Evanston Neighborhood Network

Our Neighborhood

The United Way Neighborhood Network in Evanston, led by Evanston Cradle to Career (EC2C), was formed in 2014. The Network supports over 40 civic, social, and philanthropic organizations to make Evanston the most equitable place it can be. Through outreach, facilitation, convening, and data, Evanston Cradle to Career supports these organizations to collective impact.

An independent city north of Chicago, Evanston is the home to Northwestern University. The population is diverse, with white, Black, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), and Latiné residents; though mid-century urbanization and zoning ordinances created lasting racial segregation. In the 1960s, Evanston—once a booming industrial city—lost many factories and stores, resulting in a higher rate of joblessness and forcing some workers to relocate. By the end of the 20th century, Evanston’s academic and business sector revived the city. Today, residents still grapple with income disparity and racial equity in employment, affordable housing, and education. But the community is committed to overcoming these obstacles and creating new systems of equity and growth.

LEAD AGENCY

Evanston Cradle to Career (EC2C)

COMMUNITY VISION

By the age of 23, all Evanston young adults will be on the path to leading satisfying and productive lives.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES:
A DUAL APPROACH IN EVANSTON

- Food
- Housing Assistance
- Individual Health and Wellness
- Social Determinants of Health
- Early Childhood Education

Responding to Immediate Basic Needs of Evanston Residents

Building Neighborhood Systems Stronger and More Equitably in Evanston
Join Us! Together, we can build neighborhoods like Evanston stronger and more equitably.

Direct your United Way gift to “Neighborhood Networks” to be a part of this critical strategy. Learn more at LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/neighborhood-networks