



Community

We are now beginning our fundraising phase to assist HP businesses that endured losses from the July 4th tragedy.

Donations Needed

We continue to collect applications from Highland Park businesses impacted by a forced shutdown. As expected, our HP businesses have suffered true financial losses which strike at the vibrancy of our community. Please make a tax-deductible donation through our nonprofit partner, the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood:

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

Donations may also be made at:

- Highland Park Bank and Trust
- First Bank of Highland Park
- Mailing a check to:

Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood,

PO Box 42, Highland Park, IL 60035

For any businesses looking to help those impacted, we humbly request that you ask for donations from:

- Customers

- Suppliers
- Business Associates who want to know what they can do to help

It's important for potential donors to understand a few **key facts**:

- Victims' funds and federal government grants generally exclude businesses
- Insurance, including business interruption insurance, generally does not cover this circumstance
- Businesses lost revenue, and inventory (e.g. spoiled food), **and many continued to pay their employees even while they were closed**

Current Status

We will continue to collect information and applications through August 5th. We also encourage eligible businesses to apply for the City's [Business Recovery Grant](#) and encourage all HP businesses to investigate and understand if an [SBA EIDL loan](#) is right for them.

We are aware of two fundraisers by local businesses in the coming weeks that will contribute to this fund. We are grateful for these efforts, but they will still not be enough to meet the needs. We will provide more information on fundraisers when available.

We appreciate everyone's assistance as we work together to help our business community recover from this tragedy.

We will heal together,

Eric Ephraim

Chief Executive Officer & President, First Bank of

Highland Park/First Bank Chicago

President, Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood

Board Member & Secretary, Highland Park Community Foundation

Highland Park resident for nearly all years since 1969, HPHS '87

Ginny A. Glasner

President & CEO, Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Past-Chair, Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Leadership Team Hometown Chambers Council, Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Ex-officio, Business & Economic Development Advisory Group of City of Highland Park

Member, First Bank of Highland Park Community Advisory Committee

A 31-year resident of Highland Park

Jon A. Levey

President, Highland Park Bank & Trust

Board member, Chair of Investment Committee, and co-Chair of 30th anniversary Gather for Good event, Highland Park Community Foundation

Member, Rotary Club of Highland Park and Highwood

Member, HP Chamber, Downtown Alliance, and Downtown Property Owners Association

20+ year resident of Highland Park