



2024

ILLINOIS PARK &
RECREATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT





2024 marked another successful milestone for the Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation (IPRF). Looking ahead to 2025, the trustees anticipate that IPRF will achieve \$250,000 in donations to support IPRA members through scholarships, disaster relief, educational workshop support, and diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. This ambitious goal is a remarkable feat for a foundation governed by a twelve-member board and a five-member events committee.

For over a decade, IPRF has been steadfast in its dedication to fundraising and philanthropy, with its hard work continuing to yield impactful results for IPRA members. Key fundraising events remain a cornerstone of this success. Consider the IPRF golf outing, which sold out in days and brought in more than \$20,000 in sponsorships, or the silent auction at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference, and the director's holiday lunch raffle, which together raised over \$10,000 in donations.

Notably, 2024 saw scholarship requests surpass the forecasted budget for the first time, a clear indication that efforts to raise awareness about IPRF's available resources are making an impact. Additionally, Tracey Crawford spearheaded IPRF's strategic development plan initiative. As IPRF moves forward, the trustees have placed a strong emphasis on aligning the foundation's support with IPRA's goals, optimizing resource allocation, addressing staff and volunteer needs, and identifying strategies to elevate IPRF's fundraising efforts to the next level.

It's an exciting time to envision IPRF's future, building on its accomplishments to further support IPRA and its members. To this end, in 2024, I encouraged IPRF trustees and committee members to embrace the challenge of doing "one more in '24" for IPRF. This could mean securing one more sponsorship for the golf outing, contributing one more basket for the silent auction, making one more personal donation, or dedicating one more hour to help strengthen our community.



We've all experienced moments of need when others stepped up to support us. The IPRF trustees and events committee members have wholeheartedly embraced the "one more in '24" initiative to assist IPRA members in achieving professional growth, receiving disaster relief, or fostering a more inclusive, equitable profession across Illinois.

One of our most memorable taglines from the past was, "the benefits are endless." In the field of Illinois parks, recreation, conservation and therapeutic recreation - I'd now say, "the possibilities are endless" when a group of dedicated professionals unites behind a shared goal. Will you join us in our journey? We'd love to have "one more in '24."

Thank you,
Jarrod Scheunemann
Deputy Executive Director
Champaign Park District

Mission: Be a sustainable philanthropic organization benefitting members of the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA).

Vision: Invest in developing park and recreation professionals to achieve their full potential.

Values: Advancement of Illinois parks, recreation, special recreation, and conservation professionals. Committed to supporting students in the parks, recreation, therapeutic recreation, and conservation fields. Dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



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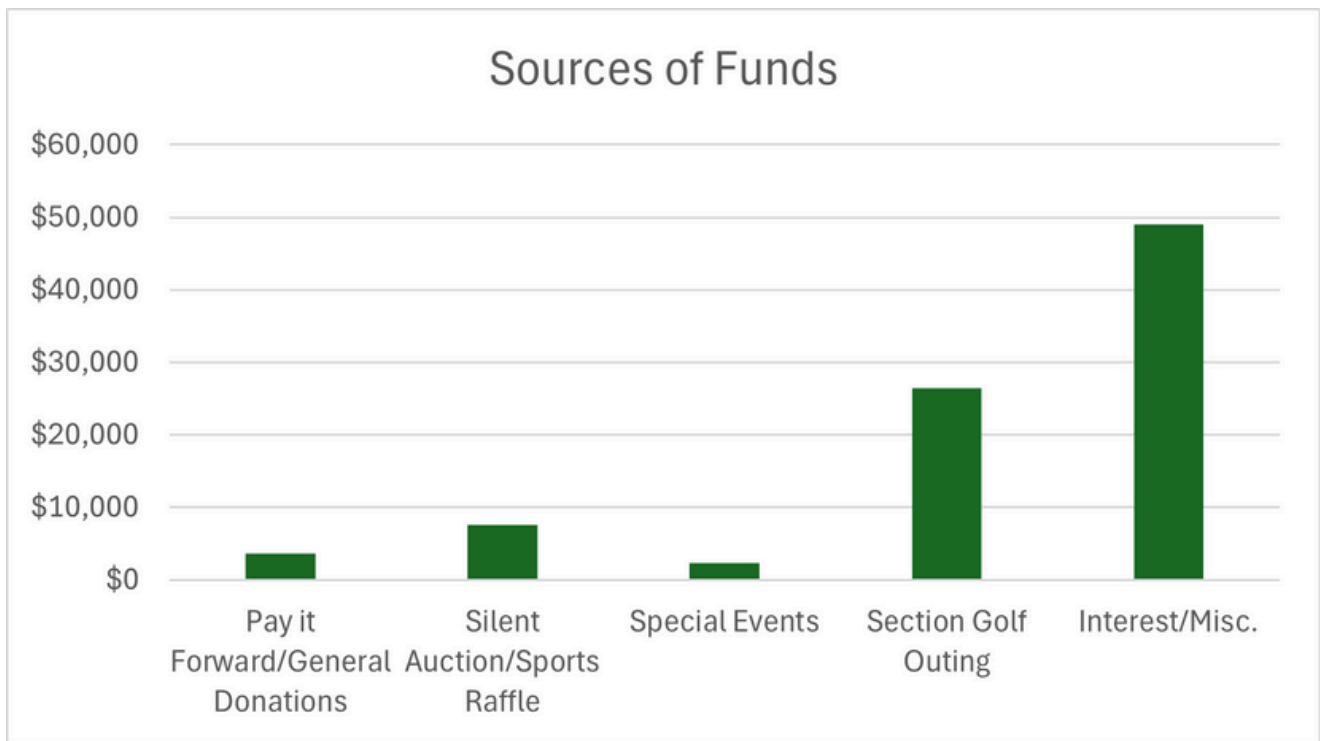
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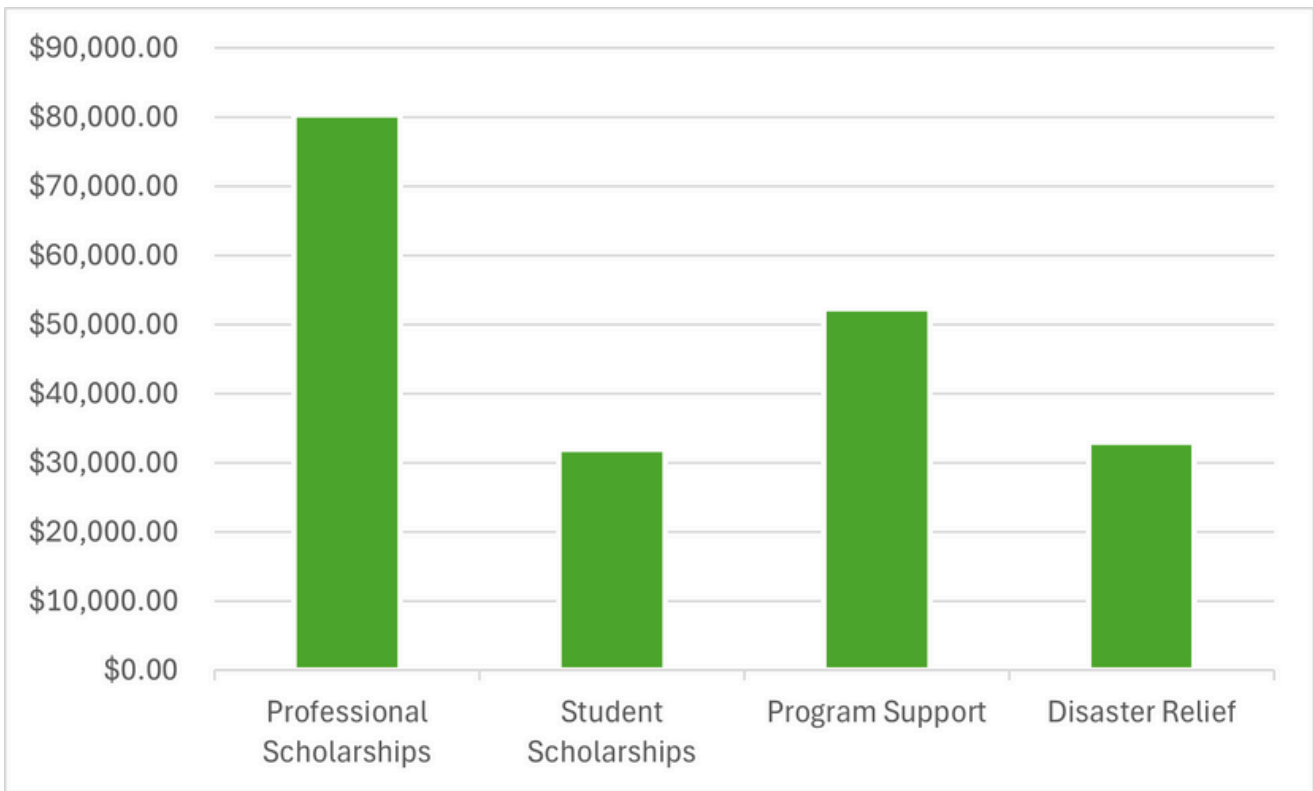
FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	\$80,166
Marketable Securities	\$588,540
Total Assets	\$668,706
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
General Scholarship Fund	\$662,571
Professional Development School (PDS) Scholarship	\$6,135
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$668,706

SOURCES OF FUNDS



IPRF IMPACT





SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Arlington Heights Park District
BerryDunn
Chicago Blackhawks & Fifth Third Arena
Fox Valley Park District
Freeport Park District
Glencoe Park District
Glenview Park District
Hitchcock Design Group
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Ancel Glink, P.C.	Gewalt Hamilton Associate	PFM Asset Management
Associated Bank	GovHR USA/MGT	PMA Financial Network
Campfire Concepts	Heartland Business Systems	Revenue Task Force
Cedar Path Nurseries	Henry Bros Company	Speer Financial
Chapman and Cutler	Hitchcock Design Group	Tressler LLP
Conserv FS	KI Furniture	Upland Design, Ltd.
Cunningham Recreation	Laner Muchin	Vista National
Design Perspectives, Inc.	Mindsight IT Consulting	W. B. Olson, Inc.
E4, LLC	NPPFA Benefits	Wight & Company
Engineering Resource Associates, Inc.	OLC Architecture, Interiors and Aquatics	WILS
FGM Architects	Old National Bank	Wintrust Financial Corporation

The 2024 IPRF Golf Outing had **138 golfers** and raised **\$18,000!** Since its inception the golf outing this year surpassed the **\$100K** mark and has currently raised **\$117,437** in total for scholarships.