



Illinois Children's
Healthcare Foundation

Annual Report 2014



I dwell in possibility.

– Emily Dickinson, poet

DEAR FRIENDS,

To **“dwell in possibility”** means to live in a space where we can discover new approaches and explore innovative strategies to improve children’s health in Illinois. At Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation we not only envision the possibility of all Illinois children being healthy, we work with our grantees and partners to move ever closer to that reality.

ILCHF’s mission is to cultivate, support and promote initiatives to improve the health and wellness of children in Illinois. What did that look like in 2014?

- **In Rockford**, children received oral health services at a new school-based health clinic on the Campus of Auburn High School through a grant to Crusader Central Clinic Association co-funded by ILCHF, the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and other local funding entities.
- **In Adams, Carroll, Lee, Ogle, Whiteside, and Livingston counties and the city of Springfield**, mental health screenings in community-based settings identified children in need of services. The screenings and subsequent services were supported by the Children’s Mental Health Initiative: Building Systems of Care Community by Community (CMHI).
- **In the Englewood and West Town neighborhoods of Chicago**, more than 1,175 children and their families experienced mental health screenings during their primary care visits. As part of our *Healthy Minds. Healthy Children. Healthy Chicago.* (H3) initiative, children received integrated primary and mental health care services at Erie Family Health Center and at the UIC Mile Square Clinic.
- **In Champaign**, the first stop on the Innovation & Collaboration Tour, ILCHF staff learned about the struggles of children and families in East Central Illinois. Local leaders spoke about mental and oral health needs as well as issues of hunger and food insecurity. Following that meeting community organizations were invited to submit proposals addressing their most pressing issues.

These are just a few examples of the work our grantees are doing every day to improve the health and well-being of children and families across the state. **From a more comprehensive view, in 2014 ILCHF approved more than \$4.3 million in grants to support the work of 23 organizations.**

IN THE AREA OF ORAL HEALTH, the Foundation committed over \$2 million to six unique projects to implement our core strategies to improve the oral health of Illinois children. Since its inception, ILCHF has recognized the great need for children’s oral health services. In addition to the school-

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based health center in Rockford, the Foundation collaborated with the Warren County Health Department to create a new dental clinic. When completed, the clinic will serve children in Warren County and surrounding counties in Southern Illinois. Additionally, Douglas County Health Department expanded its comprehensive dental program in Central Illinois as a result of its partnership with ILCHF and the

Lakeland Community College of Dental Hygiene. Recognizing the need to address the complex oral health needs for children with special health care needs, the Foundation provided funding to the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry to expand the capacity to provide these services in Chicago and the greater metropolitan area. In an effort to educate families and caregivers about



the importance of proper oral health care for young children, the Foundation provided funding to Illinois Action for Children to create a program to provide education and outreach to child care providers and families. This is expected to create a replicable model for the entire state of Illinois.

IN THE AREA OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH, more than \$1.7 million was awarded to projects that improve the mental wellbeing of children. The Foundation extended its commitment to the Children's Mental Health Initiative: Building Systems of Care, Community by Community (CMHI) by offering an additional one-year, \$300,000 award to the four communities to continue coordinating and integrating children's mental health care into community-based settings. In its third year of implementation, the four projects screened more than 30,000 children for behavioral health risk factors.

The Innovation and Collaboration Tour (ICT) is a new opportunity to “dwell in possibility” and then make change a reality through grants totaling up to \$3 million over the life of the two-year initiative. Through the six stops on the ICT, child-serving providers in every county will have an opportunity to participate in a meeting or tour stop sponsored by ILCHF and local funders, such as community foundations or the local United Way chapters. During those tour stops, ILCHF staff hears first hand the needs and strengths of the various regions at the community level. Local organizations then have the opportunity to apply for one-year grants of up to \$100,000 each to support innovative programming that addresses the most pressing children's healthcare needs in their region. This new initiative ensures that ILCHF continues to partner with and learn from communities across the state, and provides critical funding for innovative programming.

ICT is a new opportunity for every provider to apply for **one-year grants** of up to \$100,000 each, funding innovative programming.

Finally, in 2014, ILCHF initiated strategic planning. As part of that process, the Board updated the vision and mission of the Foundation. Strategic planning will continue through 2015 in a manner that reflects the Board's profound commitment to addressing children's healthcare needs and with a focus on setting ambitious yet achievable goals. We look forward to sharing more about our strategic plan in the future.

As the Foundation and its partners continue to imagine the possibilities and work toward their reality in our pursuit of improving the health and wellbeing of our children, we invite you to experience, inform, and follow our work via this report, and by finding us online at www.ilchf.org. Please join us as we **“dwell in possibility”** to achieve our vision that every child in Illinois grows up healthy.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Dorsey, MD, PhD
Chair of the Board

Heather Higgins Alderman
President



OUR VISION

Every child in Illinois grows up healthy.

OUR MISSION

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation is committed to cultivating, supporting, and promoting initiatives that improve the health and wellness of children in Illinois.

2014 Grant Recipients

Since it began making grants in 2004, ILCHF has awarded over \$63 million to organizations throughout the state that share our vision and commitment.

Approval date beginning January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Bounce Back Replication and Dissemination Study
Chicago, IL
\$158,216

Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
Special Care Dentistry Wheel Chair Lift
Chicago, IL
\$14,500

Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry Postgraduate Pediatric Dentistry Clinic
Chicago, IL
\$625,863

CASA Kane County
Annual Fall Conference: Mental Health Education
Geneva, IL
\$10,000

Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc.
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Springfield, IL
\$21,120

Crusaders Central Clinic Association
Crusader Community Health Auburn Campus—A School Based Health Center/Dental Clinic
Rockford, IL
\$274,582

Douglas County Health Department
Increase Access to Oral Health by Providing Increased Restorative Services
Tuscola, IL
\$117,000

Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Urbana, IL
\$25,000

Epilepsy Foundation of North Central Illinois, Iowa & Nebraska
Interfacing a Mobile Health Delivery Model for Pediatric Patients with Refractory Epilepsy
Rockford, IL
\$404,171

Greater Chicago Food Depository
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Chicago, IL
\$25,000

Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition
Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative and Hospice Care Expansion Project
Chicago, IL
\$181,884

Illinois Action for Children
Oral Health Education & Outreach Pilot
Chicago, IL
\$599,214

Illinois State University Psychological Services Center
Livingston County Children's Network
Normal, IL
\$300,000

Lydia Home Association
Safe Families for Children
Chicago, IL
\$42,500

Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois
The Children's MOSAIC Project
Springfield, IL
\$300,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Geneva, IL
\$25,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank
West Chicago Food Pantry
Geneva, IL
\$25,000

OSF Healthcare Foundation
Resource Link Expansion: North/North-Central IL
Peoria, IL
\$162,375

Peoria Area Food Bank
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Peoria, IL
\$1,715

River Bend Food Bank
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Davenport, IA (Illinois Service Area: Bureau, Carroll, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jo Davies, Knox, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Warren & Whiteside counties)
\$2,764

Sinnissippi Centers Inc.
Community that Cares
Dixon, IL
\$300,000

Southern Illinois University Quincy Family Medicine Residency Program
Adams County Children's Mental Health Partnership
Quincy, IL
\$300,000

St. Louis Area Foodbank
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
St. Louis, MO (Illinois Service Area: Calhoun, Clinton, Franklin, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington, & Williamson counties)
\$8,075

Tri-State Food Bank, Inc.
Giving Tuesday Matching Grant
Evansville, IN (Illinois Service Area: Alexander, Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Johnson, Lawrence, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, & White counties)
\$1,100

Warren County Health Department
Healthy Smiles in Warren County—Warren County Dental Clinic
Monmouth, IL
\$400,000

Financial Highlights

Statement of Financial Position

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 576,414	\$ 1,033,442
Investments, at fair value	137,004,803	135,215,767
Other assets	29,418	44,241
Total assets	137,610,635	136,293,450
LIABILITIES		
Grants payable	5,809,899	6,572,055
Other liabilities	191,056	59,753
Total liabilities	6,000,955	6,631,808
Unrestricted net assets	131,609,680	129,661,642
Total liabilities and net assets	\$137,610,635	\$136,293,450

Statement of Activities

	2014	2013
Investment income, net	\$ 7,586,015	\$ 19,179,225
Other income	-	-
Total net revenue	7,586,015	19,179,225
Grants approved, net	4,694,728	6,759,442
All other expenses, net	943,249	858,804
Total expenses	5,637,977	7,618,246
Change in net assets	1,948,038	11,560,979
Grants paid during the year	\$ 5,106,013	\$ 4,669,253

For a copy of the 2013 audited financial statements, 2013 Form 990PF, or a complete and detailed listing of our 2013 program investments, please visit our website at www.ilchf.org or contact Brielle Treece Osting at 630.571.2555.

Board of Directors

As of December 31, 2014

OUR HISTORY

ILCHF was formed in December 2002 through an action of then Attorney General Jim Ryan and an Illinois insurance carrier. This action and a settlement of approximately \$125 million established the only private foundation focused solely on the health needs of children in Illinois.

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