



Our Story

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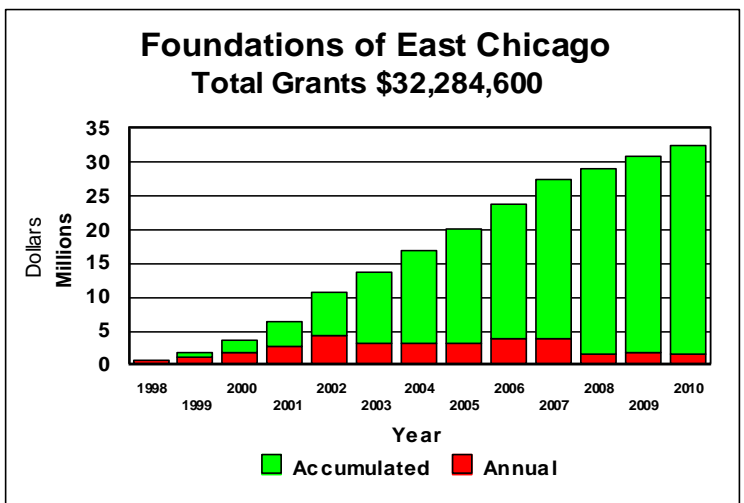
Holistic Community Coalition is recognizing the Foundations of East Chicago for the support we have given them over the years. It is with great pleasure that we accept the honor of naming this courtyard at 3724 Main Street, East Chicago in the name of the Foundations. This gives us a unique opportunity to share countless community success stories because of our grantees and the people who have worked with our funds.

The Foundations of East Chicago have worked diligently to share the good work done by our grantees.

Many excellent programs have been funded over the past thirteen years. The Foundation has established a unique partnership in helping the grantees promote their programs throughout the community using billboards, ads in flyers, conducting site visits, holding public meetings to share documented success and through postings on our website www.foundationsec.org.

The Foundations continue to work to advance our grantees' proficiency and capacity and use gaming-fund resources to support grantee programs. Through the consolidation/merger of the original Twin City Education Foundation and the East Chicago Community Development Foundation into the Foundations of East Chicago, we worked to become more efficient in our operations so we could fund more programs and increase scholarship assistance.

REVENUE from 4/15/97 to 11/19/07	\$56,256,600
<i>Revenue from 11/20/07 to date held in escrow.</i>	
Philanthropic Activities through 12/10	
Grants	\$ 32,284,600
Donations	350,000
Endowment	9,132,300
North Harbor Attainable Apartments	2,300,000
Philanthropic Activity Subtotal	\$ 44,066,900
Revenue less Philanthropic Activities	\$ 12,189,700
<i>Administrative Services</i>	<i>5,485,400</i>
<i>Grant award, delivery & monitoring</i>	<i>6,704,300</i>



Strategic Areas - Funding through 12/31/2010	
Education	\$ 6,091,000
Public Safety	\$ 1,724,800
Youth Development	\$ 6,894,200
Family Support	\$ 3,711,100
Health	\$ 2,190,500
Financial Independence	\$ 11,673,000

"I was against the referendum to allow the casino to be built in East Chicago. However, since it passed and the Foundations were established, they have helped many organizations and programs in our community, schools and city. The Foundations have helped remodel houses, build new ones, provide counseling to low income people about money management, and information on how to secure affordable housing. The Foundations have helped people who would not have made it on their own."

Reverend James H. Hunter, Pastor
 Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
 Member of Foundations of East Chicago

“Citizen -run foundations should be established to serve the community.”

A condition of the 1994 Citizen Task Force on Gaming.

Two foundations were created as part of a 1997 gaming license’s local development agreement: the Twin City Education Foundation and the East Chicago Community Development Foundation. In 2005, the Indiana Gaming Commission asked State agencies to review the foundations’ work and in analyzing their review, the foundations decided to merge into the Foundations of East Chicago to become more fiscally sound and to possess greater focus.

After merging, the Foundations of East Chicago held public meetings to ask where community concerns existed. Those meetings resulted in a Strategic Plan designed to focus foundation funding into six critical areas. Using this new strategy, the professional staff began reaching out to local nonprofits in a variety of ways to help them cope with changing times. In 2008, the Foundations assembled more than 40 local nonprofit and government agency leaders to learn about collaborating and building coordinated-action plans to address the complex issues we all confronted. These meetings lasted four months and resulted in increased local nonprofit excitement and an understanding of how working together could better serve the people needing help.

The community became better engaged with the Foundations’ professional support. While this outreach occurred, the Foundations increased site visits, improved reporting procedures, expanded collaborative funding and reached greater levels of impact throughout the community.

Today, the Foundations continue to support community initiatives and help local nonprofits improve business practices, help them plan and evaluate program outcomes, leverage outside funds and reach out into the community to share their good work with every East Chicagoan, and telling their participants that their funding comes in part from the Foundations of East Chicago.

2010 Partial Funding Results:

	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Results</u>
Total Grant Awards	\$1,786,500	46 agencies serving every neighborhood in East Chicago
People fed through funded food banks:	\$ 45,000	54,000 people had healthy meals
Student educated with scholarships:	\$ 278,000	129 students were helped
Family utility support	\$ 50,000	240 families assisted



The Foundations wish to thank the hundreds of East Chicagoans who continue to work to improve the lives of our residents. We believe in East Chicago!

Foundation Grantees Receiving \$50,000 or more since 1997.

A.L.S.E. Clemente Center	International Quality Leadership Institute
African Americans United, Inc.	Ivy Tech Community College
America's Second Harvest of Northwest Indiana	Junior Achievement of Chicago/Northwest Indiana
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church	Lake Area United Way, Inc
Aquatic Research Interactive, Inc.	Lake Co. Sheriff Marina Station (Tonn & Blank)
Bishop Noll Institute	Meals on Wheels
Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, Inc.	Meek Missionary Baptist Church
Calumet College of St. Joseph	Mission of Jesus Christ Church
Calumet Council Boy Scouts of America	Munster Community Fitness Pointe
Catholic Family and Community Services	Neighborhoods Incorporated of Hammond
Christmas In April	New Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
City of East Chicago	New Horizons Child Care Ministry, Inc.
Communities In Schools of East Chicago	Northwest Indiana Federation Interfaith Organizations
Community Fellowship Outreach Ministries, Inc.	Otis Wilson Charitable Foundation
Community Reinvestment Project of East Chicago, Inc.	Pace Suburban Bus Service
Creating an Environment of Success, Inc.	Puerto Rican Parade Organization of NWI
Destined for Success	Purdue University Calumet
East Chicago Arts Initiative	Reach For Tomorrow, Inc
East Chicago Civic Little League	Revitalization Organization of New Addition, Inc.
East Chicago Diabetes Control	Robertson Child Development Center, Inc
East Chicago Education Foundation, Inc.	Roxana Civic Club
East Chicago Evening Lions Club	Salvation Army, East Chicago Corps
East Chicago Fitness Center	School City of East Chicago
East Chicago Historical Cultural and Arts	Sickle Cell Disease Association of Northwest Indiana
East Chicago Pop Warner Football	South Shore Arts, Inc.
East Chicago Public Library	St. Catherine Hospital
East Chicago Urban Enterprise Association, Inc.	St. John Cantius Church
Estella Smith Memorial Crime Prevention Foundation	St. Joseph's Carmelite Home
Faith Temple Church of God in Christ	St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church
Gift of Warmth	St. Mary Church
Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council	St. Mary School
God's Mighty Men	St. Patrick's Church
Grace Missionary Baptist Church of East Chicago	St. Stanislaus Church
Greater First Baptist Church of East Chicago, Indiana	St. Stanislaus School
Harbor Area Community Development Corp.	Teens In Action
Health Visions Midwest	Ten Point Coalition, Inc.
Healthy East Chicago, Inc.	Tri-City Ministerial Alliance of East Chicago
Holiday Help Foundation, Inc	Twin City Community Services
Holistic Community Coalition NFP	Twin City Education Foundation Scholarships
Holy Trinity Croatian Church	Union Benefica Mexicana
Indiana Harbor Assembly of God	United Neighborhood Organizations, Inc.
Indiana Harbor Catholic Elementary School	We Care From The Heart Social Services
Indiana Harbor Little League	Workforce Development Services, Inc.
Indiana Sailing Association, Inc.	Youth Government & Building Trades, Inc.
Indiana Youth Institute, Inc.	Youth of East Chicago - YOEC
International Community Alliance	Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Working hard to improve East Chicago's quality of living.

Boys & Girls Club: The first regional site to welcome girls, the Katherine House works with youth to develop them physically and mentally. Career development uses learned work-skills to earn income, but that requires 60 hours of community service. Academic studies include homework and tutoring; social development comes from a unique mentoring program called Ten Steps Rites of Passage. The Foundations help every stage of our children's growth.

Catholic Family Services: Our agency has been active for decades in helping those in need. With Foundation funds, we can dedicate resources to help East Chicagoans gain valuable nutrition education, learn financial literacy and budgeting needed to survive in these difficult times, help those who may lose their homes or begin new lives after leaving shelters, and we share in offering heating assistance and feeding families. The Foundations have helped so many become stable citizens.

Community Reinvestment Project of East Chicago: We operate an agency well-respected among local and state peers. We serve the community by establishing connections between East Chicago families and affordable home-ownership. Through classes dealing with home maintenance, personal and household finances, we leverage Foundation homebuyer assistance grants with homebuyer equity, while developing new homes ready for occupancy with partner agencies. One mother commented how her 6th grade daughter now handles her personal finances to save for college. CRP offers a better life for our residents because of FEC.

E.C. Central Fitness Center: We have two fitness trainers because of a Healthy East Chicago grant. We have always been a major resource for the community's fitness. Today we serve 250 students a day and 750 adults annually. A wide range of support is offered from a 75 year-old rebuilding himself after open heart surgeries, to a young man losing 105 lbs. Our equipment is maintained with FEC funds, too. We couldn't help the community if not for FEC.

East Chicago Education Foundation: Educating children about our environment has been our goal since 1998. We've expanded Earth Camp's experience to a week-long experience. Working with counselors, young "city-people" recruited from 5-7th grades, explore natural landscapes, from forests to dunes, to a great lake. Matthew at 14, cast off his fear of bugs and now desires to be a counselor because the Foundations helped keep the program alive.

Neighborhoods, Inc.: We work with neighbors to build neighborhoods. Our Best House on the Block contest has meant many thousands of dollars invested in home upgrades and beautification. Our Crime Watch signs were circulated by neighbors so they could meet more friends and build safety networks which promote neighborhood ownership. Our Have a Seat program has installed many benches where people can sit and visit outside. All this is because of Foundation funding.

Purdue University Calumet: The Foundations of East Chicago has provided financial support to our students through scholarships. Additionally, we have worked together to making it possible for East Chicago residents to participate in initiatives like the Summer Science, Math and Engineering Program, the Challenger Learning Center, the Trio Education Talent Search and the African American Student Achievement Conference. We look forward to partnering with FEC in the future.

Salvation Army – Local Churches: The Heating Assistance program helped hundreds since 2002. Many cases involved low- and minimum-wage earners whose hours were cut, made it impossible to cover rent and utilities. In other cases, people relocating to East Chicago didn't know the landscape of support available to them. Our staff used their central computer to assist families cover rent and utility costs, connected them to other agency support and stopped disconnections from occurring. Families can live more securely using FEC's support.

St. Stanislaus School & Church: Since 1998 we have been proactively educating our youth. Many who were behind in class levels caught up with the aid of computer labs, in-school lap-tops, reading and special education software funded by the Foundations. FEC funded campus improvements include energy-efficient windows, AC, security doors and cameras and smartboards. We've recently partnered with SSA and Carnegie to bring art alive, expanding "normal" education into a dynamic experience they will always remember.

Youth of East Chicago: We began when our new freshmen returned from a life-changing trip to the US Naval Academy in 1999. While there, they roomed with cadets and learned about life's potential. As a result YOEC has started new businesses at the marina and library to sample the complexities of business, engaged students into the community and raised community awareness about the 911 disaster. Many of the best students on campus are members. Some come with attitudes, many change for the better because we are students who care. Thank you, Foundations, for your support.

Foundations of East Chicago Scholarships: Since 1998, Foundation scholarships have helped more than 442 students enter and work toward college degrees. More than \$3,000,000 in four-year scholarships meant that East Chicago students could attend nearly 100 colleges including: Annapolis, Boston College, Harvard, Indiana University, Grambling, Loyola, MIT, Notre Dame, Purdue, Southern Cal, and our own Ivy Tech. A scholarship recipient from last year, Manuel Mendoza, told his Harvard story in a Times article appearing June 15th.



I want to thank Pastor Johnson and HCC for this honor today. We have received accolades from other grantees over the years, but we have seldom had an invitation to tell our story. Circulated today is a handout providing some information about the good work done with Foundation dollars. But before I elaborate on that story, I wanted to share a little about how we came to be and how one learned quickly the complex issues with “giving away” money so the community could get the best benefit.

To begin, I want to introduce the Board of Directors of the Foundations of East Chicago:

Nadyne Kokot, President

George Weems, VP

Jim Rajchel, Treasurer

Pete Smith, Secretary

Louie Gonzalez, member

Next I want to introduce the members of the Grant Committees, which work very hard to assess applications and make awards. (Name those present) Let’s also recognize our staff. (Name staff present)

The Foundations began as a vision, a requirement you might say, for the community to accept and support a gaming license located in East Chicago. The UCO, United Citizens Organization, made up of community and church leaders, had been actively involved with issues affecting the community years before gaming was ever considered. They were very concerned that gaming would cause more problems than eliminate. They “asked” the Mayor to assemble a task force consisting of community members to assess gaming and how it could affect local employment. They examined potential economic improvements and education benefits. Members of that task force travelled to New Jersey to see Showboat Casino. Once there, they saw a different image, an image of impoverished homes and businesses across the street from multi-million dollars casinos lining the Atlantic Ocean shoreline. Back home, people were learning about the new casino jobs, the training which would come to make candidates eligible for employment, and how traffic would be separated from residential neighborhoods; but the images of local neighborhood deterioration did not rest in the task force members’ hearts. As part of their deliberations, those members spearheaded a movement which would include the creation of foundations that would address community and education development. The condition? That the foundations would be run by citizens of East Chicago! After the adoption of the Task Force’s report, Showboat committed to funding two foundations each at 1% of the Adjusted Gross Gaming Revenue.

In September 1997, the two foundations were incorporated as private 501c3 foundations. They were managed by a common staff. Board members were selected from local agencies to be part of the respective boards of directors. At one time between 19 and 21 board members sat on each of the foundations. And the interesting thing was they all learned about philanthropy, the processes of receiving funding, investing into endowments for the community’s future and considering applications for grants. This was all a new process and opportunity. The new boards

learned quickly that “giving” money was no easy task, especially knowing the needs of the community and making sure that agency plans would become a reality.

After ten years, using state agency input, the officers from the two foundations assessed options of restructuring the foundations. The option which best served the community was for the two foundations to consider a merger. This would permit management to be more streamlined and focused, while retaining the social and intellectual depth of the predecessor foundations as part of the improved new structure.

After merging, the foundation called a public meeting, to ask our citizens what concerns they had about the community. Attending residents held breakout sessions with facilitators so the large group could hold meaningful caucuses and document their discussions. The Foundation’s board and grant committee members then held a retreat, fine-tuned the citizens’ input and published a more dynamic 2008 Strategic Plan. This three year plan established a new mission; **to strengthen and improve the quality of life in East Chicago through Strategic Grant Making, Providing Leadership and Serving as a Community Resource**. The strategy focused on issues involving Education, Public Safety, Youth Development, Family Support, Health, and Financial Independence including Community Economic Development. It also focused on internal infrastructure and governance and tracking grantmaking results. I’m pleased to say, that virtually every important aspect of the strategy has been accomplished and we are now ready to update our strategy for the next three years.

The Foundations of East Chicago have been and are funding foundations. It was never our intent to hire professionals to run programs to serve the community. East Chicago has a long and proud history of local agency participation in problem solving. The challenge was to have our local citizens guide our staff so that we could seek out and encourage our local agencies to develop programs they could operate for their members. It took years to fully appreciate the potential of this philanthropic model. Like many of you who run businesses or households, “delegation” is no easy task. One must accept setbacks, struggle and sometimes “lost time” as part of training agency people to take charge. But the benefits far outweighed the difficulties.

Today, our grantees can stand with national agencies, not only **HCC who has developed** this new, dynamic resource for the community, but others like **Community Reinvestment Partnership**, Neighborhoods, Inc., **Catholic Charities**, UNO, **South Shore Arts**, Communities in Schools, **Ivy Tech**, Haven House, **Katherine House**, St. Catherine Hospital, **Healthy East Chicago**, the Youth of East Chicago (**YOEC**), numerous local churches, the **Salvation Army**, Puerto Rican Parade & all **our cultural agencies**, NWI Food Bank, **Meals on Wheels**, We Care from the Heart, **International Community Alliance**, and many, **many more** . Using the funds awarded by our local citizens, our organized sports can stack up to all other teams, and they provide exceptional “feeder” systems for our schools. The work done by our agencies help prepare our young people for the challenges that come with living in the 21st Century; and our students are successfully attending college, not only locally, but in distant states like Massachusetts, California, and Florida and Arizona.

When I talk about the Foundations of East Chicago, I talk about you. Because we are you and you are part of us. In 2008, it was time to do more. We called together more than 40 agencies to talk about the issues we all face. Meaningful facilitator-driven dialog enabled the agencies to realize they could call upon other agencies to provide services they were lacking so greater accomplishments could be realized by working in harmony. The Collaboration report documenting this outcome is available on our website. It's worth reading. Three Collaboration applications were approved as a result of that process, one addressing neighborhoods, one addressing arts and education, one addressing health and young mothers. Those collaborative programs are highlighted in our Gallery.

Another thing coming from that process was a better understanding of local agency shortfalls. With this knowledge, the Foundations provided training on nonprofit operation and grant application techniques using facilitators retained by the Foundation. This has grown into a new initiative in partnership with IUN aimed to educate nonprofit leaders in the arts of running nonprofits.

Since we have started helping the East Chicago community, we first "reacted" to community needs, then learned to become "proactive" in developing solutions. In the beginning we had to react to hunger and home-retention emergencies, we needed to address healthy life experiences for our youth, we wanted to help educate our children. Using our time-tested strategies, we engaged local agencies to help create proactive solutions. Each year we hope to accomplish more. Each year we will grow together to build a better East Chicago.

In permitting us to share our story, I want to close by recognizing some of the accomplishments of our host.

Since 2006, **Holistic Community Coalition** has established a great presence in our Community. They initiated a new service, Tri-City Alternative Actions Program or TCAAP which began as an alternative program tied to Lake County Juvenile Court to "rehab" troubled youth so they may make self-corrected decisions and begin a new life away from criminal influence. From that beginning, Ms. Yanders at Block J.H. was contacted about recruiting students with troubled lives. Immediately, teachers, counselors and faculty assembled more than 30 students and TCAAP began to alter their lives through love and professional guidance. Some of those students continue to participate in the TCAAP experience as mentors, counselors and tutors. This is a life-changing experience for many of our students.

TCAAP represented an interactive program with school administrators' participation. Other schools were seeking out HCC for assistance. Westside J.H. was next to step up. Leveraging two campuses, HCC decided to develop communication skills by creating a debate between "The New

Kids on the Block” and the “West Side Story” students. The first debate was a huge success. Parents and community members observed great promise in those students.

TCAAP kids didn’t want to leave the program. So staff expanded the program to maintain meaningful connection with their youth. This led to the “Youth Advocacy” initiative, which has assisted 700 youth referred by the schools and juvie court. As success grew, so did their numbers, student began to walk into the program and recruit fellow students needing help.

Thinking ahead, the students were beginning to mature, and as adults, they needed jobs. Working with FEC staff, and the Heating Assistance program, HCC used material received from a weatherization conference to initiate a local weatherization initiative to help families seal windows, insulate appliances and reduce utility expenses using proven practices. This work was marketed to NIPSCO, which quickly realized the benefit of funding the initiative to increase its exposure to its clientele. Today, this funding coop has served more than 200 residents in the tri-city area.

The relationships with our regional youth continued to grow with the help of the North Township Trustee. An anti-gang initiative titled “Taking it to the Streets” has begun to help shape decisions of our youth. This parallels an initiative tied to Indiana’s Access to Recovery program which serves an additional 200 clients. And in addition, HCC staff has participated in learning programs leading to certifications to help ex-offenders re-enter our society.

As programs are geared more toward sustainable lives, HCC began to acquire properties. These properties will be used to learn on-site trades-development skills, so properties can be rehabbed and ultimately occupied by workers in HCC programs.

This property is special, not only because their courtyard will carry our name, but because it represents the resiliency of HCC to meet their goals. As student skills increased, HCC needed access to more sophisticated learning tools. Here smartboards, projector-assisted learning equipment, special software tied to grade-equivalent learning and computer labs are available to help student and tutors help kids make their grades and advance to their next level.

Every challenge has been met, some with Foundations’ funds, some with outside funds. Today, HCC is a substantial member of our nonprofit community. There is more to do, but I believe they are up to the challenge. Standing alongside of our other grantees, , and we are proud to be part of these many success stories.

From our beginning to today’s recognition, The Foundations of East Chicago will remain a part of the East Chicago community, helping where it can with funding and professional support. We do this because we care.

We do this because we believe in East Chicago.

Thank you.