

Find out what our staff and grantees have been up to this grant cycle!

LLOYD A. FRY FOUNDATION

SPOTLIGHT HEALTH



SPOTLIGHT Our Health Program

The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation Health Program continues to focus on increasing access to high-quality primary care and reducing healthcare disparities for low-income Chicago residents. We do

that by investing in patient-centered medical homes; supporting family-based mental health services; and supporting community outreach that connects individuals with high-quality primary care services. To learn more about how Health program grantees are continuing to improve health outcomes for patients, click the link below.

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News From the Foundation

Updated Mission Statement

The Fry Foundation Board of Directors recognizes that we are living in a moment of dynamic change in Chicago and in philanthropy. With those changes, the meaning and intention behind words and phrases can evolve, providing us with an



opportunity to use language that reflects new conditions. With that in mind, over the last few months, the Fry Foundation Board has engaged in conversations to update the Foundation's mission statement. In addition to internal discussions, the Board invited staff and grantee partners to share how they see the Fry Foundation's values reflected in funding priorities and how the work gets done. Those conversations consistently emphasized the Foundation's guiding principles of racial equity, learning and fairness. Ultimately the Board wanted an updated mission statement that offered aspirational and hopeful language reflecting the challenges the Fry Foundation aims to address in partnership with our grantees.

We are grateful to all those who contributed their time to helping us develop this updated mission statement.

Our Mission:

The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of the people of Chicago faced with challenges rooted in the systems of inequity. We partner with effective nonprofit organizations that share our commitment to building a community in which all individuals and families have the opportunity to thrive.

Our vision is a Chicago that offers education, opportunity, health, and hope for all.

Fry Foundation Board Member Amina Dickerson joins Terra Foundation Board of Directors

Fry Foundation Board Member Amina Dickerson has joined the Board of Directors of the Terra Foundation for American Art. She is one of four new leaders who will work with the President and staff of the Terra Foundation to expand the narratives of American art, encourage collaborative practices, and foster global dialog.



To learn more about Amina's new role, click the link below.

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News From Grantees

Anniversaries, Reports and Coalition Building

Arts Learning Grantees

Three grantee partners celebrate anniversaries. We thank Albany Park

Theater Project, Changing Worlds, and Marwen for their longtime commitment to Chicago students.

Albany Park Theater Project (AFTP) celebrated

its 25th year. AFTP is a teen theater company that creates original theater based on the lives of residents in the Albany Park community. In honor of its anniversary, AFTP announced a year-long season featuring live performance, a theater-in-an-envelope experience that brings AFTP to your mailbox and expanded programs in neighborhood schools. Its anniversary season will culminate with the premiere of Port of Entry, an ambitious immersive theater experience that invites the audience into stories of immigrants from all parts of the world as they forge new lives within the walls of a single apartment building.



Changing Worlds celebrates 25 years of impact.

Launched in 1996 as a photography/oral history project, it has evolved into an arts education program that engages students in a range of art making through a social just lens. Programs are created with research-based best practices in positive youth development, arts integration, trauma informed arts practices, and a learner centered approach. Through the arts, Changing Worlds centers student identity and voice to ensure relevance and cross-cultural connections. It has art residencies in over 25 schools across Chicago.



Congratulations to Marwen for providing 35 years of arts education to Chicago students.

Marwen is a visual arts school that is free to Chicago students. Marwen students represent communities from all ZIP codes in Chicago. Marwen weaves the highest quality arts learning experience with a focus on social change, youth development, collaboration, and creativity. Students have access to professional artists and instructors along with studios that support a range of visual arts including photography and digital arts; painting, drawing and printmaking; textiles; and ceramics.



Education Grantees

The [RAND Corporation](#) released a new report on the work of [Leading Educators](#) called [*The Impact and Implementation of the Chicago Collaborative Teacher Professional Development Program*](#).

This study by RAND Corporation shows that Chicago educators significantly increased student achievement after participating in Leading Educators' Chicago-based professional learning program. These findings challenge the misconception that teacher professional learning is ineffective and costly, and they demonstrate that content and components matter. With support from the Fry Foundation, Leading Educators worked with CPS teacher leaders to provide school-based ongoing teacher learning that brought teachers together to unpack grade-level standards, practice applying them to their lessons and in the classroom, and to assess progress towards addressing equitable learning in the classroom. RAND found that students achieved at higher levels, teachers gained skills and knowledge, and teacher leaders were able to improve the quality of instruction beyond a single classroom to have impact across the school.



Employment Grantees

[Women Employed](#) worked with the Mayor's Women's Advisory Council, World Business Chicago, and Civic Consulting Alliance to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on working women in Chicago.

The resulting report is titled [*Creating A More Equitable Recovery: Addressing the Economic Barriers Covid-19 Exacerbated for Women in Chicago*](#).



Findings from local and national data confirmed that women, particularly women of color experienced disproportionate negative economic impacts over the course of the pandemic. Further, the pandemic was not the cause of the negative impacts. Instead, COVID-19 revealed ongoing weakness in the economy and social safety net systems that disadvantage women.

Health Grantees

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law is part of a statewide coalition expanding access to health insurance in Illinois.

The [Healthy Illinois Campaign](#) is a statewide coalition of community-based organizations and health providers working to expand health insurance coverage to all Illinoisans. Coalition members include Fry Foundation grantee partner [Shriver Center on Poverty Law](#). The Campaign efforts have resulted in the expansion of health insurance coverage to approximately 50,000 immigrants. As of July 1, all income-eligible individuals aged 42 years and older can apply to obtain access to a health insurance plan that mirrors Medicaid.



What We're Reading, Watching, and Hearing



2 A.M. in Little America

by Ken Kalfus

A novel that imagines a future in which sweeping polarization and civil conflict has forced America's young people to flee its borders where they are unwelcome immigrants abroad. The story offers curious insight into what our future might look like if current civil conflicts go too far, and US citizens become the unwelcome immigrants.



Fight Like Hell: The Untold Story of American Labor

by Kim Kelly

An inclusive history of the American labor movement that tells the stories of farm laborers, domestic workers, and factory employees behind some of the labor movement's biggest successes.



The Girl In His Shadow: A Novel

by Audrey Blake

The story of a woman seeking to become a surgeon in repressive Victorian England —a time when medicine was not always based on science and women were not welcome to practice medicine. Well researched historical fiction.



One Small Step for Democracy in a 'Live Free or Die' Town

by Dan Barry, New York Times, July 10, 2022

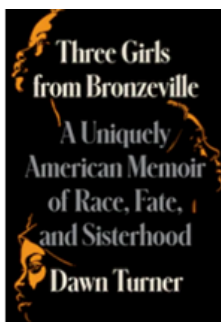
A cautionary tale from Croydon, N.H., where one man tried to foist a change so drastic is jolted a community out of political indifference.



Really Listening to Students Has an Academic Payoff, New Research Finds

By Evie Blad, Education Week, June 16, 2022

New research has confirmed a link between acting on student's feedback and their academic success, strengthening arguments for incorporating student voice into school improvement efforts.



Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood

By Dawn Turner

Turner's first work of nonfiction looks at three generations of Black women and provides lessons on urban decay, White privilege, and the impact of flawed city planning on Black youth.



The Right to the Shoreline: Race, Exclusion, and Public Beaches in Metropolitan Chicago

*Report by Samuel Kling and Lucas Stephens, PhD.
Published by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.
September 2020*

In the Chicago metropolitan area, summer means beach season. But often these spaces are open and public in name only. Beaches in the United States often feature elaborate policies to keep out non-residents and restrict access. This report concludes that beach access restrictions are racist in their origins and in their effects; the whitest, wealthiest municipalities have the most restrictive public beach access policies; and on public beaches with residency requirements, residential segregation leads to segregated beach access. This report includes recommendations for addressing these longstanding disparities.



The Bear

Hulu

James Beard Award winning chef Carmen Berzatto returns home to Chicago to manage The Original Beef of Chicagoland, a rundown restaurant in gentrified River North. The restaurant was previously owned by his brother who recently died by suicide. The Bear has received critical praise for the realistic portrayal of the personalities and the intensity of a restaurant kitchen. Chicagoans will enjoy the accents, familiar faces from Chicago's theater community, and of course – you may need to go visit Mr. Beef to get your Italian Beef fix.



Let The Little Light Shine

Directed by Kevin Shaw

A true story. When a thriving, top-ranked Chicago African American elementary school is threatened to be closed and replaced by a new high school that favors the community's wealthier residents – parents, students, and educators fight for the elementary school's survival. The

film is being screened across the country and will be presented on WTTW in the near future.



The Kids Are Not Alright

With John Woodrow Wilcox, from the America Dissected Podcast and Crooked Media

Another school shooting, more thoughts, and prayers. But maybe this time it is different. Podcast host, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, talks about the way that school shootings have shaped the lives, fears, and anxieties of a whole generation of young people. Then he sits down with John Woodrow Cox, author of “Children under Fire,” to talk about the blast radius of gun violence among children.



Song Exploder

Song Exploder is a podcast where musicians dissect their songs and share the story of how they were made. Guests are diverse and represent influences across genres including pop, country, classical, movie scores, and others. Some favorite episodes include the [Black Pumas](#) discussing “Colors.” and [Yo-Yo Ma](#) discussing [Prelude, Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major](#).

Grants Approved at the August Board Meeting

The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation is pleased to announce 15 grants totaling to \$1,275,000 in support of Arts Learning, Education, Employment, Program Special Purposes and World Relief.

Arts Learning

[Chicago Children's Choir](#)
[Congo Square Theatre Company](#)
[South Chicago Dance Theatre](#)
[West Point School of Music](#)
[Museum of Contemporary Art](#)

Education

[University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration](#)
[The Asian American Foundation](#)

Employment

[Association House of Chicago](#)
[i.c.stars](#)
[National Able Network, Inc.](#)
[Polish American Association](#)

Program Special Purposes

[Taproot Foundation](#)
[University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy](#)

World Relief

[World Central Kitchen, Inc.](#)
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