



The Field Foundation of Illinois

Welcome to The Field Foundation of Illinois' website. We recently revised our website to make it more concise and user friendly. Nonetheless, as you will see, with our six defined program areas: urban and community affairs, culture, education, community welfare, health and environment we remain committed to a broad yet strategic philanthropic focus.



To that end, in addition to our six defined program areas, we recently developed a special Safe Kids/Safe Schools initiative (see home page). The Foundation began this special pilot project in an attempt to help organizations this summer design and implement strategies and programs that might curtail the recent upsurge of gun violence that plagues our communities. To launch this new initiative on May 1st we held a community forum with selective organizations and foundations to openly discuss this pressing problem. As part of this Forum we commissioned a special video presentation produced by Free Spirit Media, a grantee of the Foundation. This video entitled "Will I Be Next" can also be found on the home page of our website, along with photos from that event. We encourage you watch this moving video.

Those interested in applying to the Foundation for a grant should thoroughly review our guidelines for the Safe Kids/Safe School Fund, as well as our regular grant guidelines before submitting a request. We also ask that you make sure to use the appropriate checklist cover sheets found on our website.

This website includes our 2005/2006 which will soon be replaced with our 2007/2008 biennial report.

As you may know, the Foundation is unable to provide support to all of the grant worthy requests it receives at any given grant cycle, however, we always attempt to provide an honest and transparent assessment of an organization's potential success at receiving funding. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding our grant making process.

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