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THANK YOU

Welcome

Dear El Valor Community,

This last year was a year of hope and perseverance for everyone at El Valor and our community. It is with this in mind we entered the year, knowing a global pandemic would still challenge us, but still being ready to adapt and overcome.

We welcomed our families back into our facilities for in person celebrations and resource sessions, enjoyed watching our adults participate in Special Olympics and Prom, and hosted our Annual Don Quixote Gala in person with a new venue and atmosphere. Volunteers returned on site to read to our children, enjoy activities with the adults, and help us spruce up our gardens. Our facilities also underwent vital upgrades thanks to several of our advocates in the community. Without this work we would have had to modify or eliminate services.

While this year was full of positive returns to normalcy, our community continued to undergo challenges. Many in our community are in desperate need of mental health supports like never before. As El Valor has done before, we adapted to meet their needs. El Valor modified our classroom instruction to focus more heavily on a calm classroom environment to support those children struggling with their social and emotional development. We also modified our adult programming to offer diverse options for those individuals who were in need of a slower transition to community recreation and larger group settings. Finally, El Valor rose up to meet the needs of a growing refugee community in desperate need of every day essentials, education for their children, and mental health supports.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for our large group of corporate and community contributors who make the work done at El Valor possible. The children, adults with unique needs, and their families have been given the opportunity to thrive in no small part to those who gave not just their dollars, but also of their time and expertise. While there is still much work to be done, we are grateful for what we have accomplished this year and look forward to the next.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ray B. Hongala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" being the most prominent.

President and CEO

Building Renovations



Living Room at a residential facility



Kitchen at a residential facility



El Valor & ComEd Inclusion Center

Through the support of our donors and an ongoing capital grant campaign to help renovate and modernize our facilities, we have been able to make significant changes this year. We have updated the bathroom and kitchens in two of our adult residential homes, upgraded the elevator at our main office location, upgraded the kitchen at the Rey B. Gonzalez Children and Family Center, and completely changed the interior and facade at the El Valor and ComEd Inclusion Center. All the changes were crucial to improve the safety and accessibility for our children, adults with disabilities, staff, and families.

29th Annual Don Quixote Gala



On June 23, 2022 El Valor hosted its 29th Annual Don Quixote Gala in-person! Our friends, donors, and supporters joined us for an evening of networking and celebration. We honored State Senator Tony Muñoz and State Representative Theresa Mah with the Don Quixote Leadership Award for their commitment to El Valor. Through their support and advocacy, we continue to make essential renovations at several El Valor facilities. Over 300 people joined us for the evening and helped us raise over \$264,000!

A special thank you to our Co-Chairs; ComEd and PNC Bank.

Spring Into Love

This May, El Valor hosted the “Spring Into Love” dance for our residential participants to enjoy a night of dancing with their friends. Thanks to many generous donors, all of our participants had formal attire to look their best. Our Associate Board also joined to assist in doing hair and make up for the ladies! A formal dance is an important occasion many of us remember fondly, and we wanted our participants to experience this milestone for themselves. This dance is one of many ways we champion our mission to provide our adults with opportunities to participate fully in life.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening possible including El Valor staff, our Associate Board volunteers, and members of the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE). Your support went above and beyond to make the night memorable for all.



Golf Outing



El Valor’s Annual Golf Outing is our second largest event of the year. With 280 golfers and 70 company sponsors, this was one of our best years yet! Over \$135,000 was raised to support our mission that impacts the lives of thousands in our community. Thank you to El Valor Board Member, Vito Martino, for his leadership and continued support of our Annual Outing. We look forward to another fun day on the green next year.

Auto Show



This year we hosted the 4th Annual Auto Show at all four of our Children and Family Centers. The whole family gets involved to collect recycled materials to create a wearable vehicle for their child. All of the wonderful creations are then put on display as the children parade around the Centers in their costumes.

Attending the Chicago Auto Show is not a luxury most of our families can afford, so El Valor's teachers brought the Auto Show to the classrooms. We strive to offer opportunities for our families to have all kinds of experiences, regardless of their financial status. We are so happy to continue this tradition that brings our families, children, and teachers together.

Baby Shower



El Valor hosted 16 community baby showers for the fourth year in a row at all four of our Children & Family Centers. These showers offer expecting moms a safe space to learn about prenatal and post-natal care, access to free baby essentials, and information on El Valor's programming. We want our community to know that we are always here for them and this starts from the very beginning of their child's life.

Butterfly Release

For the past eight years, El Valor has been working to conserve the monarch butterfly population. The monarch was sadly listed on the endangered list this year. All of El Valor's programs work together to grow milkweed, collect monarch eggs, and raise them throughout the year. Our adults and children participate in STEAM based lessons to learn about the monarch lifecycle, proper care, and importance of their conservation. Every September, we host a celebratory release for the community as the monarchs leave for warmer weather in Michoacan, Mexico. The monarch is not only a powerful learning tool for our agency but a cultural symbol as well.

This is one of our favorite annual traditions, and we are grateful to the U.S. Forest Service for their partnership. Their support provides the funding and education our programs need to share on the importance of monarchs and their place in our ecosystem.



Adult Outings

We emphasize inclusion and support independence among our adult participants. Our Community Day Services participants take weekly outings throughout Chicago. All of the outings have a focus on promoting independence and inclusion. Individuals use these opportunities to practice navigating public transportation, making purchases at local shops, and making safe choices while in the community. El Valor's consistent goal is to give those receiving services from El Valor access to the same opportunities as any other member of society. Community outings are just one way in which we reach that goal.



Camp Confidence

This past August, 20 adult participants had quite the adventure at Camp Confidence. They enjoyed a week of swimming, boating, and time with their friends. This inclusive camp welcomes individuals of all ages to take part in summer camp fun. For many years, El Valor has been sending our participants to Camp Confidence, to have a unique camping experience and create memories.

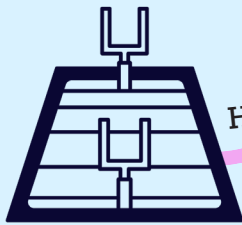
Thank you to everyone who donated at our 29th Annual Gala for helping us continue this much loved summer tradition!



Speak Up and Speak Out

Self-advocacy is an important skill we instill in our adult participants. Building this confidence is not always an easy task. Speak Up and Speak Out Summit, a three-day conference held in Springfield, IL, empowers individuals with disabilities to reach their highest potential in education, employment, and community living. Our programs emphasize inclusion, personal choice, and independence. This summit is an excellent opportunity for participants to put these three skills to the test.

In the Community



Halas Hall



At El Valor, we want all of our children and families to feel prepared for the start of the school year. We are so grateful for partners like PNC and Bears Care for helping us with this goal. Our friends from PNC invited our children and families to attend the Chicago Bears Back to School Fair at Halas Hall. Children in attendance received backpacks with school supplies, dental exams, and haircuts by the team's barbers.



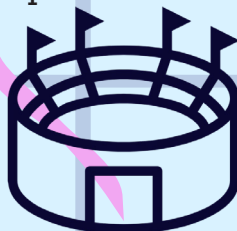
Soldier Field



In March, our families
our families cheered on the Chicago
Fire at their home opener against
Orlando at Soldier Field. Thank you
to State Representative Theresa Mah
and the Chicago Fire Foundation for
donating tickets to our families!



Bridgeview Sports Dome



El Valor participated in the 19th Annual Disability
Pride Parade this summer. The Parade promotes
human diversity and provides us with the
opportunity to show our pride for individuals of
all abilities. Unfortunately, our residential
participants were unable to attend, but that
didn't deter the festivities. El Valor staff brought
the fun straight to them and visited all six
of our residential homes with music and pride.
Our participants had a blast. We are so grateful
to our staff for going above and beyond to
positively impact our adults.



El Valor's adults, children, and families
had a great time at the Chivas vs.
Atlas FC and Club America vs. Pumas
MX matches this year! Thank you to
GEICO for donating tickets for this
fun experience.

Community Partners

National Louis University

We continued our commitment to providing educational opportunity to our community through our partnership with National Louis University. This year, El Valor organized Early Childhood Education Associates, Bachelors, and Masters level cohorts for those in the community. In addition, recruitment for a Not for Profit Management MBA began in hopes of assisting 20 individuals with their education in 2023.



PNC

When it comes to supporting El Valor's children and their literacy skills, no one compares to PNC. Their initiative, PNC Grow Up Great, is inspiring great futures for our little ones. Through dual-language education, they help children from birth to develop a passion for learning that lasts a lifetime. This past year, PNC invested in our little ones by Co-Chairing our 29th Annual Don Quixote Gala, volunteering hundreds of hours at our four Children & Family Centers, and participated in two "Skill Share" programs. Virtual reading sessions brought Chairman of the Chicago Bears, George McCaskey, six-time IndyCar champion, Scott Dixon, and dozens of employees into our classrooms. Their support impacts thousands of lives here at El Valor.



ComEd

Our partners at ComEd continue to show us what it means to give back. They were Co-Chairs at our 29th Annual Don Quixote Gala, volunteered countless hours, and supported our community through eco-friendly ways to save money including their Give-a-Ray program. El Valor adult participant, Cristian, celebrated his 10th Anniversary as a ComEd Energy Force Ambassador. Cristian attends community events throughout Chicago to share simple ways to go green with our community. Our adults attended a Chicago Cubs game and benefited from volunteer visits. ComEd's support at El Valor promotes inclusive work opportunities, technology for equitable learning, and resources for all of our families. We are so grateful for their partnership.



Huntington

Bringing financial literacy, inclusion in the workforce, support of programming, and holiday cheer to our communities. Huntington continues to champion El Valor's mission in so many ways. This includes through the dedication of their team of volunteers who consistently join us at major events throughout the year, including our year-end holiday parties.

Univision

By highlighting El Valor's impact on their news channel, supporting our Annual Gala, assisting in our video making efforts, and donation of event tickets, Univision continues to support everyone here at El Valor. They allow us to spread our mission with the masses and provide our community with unique opportunities. This year, they donated tickets to Circus Vazquez for our children and families to enjoy.

National Audubon Society

USFS introduced El Valor to the National Audubon Society. They've included El Valor in their efforts to build lasting relationships between urban communities of color and their local nature areas, demonstrating the connection between healthy natural habitats and healthy urban communities. This partnership provides our participants with many unique and education opportunities, including traveling to dozens of local parks and nature preserves throughout Chicago.



Home Sweet Home Foundation

Home Sweet Home Foundation is a local nonprofit giving back to individuals with disabilities and empowering them to live with the confidence and dignity they deserve. This wonderful organization has supported El Valor for many years. This year, HSHF provided the gift of warmth to the residents in El Valor's homes. All of the residents were invited to Burlington to select warm weather items of their choice, promoting both independence and inclusion.

U.S. Forest Service

Our efforts to live a green lifestyle at El Valor is made easier through our partnership with U.S. Forest Service. Their support of our Annual Monarch Butterfly Release and monarch program has allowed the program to flourish, and involve every member of El Valor's community. Through USFS, our staff attended the Migratory & Urban Bird Institute at the University of Minnesota and the 14th Annual Monarch Festival in Minneapolis. These opportunities provides our educators to build an understanding for these topics, develop skills for engaging our children and adults, and help them better understand the ecosystem.

Financials

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2022

Assets

Cash and Equivalents	\$1,653,979
Investments	\$457,697
Grants, Contracts, Accounts Receivable	\$4,175,155
Prepaid Expenses, Other	\$18,703
Property and Equipment	\$13,303,880
Noncurrent Assets	\$81,539
 Total Assets	 \$19,690,953

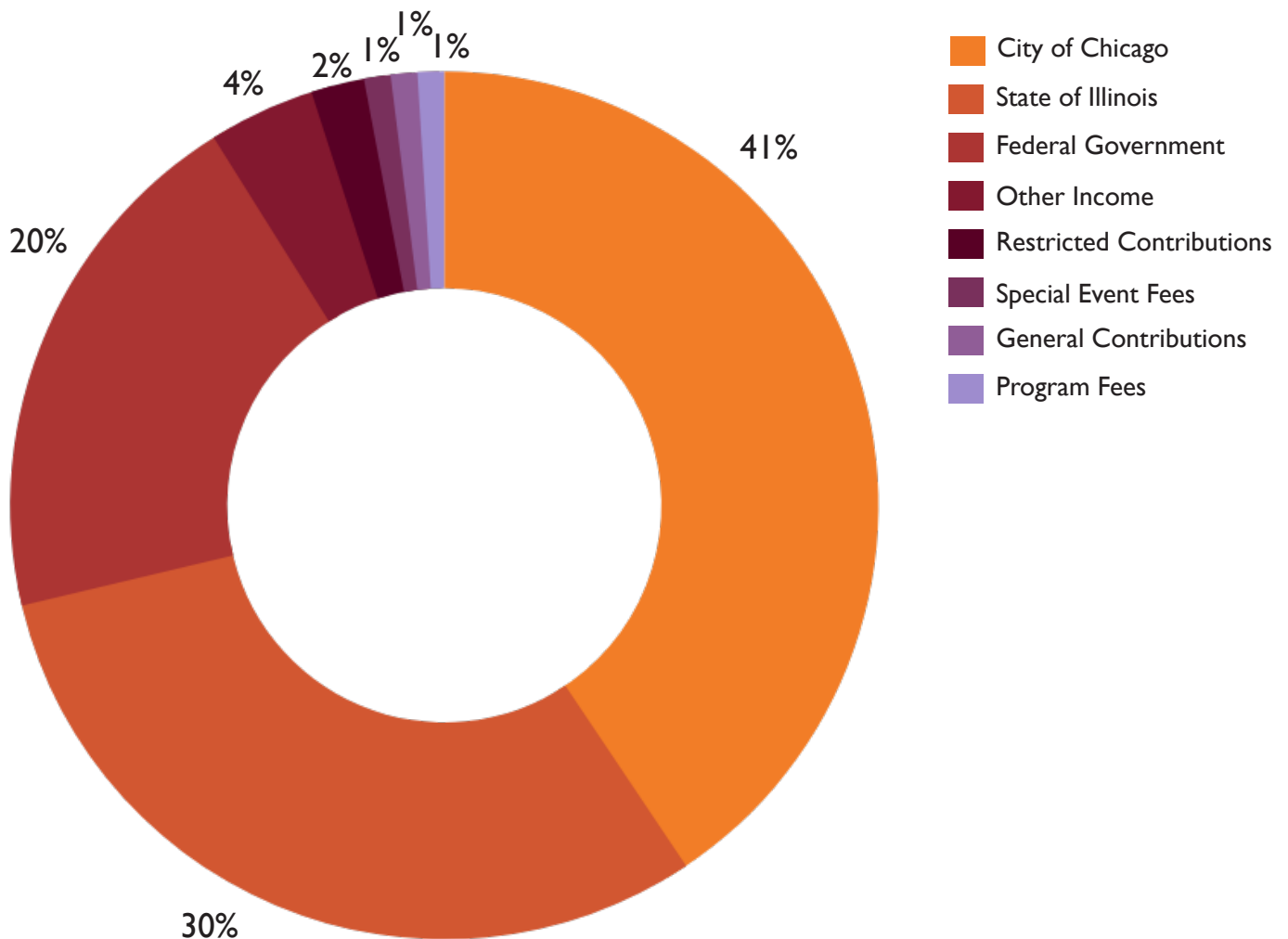
Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$1,283,922
Deferred Revenue	\$213,940
Accrued Compensation/Taxes	\$668,063
Notes Payable and Capital Lease	\$3,822,714
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	\$855,399
Net Assets	\$12,846,915
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 \$19,690,953

Revenues

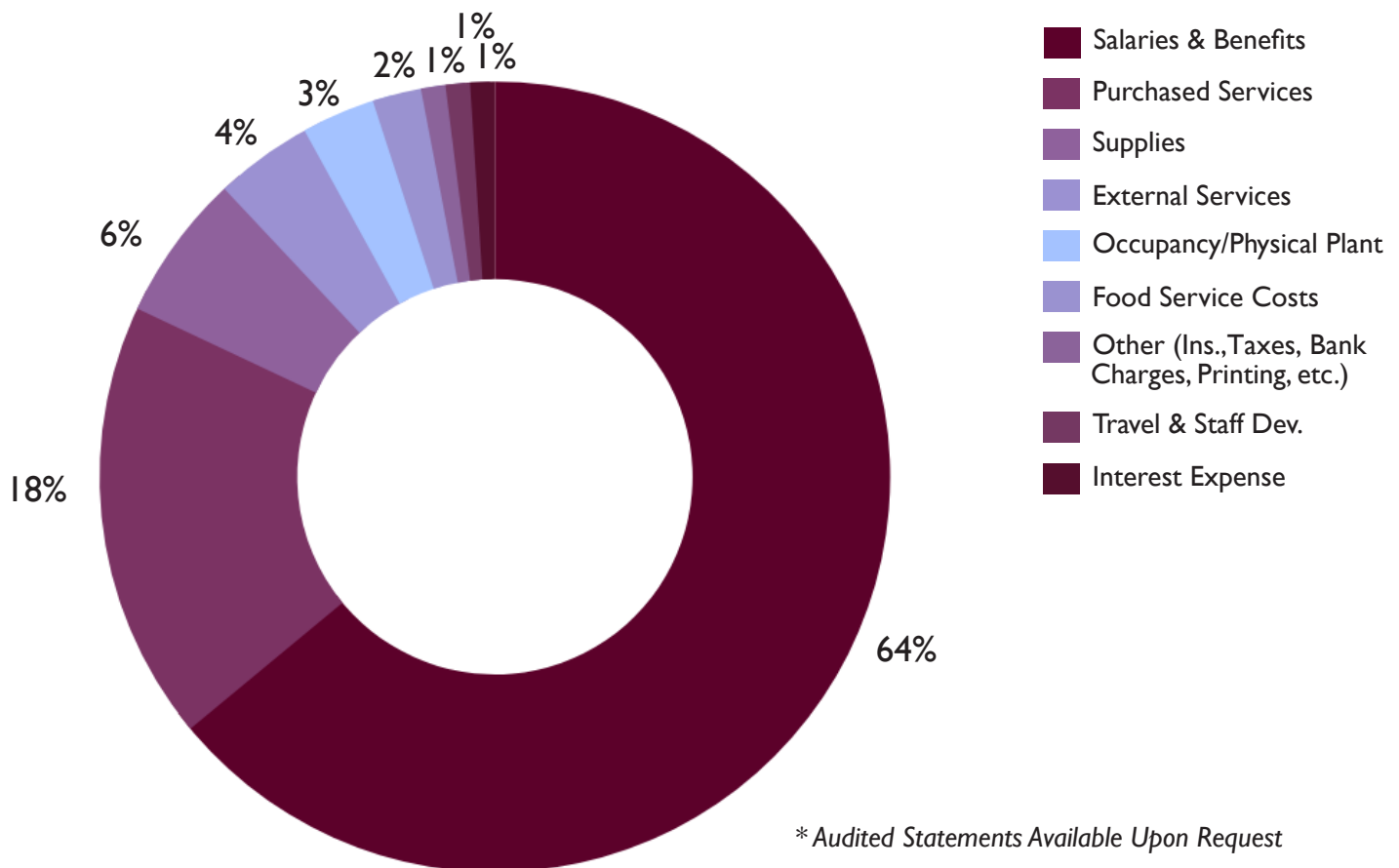
City of Chicago	\$11,364,802
State of Illinois	\$8,591,336
Federal Government	\$5,656,084
Other Income	\$1,218,915
Restricted Contributions	\$478,479
Special Event Fees	\$329,242
General Contributions	\$155,558
Program Fees	\$156,647

Total Revenues \$27,951,063



Expenses *Before depreciation

Salaries and Wages	\$14,219,640
Employee Benefits	\$1,946,215
Purchased Services	\$4,455,456
Supplies	\$1,535,212
External Services	\$981,157
Occupancy/Physical Plant	\$892,288
Food Service Costs	\$466,404
Other (Ins,Taxes, Bank Charges, Printing)	\$318,321
Travel & Staff Dev.	\$291,084
Interest Expense	\$226,030
Total Expenses	\$25,331,807



** Audited Statements Available Upon Request*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OUTCOMES

2,100 
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED

43 
CHILDREN EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS WERE
SERVED BY EL VALOR.

11 
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
WERE SERVED BY EL VALOR.

37 
PREGNANT WOMEN
SERVED BY EL VALOR.

417 CHILDREN TRANSITIONED TO
KINDERGARTEN WITH:



100%

EMERGING SKILLS IN
SCHOOL READINESS

MEETING THE NATIONAL
SCHOOL READINESS
INDICATORS

292,925

MEALS SERVED TO CHILDREN



65%

DUAL LANGUAGE
LEARNERS



631

FATHERS WERE INVOLVED IN
THEIR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT
EXPERIENCE



638

EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD
START PARENT VOLUNTEERS

1,337

CHILDREN HAD CONTINUOUS
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE



1,303

CHILDREN HAD CONTINUOUS
ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE



ADULT PROGRAM OUTCOMES



OVER

1,200

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES
AND FAMILIES SERVED



100%

OF ADULT PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS HAVE ACCESS
TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



614

OF ADULT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY OUTINGS



75%

OF ADULT PARTICIPANTS PROVIDED
WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES



53,200

MEALS SERVED TO ADULT
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

2,000



HOURS OF IN-HOUSE OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ASSISTED WITH:

1014

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



145

DENTAL APPOINTMENTS



Thank You!

ElValor is grateful for the commitment and continued generosity of the community, corporate partners, and individuals towards our adults, children, and families. We have done our best to make sure this list is accurate and complete for donations received between July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Emma De Biasio, Coordinator of Resource Development at emma.debiasio@elvalor.net.

\$25,000 to \$99,000

ComEd
Healthy Communities
Foundation
Matt & Sheryl Turk
PNC
The Coleman
Foundation
United Way

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Aldridge Electric
INTREN
Fifth Third Bank
Bob & Ellen Svatos
Conagra Brands
Golf for Uruguay
Meade
MJ Electric

\$5,000 to \$9,999

ABC7 Chicago
Dynamic Utility
Solutions
Cancun Design
Anonymous
Antigua, Inc.
Carlos H. Cantu Family
Foundation
Federico d'Escoto
Garvey's Office Products
Grainger
Hilda & Rey Gonzalez
Huntington Bank
Joe's Heating and
Cooling
Univision
Walgreens
Wicklander Family

Foundation
Wintrust

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Advocate Good
Shepherd Hospital
Button and Zipper
Badger Daylighting
Altec
American Wire Group
Beary Landscaping
Cesar Santoy
Delta Star
Electric Conduit
Construction
GCS Charitable
HBK Engineering
HEI Utility Contractors
Henkels & McCoy
Jaime Ortega
Leidos
Lindblad Construction
Michael Wojcik
Miguel Ortega
MZI Group
Nash Brothers
Construction
Paula & Greg Bork
Primera Engineers
Quantum Crossings, LLC
Sargent & Lundy
Shermco Industries
Sonoma Underground
Services
Sterling
TE Connectivity
The Bartech Group
The Horton Group
Tovar Construction

Tropical Optical

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Allen Wesolowski
Bradenburger Plumbing
Anonymous Bank of
America Employee
Amped I
Anastasia O'Brien
Betsey & Patrick Evans
Burling Builders
Burns & McDonell
Choctaw-Kaul
Distribution
Company
Cristina Foods
DMC Power
Dora Diaz
Dr. Ayn F. Keneman
Electric Power Systems
ElectroTech
Facebook Giving
Donors
F.H. Paschen
Frank Lizzadro
Gabe Chavez
Jane Sablich
Joann Bauer
Jules Madison
KW Associates
Leonard Dominguez
Mari Uribarri
McDonalds
Mechdyne Corp
Michels Power
National Louis
University
Nicolas Torres
Non Profit Risk Services

Northern Illinois Steel
Orbital Engineering
Philip Fuentes
PMI Energy Solutions
Proven IT
Prysmian Group
Rabine Group
Richard Gonzalez
Richards Manufacturing
Sarvesh Soi
TESCO-Thurston
Electrical
Specialty Co
The Barillas Family
The Okonite Company
Vito Martino

\$500 to \$999

Amazon Smile Donors
Doug Levy
Anonymous Exelon
Employee
Anna Vargas
Anonymous AT&T
Employee
Byrne, Byrne &
Company
Chicago United
Fidelity Charitable
George Williams
Jane Gallery & George
Craven
Joe Orozco
Margarita Llamas-Odom
Margarita Portalatin
Mary & Steve De Biasio
Mary Gonzales
Metropolitan Capital
Bank
Michelle Barnes Family
Foundation
Molly House
National Philanthropic
Trust
Rurick Sandoval

\$250 to \$499

Abbey Delgadillo
AF Group
Concast

Eleni Giannakopoulos
 Diana Palomar
 Adam Gonzalez
 Benjamin Kell
 Todd A. Gilchrist
 Elmer Hernandez
 Estela Cervantes
 Guardian USA
 Hughes Brother
 Katie Fuentes
 Laminated Wood Systems
 Liz Blume
 Luis Diaz Perez
 McDonalds VCA Program
 Naaman G. & Stephanie
 Landers
 New York Life Insurance
 Sanchez Daniels &
 Hoffman
 Sediver
 SEFCOR
 United Heartland

\$100 to \$249

Abbey Rasche
 Anonymous Abbott Lab
 Employee
 Amy Tamez
 Adela Vargas
 Alderperson Sadlowski
 Garcia
 Joe Hahn
 Benjamin Almazan II
 Blanca Rios
 Carmen Ziegler
 Carolina Diaz-Martinez
 Christie Davis
 Danilo Brea
 Dave LaFave
 Debbie Toledo
 Evelyn Estrada
 Federal Home Loan Bank
 Francisco Menchaca
 Gregory Levinson
 Jennifer Micksch
 Jillian Gonzalez
 Jon Emory
 Karina Perez
 Kyle Arndt
 Leticia Ramirez
 Lisa Hentschel

Lucero Sanchez
 Maria Santillans
 Marisela Moreno
 Martin Reyes
 Mike Dvorak
 Monty Kirkwood
 Nick Mischevich
 Nina Duenas
 Nivram Espinosa
 Paul Gaughan
 Paypal Giving Donors
 Rachel Gonzalez
 Rick Hantke
 Rina Alvarez and Family
 Robert Sullivan
 Ronak McFadden
 Roque Del Toral
 Rosemary Zapata
 Ryan Levy
 Stephen Petrakis
 Tobie Schroeder
 Veronica Cortez
 Virginia Matos
 Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar

\$99 and under

Amos Rlene
 Ana Ruiz
 Dana Alexander
 Cristina Cazares
 Belle Godinez Garcia
 Joshua Mintz
 David Becker
 Diane & John Huntley
 Elizabeth Esparza
 Elizabeth Rios
 Gerardo E. Botello
 Give Lively Foundation
 Gloria Cantu
 Shrewsbury
 Guadalupe Reyes
 Guillermo Ortega
 Helen Hernandez
 Jill Leedom
 Jillian Stowers
 Jordan Alcantar
 Jose Suarez
 Kelsey De Biasio
 Kiah Brown
 Laura Barea Martinez
 Laura Ellis

Lindsay Krebs Schuma
 Lizet Ochoa
 Luis Carrillo
 Luis Narvaez
 Marisela Mirelez Moreno
 Marissa Kenemer
 Mike Wesley
 Nancy Spencer
 Nay Alejandra Vargas
 Network for Good
 Nova A. Taggert
 Olivia Villareal
 Reyna Mariscal Gonzalez
 Rocio Arellano
 Spencer Barber
 Susan De Biasio
 Susan Lack
 Tom Thistleton
 Victor J. Bernstein
 Giving Fund
 Walter Kendall
 William O'Connor

In Kind

10th District CPD
 Abbey Delgadillo &
 Colton Connor
 ABC7 Chicago
 Aerial Fitness
 Anastasia O'Brien
 BCA Hub Youth and
 Resource Center
 Chicago Bears
 Chicago Children's
 Theatre
 Chicago Fire Foundation
 Chicago White Sox
 ComEd
 Dan Arce
 Disney
 El Milagro
 Electric Conduit
 Construction
 Ellen Bomba
 Emma De Biasio
 Empowered Disability
 Escaramuza USA
 Fogo de Chao
 GEICO
 Greg Bork
 Grounds & Hounds

Coffee Co.
 Hispanic Alliance for
 Career Enhancement
 Home Sweet Home
 Foundation
 Huntington Bank
 Ignatz Ristorante
 Joann Bauer
 Kelsey De Biasio
 KFC
 Laura Allison
 Let's Roam
 Lo Rez Brewing
 Mari Uribarri and Family
 Mary De Biasio
 Maya Marquez and Family
 Megan Nelligan
 Midtwon Education
 Foundation
 Music Box Theatre
 Paramount Theatre
 Paris Bistro
 PNC
 Rey & Hilda Gonzalez
 Rise Up Wellness
 Rush University System
 for Health
 Ryan McCreery,
 McCreery Consulting,
 LLC
 Silver Lake Country Club
 Skydeck Chicago
 Special Olympics
 Chicago/Special
 Children's Charities
 St. Ignatius College
 Prep - Chicago
 St. Paul's Catholic Church
 - Chicago IL
 St. Procopious Dual
 Language School
 State Representative
 Theresa Mah
 Surly Brewing Co.
 Susan De Biasio
 Sysco
 Tropical Optical
 Univision Chicago
 Vito Martino
 Wiley's Grill