

root2fruit

Cultivating communities from within

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2008 *root2fruit* Grantees

Center for Independent Futures

Citizens Lighthouse Community Land Trust

Evanston Community Defender

The Family Room

Interfaith Housing Center of the North Shore

The Lilac Tree

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

The Recyclery

Seniors Action Service, Inc.

Shorefront

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Our Mission

To build and fund the capacity of small community organizations and leaders who are committed to advancing social, economic and environmental justice for the benefit of Evanston, its residents and neighbors.

Our Values

The Evanston community should be:

A place where there is true equal opportunity for all.

A true community that inspires all to work together.

A community embracing diversity and collaboration.

A community that blends old and new for old and young.

A place where all people feel safe, included and respected.

A community that lives the values we talk about – a safe place to dream.

Our Purpose

Develop and nurture small or emerging grassroots organizations.

Build the capacity of these organizations.

Develop and maintain coalitions in the community.

Strengthen communities, neighborhoods and people.

Develop peer relationships.