

**SKOKIE**  
community foundation

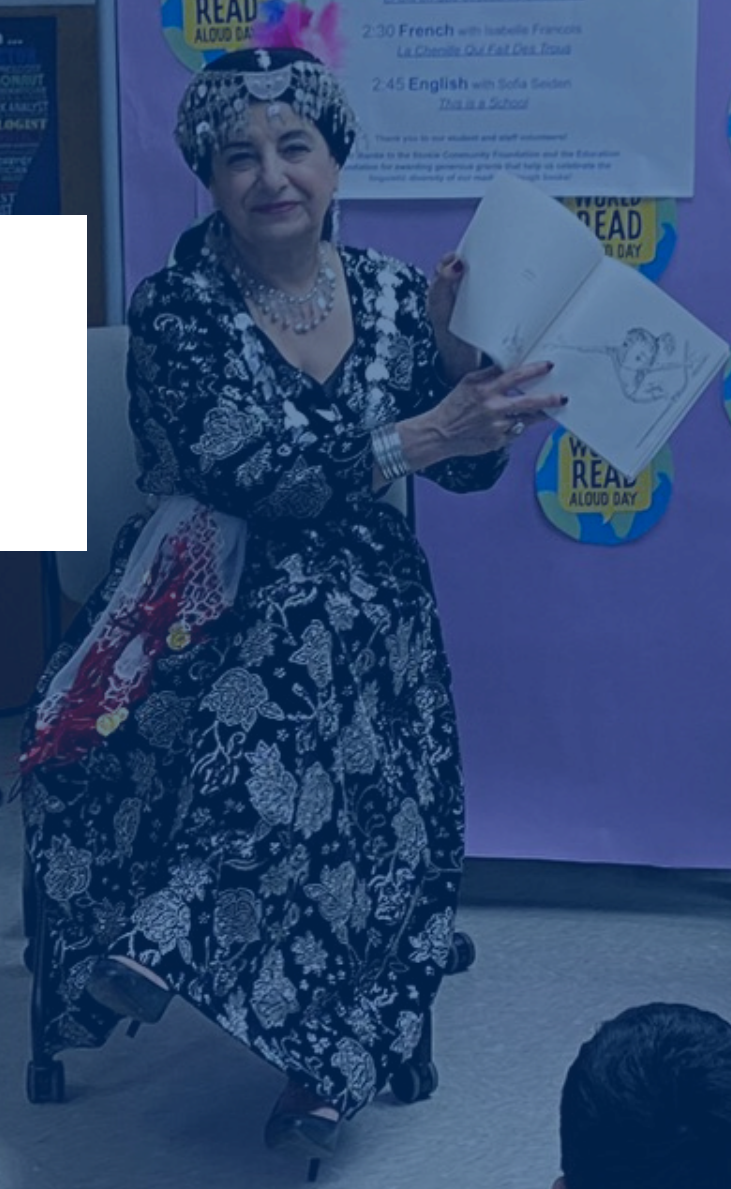
# Annual Report

**WORLD READ ALOUD DAY**

Book Justice Club presents  
**Multilingual Read Alouds**

- 1:30 Assyrian with Najba Samouel  
*Besides and the Miskatone Man*
- 1:45 Yoruba with Oluwafemi Olatunji  
*Ile Olu*
- 2:00 Tagalog with Alexa Obra  
*Ang Katuna Ni Palla*
- 2:15 Spanish with Angelina Maja George  
*El Día del Niño*
- 2:30 French with Isabelle Francine  
*La Chénille Qui Fait Des Trous*
- 2:45 English with Sofia Selden  
*This is a School*

**WORLD READ ALOUD DAY**



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# It's All About Skokie Stories

It's been a year of substantial growth for Skokie Community Foundation! From increased grant giving, to welcoming new funding partners, to record-breaking support from our donors, it's all about creating new and innovative programs that support our neighbors and create community collaboration. We're in the business of creating more Skokie Stories!



# Celebrating More Than **10 Years!**

2024 marked a HUGE milestone for Skokie Community Foundation - 10 years of grants for Skokie!

Our 2025 grant cycle was our biggest yet...

# Grant Giving Update



We had a record year for grant giving! Our 2025 grant cycle awarded 9 grants totaling \$40,500. We were able to achieve this due to the support of our Grant Sponsors and the increased generosity of our donors.

Grants were given to collaborative projects created by two or more organizations. The projects must benefit primarily Skokie residents.

Since 2015, we've awarded 55 grants totaling \$288,000 to support Skokie's future.

## 2025 SCF Grant Recipients:

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago & Village of Skokie Health and Human Services Department  
Shore Community Services & Institute for Therapy Through The Arts  
The Center for Conflict Resolution & Skokie School District 68  
Connections for the Homeless & Village of Skokie Health and Human Services Department  
Twenty-One Senses & Skokie Park District  
Skokie School District 69 & Advocate Health  
Turning Point Behavioral Healthcare Center & Skokie Public Library  
Early Childhood Alliance of Nilus Township & Oakton College  
YWCA Evanston North Shore & Skokie School District 69





# D69 Fresh Market

Skokie Community Foundation funded a grant to support the D69 Fresh Market Program's collaboration with Advocate Health Care, expanding their regular food drop off program with cooking supply kits and cooking lessons for 50 local families in need.

\*Funded in partnership with  
The Education Foundation  
Supporting the Students of  
Niles Township and Niles  
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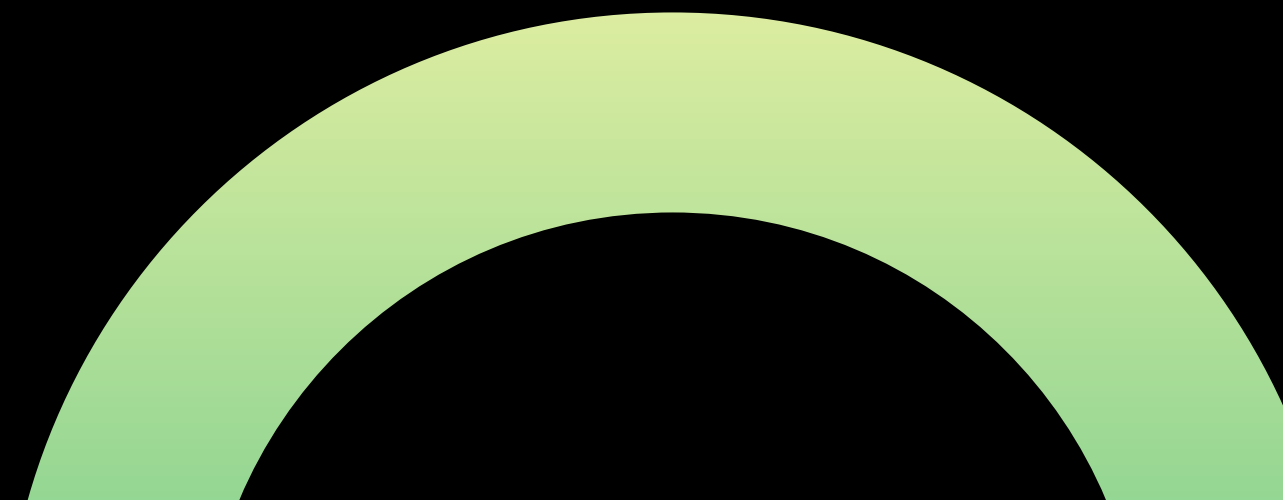
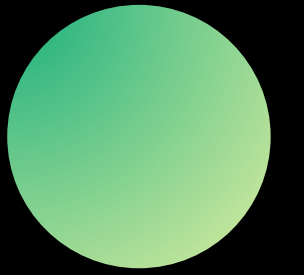
## 2025 Grant Highlight



# Music Therapy

We're proud to support Shore Community Services and Institute for Therapy through the Arts in their partnership to bring music therapy to folks with intellectual or other developmental disabilities in Skokie. This program is serving our neighbors who are not able to access these services due to the cost.

## 2025 Grant Highlight





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Supporting the Students of  
Niles Township.

# Teen Behavioral Health

This 2025 collaboration between Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center and Skokie Public Library offers monthly after-school programs at the library throughout the school year to provide mental health support to Skokie teens.

## 2025 Grant Highlight

Check out all of our 2025 grants!



# Financial Overview

Neighbors helping neighbors!  
Donors are the backbone of our organization.

It's all in the numbers –  
you gave more than ever before.

**Monthly donors increased in 2025**

**You donated 35% more this year**

2023 – 2024: \$125,217.24  
2024 – 2025: \$168,617.22

**Active donors increased 14%**

2023– 2024: 132 donors  
2024 – 2025: 151 donors

**Giving year-round increased this year**

In past years, a large majority of gifts were donated from November – January. This year, we had more consistent giving throughout the year.

**More than 50% of donors have given 2 years or more**

# Why Do You Give?

We asked some of our top donors why they give to Skokie Community Foundation. Here's what they had to say!



Give Now

**"I give monthly to SCF because I believe in building a thriving, inclusive Skokie where everyone can prosper.**

**Recurring support helps SCF plan ahead and respond quickly to the evolving needs of our diverse community."**

**Adriana Stanovici**

**"I want to help create a lasting resource that will improve the lives of all Skokie residents, including my children and grandchildren.**

**I believe in Skokie Community Foundation and its ability to be that resource for all of us."**

**Marion Walsh**

**"Our giving plan includes support to various charities in the Skokie area that meet specific needs.**

**Overlaying that effort is Skokie Community Foundation with its innovative approach to finding need and administering on-target grants."**

**Dan and Kathy Ryan**

**"We contribute to Skokie Community Foundation because, by its charitable activities, it has an immediate positive effect on our neighbors in Skokie. Keeping it local!"**

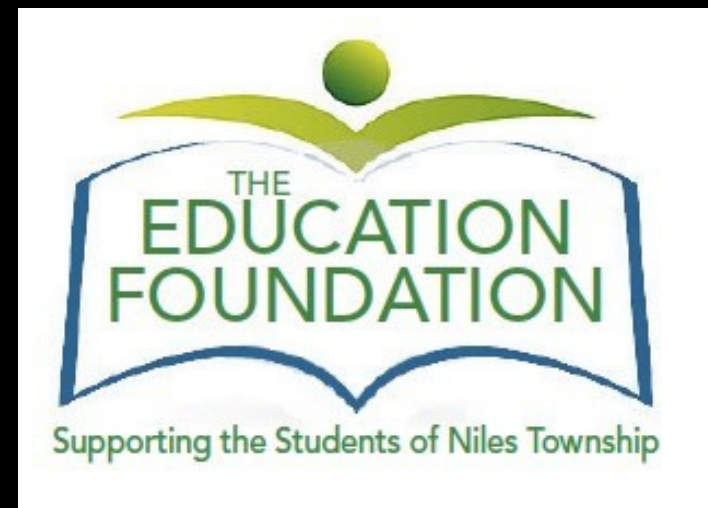
**Patti and Dick Witry**

# Funding Partners

Leading by example! These businesses and organizations have joined our Businesses for Skokie's Future program.

Their generosity has fueled our meteoric growth this fiscal year.

## Grant Sponsors



## Sustainability Partner



## Skokie Star



## Event Sponsor



## Fundraising Partner



Plus the generous Skokie businesses that participated in the Holiday Cookie Walk and "Start Your Day In Skokie" Coffee Mug Campaign.

# Why did you join the **Businesses for Skokie's Future** campaign?

A thriving Skokie means a thriving business!

Check out why some of our generous local businesses contribute to Skokie Community Foundation.



**"Sanofi is happy to join Skokie Community Foundation in the mutual goal of advancing health equity through community engagement."**

**We appreciate that Skokie Community Foundation has been an effective connector to vital community organizations, which has enabled sharing of education about different diseases, the importance of clinical trials and representation to ensure that everyone benefits from advancements in healthcare."**

**Julia Shklovskaya  
Community Outreach  
& Engagement Manager**



**Funeral Home & Crematory**  
*Established 1923*

**"We are proud and honored to support Skokie Community Foundation."**

**Their mission of generosity, creativity, and selflessness goes a long way to support the well-being of our local residents."**

**John W. Haben,  
Owner & Funeral Director**

**Join the campaign! Email:  
Executive Director, Jim Szczepaniak  
[jims@skokiecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:jims@skokiecommunityfoundation.org)**



# Employee Giving Campaign

The Village of Skokie Employee Giving Campaign brought in impressive results for the 2024-25 campaign.

Employees were able to contribute to SCF via one-time donations, biweekly paycheck deductions, raffles and other campaign kickoff events. Thanks to their generosity, Village employees contributed at least \$15,859!

We'd like to thank the Village of Skokie employees for their generous gifts through this campaign!



# Community Engagement

We love building community with you! Through participation at events, supporting local networking groups, and facilitating a yearly healthcare symposium, we feel grateful to have the opportunity to connect and collaborate with our neighbors.



# Skokie Health Equity Network

\*Symposium funded in partnership  
with Vetter Pharma

The Skokie Health Equity Network (SHEN), in collaboration with Skokie Community Foundation and other key stakeholders, hosted the 2025 Skokie Healthcare Symposium on March 11, 2025 at the Niles Township High School District 219 Administration Center in Skokie.

The SHEN serves as the backbone of a community-wide Collective Impact initiative to identify and address critical healthcare challenges and opportunities for Skokie. The SHEN is responsible for setting overall strategic direction to make Skokie a healthier community, allocating resources effectively, monitoring goals/objectives, advocating for greater health equity and coordinating stakeholder communication.



# Skokie Non-Profit Roundtable

The Skokie Nonprofit Roundtable is a professional development and support group for helpers who represent nonprofit organizations that serve Skokie and its neighboring communities.

Skokie Community Foundation Executive Director Jim Szczepaniak chairs the roundtable, which has been meeting at Turning Point Behavioral Health Center.



# Skokie Community Events

We were proud to participate in the following community events this year!

Sponsored:  
Niles Township Fun Run  
Skokie Juneteenth Celebration

Volunteered:  
Skokie's Backlot Bash

Participated:  
Wednesdays on the Green  
Downtown Skokie Trick-or-Treat  
Downtown Skokie Holiday Cookie Walk



# Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is made up of dedicated volunteers who live or work in Skokie. They help raise funds for the foundation, make decisions about grant giving, and ensure our endowment is invested wisely to support Skokie's future.



# Board Chair Statement

It's a privilege to be part of Skokie Community Foundation in every way.

I feel fortunate to serve with people who represent the diversity of Skokie's rich community and who give so much of their time and energy to guiding and supporting the foundation's mission. I am filled with appreciation and admiration for the organizations we support, who in turn are dedicated to helping Skokie and its residents thrive.

Lastly, I am grateful to all of you who believe in this mission and have chosen to give where you live — you make this collaborative venture possible!

Una McGeough



# Executive Director Statement

We incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2017, so as a community foundation, we are still very young. It's humbling and gratifying to see how much progress we've made in a short time, thanks to the support and generosity of Skokie residents and our business sponsors.

It's particularly rewarding when we hear stories like the District 69 family new to Skokie who were so surprised to receive brand new pots and pans and other kitchen supplies with dry food products, thanks to our grant to the school district.

Jim Szczepaniak



# Future Goals

Our next milestone is to raise \$1 Million for Skokie! Once our endowment hits this goal, we'll be able to expand Skokie Community Foundation, allowing us to achieve more to support Skokie's future.

Increase the number of grants awarded with the support of individual and corporate donors

Create a rapid response emergency fund

Expand the Skokie Health Equity Network

# March to \$1 Million for Skokie

Watch our campaign launch video



Learn more





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# Give Where You Live!

We're creating new and innovative collaborative programs that support Skokie's future. Through the support of our donors and funding partners, we've had our biggest year of donations and grant-giving to date. Thank you for helping us create more Skokie Stories!

Support Skokie's Future!

