$24,000: Success By 6 - Kindergarten Countdown Camp (KCC)

KCC ensures that children who are entering kindergarten with little or no preschool experience, get the basic skills they need to start school prepared. This initiative has proven to be successful in Waukegan and has now expanded to reach more kids. Funding will expand KCC throughout Waukegan to reach 50-55 children in four classrooms.

**What do we love about this program?**

It takes place in a school setting, taught by licensed teachers, and the children receive two meals and transportation.

$24,000: B.E.S.T. Pre-K Program

Funding will continue to allow this Round Lake Park District program to provide 20 scholarships for children who otherwise would not have access to preschool. With this opportunity, children will be prepared for kindergarten and ready to learn.

**What do we love about this program?**

It provides a full year of half-day preschool, three days per week for students in Round Lake.

$15,000: Success By 6 - Home Visiting in Zion and Beach Park

This program provides in-home early intervention for families with infants and preschool-age kids struggling with poverty and who have limited access to health and community services. Funding will support four high-risk families in Zion and Beach Park with their most critical needs.

**What do we love about this program?**

The most vulnerable children get one-on-one comprehensive services in their homes.

$14,000: Better Together - Green Bay Early Childhood Center (GBECC)

This early learning program focuses on family engagement and building learning skills for children 0-3 years old by providing individualized attention to families. Funding will support a set of six summer sessions and 10 sessions during the school year. Each set serves 12-18 families. WLC will continue to support GBECC’s Resource Room that we helped establish.

**What do we love about this program?**

This program engages babies and teaches their mothers how to be their child’s first teacher.

$12,000: Success By 6 - Kindergarten Countdown Camp (KCC) - Beach Park

KCC is now available in Beach Park. This community has fewer resources and access to services but this early literacy and school readiness skills program will mitigate education gaps. Funding will serve 30 students in two classrooms.

**What do we love about this program?**

We can bring this proven and high-impact preschool “boot camp” to Beach Park for the first time.

$8,000: Reading Success - Early Reading Success

Funding will support the expansion of Reading Success for kindergartners in Waukegan through funding for additional equipment and materials needed to implement the reading program within the schools.

**What do we love about this program?**

This program brings an age-appropriate adaptation of the Reading Success tutoring program to the kindergarten population. Now that Waukegan is expanding their half-day kindergarten to a full day, there is an opportunity to provide early learning literacy help to younger learners.

$1,000: HUGS Initiative - Green Bay Early Childhood Center (GBECC)

After searching for a meaningful community engagement opportunity, the WLC has decided to partner with the Green Bay Early Childhood Center in North Chicago to provide volunteer support and resources to outfit their Resource Room with books, furniture and toys needed to attract young families for intervention and programming.

**What do we love about this program?**

This funding, coupled with in-kind contributions from WLC members, will enable GBECC to create a family community hub to connect with children and engage them to early learning as soon as possible.