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**Evelyn Appell Lipkin knew that we all come into the world with a different set of circumstances. That life can be complicated, and we don't all have the same advantages.**

Born on a boat in New York Harbor, Evelyn had a not unfamiliar early 20th century American immigrant story. Her family left Eastern Europe in the 1920s for greater opportunity in the United States. For Evelyn, the circumstances of her birth would mean coming of age at the right place, New York; and at the right time: schools were filled with brilliant academic refugees who had left Europe before the war and settled in the city. Coming from a family of few resources, this gave her access to an extraordinary education, and at a time when many of the city's colleges and universities were free.

At the age of twenty, Evelyn moved to Chicago during World War II, and enrolled in the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration master's program. She became part of a community of feminist and activist women who remained life-long friends. Together they discovered their political voices and advocated for civil rights, established child care centers and tutoring programs, marched against the Viet Nam war, and believed in a woman's right to control her own body. Evelyn quietly supported an underground network established to help women access abortions before Roe v. Wade.

She was always interested in investing in people and programs, including Chicago Foundation for Women. CFW's annual luncheon became a yearly tradition with her daughter Laurel—attending each year together and inviting friends to join them to learn about CFW's critical work. "Many professional women now have more resources than ever before and they can make a difference through philanthropy. They should provide a network of support for generations of women to follow," was Evelyn's philosophy, and according to Laurel, "she wanted people to understand that resources can change the trajectory of lives and communities."

As Evelyn's health declined in 2015, Laurel worked with her mother in the weeks before her passing to plan for the establishment of the **Evelyn Appell Lipkin Endowed Fund** at CFW. The fund will continue Evelyn's legacy of supporting social justice and equity for women and girls—values that defined her and that shape Laurel's memories of her mother. The fund at CFW also begins a new tradition between Laurel and her mother. Each year Laurel will work with CFW staff to select a grantee of the fund that embodies Evelyn's spirit.

Laurel says, "This keeps her alive—who she was, and what she valued."

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LAUREL LIPKIN DAUGHTER