



# THE FOUNDATION for Northwest Illinois

Serving Stephenson, Jo Daviess & Carroll Counties



## 2023 IMPACT REPORT

*Stronger, Together.*



# Northwest Illinois Strategic Vision 2025-2029

The Foundation envisions a flourishing Northwest Illinois defined by a culture of generosity with healthy, impact-driven nonprofit organizations and collaborative relationships built on a foundation of trust and a desire to elevate our region for the common good.




**OUR MISSION** Inspiring Donors and Empowering Community Partners for a Stronger Northwest Illinois.

**OUR VISION** Stronger, Together.

## OUR VALUES

- Collaboration & Innovation
- Integrity & Transparency
- Equity & Inclusiveness

## OUR 3 INTERCONNECTED PRIORITIES

-  Cultivating Communities
-  Strengthening Nonprofits
-  Broadening Resources



## Strategic Goals: 2025 & Beyond

**Goal 1:** Support of nonprofits and programs that have clear community impact.

**Goal 2:** Expand strategies for developing existing donor relationships and reaching new donors.

**Goal 3:** Explore and pursue opportunities to collaborate with other funders and community leaders.

**Goal 4:** Reinforce the Foundation's communications strategy.

**Goal 5:** Grow organizational capacity to support the growing impact of The Foundation.

# impact 2023

By the Numbers

10 Years Ago

**2013 Assets** \$3.59 Million  
**2013 Grants Awarded** \$72,865

Today

**2023 Assets** \$5.54 Million  
**2023 Grants Awarded** \$285,792



NORTHWEST  
ILLINOIS  
NONPROFIT  
ALLIANCE

[www.ninastrong.org](http://www.ninastrong.org)

## Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Alliance

2023 *THRIVE* Leadership Symposium

- 65 participants
- 8 counties
- 2 states
- All serving Northwest Illinois

## CORPORATE PARTNERS

 **BENNING GROUP, LLC**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

 **Citizens State Bank**



**FREEPORT**  
*Industrial Roofing inc.*

HAUSER LAW LLC

*Inertia*

*Pate-Way*

 **State Bank**  
Community Minded. Customer Centered.

**SOLUTIONS**  
**BANK**

**WINTER**  
**CONSTRUCTION INC.**  
EST. 1954

# local vitality

**Many of Northwest Illinois' largest employers are nonprofit organizations including:**

FHN  
SSM Health Monroe Clinic  
Midwest Medical Center  
Highland Community College  
Freeport District 145 &  
13 other schools districts in the region.



**Nearly 10% of Northwest Illinois residents are employed by nonprofit organizations**



**More than 1,000 nonprofit organizations call Northwest Illinois home.**



**Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Organizations serve the needs of a combined population of 82,000 people**



**Nonprofit Organizations served by The Foundation for Northwest Illinois are engaged in the areas of:**

Arts & Culture  
Community Development  
Education  
Environment & Agriculture  
Health & Human Services

## OUR FUNDS

Marvin • Wilson Community Needs Unrestricted Fund

Dan & Nancy Schmitt Family Fund

**NEW** Ian Fund for the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County

**NEW** Jane Addams Legacy Fund

Luthin Family Endowment

**NEW** Northwest Illinois Emergency Response Fund

NW IL / SW WI Fund for Community Development

RC Miller Agriculture & Land Conservation Fund

John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention / Treatment Memorial Fund

Jeanette Lloyd Memorial Scholarship Fund

**NEW** Rachel & Roy Sellers Sr. Scholarship Fund

## AGENCY FUNDS

Freeport Area Church Cooperative RAMP

United Way of NW Illinois

Voices of Stephenson County