ILCHF has a single vision: that every child in Illinois grows up healthy.

Working through grantee partners across the state, the Foundation focuses its grant making on identifying and funding solutions to the barriers that prevent children from accessing the ongoing health care they need, with a primary focus on children's oral health and children's mental health.
DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to our 2021* Annual report—our opportunity to recognize with profound gratitude the remarkable work of our 2021 grantee partners. These organizations are staffed by people who are, as Amanda Gorman writes, “brave enough to be it”—brave enough to be the lights that warm the hearts of those they serve and inspire those who support their work. In 2021, teams at 80 organizations across the State were awarded just over $16 million in grants supporting initiatives that improve the health and well-being of children and families in Illinois.

Though the year started in the midst of struggle, our commitment to positively impact the lives of children and families flourished in the midst of **HOPE!** This hope was grounded in the Board of Directors’ $15 million commitment in COVID-19 Response funds for 2021 and 2022. These funds, in addition to ILCHF’s usual annual grant making of approximately $5.5 million, intended to address needs both caused and exacerbated by the pandemic.

Inspired by our Board of Directors’ commitment and motivated by community voices across the State of Illinois, ILCHF and community partners responded with strategic initiatives that invested in children’s oral health services, school-based mental health services, and access to healthy food, while maintaining our commitment to center equity, diversity, and inclusion in our work.

At the onset of the pandemic, the State’s oral health safety net system experienced many challenges such as dental clinic closures for several months, lengthened appointment times, reduced capacity and resources, and revenue shortfalls. In response to these challenges, ILCHF partnered with Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation (DDILF) to co-fund the $3 million “2020 Covid-19 Oral Health Capacity Building Initiative” which provided grants to 36 children’s oral health providers supporting COVID-19 renovations and other general operating needs related to children’s oral health services.

“For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.”

**AMANDA GORMAN, The Hill We Climb**

* Based upon the 2021-2022 audited fiscal year.
As the pandemic continued into 2021, ILCHF and DDILF continued our partnership through the COVID-19 Response Oral Health Capacity Building Renewal Initiative which provided just over $3.7 million in funding to 35 public health dental clinics in Illinois. These funds were provided as general operating grants supporting each grantee’s pediatric oral health programs, services, and recovery needs.

Though we continued to encounter COVID-19 related challenges, we believed in the shared sense of hope that recovery was on the horizon. This shared sense of hope energized ILCHF’s long standing commitment to children’s mental health and affirmed the need to increase access to children’s mental health services through the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion. In 2020, the Board of Directors committed $2 million of ILCHF’s COVID-19 funding toward investments in communities negatively impacted by COVID-19 and structural racism. In 2021, ILCHF’s COVID-19 School Wellness Initiative—Chicago (CSWI-Chicago) and State of Illinois (CSWI-Illinois) made that commitment even more impactful by increasing ILCHF’s funding from $2 million to $4.2 million and extending ILCHF’s long-time focus to improve children’s mental health.

Through the Covid-19 School Wellness Initiative, partnerships comprised of one or more schools and a community mental health provider, were awarded two-year grants of up to $300,000 to support mental health prevention, early intervention, and treatment needs of children, parents/caregivers, and school personnel. In total, ILCHF invested just over $8.3 million in these 28 projects and an additional $240,000 in an evaluation plan. We are hopeful these grants will be the light for those participating in these programs supporting the overall health and well-being of children and families.

The pandemic not only created a dramatic increase in the number of Illinois children and families experiencing hunger but also complicated the work of foodbanks due to a decrease in the number of volunteers to pack and distribute food, and increased packing and transportation costs. In response to community needs across the State, ILCHF deepened its long-standing partnership with Illinois’ foodbanks and awarded two-year grants totaling $250,000 to each of the eight food banks serving Illinois for a total investment of $2 million.

“Grant funding through the ILCHF has allowed us to increase the amount of healthy foods we can provide to school districts and after-school programs. Through this grant, the Food Bank has been able to procure pre-packaged boxes and fresh milk, protein, and produce in seven additional counties, totaling over 160,000 lbs. of healthy food for students and their families.”

CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD BANK
In 2020, ILCHF made a commitment to champion greater health equity, social justice, and parity across the State. In 2021, this commitment resulted in (1) a Health Equity and Social Justice Work Group that is informing and overseeing our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) journey; (2) a year-long partnership with CommonHealth Action (CHA) resulting in Board and staff participation in an organizational EDI assessment, the completion of CHA's EDI curriculum and the December 2021 adoption of ILCHF's EDI Action Plan and (3) the investment of nearly $4.2 million in mental health grants in 14 Chicago neighborhoods negatively impacted by both COVID-19 and structural racism.

Over the next two years we will continue our journey of learning, reflection, and action. Our overall intention is not only to embed principles of EDI into our policies, programs, and practices, but to further evolve our work to be a better Foundation, a better partner, and to create a healthier future for every child in Illinois.

As we close out 2022, we remain committed to HOPE—FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT. While we know the opportunities presented will be accompanied by challenges, we are encouraged by the relentlessness of our community partners who work 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 and who are brave enough to envision 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 bravery to be the light for our communities and are privileged to partner toward efforts positively impacting the lives of Illinois children and families. We look forward to a healthier future together!

Sincerely,

Peter Flynn, PhD
Heather Higgins Alderman
Board Chair
President & CEO
2021 Grant recipients

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago**
Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership – Children’s Mental Health Plan
State of Illinois
$350,000

**Health & Medicine Policy Research Group**
Illinois Trauma-Informed Systems and Organization Change Initiative
State of Illinois
$100,065

**Planning, Implementation & Evaluation Org (PIE Org)**
External Evaluation of Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Trauma Informed Trainings
State of Illinois
$240,350

**Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)**
Southwest System of Care
Metro Chicago
$500,000

**Chapin Hall Center for Children**
Community Parenting Support
Saturation Pilot Evaluation
State of Illinois
$301,620

**COVID-19 SCHOOL WELLNESS INITIATIVE ILLINOIS 2021**

**Centerstone**
Carterville COVID School Wellness
Southern Illinois
$300,000

**Centerstone**
JC COVID Wellness/Recovery
Southern Illinois
$300,000

**Centerstone**
Giant Steps Towards Wellness
Southern Illinois
$300,000

**Chesbunt Health Systems Inc.**
Improving Access to Behavioral Health Care for Youth in St. Clair County Through the Expansion of the County's System of Care
Southern Illinois
$294,910

**Community Health Care, Inc.**
In-school Mental Health Support for Students, Teachers, Staff and Caregivers in East Moline Schools
Northwest Central
$300,000

**Community Resource Center**
School Wellness Initiative
Southern Illinois, Fayette County
$184,582

**Community Resource Center**
School Wellness Initiative
Southern Illinois, Marion County
$206,211

**Gateway Family Services of Illinois**
Sur+Thrive – Successfully Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic
East Central
$200,000

**Heritage Behavioral Health Center, Inc.**
Project BRAVE (Be Resilient and Vocalize Emotions)
East Central
$300,000

**Hillsboro Area Hospital Inc.**
Montgomery Mental Health Collaborative
Southwest Central
$300,000

**Hoyleton Ministries**
Mental Health Services for ESL School District 189
Southern Illinois
$300,000

**FHN Jane Addams Family Counseling Center**
Mental Health and Wellness Improvement Program
Northern Illinois
$218,159

**Methodist Medical Center of Illinois**
UnityPlace School Wellness Program
Northwest Central
$299,995

**North Central Behavioral Health Systems Inc.**
COVID-19 School Wellness Initiative
Northwest Central
$300,000

**Vermilion Association for Special Education (VASE)**
Providing Increased Social-Emotional Supports with Counselors
East Central
$300,000

**COVID-19 SCHOOL WELLNESS INITIATIVE CHICAGO 2021**

**Alivio Medical Center**
Little Village Campus Integrated System for Behavioral Healthcare
Metro Chicago
$300,000

**Association House of Chicago**
COVID-19 School Wellness Initiative (60641)
Metro Chicago
$300,000

**Association House of Chicago**
COVID-19 School Wellness Initiative (60651)
Metro Chicago
$300,000

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago**
Youth Counseling Department: School-Based Services
Metro Chicago
$300,000

**Children’s Home & Aid Society of Illinois**
Schubert School Family Wellness Expansion
Metro Chicago
$298,850

**Community Counseling Centers of Chicago**
School Wellness Initiative
Metro Chicago
$299,700
Friend Family Health Center Inc.  
Mind + Body Girls Health Initiative  
Metro Chicago  
$300,000

GRO Community  
GRO Community  
Metro Chicago  
$300,000

Juvenile Protective Association  
Project CARES: Collaborative Access to Resources Promoting Equity in Schools: CICS Prairie  
Metro Chicago  
$293,321

Juvenile Protective Association  
Project CARES: Collaborative Access to Resources Promoting Equity in Schools: Art In Motion  
Metro Chicago  
$293,498

Juvenile Protective Association  
Project CARES: Collaborative Access to Resources Promoting Equity in Schools: CICS West Belden  
Metro Chicago  
$293,321

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Supporting the Ecosystem for Better Overall Mental Wellness  
Metro Chicago  
$299,999

University of Illinois  
UIC OCEAN-HP-COPE (Creating Opportunities for Personal Empowerment) Englewood  
Metro Chicago  
$300,000

University of Illinois  
UIC OCEAN-HP-COPE (Creating Opportunities for Personal Empowerment) Davis  
Metro Chicago  
$300,000

ELINER FAMILY HEALTH FOUNDATION INC.  
Rebuilding Oral Healthcare for Underserved Children at Erie  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

Greater Family Health  
Safeguarding Children’s Oral Health Care  
Collar Counties  
$133,000

Hancock County Health Department Dental Center  
Surgically Clean Air  
Southwest Central  
$33,949

Heartland International Health Center  
COVID-19 Response Pediatric Oral Health Capacity Building (Y2)  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

Henderson County Rural Health Center Inc.  
COVID-19 Response Oral Health Renewal  
Northwest Central  
$32,529

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago  
Providing a Dental Home with COVID-19 Protocols for Children in Low-Income Communities  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

Lawndale Christian Health Center  
LCHC Dental Reopening Plan  
Metro Chicago  
$60,000

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group  
Chicago South Side Birth Center Development Coordinator  
Metro Chicago  
$10,000

RefugeeOne  
Understanding Needs of Newcomer Afghan Families  
Metro Chicago  
$10,000

ORAL HEALTH

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation  
H2O on the Go  
Collar Counties  
$115,175

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Children’s Oral Health Advocacy Project  
Metro Chicago  
$50,000

ORAL HEALTH COVID CAPACITY BUILDING RENEWAL 2021

Asian Human Services Family Health Center Inc.  
COVID-19 Oral Health Response Through Integrated Approach  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

Central Counties Health Centers, Inc.  
Rebuilding CCHC’s Dental Program  
Southwest Central  
$133,000

Chicago Family Health Center, Inc.  
CFHC Oral Health Program  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

Community Health Partnership of Illinois  
COVID-19 Response Oral Health General Operating Capacity  
East Central  
$133,000

Crusaders Health Foundation DBA Crusader Community Health  
Ongoing COVID Response Through Protective Equipment  
Northern Illinois  
$133,000

DuPage County Health Department  
DCHD COVID-19 and Oral Health Project Renewal  
Collar Counties  
$119,648

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Brave Space Alliance  
Taskforce Prevention's Mental Health First AID Program  
Metro Chicago  
$10,000

HealthConnect One  
HealthConnect One Curriculum Update and Learning Management System Adaptation  
Metro Chicago  
$40,000


**McLean County Health Department**  
Pandemic Loss Supplementation  
2021-22  
East Central  
$73,691

**Milestone Inc.**  
Post COVID-19 Dental Clinic  
Air Purification Project Phase 2  
Northern Illinois  
$13,000

**Mobile CARE Foundation**  
Oral Health Clinic COVID-19 Recovery & Improvement Program  
Metro Chicago  
$30,000

**Near North Health Service Corporation**  
Near North Health Pediatric Dental Days  
Metro Chicago  
$66,500

**The Children's Clinic sponsored by Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society**  
General Operating Support for Oral Health Care Program for Low Income Children  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

**SIHF Healthcare**  
Dental Services for Children  
Southern Illinois  
$127,274

**University of Illinois**  
UIC Pediatric Dentistry Continued Response Needs to the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Metro Chicago  
$133,000

**VNA Health Care**  
General Operating Support for VNA Health Care Dental Program during COVID-19 Pandemic  
Collar Counties  
$133,000

**Well Child Center**  
Pediatric Dental Clinic and First Tooth Visit Program  
Collar Counties  
$132,940

**ORAL HEALTH COVID UTILIZATION 2021**

**Champaign-Urbana Public Health District**  
Increasing Utilization of Quality, Comprehensive Oral Health Services in Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Populations  
East Central  
$199,135

**Community Health Partnership of Illinois**  
Kankakee Community Strategy to Increase Pediatric Utilization of Oral Health Services  
East Central  
$200,000

**Erie Family Health Foundation Inc.**  
Integrated Oral Health Expansion for Underserved Children on Chicago’s West Side  
Metro Chicago  
$200,000

**Heartland Health Outreach**  
The School-Based Oral Health Equity Project  
Metro Chicago  
$200,000

**Mercer County Health Department**  
Mercer County Mobile Dental Program  
Northwest Central  
$200,000

**Mobile CARE Foundation**  
Oral Health Access & Integration Project  
Metro Chicago  
$200,000

**Shawnee Health Service and Development Corporation**  
Shawnee's Decreasing Oral Health Disparities  
Southern Illinois  
$200,000

**University of Illinois**  
Academic & Community Partnership in Value Based Model  
Metro Chicago  
$200,000

**Well Child Center**  
School-Aged Patient Utilization Project  
Collar Counties  
$198,892

**NUTRITION**

**Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc.**  
Children's Emergency Food Distribution Program  
Central Illinois  
$250,000

**Eastern Illinois Foodbank**  
Expanded Access to Healthy Food  
Eastern Illinois  
$250,000

**Greater Chicago Food Depository**  
Hunger Relief Initiatives for Children in Cook County, Illinois  
Metro Chicago  
$250,000

**Northern Illinois Food Bank**  
Providing Nutritious Food for Children  
Northern Illinois  
$250,000

**Peoria Area Food Bank**  
The Peoria Area Food Bank & Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Youth and Families with Children Mobile Pantry  
Northwest Central  
$250,000

**River Bend Foodbank**  
Hunger Relief for Illinois Children and Families  
Northwest Central  
$250,000

**St. Louis Area Food Bank, Inc.**  
Food for Better Childhoods  
Southern Illinois  
$250,000

**Tri State Food Bank Inc.**  
BackPacks and Mobile Food Distributions  
Southern Illinois  
$250,000
In 2021, ILCHF awarded $11,491,490 to organizations throughout the state that share our vision and commitment.
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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