



Illinois Children's
Healthcare Foundation



DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to our 2020 Annual Report –our opportunity to recognize with profound gratitude the remarkable work of our 2020 grantee partners. In 2020, teams at 87 inspiring organizations were awarded just under \$13 million in grants which are supporting initiatives that improve the health and wellness of children and families in Illinois.

2020 was a year like no other, bringing heartache and challenges to us all, as the COVID-19 pandemic and the broad unveiling of the intolerable impacts of structural racism upended all that we hold dear. Like so many foundations, ILCHF spent 2020 responding to the needs both exacerbated by and created by COVID-19. In April 2020 our Board of Directors reacted swiftly to the pandemic by authorizing \$5 million in emergency COVID-19 response funding in addition to our usual annual grantmaking of about \$5.5 million per year.

After hearing from our statewide partners that childcare services and resources were an immediate need, particularly for the families of healthcare providers, ILCHF's first COVID-19 grant was to the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) to support childcare for essential hospital workers in rural hospitals across Illinois. The pandemic, and resulting statewide shutdown, caused a dramatic increase in hunger among Illinois children and families while significantly increasing demands upon the eight Illinois serving foodbanks. ILCHF responded with two rounds of funding to the foodbanks totalling \$1.5 million. These funds were used to provide meals to children and families impacted by school and after school program closings and record levels of unemployment.

Next, we heard from grantee partners that their greatest need was for general operating funds which they could use to keep their doors open and their teams employed and available to provide services to children and families as they figured out how to continue to provide services in a pandemic. In response ILCHF made its first general operating grants. First, ILCHF provided 22 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) in Illinois over \$1 million in total to support general operating costs for services for children and families through the "FQHC COVID-19 Response" initiative. Funds were provided to address the loss of revenue associated with the move from the provision of a full spectrum healthcare to focused COVID-19 response efforts. This initiative was in partnership with Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation who provided an additional \$1 million in total to 20 additional FQHC's.

Next, seeking to support and maintain children's mental health services, ILCHF provided general operating grants to 23 Screening Assessment and Stabilization Services (SASS) community mental health providers totaling \$2.5 million. These grant funds were used to maintain SASS staff positions during the early stage of the pandemic when referral rates for crisis services declined drastically, and fee-for-service funding was insufficient to sustain the programs.

As the pandemic progressed and we moved towards reopening some services, 19 oral health providers across the state received grants totalling over \$1.5 million through the “COVID-19 Oral Health Capacity Building” initiative. Grant funds were provided to offset the additional costs associated with re-opening children’s oral health programs and addressing the increased need for safety procedures and the gaps associated with lost revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. ILCHF was grateful to again partner with Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation who provided over \$1.5 million in total to an additional 17 oral health providers.

Finally, ILCHF continued funding efforts to strengthen a system of care approach to children’s mental health in Illinois. Building upon two successful cycles of our Children’s Mental Health Initiatives (CMHI 1.0 and CMHI 2.0), ILCHF made a new round of grants, CMHI 3.0, to five grantees of nearly \$4.25 million dollars over four years to improve children’s mental health in their communities.

Our grantee partners and the communities they will serve are as follows:

- **Rush University Medical Center** – *West Side of Chicago*
- **Rosecrance, Inc.** – *Winnebago & Boone Counties*
- **Methodist Medical Center of Illinois–Unity Point** – *Peoria, Tazewell & Woodford Counties*
- **Bridgeway** – *Knox, Warren & Henderson Counties*
- **Chestnut Health System** – *St. Clair County*

In order to learn from the experiences of these communities, ILCHF awarded a grant to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Children & Family Research Center to evaluate the CMHI 3.0 projects. We look forward to sharing what these providers and their community members will teach us about this work.

As 2020 came to a close, the Board of Directors authorized additional COVID-19 Response funds of \$7.5 million in 2021 and 2022 over and above our usual annual grantmaking. We have spent 2021 listening to grantee partners and other stakeholders across the state in order to understand how best to support those working to improve the health of Illinois’ children and families. Our 2021 annual report will detail the award of just over \$13.5 million in grant funds over two years in support of children’s oral health, and mental health, and to address food insecurity. The remaining \$1.5 million in COVID-19 Response funds will be awarded in 2022.

Like many of you, in 2020 we shared in the profound grief caused by the senseless murders of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and the countless others who lost their lives, and we emphatically supported the national outcry for racial justice catalysed by their deaths. We know that a meaningful response requires deep learning and sustainable action. To deepen our internal learning, our initial steps were to (1) create the Health Equity and Social Justice Work Group to lead the Foundation's equity, diversity and inclusion work, (2) to issue an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) RFP, in order to partner with experts in the field who will help the Foundation identify and implement best practices to embed the concepts of equity, diversity and inclusion in our daily work, and (3) to commit \$2 million in 2021 grant making to initiatives in communities disparately impacted by systemic racism and COVID-19.

As a further preview to our 2021 annual report, this year we partnered with CommonHealth Action (CHA), a Washington DC-based consultancy which for nearly two decades has developed people and organizations to improve people's health through equitable policies, programs, and practices. This year our Board of Directors and staff participated in an organizational EDI assessment, completed CHA's EDI curriculum and at our December Board meeting adopted our EDI Action Plan. Through this work we will continue learning, planning and acting with a diverse range of stakeholders to ensure that we have a deeper understanding of the needs and opportunities to create a lasting impact. As we implement our EDI Action Plan over the next two years, we know that our approach to our work will change. We look forward to learning from you how we can be a better partner and collaborator as we work to fulfil our vision that every child in Illinois grows up healthy.

As we anticipate our next steps on this long and winding road, we welcome feedback, input and ideas from our grantee partners, collaborators, and stakeholders on how to maximize our impact within marginalized communities in Illinois. And while we know the journey forward is filled with challenges and diversions, we are heartened by the unwavering commitment of our partners across the state who are working diligently to make sure that the children of Illinois have the support and services they need to live healthy lives. We are also inspired by people of all walks of life who have banded together in order to champion greater equity, justice, access and parity across the board. This inspiration serves to renew our commitment to push the boundaries of what we previously thought was possible. We thank you for your continued partnership over the years. We look forward to a healthier future together.

Sincerely,



Peter Flynn, PhD
Board Chair



Heather Higgins Alderman
President

2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Access Community Health Network

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$149,940

Advocate Charitable Foundation

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$70,561

Alivio Medical Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Asian Human Services Family Health Center Inc.

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Beloved Community Family Wellness Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Bridgeway, Inc.

CMHI 3.0 –
Youth Empowerment Services (YES)
System of Care
Northwest Central
\$850,000

Bright Star Community Outreach Corporation

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$10,000

Cass County Health Department

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Southwest Central
\$50,000

Center For Youth And Family Solutions

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
East Central
\$49,980

Centerstone

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Southern Illinois
\$99,960

Central Counties Health Centers, Inc.

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Southwest Central
\$100,000

Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc.

Children's Nutrition Program
Southwest Central
\$25,000

Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc.

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Southwest Central
\$162,500

Chestnut Health Systems Inc.

CMHI 3.0 –
St. Clair County Systems of Care
Coordination Project
Southern Illinois
\$850,000

Chestnut Health Systems Inc.

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Southern Illinois
\$49,980

Chestnut Health Systems Inc.

FQHC COVID-19 Response
East Central
\$50,000

Chicago Family Health Center, Inc.

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

The Children's Clinic sponsored by Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

Children's Home Association of Illinois

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Northwest Central
\$149,940

Christian Community Health Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$149,940

Community Health Partnership of Illinois

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Collar Counties
\$50,000

County of Lake DBA Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Collar Counties
\$149,940



Crusaders Central Clinic Association

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Northern Illinois
\$100,000

**DeKalb Behavioral Health
Foundation DBA Northwestern
Medicine Ben Gordon Center**

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Northern Illinois
\$49,980

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation

H2O on the Go Program
State of Illinois
\$250,000

**DuPage County Health
Department**

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Collar Counties
\$90,194

**DuPage County Health
Department**

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Collar Counties
\$149,940

Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Children's Nutrition Program
East Central
\$25,000

Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
East Central
\$162,500

Egyptian Health Department

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Southern Illinois
\$49,980

**Eldorado Community Unit
School District #4**

Saline County TCIT-U Project
Southern Illinois
\$29,920

EMBARC, INC.

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$10,000

**Erie Family Health Foundation
Inc.**

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

Esperanza Health Centers

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Family Christian Health Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Family Counseling Center, Inc.

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Southern Illinois
\$49,980



**Family Service Association
of Greater Elgin Area**

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Collar Counties
\$149,940

Grand Prairie Services

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$149,940

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Children's Nutrition Program
Metro Chicago
\$25,000

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Metro Chicago
\$162,500

Greater Elgin Family Care Center

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Collar Counties
\$100,000

**Hancock County Health
Department Dental Center**

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Southwest Central
\$89,782

**Health & Medicine Policy
Research Group**

Developing an Action Plan to Address
Childhood Adversity in Illinois
Metro Chicago
\$60,000

**Heartland Community Health
Clinic**

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Northwest Central
\$50,000

**Heartland International
Health Center**

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

**Heartland International
Health Center**

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

**The Helen Wheeler Center for
Community Mental Health**

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
East Central
\$99,960

**Henderson County Rural Health
Center Inc.**

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Northwest Central
\$50,000

**Henderson County Rural Health
Center Inc.**

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Northwest Central
\$24,458

**Heritage Behavioral Health
Center, Inc.**

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
East Central
\$99,960

Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN)

Essential Hospital Staff Child Care Support Initiative

State of Illinois
\$500,000

Illinois Spina Bifida Association

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$5,000

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

Kenneth Young Center

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$99,960

Lawndale Christian Health Center

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Lawndale Christian Health Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$99,960

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$99,960

McLean County Health Department

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
East Central
\$55,407

Methodist Medical Center of Illinois—Unity Point Health

CMHI 3.0—
Greater Peoria Area Youth Mental Health Initiative
Northwest Central
\$842,206

Metropolitan Family Services

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$149,940

Milestone Inc.

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Northern Illinois
\$10,000

Mobile CARE Foundation

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$24,000



NAMI Chicago

Youth Curriculum Evaluation Project
Metro Chicago
\$60,000

Near North Health Service Corporation

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

Near North Health Service Corporation

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

New Moms, Inc.

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$5,000

The Night Ministry

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$5,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Children's Nutrition Program
Collar Counties
\$25,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Collar Counties
\$162,500

PCC Community Wellness Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$50,000

Peoria Area Food Bank

Children's Nutrition Program
Northwest Central
\$25,000

Peoria Area Food Bank

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Northwest Central
\$162,500

Pillars Community Health

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$99,960

RefugeeOne

Behavioral Health Services
for Unaccompanied Children
Metro Chicago
\$150,000

River Bend Foodbank

Children's Nutrition Program
Northwest Central
\$25,000

River Bend Foodbank

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Northwest Central
\$162,500

Rosecrance, Inc.

CMHI 3.0 –
Coming Together for Healthy
Children–Building a Youth Mental
Health System of Care
Northern Illinois
\$850,000

Rosecrance, Inc.

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Northern Illinois
\$149,940

Rural Health, Inc.

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Southern Illinois
\$50,000

Rush University Medical Center

CMHI 3.0 –
BRIDGES–Building Resilience-
Integrating Data-Generational
Effective Systems
Metro Chicago
\$850,000

Shawnee Health Service and Development Corporation

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Southern Illinois
\$50,000

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Children's Mental Health Access
Project
State of Illinois
\$160,000

**Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law**

Children's Oral Health Access
Project
State of Illinois
\$25,000

Sinai Health System

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Metro Chicago
\$99,960

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

COVID-19 SASS
Children's Mental Health Initiative
Northern Illinois
\$99,960

SIHF Healthcare

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Southern Illinois
\$95,695

St. Louis Area Food Bank, Inc.

Children's Nutrition Program
Southern Illinois
\$25,000

St. Louis Area Food Bank, Inc.

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Southern Illinois
\$162,500

TCA Health Inc.

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Metro Chicago
\$49,758

Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP)

2020 ILCHF Presidential Grant
Metro Chicago
\$10,000

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

Access Barriers to Dental Care
for African American Children in
Chicago Study
Metro Chicago
\$28,844

Tri-State Food Bank, Inc.

Children's Nutrition Program
Southern Illinois
\$25,000

**Tri-State Food Bank, Inc.**

Children's Nutrition Program Part 2
Southern Illinois
\$162,500

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

CMHI 3.0 Program Evaluation
East Central
\$562,964

University of Illinois School of Public Health

Formative Evaluation of Chicago
Family Connects
Metro Chicago
\$100,000

Well Child Center

Oral Health COVID-19
Capacity Building
Collar Counties
\$100,000

Whiteside County Community Health Clinic, Inc.

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Northern Illinois
\$50,000

Will County Community Health Center

FQHC COVID-19 Response
Collar Counties
\$50,000

Will County DBA as Will County Health Department

COVID-19 SASS Children's Mental
Health Initiative
Collar Counties
\$149,940

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,164,267	\$ 891,626
Investments, at fair value	162,114,489	154,242,350
Other assets	52,707	56,997
Total assets	163,331,463	155,190,973
Liabilities		
Grants payable	8,181,737	10,014,025
Other liabilities	88,898	32,570
Total liabilities	8,270,635	10,046,595
Net assets without donor restrictions	155,060,828	145,144,378
Total liabilities and net assets	\$163,331,463	\$155,190,973

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
Investment income, net	\$ 21,373,231	\$ 28,731,125
Other income	—	—
Total net revenue	21,373,231	28,731,125
Grants approved, net*	9,959,077	13,655,202
All other expenses, net	1,497,704	1,388,187
Total expenses	11,456,781	15,043,389
Change in net assets	9,916,450	13,687,736
Net assets beginning of year	13,687,736	—
Net assets end of year	\$ 23,604,186	\$ 13,687,736
<i>*Grants paid out during the year</i>	<i>\$ 11,549,542</i>	<i>\$ 5,652,099</i>



For a copy of the 2020 audited financial statements, 2020 Form 990PF, or a complete and detailed listing of our 2020 program investments, visit our website at www.ilchf.org or contact Nedraae Hunt at 630.571.2555.

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The secret of change is
to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old,
but on building the new.

SOCRATES



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