

***The Woman's Club of Evanston 2009-2010 Contributions Committee is pleased to announce the following grant recipients for the upcoming year.***

**Our mission :**

The Woman's Club of Evanston wishes to support organizations and programs facing economic challenges. The money distributed may be used for programming or capacity building to strengthen and sustain organizations in Evanston and the surrounding communities.

***Designated Beneficiary for the 2011 Benefit Show***

**Children's Home + Aid/ Rice Child + Family Center**

Children's Home + Aid was founded in 1883 as the first private child-placing agency in Illinois. The Evanston location was opened in 1907, and in 1993 the expanded, modern residential treatment center began to meet the needs of children with serious mental health, emotional and behavioral problems.

The 2011 Benefit Show proceeds will help to provide funds for the Rice Center's Expressive Therapy program. Along with medical and talk therapy, Children's Home + Aid provides evidence based art therapy to children in recognition of the power of artistic expression in emotional healing. For many physically and sexually abused children, expressive therapy is a less threatening alternative to traditional verbal therapy. Externalizing their experience through art and movement empowers children to reveal to themselves and others the difficult truth of their experience, while gaining strength to address their realities. Expressive therapy programming at the Rice Center is not funded with government money, and therefore private philanthropy is needed to keep this program available to all residents. Funding from the Benefit Show will contribute to the overall cost of this program, including the art therapist and perhaps the extension of the program into dance and movement therapy.

The Rice Center serves 50 children at a time, ages 6-14, placing 93% of residents in a less restrictive setting within 18 months. The ultimate goal of the Rice Center is to enable children to become fully participating members of their communities.

***Designated Beneficiary for the 2011 Spring Benefit***

**Childcare Network of Evanston**

The Childcare Network of Evanston was created in 1967 to coordinate the activities of day care centers in Evanston. Since then, the mission has evolved to offer comprehensive services to families and support center-based programs and family childcare homes in reaching the highest quality early care and education.

The 2011 Spring Benefit proceeds will benefit the Learning Together program. Learning Together provides on-site services, qualified mental health consultants and speech and language pathologists for children with developmental delays and social emotional difficulties attending Evanston childcare centers. Children benefit from on-site therapy, parents benefit by not having to leave jobs to take time off for therapy appointments, and teachers benefit through participation in the small group interventions that result in learning new techniques to help all children in their care. Family events provide family members with new ways to help their children, and parents are invited to meet with the therapists at times convenient for working families.

Until the recent budget cuts, over 100 children were receiving services. Currently, the number has been reduced to 59. The goal is to provide appropriate services to all children to enable them to remain in their current childcare setting.

## **2009-2010 Small grants**

**Evanston In School Music Association (EISMA)      \$200**

Grant to support "Concerts for Kids" annual concert series presented in all District 65 schools as well as Pope John and St. Athanasius schools.

**Sarah's Circle      \$500**

Grant will support a meal program feeding over 900 women ages 40-60 two meals plus a snack per day, at locations on Chicago's north side.

**Literature for All of Us      \$500**

Grant will support the Family Focus Book Group program for middle school girls. Like many programs, this long time, successful literature program has seen a decrease in corporate and private funding in the last year.

**Evanston Children's Choir      \$500**

Grant to support the creation of a second junior choir. The choir reaches children in second through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, who participate in either the junior or senior choir. The grant will fund the additional cost of music, rehearsal space and director salary.

**Night Ministry      \$500**

Grant will sustain the Outreach and Health Ministry Program that travels to six Chicago neighborhoods via bus to reach homeless and at-risk individuals. The professionals provide support, medical assessments, HIV/STI testing and counseling.

**Peer Services, Inc.      \$500**

Grant will help fund phase three of Embracing Health One Day at a Time. The grant covers the cost of a nurse educator who works with a group of 50 adult clients recovering from substance abuse, as they transition to a healthy life style.

**INFANT, Inc.      \$1,000**

Grants will purchase infant formula for 19 agencies located in Evanston, Rogers Park, Uptown and North Shore. INFANT, Inc. provides nutrition for 1,600 infants annually. Area food pantries have seen increased need, at the same time donations are down.

**Howard Area Community Center      \$1,000**

Grant will help sustain the Youth Development Program located at Gale and Jordan Elementary schools on Chicago's north side. This after school program provides tutoring, mentoring, nutrition and physical fitness workshops to help students stay in school and succeed. The program serves 60 children, grades 3-6 daily.

**LINKS-North Shore Youth Health Service      \$1,000**

Grant to support the Women's Clinic and Counseling Program. The program serves young women ages 13-25 and provides sexual and general health care at low cost to clients.

**Open Studio Project      \$1,000**

Grant will provide funds towards one, six week Art and Action youth workshop in collaboration with Connections for the Homeless. The program benefits 10 elementary school age children. Recently, OSP has lost funding from several of their usual sources.

**Evanston Day Nursery Association      \$1,000**

Grant will help support the Tuition Assistance Program, which was established to help families bridge the gap in tuition fees if a parent is experiencing temporary unemployment. So far, over 20% of students at the Nursery have had a drop in family income this year.

## ***2009-2010 Small grants continued***

### **Lawrence Hall Youth Services**

**\$1,000**

Grant will support the salary of a Medical Director who will serve the four Rogers Park Family Communities. The Medical Director provides medical and wellness services to the eight children/teen per home units.

### **Between Friends**

**\$1,000**

Grant will help fund the Director of Programs salary. This employee oversees all program operations and staff, builds capacity, oversees program evaluation and refines outcomes to measure efficiency of services. Between Friends serves victims of domestic violence both teen and adult.

### **The Lilac Tree**

**\$1,000**

The grant will offset moving expenses faced by The Lilac Tree when they relocated after losing their space at the McGaw YMCA. They now have a permanent, fully built-out space so they can continue to serve their 1,400+ clients in a private, comfortable location.

### **LIFT-Evanston**

**\$1,000**

Grant will help support the salary of a program manager. LIFT, formerly the National Student Partnership, serves low-income residents of Evanston with job skills, resume writing, tax preparation and connects people to other available services. The organization is largely staffed by Northwestern student volunteers, and serves over 900 clients per year.

### **YWCA Evanston/North Shore**

**\$1,000**

Grant will help pay for strategic planning to create a three year plan. YWCA has experienced dramatic growth recently, and the new plan will help guide them into the future.

### **The Ted Fund**

**\$1,200**

Grant will provide ongoing support to the Ted Fund, which provides 100 Evanston children three years of summer day camp experience every year.

### **Evanston/Skokie District 65**

**\$1,250**

Grant will help fund the Summer Reading Program for struggling first grade readers. The money will go towards the cost of 24 paperback books (which the students keep) selected for each child in the program, plus postage to mail the books throughout the summer. The child is then expected to report on their reading during the summer to their teacher. There will be 40 students served by the program this summer.

### **Housing Opportunities for Women**

**\$1,250**

Grant will support the Permanent Supportive Housing Program. HOW has seen a 15% increase in people seeking services over the past five years.

### **The Harbour, Inc.**

**\$1,300**

Grant will support the Emergency Shelter Program for girls ages 12-20 who are homeless due to abandonment, domestic abuse or are run aways. The Harbour, Inc. provides crisis intervention and comprehensive services, with the goal of stabilizing the girl's living situation. Although based in Park Ridge, a large portion of their population is from Evanston.

### **The Musical Offering**

**\$1,400**

Grant will help sustain the Oakton School Outreach Program. The program schedules seven concerts during the school year to provide musical education and intellectual stimulation to underprivileged elementary school students.

### **Interfaith Action of Evanston**

**\$1,500**

Grant will allow Interfaith Action of Evanston to continue the good work they do to serve the homeless in Evanston. Interfaith Action is a joint project of several area churches and synagogues that operate soup kitchens and shelters on different days of the week. They serve over 120 people daily.

### **Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center**

**\$1,500**

Grant will help provide case management services for the mentally ill and their families in Niles and Evanston townships. Turning Point is often cited as the model of a well-run, effective agency.

## ***2009-2010 Small grants continued***

### **Good News Community Kitchen**

**\$1,800**

Grant will support the feeding program operating in northern Chicago and Rogers Park. On average they serve over 350 families a year. Due to funding cuts, they are down \$55,000 in foundation grants this year.

### **Connections for the Homeless**

**\$2,000**

Grant will provide funds for EntryPoint, a core program of Connections for the Homeless. Funds will be used for case management services, to provide necessary essentials such as food, clothing and toiletries. Connections has more that doubled the number of clients served in the past year.

### **Boys/Girls Hope**

**\$2,000**

Grant will provide funds for the Volunteer Mentor Program. This program is in its second year of providing mentoring opportunities to the residents of the Boys/Girls Hope residential program. The program hopes to establish results that can then lead to continued outside funding for the program.

### **Spina Bifida Association of Illinois**

**\$2,000**

Grant will help provide scholarships for ten to twelve Evanston residents with Spina Bifida to attend one week at Camp Independence, a sleep-away camp for children who may otherwise never have an independent living experience.

### **Orchard Village**

**\$2,500**

Grant will provide funds towards in-home respite care. At an average rate of \$13/hour, this grant will allow two families eight hours per month, for twelve months for a total of 96 hours of quality respite care of a seriously ill family member.

### **Youth Job Center**

**\$3,000**

Grant will provide funds for the Outpost program at ETHS. This program serves over 200 high school students preparing to enter the working world.

### **Housing Options**

**\$3,000**

Grant will support the Residential Program that provides fully furnished, affordable housing and support services from a team of case managers and psychiatrists to 74 adults living with severe mental illness. The program seeks to empower clients to live full and independent lives in the community.

### **SHORE**

**\$3,000**

Grant will help support the Community Services Supported Living Arrangements that house people with significant developmental delays. Due to a drastic cut in funding, some residents may be at risk of homelessness if SHORE is unable to replace lost grants.