Celebrating 15 years of working to ensure that all children in Illinois get the care they need, when they need it.
Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF) is committed to the philosophy that healthcare must address the whole child and the healthcare system in Illinois must be responsive to the needs of all 2.9 million children. All of our efforts focus around one simple statement:

It’s all about the children.

An 11-year old boy whose grandfather had just received custody of him came to Christian Community Health Center for a dental visit prompted by two broken front teeth. The dentist's initial observations of the child caused significant concern—in addition to his disheveled appearance, the boy was very discouraged. Further conversation with the boy revealed that his grades were Ds and Fs, and that he was an unhappy child.

The dentist asked him, “What will make you happy today?”

The child responded, “Can you fix my teeth?”

The dentist asked, “If I fix your teeth, will you try and do better in school?”

The boy agreed.

The dentist restored the child's front teeth and developed a treatment plan for him that included treating multiple cavities.

As his treatment continued, the boy’s appearance improved. He seemed happier and more confident. The dentist continued the treatment plan all the while asking the child about his grades. After 10 months had passed and the initial treatment plan was completed, the boy came back to the dentist. The visit wasn’t for his teeth—the visit was to show the dentist his most recent report card—all As and Bs!
IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CHILDREN IN ILLINOIS FOR 15 YEARS

2002
On December 11, ILCHF was formed 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.

2004
In December, ILCHF awarded its first round of grants to 32 programs totaling $5.9 million from throughout the state designed to improve access to pediatric health care, increase developmental screening, enhance the quality and accessibility of children’s mental health services and improve children’s oral health.

2007
In June, ILCHF announced the Children’s Oral Health Initiative, with the vision of “All children have access to high quality oral health services in their communities and a new culture of awareness exists throughout the state about the interconnection of oral health and overall health.”

2009
In September, ILCHF announced the Children’s Mental Health Initiative, Building Systems of Care, Community by Community.

2012


2015
ILCHF launched the two-year Innovation & Collaboration Tour designed to support innovative and collaborative approaches to addressing the healthcare needs of children in Illinois.

ILCHF released an Oral Health Capacity Building grant opportunity to establish new or expand oral health services for children in Illinois.

2016
ILCHF released a Children’s Mental Health Access grant opportunity to establish or expand an organization’s ability to provide mental health services to children in Illinois.


2017
ILCHF celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Foundation. Through the generosity of the Board, ILCHF provided 15 grants to partner organizations to support holistic community-based health systems and increase access to care.

ILCHF announced the Children’s Mental Health Initiative 2.0 to empower communities to build systems of care that prevent, identify and treat children’s mental health problems.
DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the 15th Anniversary edition of our Annual Report! This anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect upon the impact and “the power of a small group of committed people” to see and work beyond themselves to change the lives of countless Illinois children and their families.

In late 2002, then Attorney General James (Jim) E. Ryan worked to have a $125 million settlement with an insurance carrier serve as the endowment for the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF). Jim Ryan had a vision: “Quite simply we want to ensure that kids get the care they need, when they need it—regardless of where they live or what insurance card, if any, they carry.”

Fifteen years later, the impact of Jim Ryan’s work, and the work of the three founding Board members, Peter E. Doris, M.D., C. William Pollard and Jerome Stermer, and their colleagues who constituted the first full Board of Directors, is impossible to fully measure. What we know is that through December 31, 2017, 471 grants totaling $76 million dollars have been awarded to organizations throughout the State of Illinois and the endowment balance was just over $149 million. More importantly, we know that the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and their families have been and continue to be improved through the work of our partner grantees.

Collaboration and partnership, were among the guiding principles of our founders and continue to be the foundation upon which we work every day. In 2017 we continued to collaborate and partner when we funded the final stage of the Innovation & Collaboration Tour (ICT). The ICT was a multi-year statewide initiative involving six “tour stops” in designated regions of the State. Our last three tour stops were in Springfield, Peoria and Oak Brook representing the Southwest Central, Northwest Central and Collar Counties of the state. Through the ICT, ILCHF sought innovative and collaborative approaches to address the healthcare needs of children.

The purpose of the ICT tour stops was two-fold: to have an interactive conversation with stakeholders to increase the collective understanding of the local and regional healthcare assets and needs of children; and to introduce the ICT funding opportunity of 12–18 month grants of up to $100,000. In connection with these tour stops, ILCHF believed in the capacity of applicants to creatively improve the lives of children and families. In April 2017 ILCHF invested $520,000 in eight programs associated with the final stops on the ICT representing a variety of projects from Equine Assisted Therapy for children, to doula services, to a YWCA Childhood Executive Functioning Intervention project.

Collaboration and partnership was a theme of our 15th Anniversary luncheon. On October 26, 2017 almost 200 grantees, funders and other partners joined ILCHF’s Board of Directors and staff to celebrate the work we all do to improve the health of Illinois’ children. During the event, ILCHF announced 15 grants of $15,000 each to 15 organizations we have worked with over the years to support holistic community-based health systems and increase access to care—especially oral and mental healthcare services for children.

In order to obtain a better understanding of the oral health landscape in Illinois, ILCHF in collaboration with Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation and the Michael Reese Health Trust, initiated and published a statewide oral health assessment, Oral Health in Illinois (the Assessment) in 2016. The Assessment also identified opportunities

“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has!”

MARGARET MEAD
to further improve children’s oral health in Illinois. Among the opportunities was a recommendation to study the adequacy of Medicaid reimbursements for oral health services and review the administrative burden on providers. In 2017 ILCHF, in partnership with Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, partnered with the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law to engage stakeholders through a statewide listening tour to address these opportunities. ILCHF and its partners will continue this work going forward, utilizing the data and stories gathered in order to increase access to quality oral health services for children in Illinois.

In 2017 the Foundation announced a $10 million initiative to expand its Children’s Mental Health Initiative (CMHI 2.0) to four new Illinois communities. CMHI funding empowers communities to build systems of care that prevent, identify and treat children’s mental health problems. Catching problems early can change the trajectory of a child’s life. Half of adult serious mental illness starts by age 14, yet only 55% of Illinois children from 2–17 years old who need mental health counseling receive such care. Through school and primary care screenings communities gain the opportunity to intervene at the root of problems such as anxiety, anger, or depression and to provide the child and family with tools, strategies, and access to an integrated system of care as they mature.

The new initiative is based on the success and lessons learned from the first Children’s Mental Health Initiative (CMHI 1.0). The four Illinois communities in CMHI 1.0 succeeded in screening more than 26,000 youth in 2016 for mental health problems, and built sustainable systems of community-based care during the grant period from 2010—2018.

CMHI 2.0: Systems of Care will focus on helping communities build a collaborative system for addressing child mental health issues that includes prevention, treatment, and support for parents. CMHI 2.0, will begin with $200,000 yearlong planning grants in 2018, followed by six additional years of implementation funding of $2.1 million for each selected community.

The vision of Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation is, “Every child in Illinois grows up healthy.” The work of a small group of committed people created a vibrant network of grantee partners and collaborators who work every day to change the world. We know there is still much work to be done, and we hope you will partner with us to continue the work started in 2002. We know our goals are ambitious, but they are attainable—if we all work together. 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 work together to achieve our vision that every child in Illinois grows up healthy.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Parker
Chair of the Board

Heather Higgins Alderman
President
In the Fall of 2017, the Shriver Center, in partnership with ILCHF and DDILF, conducted five oral health listening sessions across Illinois to disseminate the findings of the Oral Health in Illinois report; assess barriers to access especially for low income children covered by Medicaid/CHIP; and begin to develop policy initiatives to address these barriers. From these sessions, a list of top barriers to children’s oral healthcare access was generated. Key issues included: the need for enhanced oral health literacy and care coordination targeted to integration with primary health care; the need to address long waiting lists with an emphasis on sedation services for children with special health-care needs and low Medicaid reimbursement, for oral health services, especially for restorative treatment.

Over the course of the year, the Shriver Center, working with key stakeholders, has achieved several successes to alleviate barriers to access. They continue to work towards the long-term goal of elevating oral health policy to a state and national priority and bringing additional key stakeholders into partnership and improving the oral health of Illinois children.

In 2016, the Assessment produced a comprehensive report which identified resources, gaps in the provision of oral health services and the current oral health status of children throughout the state. Among the findings from the Assessment:

- untreated cavities are highly prevalent among children in Illinois
- children living in poverty are five times more likely to have fair or poor oral health compared to other children

Additionally, the Assessment identified opportunities to improve children's oral health in Illinois. Among the opportunities was a recommendation to study the adequacy of Medicaid reimbursements for oral health services and review the administrative burden on providers.

In an effort to sustain the momentum generated by the report and address the policy issues, ILCHF, in partnership with DDILF, provided funding to the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center) to preserve and expand access to children's oral health services through policy work.

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ILCHF is committed to collecting data on, and then sharing, the important work being done by its grantees. In 2010, ILCHF funded four communities in Illinois for seven years to develop their children’s mental health system of care. The communities included Adams County, Livingston County, the City of Springfield and an area in northwestern Illinois that includes Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties.

The initiative was titled Children’s Mental Health Initiative (n/k/a CMHI 1.0). This grant involved coordination between large child serving systems, (such as schools, juvenile justice, primary health-care and mental health), who studied and overcame significant barriers to be able to provide better coordinated care to children with mental health concerns and their families. The four communities worked together on joint aspects of system of care development as well as solving problems and achieving goals that were unique to their own area. The services implementation component of CMHI 1.0 ended at the end of 2016. A significant amount of important learning occurred in each community over the course of the grant project.

In late 2016 and early 2017, ILCHF was in the process of developing the second iteration of CMHI, titled CMHI 2.0 and was concerned with being able to ensure that all the learning from CMHI 1.0 continued to be available to a broad array of stakeholders in Illinois. Toward this effort, ILCHF decided to fund the four original CMHI communities to engage in ‘mentoring’ activities. Each of the communities received a one year grant for $75,000. The focus of the mentoring work has involved consolidating the lessons learned, both verbally and in writing, and sharing them. The CMHI Mentors have provided feedback to the ILCHF staff regarding their experience as CMHI 1.0 grantees; what worked well, and what could have been improved upon. ILCHF staff have incorporated these learnings into the design of CMHI 2.0 and its attendant RFP. Following the issuance of the CMHI 2.0 RFP, the CMHI Mentors began providing valuable consultation to new communities who are developing CMHI 2.0 project applications which are due in February 2018. Once the CMHI 2.0 planning grants are awarded, CMHI mentors will be matched with new CMHI 2.0 grantee communities for intensive mentoring during the first three months of the CMHI 2.0 initiative.

In late 2017 some of the CMHI 1.0 lessons learned were shared at both statewide and national conferences by both the CMHI Mentors and ILCHF staff. In 2018, the CMHI Mentors will also share their CMHI 1.0 learnings through educational sessions with local and statewide stakeholders.
### 2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2017, ILCHF awarded $1,625,341 to the following organizations throughout the state that share our vision and commitment.

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<th>Organization</th>
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<td>Growing Voices Project</td>
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<td>Equine Dreams</td>
<td>Program Expansion: Improving Quality of Life and Building Resilience in Children with Disabilities by Offering Year-Round Therapeutic Equine-Assisted Activities</td>
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Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
New Community Health Center Facility in Zion
Waukegan, IL
$271,000

Livingston County Commission on Children & Youth
Mentoring and Systems Integration
Pontiac, IL
$75,000

Memorial Behavioral Health, Memorial Health System
Mentoring and Systems Integration
Springfield, IL
$75,000

Metropolitan Family Services
Early Childhood Mental Health Services
Chicago, IL
$100,000

Milestone Inc.
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Loves Park, IL
$15,000

NAMI Chicago
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Chicago, IL
$15,000

New Moms, Inc.
Oak Park-Doula Services
Chicago, IL
$41,483

Northern Illinois Food Bank
2017 Food Nutrition Program
Geneva, IL
$25,000

Peoria Area Food Bank
2017 Food Nutrition Program
Peoria, IL
$25,000

Promise Healthcare
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Champaign, IL
$15,000

Quincy Public Schools, District 172
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Quincy, IL
$15,000

Quincy Public Schools, District 172
Mentoring and Systems Integration
Quincy, IL
$75,000

River Bend Foodbank
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Davenport, IA
$15,000

River Bend Foodbank
2017 Food Nutrition Program
Davenport, IA
$25,000

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Children's Oral Health Advocacy Project
Chicago, IL
$25,000

SIHF Healthcare
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Sauget, IL
$15,000

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Dixon, IL
$15,000

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Mentoring and Systems Integration
Dixon, IL
$75,000

St. Louis Area Food Bank, Inc.
2017 Food Nutrition Program
Bridgeton, MO
Illinois Service Area: Calhoun, Clinton, Franklin, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington, and Williamson counties
$25,000

Tazewell County Health Department
The Maywood Initiative
Tremont, IL
$65,962

The Children's Clinic sponsored by Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society
15 for 15 Anniversary Grant
Oak Park, IL
$15,000

The Children's Clinic sponsored by Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society
Integrating Behavioral Health Screening into a Preventive Dental Practice in a Pediatric Medical Home
Oak Park, IL
$11,361

The Kennedy Forum
Bending Towards Justice: Youth as Agents of Change
Chicago, IL
$15,500

Tri State Food Bank Inc
2017 Food Nutrition Program
Evansville, IN
Illinois Service Area: Alexander, Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Johnson, Lawrence, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties
$25,000

YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago
YWCA Childhood Executive Functioning Intervention Project
Chicago, IL
$97,928
The following outcomes are from two of the 15 for 15 grant recipients we have worked with to support holistic community-based health systems and increase access to care, including access to nutritious food.

**RIVER BEND FOODBANK**

The 15 for 15 grant allowed River Bend Foodbank to feed 100 schoolchildren over 35 weekends and school breaks through their Backpack Program.

In Illinois, one in six, or about 460,000 children struggle with hunger. River Bend Foodbank reported that they have been told by both families and schools that food distributed through local schools stabilizes children so they can learn at school.

Laura, a volunteer at a partnering school, noted the impact of providing food to these hungry children. “Those who live in poverty have to make decisions on how they spend their money. Maybe this week it is on heat and electricity. Maybe next week it is medical care and gas. Food isn’t always at the top of their priorities. So the food provided for these families allows them to eat. A child who is hungry has a hard time paying attention. They have a hard time taking information in and a hard time creating relationships with others. So, imagine several children in each classroom who are hungry. And they may not even know that they are hungry because many of these children are chronically hungry. They’ve been hungry since they were born. The hunger itself changes who they are and it makes it hard for them to keep up with their peers and learn in a classroom setting.”

The food provided through the Backpack Program helps children focus less on food and more on school, building relationships and fulfilling their potential.

**THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST CHILDREN’S CLINIC**

The 15 for 15 grant allowed the Children’s Clinic the opportunity to help build dental capacity to provide children in need with high quality, accessible dental services.

Dr. Wanda Laszs, Oral Health Director of the Children’s Clinic, was asked why she chose to practice dentistry in a community clinic. She replied by describing a family of long-time patients. “The oldest child would come in for a cleaning. We emphasize brushing and flossing and I’d always review dietary recommendations with the Mom. Inevitably I’d end up diagnosing and treating some cavities. Six months later it would be the same scenario—more cavities. The same experience occurred with the younger brother and then a third sibling. Something was not adding up. After talking to the oldest child, it turns out that the grandparents very often take care of the kids and give them a lot of sweets. Also, I learned that the children do not have a toothbrush when they stay over at the grandparents. I asked, ‘Why don’t you have a toothbrush?’ The response was ‘Because my mom can’t afford to buy me an extra one to keep there.’ A $2 toothbrush. We routinely hand out packages of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss and this is the reason why.”

Oral health is an integral part of every child's overall health and well being. This family's struggle is repeated every day across the State and is a primary reason ILCHF remains committed to expanding access to oral healthcare in Illinois.
WHERE OUR GRANT DOLLARS GO, HOW FAR THEY REACH

Since we began making grants in 2004, ILCHF has awarded 471 grants totaling $76 million to organizations throughout the state that share our vision and commitment.

Dollars granted per ILCHF focus area through 2017 (in millions)

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Dollars granted per Illinois geographic region through 2017 (in millions)

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### Statement of financial position

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| **LIABILITIES**|                   |                   |
| Grants payable | 2,660,670         | 6,278,985         |
| Other liabilities | 144,740        | 196,238           |
| **Total liabilities** | **2,805,410** | **6,475,223** |
| Unrestricted net assets | 146,892,001 | 125,524,886 |
| **Total liabilities and net assets** | **149,697,411** | **132,000,109** |

### Statement of activities

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For a copy of the 2017 audited financial statements, 2017 Form 990PF, or a complete and detailed listing of our 2017 program investments, please visit our website at www.ilchf.org or contact Nedranae Hunt at 630.571.2555.
FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS SHARE COMMITMENT TO ILLINOIS’ CHILDREN

“The initial Board’s passion and vision for improving the lives of children in this state was and still is the cornerstone of the Foundation. The continuous focus of the board and staff members is ‘it’s all about the children.’ A key ingredient to making the vision come alive are the partnerships developed with communities, grantees and numerous other constituents who have the knowledge and desire to improve the system of care. All are working to help ensure Illinois’ children grow up into competent, healthy adults.”

**Peter E. Doris, MD**  
Founding Board Vice Chair, Treasurer and Director Emeritus  
Retired Professor of Radiology and Medicine, University of Chicago

“I was honored when Jim Ryan, then Illinois’ Attorney General, asked me to serve as one of the three initial board members responsible for establishing the governance function of the Foundation. What impressed me most was his initiative and foresight to address a significant gap in the healthcare system for children. Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation has a unique opportunity to respond to those needs and has developed innovative approaches to doing so. In fact, healthcare needs of Illinois’ children have been impacted and outcomes confirm results.”

**C. William Pollard**  
Founding Board Chair and Director Emeritus  
Retired Chairman, ServiceMaster

“When asked to serve, I was honored to take part in an opportunity to shape an initiative so powerful and that could have a true impact in the lives of children in Illinois. The board members selected to oversee the Foundation all had a clear vision of how to impact children: focus the resources in targeted areas to improve outcomes for all children in Illinois. The board members also believed that communities have a role in supporting children and their parents and know how best to care for their children.”

**Jerry Stermer**  
Founding Board Member, ILCHF  
Former President, Voices for Illinois Children
THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED FOUNDING AND 15-YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

In 2003, Peter E. Doris, MD, C. William Pollard and Jerome Stermer were appointed by then Attorney General James (Jim) E. Ryan as the original members of Illinois Children’s Healthcare Board of Directors. Subsequently, Jim Ryan joined the Board of Directors. After years of dedicated service to ILCHF and the children of Illinois, the Board of Directors bestowed the honor of Emeritus Board Member status to Dr. Doris, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Ryan.

In 2017, Charles E. Box, Louise E. Coleman, Ed.D, J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D, and Kathy Halloran, who served among the first regular Board members, completed 15 years of Board service.

ON DECEMBER 14, 2017, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION awarding $25,000 grants to each of the State’s eight food banks in honor of the outstanding service of these eight individuals. The resolution recognized their “extraordinary contributions to the strength and vitality of ILCHF through their selfless gift of time and talent.”
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