



# DuPage County Human Services Grant Fund

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## *2006 Final Report*

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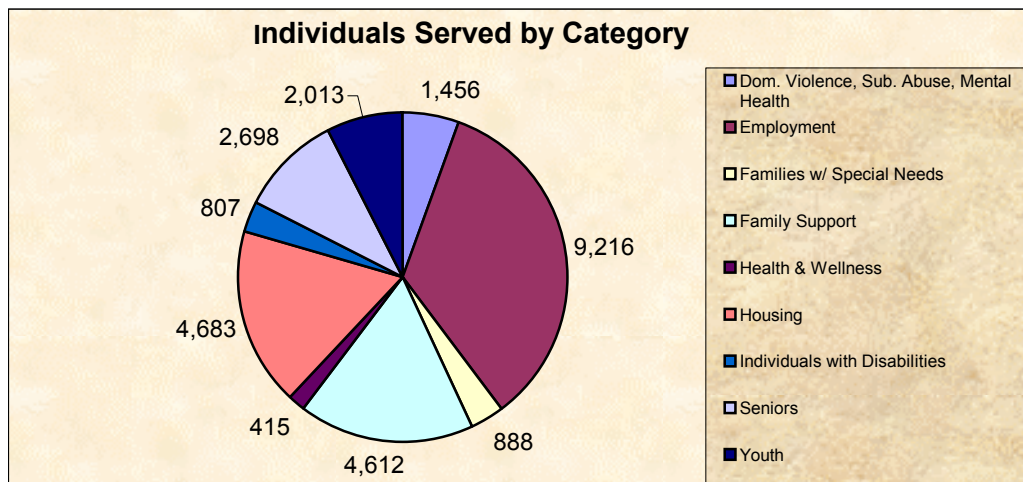
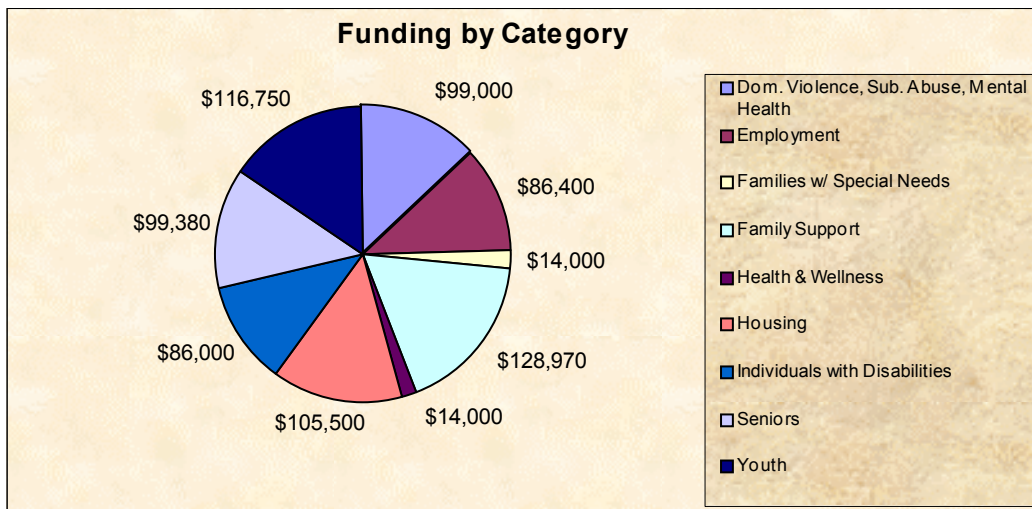
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Category	Funding	Persons Served	# Projects
Dom. Violence, Sub. Abuse, Mental Health	\$ 99,000	1,456	3
Employment	\$ 86,400	9,216	5
Families w/ Special Needs	\$ 14,000	888	2
Family Support	\$ 128,970	4,612	9
Health & Wellness	\$ 14,000	415	1
Housing	\$ 105,500	4,683	6
Individuals with Disabilities	\$ 86,000	807	7
Seniors	\$ 99,380	2,698	5
Youth	\$ 116,750	2,013	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>	<b>26,788</b>	<b>46</b>



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Grantee: **BRIDGE COMMUNITIES**  
505 Crescent Blvd., Ste. E  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Award Amount: \$16,000

Funded Project: Case Management Services

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: Bridge Communities provides transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families. In addition to safe housing, the program provides case management, budgeting skills, employment counseling, job readiness, after school tutoring, adult tutoring (GED, ESL, math and vocabulary skill work), aptitude testing, and transportation. After the family is stabilized in their new environment, the goal of the program is to bring about self-sufficiency for the client family by increasing their income, decreasing their debt, and improving their education and/or job skills with the end result of maintaining permanent housing.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for one case manager to support the volunteer mentors who work with the program's families.

Clients Served: 107

Project Outcomes:

- 40 clients including children were provided psychological services for depression, eating disorders, anxiety, and/or multiple issues.
- 98 adults worked directly with the Employment Director on the creation and implementation of a plan to increase the family's financial self-sufficiency.
- 30 adults returned to school or obtain specific job training skills with the goal of increased family self-sufficiency.
- 50 adults increased their family's income.
- 60 clients received employment assistance from the Bridge Employment Director.
- 35 clients eliminated their debt.
- 100% (98 of 98) of clients created and/or maintained a savings account.
- 55 youth were provided a total of 4,175 hours of after school one-to-one tutoring by a certified teacher.
- 100% (98 of 98) families received assistance from case managers who will help clients develop and work on a plan focused on increasing self-sufficiency skills.
- 10,192 mentoring hours were provided to assist families to develop the knowledge and skills associated with budgeting, saving, debt reduction, credit clean-up, parenting, household management, etc.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **CASA OF DUPAGE COUNTY**  
505 N. County Farm Rd, 3rd Fl, Suite C  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$12,000

Funded Project: Advocacy for Abused and Neglected Children

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of an abused or neglected child in court proceedings. A CASA advocate attends 30-40 hours of training before he or she can become a child's advocate in court. Once trained, volunteer advocates are assigned to monitor a child's case through its duration resulting from a formal court order. Advocates are responsible for visiting the child on a monthly basis, review records, research information and talk to the foster parents, case workers, teachers and others involved in the child's case. Utilizing this information, the advocate then writes a report and submits it to the Judge. The Judge uses the report to make knowledgeable and educated dispositions about each child's placement and treatment needs.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support for Training/Volunteer Coordinator. Specifically this position recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers to be assigned to children adjudicated as abused and neglected in the DuPage juvenile and family court system.

Clients Served: 224

Project Outcomes:

- 27 new volunteers recruited, screened, and trained as CASA Advocates.
- 84 Advocates were assigned to work with neglected children.
- 26 Advocates attended 84 hours of continuing education sessions.
- 17% (39 of 224) of juvenile abuse and neglect cases were closed upon the child's return to a safe, permanent home.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
26 W. St. Charles Road  
Lombard, IL 60148

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Award Amount: \$25,000

Funded Project: DuPage Emergency Shelter (DES)

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: Catholic Charities provides professional human services, advocates for a just and compassionate society, and brings together members of the community, church, business, health care and government to develop effective responses to human needs. The DES Program provides 24-hour, year round shelter for individuals and families who are homeless often due to job loss, divorce or depleted savings. During the three-week program at DES, participants are empowered to regain self-sufficiency and affirm their dignity through a unique array of services.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services and maintenance and operations of the 24-hour shelter facility.

Clients Served: 136

Project Outcomes:

- 15,961 meals were served to homeless persons.
- 70 persons received employment-appropriate clothing.
- 54 eligible adults obtained full-time employment.
- 91 persons attended counseling sessions for a minimum of 3 weeks.
- 54 persons obtained permanent housing at the time of discharge.
- 19 persons received rent assistance at discharge.
- 58 persons increased their annual income through mainstream benefits or employment income.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
26 W. St. Charles Road  
Lombard, IL 60148

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Award Amount: \$17,000

Funded Project: Emergency Services / Homeless Prevention / Transitional Housing

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: Catholic Charities provides professional human services, advocates for a just and compassionate society, and brings together members of the community, church, business, health care and government to develop effective responses to human needs. The Emergency Services / Homeless Prevention / Transitional Housing project assists homeless families with stable housing as well as employment, improving education/job skills, budgeting, savings, and accessing medical, dental, credit, and legal help. The goals of this program is to assist low-income persons in retaining their housing or gaining self-sufficiency by obtaining permanent housing, increasing their income and accessing health care, credit, and legal help.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for case managers.

Clients Served: 2,278

Project Outcomes:

- 9,163 persons received services or referrals.
- 787 persons received food.
- 59 persons received transportation.
- 557 persons received clothing, prescriptions, etc.
- 9,163 calls for emergency assistance were responded to by staff.
- 749 low-income persons received rent assistance.
- 55 persons received utility assistance.
- 8 households discharged from transitional housing secured permanent housing.
- 15 transitional housing households have employment that is adequate to maintain their household budget.
- 17 transitional housing households increased their income and/or resources by being enrolled in all mainstream programs for which they are eligible.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **COMMUNITY CAREER CENTER**  
1971 Gowdey Rd, Ste 210  
Naperville, IL 60563

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Award Amount: \$8,400

Funded Project: Empower the Job Seeker

Category: Employment

Organization Summary: The Center's mission is to empower the job seeker to achieve long-term self-sufficiency; provide assistance with resume writing, career counseling, networking and interviewing skills, job search strategy, basic computer skills, referrals and job bank access; raise community awareness of employment issues and concerns; and to assist employers in meeting workforce needs.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services and maintenance and operations.

Clients Served: 2,813

Project Outcomes:

- 756 intake interviews were conducted.
- 536 appointments for resume development were scheduled.
- 592 individuals increased their job readiness by completing computer tutorials.
- 385 clients were counseled regarding proper job search and networking.
- 641 clients secured employment.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
415 West Eighth Street  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

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Award Amount: \$12,250

Funded Project: Willowbrook Corner Initiative

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: WCI seeks to offer equal opportunity for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and to promote self-sufficiency. The program is designed to maintain and improve existing services, provide additional services that protect and support vulnerable residents, to decrease risky behavior especially among children and youth, and to foster academic appreciation among youth.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support for direct service staff.

Clients Served: 113

Project Outcomes:

- 664 After School program hours were provided to youth.
- 189 program hours of homework help and tutoring were provided to youth.
- 234 hours of Youth Summer Day Camp programming were provided.
- 194 nights of Open Recreational Basketball were provided to youth.
- 197 hours of counseling and case management were provided to community members.
- 47 hours of programming promoting self sufficiency were provided to adults.
- 84% (135 of 160) of participants reported an increase in good behavior through the Blue Ribbon Award Incentive Program.
- 72% (116 of 160) of participants improved their grades.
- 16% (33 of 207) of parents with children in the After School or Summer Day Camp program participated in self sufficiency classes.
- 91% (153 of 167) of clients reported feeling more able to effectively deal with their problems.
- 87% (148 of 167) of clients reported recognizing a sense that they have the power to influence or direct their own lives.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DEICKE CENTER FOR VISUAL REHABILITATION**  
219 E. Cole Ave  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$9,000

Funded Project: Professional Visual Rehabilitation Services

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: Deicke Center provides people with visual impairments the tools and training necessary to maximize their vision and to function independently at home, at school, at work, and within the community at large. Services include rehabilitation counseling, a low vision evaluation, rehabilitation teaching, orientation to assistive technology and instruction in safe mobility.

Use of Funds: Partial salary costs, purchase of equipment and supplies for clients. The funded activity provides visual rehabilitation services to persons whose vision cannot be improved medically, surgically or with conventional lenses.

Clients Served: 12

Project Outcomes:

- 12 clients in consultation with low vision professionals, created an individual rehabilitation plan (IRP).
- 12 clients received instruction from low vision professionals in the use of prescribed low vision optical devices, correct lighting and use of contrast to maximize vision.
- 9 clients demonstrated appropriate use of the optical devices which are necessary to accomplish the goals in their IRP.
- 6 of 9 clients explained their own eye condition and the tasks for which they can use each prescribed optical device.
- 6 of 9 clients demonstrated the correct use of prescribed optical devices to accomplish one independent living skill listed in their IRP.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DONKA**  
400 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Assistive Technology Training

Category: Employment

Organization Summary: Donka provides persons with physical and visual disabilities comprehensive programs that combines computer training, assistive technology management, job placement activities, and community outreach. The Assistive Technology Training program provides clients with hardware, software, and a curriculum that will allow each student to use a computer independently, regardless of disability. An assistive technology device is defined as any item, piece of equipment, or product system used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of people with disabilities. Assistive technology and training gives persons with disabilities the ability to be equal with their peers in school, at home and in the workplace.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support. Clients with physical and/or visual disabilities are provided with 100-120 hours of instruction to learn needed assistive technology to meet physical / visual need and business software applications to increase computer skills for the home and workplace.

Clients Served: 10

Project Outcomes:

- 10 participants learned to use assistive technology to meet their disability needs
- 10 participants completed the 96 hours of training that includes instruction, skills practice activities, regular testing and program goal setting.
- 9 participants worked with instructors and rehab counselors to launch a job search utilizing new computer skills.
- 10 participants demonstrated the ability to use Microsoft Office software including Word, Access, Excel, Outlook and the Internet.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DUPAGE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**  
739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 8  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Award Amount: \$8,000

Funded Project: Visually Impaired Program

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: The DuPage Center for Independent Living assists individuals with disabilities by providing them the skills and information necessary to advocate for themselves in conjunction with Community and Systems Advocacy. The agency assists individuals in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: advocating for reasonable accommodations on the job, providing assistance so that individuals obtain transportation services and providing information on housing resources. The Visually Impaired Program strives to ensure that the four core services of independent living: Community and Systems Advocacy, Information and Referral, Peer Counseling and Support and Independent Living Skills training are offered to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services and maintenance and operations for the Visually Impaired Program.

Clients Served: 173

Project Outcomes:

- 7 hours of individualized support were provided to consumers in need of Medicare counseling prior to making an informed decision on their prescription coverage.
- 36 sessions of Braille training were provided to clients.
- 10 events with special recreation programs were co-sponsored.
- 70% (70 of 109) of individuals participating in social/recreational activities reported a better sense of self worth and community.
- Consumers receiving Braille training enhanced their ability to communicate by 50% in keeping phone and other personal records.
- 19 Consumers demonstrated an increase in Ride DuPage usage.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DUPAGE COMMUNITY CLINIC**  
1506 E. Roosevelt Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$14,000

Funded Project: Dental Services

Category: Health & Wellness

Organization Summary: The DCC provides free primary, diagnostic and therapeutic medical and dental intervention to low-income DuPage County residents who are medically uninsured. Over 300 on-site health and dental care professionals and referral specialists voluntarily provide laboratory and other diagnostic testing and therapeutic procedures at no cost to patients.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff administering clinic operations.

Clients Served: 415

Project Outcomes:

- 2 additional dentists were recruited for on-site treatments and increased patient visits by 10%.
- 144 participants received dental appointments as the result of two days of screenings.
- 58% (67 of 115) improvement in referred treatment completion was demonstrated.
- 415 individuals received dental care.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DUPAGE HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER**  
1333 N. Main Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Comprehensive Homeownership Services

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: DHOC provides prepurchase education, counseling, and special mortgage assistance programs to first-time homebuyers in DuPage County, with an emphasis on serving low-income, minority and other traditionally underserved populations. Additional services include providing foreclosure prevention counseling for homeowners in financial crisis and reverse mortgage counseling for financially vulnerable senior homeowners.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 1,142

Project Outcomes:

- 896 households/1150 individuals were provided with a total of 24 Homebuyer Education classes.
- 94% (775 of 821) of class participants reported satisfaction with the class (that is, they rated the class "above average" or "excellent").
- 137 households attended the Annual Home Buyers Fair.
- 42 low-income families became homeowners with the supportive services and funding secured by DHOC.
- 63 new families received default counseling and 68 carried over from the prior grant period. Of that group, 63 completed the program and 92% (58 of 63) prevented foreclosure.
- 46 new seniors met with AARP-certified counselors to assist them with taking action to save their homes and maintain their independence and 53 existing clients carried over from the prior grant period.
- 59 of the "cash-poor, house-rich" seniors counseled took action that improved their financial outlook, enabling them to save their homes and maintain independence.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DUPAGE P.A.D.S, INC**  
705 Liberty  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$16,500

Funded Project: P.A.D.S Overnight Shelter and Support Center

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: DuPage PADS provides a sleeping site, meals and short-term case management in twenty church facilities, seven nights a week, year round. The shelter has the largest service capacity in DuPage County. DuPage PADS also has a permanent daytime Support Center which provides lunch, laundry facilities, showers, phones, case management, health care, legal assistance, support and employment services, five days a week.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for an Employment Specialist.

Clients Served: 944

Project Outcomes:

- 16,869 nights of shelter were provided.
- 866 homeless persons were provided with night shelter.
- 70 families with children will receive shelter.
- 67,609 meals were served in the overnight shelter.
- 5712 meals were served in the Support Center.
- 128 individuals received employment services.
- 46 individuals obtained full-time employment.
- 28 individuals obtained part-time employment.
- 76 persons exited shelter with an identified place to live.
- 63 homeless persons increased their income/benefits through successful enrollment in mainstream programs.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **DUPAGE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL**  
2220 S. Main St., Ste. 308  
Lombard, IL 60148

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Award Amount: \$40,000

Funded Project: Senior Nutrition Program

Category: Seniors

Organization Summary: DSCC is a community based, volunteer driven agency, devoted to enriching senior life. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, a variety of programs are offered to help seniors live safely in their own homes and communities, and provide them the opportunity to maintain their physical and mental health. The Senior Nutrition Program provides meals that are packed and delivered each weekday to frail homebound seniors, who are unable to shop or cook for themselves.

Use of Funds: Partial support to fund the cost of meals.

Clients Served: 519

Project Outcomes:

- 519 frail seniors received 36,000 home delivered meals.
- 519 frail seniors received 1 daily "Well-being Check".
- 519 frail seniors received 1/3 or more of the Reference Dietary Intake for adults 60 or over.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **EDUCATION CENTER**  
113 E. Van Buren  
Naperville, IL 60540

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: Outreach and Counseling Project

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: The Education Center of Developmental Resources is a counseling and referral center that provides life coaching as a means to help children and teens gain self-confidence, independence, and skills to last a lifetime. Through an individualized step-by-step approach of listening and mentoring, participants overcome negative situations and influences, get on the right track in school and gain the self-esteem vital to realizing their dreams. The program focuses on helping kids understand that they are ultimately responsible for their lives, no matter what emotional hits they may have taken in the past, it's up to them to move forward.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support for counseling and outreach staff.

Clients Served: 20

Project Outcomes:

- 48 evaluation and counseling sessions were conducted.
- 48 academic tutoring sessions were provided
- 24 mentoring sessions were provided.
- 20 students demonstrated improved coping skills.
- 20 students improved their grades and/or graduate to the next level or complete high school.
- 20 students gained a new job readiness or awareness skill or improve their personal self confidence.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **EVANGELICAL CHILD AND FAMILY AGENCY**  
1530 N. Main St  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$9,960

Funded Project: West Chicago Latino Outreach Project

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: ECFA provides many services, including adoption, pregnancy counseling and care, family counseling, and child welfare services which includes foster care and family preservation. The Latina Outreach Project provides Spanish language parent education classes, mental health education, and a West Chicago counseling site.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services and maintenance and operations of the program.

Clients Served: 3

Project Outcomes:

- 3 parents received parenting instruction in Spanish.
- 0 clients received counseling.
- 0% (0 of 0) demonstrated improvement.
- 0% (0 of 0) of treatment goals were obtained

Performance Level: Did not meet proposed outcomes. Grant services were not provided for the second half of the year which caused ECFA to forfeit their second payment

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Grantee: **EXODUS WORLD SERVICES**  
109 Fiarfiled Way, Suite 101  
Bloomington, IL 60108

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Award Amount: \$12,380

Funded Project: Community Welcome for Refugees

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: Exodus' programs are focused on building bridges between the community and refugees. This grant supports The Welcome to America! Pack Program which provides needed essentials to fill a bare apartment and welcome an arriving refuge family to their new life.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for the Program Director.

Clients Served: 233

Project Outcomes:

- 35 refugee families received 840 hours of individualized training and support services.
- 100% (77 of 77) of the participating refugees improved their English language skills.
- 90.9% (70 of 77) of the participating refugees increased their knowledge of available community services.
- 98.7% (76 of 77) of the participating refugees improved their ability to resolve social, health or financial issues.
- 94.8% (73 of 77) of the participating refugees strengthened their sense of community.
- 67.5% (25 of 37) of volunteers continued meeting with the refugees after the initial three months.
- 29 refugee families received a minimum of \$500 of basic household supplies and food staples.
- 69% (20 of 29) of the refugee families received at least one additional visit from the Welcome to America! Pack volunteers.
- 784 volunteers became involved in the Welcome to America! Pack and New Neighbor programs in DuPage County.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **FAMILY SHELTER SERVICES**  
605 E. Roosevelt Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$36,000

Funded Project: Advocacy Program

Category: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Mental Health

Organization Summary: Family Shelter Service provides services for victims of domestic violence, including: individual and group counseling, emergency shelter, court advocacy, 24-hour hotline, teen services, children's services, and Latina services. Funding is begin used in the Advocacy Program which provides follow up on every police-reported incident of domestic abuse in DuPage County to check on victim safety and to provide referral information.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for one Victim Advocate.

Clients Served: 1,072

Project Outcomes:

- 1,260 victims were supported throughout the court process to obtain their Orders of Protection.
- 5,506 victims received a follow-up response by a victim advocate.
- 153 victims of domestic violence participating in education groups in community counseling services or in shelter received advocacy support and information.
- 100% (426 of 426) of victims contacted after receiving an Emergency Order of Protection reported having a safety plan, and knowing two ways to respond to a violation of their Order of Protection.
- 86% (205 of 237) of victims surveyed monthly reported knowledge of safety planning, FSS services and legal remedies.
- 78% (77 of 99) of victims surveyed reported knowing two ways to enforce an Order of Protection.
- 96% (95 of 99) of victims surveyed reported gaining information about how to access court services, obtaining an Order of Protection and safety planning.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **GLEN ELLYN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**  
41 N. Park Boulevard  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Award Amount: \$20,000

Funded Project: After-school/Summer Enrichment Program

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: The Center provides a safe place for students to go after school, have a snack, receive homework help, develop academic and life skills, and participate in enjoyable, positive activities with their peers and volunteers. Homework Help is a key component of the program, which provides support to children whose parents are unable to assist them with homework due to limited English language skills and available time. Pleasure in reading is encouraged and documented. The program continues during the summer to provide enrichment activities as well as an academic focus.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for the Program Director.

Clients Served: 95

Project Outcomes:

- 95 children were served by the After School Program which will provide 12.5 hours of available education and recreation programming each week.
- 82% (average totals of 55 out of 67) of the children attended the Youth After School Program each month
- 17 adults participated in ESL classes.
- 85% (14 of 17) of adults in ESL classes attained skills and competencies within the same educational level based on National Reporting Standards (NRS).
- 100% (17 of 17) of adults in the ESL Class demonstrated increased application of language skills in basic survival needs situations.
- 15 % (3 of 17) of adults in the ESL Class completed current level and/or advance to a higher educational level based on NRS.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **HAMDARD CENTER**  
355 N. Wood Dale Road  
Wood Dale, IL 60191

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Award Amount: \$14,000

Funded Project: Employability / Community Survival Skills

Category: Employment

Organization Summary: The Hamdard Center is a multilingual, multi-cultural, social & health service agency dedicated to serving the South Asian, Middle Eastern, and Bosnian Communities. Their mission is to promote physical and emotional health and psychological well being of the individuals and families by offering hope, help, and healing. The Employability / Community Survival Skills Program seeks to provide employability/survival skills training, job training, job placement, and job development activities for South Asian/Middle Eastern and immigrant victims of domestic violence. The program goal is to promote self-sufficiency among minority, culturally diverse, underserved, non-English/limited English speaking immigrant victims of domestic violence, culturally and linguistically tailored through life skills and employability skills training and locating, linking them to jobs.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Employability / Community Survival Skills Counselor.

Clients Served: 107

Project Outcomes:

- 99% (106 of 107) of domestic violence clients increased their knowledge of safety planning.
- 96% (103 of 107) of participants demonstrated an improved understanding of domestic violence dynamics.
- 72% (77of 107) of the clients demonstrated improved coping skills.
- 318 units of counseling were provided to victims of domestic violence.
- 227units of case management were provided to victims of domestic violence.
- 98% (105 of 107) of shelter clients expressed an increased sense of protection and support.
- 100% (107of 107) of the clients enrolled in weekly ESL classes demonstrated improved proficiency.
- 99% (106 of 107) of the clients demonstrated improved job seeking and employment skills.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROJECT**  
1425 S. Neltnor Blvd.  
West Chicago, IL 60185

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: Senior Citizen Project

Category: Seniors

Organization Summary: HSP works to alleviate the pain and suffering that poverty brings to needy seniors and children. The Senior Citizen Project delivers over 80 pounds of nutritious food to the homes of needy seniors, providing the client with five bags of non-perishable food, fresh produce, frozen meat and fresh bread. Clients also receive household products, personal care items, and special gifts from their Secret Pals.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (staff salaries) and operations (food cost) of the program.

Clients Served: 115

Project Outcomes:

- 100% (115 of 115) of seniors saw an improvement in their overall well being.
- 100% (115 of 115) of seniors received 12 visits.
- 100% (115 of 115) of seniors received 12 wellness calls by phone.
- 86% (99 of 115) of seniors reported lower stress levels.
- 84% (97 of 115) of seniors reported they now have more fruits, vegetables and meats in their diets.
- 86% (99 of 115) of seniors indicated they now eat healthier.
- 87% (100 of 115) of seniors indicated they saved an average of \$127 per month on groceries; saving more than expected.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **KIDS IN NEED**  
20W389 Army Trail Rd  
Addison, IL 60101

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Operating Support

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: Kids In Need addresses the immediate needs of children who have lost one or both of their parents under extreme or sudden circumstances. Services include providing for immediate housing needs including a temporary care facility, social workers to guide children through the transition to a social service agency such as DCFS or until arrangements can be made with the next of kin, education assistance, emergency medical care, and legal representation.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (staff salaries) and operations (utilities, food, transportation and insurance) of the program.

Clients Served: 515

Project Outcomes:

- 515 children were provided with a safe place to live until foster care was assigned.
- 1,920 articles of clothing, coats and shoes were provided to youth in emergency situations.
- \$5,310 in Walgreen's gifts cards were utilized to address the health care needs of youth.
- 2,000 holiday gifts were distributed to children in need.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **LITTLE FRIENDS, INC**  
140 N. Wright  
Naperville, IL 60540

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Service Enhancement for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: Little Friends serves children and adults with developmental, emotional or behavioral disabilities with the operation of 14 programs including early intervention, alternative schools, family support, vocational training, and community-based residential services.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (consultant salaries) and operations (implementation of Picture Exchange Communication System) of the program.

Clients Served: 113

Project Outcomes:

- 70% (33 of 47) of clients achieved their goals in the area of economic self-sufficiency
- 76% (35 of 46) of clients achieved their goals in the area of community integration.
- 56% (34 of 61) of clients achieved their goals in the area of independent living skills.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **LOAVES AND FISHES**  
556 W. Fifth Ave  
Naperville, IL 60563

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Home Delivery to Seniors and People with Disabilities

Category: Seniors

Organization Summary: Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry provides food and personal care essentials to Naperville residents in need.

Use of Funds: Partial support for operations (food cost) of the program.

Clients Served: 164

Project Outcomes:

- 2,513 deliveries were made to elderly & disabled individuals.
- 157 unduplicated elderly & disabled individuals received \$128 of groceries each month
- 42 new elderly & disabled clients received referral information to other social services.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **LOVE CHRISTIAN CLEARING HOUSE**  
P.O. Box 50  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: Clearinghouse Program

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: LOVE serves people in need with programs including a Call-In Center, The Brighter Tomorrows Program (stabilizing and strengthening working force low-income families), emergency funding, furniture ministry and the Gift of Time and Talent Program (connecting those in need with those who can directly help).

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Clearinghouse Program staff.

Clients Served: 2,036

Project Outcomes:

- 77.5 % (789 of 1018) callers received community resources and referral services that include referrals for emergency funding.
- 70% (523 of 752) callers received information/referral on financial services.
- 17.6% (133 of 752) callers received a follow up call after calling our office for assistance.
- 1578 people received referrals to community resources.
- 10 clients received printed materials on budgeting programs and classes.
- 524 clients received an intake assessment over the phone which will include consultation, referrals and limited financial assistance to those that qualify under our homeless prevention assessment and verification process.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: *Lutheran Social services of illinois*  
343 W. Lake St.  
Addison, IL 60101

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: West Suburban Counseling Center

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: LSSI seeks to promote self-sufficiency through a combination of counseling, education and case management to help clients and their families achieve independence. The program serves people who have mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, people who are coping with divorce and people who are recovering from domestic abuse. The program also serves children who have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder and children with behavioral problems in school.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for counseling staff.

Clients Served: 221

Project Outcomes:

- 31.55% improvement in positive interactions and reduction of conflict were reported by individuals involved in couples counseling.
- 36.5% average improvement by 6 participants improvement in the ability to cope with changes were reported by participants of the eight-week Divorce Adjustment Groups.
- 32% ncrease in ability to implement new parenting skills were reported by the participants in the four-week "Surviving Your Teenager Group".
- 30.2% average improvement by 173 clients reduction of symptoms of anxiety and depression as well as an increased ability to cope with stressors were reported by persons receiving individual counseling.
- 40.48% increase in the ability to parent effectively as a result of utilizing behavioral strategies learned in sessions were reported by parents involved in family counseling.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **MARKLUND CHILDREN'S HOME**  
1S450 Wyatt Drive  
Geneva, IL 60134

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Award Amount: \$9,000

Funded Project: Activities and Outings

Category: Families w/ Spec. Needs

Organization Summary: Marklund exists to help infants, children, and adults who have severe and profound developmental disabilities reach their highest potential and live a full and happy life. The network includes pediatric-skilled nursing, residential, educational and day training programs for all ages.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 33

Project Outcomes:

- 147 outings were provided.
- 1,920 volunteer hours were provided to assist the clients in outings and activities.
- An average of 93.26% of clients enjoyed the outings they attend.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**  
222 E. Willow Ave.  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$50,000

Funded Project: Psychiatric Project

Category: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Mental Health

Organization Summary: MFS offers a comprehensive range of programs to help Chicago-area families become strong, stable and self-sufficient. The Psychiatric Project provides screening, psychosocial assessment, individualized service plans, individual, family and group counseling, psychiatric evaluation, medication management and case management services to children, adolescents, and adults, including older adults. The goals of the program are to ensure protection of vulnerable residents with mental health difficulties, and to help them become or remain self-sufficient by providing treatment and early intervention that prevents functional decline or that supports functional improvement.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 196

Project Outcomes:

- 196 clients received psychiatric and/or counseling services.
- 93% (182 of 196) of clients receiving psychiatric and/or counseling services improved or stabilized their level of functioning.
- 94% (184 of 196) of clients receiving psychiatric and/or counseling services achieved at least one counseling goal.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**  
222 E. Willow Ave.  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$16,000

Funded Project: SHIFT

Category: Housing

Organization Summary: MFS offers a comprehensive range of programs to help Chicago-area families become strong, stable and self-sufficient. The SHIFT Transitional Housing Program (a collaboration of 4 social service agencies: Catholic Charities, Metropolitan Family Services, The YWCA DuPage, DuPage County Community Services) provides transitional housing, intensive case management, mental health services, employment counseling, and other support services to high-risk homeless families with multiple/complex needs. The objective is to provide a safe environment for participants to develop life skills and job related skills so that they can maintain a stable residence after completing the program.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (staff salaries) and operations (medical assistance, transportation, utilities, supplies) of the program.

Clients Served: 76

Project Outcomes:

- 21 parents and 45 children were provided with an apartment.
- 16 adults received a psychosocial assessment and 497 counseling sessions.
- 8 children received a psychosocial assessment and 170 counseling sessions.
- 3 clients received a psychiatric evaluation and an average of 82 medication monitoring sessions.
- 12 adults were provided with an employment/job skills assessment.
- 12 adults developed a plan to improve employment skills.
- 7 families obtained permanent housing at the completion of the program.
- 71% (12 of 17) of families/individuals improved or stabilized their level of functioning.
- 13 adults became employed.
- 23 adults increased their income.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **NAMI - NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL DUPAGE**  
1401 N. Main Street, #301  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$5,000

Funded Project: Program Services for People with Mental Illness

Category:

Organization Summary: NAMI's mission is to provide support, advocacy, and education in order to improve the quality of life for individuals with mental illness and their families. The Consumer Services Program provides people with mental illness with supportive programs and services that enable them to take steps towards overcoming some of the debilitating effects of their illness and move towards recovery.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support for a coordinator to run a prevocational training program at the Encore Resale Shop, 207 Front Street in Wheaton, for residents of DuPage County who have severe and chronic mental illness (consumers).

Clients Served: 20

Project Outcomes:

- 100% (20 of 20) of consumers became more self-sufficient.
- 100% (20 of 20) of consumers became engaged in activities.
- 100% (20 of 20) of consumers increased their skills.
- 35% (7 of 20) of consumers returned to work.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **NAPERVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY**  
1620 W. Diehl Road  
Naperville, IL 60563

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Award Amount: \$5,500

Funded Project: Canine Coaches Program

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: This project is a partnership with NCO Youth and Family Services. This project offers boys residing in NCO's Cornerstone Shelter For Boys group home environment the opportunity to visit the shelter and interact with shelter dogs. The boys visit twice per week and assist in the training and care of the dogs, teaching the boys patience, flexibility, compassion and empathy through a variety of humane education techniques. This program is used by NCO Staff as incentive for group home residents to make positive choices and prevent negative violent behaviors.

Use of Funds: Partial support for salaries and benefits of Humane Educators.

Clients Served: 43

Project Outcomes:

- 43 residents from NCO's Cornerstone Group Home for Boys participated in the incentive/reward based Canine Coaches program.
- 43 boys exhibited an increase in their ability to manage and control their anger in order to earn the reward of participation in this program.
- 43 boys gained the knowledge of how to care for their own basic needs by performing tasks such as laundry, cleaning and dishes as part of their work with the dogs.
- 43 boys utilized the information they obtain about the animals they coach to relate to and express their own feelings and experiences.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **NCO YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
1305 W. Oswego Road  
Naperville, IL 60540

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Cornerstone Shelter For Boys

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: Cornerstone Shelter provides emergency shelter and a 24 hour hotline to homeless and runaway boys ages 13 – 18. The shelter provides three meals per day, 24-hour staff, and has a capacity of eight beds. Cornerstone Shelter provides a structured schedule, behavioral programming, educational intervention, and 15 hours weekly of therapeutic counseling on site in order for the boys to achieve stable housing and increase mature and responsible behaviors after they leave the shelter. Linkage is made with school, part-time jobs, and other necessary resources in the community which will continue once the youth has left Cornerstone.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for counseling staff.

Clients Served: 18

Project Outcomes:

- 6,133 meals were served
- 2,452 nights of shelter were provided for homeless teen boys.
- 7,702 hours of group therapy were provided.
- 78% (14 of 18) of boys received new clothing.
- 18 homeless boys received safe housing.
- 100% (18 of 18) of boys attended daily therapy groups.
- 45% (5 of 11) of boys leaving the program went to an appropriate and stable housing situation (i.e. foster care, relatives home, home, transitional or independent living).
- 100% (18 of 18) of boys eligible for school attended classes.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **NORTHEAST DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (NEDSRA)**  
1770 W. Centennial Pl  
Addison, IL 60101

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Award Amount: \$9,000

Funded Project: Recreation Inclusion

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) is a community-based recreation agency providing high quality recreation programs and services for individuals of all ages, with disabilities ranging from mental disabilities and physical disabilities to behavior disorders and learning disabilities.

Use of Funds: Partial salary support for Recreation staff.

Clients Served: 33

Project Outcomes:

- 80% (133 of 166) of the staff from member agencies completing inclusion trainings reported a better understanding of the abilities of individuals who have special needs and a higher level of comfort working with individuals who have special needs.
- 90% (30 of 33) of supported participants reported satisfaction with their experience.
- 100% (15 of 15) of participants new to the program received a complete initial assessment before transitioning to a mainstream program.
- 90% (23 of 25) of consultations with participants involved in the program demonstrated progress toward adapting and transitioning successfully into the inclusion setting.
- 90% (14 of 16) of participants will demonstrate an increase in their post-evaluation scores.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**  
600 Industrial Drive  
St. Charles, IL 60174

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Award Amount: \$9,250

Funded Project: Summer Youth Nutrition Program in DuPage County

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: NIFB provides fresh and packaged food to more than 520 food assistance sites, including soup kitchens, pantries, childcare agencies, shelters, and after-school snack programs. Collectively, they are the food safety net for hundreds of thousands of low-income people in the 13 counties in northern Illinois served by NIFB – from urban and suburban areas to very rural areas. The Summer Lunch Program provides nutritious lunches to low-income children during the summer when these children lose access to subsidized meals at school. This program is a critical resource of nutritious foods for children whose families depend on meals from school to have enough to eat.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Program Coordinator and drivers.

Clients Served: 722

Project Outcomes:

- 722 unduplicated children received lunches that met or exceeded the minimal RDA standards established by USDA.
- 11,852 nutritious lunches were provided to DuPage County children in 13 locations.
- 24 people working with children at summer sites were trained to ensure safe handling of food, understand the importance of childhood nutrition, and meet program requirements.
- 26 monitoring visits were conducted.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **OUTREACH COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**  
122 W. Liberty Dr.  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$15,000

Funded Project: Hispanic Outreach Program

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: Outreach Community Ministries provides wrap-around resources that support families and individuals, from early childhood to older adulthood. The Hispanic Outreach Program seeks to support the incorporation of Hispanic families into the community of Warrenville while recognizing, respecting and supporting the ethnic and cultural uniqueness of the Hispanic community. Activities to support the goals of the program include recruiting members for the Hispanic Council, working with the Council to plan and implement community wide events, producing and distributing Spanish/English community newsletters, providing information and referral as well as casework and advocacy for persons calling for services in the community.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 984

Project Outcomes:

- 20 meetings of the Hispanic Council were held to plan and implement community events to address community needs and for cultural celebrations.
- 161 Hispanic households received 1 Spanish/ English community newsletter highlighting agency services, Hispanic Council's work, and other community resources.
- 182 calls for information related to employment, medical care and legal assistance were responded to and information and referrals will be provided.
- 53 persons were assisted with 95% of their needs for translation services, advocacy calls, and/or emergency funds.
- 6 community events were implemented.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **PACT, INC - CHILD & FAMILY CONNECTIONS OF DUPAGE**  
555 E. Butterfield Rd, 201  
Lombard, IL 60148

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Award Amount: \$5,000

Funded Project: Early Intervention Resource Initiative -

Category: Families w/ Spec. Needs

Organization Summary: PACT, Inc. provides case coordination services for individuals with disabilities within both the public and private systems of DuPage County and the State of Illinois. PACT is dedicated to advocating actively and aggressively for solutions to the special needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 855

Project Outcomes:

- 250 Spanish-speaking families received translated materials and support for transition into the local school district.
- 1,061 English-speaking families received materials and support for transitioning into the local school district.
- 53% (133 of 250) Spanish-speaking children were transitioned to the school district services when they turned 3
- 45% (475 of 1061) English speaking children receiving Early Intervention services were transitioned to the school district services when they turned 3.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

## 2006 Human Services Grant Fund Final Report

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Grantee: **PARENTS ALLIANCE EMPLOYMENT PROJECT**  
837 S. Westmore  
Lombard, IL 60148

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Award Amount: \$23,000

Funded Project: IETC Liaison for People with Disabilities

Category: Employment

Organization Summary: Parents Alliance Employment Project is an organization devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities through individualized employment services. Services include free workshops for individuals with disabilities and matching qualified persons with disabilities to employment opportunities in a wide variety of businesses.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (salaries and benefits for Employment Coordinator and Employment Specialist) and operations (rent, phone, insurance, printing, supplies, etc.) of the program.

Clients Served: 166

Project Outcomes:

- 166 people with disabilities were provided with general information, guidance, and referral assistance.
- 77 people with disabilities were provided with individualized career search assistance.
- 85 people with disabilities were provided with ongoing individual job search assistance.
- 20 job search workshops were provided.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER**  
201 S. Naperville Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$26,000

Funded Project: Computer Literacy Training & Access Program (CLTA)

Category: Employment

Organization Summary: PRC is a one-stop shop for basic needs and economic access where people see and use multiple services, gain guidance to resources, and take another step to achieve financial independence. The Computer Literacy Training & Access Program (CLTA) focuses on providing families with marketable computer skills and basic knowledge about the technology as well as providing refurbished computers for their home.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Computer Technician, Reconditioning Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, and Receptionist.

Clients Served: 6,120

Project Outcomes:

- 1,178 low-income residents received free basic computer training through 6 week courses.
- 1,175 low-income households received free computer equipment for their home use.
- 446 low-income households received free computer repair support for their home computers.
- 1,575 low-income families visited the PRC Community Technology Center each month.
- 100% (230 of 230) of clients were assessed for job training needs and were coached and connected to needed services.
- 100% (6,120 of 6,120) of computer program clients received information about the other PRC services of food, clothing, and emergency housing assistance.
- 56% (9 of 16) of clients indicated their participation in the CLTA program and have increased their confidence with technology.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES**  
350 S. Schmale Road  
Carol Stream, IL 60188

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Award Amount: \$23,000

Funded Project: Crisis Intervention Services

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: Prairie State Legal Services provides free legal services for low-income persons and those over 60 who have serious civil legal problems and need legal help to solve them.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff attorneys.

Clients Served: 908

Project Outcomes:

- 83 households were provided with information necessary to understand their legal rights and responsibilities regarding public benefits.
- 204 very low-income households will be provided specific legal advice related to their individual housing problem
- 80% (8 of 10) of households receiving legal representation in appeals of denials or terminations of public benefits received favorable decisions
- 100% (9 of 9) of very low-income households represented obtained a favorable outcome which either prevented eviction, granted additional time per agreement, or secured residency in affordable housing.
- 100% (2 of 2) of households represented in other legal matters (examples of such crises include financial exploitation, predatory lending, illegal collections of protected income) obtained favorable results.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION**  
2801 Finley Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Award Amount: \$30,000

Funded Project: Community Integrated Living Arrangement Program

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: Ray Graham Association provides a broad array of services and supports to children and adults with disabilities that include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and autism. Services include vocation, respite, educational, recreational, and residential programs.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for staff.

Clients Served: 100

Project Outcomes:

- 100% (100 of 100) of individuals in the CILA program were involved in community activities twice a week in groups of no larger than two.
- 40% (40 of 100) of individuals in the CILA program were provided with volunteer opportunities.
- 100% (100 of 100) of individuals in the CILA program had Life Plans completed.
- 60% (60 of 100) of individuals participated in two community activities weekly; 34% (34) participated in one community activity weekly.
- 40% (40 of 100) of individuals served in CILA program participated in a minimum of 60 minutes of volunteer work per quarter.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **SENIOR HOME SHARING**  
711 E. Roosevelt Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$20,000

Funded Project: Case Management & Social Services

Category: Seniors

Organization Summary: Senior Home Sharing's mission is to provide an opportunity for seniors age 62 and older to live independently in an affordable, shared group home. This shared senior lifestyle allows residents to balance their need for privacy while staying involved and connected with other residents, the house manager, volunteers and the community. Each home provides a warm, comfortable residence including private bedrooms for six to seven seniors, the services of a live-in manager, and three home-prepared meals a day.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Director of Resident Services.

Clients Served: 33

Project Outcomes:

- 95.5% (10 of 10.5\*) staff demonstrated an increased knowledge of conflict resolution techniques as a result of monthly training sessions..
- 95.5 % (10 of 10.5\*) staff demonstrated an increased skill in applying conflict resolution strategies in the homes.
- 86% (6 of 7) of staff described the emotional environment of the home as "generally or somewhat friendly".
- 88% (6 of 7) of staff were "satisfied or very satisfied" with the emotional culture in the home.
- 57% (4 of 7) of staff felt successful in resolving conflicts in the home.
- 100% (24) of family members expressed satisfaction with the responsiveness of the director of resident services.
- 87% (21 of 24) of family members were satisfied with the frequency of communication received about their loved one.

\*The 10.5 is the average of staff for the 4 quarters

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **SERENITY HOUSE**  
891 S. Route 53  
Addison, IL 60101

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Award Amount: \$13,000

Funded Project: Extended Residential Program

Category: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Mental Health

Organization Summary: Serenity House is a nonprofit, community-based, comprehensive treatment facility offering services to adult men and women suffering from the disease of chemical dependence and substance abuse.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Clients Served: 188

Project Outcomes:

- 188 ERC participants received a minimum of once weekly individual counseling sessions, twice weekly group counseling sessions, attend four support group meetings each week, and attended a weekly educational session.
- 82% (154 of 188) clients increased the length of sobriety by a minimum of 90 days.
- 73% (138 of 188) of clients experienced improved mental health.
- 83% ( 56 of 188) of clients reported improved family relationships.
- 92% ( 73 of 188) of clients were not involved in any illegal activities.
- 90% (169 of 188) of clients were employed full-time.
- 76% (142 of 188) of clients were focused on transitional or permanent housing options.
- 84% (159 of 188) of clients experienced better physical health.
- 84% (158 of 188) of clients learned that healthy food choices are important to achieving a healthy lifestyle.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **TEEN PARENT CONNECTION (FORMERLY GREATER DUPAGE MYM)**  
739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 8  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Award Amount: \$40,000

Funded Project: Group Services Program

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: Teen Parent Connection serves the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for Group Services Coordinator. The Group Services Program provides weekly group meetings that allow young parents to find commonality, strength and encouragement to help them meet the demands of parenthood.

Clients Served: 141

Project Outcomes:

- 8 group education sites were held in DuPage County.
- 88% (21 of 24) surveyed adolescent parents who attend TPC groups lowered their risk of becoming abusive /neglectful parents by learning alternatives to corporal punishment and increasing their knowledge of parenting and child rearing practices.
- 0 % (0 of 141) of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect among the participants were documented.
- 95% (105 of 111 participants >18 yrs ) have completed HS/GED, or are currently in school or working. Group Services Program participants moved toward self-sufficiency.
- 147 participants utilized the Parent's Pantry.
- 97% (137 of 141) participant families will report that they have adequate housing.
- 100% (141 of 141) participants developed and implemented goals that are: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-oriented.
- 100% (141 of 141) participants developed a minimum of three (3) goals including: one individual goal; one family goal; and one goal for their child(ren) within 45 days of becoming active in TPC programming.
- 100% (141 of 141) participants will be connected with additional resources that support employment goals of which 75% utilized resources such as: First Institute Career Training and the Community Career Center, Illinois Employment Training Center (IETC).
- 96% (25 of 26 surveyed) of clients reported a recognized sense that they have the power to influence or direct their own lives.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**  
116 N. Schmale Rd  
Carol Stream, IL 60188

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: Adult Day Drop-in Center

Category: Individuals with Disabilities

Organization Summary: WDSRA provides recreation services for people of all ages with disabilities. Recreational programs are offered year-round and include special events, sports, arts & craft, nature, dance, pre-school, camping trips, cultural activities and music. The Adult Day Drop-in Center provides space for people to hang out, relax, and socialize with friends. Activities include karaoke, movies, art, games, and cooking.

Use of Funds: Partial support for operations costs (equipment and supplies).

Clients Served: 356

Project Outcomes:

- 356 new participants received inclusion support.
- 22 park district staff trainings were conducted in addition to specific program/participant trainings.
- 85% (21 of 25) of instructors gained confidence and skills in working with participants with disabilities.
- 75% (267 of 356) of participants demonstrated an improvement in survival skills (listening, following directions, ignoring distractions).
- 79% (281 of 356) of participants demonstrated an improvement in interpersonal skills (sharing, eye contact, waiting your turn, joining an activity).
- 80% (285 of 356) of participants demonstrated an improvement in problem-solving skills (transitioning, accepting consequences, asking for help).
- 53% (189 of 356) of participants demonstrated an improvement in conflict resolution skills (dealing with teasing, losing, peer pressure).

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **WORLD RELIEF**  
1825 College Avenue Suite 230  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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Award Amount: \$16,380

Funded Project: Family Strengthening Project

Category: Family Support

Organization Summary: World Relief works with refugees and immigrants in the western suburbs. Typically, refugees arrive in the U.S after undergoing extremely dangerous and highly traumatic experiences. Besides being victims or eyewitnesses of torture, ethnic cleansing and inhumane incarcerations, they have to adjust to significant changes in their lifestyle, and deal with major losses of leaving family members and their home behind. Services include broad based resettlement assistance, English as a second language classes, employment services, and immigration services.

Use of Funds: Partial salary and benefit support for counseling staff and minimal operations costs (translation, transportation, indirect costs).

Clients Served: 19

Project Outcomes:

- 10 refugee families each received 12 counseling sessions.
- 83% (10 of 12) of family members demonstrated a significant decrease in the negative impacts caused by traumatic events and symptoms of depression measured by the PTSD scale and The Hamilton scale of Depression at the end of therapy.
- 8 families from the Turks Meskhetian community met for group counseling for 12 counseling sessions.
- 87.5% (7 of 8) Meskhetian Turks families developed the essential skills to enhance the family ability to adjust and integrate to their new culture and lifestyle.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **XILIN ASIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1163 E. Ogden Ave, Suite 301  
Naperville, IL 60654

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Award Amount: \$14,380

Funded Project: Asian Senior Services

Category: Seniors

Organization Summary: Xilin Asian Community Center serves the Asian population's needs by addressing the educational, cultural, and social needs of families, children and the elderly. The Senior Program includes helping clients to create self-sufficient lifestyles, enrich their social lives, connect them to the public social services, network with local business and organizations, and provide advocates for senior's issues and benefits.

Use of Funds: Partial support for both essential services (salaries and benefits for staff) and operations (rent, utilities and supplies) of the program.

Clients Served: 1,867

Project Outcomes:

- 767 Asian clients with language barriers were assisted with information referral, benefit checkups, and/or case management access to services.
- 642 Asian clients attended two health fairs and health screenings.
- 438 Asian clients attended educational workshops with pre and post-test to show increase in new knowledge.
- 94 Chinese seniors participated in 35 weeks of ESL classes.
- 84 Chinese seniors participated in recreational club activities, such as dancing, aerobic exercises, singing, etc.
- 371 Chinese seniors participated in four educational workshops.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.

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Grantee: **YWCA WEST SUBURBAN CENTER**  
739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 8-210  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Funded Project: Acquaintance Rape Prevention Program

Category: Youth

Organization Summary: The YWCA strives to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership, and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people. The Sexual Abuse Prevention Programs are facilitated by trained educators, who offer children information regarding appropriate and inappropriate touches. For older children, topics like rape myths, sexual assault, dating violence, acquaintance rape, date-rape drugs, sexual harassment and the role of the media in violence are explored.

Use of Funds: Partial support for staff salaries and benefits and operations (supplies and transportation) of the program.

Clients Served: 330

Project Outcomes:

- 825 teens received one hour of violence prevention programs.
- 85 % (704 of 825) of teens learned new information they can use if they or someone they know is abused or assaulted.
- 85 % (704 of 825) of teens increased their awareness about sexual violence and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations
- 93 % ( 764 of 825) of teens now have the information necessary to identify positive relationships versus unhealthy ones.
- 93 % (764 of 825) of students indicated they will use the information.

Performance Level: Met or exceeded proposed outcomes.