



Illinois Children's
Healthcare Foundation



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If you want to go far, go together.

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Dear Friends,

If you want to go far, go together. We are so fortunate that “going together”—collaborating, learning, partnering, and sharing experiences and knowledge with our grantee partners, fellow funders, Board members and other stakeholders is a core component of our daily work. Improving children’s health together with our partners was a key aspect of last year’s work, which included investing more than \$6.6 million in programs benefiting children statewide.

The primary focus areas for Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation’s (ILCHF) grant making are children’s oral health and children’s mental health with the goal of making comprehensive, effective health care services available to all children in Illinois. With regard to oral health, all children require consistent, quality oral health care. Some children, typically those with physical or mental disabilities, need to receive their oral health care under general anesthesia.

Imagine being a child who has primary health or oral health issues so serious that general anesthesia is required to provide your oral health care. Now imagine waiting two to three years for those services. More than 1,300 children are waiting for services at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry, the primary provider of general anesthesia services for children insured by Medicaid. However, by Spring 2020 that wait time should be reduced to less than six weeks with the construction and opening of the *Pediatric Dentistry Ambulatory Surgery Center* at UIC. It is always exciting to work with inspired collaborative partners to solve a significant concrete problem that will improve the lives of children and

their families. ILCHF’s grant of \$2 million has been combined with the funding of numerous partners including Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation and the Coleman Foundation to make the *Pediatric Dentistry Ambulatory Surgery Center* a reality!

From 2009 to 2017 ILCHF invested \$11.27 million in its *Children’s Mental Health Initiative, Building Systems of Care, Community by Community* (CMHI 1.0) through which four grantee communities developed and implemented their children’s mental health systems of care. With this ILCHF funding, the four CMHI 1.0 teams significantly shifted community culture and policies surrounding children’s mental health. CMHI 1.0 has shown that empowering communities through an investment in their unique visions and capabilities enables providers to align their organizational plans and operations in order to more effectively serve children with a community-wide strategy.

To celebrate the success of CMHI 1.0 and the release of the initiative’s final report, ILCHF hosted a statewide symposium entitled “*Children’s Mental Health in Illinois—the Impact of Systems of Care*” in December 2018 in Oak Brook. The purpose of the convening was to highlight successes of the project including increasing collaboration between schools, medical clinics and mental health providers so that children can access effective mental health services as early as possible. The CMHI 1.0 communities all implemented mental health screening into both school and medical settings, thereby bringing the important concept of children’s social emotional development into daily conversations. Among other accomplishments,

all four communities reported an impressive reduction of stigma related to mental health as a result of their projects.

In continuing our commitment to children’s mental health, this past year, ILCHF built on the success of its CMHI 1.0 by providing \$1 million in planning grants to five new communities throughout the state to build their own unique local systems of care through the *Children’s Mental Health Initiative 2.0* (CMHI 2.0). These five communities will each have the opportunity to apply for a \$2.1 million six-year implementation grant. ILCHF’s anticipated total investment in CMHI 2.0 is \$12.6 million which includes a \$1.15 investment in a project evaluation.

In addition to our work in the areas of children’s oral and mental health, ILCHF pursued projects related to childhood lead poisoning and treatment adherence for chronic illness, under the grant category of “Unmet and Emerging Needs”. To address issues related to childhood lead poisoning, ILCHF provided a \$600,000 grant over three years to Legal Council for Health Justice (LCHJ) to develop, test and evaluate statewide early intervention and public health systems. The focus of the work is to get children the lead screening required and to intervene before severe problems arise. As a result of LCHJ’s work, Illinois will be poised to lead the nation in groundbreaking approaches to address childhood lead poisoning.

In an effort to address treatment adherence for childhood chronic illness, ILCHF committed \$900,000 over three years to implement the Mastering Each New Direction (MEND) program. This family-based

model was developed at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLU). The MEND program provides a supportive, skill-building intervention environment for youth with chronic illness and their families to assist them in understanding the cause of the child’s treatment non-compliance and to find ways to solve problems so that the youth can achieve optimal health functioning and return to the normal business of childhood. ILCHF is contracting with LLU to implement MEND in two hospital systems in Illinois. The first is at Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems. A second hospital system will be identified in 2020 to implement MEND as well.

As the old African proverb states, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”. In 2018, inspired by the leadership of our Board of Directors, we have “gone together” with our dedicated and collaborative partners as we continue our journey to fulfill our vision that *every child in Illinois grows up healthy*. We are deeply grateful for each of the committed individuals and organizations that work every day to improve the lives of Illinois’ children and families. We invite you to experience, inform, and follow our work via this report, and by finding us online at www.ilchf.org. Please continue to join us as we work together today for a better tomorrow for our children and families.

Sincerely,



Ruth Rosenthal, MD
Chair of the Board

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President

2018 Grant Recipients

Advocate Charitable Foundation
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical
Center Dental Anesthesiology
Capacity Building Project
DOWNERS GROVE, IL
\$66,870

**Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago**
Early Childhood Mental Health
Consultation Pilot for Illinois
Children's Mental Health Partnership
CHICAGO, IL
\$300,000

Centerstone
Building Compassionate
Communities: Strengthening Child
and Family Resiliency through a
Trauma-Informed System of Care
NASHVILLE, TN
Illinois Service Area: Perry, Franklin, Jackson
and Williamson counties in their CMHI 2.0
project in southern Illinois
\$192,800

Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc.
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
SPRINGFIELD, IL
\$25,000

**Community Foundation
of Kankakee River Valley**
Project SUN—Strengthening
and Unifying our Network
KANKAKEE, IL
\$200,000

**Cook County Health and
Hospitals System**
Cook County MEND Program
CHICAGO, IL
\$228,517

Eastern Illinois Foodbank
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
URBANA, IL
\$25,000

Esperanza Health Centers
Chicago Safety Net Learning
Collaborative Oral Health Learning
Events Project
CHICAGO, IL
\$20,000

Greater Chicago Food Depository
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
CHICAGO, IL
\$25,000

**Heritage Behavioral Health
Center, Inc.**
Community Together
DECATUR, IL
\$200,000
The Illinois College of Optometry
The Illinois Eye Institute's Dr. Robert
and Lena Lewenson Pediatric and
Binocular Vision Center
CHICAGO, IL
\$325,000

Kane County Health Department
Building a Unified System of Care
in Kane County
AURORA, IL
\$200,000

Legal Council For Health Justice
New Approaches to Childhood
Lead Poisoning
CHICAGO, IL
\$600,000

**Loma Linda University—
Behavioral Medicine Center**
Cook County Demonstration
of the MEND Program
LOMA LINDA, CA
\$280,700

NAMI Metro-Suburban
Youth Mental Health First Aid
OAK PARK, IL
\$5,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
GENEVA, IL
\$25,000

Oral Health Forum
Healthy Smiles, Healthy Growth
2018-2019
CHICAGO, IL
\$12,500

Ounce of Prevention Fund
Community Saturation Project
for Enhanced Parenting Supports
CHICAGO, IL
\$10,000

Peoria Area Food Bank
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
PEORIA, IL
\$25,000

**Primo Center For Women
And Children**
Integrated Health Homes
for Homeless Kids
CHICAGO, IL
\$200,000

Quincy Public Schools, District 172
Universal Screening in Schools
Learning Collaborative
QUINCY, IL
\$73,000

River Bend Foodbank
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
DAVENPORT, IA
Illinois Service Area: Bureau, Carroll, Hancock,
Henderson, Henry, Jo Davies, Knox, LaSalle, Lee,
Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Putnam, Rock
Island, Stark, Warren, and Whiteside counties
\$25,000

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

**Sargent Shriver National Center
on Poverty Law**
Children's Mental Health Access
Advocacy Project
CHICAGO, IL
\$160,000

Southwest Organizing Project (swop)
Southwest System of Care
CHICAGO, IL
\$180,900

St. Louis Area Food Bank, Inc.
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
BRIDGETON, MO
Illinois Service Area: Calhoun, Clinton, Franklin,
Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph,
St. Clair, Washington, and Williamson counties
\$25,000

Tri State Food Bank Inc
2018 Children's Nutrition Project
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

**University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Dentistry**
Construction of UIC Pediatric
Dentistry Ambulatory Surgery Center
CHICAGO, IL
\$2,000,000

**University of Illinois
at Urbana Champaign**
Children's Mental Health Initiative 2.0
Evaluation Project
URBANA, IL
\$1,147,532



In 2018, ILCHF
awarded \$6,627,819
to organizations
throughout the state
that share our vision
and commitment.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,262,941	\$ 603,855
Investments, at fair value	132,512,289	149,054,831
Other assets	94,030	38,725
Total assets	133,869,260	149,697,411
Liabilities		
Grants payable	2,353,913	2,660,670
Other liabilities	58,705	144,740
Total liabilities	2,412,618	2,805,410
Unrestricted net assets	131,456,642	146,892,001
Total liabilities and net assets	\$133,869,260	\$ 149,697,411

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2018	2017
Investment income, net	\$ (9,039,174)	\$ 24,039,934
Other income	—	—
Total net revenue	(9,039,174)	24,039,934
Grants approved, net*	5,116,721	1,360,077
All other expenses, net	1,279,464	1,312,742
Total expenses	6,396,185	2,672,819
Change in net assets	(15,435,359)	21,367,115
Net assets beginning of year	146,892,001	125,524,886
Net assets end of year	\$131,456,642	\$146,892,001
<i>*Grants paid out during the year</i>	<i>\$ 5,557,937</i>	<i>\$ 4,991,396</i>

For a copy of the 2018 audited financial statements, 2018 Form 990PF, or a complete and detailed listing of our 2018 program investments, please visit our website at www.ilchf.org or contact Nedrae Hunt at 630.571.2555.

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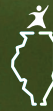
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