

TO THRIVE



CHICAGO LIGHTS provides hope and opportunity to our city's children, youth, and adults who face the challenges of poverty. Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, we empower people to thrive academically, secure economic stability, lead healthy lives, and build community.



DEAR FRIENDS

and—

SUPPORTERS



At Chicago Lights, our passion is bringing hope and opportunity to people in need. Like you, we feel the challenges facing our city and aspire to address them head-on with vigor and grace. We are fortunate that 2017 was a year that saw our programming expand and reach even more students and adults experiencing poverty. While every day brought forth new challenges, one by one lives were changed for the better. Here are just a few examples:

- Bryan, a Tutoring student, graduated from high school this past spring and is studying environmental science and sustainability at Valparaiso University.
- **Kenny**, a Social Service Center guest, received keys to a home after experiencing homelessness for more than twenty years.
- **Justine**, an Assistant Grower Intern at the Urban Farm, overcame barriers to employment and received hands-on job experience.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you for helping more than 4,000 people feel empowered through Chicago Lights in 2017. Because of you, the future is bright.

Ken Walker

President, Chicago Lights Board of Directors May 2017–May 2018

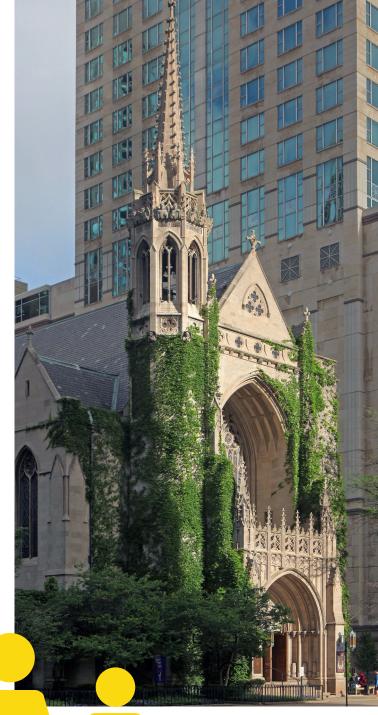
Stacy Jackson

Executive Director, Chicago Lights

THANK YOU!

Chicago Lights grew from the commitment of Fourth Presbyterian Church to social justice and compassionate service. In 1991 that commitment gave rise to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which in 2004 was renamed Chicago Lights and significantly expanded in order to bring together under one banner several programs that continue to brighten the lives of nearly 4,000 individuals each year.

Today Fourth Church continues to be a vital source of funding and support for Chicago Lights, including providing forty percent of our volunteers and covering a majority of our overhead costs. Because of their partnership, our team of professional staff and over 1,000 dedicated volunteers can continue to provide hope and opportunity to children, youth, and adults who need it most. Thank you to the Fourth Church community for your commitment to Chicago Lights!



4,000 lives changed

100% of seniors enrolled in Tutoring -**GRADUATED**

on time.

88%

of graduating seniors applied for admission and were accepted into a two- or four-year COLLEGE.



students received FINANCIAL SUPPORT and ADDITIONAL TUTORING to attend and excel at a private or parochial high school.





Added FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CLASSES

for more **INTENSIVE** dance instruction





students were **ENROLLED** in the four-week Summer Dance Intensive, which enhanced their TECHNIQUE and INCREASED SELF-ESTEEM.



Engaged over 25 youth

in gaining critical JOB SKILLS and **AGRICULTURAL LEARNING**

Engaged over

VOLUNTEERS and visitors





Hired 2 INTERNS through the Assistant Grower intern program

Grew **5,765 POUNDS** of produce and doubled sales of produce at the Farmstand



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER DAY



91%

of students MAINTAINED
OR IMPROVED their SKILL
LEVEL in language arts.

95% + - × ÷

of students **MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED** their **SKILL LEVEL** in math.



more students Thanks to a partnership with the **DRISKILL FOUNDATION**,

Summer Day was able to increase the number of students served by **25%** and also provided more teachers to create smaller class sizes.

Each student engaged in **30 MINUTES** of mindfulness and **MEDITATION** and also 30 minutes of CrossFit **EXERCISES** each week.

SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



GUESTS were engaged in CASE MANAGEMENT.

GOOD NEIGHBORS STREET OUTREACH

made contact with

258 INDIVIDUALS

and distributed **3,893 ITEMS**, including water, protein drinks, snacks, hygiene items, clothing items, and cold weather accessories.





Hired a **HOUSING CASE MANAGER** to help guests locate and maintain stable housing; **36 GUESTS** transitioned to stable housing.



adults graduated from the Open Doors Project, a long-term case management program.

BMO HARRIS BANK | 2017 Partner

BMO Harris Bank looks for innovation, collaboration, and learning as features of the nonprofit organizations it supports, and education is also a big priority for them, says Wendy Raymer, BMO Harris Bank's director of U.S. Community Affairs.

"The work Chicago Lights does with a hands-on, effective methodology is an excellent example of an impactful organization," she says.

We're grateful that BMO Harris Bank has supported the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope since 2012, which Wendy says she's especially proud to be able to do because of the close relationship BMO Harris Bank employee Jon Findley has with Chicago Lights. Jon has been an active tutor and volunteer with Chicago Lights for a number of years and says he's grateful that his employer has been so "incredibly supportive" of his personal involvement.

"We support Chicago Lights' work because we believe in it, and we want to be good corporate citizens," says Wendy. She adds that she's been pleased by the "incredible growth" Chicago Lights has had in the past few years "with new facilities and an increased number of students and people impacted. That's terrific to see."



METROPOLITAN CAPITAL BANK | 2017 Partner

Metropolitan Capital Bank chose Chicago Lights as one of ten nonprofit partners to support in 2017—and we're grateful. Not only did MetCap offer financial support, their employees have collected and donated clothing for guests of our Social Service Center.

"Partnering with Chicago Lights allows MetCap the opportunity to support the organization's invaluable efforts and mission," says Metropolitan Capital Philanthropic Enterprise (MCPE), the bank's philanthropic arm, "specifically the impact they have on our city's children, youth, and adults who face the challenges of poverty."

MetCap has also helped showcase the work of Chicago Lights by hosting an evening reception for their employees and clients. This evening provided an opportunity for Chicago Lights to share its mission while networking and connecting with new faces in the community.

The connection between MetCap and Chicago Lights was made most recently by Charlene Roderick, a colleague of the bank and a participant in some of their other events, including the quarterly Women's Empower Hour, explains Rebecca Rinas, MetCap's marketing manager. She believed Chicago Lights to be a good match for MetCap's company values, which include education and assistance for youth, empowerment of women, community outreach, and support for the arts. Her championing of Chicago Lights helped facilitate the 2017 partnership.

And while Chicago Lights has undoubtedly benefited from this relationship, MCPE notes positive outcomes for the bank and its employees as well. "Partnering with Chicago Lights benefits our team members by allowing them to develop stronger ties to the Chicago community and actively contribute to its continued improvement."



HYATT | 2017 Partner

Hyatt chooses nonprofit partners that align in mission with their corporate responsibility and philanthropy platform, the Hyatt Thrive Pillars. "Chicago Lights is a wonderful organization that is doing impactful work in the Chicagoland community," says Jessica Schultz, senior manager for community engagement at Hyatt.

"And our match with Hyatt is a great one because the work of Chicago Lights' various programs supports all four of the Hyatt Pillars," she explains—environmental sustainability, health and wellness, economic development and investment, and education and career readiness.

Hyatt employees have been big supporters of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center through donations of winter clothes, T-shirts, and business attire, as well as toiletries. They've also shown up to make sandwiches and assemble snack packs for the Center to share with those experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community.

In addition, Hyatt is a sponsor of Chicago Lights' annual Gala of Hope. Their \$5,000 sponsorship of this signature fundraising event in 2016 grew to a \$25,000 investment in 2017, and Chicago Lights was also thrilled to have Hyatt host the event in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"Chicago Lights...is doing impactful work..."

"As a Chicago Lights Board member and a proud Hyatt employee, it was an honor to be the 2016 Gala Chair," says Elaine Scales, "which was made even more special by hosting the event at Hyatt Regency Chicago. Hyatt's continued support of Chicago Lights speaks



Hyatt employees have generously donated a variety of items to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, including emergency food and sandwiches for guests.

volumes to their commitment to the local community and to the Chicago Lights organization."

And along with the clear benefits for Chicago Lights, Jessica says this partnership enhances the lives of Hyatt employees and guests as well. Hyatt is committed to enabling "thriving communities," she explains, "places where we are proud to work, our neighbors want to live, and our guests want to visit. We do this by contributing to the prosperity, health, and advancement of the many communities around the world that we call home and through authentic human connection and understanding."

She adds that, "Working and supporting Chicago Lights is a great partnership for our employees, and we are just getting started."



DR. KIMBERLY R. WATSON | Tutoring Alumna and Chicago Lights Board Member

Today Dr. Kimberly Watson is a vice principal with Chicago Public Schools and a member of the Chicago Lights Board of Directors. But her experience with Chicago Lights began as a first-grade student in the Tutoring program.

"My mother has always been eager to keep me involved in opportunities that would contribute to my academic achievement," she says. And Tutoring turned out to be a good fit. Kimberly received help with her schoolwork and gained a life-long mentor and friend in Sheryl, her tutor, whom she describes as "my perfect match."

"One's origin should not dictate her destination."

"One's origin should not dictate her destination," Kimberly says.

"I believe every student deserves access to a high-quality and free education. It's a key to success. I am not the only African American student whose education was interrupted by family situations, community violence, poverty, social inferiority complexes, or fear of the unknown. However, I am unique in the sense that my perseverance allowed me to use what could have been perceived as deterrents as motivational factors that stimulated me to succeed."

Realizing the importance of education in having a bright future, Kimberly dedicated herself to academic excellence and vowed to create a better life for herself than the suffering she witnessed growing up in an under-resourced Chicago neighborhood.

Today, as an educator herself, she guides other students on their learning paths. "I have the opportunity to help others make positive decisions about their education," she says. "I feel as though I have been called to encourage youth to become the best version of themselves," much the way Sheryl and the Tutoring program did for her.

"My success despite my imperfections is testament to the potential that lies within students all over. I can do anything. They can do anything. My job as an assistant principal is my current vehicle from which I am changing the world, and I love it."

Kimberly also says she loves being part of the Chicago Lights Board of Directors. "I remain involved with Chicago Lights as a form of sowing into an organization that poured so much into me during my formative years," she says. "The volunteers and staff of Chicago Lights modeled the spirit of altruism. They really cared about me. I feel a moral obligation to create similar experiences for others, and it's a blessing to do so as a board member."

"I serve through Chicago Lights because—as an alumna of the Tutoring program—I know it is making a difference in the lives of others."



KIRKLAND & ELLIS | 2017 Partner

Founded in Chicago more than a century ago, Kirkland & Ellis is today not just an elite law firm but a committed servant to the communities where their employees work and live. The Kirkland & Ellis Foundation—funded by a portion of each equity partner's earnings—makes gifts to local nonprofits that their partners suggest and also matches these partners' donations to charitable organizations with which they're involved.

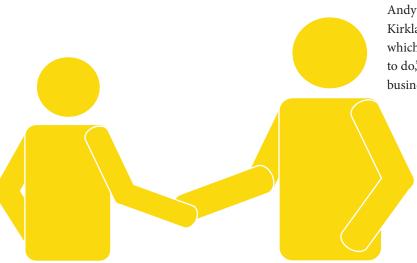
"Their thinking was that this would encourage partners to be involved in community," says Andy McGaan, president of the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation.

Chicago Lights is fortunate to have supporters like Andy, as well as Brian Van Klompenberg, a Chicago Lights board member, among the partners at Kirkland & Ellis, and the firm has been a corporate donor to Chicago Lights and sponsor of the Gala of Hope since 2014. For 2017, they've opted to serve as a year-long sponsor and corporate partner with Chicago Lights.

"I have a very busy job and hardly any time at all to roll up my sleeves and [volunteer]," says Andy, who is also a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church. "But I do have the capacity to support [Chicago Lights] financially. I'm awed by those who roll up their sleeves to do it. It's our most visceral connection to doing God's work."

"We do it because it is the right thing to do."

Brian says the way Chicago Lights approaches its mission compels him to support their efforts. "I believe Chicago Light's core mission of providing hope and opportunity to those experiencing poverty





is vital to maintaining and improving our community and our city, and I believe Chicago Lights' way of achieving its mission—focusing on individuals to effect change one life at a time—is the only way to have a long-term impact."

Like so many other generous givers, Brian and Andy insist they benefit from sharing their resources, too. "I am blessed to work with partners who are willing to support each other's and our client's endeavors in the community through the K&E Foundation," says Brian.

Andy adds that being involved in charitable efforts enhances Kirkland & Ellis's brand, as well as enriching the communities in which the firm does business. "We do it because it is the right thing to do," he says. "And we hope our participation encourages other businesses to do the same."

4 years of partnership!

ELAINE SCALES AND MARTHA SABOL | 2017 Gala of Hope, Chair and Co-Chair

Both Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol are longtime supporters of Chicago Lights and have had a hand in many of the special events that have raised money and awareness for the organization—from the Gala of Hope to Tutoring's fiftieth-anniversary celebration.

But their efforts as chair (Elaine) and co-chair (Martha) of the 2017 Gala of Hope were something special for them—and for Chicago Lights. "Serving alongside my best friend, Martha, was a highlight of a very successful event," Elaine says. They presented an evening that raised more than \$660,000 for the programs of Chicago Lights and had "a lot of fun doing it," Elaine says. Martha adds that "seeing us hit our goal numbers in real time" at the 2017 Gala is one of her favorite Chicago Lights memories.

In addition to her support of Chicago Lights, Martha is a corporate attorney with Greenberg Traurig in Chicago, and she and her husband, Rick (a past chair of the Chicago Lights board), are members of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Elaine has worked with Hyatt, where she is currently a vice president, for twenty-seven years, and she is in her second term as a board member for Chicago Lights.

Both say they feel good about their work in support of Chicago Lights because the organization is so clearly meeting the needs of those most at risk in our community. "With the constant changes in government spending and cutting in Chicago Public Schools funding, the need is growing, and we need to ensure that we are there to do as much as we possibly can for those who are not able to do it alone," says Elaine. "The programs Chicago Lights offers are pillars of strength to many in our communities."

"...Chicago Lights focuses on providing help to our neighbors..."

Martha says her family has always made it their goal and passion to take care of the neighbors around them. "People need our help, and Chicago Lights focuses on providing help to our neighbors in need," she says. "I can't think of a more important thing to do at the moment."



JANICE LEWIS, ELLEN GIGNILLIAT, AND THE DRISKILL FOUNDATION 2017 Spotlight Community Impact Award Recipients

A professional peacemaker, a skilled fundraiser and education advocate, and a foundation dedicated to fostering curiosity earned top honors for their service to Chicago Lights at the 2017 Spotlight event. We are so grateful for the passion each of them brings to their work with our programs, and we're honored that they find Chicago Lights to be a worthy recipient of their talents and support.

Janice Lewis, owner of Janice Time life coaching services and a certified labyrinth and meditation leader, has been sharing her gifts with Chicago Lights for three years. She and a team of eight volunteers facilitate Peace Club for Tutoring students, and she has offered labyrinth and meditation workshops at the Urban Farm and Social Service Center as well. "The more peace within, the more peaceful we are outside," she says. "I am really, every day, trying to stop some of the violence in Chicago—one breath at a time with meditation or one step at a time with labyrinths."

In addition, Lewis is an active member of the Metropolitan Club, and she was instrumental in getting the club's Women's Executive Committee to partner with Chicago Lights for an unprecedented two years, which meant several events in support of our work, as well as an opportunity for Dance Academy students to perform on the 67th floor of the Willis Tower.

"It was a privilege to be recognized and honored by the leaders of Chicago Lights," Janice says. "But I'm already 110 percent in because I hear from teens and adults what a difference meditation makes to them." Someone who had been a guest at the Social Service Center stopped her on Michigan Avenue the other day and said, "Thank you for teaching me to meditate. I get along with people better now," Janice recalls, adding, "I think in Chicago, if I could just stop one person from doing a violent act, I'm all in."

Ellen Gignilliat, a retired teacher and current philanthropist,

Lights because she and her husband of sixty-two years, Paul, are members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and have co-chaired two successful fundraising campaigns for them.

was inspired to work with Chicago

And, she says, "Once a teacher, always a teacher. So the Tutoring program especially is near and dear to my heart."

Ellen has long been an ambassador for the annual gala, and she's now serving her first term as a Chicago Lights board member. "I've been very impressed with the dedication of the board," she says. "The thing I love is I feel we're really making



a difference. I'm on other boards too, and often you just get to see the big picture. But here you can see [the impact] directly. Whether that's counseling [at the Social Service Center] or summer programs or the Urban Farm, Chicago Lights is really making a difference, and that means a lot to me."

Receiving the Community Impact Award was a surprise to Ellen, but "it makes you want to do more." She says Spotlight was a lovely and special day, and she appreciated getting to see all the staff and the effort they put in to honor Chicago Lights' supporters. "I'm thrilled that [Paul and I] can help service organizations [including Chicago Lights]. They make such a difference in lives, and it comes back to the person who's giving too."

The Driskill Foundation, headed by June Barnard, has a mission of funding innovation and progress in the field of medical research, and June believes the foundation of that work is fostering curiosity. Over the past several years—as the inaugural Jubilee Sponsor of the 2015 Gala of Hope and as the 2017 funder of Summer Day—the Foundation has provided financial support to help spark and grow curiosity among those served by Chicago Lights.

June says attending the final performance by the "CurioCity" Summer Day students this past year was a memory that will stay with her forever. "When they got up and performed the things they'd created, I cried my eyes out," she says. "Those kids were just amazing. I've loved the Chicago Lights galas I've chaired and attended, but that [performance] burns in my heart. It was life-changing for me as well as them to see how excited they got about being curious."

To her, the Community Impact Award "recognizes that what the Foundation is doing is having an effect on other lives," and it's meaningful because that's their goal—to reach into the lives of others and make a difference. "I was honored," she says, "but the award truly goes to all those kids and those working behind the scenes—the teachers and staff. They're the ones who need the award."

CYNTHIA JOHO | Vice President, Chicago Lights Board

Today she is a leader on the 2017 Chicago Lights Board of Directors, but Cynthia Joho grew up helping others, and she has been involved with Chicago Lights as a hands-on volunteer, financial supporter, and awareness raiser for two decades.

"As I grew up, my parents helped others, and I've always wanted to do something extra in my life to help people," Cynthia says. A member of Fourth Presbyterian Church for more than twenty years, Cynthia first got involved with Chicago Lights as a tutor. After she had her daughter, she began attending and working to promote the annual fundraising gala for Chicago Lights. "Attending the gala, you get a sense of what the programs are really doing, thanks to the generous support of so many," she says.

Then four years ago, Cynthia took the helm as chair of this important event, which raises a quarter of the annual funding for Chicago Lights. "That's when we changed the name to Gala of Hope," Cynthia says. "We thought it was time to expand the Gala—to make it more visible for people [and local businesses] outside Fourth Church, as well as more exciting and interesting for the members who attend."

Cynthia's husband, Chef J. Joho, is proprietor of Everest in Chicago, Eiffel Tower Restaurant in Las Vegas, and Brasserie Jo in Boston. His connections combined with Cynthia's elegant creativity and generous hospitality have contributed to hundreds of thousands of dollars raised through the Gala of Hope's live and silent auctions.

"My husband was very supportive of me chairing the Gala of Hope," Cynthia says. "He had attended the earlier [galas] with me and grew to appreciate the work of Chicago Lights. His personal and professional connections from around the world and his own personal donations really helped build excitement for the first Gala of Hope and ultimately a good portion of its success."

For Cynthia, Chicago Lights' connection with Fourth Presbyterian Church is one of the things that drew her to the organization and makes it unique among nonprofits in the city, she says. "There are a lot of wonderful organizations to choose from, but for me, because

[Chicago Lights] started at Fourth, that gave it a foundation I could trust." And because the church provides operating space for Chicago Lights, "all dollars raised go directly to programs. That's not something a lot of other nonprofit organizations can say."

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She says it's also important to her to help the people right here in our community—those we pass on Michigan Avenue. "The words that resonate with me are helping people 'one life at a time' and 'giving hope," she says. "To see people come in [to the Social Service Center] and leave with a little more dignity than when they came in—the one-on-one relationships we create are critical to our success."

Whether it's a student's relationship with his tutor, a Social Service Center guest's relationship with a case worker, or an intern's relationship with her mentor at the Urban Farm, "people are able to trust more when they get to know one person and can work with them [consistently]."

As a leader on the Board of Directors, Cynthia says she finds herself looking toward the future. "I hope we can sustain the level of professionalism we have among our program directors, increase the number of people we can serve, and continue to have a welcoming and beautiful place for them to come."

She says this focus on what lies ahead keeps her energized and engaged, despite the many challenges our city and country are facing. "I think in this day and age, it gets easier and easier to go into our hole and just do things for ourselves. It's uplifting for me to make sure I'm trying to help others who are less fortunate. [Supporting the work of Chicago Lights] makes me feel like I'm not talking about my faith but am actually showing it through my actions."



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"I was homeless, shelter-hopping with three children. I was unemployed. Case management at the Social Service Center brightened up my life—it gave me something to be a part of. It's a blessing to have someone by your side."

AJA MCNEARY, Guest Chicago Lights Social Service Center

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REVENUE		
Individual Contributions	\$1,006,792	46%
Foundations/Corporations	\$513,294	23%
Program Receipts	\$634,210	29%
Draw from Invested Funds	\$44,506	2%
Total:	\$2,198,802	

DISBURSEMENTS Tutoring 28% \$609,860 Management and General \$305,149 14% Elam Davies Social Service Center \$326,031 15% Urban Farm \$323,055 15% Fundraising \$247,665 11% Dance Academy 10% \$218,138 Summer Day \$141,760 7% **Total:** \$2,171,658 Net Surplus / (Deficit) \$27,144



"My relationship with my tutor/ mentor, Sheryl, helped me learn the significance of giving. Regardless of whether it's money or time, I always

have something to share with others. As a child, I began to envision myself as a giver. Today, as an adult, I remain true to that vision. I am committed to helping others."

KIMBERLY WATSON
Chicago Lights Tutoring Alumna and
Chicago Lights Board Member

Thank you!

Chicago Lights is grateful for each and every supporter who made a donation in 2017.

With your generosity, our programs continue to provide hope and opportunity to children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty.

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