



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Healthy
Lakewood
Foundation



LETTER FROM

HLF'S Board President and Executive Director

Dear Lakewood Community,

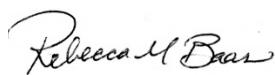
In 2024, the Healthy Lakewood Foundation embraced our role as bridge builders in Lakewood's health and humans services ecosystem. As we developed our guiding framework, one insight became clear: effective philanthropy requires genuine connection and alignment between our values and actions.

This principle guided our approach across all initiatives this year. Through cross-sector collaboration with the Community Health Action Team, we helped create tools like the Lakewood Community Resource Guide that connect residents to essential services. Our three-tiered grant approach—supporting direct service delivery, grassroots community engagement, and systems-level change—reflects our commitment to addressing both immediate needs and underlying structures that influence community health.

The conversations at our sixth annual community meeting reinforced an important question: “How do we reach those who are not in this room to ensure they play a role in decision-making?” This challenge remains central to our work as we strive to include diverse perspectives in our processes.

We don't view ourselves as experts, but as learners alongside you on this journey toward a healthier Lakewood. As we look to 2025, we remain committed to responsible stewardship of our resources while building stronger connections throughout our community.

With appreciation for your partnership,



Becca Baas
Board President



Kate Ingersoll
Executive Director

GRANTMAKING

In 2024, HLF expanded its funding efforts through a continued grantmaking strategy aimed at addressing factors that influence health, such as the structural, economic, physical, and social conditions within our community. The HLF Board of Directors allocated \$429,329 to 35 organizations serving Lakewood, furthering our mission: “to advance programs, policies, and practices that inspire a Lakewood community in which health and well-being are reflected in all aspects of life.”

Community Grants are made to area organizations in support of local programs that prioritize care and support by addressing social, economic, and environmental factors which impact health outcomes and perpetuate disparities. This funding is focused on supporting organizational programming, and HLF invested \$212,500 toward this process.

HLF’s Neighborhood Opportunity Grants funded \$104,800 to organizations for community-based projects and initiatives. These small, accessible grants support meaningful projects at the hyperlocal level in Lakewood.

HLF also continued investing in capacity building and systems-change work by providing \$85,000 in funding to area organizations to identify and address conditions that impact health outcomes and create disparities in Lakewood.

Please see our complete 2024 grants list below.



HLF AWARDED GRANTS

\$40,000 - \$10,000

Asian Services In Action, Inc.
 Barton Center, Inc.
 Center for Community Solutions
 Department of Human Services, City of Lakewood
 Division of Early Childhood, City of Lakewood
 Haus of Transcendent
 Journey Center for Safety and Healing
 LakewoodAlive
 Lakewood Community Services Center
 Lakewood YMCA
 Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland
 Neighborhood Family Practice
 Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (PPGOH)
 Reach Out and Read Greater Cleveland

\$4,999 and under

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
 College Now Greater Cleveland
 Connecting for Kids
 Empower Sports
 Friends of Madison Park
 GardenWalk Lakewood
 HELP Foundation, Inc.
 Kauffman Park Friends
 Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation
 Lakewood Early Childhood PTA
 Neighborhood Paramedic Program, City of Lakewood
 New Avenues to Independence
 The Literacy Cooperative

\$9,999 - \$5,000

Beck Center for the Arts
 GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland
 H2O "Help to Others," City of Lakewood
 Lakewood Black Caucus
 Lakewood City School District
 Lakewood Family Room
 Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee
 Lakewood Public Library
 Lakewood Student Philanthropy Club
 Lakewood Tree Advisory and Education Board, City of Lakewood
 Madison Court Community Coalition
 Trials for Hope



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HLF hosted two grant information sessions in 2024, focused on Community Grants and Neighborhood Opportunity Grants processes. These sessions offered attendees the opportunity to learn more about the guidelines and timelines for each process, as well as time to ask specific questions of HLF staff related to their grant applications.

HLF partnered with local groups to develop the [Lakewood Community Resource Guide](#), a compilation of human services offerings and nonprofits in or near Lakewood, to increase awareness of the programs and support available in the community. HLF will build on this first edition in 2025, partnering with students from Case Western Reserve University's Community Practice I program to increase community feedback for improving the guide.

HLF staff continue to participate in the city's Community Health Action Team (CHAT), which is implementing recommendations from the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Since 2021, key sectors involved in the Lakewood CHNA include city administration representatives, city council members, school district officials, local foundations, and nonprofit organizations. The CHAT Governance Committee has been building on the CHNA work through cross-sector collaboration that brings together diverse perspectives to advance community initiatives, recently submitting a one-year update to City Council and developing core recommendations in five key health areas that will guide city department planning and inform nonprofit collaborations.

ANNUAL MEETING

Over 70 Lakewood residents and community partners gathered at Cove Community Center in September for HLF's Annual Community Meeting. Guest speaker April Walker discussed the new equitable grantmaking framework and led a discussion on improving nonprofit-philanthropic partnerships. Participants contributed specific recommendations and observations on community issues, which HLF incorporated into its 2025 strategic plan.

The video of the Community Meeting can be viewed on [HLF's YouTube channel](#).



GOVERNANCE

HLF's Governance Committee continues to develop and refine internal policies to ensure strong governance structures and streamline processes, including the consolidation of board committees to better capture the learning and expertise of grantmaking committees. Several important policies were passed this year, including a record retention policy, board selection and nomination policy, and whistleblower policy.

The Board of Directors continues to evolve as inaugural members begin to cycle off — we are grateful for Chitra Walker's many years with HLF, and welcomed new member Kim Fennell, a Lakewood resident and recreation therapist for a local inclusive recreation therapy non-profit. The Governance Committee continues to oversee various aspects of board management, including recruitment, compliance, engagement, training, and officer nominations.



2024 FINANCIALS

In July, HLF received the fourth of five bi-ennial contributions from the remaining assets of the Lakewood Hospital Association. HLF's Finance Committee oversees the foundation's investment spending policy, asset management, budgeting, and IRS compliance.

Starting Asset Value: \$19,270,987

Grants Paid: \$429,329

Public Support Received: \$4,696,060

Administrative Costs: \$310,269 (includes asset management fees)

Investment Earnings: \$1,044,994

Ending Asset Value: \$26,400,246

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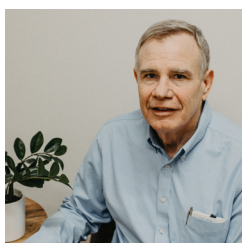
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