

September, 2015

Mr. John H. Dick, Sr.
Dick Family Foundation
P.O. Box 312
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear John:

Community is a shared human experience. You recognize its unifying and inspiring effects when you see it, feel it and experience it. Community spirit lives at 400 East Illinois Road in Lake Forest. In fact, it flourishes.

The Gorton Community Center is where all people renew community spirit everyday through diverse programs, cultural events, recreational activities and philanthropic endeavors.

You see it in the expressive faces of those attending our programs and events. You hear it in the laughter of children and adults at play and in the applause rippling through theater audiences. You feel it throughout our newly renovated, multi-use center that has been a community anchor in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff for more than four decades.

These scenes, and all that goes into them, are made possible by generous donors who contribute to the Gorton Annual Fund, which provides about 15% of our yearly operating budget. Annual fund gifts support the programs, classes, events and activities that attract and nurture our community. Annual fund gifts also enable nine nonprofit organizations to occupy affordable office space, which allows more dollars to flow to their important outreach programs.

Last year, the Dick Family Foundation made a generous annual gift of \$10,000. Your dollars supported familiar programs such as Bridge and KIDS ONLY Holiday Shop and new programs such as Computer Coding and our Facets Kids Film Camp. We hope you will renew your leadership gift again this year and continue your vital community investment in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.

Thank you so much for the many contributions the Dick Family Foundation makes to our community, including the thoughtful consideration of a leadership gift to Gorton. Together, we will ensure that community spirit continues to thrive here—connecting, serving and inspiring people of all ages.

Sincerely,



Mark Ventling, Chairman
Gorton Community Center



Brenda Dick, Executive Director
Gorton Community Center