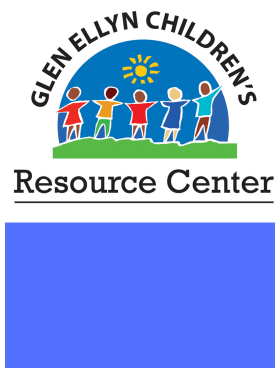


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Quarterly Newsletter - January 2021

'Why GECRC' Campaign Raises Nearly \$50,000!

With the support of the Glen Ellyn community, nearly \$50,000 was raised from individual donors in the month of December! GECRC kicked off the month with a successful 'Making the Impossible Possible' Giving Tuesday, where \$15,000 was raised for the four GECRC programs. Throughout the month, we shared 'Why GECRC' is important to our community. Students, tutors, GECRC team members, D41 and D89 principals and superintendents shared how GECRC impacts our community. Their testimonials inspired an additional \$35,000 in donations. We are so appreciative of the way this community cares for GECRC!

Looking ahead into 2021, GECRC is optimistic about the academic and social support potential and possibilities available to our students and their families.

On Saturday, January 23rd, the Glen Ellyn Public Library, along with tax-funded organizations and local nonprofits, will host a series of community conversations about diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), formally known as the 2021 Glen Ellyn Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Project. GECRC will participate in the community organizations panel from 1:00- 3:00 pm.

The purpose of the initiative is to provide a format for residents of Glen Ellyn to learn more about the diversity, equity and inclusion activities taking place in their community and then to participate in open, facilitated conversations. Interested

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get Involved with GECRC in 2021

Are you looking for a way to connect with GECRC this winter and spring? We are looking to fill a variety of volunteer experiences.

1. Volunteer Tutor- Those interested in tutoring, please fill out a [volunteer application](#) to get started. If you've tutored in the past, please send an email to volunteer@gecrc.com.

2. Fundraising Events- Consider helping with a 2021 fundraising event. The GECRC Fundraising Committee is looking for community members who are interested in getting more involved with the annual Literary Event, held in the spring, as well as a new GECRC golf outing, tentatively scheduled for fall 2021. Reach out to Leah Harding at lharding@gecrc.com for more information.

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ATTENTION GECRC ALUMNI AND TUTORS

**Apply now for GBW
GECRC Alumni and
Tutor Scholarships**

Deadline: February 5th

Attention GECRC alumni and tutors! Applications are now being accepted for the GECRC Alumni Scholarship and GECRC Tutor Scholarship. Look for the GBW Local Scholarship application portal in your Naviance account.

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For the Bordoshuk family, “‘family’ and ‘giving back’ means everything” to them. They come together three times a year; Christmas Day, fall and summer picnics. This Christmas, they connected through Zoom, like so many families, and raised a toast to their amazing family and the families of GECRC that they helped support with a generous donation, collected from all of their family members.

Next summer marks 75 years (in a row!) that the Bordoshuk family has gathered at a Cook County picnic grove for their annual family picnic.

Thank You GECRC Community!

Thank you to the following organizations who donated recently to support our four after school programs, either financially or through in-kind donations. We are very appreciative of your support of GECRC!

Fred J. Brunner Foundation

Faith Lutheran Church

DuPage County COVID Relief

GBW Girls Cross Country

College of DuPage staff

Lions Club of GE

Glen Ellyn Kiwanis Club

Topfer Family Foundation

JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of the DuPage Foundation

DuPage Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund

Parkview Community Church

The Bookstore

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**George Travers Foundation
First United Methodist Church
Colors 4 Change
Bev's Hallmark**



DONATION IDEAS

Birthday Fundraisers

Celebrate your birthday with a GECRC [Facebook Birthday Fundraiser!](#)

1. Choose GECRC as your charity of choice on Facebook
2. Set a target amount and an end date
3. Write a short story about why you're raising money for GECRC
4. Click "create" and your friends will get a notification letting them know you're supporting GECRC for your birthday!

Children's birthday parties are a great opportunity for kids to give back to their community. Some ideas include:

1. Ask guests for a book for the birthday girl/boy and a copy for GECRC
2. Encourage guests to bring a copy of their favorite book to donate
3. Skip the goodie bag in favor of charitable donations in each guest's name
4. Purchase a gift in honor of the host at [GECRC Amazon Wish List](#)

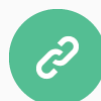
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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry- [The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry](#) distributes 980,000 pounds of food annually to families in Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lombard, Lisle, Wheaton and Carol Stream. This year they have partnered with Glen Ellyn Kiwanis to supplement Kiwanis snack packs that our students receive during weekly outreach.

The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn- One of the challenges to supporting independent reading during COVID is that students don't have normal access to books from the school library. [The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn](#) has helped GECRC respond to the challenge by ordering books that interest our students; thus building at home libraries. Also available for purchase in store are GECRC notecards, with proceeds going to the GECRC Alumni and Tutor Scholarship Fund.

Your Children's Bookshelf- Come listen to Peter Pan - Chapter 15 - Hook or Me This Time on [Storytime](#) Presented by Your Children's Bookshelf or your favorite podcast provider. This fall, YCB created tote bags with six individualized books for our elementary students. They have provided over 13,480 books to children since September 2018.

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