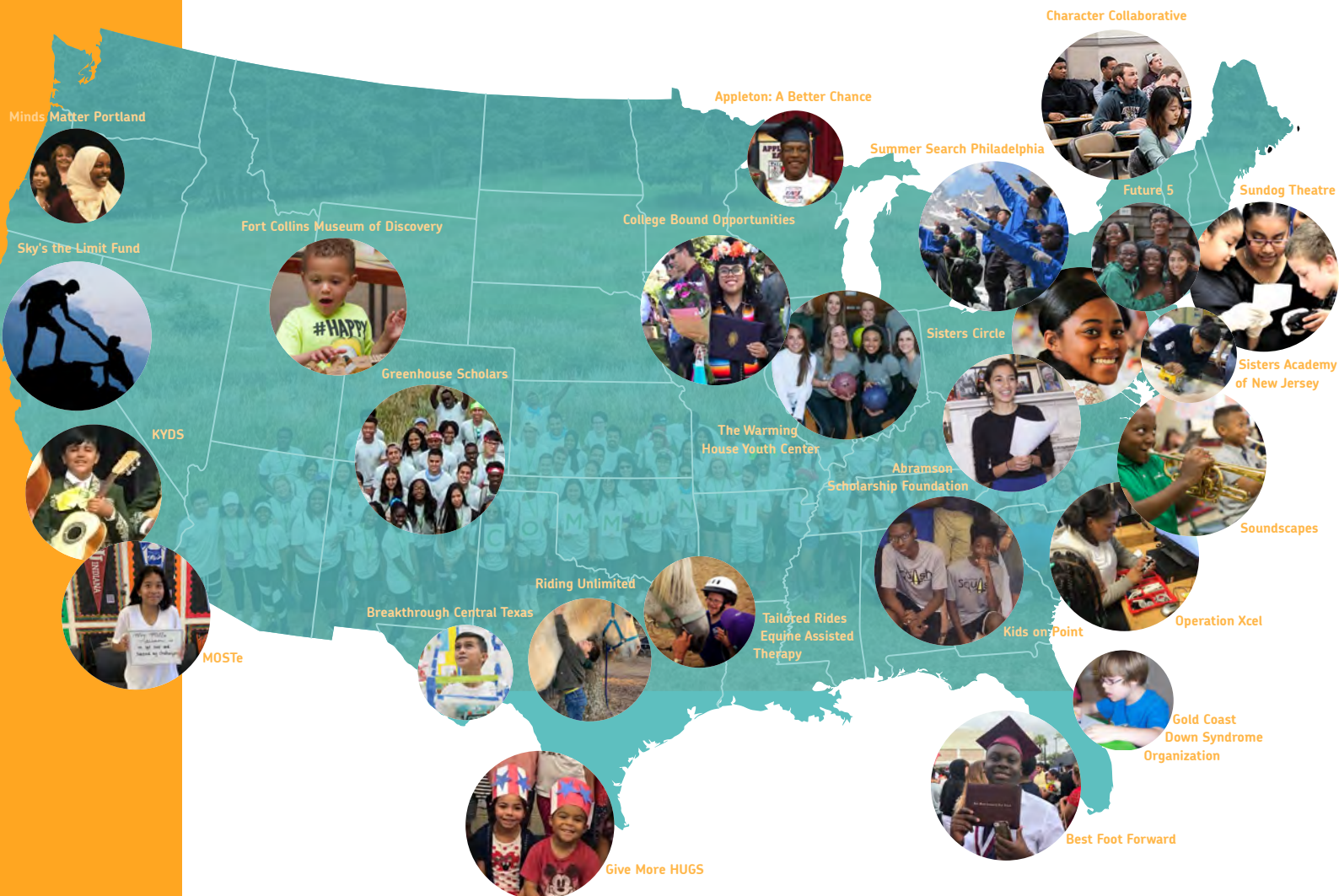




## 2019 Annual Report

# Giving Hope to Children Everywhere





# 2019 Hope Everywhere

## Dear Friends of the IECA Foundation,



It's hard to believe we've closed the door on yet another incredible year at the IECA Foundation. 2019 was a whirlwind year, from interacting with many of you at the IECA Conference in Chicago to getting down on the dance floor at our annual fundraising event in Atlanta, to countless hours spent working to improve the lives of the students we serve. It was about striving to build on what we've worked so hard to achieve — to provide students with access to, and opportunities in, education. Thanks to you, the Foundation was able to award \$93,000 in grants, funding 25 programs for underserved children throughout the country.

I am delighted to take on the role of Board Chair this year and to use my experience as an educational consultant, past school administrator, and former Admissions Director to build on the success of the Foundation. I am taking over this role from my esteemed colleague Luisa Rabe, who has selflessly dedicated her time and efforts to increase our visibility and streamline our processes to help us move to the next phase of our mission. Because of Luisa's passion and commitment to our cause, it was a year to remember.

Last year was our third year awarding micro-grants to deserving organizations where IECA members volunteer. We were able to fund five programs that are particularly close to your hearts, and we will continue this tradition in 2020. Along with micro-grants, we awarded full grants to 20 outstanding organizations throughout the country, fulfilling immediate educational and therapeutic programming needs.

2019 was an exciting year of progress and success, yet there is much more to come in 2020 and beyond. We can't wait to share the success stories of the programs that are directly impacted by your incredible generosity and support. Thanks to you, the Foundation was able to have an amazing impact on our most vulnerable populations. Your continued support will help us achieve our goals for years to come!

Sincerely,

Krissy Naspo

2020 Board Chair, IECA Foundation



Kids on Point, South Carolina



MOSTe, California



Sisters Circle, Maryland

## Mission Statement

The IECA Foundation was founded in 1996 to support the mission and expand the role of the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA).

The mission of the IECA Foundation is to identify and support programs that have significant impact on students and their educational environments. Priority is given to programs that assist students as they make educational choices.



# 2019 Main Grant Cycle



**Abramson Scholarship Foundation ▲**  
(Washington, D.C.) - \$4000

The Abramson Scholarship Foundation ensures that motivated, low-income DC public high school graduates have the opportunity to get to and through college. They provide students with financial and mentoring resources that help them rise above the obstacles posed by poverty that could otherwise hamper their chances of life successes.

**Best Foot Forward**  
(Boca Raton, Florida) - \$5000

Best Foot Forward is the only nonprofit in Palm Beach County, Florida exclusively dedicated to the educational success of foster care children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Established in 2010, the organization empowers foster care youth to maximize their potential by providing essential academic support and guidance.

**Character Collaborative**  
(Panton, Vermont) - \$5000

The Character Collaborative includes educational institutions and educators across the U.S. with the mission to elevate character attributes and other non-academic factors in the way youth are admitted to college.

**College Bound Opportunities**  
(Highland Park, Illinois) - \$5000

College Bound Opportunities' mission is to mentor, empower, and inspire low-income, first-generation scholars to overcome barriers, graduate college, and achieve success in life. Through their multifaceted programming encompassing academic, social, emotional and financial supports, they help their Scholars build the tools, resources, skills and knowledge necessary to successfully navigate a college career.



**Fort Collins Museum of Discovery ▲**  
(Fort Collins, Colorado) - \$3000

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery's mission is to create meaningful opportunities to learn, reflect, and have fun through hands-on and collection-based explorations in science and culture. They spark curiosity and discovery to achieve their vision: inspiring inquisitive thinkers and responsible stewardship of the future.



**Give More HUGS ▲**  
(San Antonio, Texas) - \$4000

Established in 2012 to support students and teachers in disadvantaged communities to achieve their educational goals. Give More Hugs has three main programs: BookShare, BackPacks and Ambassadors. They provide books, backpacks, and mentorships. Their unique leadership model trains students and teachers to cultivate their leadership while impacting students in underserved communities.

**Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization**  
(Boynton Beach, Florida) - \$3000

Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a non-profit dedicated to providing educational and advocacy programs, as well as support and information to individuals with Down syndrome and their families while raising awareness of their abilities.

**Greenhouse Scholars**  
(Boulder, Colorado) - \$4500

Greenhouse Scholars is dedicated to cultivating extraordinary leaders to change low-income families and communities. The organization empowers college students with essential professional, personal, and financial resources to excel and to become strategic leaders driving results.

**KYDS (Keep Youth Doing Something Inc)**  
(Van Nuys, California) - \$4500

KYDS focuses on keeping children from low-income communities safe and away from high risk behaviors and gang violence through after school academic support and enrichment programming. They provide educational opportunities, along with a safe place to be, for their most vulnerable children. They provide services at no cost to participants or their families.

**Kids on Point**  
(Charleston, South Carolina) - \$5000

Kids On Point introduces young people to the world of opportunity outside of their under-resourced neighborhoods through year-round academic, athletic, and enrichment programming. Kids on Point promotes civic engagement by organizing monthly volunteer and service learning projects in collaboration with other charitable organizations in Charleston.



**MOSTe ▲**  
(Los Angeles, California) - \$5000

MOSTe (Motivating Our Students Through Experience) is a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that girls from underserved areas in LA County have the support they need to graduate from college. Students enter their programs in the seventh grade and are provided the resources, guidance, and access needed to help them achieve their educational goals.

# 2019 Main Grant Cycle

## Operation Xcel (Stokesdale, North Carolina) - \$5000

Operation Xcel operates five 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) within Guilford County. Their programs provide academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools to help them meet local and state academic standards in reading, mathematics, and science. They believe in a holistic approach to academic success recognizing the interconnectivity of social, emotional, and academic domains.

## Riding Unlimited (Ponder, Texas) - \$3000

Riding Unlimited's mission for the past 30 years has been to Turn Disabilities Into Possibilities. They help individuals with physical, educational, intellectual and emotional disabilities through the power of the horse. Therapeutic horsemanship improves strength, balance, coordination, memory utilization, muscle tone, motor skills, social interaction and self-esteem.

## Sisters Circle (Timonium, Maryland) - \$5000

Sisters Circle provides long-term mentoring to foster meaningful and sustainable change in the lives of girls and young women in Baltimore. As early as middle school, Sisters Circle motivates students to create a vision for their own future by providing career exploration workshops, exposure to professional role models and internship opportunities. They work with students to make intentional decisions about their future, define success for themselves, and choose their own path.

## Sky's the Limit Fund (Milpitas, California) - \$5000

The mission of Sky's the Limit Fund is to transform the lives of youth in crisis and their families by providing access to wilderness therapy programs, coaching services to guide families during the transition home, and outreach to educate the community on the benefits of wilderness therapy.



## Soundscapes ▲ (Newport News, Virginia) - \$5000

Soundscapes is a nonprofit, educational intervention program that helps prepare underserved students to succeed in school and beyond through intensive after-school music education. For Soundscapes, music is a tool to provide critical life skills to 350 elementary through high school students annually.

## Summer Search Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) - \$5000

Summer Search Philadelphia is a positive youth empowerment organization that partners with students to unleash their potential through mentoring and transformative experiences. We envision a world in which young people, regardless of circumstances, have the opportunity to fulfill their potential and lead their communities to thrive.

## Sundog Theatre (Staten Island, New York) - \$5000

Sundog Theatre, Inc. provides contemporary and original theatre and educational K-12 programming. We develop artistic opportunities that enhance the economic and cultural vitality of our local and greater NYC communities. Sundog is unique in offering original Island-based work and is the only local organization that provides comprehensive educational arts programming.



Sundog Theatre, New York



## Tailored Rides Equine Assisted Therapy ▲ (Paris, Texas) - \$2000

Tailored Rides is a small therapeutic riding center in rural North East Texas. Lamar County, Texas is an economically disadvantaged county with a reported 18.8% of the residents living in poverty and 12.9% reporting a disability. Tailored Rides serves children and adults with special needs, providing an innovative learning environment, for students with disabilities or other disadvantages.

## The Warming House Youth Center (Wilmette, Illinois) - \$5000

The Warming House Youth Center is a free drop-in center for 8th through 12th graders. Staff members at the Center offer teens a welcoming, supervised, and structured environment where they can explore their values, test their independence, and develop leadership skills that enhance their overall growth and development. The Warming House Youth Center provides group and individual support and counseling services, as well as other programs and opportunities to help teens address their concerns and mature into responsible adults.

**Total: \$88,000**

# 2019 Micro Grants

The IECA Foundation strives to level the playing field by supporting access and enrichment programs for underserved youth. Each year, five awards are presented to deserving organizations where IECA members volunteer their time and expertise.

## Appleton: A Better Chance (Appleton, Wisconsin) - \$1,000

Appleton - A Better Chance (ABC) provides academically talented students of color with an opportunity for education, guidance and personal development. Their mission is three-fold: Support education for scholars of color. Provide a unique living experience. Engage the Appleton community.

## Breakthrough Central Texas (Austin, Texas) - \$1,000

Breakthrough builds a path through college, beginning in middle school, for students from low-income communities who will become the first in their families to earn a college degree. The program combines individualized, long-term case management with extended learning time for students who statistics say will not enroll in or graduate from college without significant support.

## Future 5 (Stamford, Connecticut) - \$1,000

Future 5 assists motivated, low-income high school students in Stamford, CT reach their full potential, leading to independence and productive citizenship. They provide a robust after-school program which includes college preparation, college admissions assistance, and general academic planning/career counseling services at no cost to students.

## Minds Matter Portland (Portland, Oregon) - \$1,000

Minds Matter Portland is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to transform the lives of accomplished high school students from low-income families by broadening their dreams and preparing them for college success. Their goal is to equip underprivileged high school students with the tools to gain acceptance to a four-year university and navigate the financial aid process.

## Sisters Academy of New Jersey (Asbury Park, New Jersey) - \$1,000

Established in 1997, Sisters Academy of New Jersey is a girls' middle school located in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The Academy focuses on educating girls from economically challenged families in order to provide them with the tools necessary to gain access to and achieve success in private high schools and universities.



Future 5, Connecticut



Minds Matter Portland, Oregon



Sisters Academy, New Jersey

# 2019 Katz Award

## Katz Award Honoree Kathy Rose

The Irvin W. Katz Award is presented each year by the IECA Foundation. It was created to honor consultants for their volunteer work with organizations providing educational opportunities to children. Irv Katz was a beloved IECA consultant who worked passionately for the good of children.

In 2019, the IECA Foundation presented the Katz award to Kathy Rose for her work with

CollegeCommunityCareer, an organization she founded in 2012 to help low-income, first generation students on the west side of the greater Houston area attend college. Since 2012, CollegeCommunityCareer has served over 1,000 students. In 2019, 114 seniors received over \$4,110,000 in scholarships and grants. The program is built on four pillars: College Success, Career Discovery, Leadership



Development & Civic Engagement. Their vision is an employed, civically minded college graduate.

Kathy is a professional member of IECA and a Certified Educational Planner. The IECA Foundation awarded a grant to CollegeCommunityCareer in Kathy's honor.

# 2019 Recipients Speak



## Fort Collins Museum of Discovery ▲

“Thank you for this wonderful gift to Fort Collins Museum of Discovery's Opportunity Program! IECA Foundation's support makes it possible for Northern Colorado's low-income children to gain access to immersive, hands-on science and culture experiences. Because of the IECA Foundation, our world is indeed a better place. Over 53,000 lower-income visitors have gained hands-on museum experiences since we opened in 2012, and your gift is instrumental to continuing this important work.”

## Greenhouse Scholars

“Greenhouse Scholars is deeply honored and grateful for your \$4,500 award. Your support will make a major impact on our scholars, our organization, and the low-income communities we are affecting through our scholars' leadership. This grant allows us to continue to strive toward our mission of creating a community of leaders who will evolve the communities of the world. On behalf of our staff, our scholars, and their families — thank you.”



Greenhouse Scholars, Colorado

## Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

“The IECA Foundation has supported Gold Coast's Learning Program in the past and now we thank you for not only truly seeing and believing in the possibilities but supporting the Educational Advocacy Program. As Elaine Hall said, “Inclusion elevates all.” We are grateful to have IECAF's support for inclusion to elevate our members and all of us in the process.”



## KYDS (Keep Youth Doing Something) ▲

“On behalf of our awesome students, staff and KYDS Board of Directors, I would thank the IECA Foundation for the \$4,500 grant you awarded to Keep Youth Doing Something (KYDS) Inc. This grant will support our Philanthropic Outreach Project (POP) afterschool program. KYDS Created the POP program to prevent children from going hungry during the holidays, when students are not receiving subsidized meals at school. As a result of your generosity, 50 students will utilize persuasive writing skills to solicit food donations from local businesses to address this issue with a goal of supporting 35 to 40 high-need families.”



## Sisters Circle ▲

“On behalf of Sisters Circle, I would like to thank you and the IECA Foundation for a generous grant award in the amount of \$5000. As a Sisters Circle graduate, I can say that your contribution will help change a young woman's life. Each day, our girls and young women are navigating the challenges of a city and society that has predetermined their stories. At Sisters Circle, we empower our girls to define their own success, and we uplift them every step of the way.” Thank you for investing in us!”



## Sundog Theatre ▲

“Thank you for awarding Sundog Theatre with a \$5,000 grant for our 3-D Literacy program in this current school year. 3-D Literacy supports language arts curriculum in schools and helps students who have literacy challenges to improve their ability to read, write, learn, and communicate. Integrating theatre games, literacy concepts, and writing into lessons, the program is designed to increase comprehension and vocabulary, build confidence, and expand creativity. The program helped increase reading scores successfully in elementary grades, and teachers have expressed how this program has given struggling students a boost in confidence, which leads to an increase in classroom performance.”

# 2019 Year in Review

\$93K in Grants Awarded

5,000 Students Impacted

25 Programs Across 17 States



Future 5, Connecticut



Abramson Scholarship Foundation Washington, D.C.



Operation Xcel, North Carolina



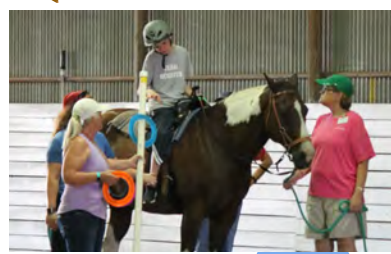
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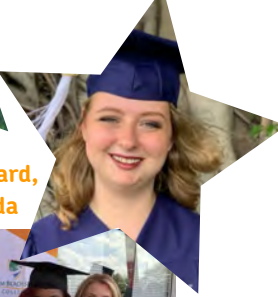
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Best Foot Forward, Florida



MOSTe, California



Riding Unlimited, Texas





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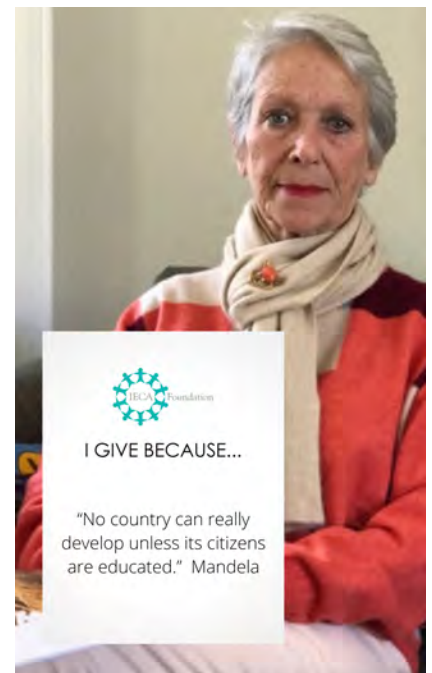
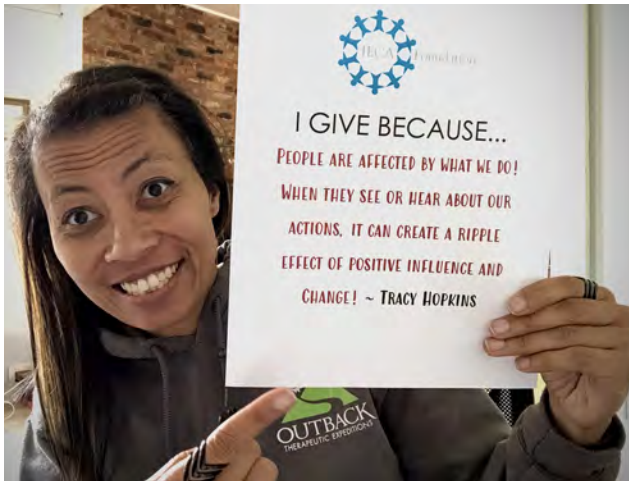


Kids on Point, South Carolina

# 2019 Why I Give

**F**or nearly twenty-five years the IECA Foundation has served as the charitable arm of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, the nation's leading professional organization for educational advisors in private practice. The Foundation leverages knowledge, professional skills

and funds provided by IECA members, sponsors, and donors to help underserved students map pathways to success. IECAF's Board of Trustees is passionate about investing in the Foundation and supporting programs that make education a priority. Here are some of the many reasons they choose to give to the Foundation.



2019

# Circle 96 Society



**W**e want our most dedicated supporters to know how much they mean to us. Therefore, in 2018, we created a new loyalty group: The Circle 96 Society.

## Why Circle 96 Society?

The work of the IECA Foundation is cyclical, with grantmaking happening annually. We believe

the image of a circle aligns perfectly with this process, as well as the idea of a dedicated circle of donors. The 96 is in reference to the founding year of the IECA Foundation.

Members of the Circle 96 Society will be the first to hear about upcoming IECA Foundation events and opportunities, and

will receive invitations for Circle 96 gatherings at future conferences. We are excited to welcome new members to The Circle 96 Society and look forward to seeing this group of supporters grow! We extend special gratitude to our members, listed below, for their steadfast support of the IECA Foundation.

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## A Student Speaks

"I've been a member of MOSTe since 9th grade, and I am now a college graduate. One of my main challenges was being able to financially support going to college. Because of MOSTe I was able to receive a full scholarship, which was a huge help to both me and my family. MOSTe really paved the way in regards to visiting different colleges, college tours, SAT prep, and having a college counselor who would help me write my college essays and refine my application. That really made my dreams of achieving higher education come to reality. — Ingrid Lopez



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## A Student Speaks

"Knowing that I have people in my corner drives me towards success. Without your support, I would not have the opportunity to attend college. Thank you!"

— Marquese Johnson-King,  
 Abramson Scholar



2019

# Hot'Lanta Rock'n'Roll Dance Party

In November, we hosted nearly 250 guests for our Hot'Lanta Rock 'n' Roll Dance Party at the IECA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Guests got down on the dance floor under disco lights while the DJ spun some classic tunes. Thank you to our incredible sponsors for making this fun evening possible. Event proceeds will help us continue our grant-making efforts for years to come!



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