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Chicago Tribune Charities is committed to helping low-income populations in the Chicago and suburban areas become self-sufficient through support of educational and family strengthening programs. Through the McCormick Foundation, Chicago Tribune Charities funds child and youth education, adult literacy, workforce development and child abuse prevention and treatment programs offered by nonprofit organizations throughout the city and suburbs. In 2014 the grant support totaled \$3,950,000.

The Chicago Tribune and the McCormick Foundation partner to raise funds for Chicago Tribune Charities. The McCormick Foundation provides a generous match of 50 cents for every dollar donated year round. All donations, plus the match, go directly to support programs as all administrative expenses are paid for by the McCormick Foundation and the Chicago Tribune. Its most visible fundraising campaign, the Chicago Tribune Holiday Giving campaign, is promoted during the holidays.

ADULT LITERACY

Grants support modified (workforce-enhanced) Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs that help low-income adults raise their reading and English proficiency levels to meet eligibility requirements for job training, high school equivalency GED classes, and/or post-secondary education programs.

\$60,000

Albany Park Community Center (Chicago)

For the Beginning Literacy program, which provides small group classes and one-on-one tutoring for individuals with low literacy levels. In FY13, the program served 105 adult learners from Albany Park and Irving Park.

\$100,000

Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition (Chicago)

General support of this membership organization that conducts extensive trainings on best practices in the field for nonprofit organizations serving low literate adults. To improve the city's adult education system, the organization convenes and participates in diverse learning communities composed of service providers, the City Colleges of Chicago and government literacy funders.

\$70,000

Chicago Commons Association (Chicago)

For the Vocational Adult Basic Education (Bridge) program, which provides literacy instruction in the areas of healthcare and manufacturing to adults with literacy levels between 6th-9th grade living in the West Humboldt Park neighborhood. In FY14, the program served 14 students.

\$60,000

Dominican Literacy Center of Aurora (Aurora)

For the Women's ESL Tutoring program, which provides weekly one-to-one literacy instruction and English conversation classes, child care and additional self-paced literacy software programs to low-income and immigrant women in the far western suburbs. In FY13, the program served 190 adult learners with 210 trained volunteer tutors.

\$40,000

Family Focus (Aurora)

For the Adult ESL Literacy program, which provides four levels of ESL instruction, tutoring, conversation classes, child care and social services to working poor learners at the Aurora Family Center. In 2015, in collaboration with Waubensee Community College, ESL program graduates can enroll on-site in GED-prep classes. In FY13, the program served 82 learners.

\$80,000

Heartland Human Care Services, Inc (Chicago)

For the Beginning & Pre-Bridge Literacy programs, providing multi-level ESL and ABE instruction through classes, small groups, and one-on-one tutoring for immigrants and refugees at two community sites. Last year, the program served 621 adults in Belmont-Cragin and Uptown neighborhoods.

\$60,000

Howard Area Community Center (Chicago)

For the Beginning Literacy program, which provides low-income adult learners with the education and resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency. Last year the year-round program served 179 adult learners.

\$70,000

Jewish Vocational Service (Chicago)

For the Pathways to Entrepreneurial ESL Bridge program, a fourteen-week entrepreneurial bridge curriculum developed by JVS, and approved by the Illinois Community College Board in 2014. The program will pilot the new curriculum through classroom-based and individualized instruction, helping 20 students in FY15 with literacy levels between 6th-9th grade. It builds the business skills needed for career advancement and helps students enter a vocational training program, such as at its Duman Center, or enroll in a local community college.

\$30,000

Literacy Connection (Elgin)

For the Beginning Literacy program, which provides one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction for very low level adult learners located in the northwest suburbs. Last year, the ESL program served 138 adults.

\$40,000

Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley (St. Charles)

For the Beginning ABE and ESL Literacy program, which provides one-on-one tutoring instruction and individualized lesson plans to adult learners in Kane County. Tutoring occurs at locations accessible to the learners such as local libraries, schools, churches and workplaces and at home settings. In FY14, the program matched 298 adult learners with 204 volunteer tutors.

\$50,000

Literacy Volunteers of America (Naperville)

For the Beginning Adult Literacy program, which provides ABE and ESL tutoring instruction to low-income adults in DuPage County whose low literacy levels and irregular job schedules prevent them from succeeding in and attending classroom-based programs.

\$40,000

People's Resource Center (Wheaton)

For the Beginning Literacy program, which provides low-level non-English speakers with one-on-one tutoring, small group instruction and formal classroom instruction. In FY13, the program served 60 adults. A pre-bridge program focused on technology will begin in 2015.

\$70,000

RefugeeOne (Chicago)

For the Refugee English Language Training program, which offers classroom instruction, field trips, computer-based learning and individual tutoring for recently resettled refugees, the majority of whom are from Iraq, Burma, Bhutan and various African nations. In FY13, the program served 280 adults.

\$80,000

Safer Foundation (Chicago)

For the Beginning Literacy programs, which provides ABE and GED preparation to youth offenders and adults at Cook County Jail. Last year, the programs served 262 youth and adults.

\$50,000

Township High School District 214 Community Education Foundation (Arlington Heights)

For the Bridge to Technical Trades & Health Services program, which provides twelve-week modules of literacy instruction to adults reading between 6th-9th grade levels. The classes are contextualized in the healthcare and manufacturing sectors, focusing on career readiness, language skills, computer literacy, workplace writing, and business correspondence. In FY 2013, the program served 16 students.

\$900,000

TOTAL ADULT LITERACY GRANTS

CHILD & YOUTH EDUCATION

Grants support nonprofit organizations that help students from low-income families successfully transition through key stages in their academic career and enter post-secondary programs. The supported two key stages include: reading proficiently by the end of third grade and successful completion of high school and entering a post-secondary situation. Eligible programs include tutoring, college preparation/entrance assistance, standardized test preparation, truancy/drop-out prevention and K-3 children's literacy programs. Priority is given to programs tracking student achievements. Advocacy efforts creating systemic change, and training programs building agency capacity are also supported.

\$50,000

Bethel New Life (Chicago)

For the Brain Train program, which provides in-school one-on-one tutoring and after-school center-based tutoring to low-level literacy students three times per week to improve students' reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Tutoring sessions are led by paid parent instructors who are trained on the curriculum. Last year, the program served 34 students from the Austin neighborhood.

\$80,000

Chicago Lights (Chicago)

For the first to third grade component of the After School Tutoring & Summer Day programs, which provide intensive reading instruction and activities, math and life skills services for low-income students with low literacy scores. In FY14, the programs served 101 primarily African American youth from Near North and West Side communities.

\$150,000

Chicago Scholars Foundation (Chicago)

For one-on-one college counseling of the College Access program, which provides a series of intensive college preparation workshops to low-income high school seniors. In FY14, 300 seniors graduated and 281 were the first in their families to enroll in four-year colleges.

\$150,000

Enlace Chicago (Chicago)

For the Little Village Education Collaborative Capacity Building project to support a coordinator position to manage the five sub-committees of the Little Village Education Collaborative. The coordinator will be responsible for convening meetings, hosting listening sessions, developing evaluation systems, collecting, interpreting and distributing the results of data pertinent to the Education Collaborative.

\$30,000

Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. (Chicago)

To provide assistance for up to 12 months to Enlace to hire an Education Collaborative Coordinator; provide strategic planning support for the Little Village Education Collaborative; and to provide ongoing coaching with the Education Collaborative Coordinator.

\$25,000

Midtown Educational Foundation (Chicago)

For the College Orientation Program for at-risk high school youth, which targets the academically average performing students. It provides individual tutoring, summer academic classes and extracurricular activities in business, sports, the arts and career development to students in grades 9-12. In FY13, the program served 43 students.

\$55,000

One Million Degrees (Chicago)

For the Scholar Development Pilot program, which provides Kennedy College students on-campus support. It offers individualized tutoring, course planning, financial assistance, professional coaching, transfer advising and career development in efforts to increase completion rates among community college students.

\$75,000

Outreach Community Ministries (DuPage County)

For the College Opportunity program, which provides comprehensive academic, college readiness and persistence support to low-income, academically at-risk students in the Carol Stream community. The program consists of daily after-school homework sessions, adult academic mentors, ACT prep, weekly leadership and life skill development, college tours and application assistance. In FY14, the program served 57 students.

\$90,000

Reading in Motion (Chicago)

For the Benchmarks program, which provides teachers with an intensive three-day training experience, followed by a year of weekly in-classroom support and coaching, to improve the reading skills of primary grade students. In FY13, the program served 1,570 students.

\$130,000

Resurrection Project (Chicago)

For the La Casa Student Housing program, which provides housing and comprehensive college persistence support services for students attending local two-and four-year colleges. Support services include one-on-one coaching, academic monitoring, financial aid workshops for students and families and high school enrichment programming to help strengthen the high school to college pipeline for underrepresented communities in Chicago. Last year, the program served 94 students.

\$30,000

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Chicago)

For the Chicago Collaborative for Undergraduate Success High School Feedback Report project, which will provide Chicago Public Schools, the college and university systems in Chicago and non-profit organizations a communications platform to effectively disseminate and share data and identify the factors surrounding CPS students' tendency to underperform in college after making the transition from CPS high schools.

\$60,000

The Community House (DuPage County)

For the Willowbrook Corner Youth Learning After-School program, which provides tutoring and reading comprehension instruction to K-4th grade students with academic challenges. In FY14, the program served 117 K-4th grade students residing in public housing in an underserved and unincorporated area of DuPage County.

\$150,000

The Posse Foundation (Chicago)

The Posse Chicago program provides youth an intensive college preparation workshop, on-campus mentors and career development activities. In FY13, the program selected 112 students from Chicago Public Schools and provided them full scholarships and assistance to attend colleges around the country.

\$100,000

Umoja Student Development Corporation (Chicago)

For the Senior Seminar program, which partners with six Chicago neighborhood public high schools to ensure every high school senior graduates with a post-secondary plan, knowledge and skills for post-secondary success. Umoja program staff provides daily in-school workshops for all seniors focused on post-secondary education. It provides quarterly individual counseling, ACT prep, college trips and career exposure through career day events. In FY14, the program served 381 seniors.

\$25,000

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago (Chicago)

For the Black and Latino Achievers (\$15,000) program, which helps students, grades 7-12, transition from middle to high school and high school to post-secondary education. The program supports students in developing skills needed for college and career by providing academic tutoring, financial literacy classes, college tours, and ACT preparation. In FY13, the program served 664 youth. In addition, the YMCA will develop a standardized framework (\$10,000) for the college selection process for students.

\$1,200,000

TOTAL CHILD AND YOUTH EDUCATION GRANTS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Grants support positive parenting, child abuse and domestic violence prevention programs of nonprofit organizations through child counseling, family support and home-visiting services. The category also supports advocacy and technical assistance programs that enhance services to families.

\$25,000

Advocate Charitable Foundation (Downers Grove)

For the Childhood Trauma Treatment program, which provides intensive clinical (psychotherapy) treatment and counseling services to sexually abused and maltreated children and youth, ages 3-24, of whom many live in foster care. Non-offending caregivers receive services. In CY13, the program served 182 children and youth and 169 caregivers in Will, Cook and DuPage Counties.

\$25,000

Apna Ghar (Chicago)

For the Children's Counseling program, providing individual and family counseling for children with trauma-related issues due to domestic violence. In FY13, the program served 35 children from the Chicago area.

\$52,500

Casa Cental Social Services Corporation (Chicago)

For the Safe Start program, which provides intensive, developmentally-and-culturally appropriate therapeutic and supportive services to children, 0 to 5, and their caregivers who are exposed to violence. Services include community trainings on the impact of violence in eight West Side communities, including available services. In FY13, the program served 69 children in 37 families.

\$43,750

Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County (Hoffman Estates)

For the Safe from the Start program, which provides coordinated therapeutic services for children who have been exposed to violence. In FY13, the agency served 108 children in the north and northwest suburbs.

\$52,500

Children's Research Triangle (Chicago)

For the Trauma Treatment program, which provides therapeutic, trauma-focused services to children, ages 0-18, in its downtown clinic and through partnerships with community-based organizations and schools. Clinicians, including an infant mental health specialist, provide weekly counseling sessions at the downtown clinic and at community partner sites. In FY13, the program served 373 children.

\$30,000

Connections for Abused Women and their Children (Chicago)

For the Children's Trauma Services program, which provides therapy sessions, individual and family counseling, parent education and support services at two sites to child victims of violence. In FY13, the program provided therapeutic services to 148 children from the Chicago metropolitan area.

\$48,125

Crisis Center for South Suburbia (Tinley Park)

For the Child Treatment Services program, which provides individual, group and family counseling, parent-child groups, and trauma treatment for child victims of domestic violence from the south suburbs. Children access services at its emergency shelter and through community counseling sessions. In FY13, the program served 62 children.

\$87,500

Family Focus (Chicago and Lake County)

For the Right From the Start and Fatherhood Initiative programs, which respectively provide parenting training and support services to low-income pregnant and parenting Latinas in southeast Lake County and fathers in Chicago to reduce their risk for abusive parenting attitudes, behaviors and practices. In FY13, the Right from the Start program served 237 families, and the Fatherhood Initiative program served 103 low-income fathers at four program locations.

\$52,500

La Rabida Children's Hospital and Research Center (Chicago)

For the Chicago Child Trauma Center program, which provides counseling to children and youth who have experienced multiple forms of trauma, including abuse, domestic violence, and loss through violent death. In FY 13, the program served 285 children from the south side of Chicago.

\$101,875

Metropolitan Family Services (Chicago)

For the Empowering Families program (\$86,875) which provides home visiting, co-parenting support and infant mental health services to 133 parents with children 0-3 who are at risk of abuse. And for the Family Violence Intervention program (\$15,000) providing mental health support services to families with children 0-5, in need of intensive trauma therapy who are attending the Learning and Wellness Center in Englewood.

\$52,500

Mujeres Latinas en Accion (Chicago)

For the Children's Therapy program, which provides culturally-sensitive group counseling to children who have witnessed family violence and/or experienced physical abuse. In FY13, the program served 78 children.

\$40,000

Near North Health Service Corporation (Chicago)

For the Healthy Families program, providing parenting instruction and program referrals for young parents with multiple risk factors associated with child abuse/neglect. Family Support Workers visit homes weekly during the child's first year; home visits taper off to bi-weekly, and then monthly each subsequent year. In addition to teaching parenting skills, program staff refers clients to education and employment services, and provides bus passes, diapers, and other essential items to families as needed. The program served 72 parents during FY13 on the near north and northwest side of Chicago.

\$52,500

Pillars Community Services (Chicago and Cook County)

For the Children's Trauma Therapy program, which provides assessments, therapeutic counseling, and parenting training and supportive services to children, ages 0 to 8, and their caregivers severely impacted by abuse and violence. In FY13, the program served 15 children from 13 families in Chicago and Cook County.

\$87,500

Voices for Illinois Children (Chicago)

For Chicago-area Children's Mental Health Systems Support and Training programs, to build a comprehensive children's mental health system in Illinois and increase public funding allocated to services for prevention and treatment of child abuse. Funding will provide staff support for the following initiatives: The Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, The Illinois Child Trauma Coalition, and The Home Visiting Task Force. In FY13, the initiatives provided training to 1,530 practitioners.

\$78,750

Women's Treatment Center (Chicago)

For the Parenting Education & Interventions program, which provides short- and long-term residential trauma-informed treatment, parenting groups, therapeutic counseling and support services for women in recovery, and their children. In FY13, the program served 133 mothers.

\$70,000

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (Gurnee)

For the Children's Counseling program for low-income children, which provides individual therapy and support groups for children, ages 3 to 17, who have been sexually abused. In FY13, the program treated 296 children and youth in Lake, McHenry and northern Cook County.

\$900,000

TOTAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT GRANTS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Grants supports community-based vocational and employment programs for people in poverty and skills training for low-income youth. The category also supports advocacy and technical assistance endeavors which promote improvement in the workforce development system, increase resources available to disadvantaged job seekers, and enhance the quality of service delivery.

\$40,000

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (Chicago and Cook County)

For the Youth Workforce program, which administers over \$10M in youth public investments in the Cook County workforce system. Funding will support the development of a county-wide comprehensive youth plan to strategically invest in best practices and align with other youth serving systems. The incremental goal is to make significant changes to youth workforce service delivery.

\$130,000

Chicago Jobs Council (Chicago)

For general support (\$100,000) and the Chicago Workforce Benchmarking project (\$30,000). This organization advances workforce development policies and provides technical assistance to nonprofits offering job training for low-income individuals. The Chicago Workforce Benchmarking project focuses on improving data collection and developing meaningful outcome measures for program improvement.

\$60,000

Chinese American Service League, Inc. (Chicago)

For the Chef & Culinary Arts Training program, which includes extensive classroom training, job readiness and placement, ESL contextualized learning, and a food service industry certification class held at Harold Washington College. In FY13, the program served 56 adults with limited work experience from Chinatown, Bridgeport, McKinley Park and Armour Square.

\$90,000

Greater West Town Community Development Project (Chicago)

For the Vocational Training and Placement program, which provides a 15-week training curriculum focused on academic remediation and sector-based skill building in Wood Product Manufacturing and Shipping and Receiving for low-skilled workers. Last year, the program served 98 trainees from the West Side.

\$45,000

Heartland Human Care Services, Inc. (Chicago)

For the Chicago FarmWorks program, which integrates a dual training model in urban agriculture/landscaping and food production/warehousing for formerly-incarcerated and homeless adults with limited work and literacy skills. In FY13, the program served 32 workers from the South and West Sides.

\$110,000

Jane Addams Resource Corporation (Chicago)

For the Careers in Manufacturing program (\$60,000), which provides dislocated workers with technical skills training in the metal fabricating sector. Over the course of 14 weeks, trainees earn a Computer Numeric Control (CNC) certificate and are eligible for additional advanced manufacturing skills training and certifications. Last year, the program served 55 trainees. And for the new Metro West Manufacturing Bridge program (\$50,000) in DuPage County that provides literacy and technical training for metal fabricating careers.

\$40,000

Jewish Vocational Service (Chicago)

For the Pharmacy Technician Training program, which provides extensive classroom instruction, externships, job readiness and placement and case-managed social services to low-income students. In FY13, the program served 34 students.

\$50,000

Literacy Works (Chicago)

For the Employ Lit program, which trains workforce development staff on effective ways to work with low-skilled and low-literate adults enrolled in job readiness and training programs. In FY13, the program served 82 professional staff from 27 nonprofits.

\$58,000

OAI, Inc (Chicago)

For the Minority Worker Training program, which provides a twelve week intensive course designed to improve basic academic skills, life skills, safety and health awareness and provide occupational skills training in the fields of environmental remediation and construction. Last year, the program served 34 clients.

\$80,000

Polish American Association (Chicago)

For the Certified Nursing Assistant and Physical Rehabilitation Aide Training program, which serves low-income immigrants with job counseling and placement support and follow-up services in the health care field. In FY13, 90 students completed the program.

\$37,000

St. Leonard's Ministries (Chicago)

For the Michael Barlow Employment Center, which serves formerly incarcerated individuals with multiple barriers to employment. Services include pre-employment classes, education, counseling, and job training and placement. In FY13, 21 low-skilled adults completed the training programs.

\$150,000

Women Employed (Chicago)

For general support. Women Employed (WE) works to ensure that more disadvantaged adults get post-secondary credentials that lead to good jobs in high-demand, well-paying employment sectors. WE partners with City Colleges of Chicago to increase financial aid, expand student support services, and improve the quality of systems and programs through curricula design and training.

\$60,000

Youth Job Center of Evanston (Evanston)

For the Career Pathways to Sustainable Employment program, which provides credentialing and subsidized work experiences to out-of-school youth, ages 17-24, leading to employment in career-track jobs in living-wage industries. In FY13, the program served 112 disconnected youth from the Chicago metropolitan area.

\$950,000

TOTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

\$3,950,000

2014 GRAND TOTAL OF GRANTS