



Levy Senior Center  
Foundation

Annual Report 2018

# Cultivating Our Community



Dear Members and Friends,

I am happy to report that 2018 has been a year of tremendous growth for the Levy Senior Center Foundation. We are committed to the Senior community and to our mission: to improve the quality of life for Seniors by providing funding to the Levy Senior Center to enhance programming, offset expenses, and upgrade the facility.

In this spirit, we are working hard at putting your generous donations to good use. In 2018, the Foundation underwrote the highly successful Jamming Jean and Fran Randall concerts as well as the Levy Lectures. These free events, featuring award-winning talent, reflect Evanston and our cultural diversity. As you will see in the photos, the concerts and lectures are well-attended and bring joy and enriching experiences to the minds and hearts of our community.

The Foundation also makes day trips and other activities more affordable and accessible to Seniors through the Dennis Newton Scholarship Fund. We are pleased to say that this fund is thriving and that it has helped many Seniors enjoy trips that they may not otherwise have been able to attend. Be sure to check out the numerous trips planned in 2019.

The Levy Senior Center has exciting plans for 2019. Foundation funds raised in 2018 are facilitating capital improvements, including new carpeting and a new multilingual library, which will provide space for interactive and educational gatherings. We look forward to showing off our new library in an open house event later this year.

Thank you all for helping us make a real difference in the lives of our area Seniors. With your generous support, the Foundation will continue to work with the City of Evanston to help our community thrive and enhance the lives of our Senior population.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Newton".

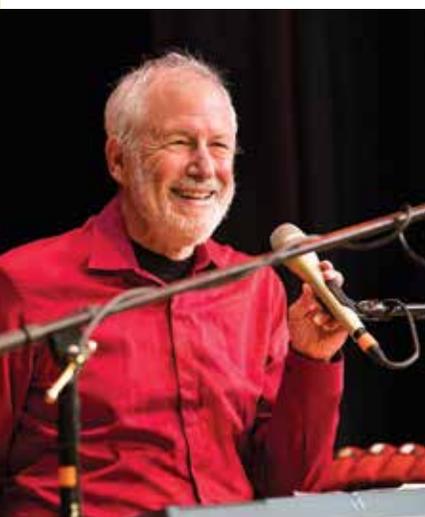
Judy Newton  
*Chairperson*

## LSCF Board 2018

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**Top:** Heirs of Joy singers; **Middle:** Corky Siegel talks to the crowd; audience members cheer Heirs of Joy; all ages appreciate the music; **Bottom:** Howard Levy and Corky Siegel get down on stage

## Dynamic New Jamming Jean Music Series Draws Crowds

Concerts unite community through music

The hugely popular Jamming Jean concerts, introduced last September, and sponsored by the Levy Senior Center Foundation, have drawn capacity crowds of over 400. People of all ages came together to kick off the weekend and enjoy delicious local food and the talent of award-winning musicians, including the gospel choral group, Heirs of Joy, Corky Siegel with Howard Levy and Lynne Jordan and The Shivers.

Join us June 7, when we bring you The Fat Babies. This seven piece jazz ensemble interprets classics from the '20s and '30s. *The Tribune's* Howard Reich calls them "a band to be treasured," and Peter Margasak of *The Reader* says their music "can sweep you away with its buoyant arrangements, effortless improvisation, and brisk rhythms."

Thanks to a generous legacy gift made to the Foundation by a former Levy Center member, the concerts are free and open to all.

*Below: Rendering of the library redesign with new shelving, storage, tables with castors for easy reconfiguration and modern seating that links and stacks. Comfortable arm chairs will also be added.*



## Levy Senior Center Gets Fresh Look for Spring

Building projects include library renovation and new carpeting

The Foundation remains focused on its mission to maintain a state-of-the-art facility that is vital to Seniors in the community. With this in mind, the Foundation is dedicating funds raised in 2018 to make substantial capital improvements.

Thanks to a generous gift in 2018, the entire Levy Senior Center was re-carpeted earlier this year. Additionally, the Foundation is thrilled to report that the library renovations—new furnishings, galleries and a remodeled

fireplace—are underway. The new library space will provide Seniors with a welcoming, comfortable environment to connect and interact.

The library will be further enhanced with the addition of several paintings by Walter Burt Adams, recently donated to the Foundation courtesy of a generous benefactor. Learn more about this fascinating local artist at the Levy Lecture on May 14. Eden Juron Pearlman, director of the Evanston History Center, will speak about Adams and take us

through a slide overview of his work.

An open house is planned for 2019. Look for an invitation and come celebrate with the community!

Plans for improvements to the Linden Room are also underway in an effort to keep the space updated, relevant and well-suited for the numerous lectures and exercise programs it accommodates.

If you're interested in supporting future Levy Center capital improvements through legacy gifts or corporate sponsorship, please email us at [contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](mailto:contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org).

# Levy Lectures Continue to Educate and Entertain

The Levy Lecture Series continues to be one of the most popular programs that the LSCF sponsors. The free lectures are aligned with the Foundation's focus on creating engaging programming that brings the whole community together. Last year's lectures covered subjects as diverse as Chicago's candy history, an introduction to spice trade history, accounts of historical events, including the internment of Japanese-Americans in WWII and Chicago's role in the anti-apartheid movement, effective pet communication, and profiles of Coco Chanel and photographer Vivian Maier.

This spring, the lecture series will highlight important Illinoisians, including social crusader Jane Addams and Evanston painter Walter Burt Adams. Look for details on the LSCF's website at [levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levyseniorcenterfoundation.org) and follow the Foundation Facebook page.

*Counter clockwise from top: Leslie Goddard discusses candy making in Chicago; audience sniffs spices from Spice House; lecture attendees; Ava Thompson Greenwell shows a rough cut of her film on the Chicago anti-apartheid movement; Elaine Kaneshiro talks about WWII Japanese-American internment; Pamela Bannos signs her book on Vivian Maier.*





## Foundation Supports Healthy Senior Lifestyles

Sport sponsorships and equipment upgrades fuel active living

**T**he Levy Senior Center Foundation is steadfast in its commitment to the mission of supporting the Center that keeps Evanston Seniors active, independent and social.

The Foundation is a proud sponsor of the successful Levy Senior Center basketball program. Last year was a banner year for the both the men's and women's Senior basketball teams. The teams distinguished themselves at a qualifying tournament in West Dundee this past year. Eight women's teams and six men's teams from the Levy Center will be traveling to compete in the 2019 National Senior Games which take place June 14 to June 25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Foundation's sponsorship covers

registration fees and offsets transportation costs. The basketball program attracts local Seniors who want to participate in the program and enjoy the Center's fitness facilities.

Gifts received in 2018 have had a positive, direct impact on the mental and physical health of Center members. The Foundation funded fitness equipment—weights, balance balls, resistance bands, and foam rollers for yoga—and the well-attended cardio strength and stretch classes.

These popular activities, along with a variety of other classes, teams, and the Silver Sneakers program, provide members with a safe environment where they can remain active and healthy. The Foundation strives to be innovative in an effort to keep

Seniors physically fit, and is proud to report that over 500 community Seniors utilized the Center's fitness facilities in 2018. Look for programming this year geared towards healthy living, including ongoing monthly chef demonstrations.

The infographic to the right highlights some of the numerous health benefits Seniors reap from taking advantage of the Levy Center's facilities and classes. If you're not already a member, join today and receive a discount on fitness classes.

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*Above: John Stumme guards Dennis Spooner with John Kennedy; Clockwise right: Kathy Eaton and Kathryn Lamkey with photos of West Dundee tournament teams; Tom Reilly guards David Janzen; Gwendolyn Mitchell and Carmen Brown cool down post workout; Christy Bowman guards Pat Chalmers*



## Get a Move On!

Regular physical activity reduces your risk of:



**Dementia**  
by up to **30%**



**Hip fractures**  
by up to **68%**



**Depression**  
by up to **30%**



**Heart disease**  
by up to **35%**



**Stroke**  
by up to **50%**



**Osteoporosis**  
by up to **20%**

Stephan Esser, USPTA, MD 2010 and Public Health England, 2019 Health guide



## New Leadership Energizes Center

Levy Center leaders Tim Carter and Amy Kellogg bring new energy and fresh ideas to engage not only Seniors but the entire community. Together, they've refreshed existing programs and initiated popular new ones like the Wednesday afternoon line dancing classes. They are also fostering more special interests, like the knitting group on Thursday afternoons which provides participants with an instructive, social atmosphere where they can hone their craft.

Tim (program coordinator) and Amy (recreation manager) are focused on a strong working rela-

tionship between the Center and the LSCF. They are encouraged by Foundation marketing efforts that have resulted in an upsurge in attendance for Center programming. Nearly 100 Seniors attended the Cookies, Cocoa and Holiday Cheer event, sponsored by the LSCF. Guests were gifted cookies from local bakeries and a 2019 calendar. Entertainment was provided by the Levy Ukulele Club, the Shower Singers and Choraleers.

Watch for more innovative programs later this year.

*Above: Tim Carter and Amy Kellogg host Donuts with Directors, a new Center forum*

## Redesigned Website Grows LSCF Reach

In 2018, the Foundation emphasized its marketing efforts to expand the reach of the Center, and build awareness of the LSCF and its impact. An improved and intuitive website houses centralized information about the Center's programming, recreational activities, and special events. Through the site, Seniors can access a calendar of Levy events, register online for lectures, and make donations to support the Center. This updated platform, boosted by an increased presence on social media, makes it easy for community members to stay informed and support the Foundation's work. In addition, the LSCF has launched an email list with monthly newsletters, event reminders, registration confirmations, and donation acknowledgements. If you would like to check out the new site and receive Levy Senior Center program updates, please visit [levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levyseniorcenterfoundation.org).

## Center Loses Beloved Benefactor, Joe Levy, Jr.



Joe Levy, Jr., a generous and creative leader in the Evanston community, passed away February 15 at 92 years old. Joe was a true philanthropist who supported many local organizations and worthy causes. The most prominent gifts he and his wife, Carole, made were those towards construction of the Levy Senior Center as well as Senior centers in Chicago and Bolingbrook.

As a Levy Senior Center Foundation board member, Joe's countless contributions were insightful, intelligent

and creative. He truly cared about the Foundation's mission of enriching and promoting an active lifestyle and life-long learning for Seniors. His philanthropic efforts have made an immeasurable impact on the entire Evanston community.

Married to Carole for 66 years, Joe was a devoted family man as well as a doting father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is remembered as a giving and genuine friend to many—a mensch—who will be missed.

The Foundation thanks all who have honored his memory.

## Dennis Newton Scholarships Make Day Trips Affordable

The Dennis Newton Scholarship Fund, established by a legacy gift to the LSCF, has been a huge success in supporting community Seniors. Scholarship funds raised in 2018 sponsored Center events and subsidized day trip expenses.

A few standouts on the Levy Senior Center's 2018 itinerary, were trips to Chicago theaters to see *Hamilton* and *Hello Dolly!*, a visit to Milwaukee (the "frozen custard capital of the world"), and a boat ride down the Chicago River to view Chicago's architectural treasures. Scholarship funds also helped send the Center's men's and women's basketball teams to the 2018 Illinois Senior Olympics, where they qualified to compete in the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico this June.

As part of the Center's commitment to innovative programming, the Center is organizing a trip to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in the fall of 2019. Additionally, several exciting trips are planned for this year, all of which are eligible for Dennis Newton Scholarship funds. Plans are underway to take a group of Center members to see the musical *Matilda* and spring trips are being organized to the Fourwinds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan and the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois. Details are available on the Foundation website at [levy-seniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levy-seniorcenterfoundation.org) and at the Center front desk.

Look for upcoming changes to the scholarship application process. The Foundation and Center are working together to simplify the process so more Seniors can take advantage of this beneficial program.



From top: Seniors in Milwaukee on the custard and burger tour; after lunch on a Chicago architectural boat tour; on a visit to the Art Institute of Chicago



*Clockwise: Audrey Lidke on trumpet; audience members enjoy refreshments; harpist Katherine Ventura talks with audience members; guests during intermission; Tom Hicks on piano*



## Fran Randall Concerts Showcase Young Classical Virtuosos

The LSCF continues to sponsor the Fran Randall Concerts, which showcase the talents of young, award-winning classical musicians.

Audiences have enjoyed performances by harpist Katherine Ventura, soprano Angela Zúñiga, trumpeter Audrey Lidke, and pianist Tom Hicks. All of these wonderful musicians are

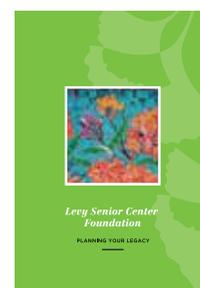
recipients of numerous awards, and have received national and international distinction.

Fran Randall Concerts honor the memory of a former Center member and classical music aficionada. Stay informed about upcoming shows, which are free and open to the public, by visiting our website [levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levyseniorcenterfoundation.org).

## Foundation Invests in New Donation Management System

As part of an effort to expand the Foundation's reach through an improved digital platform, the LSCF implemented a new donor relationship management system. The new system streamlines the donation process and makes it even easier to support the Foundation. Donors can contribute online, and the recording and acknowledgment process is now greatly facilitated. The software also houses the email system used to distribute newsletters, supports registration for lectures, and provides data analysis to increase efficiency and to help make every donation dollar count.

## Free Estate Planning Guide



Did you know that you can combine your desire to support Evanston Seniors with your overall financial, tax and estate planning goals?

The LSCF has put together a new guide with tax-saving ways you can support the Levy Center with estate giving. Whether through bequests, charitable gift annuities, or gifts of stock, every gift helps sustain the Center. To receive a free guide, email [contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](mailto:contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org) or visit our website at [levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levyseniorcenterfoundation.org). We'd be happy to set up a personal meeting to answer any questions you might have about giving opportunities.

# Funding Summary

Your generosity helped the Foundation fund the following programs and projects in 2018. Thank you for supporting our Senior community.



## Building Improvements

Library Renovation  
New Center Carpeting  
Architectural Plans for Center Upgrades  
Gardening Supplies  
Courtyard Maintenance  
Landscaping



## Programs & Events

Jamming Jean Concert Series  
Fran Randall Classical Concert Series  
Levy Lecture Series  
Dennis Newton Day Trip Bus Subsidies  
Dennis Newton Day Trip Scholarships  
Cookies, Cocoa & Holiday Cheer Party  
Volunteer Appreciation Event  
*Hamilton* Outing



## Communications & Development

Website Redesign  
Network for Good Donor Management System  
Digital Outreach Campaign  
Annual Appeal  
Estate Planning Guide  
Annual Report  
Monthly Digital Newsletter  
Weekly Facebook Postings



## Class Materials & Supplies

Glass Fusion Art Class Supplies  
Weekly Bingo Prizes



## Fitness Activities

Fitness Room Equipment  
Exercise Class Equipment  
Men/Women Basketball Team Registrations  
Senior Basketball Tournament Sponsorship



## Community Outreach

Aging Well Conference  
Foster Senior Club  
Commission on Aging  
Argentium Home Care (formerly SASI)  
NAACP: Evanston/North Shore Branch

## Thank You 2018 Donors!\*

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\*We apologize for any inadvertent omissions or misspellings. Please let us know for the future: [contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](mailto:contact@levyseniorcenterfoundation.org).



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## Mission

The Levy Senior Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, operates to improve the quality of life for Evanston Seniors by soliciting monies to supplement the Levy Senior Center's operating budget. In partnership with the City of Evanston, we seek to improve the Center, its programs and resources.



*Many thanks to all who generously donated to the Foundation in 2018. We continue to look for ways to sustain the health of the Levy Senior Center for generations to come. A donation envelope is enclosed. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.*

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## Register Now for Upcoming Levy Lectures



Don't miss the spring lectures! They're free, but registration is required. Reserve your place via our website, [levyseniorcenterfoundation.org](http://levyseniorcenterfoundation.org), by calling (847) 448-8250, or stopping by the front desk.

### **Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm**

**Jane Addams: Worthy Choices with Annette Baldwin, historian, lecturer and actress**

In this portrayal of Addams, we'll meet one of America's most respected women and hear about

her personal struggles, the inspiration behind Hull House, and how she and other extraordinary women fought for progressive reforms in Chicago.

### **Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 pm**

**Walter Burt Adams: An Evanston Original with Eden Juron Pearlman, director of the Evanston History Center**

Ms. Pearlman will talk about the life of local Evanston painter Walter Burt Adams, and take us through a slide overview of his work.

### **Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 pm**

**Ten People from Illinois Who Changed History with Leslie Goddard, PhD, popular speaker, author, actress and historian**

Join historian Leslie Goddard for this illustrated lecture commemorating the state's 2018 bicentennial. She'll discuss ten intriguing people from Illinois, including heads of state, newsmakers, inventors, and others.

*Left: Corner of Dempster and Chicago by Walter Burt Adams*