We are One Community, Together.

What the Chicago Blackhawks do off the ice is as important as anything we do on it. We have a duty to drive impact and purpose in the Chicago community, lifting those who need it most and strengthening our most significant legacy: the connection between the Blackhawks and our city.

As the Chicago Blackhawks’ official charitable arm, the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation (CBF) works to create a healthier, smarter, more secure world for children and families across Chicagoland. By providing access to programming and resources that make a positive impact, the organization strives to invest in Chicago’s youth, support local families in need and honor the sacrifices of others in addition to growing the great game of hockey.

COVID-19 Response

Emergency Funding: CBF launched an immediate donation-matching initiative benefiting the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund. Through fan, staff, player and sponsor donations, CBF raised $100,000, matching that for a total donation of $200,000 to the fund. In addition, Blackhawks Captain Jonathan Toews also donated an additional $100,000 through the Jonathan Toews Foundation.

Logistics Hub: A partnership between the Blackhawks, Bulls and arena staff, the United Center transformed into a logistics hub to assist with food storage for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, first responder staging, the collection of PPE/medical supplies and more.

“One Community” Outreach & Digital Resources: From saluting those on the front lines to providing free and fun at-home learning resources for kids, health & wellness tips and more, the “One Community” hub embraced local community heroes and brought entertainment and resources to our fans and neighbors.

Virtual & Distanced Programming: CBF transitioned multiple Summer and Fall 2020 programs to fit the everchanging needs of our community. Our Virtual Summer Camp offered youth the opportunity to remotely participate in Healthy Hawks nutrition sessions along with activities focused on physical fitness. The Blackhaws Reading program now provides classrooms with a Teacher Toolkit tailored to remote learning, including digital and printable resources such as a certificate to reward students, reading logs, Blackhawks bookmarks and reading bingo.

Additionally, CBF held socially-distanced programs at Fifth Third Arena, including Skate and Study, which offers students who are attending school remotely or on a hybrid schedule a place to study outside the home with free access to laptops and internet, as well as Family Skate for families looking for a safe and fun physical activity together.

For more information, visit Blackhawks.com/OneCommunity.

Community Impact

CBF continues to make a difference across the city through youth programs, community events, grants and in-kind donations.

As noted in this map, since the Foundation’s re-launch in 2017 (previously operated as Chicago Blackhawks Charities), we have served over 80% of Chicago’s wards.
Programming

CBF youth programs make learning fun through sports, teaching skills that set students up for success. From STEM learning experiences to nurturing emotion-regulation strategies and building healthy habits, our in-school and afterschool programs intentionally support middle school children because it is a critical window for brain development.

HEALTHY HAWKS
This summer field trip, now a four-week video series, teaches children about making nutritious food choices and fueling their bodies for exercise.

HAWKS HEART
Our newest program guides students through creative exercises to design a personal logo that reflects their future goals and individuality.

BUILDING CHAMPIONS
This seven-week afterschool program teaches kids life skills gained from being a team member: respect, leadership, decision-making, perseverance and teamwork.

READING PROGRAM
This program gets students excited to read, motivated by prizes and a player appearance in the classroom with the most pages read.

SERVICE CREW
ServICE Crew encourages kids to take an active role in the community by volunteering.

STEM Series
A progression of three programs – G.O.A.L. (Get Out And Learn), First Stride and the STEM Showcase – introduces CPS students to hockey and makes learning fun by bringing math and science to life through the game. G.O.A.L. provides a Blackhawks floor hockey clinic at their school, with all equipment donated for future P.E. lessons. First Stride then provides students with a free field trip to Fifth Third Arena for a learn-to-skate clinic and classroom STEM activities. Participating schools are then invited to the "STEM Showcase," where the Blackhawks turn the United Center into the city’s largest classroom and players guide students through their custom workbooks by participating in a skills competition teaching speed, angles and energy.

300+ schools provided with resources through outreach programs
16,100 local children participated in CBF afterschool programs
8,000 students have attended the STEM Showcase

Community Building

Through an array of special events, outings and numerous programs, CBF creates opportunities for our community in need to obtain essential items and other resources that enhance the lives of children and families around the city of Chicago.

HALLOWEEN AT FIFTH THIRD ARENA
The Chicago Blackhawks provided local students the chance to skate, paint pumpkins, take photos and trick or treat at Fifth Third Arena.

WINTER GEAR DRIVE
The Chicago Blackhawks Foundation partnered with Cradles to Crayons to collect winter gear that was given to those in need throughout the Chicagoland area.

TOY DRIVE
Over 800 toys were donated at Blackhawks home games and given to Cradles to Crayons, Toys for Tots and Lurie Children’s Hospital.

FOOD DRIVE
The Chicago Blackhawks Foundation was proud to sponsor the Food Drive this season where all food collected was donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry.

Back to School
The Chicago Blackhawks provided buses for 2nd to 5th grade students from local Chicago schools to visit the United Center for a back-to-school events. Upon arrival, students received backpacks that they filled up with donated supplies, ate lunch, played games, and got surprise visits from Tommy Hawk and Connor Murphy.

300 students received backpacks and school supplies for the 2019-20 school year
Community Outreach & Awareness

CBF is committed to supporting Illinois programs and institutions that serve and make a positive impact on the lives of local residents. In addition to supporting programs founded by the National Hockey League, CBF utilizes the Blackhawks’ vast platform to bring awareness to our partners who are making a difference in the Chicagoland community, honor the sacrifices of others and recognize deserving fans and community members.

Native American Heritage

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Blackhawks partners from Trickster Cultural Center and members from the Sac & Fox Nation visited the United Center to help educate fans on Native culture. On Nov. 17, 2019, Navajo Code Talker Thomas Begay performed a hymn followed by an intermission video informing fans on the vital role of Code Talkers. On Nov. 19, 2019, performers showcased a traditional song and dance, and Juana Hamilton, a member of the Sac & Fox Nation, explained the meaning behind the songs, dances and dress.

Pride Night

The Blackhawks teamed up with local organizations to host Pride Night on March 5, 2020. Players used pride tape on their sticks during warmups. The You Can Play Project, Chicago Gay Hockey Association and Center on Halsted educated fans on the concourse, and a portion of the silent auction and Split the Pot proceeds benefited these organizations that work to increase diversity in hockey.

Hockey Fights Cancer

Hockey Fights Cancer is a joint initiative founded in December 1998 by the NHL and the NHLPA to raise money and awareness for hockey’s most important fight: cancer. Last year’s event was held on Oct. 27, 2019. Children and families affected by cancer were invited to walk the purple carpet, drop the puck, stand with players on the ice during the national anthem and ride the Zamboni during intermissions.

LURIE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL VISIT

Each season, Blackhawks players and coaches visit local hospitals to sign autographs, pose for pictures and interact with children in the community.

MAKE-A-WISH

In October, 14-year-old Megan got to spend a day with the Blackhawks on the ice as they prepared for opening night against the San Jose Sharks. Megan also got to walk the red carpet before the game as part of the Blackhawks team.

SALUTE THE FRONT LINE

CBF salutes those working tirelessly to keep us healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. From healthcare professionals to teachers to essential workers, CBF was proud to provide lunches for and tell the stories of the heroes in our community.

Honoring Veterans

A trailblazer in military recognitions, the Chicago Blackhawks and CBF work with USO to implement the USO Military Salutes program in Illinois. Every home game, an active duty service member and a military veteran are honored on the ice while the national anthem plays and the crowd roars – and through this program, CBF has provided this once-in-a-lifetime experience to more than 1,500 members of the U.S. military.

SLED HOCKEY

The Chicago Blackhawks Sled Hockey Program is sponsored by Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. The program was formed in 1999 and is free for participants to join and participate. All hockey gear and equipment is supplied free of cost.

SPECIAL HOCKEY

Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey is dedicated to providing children and adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to play hockey. Currently the team has a roster of 150 active players and is comprised of athletes that have autism, Down syndrome or other intellectual disabilities.

BLACKHAWKS WARRIORS

The Blackhawks Warriors Hockey Team, sponsored in part by the Chicago Blackhawks, is comprised of our veteran soldiers who have been injured in combat.

BLIND HOCKEY

Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey exists to make hockey available to all ages and skill levels of the blind and visually-impaired community. Currently, 27 players and 18 registered coaches take part in the program.
Community Investment

CBF awarded $2 million in grants during the 2019-20 season, including $1.55 million to more than 20 local organizations that share in our vision for a healthier, smarter, more secure world for children and families and an additional $450,000 to 8 nonprofits focused on education-based impact through the Chicago Blackhawks Community Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund generously matched at 50 cents on the dollar.

One West Side

Additionally, CBF and A Better Chicago launched a new partnership, One West Side, focused on strengthening organizations deeply embedded in their communities with exceptional leaders poised to expand their impact. This initiative will invest at least $5 million over the next three years in Chicago’s West Side, which includes some of the city’s underserved and under-resourced neighborhoods, to fuel programs and services that enable Chicago’s youth to thrive from birth to young adulthood.

THE INAUGURAL COHORT OF ONE WEST SIDE GRANTEES INCLUDE:

- Austin Childcare Providers Network: Under the leadership of Ruth Kimble, Austin Childcare Providers Network is developing a collaborative pilot to ensure that children leave early childcare providers ready for kindergarten by creating continuity of learning and practice among childcare (pre-K) providers and elementary schools.
- The Bloc: Founded by Jamyle Cannon, The Bloc provides a meaningful physical outlet for youth through boxing as well as academic coaching and mentoring.
- West Side United’s Cluster of Care Community Hub: An initiative of West Side United under the leadership of Ayesha Jaco and Tenisha Jones, the Hub will provide students and their families with wraparound services and resources conveniently located within the school building.
- Firehouse Community Arts Center VIP Program: Through the VIP Program, Pastor Phil Jackson and the Firehouse Community Art Center is focused on the prevention and interruption of violence by providing young adult men who are often perpetrators of violence with mentorship, leadership development and access to skills training and job opportunities.
- MAAFA Redemption Project: Under the leadership of Marshall Hatch, the MAAFA Redemption Project is an initiative in West Garfield Park that provides at-risk emerging adult men with leadership development, employment, housing and a host of customized wraparound supports to meet the unique needs of each participant.

To learn more about why we invested in each organization, please visit ABetterChicago.com/Grantees.

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CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT CLINICS
NORWOOD PARK STREET HOCKEY RINK

Above, the Blackhawks offer the team’s national platform during the 2020 NHL Draft to One West Side grant recipient Jamyle Cannon, Founder and Executive Director of The Bloc, who announced our first-round selection on NBC Sports.
Thank you, partners!

Fifth Third Arena

CBF would like to extend a special note of thanks to Fifth Third Arena, the Chicago Blackhawks Community Ice Rink. Fifth Third Arena is not only the practice facility for the Chicago Blackhawks and visiting National Hockey League teams, but also a critical space for community programming and hockey development. Since opening in November 2017, the 125,000 square-foot, privately-funded facility has been home to marquee community programming from the Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Blackhawks Foundation, including First Stride, Building Champions, Healthy Hawks and more.

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$10 provides materials for four students in our Building Champions afterschool program.

$20 funds one student’s participation in our Healthy Hawks summer program.

$60 provides one student with a lifetime pass to continue to learn to skate after our First Stride program.

Silent Auction
Text BLACKHAWKS to 76278 to get alerts on silent auctions and bid on player-autographed memorabilia from home.

Queen Of Hearts
Purchase your weekly raffle tickets at BlackhawksQOH.com until the Queen of Hearts is revealed.

For more information, visit Blackhawks.com/Community.