Dear Friends & Supporters,

In 2018, Chicago Commons was recognized by the Citi Foundation as a visionary, non-profit organization that is resolving long-standing economic challenges through innovative approaches. The hard work of our dedicated staff made it possible for us to receive the Community Progress Makers Award, a highly-selective, nationally-recognized award given to agencies that “fight above their weight class.” We pause to celebrate this achievement.

Our families face an inordinate number of barriers, and our job is to break down those barriers while building upon their abilities so that they can fulfill their greatest potential. Our programs enable families to break the cycle of poverty by providing foundational early education, strengthening parents and caring for the elderly, while also advocating for their equal chance at success.

This past year, our early education program earned top CLASS and GOLD scores, which demonstrate a significant impact on student achievement that lasts through third grade. With support from the PwC Foundation, we launched the Parent Pathways to Early Childhood Careers Program in partnership with City Colleges of Chicago, Ounce of Prevention Fund and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Our first parent cohort began participating in a two-year early childhood program that provides our parents with a stepping stone towards a rewarding career. Taking it one step further, this program offers a creative solution to address the local and statewide needs for diverse teacher talent—especially in early education. Additionally, we continued the transformation of our adult education program into a multi-generational model that provides families a fuller range of wrap-around support to increase economic mobility, kindergarten readiness and the social-emotional connections that spark life long success.

Chicago Commons is grateful for our board members, donors, community partners and our staff members who work tirelessly to help individuals overcome poverty, discrimination and isolation in underserved communities. In 2019, we will begin celebrating our 125th anniversary, and while we are proud of our successes and can share thousands of stories about families whose lives we have transformed, our work is not yet done. Soon, we will invite you to join us in a bold new vision to create a society of promise for all… in this lifetime.

And as always, we are committed to embracing a future that’s bright, hopeful and full of opportunity for the families we serve.

Thank you,

Edgar Ramirez       Willard S. Evans, Jr.
President & CEO       Board Chair
Chicago Commons
Chicago Commons enables families to break the cycle of poverty by providing early education, strengthening parents and caring for the elderly, while also advocating for their equal chance at success.
We believe in children’s inherent abilities. We leverage the Reggio Emilia approach to create environments that activate those abilities so that learning takes off.
Early Education Spotlight

Focused on communities where families are at highest risk of poverty, violence and low educational attainment, our four centers deliver our programs and services in Humboldt Park, Pilsen and Back of the Yards communities. We also partner with eleven Community Partner sites extending our reach to six additional Chicago neighborhoods.

1,197 children served

71 children served in after school programs

$16,938 Median Family Income

Racial/Ethnic Makeup

- 42% Latino
- 21% Black or African American
- 15% White
- 14% Biracial or Multi-Racial
- 3% Other
- 5% Unspecified

Early Education Outcomes

The organization uses Teaching Strategies GOLD and CLASS assessment tools to evaluate its academic impact and classroom quality. Through CLASS, we know that between 85% to 99% of our children are meeting or exceeding widely-held expectations across the various educational domains. By using CLASS, we also know that Chicago Commons’ centers consistently outperform the local and national averages for teaching quality.

GOLD SCORES

Children 0-3 YRS: Met/Exceeded Widely-Held Expectations

- 98% Social-Emotional Learning
- 99% Cognitive Abilities
- 97% Literacy
- 93% Math

Children 3-5 YRS: Met/Exceeded Widely-Held Expectations

- 92% Social-Emotional Learning
- 92% Cognitive Abilities
- 87% Literacy
- 85% Math

CLASS (based on a 7-point scale):

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<tr>
<th>Domain</th>
<th>Chicago Commons</th>
<th>City of Chicago Average</th>
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<tr>
<td>Emotional Support</td>
<td>5.95</td>
<td>5.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classroom Organization</td>
<td>5.38</td>
<td>5.25</td>
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<td>Instructional Support</td>
<td>4.17</td>
<td>2.97</td>
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Our **family hub** provides families with a full range of wrap-around support to increase economic mobility, kindergarten readiness and the social-emotional connections that spark lifelong success.
The **family hub** model operates out of the four Chicago Commons centers. A total of 392 individuals participated in the hub. The numbers below represent the total participation by service area.

- **315** Health & Wellness Workshops & Activities
- **128** Employment: One-on-One Coaching
- **331** Financial Capability Services
- **209** Financial Capability: One-on-One Coaching
- **173** Second Financial Assessment
- **300** Families participating in Engagement Activities

84% participated in Financial Empowerment Services

80% participated in Health & Wellness Workshops & Activities
Our **Senior Services**
give seniors and adults with disabilities a life with independence, dignity and respect.

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**Adult Day Services**

- 155 Participants
- 64,048 Hours of Service
- 91% Client Satisfaction
- 97% of ADS Participants are African American

**Home Care Services**

- 1,293 Participants
- 1,188 Participants live alone
- 651 Home Care Aides
- 86% of Participants are African American

$363,000 saved annually to taxpayers

100% of participants report being treated with dignity and respect
# Chicago Commons Association Statement of Financial Position For Year Ended June 30, 2018

## Assets

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<tr>
<th>Asset</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable, net</td>
<td>$7,755,342</td>
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<td>Other Assets</td>
<td>$70,332</td>
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<td>Contributions Receivable</td>
<td>$518,617</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>$84,531</td>
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<td>Property &amp; Equipment, net</td>
<td>$4,031,535</td>
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<td>Beneficial Interest in Trusts</td>
<td>$3,481,472</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,975,746</strong></td>
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## Liabilities and Net Assets

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<td>Accounts Payable</td>
<td>$1,182,792</td>
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<td>Accrued Expenses</td>
<td>$839,236</td>
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<td>Accrued Settlement &amp; Retirement Obligations</td>
<td>$33,811</td>
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<td>Notes Payable</td>
<td>$2,981,135</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,036,974</strong></td>
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## Net Assets

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<td>Unrestricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total Unrestricted</strong></td>
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<td>Temporarily Restricted</td>
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<td>Permanently Restricted</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,975,746</strong></td>
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# Consolidated Statement of Activities For Year Ended June 30, 2018

## Revenue

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Corporations, Foundations &amp; Individuals</td>
<td>$1,224,578</td>
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<td>Allocations from Trusts</td>
<td>$79,672</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
<td>$109,038</td>
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<td><strong>Total support</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,413,288</strong></td>
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<td>Fees &amp; Grants from Government Agencies</td>
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<td>Fee for Service Revenue</td>
<td>$3,251,779</td>
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<td>Client Fees &amp; Other Support</td>
<td>$225,427</td>
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<td>Investment Income (loss)</td>
<td>($899)</td>
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<td>Increase in Beneficial Interest in Trusts</td>
<td>$204,921</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>$161,718</td>
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<td><strong>Total Support, Fees &amp; Government Grants</strong></td>
<td><strong>$27,823,937</strong></td>
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## Expenses

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>Child Development</td>
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<td>Senior Services</td>
<td>$11,274,921</td>
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<td>Family Hub</td>
<td>$209,768</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$24,747,644</strong></td>
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## Supporting Services

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
<td>$2,394,187</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$405,772</td>
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<td><strong>Total Support Services</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Program &amp; Support Services</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Increase (decrease) in Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$276,334</strong></td>
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