

# The REAM Foundation Impact Grants

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**Project Title**

**Impact Statement**

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## 2018

**Imagination Theater**

*Capacity Building and CSAPP Funding*

By the end of year one, Imagination Theater will have measurably increased production in grant writing, donor cultivation, and fundraising initiatives. By the end of the third year, Imagination Theater projects consistently generating revenue from a mix of sources, being able to support development staff and CSAPP with non-REAM funding, and being poised to offer longer-term programming, thus deepening their impact.

## 2017

**Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago**

*General Support for Hillel at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

This grant is supporting the first two years of Illini Hillel's five-year strategic plan. It will fund the hiring of new staff positions, allowing Illini Hillel to increase student participation and engagement.

**Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**

*Evidence-Based Intervention to Improve Executive Functioning Skills in Chicago Public Schools*

This grant is allowing Lurie Children's to develop an implementation model for school-based, evidence-informed Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions targeting Executive Functioning skills to be used in Chicago Public Schools (CPS); to evaluate feasibility and acceptability of the interventions in 3rd - 5th grades within 2 - 4 CPS schools; and to support the Center for Childhood Resilience staff in becoming trainers and coaches and build capacity for potential expansion of the intervention.

**National-Louis University**

*Pathways: Using Technology to Scale Data-Driven Student Success Model*

NLU is implementing the technology required to support their data-driven approach to serve college students who have traditionally been underserved. They are building a scalable, innovative model putting them at the forefront of using technology/analytics to drive student success. NLU is using the Education Advisory Board (EAB) Student Success Collaborative (SSC) Ecosystem platform and employing a Data Integration Consultant to ensure it meets Pathway's specific needs: personalized early warning indicators, customized student data, direct communication with students through email/text/mobile device, track interventions/outcomes, and report student progress.

**Victory Gardens Theater**

*2017-2018 Season Support*

Victory Gardens 2017-2018 Season is fostering deeper and more expansive connections in and with the community through cultivation of diverse and underrepresented artists, reaching out to Chicago's diverse communities through improved communications and services, and ensuring its work is accessible and relevant to and representative of all. Its work is demonstrating the theater's core commitment to the principles of diversity and inclusion.

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**2016**

**Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago**

*Holocaust Community Services -- Survivor Health and Dental Health Services Program*

This grant is making a significant positive impact on the health and well-being of hundreds of Chicago-area survivors of Nazi terror. Expanding the Survivor Health and Dental Services Program supports the health and dental needs of current clients and survivors on the wait list, as well as expands agency capacity to meet survivor needs through new partnerships with local clinics and volunteer dentists.

**The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

*Endowed fund for "The REAM Foundation Graduate Merit Scholarship"*

This grant endows a scholarship that will perpetually enable at least one artist per year with experience in Israel to attend The School of the Art Institute of Chicago's graduate school. These students will contribute to the scholarly and cultural life of the campus and share their wisdom in Israel.

**Spark Program, Inc.**

*High School Transition Program - Spark Chicago*

This grant was a leadership investment in the new High School Transition program in Chicago. It provided all 8th grade students in at least nine of Spark's partner schools with proven, multi-faceted high school transition support.

**Victory Gardens Theater**

*Three Initiatives*

This grant supported the direct costs of the "Access" initiative for individuals with disabilities, and the "Playwrights & Directors Diversity" initiative to bring playwrights and/or directors of color and/or who are women; it also covered expenses to identify a new Managing Director.

**2015**

**Marwen**

*Portfolio Program*

This grant impacted college and career preparation for Marwen students by fully funding the creation of a portfolio documentation center at Marwen's new Arts Campus. The grant also supported portfolio related courses and programming for more than 100 students, as well as comprehensive wraparound college programming for one year.

**OneGoal**

*Accelerator Investment*

This grant is impacting OneGoal's significant expansion in Chicago from OneGoal's FY16 – FY18, including serving over 5,100 and 6,300 Chicago Public School students in FY16 and FY17, respectively. Further, as an Accelerator Investment, this grant is intended to help leverage other gifts in OneGoal's campaign to raise \$20 million over three years.

**Vanderbilt Hillel**

*Impact Grant*

This grant provided general support during the 2015-2016 school year to ensure a continued healthy "home" for the Jewish student population at Vanderbilt University while the University and Hillel fully separate operations.

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<u>2014</u>	
<b>Jewish Community Centers of Chicago</b> <i>Chicago Jewish Film Festival</i>	A five-year grant is providing seed funding for the Chicago Jewish Film Festival to build on a successful first year and ultimately grow from 1,000 to 10,000 participants. The Festival offers diverse films in multiple venues, as well as related classes, lectures and gatherings. This grant supports JCC Chicago's foray into the arena of arts and ideas with film as an anchor.

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