering centers, and high quality habitat.

SHelter Care MINistries
12 Passenger Van for the Jubilee Center
$29,063.65
Funds will be used to replace a van for the Jubilee Center, a drop-in facility for low-income adults with mental illness. The current van is at the end of its useful life and is too expensive to maintain. An updated van will provide transportation to appointments, meetings, and social outings.

THE ALLENDALE ASSOCIATION, LINC
LEARN...Grow...Heal: Ceramics for All Students
$4,423
The Allendale Association - LINC will purchase ten Ceramics with cases, a “GoGuardian Teacher” Subscription for student security and safety, a projector system and a sound projector for use in the new Activity Center, an integral part of an upcoming renovation. Rock House will be able to host movie nights and special events outside regular program nights, giving kids another night to be off the streets in safety.

THE ARC OF WINNEBAGO, BOONE & OGLE COUNTIES
Future Planning Seminar
$5,000
Future Planning Seminar educates individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families on the options and decisions to be made once an individual with I/DD turns 18, and enters the “transitional” period of their lives between school and adulthood.

THE LIAM FOUNDATION
$29,063.65
The LIAM Foundation is the first LGBTQIA+ Resource Center in Northern Illinois providing supports including: gender, name, and vital record change, access to hormone replacement therapy, short term crisis housing, support networks, employment assistance, and promoting the health and wellbeing of the local LGBTQIA+ community.

ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Portal Through Time: RPL’s Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Event
$2,500
To kick-off RPL’s 2022 Summer Reading Challenge, Nordlof Center will transform into an interactive Time Travel game, as kids travel through time “they will learn about the past and imagine possibilities for the future through science technology, archaeology, dance, music, and more.

ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY
Visioning and Strategic Planning Process
$4,000
Rockford Dance Company will hire a professional non-profit consultant to lead RDC’s Board of Directors through visioning and strategic planning process.

ROCKFORD PROMISE
Rockford Promise Scholars Program FY21
$109,000
Funds will support the unmet tuition needs of the 2021 cohort of Rockford Promise Scholars attending Rock Valley College and the wraparound services which ensure student success in college and beyond.

Remedies
REMEDIES RENEWING LIVES
Domestic Violence Co-Location Program with the IL Department of Children & Family Services
$45,000
This program will enhance the safety, stability, and healing of families at the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare by building the capacity of the child welfare system to more effectively provide family support. It will also serve as a model for statewide programmatic expansion.

ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM
Buzz Spector: Reading Matter Exhibition
$13,244.69
Rockford Art Museum is proud to present a large-scale solo exhibition by contemporary American artist Buzz Spector as the first feature exhibition of 2022. These funds will support RAM’s commitment to providing quality exhibitions accessible to all community members in a friendly environment, free of charge.

ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Building Equitable Homeownership Opportunity
$51,000
These funds will support Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity’s homeownership program, which aims to make owning a home more manageable and accessible to all, by removing barriers embedded in the conventional mortgage market.

ROCKFORD ARTS COUNCIL
Summer Programs for Youth
$2,500
The Arts Council’s summer programs provide Rockford-area youth access to progressive art mediums, imparted mentorship, and positive social connection through the arts, including unique and intensive hands-on skill-building, artist mentorship, and youth apprenticeship.

SHelter Care MINistries
Youth Weightlifting Program
$12,300
A conventional mortgage market. These funds will support Rockford-area youth apprenticeship. Rock House will purchase a sound and projector system for use in the new Activity Center, an integral part of an upcoming renovation. Rock House will be able to host movie nights and special events outside regular program nights, giving kids another night to be off the streets in safety.
THE MUSIC ACADEMY IN ROCKFORD
Music 2 Celebrate; Celebrate 2 Music
$7,146
Funds will be used to present a free community concert, increasing access to an especially diverse array of world music in our community. The arts enhance our understanding of and sensitivity to each other, our environment, and the world around us; they transform our region into a community like no other.

THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM
The Wind And The Breeze
$2,000
The West Side Show Room will present the Rockford premiere of Nathan Alan Davis’s Lorraine Hansberry Award winning play THE LION. THE WIND AND THE BREEZE.

THE WORKFORCE CONNECTION INC.
Technology Equipment for Workforce Development
$5,084
The Workforce Connection will replace outdated computer hardware in the Freeport Career Center where residents search for employment, attend workshops and basic skills courses, receive assistance with applications and creating a resume, and learn interview tips.

TRANSFORM ROCKFORD
Regional Neighborhood Leadership Summits
$875
Transform Rockford will support eight expanded neighborhood leadership summits, with the goal of better serving neighborhoods across the region. Funds will purchase AV equipment to accommodate hybrid meetings.

U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD
Learn and Educate through Actions to Disrupt (LEAD) Medicine
$26,000
This program will pair health profession students with older adult clients of Lifescape Community Services. The goal of the program is to reduce loneliness and social isolation among older adults who are living independently at home.

U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD
Rural Healthcare Explorers Program
$17,103
The Rural Health Explorers Program (RHEP) is a six-week career exploration program that introduces rural students to healthcare opportunities. RHEP students participate in learning modules, meet with local rural healthcare providers, and complete a health topic exploration project.

VOICES OF INSPIRATION
Replacing a Commercial Refrigerator
$8,000
Voices of Inspiration provides food and other essential items to approximately 1,000 families per month. These funds will replace an existing 3-door commercial refrigerator which is no longer reliable, ensuring food supplies are kept cool and safe for client families.

WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Improving Air Quality for Town Hall Programs
$6,000
WCHS owns and operates the historic Village of Winnebago Town Hall. The Hall is used by the community for educational programs, meetings, public gatherings, reunions, and similar events. Funds will help replace and relocate an HVAC system that is inefficient, noisy, and unhealthy.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Wellness and Telehealth Center for Collier Garden Apartments
$14,482
WINCHA will create a space for residents to meet healthcare providers via telehealth and in person. This space will allow more residents to access regular healthcare and wellness appointments and education, an integral part of overall quality of life.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Replace a Commercial Refrigerator
$29,992
Replacing a Commercial Refrigerator unit will help reinforce health and wellness by encouraging consumption of healthy foods. This space will ensure routine access to high-quality, nutritious foods for all.”

VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS
2022 Mt. Morris Jamboree Free Concerts
$5,000
The Mt. Morris Jamboree presents free concerts on Friday nights during the summer in a bandshell, on an historic campus in the center of town. These funds will allow the Village to secure more well-known bands, helping to strengthen the program.
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**COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REPORT AWARDS BY FOCUS AREA**

- ARTS & HUMANITIES TOTAL: $165,904.84
- EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS TOTAL: $310,384.00
- COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REPORT AWARDS BY FOCUS AREA TOTAL: $476,288.84

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**COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM REPORT 2021 - 2022**

- TOTAL: $1,471,089.04
- YOUTH & FAMILY FOCUS AREA TOTAL: $321,549.16
The 2021 - 2022 Community Grants Program cycle continues CFNIL's sixty-nine year commitment to investment in Northern Illinois through grantmaking. This work and its growing, ongoing impact would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, the time and expertise of our grant reviewers, and the exceptional efforts of our grantees—thank you!

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It is our privilege to serve the communities of Northern Illinois, and we hope you have enjoyed this report and learning more about the good work that will benefit our region in the next year and beyond.

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The Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP): Eviction prevention & Community Legal Education for Latinx Immigrant Workers

Easterseals Serving Chicagoland and Greater Rockford: Enhancing Post-Secondary Services to Better Prepare Students with Disabilities for Adulthood

Shelter Care Ministries: Housing Homeless Families with Dignity

Transform Rockford: Regional Neighborhood Leadership Summits

Polo Public Library: 2022 Outdoor Concert Series

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County: Building New 2022 Habitat Life Stories

Winnebago County Housing Authority: Wellness and Telehealth Center for Collier Garden Apartments
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