



2018 Annual Report

Stay connected with Gorton



“We are stronger together than we are alone.”

- Walter Payton

Gorton connects through collaboration and partnerships. We appreciate our relationships with: Lake Forest Open Lands Association • Lake Forest Library • Lake Bluff Library • Deer Path Inn • City of Lake Forest • LEAD • CROYA • LoMastro Performing Arts • The Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff • American Red Cross • Montessori School of Lake Forest • Midwest Fencing Club • Etiquette School of Chicago • RoboThink • Super Soccer Stars • North Shore Distillery • Froggy's • Gene Siskel Film Center • Ciao Bella Sewing • Deerpath Art League • Mountainfilm Kerri Sherman Photography • Lake Forest College Lake Forest Police • Lake Forest Fire • PASTA

32%

More rentals in 2018 than in any previous year



2X

More people came to Gorton for events, classes and films in 2018 than in 2017

80%

Increase in number of events, classes and films offered

19 New Partnerships

Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management, Kartemquin Films, One Earth Film Festival, Magnolia Pictures, Sundance, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation & Coolidge Corner Theater, PAWS Chicago, Home Instead Senior Care, Heller Catering, Periwinkle Art Studio, mPowering Health, JB Mindful, Melichar Architects, Old Town School of Folk Music, Oh Lardy, Improv Playhouse, McLaughlin Care, Small Gathering Art and Smalltalk Speech Pathology.



Find your moment of connection

Last year was a year filled with moments of connectedness. We felt connected when we sat in awe of a film or an artist in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater. Our children connected at the Drop-in Learning Center and citizens of all ages connected at classes and events. Local non-profits gathered at Greater Good lectures and seminars with Northwestern Kellogg professors. Businesses and individuals made their own memories within our walls. We also had a record number of rentals for event spaces! None of these moments would have been possible without the kindness of the community that supports us.

Through leadership gifts to our Community Spirit Transformed campaign, we now have an endowment that exceeds \$4.5 million. Our donor base continues to grow as new donors represented 12% of our 2018 Annual Fund. These assets and gifts coupled with our community's ongoing support provided the necessary resources for us to expand current programming and maintain our historic building. New volunteers and generous in-kind donors also connected with us in many ways that led to 2018's success.

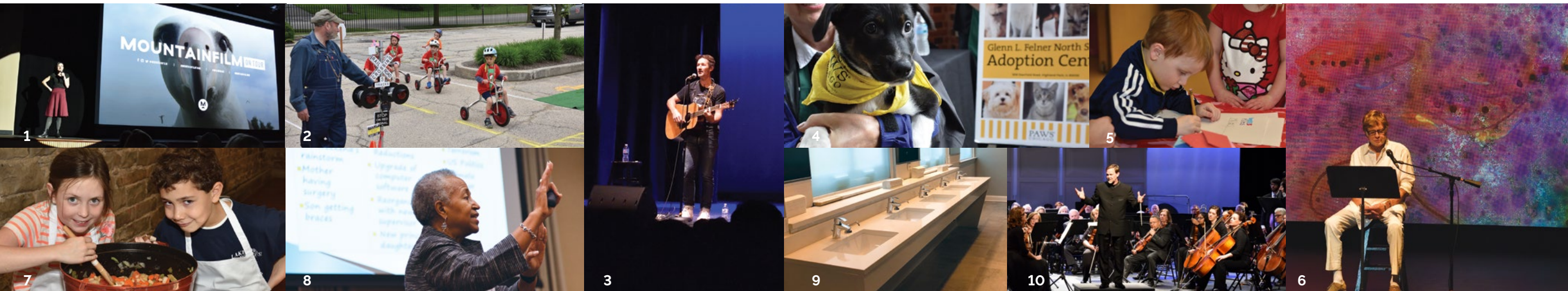
Investing in and connecting with your community – that is what each of you have done by supporting Gorton Community Center this past year. This annual report tells the story of your generosity in action. Our New Year is off to a strong start, and our doors are always open. Please come by and connect with us at Gorton!

With gratitude,

Amy Wagliardo
Executive Director

Tim Hender
Chairman, Board of Directors

Milestone moments



1 Film

Film takes center stage in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater. Screenings and attendance grew substantially in 2018! New film partnerships included Kartemquin Presents and One Earth Film Festival. New series included Community Film Forum and First Thursdays. Gorton was also the recipient of an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation & Coolidge Corner Theater Science on Screen grant that funded engaging speakers and compelling film around scientific topics.

2 Kid's Camps

Kids converge during the summer to learn safety, theater, cooking, sewing, robotics and more. New in 2018 was Safety Town Commander Camp for children 8-10, kids cooking camps and a series of mini-camps to engage young citizens on days off school. Gorton is the place to be for enriching camp experiences!

3 Live Music

Gorton brought some amazing live music to the community this past year in both the Stuart Community Room and in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater. We treated audiences to everything from Peanuts Jazz to the Americana sounds of Nashville singer/songwriter Griffin House. Our music series is committed to bringing world class artists that includes rich songwriting, soulful vocals, and styles ranging from Indie to a cappella to classic rock and everything in-between. Live music is alive and well - and growing at Gorton.

4 Community Events

Gorton hosts can't-miss annual events for our community. In 2018, we added PAWS Adoption Day and American Heart Association Blood Drives. We had record attendance at the End of Summer Block Party, Gorton Annual Dog Day and Kid's Only Holiday Shop.

5 Drop-In Learning Center

The most important word in Drop-in Learning Center's title is *learning!* Our well-rounded curriculum teaches writing, counting and reading skills, in addition to social, gross motor and singing skills, not to mention sharing, playing and kindness. From the child who drops in occasionally to the children who proudly graduate from our preschool class each year to everyone in between, we are proud to house this community gem at Gorton.

6 Record Rentals

2018 had three record months of private event rentals! The building is bustling with corporate events, theater rentals, wedding receptions, memorial services, birthday parties, baby showers, luncheons, fundraisers and more.

7 New Classes

We had over a 100% increase in attendance in classes in 2018 - and many of those classes were NEW! We expanded wellness offerings and brought back etiquette and dog obedience. Thanks to community input, sewing classes invited adults into the classroom and language classes commenced. We even learned how to make a respectable cocktail with North Shore Distillery. If you have not made it to a class yet, join us!

8 Greater Good

Gorton increases expertise of our resident nonprofit tenants and the greater Lake County nonprofit community at a discounted rate through the Greater Good Project. A new partnership this year with Northwestern Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management has

allowed learning that is even more meaningful and has greater impact. The Greater Good Project is generously supported by The Grainger Foundation.

9 Improved Facilities

Gorton's building originally opened in 1902. There is so much history here! More foot traffic means we need to keep this grand old dame in tip-top shape. In 2018, the John & Nancy Hughes Theater installed colored lights to enhance theatrical and live music experiences. The upstairs restrooms got a face-lift, and our new outdoor signage helps people find us! While it might not be as interesting as talking about new programming, this is part of what allows programming to flourish. A strong financial position, aided by the generosity of our donors, makes this possible.

10 Tenants that Shine

We house 11 other nonprofit organizations at Gorton. Their presence creates energy, engages the community in myriad ways and provides opportunities for professional collaboration. *Their reach expands our reach* - if someone has not come to Gorton for something we are doing, we are happy they come for something *our tenants* are doing. Because as far as we are concerned, it leads to the same outcome - more camaraderie, more connections, more community. What our tenants are doing is pretty darn awesome. Make sure you know their stories too!



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Looking ahead, we are excited about the continued expansion of the **Gorton Producer Program**. This program allows individuals or companies to support specific events or programs at Gorton. Without such support, these programs would not be possible. Thanks to last year's first "class" of pioneering producers, this program is off and running, allowing us to bring even more to our community. And, we have a growing list of committed producers for 2019:

Sheffield Foundation
First Thursdays Film Series
(ongoing)

The Jannotta Family
Community Film Forum
(ongoing)

Butler Family Foundation
Mountainfilm (January 2019)

The Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff
Mountainfilm (January 2019)

Deer Path Inn
Mountainfilm (January 2019)

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Maddie Dugan
Fly Fishing Film Festival
(April 7, 2019)

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Fly Fishing Film Festival
(April 7, 2019)

Scotty Searle
Fly Fishing Film Festival
(April 7, 2019)

Robin & Sandy Stuart
Chicago a capella
(April 12, 2019)



The Best of Second City



PASTA - Alice in Wonderland

Ready to become a producer? Let's work together to find the right opportunity for YOU! Donate to something you're passionate about to our community:

- Live music
- Film
- Family events
- Community events
- Children's programs
- Comedy
- Performing arts
- Take a Seat Program – *name a seat in the theater*

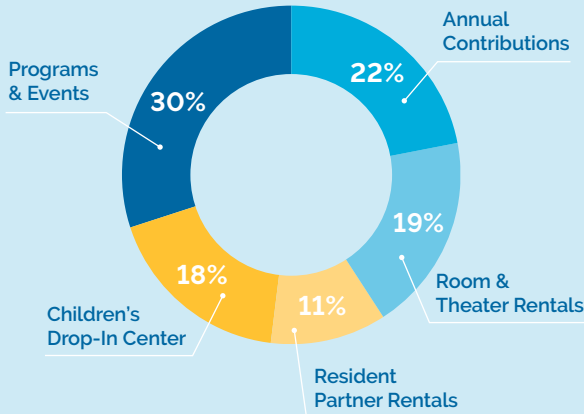
Looking for more ways to leave your legacy at Gorton? With a planned gift to the Gorton, you can combine your desire to give to charity with your overall financial, tax, and estate planning goals. Planned giving gives you a special connection with your community. You will help all of us — for now and for years to come.

Contact Catherine Yehle at catherine@gortoncenter.org or at 847-234-6060 for more details.

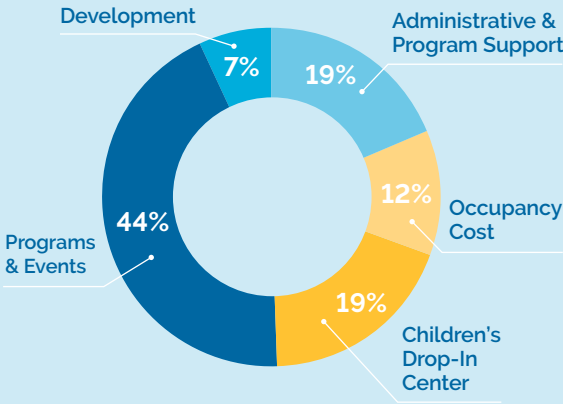
| Year ended December 31 | 2018 |
|---|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash & Marketable Securities | 4,662,056 |
| Accounts Receivable and Other Assets | 33,572 |
| Pledges Receivable | 123,626 |
| Fixed Assets, net of depreciation | 3,790,967 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 8,610,222 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Accounts Payable | 25,918 |
| Accrued Expenses | 78,631 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 104,549 |
| NET ASSETS | 8,505,673 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | 8,610,222 |
| REVENUE | |
| Annual Contributions | 325,274 |
| Room and Theater Rentals | 280,420 |
| Resident Partner Rentals | 169,665 |
| Children's Drop-In Center | 265,510 |
| Programs and Events | 439,828 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,480,697 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Adminstrative & Program Support | 309,790 |
| Occcupancy Cost | 188,520 |
| Children's Drop-In Center | 305,705 |
| Programs and Events | 706,812 |
| Development | 109,171 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1,619,998 |

Total expenses include \$246,602 of depreciation expense. Gorton had positive net operations of \$107,301, excluding depreciation expense.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Community Spirit Transformed

The Community Spirit Transformed campaign in 2012 through 2015 changed the course of Gorton Community Center for the future. An unprecedented \$7,420,830 was pledged as part of the campaign. Special thanks goes to the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors for their leadership and effort on behalf of this community gem. Thank you to the donors who made it possible:

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