

The REAM Foundation Impact Grants

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Organization Name

Project Title

Impact Statement

2018

Between Friends

Capacity Building - Development & Operations

This grant is allowing Between Friends to support key growth strategies outlined in the agency's four-year strategic plan, expanding their capacity to increase economic empowerment programming, hire a teen counselor, and enhance teen dating violence prevention programs.

Imagination Theater

Capacity Building and Children's Sexual Abuse Prevention Program (CSAPP) -- No Secrets Funding

Over a three-year growth period, Imagination Theater will measurably increase 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.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Illini Hillel

This grant is helping the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago's Illini Hillel further their strategic plan to reach Hillel International's standard of excellence by 2021. Specifically, Illini Hillel is increasing the number of Jewish students they engage on campus overall, as well as increasing the number of students engaged in high impact and immersive experiences that are likely to have profound and lasting impacts on their Jewish identity.

OneGoal

OneGoal Chicago

In the context of their Phase III scale-up, OneGoal Chicago intends to serve approximately 6,800 students in the 2018-19 school year, delivering transformational outcomes for their Fellows, and expanding fundraising, while designing and implementing new delivery models that will dramatically expand impact.

Victory Gardens Theater

2018/19 Season Support and Capacity Building

Funds are providing lead sponsorship for VGT's 2018/19 Season including five all new American plays on their main stage, hiring artists of diversity, expanded marketing to promote extended runs for two plays, direct costs for the ACCESS Project, and critical capacity building strategies.

2017

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

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

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

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

Building Specialized Expertise in Child and Adolescent Psychology and Evidence-Based Intervention to Improve Executive Functioning Skills in Chicago Public Schools

This grant is allowing Lurie Children's to build specialized expertise within its department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Specifically, they will recruit more top mental health experts, as well as implement the Unified Protocol – Child/Adolescent, a cutting-edge intervention that allows greater flexibility to tailor treatment to the complex and changing needs of ill children. This grant also provided support for Lurie Children's to pilot an intervention to improve executive functioning skills in Chicago Public Schools' students.

National-Louis University

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

NLU implemented the technology required to support their data-driven approach to serve college students who have traditionally been underserved. They built 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 fostered 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 demonstrated the theater's core commitment to the principles of diversity and inclusion.

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.

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Spark

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 impacted OneGoal’s significant expansion in Chicago from OneGoal’s FY16 – FY18. Further, as an Accelerator Investment, this grant helped leverage other gifts in OneGoal’s campaign in an effort 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.

2014

Jewish Community Centers of Chicago

Chicago Jewish Film Festival

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.