

THE  
DUCHOSSOIS FAMILY  
FOUNDATION



IMPACT REPORT  
1984 - 2022

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ROOTED IN OUR PAST  
REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

**The Duchossois Family Foundation strives to empower individuals to enhance their quality of life through wellness and economic opportunity.**







# ROOTED IN OUR PAST

As I reflect on the history of our family's foundation, I am honored to share this report with you.

We are fortunate to stand on the shoulders of an incredible legacy. My grandfather, Richard L. Duchossois' entrepreneurial spirit was the perfect match for the generosity of my grandmother, Beverly Thrall Duchossois. Together, they instilled in our family the importance of giving back to the community. Beverly died of cancer in 1980, and The Duchossois Family Foundation (TDFF) was established in her honor four years later.

Since then, we have taken a holistic approach to every cause we support. One of our first major gifts was \$21 million to the University of Chicago Medical Center for cancer research and to launch the Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine (DCAM), which has transformed the lives of countless patients. My aunt, Kimberly T. Duchossois, led as president of TDFF from its inception, and for 30 years, the board focused on cancer research, education, and social services. I was lucky to learn from her, and when she stepped into the chairman position in 2015, I was honored to be her successor.

Sadly, in July of 2014, my uncle, Bruce Duchossois, lost his battle with cancer. He bequeathed a portion of his estate to TDFF, granting it a strong base from which to grow our philanthropic endeavors and continue the family legacy. With my cousin, Jessica P. Green, as vice president, the Board decided to focus on wellness and economic opportunity, with a particular interest in preventative health.

On May 24, 2017, we made our first transformational gift under the new leadership. The Duchossois Family Institute (DFI) was established at the University of Chicago with a \$100 million gift, divided between the Foundation and Janet and Craig Duchossois, to harness the microbiome and immunity for human health. The DFI drives innovation and transformative care at UChicago Medicine, changing lives in the process.

As we look to the next phase of our development, we turn our attention to the veteran population, with our first non-family president, Mary Ann Roeser. Mary Ann, who has been our executive director since 2008 and feels like family, shares our passion, our values, and our commitment to the community. Together we are honored to support organizations that empower individuals and make a meaningful difference in so many lives.

My hope is that this report will illustrate the arc of our impact and the great potential ahead.

~ Ashley D. Joyce, Chairman

“ In the spirit of our patriarch  
Richard L. Duchossois, the family  
was determined to make no small impact –  
we gave to transform.”

– *Kimberly T. Duchossois*



*From Left to Right – Kimberly T. Duchossois, Craig J. Duchossois, Richard L. Duchossois,  
Bruce Duchossois, Dayle Duchossois-Fortino*

# TDFF THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1984 The Duchossois Family Foundation (TDFF)

is founded, and Kimberly T. Duchossois is named president.

Its primary mission is to support cancer research and patient services, as well as advance society through educational scholarships and social services.

### Board

#### 1st Generation:

Richard L. Duchossois, Chairman

#### 2nd Generation:

Kimberly T. Duchossois, President

Craig J. Duchossois, Vice President and Secretary

Dayle Duchossois-Fortino, Director

R. Bruce Duchossois, Director



**1980** Beverly Thrall Duchossois passes away due to cancer at age 57.



## 2014 Transformational Legacy

R. Bruce Duchossois, son of Richard L. Duchossois, passes away due to esophageal cancer at age 64. A major portion of his estate is designated to the Foundation.



## 1987 Dr. John Ultmann

The Duchossois Family pledges \$1M to further invest in Dr. Ultmann's cancer research efforts and to build the Beverly Duchossois Cancer Laboratories.

## 1994 Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine (DCAM)

1st transformational gift. \$21M to build DCAM and to establish the John Ultmann Professorship.



## 2003 Patient Navigation Services

\$10M donation to the American Cancer Society to form a statewide support network.

## 2006 Further Investment in Cancer Research

The Duchossois family, long-time champions of science and medicine at the University of Chicago, donates \$10M to support cancer research and the study of metastasis.

### 2015 30-Year Anniversary

TDFF celebrates 30 years of Kimberly T. Duchossois' leadership.

Led by the next generation, the board reorganizes and creates a new strategy – from supporting cancer research, patient services, scholarships, and social services to wellness and economic opportunity.

#### Board

Richard L. Duchossois, Chairman Emeritus (1G)  
Kimberly T. Duchossois, Chairman (2G)  
Ashley D. Joyce, President (3G)  
Jessica P. Green, Vice President (3G)  
Janet J. Duchossois, Secretary  
Craig J. Duchossois, Director (2G)  
Dayle Duchossois-Fortino, Director (2G)  
Ilaria Fusina, Director



### 2020 COVID Response

Within five weeks of the shutdown, TDFF responds to the COVID-19 pandemic with \$5M support to five front-line organizations, focusing on food insecurity, basic housing, and mental illness.

In addition, TDFF increases giving to social service organizations.



### 2022 New Board

TDFF announces Ashley D. Joyce as chairman.

Elects the first non-family president of the Foundation, Mary Ann Roeser.

#### Board

Richard L. Duchossois, Chairman Emeritus (deceased, January 2022)  
Ashley D. Joyce, Chairman  
Mary Ann Roeser, President  
Craig J. Duchossois, Vice President  
Janet J. Duchossois, Secretary  
Ilaria Fusina, Investment Chair



### 2017 Duchossois Family Institute (DFI)

DFI: Harnessing the Microbiome and Immunity for Human Health is established at the University of Chicago with \$100M (\$50M from TDFF and \$50M from Janet & Craig Duchossois).

### 2019 Veteran Strategy

With 100% family support, the board votes to focus the mission of wellness and economic opportunity specifically within the veteran community.

The following pages highlight six of TDFF's ongoing partnerships ➔

# AIKEN HORSE PARK FOUNDATION



## Merging an equestrian way of life with educational and charitable endeavors

The Aiken Horse Park Foundation, in Aiken, South Carolina, is home to Bruce's Field — a premier-level equestrian venue. AHPF was established to develop and maintain Bruce's Field, as well as to serve as a catalyst for local economic development and encourage support for numerous not-for-profit organizations.

Bruce's Field was named in loving memory of Bruce Duchossois, who purchased the 66 acres in August 2000. It has grown to be one of the country's most desirable destinations for competitive equestrian activities. This has stimulated real estate sales and lifted business activities across the board, especially in the hospitality sector. As a result, the City of Aiken's reputation, appeal, and fiscal position have all strengthened in the last several years, elevating its profile, both nationally and internationally.

Since its first horse show, AHPF has designated direct support, now totaling over \$250,000, for not-for-profit organizations whose missions enhance the lives of both humans and animals. All renters are asked to designate a worthy cause, from food banks to reading literacy programs. And most recently, AHPF has





established relationships with local historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and technical colleges and is developing internship opportunities for students interested in careers in the equestrian industry.

Aiken is Bruce's dream come true.

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

Since the beginning in the Fall of 2014, the relationship between TDFD and AHPF has remained intertwined — a relationship cemented through family members and a lasting gift from Bruce Duchossois. With TDFD's initial funding for early construction, AHPF was able to build Bruce's Field to the exacting standards it currently offers. And once AHPF was functioning, TDFD provided funds for the needs that followed. For one, AHPF put together a dynamic and dedicated team to support the Foundation's mission and Bruce's vision.

During the COVID pandemic, TDFD made a significant contribution to the Aiken Chapter of the Salvation Army and the United Way Meals on Wheels — both organizations identified by the mayor of Aiken as supporting the critical needs of his citizens.

No question about it, the ongoing link between TDFD and AHPF furthers Bruce's legacy.

“Bruce's dream was for this beautiful property to serve the greater population of Aiken. Partnership is truly part of our DNA. We have developed deep relationships with numerous charities to give them a wider audience, introduce them to supporters and new partners, and encourage participation from their own members. This is the true definition of an organization created for the benefit of its community.”

– Amy Borun, Director

#### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

Hopes for the future continue to be big, from a covered arena to enhanced amenities for horses and humans alike. AHPF also wants to be considered a resource for equestrian education — local school field trips, technical training for careers in the industry, and clinics and workshops.

Looking beyond five years, the board imagines that AHPF will be the center of equestrian sport. The Foundation welcomes this challenge, with plans to elevate the offerings at Bruce's Field, all while staying true to Bruce's goal... producing traditional horse shows that give back to the community.



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO DUCHOSSOIS FAMILY INSTITUTE

## Harnessing the microbiome and immunity for human health

**The University of Chicago's Duchossois Family Institute optimizes wellness through groundbreaking science.**

Our bodies are colonized by an array of microorganisms — viruses, bacteria, and fungi — but our understanding of their impact on health and disease has, until recently, been limited. Bolstered by state-of-the-art research equipment and sophisticated data analysis, scientists at DFI are launching novel investigations to understand these microbes and the metabolites they produce.

DFI investigators are studying how commensal bacteria compete and cooperate, how they break down complex molecules to generate energy and metabolites, and how bioinformatics and statistics can be used to design bacterial populations for therapeutic purposes. Molecular engineers are developing genetic tools to modify bacterial species, while microbial geneticists are identifying and characterizing mechanisms by which bacteria communicate.

The microbiome field continues to spin off discoveries, but the challenge is translating these discoveries into therapies that will enhance the health of individuals and human populations. This is the work of DFI.





## PARTNERSHIP

The University of Chicago and TDFF take pride in a dynamic relationship — one that has, over several decades, helped shape and support scholarship, education, and patient care. A prime example is the establishment of The Duchossois Family Institute in May 2017. From the earliest stages of the idea, we were partners, consulting with faculty and University leaders to understand how best to leverage strengths and create a new science of wellness.

As we approach DFI's sixth anniversary, this transformative partnership continues. We meet regularly to discuss progress and ensure continued success with this aim in mind: to reduce the time it takes to bring scientific breakthroughs from concept to market.

Support from TDFF and a personal gift from Janet and Craig Duchossois have propelled DFI to reach further, faster, and higher to achieve its goals. DFI has been able to acquire critical equipment and recruit field-leading faculty members, including director

Eric Pamer, MD. In addition, faculty and trainee research has been directly supported, through grant funding and fellowships.

And substantive progress has been made. DFI has launched four clinical studies on the microbiome's impact on heart transplantation, liver transplantation, intensive care hospitalization, and COVID-19 disease progression. DFI has also cultured, characterized, and maintained 1,700 bacterial strains, critical to advancing the Institute's own research and the investigations of external partners.

Funding from both TDFF and Janet and Craig Duchossois has also helped cement DFI's relationship with the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, making a dedicated licensing manager within DFI a reality. Moreover, the partnership has brought to fruition a critical enterprise: a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility — the first of its kind at an academic medical center.

“With the Duchossois family’s support, we created a leading-edge research, clinical, and entrepreneurial infrastructure that enables us to pursue new lines of inquiry, make novel discoveries, and bring scientific breakthroughs from the lab to the marketplace. Their vision and commitment are helping us build a more healthful future.”

– Eric Pamer, MD, Director

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Here is the ultimate goal: to translate research discoveries into therapeutics that promote wellness and optimize human health. DFI is certainly accelerating toward this goal. For one, the opening of the GMP facility is on the horizon. And as ever, through research on the relationships between the human body and the microbiome, the Institute plans to launch clinical trials on a wide range of health issues, including allergy, infectious diseases, liver disease, Alzheimer's, hypertension, cancer, and autism. DFI will continue to pioneer new therapies, establishing itself as an ongoing leader in microbiome science.





# METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES

Empowering families  
to learn, to earn,  
to heal, to thrive

**Metropolitan Family Services has been mentoring, motivating, and advocating in the Chicago area since 1857 — all so that families can achieve their greatest potential.**

Metropolitan is one of Illinois' largest and most well-respected human services agencies, reaching more than 117,000 families and individuals, as diverse as the communities in which they live. Through seven major community centers in Chicago, Evanston/Skokie, the southwest suburbs, and DuPage County, Metropolitan serves low-income and working-poor families facing a complex and ever-changing environment.

Through a range of holistic social and legal services — early learning, afterschool programs, job readiness, counseling, mental health, Legal Aid — Metropolitan promotes education, economic stability, emotional wellness, and empowerment. They serve as an agent of change, meeting the needs of our communities by listening, participating, and leading the way. Ultimately, this is the catalyst that enables families to realize their own amazing strengths.





## PARTNERSHIP

Together, Metropolitan Family Services and The Duchossois Family Foundation have built a long and successful history — and the trajectory of this partnership continues. At the board level, we have sponsored members of Metropolitan’s Associate Board, held a seat on the Governance Board, and lent leadership to all manner of events and campaigns. For the past three years, Ashley D. Joyce chaired Metropolitan’s board while serving as president of the Foundation.

In support of programs and services, The Duchossois Family Foundation has invested across the Metropolitan enterprise — from individual contributions and auction items, to major institutional grants and campaign pledges. During the Campaign to Mpower Families from 2014-2019, we led donors by example, and the Campaign reached fundraising heights that eclipsed prior successes. Since 2005, TDFF’s investment in Metropolitan’s signature fundraiser, Mpower the Night, has helped double the impact to now more than \$2M.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, TDFF took immediate and decisive action to strengthen families and the community. We wanted to ensure that Metropolitan had the resources it needed to provide mental health services, purchase PPE, and support basic needs for clients.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

Metropolitan Family Services’ dream for the future remains consistent with their mission — to provide and mobilize resources to strengthen families and communities. This is a dream that does not waver. In the years to come, Metropolitan will continue to serve as a major catalyst, so that we can live in a city and a region where families and individuals feel empowered, where they have ready access to opportunities, and where society’s current challenges abate — where everyone believes in and works for individual and communal success.

“The Duchossois Family Foundation has provided Metropolitan with thoughtful and steadfast leadership since 1996. TDFF’s involvement includes the tenure of Metropolitan’s Board Chair Emeritus Ashley D. Joyce, which was extended to support our ability to nimbly navigate the pandemic. The Foundation has consistently been committed, forward-thinking, and generous.”

– Ric Estrada, President and CEO



metropolitan  
family services

# GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY



## Nourishing our neighbors at risk of hunger

**The Greater Chicago Food Depository began with one purpose: to end hunger by connecting our neighbors with healthy food.**

And for more than 40 years, Chicago's food bank has put the needs of those citizens first. Today, as systemic inequity and structural racism remain entrenched, the Food Depository has ramped up its efforts, working diligently to advance solutions that address the root causes of hunger, food insecurity, and poverty.

How do they achieve this mission? The Food Depository partners with a network of community-based organizations and individuals to nourish our Chicago and Cook County neighbors. Why? Because food is a basic human right... and working together to offer support and share resources means making a bigger difference. By expanding access, partnering and engaging with others, and encouraging a collective voice, the Food Depository helps improve physical, mental, and financial well-being. Over time, the goal is to reduce healthcare costs and dependence on health systems while benefiting household stability.

## PARTNERSHIP

Since 2016, TDFF has helped the Food Depository do what it does best — provide for our neighbors to enhance their quality of life. We are committed to the Food Depository's mission and, year after year, we work to bridge any gaps in service with a hands-on approach.



This was especially important during COVID, when it was critical to navigate emerging barriers and reimagine food access. Perhaps above all, TDFF has encouraged the Food Depository to renew its commitment to the people of the region, addressing and overcoming systemic inequities that allow food insecurity to persist.

TDFF's support, through thought leadership, volunteerism, grant funding, and connection to resources, has helped bring about progress on several fronts:

- As part of the Nourish Project, the Food Depository broke ground on a 37,000 square-foot facility expansion in the fall of 2022, and construction is underway. Foundations are laid, walls are up, and excitement is building. When fully operational, the expanded facility will have the capacity to prepare and distribute 2.5 million, healthy, made-from-scratch meals each year.

- The Food Depository's prepared meals are having a positive impact on individuals' lives. Emerging research shows that access to these meals correlates to fewer hospital admissions, increased adherence to medical prescriptions/therapies, and improved self-management of chronic health conditions.
- Through the Meals on the Menu initiative, a cohort of pantry partners can now order prepared meals to support communities throughout Cook County. The goal is to expand this initiative to include more network partners, which the new facility will help make possible.

“More and more of our neighbors are finding it harder to afford groceries, let alone put meals on the table. Thanks to The Duchossois Family Foundation, the Greater Chicago Food Depository can connect our neighbors with healthy food, lift our voices, and address the root causes of hunger.”

– **Kate Maehr, Executive Director and CEO**

## LOOKING AHEAD...

The focus remains the same: a hunger-free today and tomorrow. And we know that the Greater Chicago Food Depository is making a difference. Access to nutritious, prepared meals leads to healthier lives, which ultimately leads to healthier communities. The Baby Boomer generation is aging, and the number of older adults living on fixed incomes and facing mobility and health challenges is expected to increase significantly. As a result, food distribution may be more important than ever.

With meals tailored to the needs of priority populations, especially communities with the highest unmet need, the Nourish Project can improve food security, financial stability, overall health, and quality of life in Cook County. TDFF remains fully committed to being a partner in this vital effort.





# THE DOOR

A photograph of three young people walking down a curved staircase. They are all wearing black sweatshirts with 'THE DOOR' printed on them and light blue face masks. The person on the left is a woman with red hair, wearing a black and white patterned jacket and camouflage pants. The person in the middle is a man wearing a black long-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. The person on the right is a man with dreadlocks, wearing a black long-sleeve shirt and green pants. The staircase has a black metal railing and a white wall in the background.

## Where NYC's young people can reach their potential

**This was the vision:** to create an innovative youth development model to address the complex needs of young New Yorkers.

**And here is the result:** The Door.

Established in 1972, The Door has served up to 11,000 youth annually, from lower Manhattan and the South Bronx to housing sites on the Lower East Side. Their success over the last fifty years lies in meeting young people where they are and providing them with comprehensive and integrated services to help them reach their potential.

At The Door, youth can access health care and education, mental health counseling, crisis intervention, legal assistance, high school equivalency, and college preparation services, career development, housing support, arts, sports, and recreational activities, and nutritious meals — all available for free in a diverse, caring, and supportive environment.

In addition, the charter high school Broome Street Academy (BSA) has been embedded at The Door since 2011. BSA enrolls up to 330 students, prioritizing those who are experiencing housing instability or have been involved in the child welfare system, and provides the curriculum and skills they will need to make a positive impact on their communities and the world.



## FACE THE FACTS

The need for basic life necessities for NYC young people has never been greater. One in four experiences poverty. Almost 300,000 young people are disconnected from education and the workforce. Over 100,000 NYC youth — close to 10% of our school system — are homeless.

## PARTNERSHIP

Over seven years ago, TDFD Board Member Ilaria Fusina introduced the Foundation to The Door, and a match was made. In every way, The Door's comprehensive approach to empowering individuals dovetails with our mission, with thousands of young people depending on their programs for health, safety, education, friendship, housing, and so much more.

In the course of this partnership:

- 38,286 young people have accessed The Door's programming
- 9,239 received care at the Adolescent Health Center, with over 19,000 accessing other medical services
- 12,670 participated in Career and Education programming
- 3,167 had open legal cases, in addition to thousands of others who received legal counsel without the need for an open case
- 7,597 accessed arts and recreation classes and performed in showcases, open mics, and displays of their work



- And well over 100,000 meals, snacks, and pantry bags were provided

The Foundation's annual reinvestment has played a part in making this possible. Then, in the spring of 2020, The Door had to retool every service in the face of the pandemic. TDFD responded with a one-time gift, enabling The Door to quickly invest in added technology to keep programs and information flowing.

“At The Door, a young person is not a medical chart, a report card, or a case file. They are creative individuals full of complexity, needs, hopes, dreams, and tremendous potential—and our north star is connecting them to the tools and support they need to live into those possibilities. Sincere thanks to TDFD for believing in this critically important mission.”

— Kelsey Louie, CEO

## LOOKING AHEAD...

The Door just passed its 50-year mark. One of the founders recently said, “there should be an organization like The Door every 20 blocks in every city.”

The Door wants to expand accessibility by making sure that every young person who needs support knows that it exists and can make their way to it. Currently, the South Bronx location is expanding dramatically to 18,000 square feet, enabling the Bronx Youth Center (BYC) to mirror the work of the SoHo location. While it is hard to anticipate where programming will need to expand most rapidly, it is clear that mental health supports are more important than ever.



# THE SALVATION ARMY

To meet human needs  
without discrimination.  
This has been the focus  
from the start

**The Salvation Army has pursued this mission since 1865, both around the globe and here, closer to home.**

The North & Central Illinois division provides services that work to combat homelessness, hunger, addiction, and disasters, while supporting children's programs, job placement, and veterans. The fight to end poverty stands at the core of it all, which is why, across Chicago, they operate homeless shelters like Evangeline Booth Lodge and Shield of Hope, food pantries, and mobile outreach.

There are so many ways in which the Salvation Army NCI delivers hope and help to the people of our region:

- The Harbor Light rehabilitation facility treats individuals battling substance abuse.
- Emergency Disaster Services teams are at work at any disaster site — with mobile feeding units and an urban kitchen, EDS can provide up to 20,000 meals a day to families, volunteers, and first responders anywhere in the Chicagoland area.
- Music education, after-school programs, and summer camps give our children a safe place to do homework, play sports,

gain skills, and nurture talents.

- The Employment Services Program is designed for individuals re-entering society after achieving sobriety, after incarceration, or if they are simply in need of a hand.
- And our outreach to veterans brings together nearly every program, to care for the men and women who put their lives on the line for our country.



#### PARTNERSHIP

The Duchossois Family Foundation has helped the Salvation Army help Chicagoans for over twenty years.

We have been there to support their extraordinary shelter system, where residents receive the treatment that everyone deserves. We have sponsored events like the Starlighter and Civic Luncheons, helped fund programs including Pathway of Hope, and supported annual giving and the Radiothon. We have matched significant gifts made along the way

and have encouraged using our name and our donations to leverage support from others.

All so that The Salvation Army can continue to combat the effects of poverty in the Chicago area.

We were honored when Janet and Craig Duchossois received The 2019 William Booth Award, one of the highest awards The Salvation Army gives to an individual. Janet and Craig now serve as co-chairs of the William Booth Society.

And in 2020, TDFF gave one of the largest, single donations received by the NCI Division to help meet urgent needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because we recognize that pandemic poverty is ongoing, TDFF has pledged a four-year unrestricted gift of \$250,000 per year, to fill the gap in services

“The Salvation Army is grateful for the extraordinary support of The Duchossois Family Foundation. With this lasting partnership, The Salvation Army is able to do everything we do to help the people of Chicago.”

– Major Caleb B. Senn, General Secretary, Chicago Area Commander

and assist those who continue to struggle.

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

The Salvation Army has goals well beyond what is already offered, with an eye to expanding their reach across the region with new and innovative program design. Thanks to the partnership with TDFF, many of these plans are already in progress.

There's the renovation of Booth Manor and the proposed teardown, redesign, and rebuild of Evangeline Booth Lodge, allowing for upgraded services and improved poverty prevention. Work is being done to purchase existing buildings, such as the Wentworth School in Englewood, in order to expand community centers in areas of need. And one of the most exciting goals is their vision to enhance programs for our veterans, to help them overcome the obstacles they face.

TDFF is honored to build on this two-decade partnership — working with The Salvation Army to make these profound and vital goals a reality.





# SOME OF OUR MANY GRANT RECIPIENTS:







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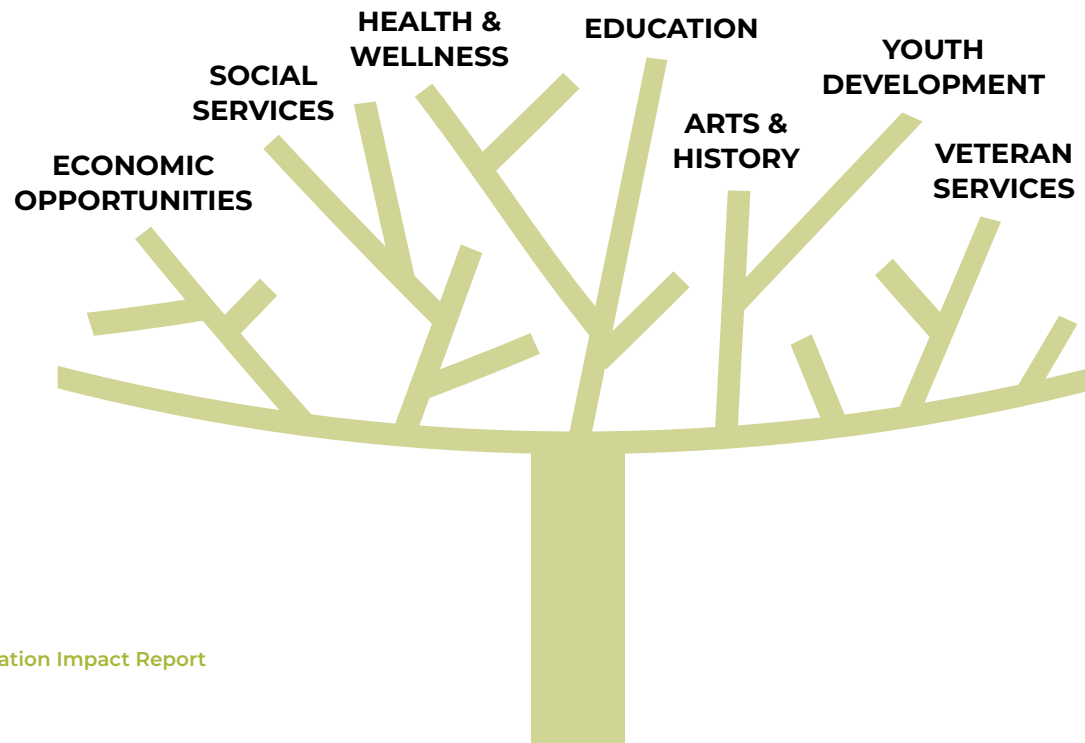


“As a result of good fortune, the family, the company, and the Foundation have had a greater impact together than we might have ever imagined.”

– *Craig J. Duchossois*

**743** organizations supported

Over **\$330** million total gifts



# REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

I have been fortunate to be part of The Duchossois Family Foundation for the past fifteen years, first as executive director and most recently as president. In that time, I have witnessed the kind of growth and transformation any organization would be proud to realize.

TDFF has been committed to helping others from the start, however, beginning in 2015 when Ashley D. Joyce took the helm, we have put a finer point on our giving strategy. We have taken the ideas of wellness and economic opportunity and thought long and hard about how we can make the most meaningful contributions.

It was a member of the family's third generation, Jessica P. Green, who came up with the idea of looking to our veterans, as a nod to the Duchossois' history of service. The family's beloved patriarch, Richard, was a decorated war hero — a WWII veteran who served in five European campaigns, earning two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and the French Legion of Honor. And Craig was an aviation supply officer in the Marines from 1968 to 1971, including in Vietnam. "Once a marine, always a marine."

Simply put, supporting the veteran population is critical. They are often overlooked, and with reduced aid from the government, there is an increased need for private funding. There are nearly 600,000 veterans in Illinois and over 200,000 leave the military in the U.S. each year. Suicide rates are at an epidemic level and economic insecurity is almost ubiquitous.

Our support can make a difference in the lives of those who have given so much to our nation. We can offer job services, career opportunities, and continuing education. We can work to lessen housing and food insecurity. We can attend to mental health, nutrition, and exercise in order to help diminish social isolation, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse. And sometimes, it's a matter of pointing veterans to the resources that already exist, so they can navigate and access them.

The face of veterans is changing, and we want to strengthen and uplift all veterans and their families, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation. TDFF has begun by making a handful of small gifts, but our vision is big and our plans are exciting. We are already working with organizations — often new and led by the veterans themselves — that are supporting the veteran community. And we have committed to ramping up these efforts with multi-year gifts that will enable us to build relationships and increase impact. Above all, we want to listen and learn, meeting the veterans where they are and helping them get to where they want to be.

Our educational journey on veteran organizations has just begun.

Thank you for being a part of it.

~ Mary Ann Roeser, President



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