

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY

2016 Annual Report



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*“To provide effective and rewarding ways for donors
to fulfill their philanthropic objectives.”*

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In 2016, the Community Foundation completed its first full year under the direction of its new president & CEO, Jeff Hartman. Sharon Stredde, who served as the Foundation's president & CEO for thirty years prior to her retirement in 2015, continued to serve the Foundation as its president emeritus. Stredde continued to research, write scripts, and oversee the production of historic videos on Foundation endowment fund holders. Over the past five years, Stredde has produced 27 historic videos featuring local individuals, families, for-profit businesses and not-for-profit agencies who have generously supported the Foundation and – through their philanthropy – have made our communities better places to live and work. Please visit the Foundation's website where you can watch each of these historic videos.

Additionally, the Foundation completed its first full year under an expanded full-time staffing model. Over the past eighteen months, the Foundation increased its staff to six full-time employees. Today, the Foundation employs full-time staff members in each of its philanthropic departments; development, grantmaking, scholarships, finance, and administration. This new staffing model has helped the Foundation better serve its constituents which resulted in a record year of activity.

In 2016, the Foundation received more than \$5.5 million in contributions from generous donors, increasing assets under management at year end to a record \$77.2 million. Charitable support of nearly \$3.5 million was awarded to the community with nearly \$2.5 in grants distributed to local agencies, and nearly \$1 million in scholarships provided to local students.

The Foundation continued to expand its presence in the Tri-Cities through its office in Geneva. Officially opened in 2015, the Geneva office has proven to be a great vehicle for creating new, and expanding existing, relationships with philanthropically minded individuals and organizations. Sincere thanks to Foundation Board members, committee members, donors, agencies, and other constituents who have graciously supported the expanded reach into the Tri-Cities. Our accomplishments would not be possible without your support.

Finally, the Foundation would like to thank the members of its staff for their extraordinary dedication to its mission. Their efforts are unparalleled and are a major reason for the continued success of the Community Foundation.

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Assets By Fund Type

Scholarship : **30.88%**

Donor Advised : **18.56%**

Agency & Institutional Endowment : **15.02%**

Unrestricted : **14.43%**

Restricted (Other) : **9.85%**

Administrative : **8.97%**

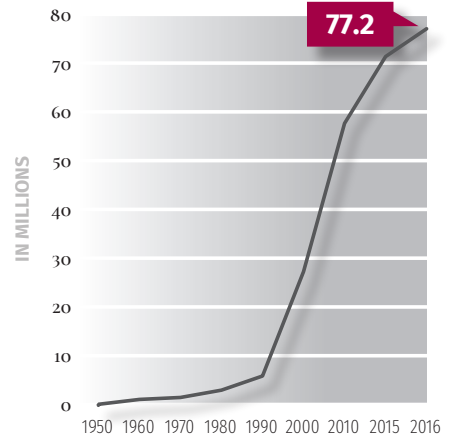
Discretionary Grantmaking : **2.07%**

Field of Interest : **<1%**

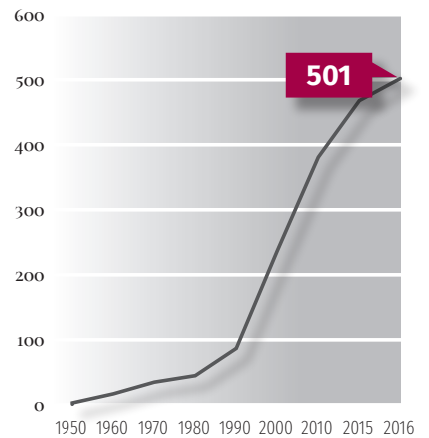
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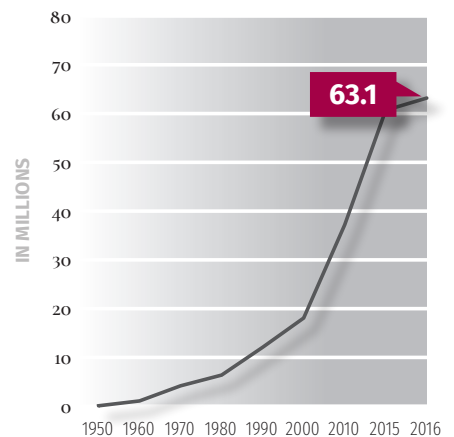
Growth In Foundation Assets



Growth in Foundation Funds



Growth in Grants & Scholarships



BENEFITS TO DONORS

The Community Foundation continues to seek new and innovative ways to meet the needs of charitable donors. As the community's permanent "Charitable Investment Firm," our primary purpose is to work with donors who wish to return a portion of their resources to the community. Many donors choose to give through the Foundation because of the advantages a community foundation offers.

Permanent Guardianship of Gifts

A gift to the Foundation may establish, or be added to, an endowment fund. Endowment funds are structured to serve their charitable purpose(s) in perpetuity. The amount available for distribution is carefully established by the Foundation to ensure the preservation and long-term growth of each endowment fund. Donors appreciate knowing that their contributions will extend beyond their lifetimes and will be carefully safeguarded to serve the community as originally intended.

Maximum Tax Deductibility

The Community Foundation is classified as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code. This status affords donors tax deductions for income and estate tax purposes to the maximum extent permissible under current tax law.

Special Tax Benefits

Donors contributing appreciated assets to the Foundation receive the following benefits: (1) capital gains taxes will not be levied on the donated property, and (2) an income tax deduction can be taken on the full, fair market value of the gift. These advantages apply if the assets have been owned for the requisite period of time (currently for at least one year and a day).

Tax-Sheltered Growth of Funds

Contributions to charitable funds within the Foundation grow tax free. This means that donors are able to build charitable reserves in their names without incurring additional taxes.

Choice of Charitable Beneficiaries

Donors are able to realize most charitable intents by designating the organizations or the philanthropic purposes to be served by their fund. Through the Foundation, donors have the freedom to structure funds to accomplish their charitable objectives.

Economies of Scale

We strive to offer a better investment return to each participating fund within the Foundation through: (1) the pooling of assets, (2) the diversification of investments and (3) the reduction of costs to any one fund through shared expenses.

Recognition

Funds may be established in the name of the donor, the donor's family, a friend, a business, a charitable purpose, or another organization. Those establishing endowment funds are guaranteed perpetual recognition through publications and through the annual distributions of grants in the name of the fund. Conversely, the Foundation understands and respects a donor's wish for anonymity and will administer such gifts accordingly.

Flexibility

The Foundation carefully adheres to the terms of all gifts entrusted to its care. If the original purposes of a fund become obsolete or incapable of fulfillment, the Foundation has the responsibility to redirect the fund to other related purposes. That power is used sparingly and donors may rest assured that the spirit of their charitable objectives will be represented in perpetuity.

Accountability

Annual reviews through an independent audit, filing of tax returns, public disclosure of all grant activity, and careful selection of board members ensure continued use of funds in the public interest.

Foundation Within a Foundation

Affiliation with the Foundation offers the advantages of a private foundation without the attendant expense and time commitment. We relieve donors of the complications of administering their own foundations by assuming full responsibility for the efficient, prudent management of each fund entrusted to our care.

TYPES OF FUNDS

Donors can realize nearly any charitable intent by choosing from the variety of fund types offered by the Foundation. These fund types can be created as (1) “endowment funds” which are structured to serve their charitable purpose(s) in perpetuity or as (2) “pass-thru funds” which are temporary charitable vehicles that close upon the fulfillment of their purposes.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds permit the Foundation the greatest flexibility in responding to present and future charitable needs within the Foundation’s service area. Donors establishing Unrestricted Funds rely on the expertise of the Foundation board and staff to identify and evaluate the most effective uses for the fund.

Field of Interest Funds

These types of funds enable donors to choose a particular field of interest, such as youth, education, senior citizen needs, the arts, etc. The Foundation evaluates needs within the specified field and responds to those needs in the name of the fund.

Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds allow donors to make suggestions for distributions to meet current needs. Although Internal Revenue Service regulations require these suggestions to be nonbinding, each suggestion receives serious consideration by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Restricted Funds

These funds are designed to benefit specific charitable organizations such as a non-profit agency, a civic institution or a religious house of worship. If a specific beneficiary of a fund ceases to exist, the Foundation will follow the original intentions of the donor by identifying organizations of similar purpose. Thus, donors have the assurance that their charitable objectives will continue to be fulfilled.

Scholarship Program Funds

The Community Foundation is well known for its extensive scholarship program. Many donors create Scholarship Funds as memorials to loved ones and friends. Donors have the option to define the criteria of their funds (e.g., to serve students entering a particular field of study or graduating from a specific high school, etc.). Scholarship Funds can be structured to reflect most charitable objectives or can be left “open-ended” to give the Foundation latitude in the selection of deserving students.

Grantmaking Program Funds

The Community Foundation is able to award charitable grants to the community due to the thoughtfulness of donors who have contributed to one of our unrestricted funds and also through the generosity of individuals who have created their own charitable funds which support our discretionary grantmaking program.

Agency & Institutional Endowment Funds

The Community Foundation manages the endowments of many organizations. These funds are structured to serve their intended charitable purpose(s) in perpetuity. The amount available for distribution is carefully established by the Foundation to ensure the preservation and long-term growth of each endowment fund. Through affiliation with our organization, the agency is relieved of the accounting and reporting requirements which accompany the management of an endowment. Finally, since the assets of the Foundation are pooled for investment purposes, each endowment is able to benefit from a more diverse investment portfolio.

Administrative Funds

Funds assisting the Foundation in its work enable our organization to maintain modest levels of fees for services to the community. Your Administrative Endowment Fund will receive ongoing recognition in the Foundation’s Annual Report and will ensure our ability to maximize grant payouts to the community.

Combination of Charitable Purposes

If you wish to support several charitable causes, it is possible to design a fund which will distribute a combination of charitable grants each year. For example, a percentage of your fund’s annual income can be distributed to a specific charity and the balance can be reserved for scholarships. Or, set percentages can be awarded to specific charities with the balance earmarked for a particular field of interest, such as senior citizen needs or the environment. We welcome your participation and creativity in the design of your charitable fund.

BEQUESTS

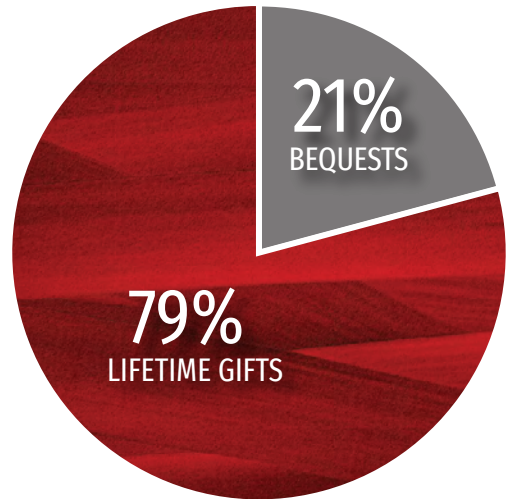
OF THE TOTAL GIFTS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FROM 1948-2016,
MORE THAN 21% OR \$19.2 MILLION
HAVE COME FROM BEQUESTS.

ADD TO THAT MORE THAN
\$73 MILLION IN LIFETIME GIFTS
AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF
**MORE THAN
\$93 MILLION IN GIFTS.**

THIS GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TO GRANT MORE THAN
\$63.1 MILLION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE TOTAL "PHILANTHROPIC CAPITAL"
(ASSETS AND GRANTS)
OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS
SURPASSED \$155.5 MILLION!

TOTAL HISTORIC GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING LEAVING A BEQUEST TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY!

By doing so, you have the option of being publicly recognized for your generosity through the Foundation's **Legacy Society**. The Legacy Society provides a means by which donors may be recognized now for naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a future gift through such planned giving vehicles as charitable trusts, life insurance policies, and outright bequests.

The Community Foundation currently has **110 known future bequests**. A full list of Legacy Society members is available on the Foundation's website as well as in our Annual Report. We are grateful for the generosity of these individuals who have committed to **perpetually raise the quality of life** for the residents of the Fox River Valley!

LEGACY SOCIETY

We gratefully recognize the following individuals who remembered the Foundation with a bequest from their estate or who have indicated that the Foundation has been named as a future beneficiary of their estate. These special community benefactors have enriched the lives of others through their concern for the charitable needs of our community. If you have included the Foundation in your estate plan, please consider becoming a member of our Legacy Society. We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to pay tribute to your thoughtfulness.

Gerald D. Abel
 Patricia Abell
 Alice E. Allen
 Stephen J. Andras
 Nanci Sue Anfinson
 Identa M. Austin
 Alma L. Bachert
 Dr. William J. & Doris M. Ball
 Dr. Carl H.H. & Anne M. Baumann
 Mary Hogan Bencini
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 Sherry L. Bryant
 Jeffry A. & Patricia E. Butler
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 James & Katherine Navota
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 Merrill E. & Frances C. Olson
 Paul A. Ormond
 June Z. Orr
 Louis R. Pauly
 Martha W. Peppers

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 Lydia B. Raymond
 Gary A. & Mary Ruth Roberts
 Edna M. Rollins
 Allan L. Schoeberlein
 Fred W. Schussler
 Lillian R. Schwarz
 Robert G. Schweitzer
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 Elizabeth Knell Shepard
 Katharyn Simons
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 Lewis B. & Jeanette A. Spilman
 Paul Francis & Marian Goodwin Stare
 Margaret Mercer Stewart
 Joseph & Carolyn Stoffel
 Austin E. Stoll
 Edward & Sharon Stredde
 Carl R. Swanson
 Henry & Lauralyn Theodore
 Lucius A. Thomas
 Francis D. Tighe
 Barbara Tinker
 Jacques & Charlotte Toussaint
 Paul R. Underwood
 Louis N. Vago
 Fred Vargason & Kay Curtis-Vargason
 Frank & Frances Voris
 Robert & Shirley Waldo
 George E. & Cora L. Webster
 Sol Weisman
 Bertha Weissman
 Dorothy E. White
 Marian Winteringham
 Jack Desha Witt
 Harry & Viola Worland
 Louise C. Zilly

NEW IN 2016!

The following funds were established within the Community Foundation in 2016.

The **A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Reading Initiative Fund**

was established to support West Aurora School District's Literacy Through the Arts After-School Program. Literacy Through the Arts utilizes poetry, music, and visual arts as avenues to increase student achievement in reading. The program is designed to build off of kids' inclination towards the arts in support of literacy skills. Students discover that the passion generated from art, music, and poetry during an after school program can be transferred to the reading skills they learn from their classroom teacher during school hours.



The **A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools High School Science Fund** was created to honor Richard "Dick" Ebeling, a retired science educator from West Aurora High

School. Dick was instrumental in designing alternative methods of teaching the physical sciences. He worked on the adoption of a new K-6 science education program, implementing foundations for science in those grades that fostered understanding and mastery of the sciences in the high school. The West Aurora science enhancement project includes purchasing new science and technology equipment, funding classroom structural changes to accommodate collaborative furniture, and funding a new chemistry room.

The **Robert E. Brent Memorial Endowment Fund** was created to honor Robert E. Brent who served 28 years with the Aurora Police Department, including twelve years as Chief of Police. He passed away on May 5, 2016 at the age of 77. While with the Aurora Police Department,



Bob implemented one of the area's first SWAT teams, served on the Presidential family and candidate protection details, and acted as Chief of Detectives before becoming the youngest Chief of Police for a city of Aurora's size in the country at that time. Bob served on the Community Foundation's board of directors from 2005-2013.

The **Bishop William Haven Bonner Scholarship Fund**

was created to ensure that Bishop Bonner's legacy of love and giving continues. Bishop Bonner established the Greater Mount Olive Church Of God In Christ in Aurora. He won several awards and accolades, including an honorary doctorate from the Trinity Hall Theological Seminary. He was a pastor for seventy-two years and will be remembered for his constant giving. Bishop William Haven Bonner passed away August 29, 2016 at the age of 94.



In 2016, the **Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center (FVEC)** created the

Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center Fund and the Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center Endowment Fund to support its charitable missions. FVEC is a virtual collaboration of expert advisors and mentors who surround qualified entrepreneurs with the resources they need to achieve growth. Founded by Jim Brannen, Dr. Ray Benedetto and Austin Dempsey, the goal of FVEC is to provide critical support to local companies to help them create jobs, expand their business and grow revenue. FVEC fosters an environment in which businesses strive for excellence and innovation is nourished. This is accomplished through training and advising the business owner, providing strategic introductions and engaging in growth planning throughout the business. As a non-profit, the center supports these programs through private donations and grants.



The **Emily R. Frantz Scholarship for Public School Teaching Fund**

was established to provide scholarships to graduates of East Aurora High School who are pursuing a degree in education with a career goal of teaching in the public school system. Emily Ravlin Frantz (1917-

2007) was PTA President of the Sugar Grove Grade School, Center School in Aurora, and East Aurora High School. She worked at the Beacon-News and later at Brady Elementary School in Aurora as a teacher's aide. Emily placed a high value on education, often saying, "It's one thing nobody can ever take away from you."

The **SGM Gissel Flannigan Rifles Drill Team Scholarship Fund**

was created to support scholarships for students of Marmion Academy who are members of its drill team. The Flannigan Rifles Drill Team was officially formed in September of 1947 and for generations has been the elite military unit at Marmion Academy. Sergeant Major John Gissel has been the drill team's coach since 1997. Under his direction and leadership, the team has grown into a national powerhouse competing all over America. SGM Gissel's legacy will be forever remembered in the young men who have grown and developed into men of strong character—men who will make a lasting impact on their community and their nation.



The **Keyes2Life Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships to high school seniors who have an interest in pursuing a health career and are dedicated to improving the communities in which they live. This dedication is demonstrated by providing letters of reference from community

leaders and/or high school counselors as well as an original community project which answers the question, "What are your Keyes2Life?" The Keyes2Life Scholarship was created by Dr. Corpia Keyes who currently

practices as an Internal Medicine Physician. Dr. Keyes provides in home services to individuals who would otherwise not be able to remain in the comfort of their own homes.

The **Knights of Columbus Matt Draper Scholarship Fund**

was created by the Oswego Knights of Columbus to support its Matt Draper Scholarship. The Matt Draper Scholarship honors a graduating senior who has experienced an adversity during his or her high school years. Matt was injured in a diving accident, leaving him a quadriplegic for eleven years prior to his death at the young age of 33. Matt faced adversity and obstacles dealing with simple everyday tasks. He worked every day toward accomplishing his goals and dreams. Matt's courage inspired the scholarship.



The **John W. McDougal M.A.C. Scholarship Fund** was created in memory of John W. McDougal by his family. It supports the McDougal Athletic Character Award, which is awarded to male athletes from West Aurora High School.

John led an impressive a 40-year basketball coaching career, coaching at several high schools, including West Aurora High School. Following West Aurora's 1976 2nd place finish in the IHSA state tournament, John was hired to coach at Northern Illinois University. After 10 seasons at NIU, he coached at Western Michigan University and Rockford Lutheran High School. He retired after Rockford's 1997 season. John McDougal passed away on October 28, 2016 at the age of 92.



The **Leon McNair Memorial Fund** was established as a memorial to Leon McNair. While attending Southern Illinois University, McNair played on the university's five-man golf team that won the NCAA Division II National Championship in 1964. He went on to become

the director of golf and manager of the Fox Bend Golf Course in Oswego for thirty-eight years. In October 2015, the Illinois Department of Transportation designated a portion of Route 34 near the Fox Bend Golf Course as the "Leon McNair Highway" to celebrate Mr. McNair's induction into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. Mr. McNair served as president of the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation and the Illinois PGA. Leon McNair passed away on July 3, 2016.

The **Cameron Pepera Memorial Foundation** was created by the

Pepera family in loving memory of their beloved son and brother, Cameron (2002- 2015). The Pepera family's vision is to keep the memory of Cameron alive in the community and to help students in the area who may need additional support to have a fulfilling future after high school. Cameron suffered a stroke when he was born, and was on medication to control seizures until he was five years old. He was weaned off of medication and was seizure-free until he was nine years old. Unfortunately, in 2011 he suffered two grand mal seizures in one day. In September 2015, Cameron suffered a grand mal seizure after he completed a home Cross Country meet. He passed away the next day. This fund is committed to advocating for disclosure and guidelines for managing the risk of epilepsy mortality.



The **Gregory J. Probst Advisory Fund** was created in 2016 by Mr. Probst to fulfill his philanthropic objectives. Born and raised in Aurora, Illinois, Mr. Probst is a graduate of West Aurora High School and Illinois State University. After working briefly in the banking

industry, he returned to his alma mater to manage the university owned campus computer store. Currently, Mr. Probst serves as the Director of Finance & Technology for the Community Foundation and is responsible for overseeing all financial and technology matters of the Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aurora Historical Society and serves as Treasurer.

The **Roger & Marilyn Probst Advisory Fund** was created

by Mr. and Mrs. Probst in 2016 to be able to have a consolidated charitable vehicle for their philanthropic objectives. Mr. Probst worked at Probst Glass & Screen Shop, Inc., a business that was started by his father. After taking over ownership of the business, it remained successful until it closed with over thirty years in continuous operation. With a thirty-one-year career with the Aurora Fire Department, he retired as Chief in 2004. Mrs. Probst spent many years as the bookkeeper for the family-owned business while also managing the household and children's activities. She spent eight years working in various departments of the City of Aurora and retired from Customer Service.



The **Shelley Scott Fund** was created to honor the life of Shelley Scott. Scholarships from the fund are awarded to graduates of Oswego High School with preference given to women attending Waubensee Community College. Shelley was a 1988 graduate of Oswego High

School where she was active in drama and speech. She received a degree in Journalism from Northwestern University and later graduated with high honors from UIC with a degree in Nutrition. She was employed as a Registered Dietitian and Diabetic Educator at the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern University Hospital. Her competence and compassion were lauded by her patients and coworkers. The world lost a remarkable woman who made a difference in many people's lives, by her actions and inspiration for action to others.



The **Shelton Family Fund** was established to honor the memory of Samuel Shelton (1997-2015). It provides charitable grants to local organizations and supports the Sam Shelton Scholarship Fund. Sam grew up in St. Charles and graduated from East High School in 2015.

In November 2015, Sam was enrolled at the University of Colorado Boulder when he was a passenger in a car that was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Never having regained consciousness, Sam passed away in January as a result of the traumatic injuries he sustained in the accident. Sam's friends and family remember him as a genuine, funny, and charismatic young man who brought energy and smiles everywhere he went.

The **Hunter William Shodeen Memorial Fund** was created as a memorial to Hunter William Shodeen by his family. Scholarships from this fund support student athletes from the Tri-City area. This fund will also support area non-profits working in the field of mental health. Hunter was a 2008 graduate of Geneva High School where he excelled in many sports. He graduated in 2013 from Northern Illinois University with a BS in Political Science. Hunter began his career in Washington, D.C. as the Scandinavian Affairs Liaison in Congressman Randy Hultgren's office. He served as Kane County Field Office Manager for Bruce Rauner's campaign. Hunter most recently worked as Legislative Liaison for Illinois Commerce Commission. He was fun-loving and made friends easily and loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.



The **Swim City USA Fund** was created to support Swim City USA in its mission of building of a new indoor aquatics facility in the St. Charles area. The vision is simple: to develop a new indoor aquatics facility located for maximum impact offering year-round options benefiting multiple communities while minimizing the impact on tax payers. Not only will this project touch the lives of those who use it on a day-to-day basis, but will serve as a community centerpiece, a source of pride and an economic engine for years to come. To learn more about Swim City USA and the proposed aquatics facility, explore SwimCityUSA.org.

The **Water Street Studios**

Endowment Fund supports Water Street Studios in Batavia, a nonprofit 501c (3) committed to making the creative arts accessible to the Fox River Valley region. A gift to the Water Street Studios Endowment Fund will help assure that this vibrant hub for the appreciation, creation, education and support of the arts, and our core community of artists, students and patrons will continue to grow, thrive and enrich the lives of everyone in our community.



The **Eric P. Whitaker Scholarship Fund**

supports West Aurora High School students from North Aurora who seek to attend one of Illinois' fine public universities. Eric Whitaker received support from the then-Aurora Foundation in 1974 to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. After graduation, Eric served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, working in community health. Later, he served as Assistant to the City Manager in Lodi, California for six years before joining the Department of State to serve as a Foreign Service Officer. Eric now is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and is acting Deputy Secretary of State for African Affairs at the Department of State in Washington, DC.





The **Marie Wilkinson Legacy Fund** was established to help with underwriting expenses related to the historical preservation and promotion of Marie Wilkinson's legacy, beginning with a historical autobiography. Marie Wilkinson (1909-2010) devoted her life to caus-

es that advance the dignity of all people in the City of Aurora. She established the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry and later the Marie Wilkinson Child Care Center. She was responsible for the formation of the Aurora Human Relations Commission in 1964, an organization she chaired for over thirty years. Marie Wilkinson's influence was so far-reaching that a park was named in her honor.

Weasel's Boy Scout Camper-

ship Fund was established to help Scouts with financial concerns attend summer camp. Tom O'Malley, known by his friends as "Weasel," was a long-time Scouter in the Aurora area. He felt that camping was essential for youth to get the most out of their Scouting experience. Tom was the Camping Chairperson for the local Foxfire District encompassing the Aurora area for many years, and was the Scoutmaster of Troop 22 for 24 years. Tragically, he was struck and killed by a car after a Scout meeting in November of 2015. Tom was always busy and involved and found many ways to express his passions. He volunteered at the District and Council levels to promote camping.



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HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY

In 1943, Charles Hoefer, then publisher of the Aurora Beacon-News, convened a group of community leaders to study post-war plans for a better Aurora. Weekly luncheon meetings were held “at the round table” in the Elks Club in downtown Aurora.

The war years were inflationary. Manufacturing plants were operating at full capacity and were extremely profitable. Corporate income taxes were excessively high and business leaders were seeking ways to redirect their profits from onerous taxation to the service of local needs.

Conditions thus were favorable for the formation of a philanthropic vehicle -- a community foundation -- which would allow for the accumulation of tax-deductible contributions when convenient for the donors. Assets so accumulated would be retained for later distribution to charitable causes as suggested by the donors. These reservoirs of charitable gifts, known as Advisory Funds, could be named after the companies and individuals contributing the gifts.

In June 1948, formal structure was given to this concept through the establishment of The Aurora Foundation. Aurora industrialist William B. Greene was elected president, a position he held for thirteen years. Attorney Frank R. Reid, Jr. served as the Foundation's first secretary and legal counsel.

Since 1948, the Foundation has grown from 1 charitable fund with assets of \$5,000 to 501 charitable funds with assets of over \$77 million. Although Advisory Funds remain an attractive vehicle for charitable donors, other types of funds have become important to the Foundation and its role within the community.

Scholarship funds have distributed over \$14 million to local students. Funds also have been created to benefit social service agencies, educational and

healthcare organizations, the arts and culture, religious institutions and the environment. Grants and scholarships awarded by the Foundation since its founding total \$63.1 million.

In 2006, the Foundation adopted a new name to more accurately reflect the communities it has always served. The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley continues the proud tradition of The Aurora Foundation by reaching out to citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County.

Throughout its history, the Foundation has been governed by a Board of Directors comprised of civic-minded business and community leaders. Board presidents include (in order of service) William B. Greene, Charles P. Wright, George H. Alexander, Malcolm L. Jones, Neal Ormond, Karl P. Grube, Vernon H. Haase, Frank Voris, E. James Garbe, John F. McKee, Frank K. Voris, John H. McEachern, Jr., Donald A. Schindlbeck, Ruby M. Frank, Albert D. McCoy, Darrell L. Jordan, Thomas S. Alexander, David B. Hipp, Hilary K. Brennan, Ralph D. Voris, Robert P. Hubbard, Neal Ormond III and Mark E. Truemper.

Five administrators, who have been responsible for the management of the Foundation, include Frank R. Reid, Jr. (1948-1962), Ralph C. Putnam, Jr. (1962-1982), R. Peter Grometer (1982-1985), Sharon Stredde (1985-2015) and Jeffrey Hartman (2015-Present).

The Foundation's current board of directors invites the participation of all who wish to be a part of our continuing development as a charitable resource for area citizens.

A video of the history of the Community Foundation is available for view at:
www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org.

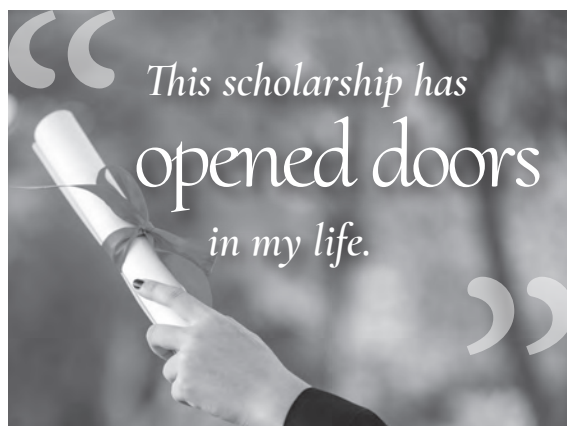
OVER \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2016!

Since 1948, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley has awarded more than \$14 million in scholarships to high school and undergraduate students. In 2016, 346 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$1.04 million in funding over the next four years; an all-time record for the Community Foundation!

"I am delighted that the Community Foundation has an opportunity to help so many amazing students in their journeys towards bettering themselves and their community," said Austin Dempsey, chairman of the Foundation's scholarship committee.

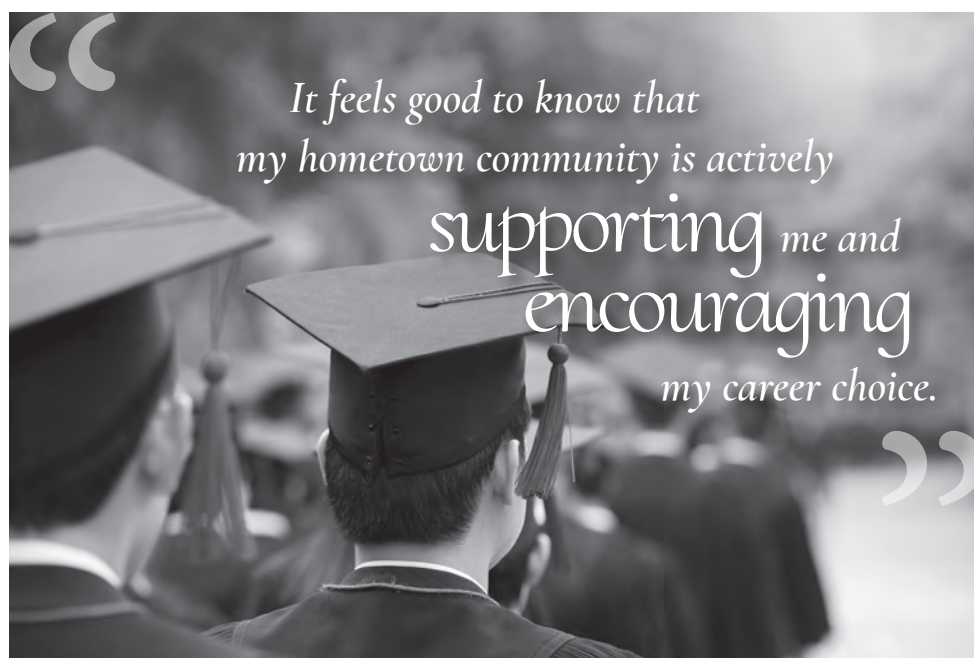
The Community Foundation administers more than 200 scholarship funds created by individual donors who establish specific criteria for their scholarships.

The Community Foundation Scholarship Program offers one-year and multi-year scholarships to students who will attend an accredited institution of higher



education on a full-time basis and who live in the Foundation's service area.

Scholarship applications become available in November of each year and can be found on the Foundation's website.



Scholarships by the numbers:

Largest amount awarded :

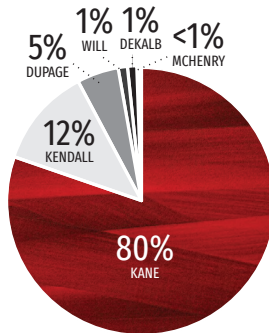
\$6,000

Most common

amount awarded :

\$1,000

counties



In 2016, **346** students
were awarded a total of
\$675,000
in scholarships.

award type

Traditional : **229**

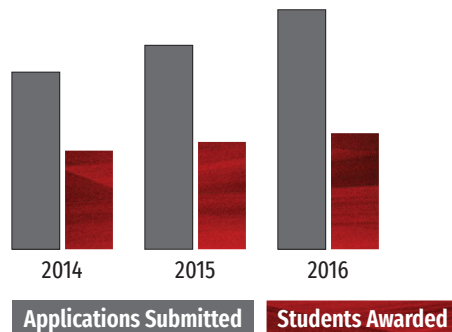
Merit : **117**

academic status

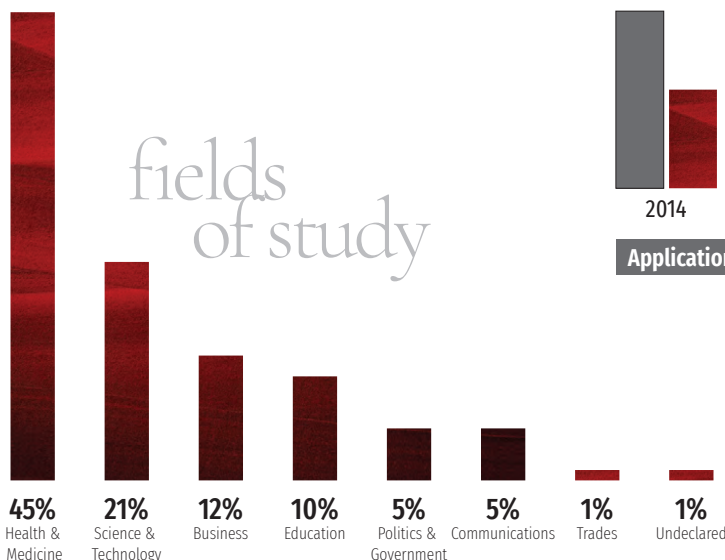
High School : **71%**

College (undergrad/grad) : **29%**

applications submitted



fields
of study



gender

male : **32%**

female : **68%**

GRANTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES



SPRING 2016 GRANTEES

This past year, the Community Foundation began celebrating its grantees during bi-annual Grantee Recognition Ceremonies. The events recognized the local social service, health, education and arts agencies that were approved discretionary grants from the Community Foundation in 2016 for various capital projects. Attendees included Community Foundation staff and board members, agency representatives, local mayors and other community partners.

The spring ceremony took place at LivingWell Cancer Resource Center in Geneva. Twenty agencies were celebrated for their service to the community. The second ceremony, hosted by Water Street Studios in Batavia, recognized the twelve agencies that were approved grants in the fall of 2016. All told, nearly \$420,000 in discretionary grants was provided to thirty-two agencies in 2016.

Thank you to LivingWell Cancer Resource Center and Water Street Studios for hosting these events, as well as the numerous local vendors who provided food and beverages to our guest.

Previous Community Foundation grant recipients were featured speakers at the ceremonies. Vicki Krystof from Marklund and Marty Luna from Simply Destinee spoke

about the grants their agencies recently received from the Community Foundation. Danielle Hollis spoke on behalf of Water Street Studios, and Karen Hill represented LivingWell Cancer Resource Center. Other speakers included Community Foundation board members Austin Dempsey and Scott Voris who spoke about trends in the grantmaking program and presented the grantees with their awards.



FALL 2016 GRANTEES

“It is an honor to be a part of the Community Foundation and its grantmaking program,” said Voris, chairman of the distribution committee. “The agencies we fund do amazing work in the Fox River Valley. It is exciting to help them achieve their missions and to celebrate their dedication to their community.”

Thank you to our hosts, sponsors, speakers and guests for making the 2016 Grantee Recognition Ceremonies a success. And of course, thank you to grantees for their service and dedication to our community. It is a privilege to provide grants toward these agencies’ honorable missions. We look forward to another year of celebrating our grantees!

Congratulations to all of the 2016 Grant Recipients!

Association for Individual Development
American Heart Association in Partnership
with Oswegoland Park District
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry
Batavia Artist Association at Water Street Studios
CASA Kendall County
Child Care Resource & Referral
Corbella Clinic
Crossroads Christian Youth Center
DuPage Children’s Museum
Ecker Center for Mental Health
Equine Dreams
Family Counseling Service of Aurora
Fox Valley Christian Action
(Riverwoods Christian Center)
Fox Valley Concert Band of St. Charles
Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity
Friends of Child Advocacy Center

Geneva Historical Society
Joseph Corporation of Illinois
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley
LivingWell Cancer Resource Center
One Hope United—Northern Region
Paramount Arts Center
Presence Fox Knoll
Quad County Urban League
ReHome Center
River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles
Rush-Copley Foundation
Simply Destinee
Suicide Prevention Services
Trinity Episcopal Church
TUG Career Services
Voluntary Action Center of DeKalb County,
Kendall Area Transit Division

Thank You to Our 2016 Ceremony Sponsors!

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Hahn’s Bakery
Harner’s Bakery

Jake’s Bagels & Deli
Limestone Coffee & Tea
Penrose Brewing Company
Reuland Food Service
Schaefer Greenhouses
St. Charles Singers
Two Brothers Coffee Roasters at the Roundhouse

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Many donors who wish to maintain an enduring presence within the community establish endowment funds. Endowment funds are permanent resources that are structured to serve their intended charitable purpose(s) in perpetuity. The amount available for distribution from an endowment fund is carefully established by the Foundation to ensure the preservation and long-term growth for each fund. Donors creating endowments enable the Foundation to build permanent reserves for the future. By providing a portion of their resources for the ongoing benefit of others, these permanent community benefactors are accorded a lasting place in the philanthropic history of our community. All funds of the Foundation are “open” and may receive contributions at any time. Following are brief profiles of our endowment fund donors. Please note that biographical information and photos of all of our fund donors (those who maintain endowment funds and those who maintain pass-thru funds) are featured on our website. You may access these profiles as follows:

WWW.COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONFRV.ORG > FOUNDATION FUNDS—SEE ALL FUNDS

Alexander Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1988)



This fund provides scholarships to students graduating from Hinckley-Big Rock, Kaneland or West Aurora High School who have demonstrated high academic achievement and leadership potential. The fund was established at the time of George H. Alexander's

death by the Alexander Family. Mr. Alexander (1911-1988) was a director of the Community Foundation for thirty-two years, serving as chairman for four of those years. The Alexander Family has been engaged in the lumber business in Aurora for over one hundred years.

Cristina & Thomas S. Anderson Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was created by Cris and Tom Anderson of St. Charles to support the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Tom Anderson has been a partner and owner of Colonial Ice Cream since 1964. Cris Anderson was born and raised in

Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She served as an interpreter for McDonalds Hamburger University in Oakbrook and the Food Marketing Institute National Convention in Chicago. Cris Anderson currently serves as a director of the Community Foundation.

Claude L. & Alice E. Allen Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund, which provides scholarships to graduates of East Aurora High School, was established by Alice Allen (1918-2012) as a memorial to her husband, Claude Allen (1916-1997). Claude was in the retail

grocery store business for over fifty years. Claude and Alice Allen were lifetime residents of Aurora.

Stephen J. & Betty I. Andras Endowment Fund for the Visually Impaired (EST. 2009)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Stephen J. Andras (1923-2009). Distributions from the fund are made to organizations

dedicated to providing job training and/or placement for the visually impaired. Stephen Andras served in the first division of the United States Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Islands. After being wounded in the line of duty, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Andras served as a board member of the Community Foundation from 1976 to 1988.

Edward & Gladys (Stoddard) Arenkill Nursing & Medical Education Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund was created to assist students pursuing a pre-medical course of study or a degree in the field of nursing. Edward Arenkill (1922-2007) was a medical corpsman in the United States Navy during World War II. He studied pre-medicine at

Northwestern University, and later joined his family's Aurora business. Gladys Stoddard Arenkill (1923-2004) was a graduate of the Copley School of Nursing in Aurora and was a nurse at Copley Memorial Hospital.

Armbruster-Dieterich-Wagner Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was created to honor the Armbruster-Dieterich-Wagner Families for their contributions to the Aurora community. The Armbruster Family has been influential in the building trades for over one hundred years. The Dieterich Family was involved in

Aurora musical organizations and the East Aurora

Education System. Elsie Ruth Armbruster Dieterich Wagner (1912-2015) served on numerous boards of directors throughout Aurora.

Aurora Firefighters Scholarship Endowment Fund In Memory of Tony Schoen (EST. 1991)



The Aurora Firefighters created this scholarship fund to honor the memory of fellow firefighter Tony Schoen. Tony Schoen (1962-1991) was a graduate of Yorkville High School. During his high school years he took an active role in the formation of the Emergency

Medical Service of Yorkville. Schoen was an Aurora firefighter from 1985 until his death in 1991.

Aurora Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund (EST. 1984)



This fund was created to build a permanent resource for the general grantmaking program of the Foundation. Through the years, significant grants have been awarded from the fund to non-profit organizations located throughout the Fox Valley.

Norman P. & Alma L. Bachert Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created upon receipt of an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Alma L. Bachert (1915-1998). Alma and Norman Bachert (1910-1988) were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and involved in several local organizations.

Norman was president and chairman of the board of Aurora National Bank. He was a former director of the Community Foundation.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

George & Marilyn Ball Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was established by Marilyn Ball as a memorial to her husband George Ball and her sister Lucile Potter. Scholarships from the fund are available to students graduating from West Aurora High School who are pursuing a degree in elementary

or pre-school education. George Ball (1926-1990) was a teacher and coach at Freeman Elementary School and later principal of Hall Elementary School. Marilyn Ball (1925-2008) taught for two years at Mooseheart before beginning a twenty-five year teaching career at Wesley United Methodist Church Nursery School.

Dr. Carl H.H. & Anne M. Baumann Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)



This fund, established to administer bequests received from the estates of Carl and Anne Baumann, provides grants to Mutual Ground and also for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Carl Baumann

(1921-2002) was a neurosurgeon in the Fox Valley. During World War II, he was a topographer for the United States Army. Anne Baumann (1927-2002) was an alderman for the City of Aurora, instructor at Waubensee Community College and field representative for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Washington, D.C.

Robert A. Becker Memorial Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created as a memorial to Robert A. Becker by his family and friends. It provides income for grants to Batavia area non-profit organizations. Mr. Becker (1940-1997) was president, chief executive officer and director of the Pinnacle Bank of Batavia for thirteen years.

He also served as trustee of the Community Hospital in Geneva, director of the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence, board member of the Furnas Foundation and alderman for the City of Batavia.

Genevieve & Dale T. Berg Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2011)



This fund was created by Genevieve Berg as a memorial to her husband Dale. Scholarships from the fund are available to graduates of East Aurora or West Aurora High School who are pursuing a career in electrical engineering, electronic

engineering technology, computer engineering, computer electronics or similar fields of study. Dale Berg (1923-2010) served with United States Navy during WWII in the Pacific. During the war, he became proficient at repairing aircraft radios. Eventually, he became an electrical contractor and ran a successful business, Berg Electric, in Batavia.

Dr. William H. Blackburn Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1985)



This fund was created in honor of Dr. William H. Blackburn (1917-1985). Dr. Blackburn practiced medicine at Dreyer Medical Clinic from 1942 until 1985. He was president of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Illinois State Chamber of

Commerce, and founding board member of the First American Bank and the Bank of Boulder Hill. Scholarships from this fund are reserved for graduate level students studying in the field of medicine.

William W. Boden Endowment Fund (Est. 2001)



This fund, created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of William W. Boden, provides support to the Fox Valley Animal Welfare League of Aurora. William Boden (1930-2001) worked in the home building industry until 1974. He then opened The Gun Lodge in Aurora, which he

owned and operated until his retirement in the mid-1980s. Boden was devoted to the welfare of animals and has provided for their care through his thoughtful bequest to the Foundation.

Mary J. Boland Endowment Fund (Est. 2003)



This fund was created upon receipt of an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Mary Boland (1906-2002). Miss Boland began a teaching career in the East Aurora Schools. She taught at Brady, Beaupre and Oak Park Schools. She later was appointed supervisor of the music

program at all eleven elementary schools. Miss Boland retired in 1971 after nearly forty years of service.

Dorothy Mae Bonner Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 2004)



This fund was created to honor the life of Dorothy Mae "Mother" Bonner (1921-2004). Mrs. Bonner was married to Bishop William Bonner, pastor of the Greater Mount Olive Church of God In Christ in Aurora. She influenced the lives of others through her gift

of an understanding heart. Her many acts of kindness will now be publicly recognized through the awarding of scholarships that carry her name.

Conrad & Doris Brassine Charitable Trust (Est. 2008)



This fund was created upon receipt of the Conrad and Doris Brassine Charitable Trust, which was administered by the Trust Company of Illinois in Downers Grove. The income of the fund supports non-profit organizations located within the

Community Foundation's service area. Conrad Brassine (1907-1998) was a tool and die worker. He also was an active member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Doris Brassine (1910-2003) had been an executive secretary at Merrill Lynch in her youth. She also was an amateur sharpshooter aspiring to be in the Olympics. Mr. and Mrs. Brassine were residents of Chicago.

John A. Brennecke Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 1968)



This fund for graduate level medical students was created to administer a bequest from the estate of John A. Brennecke

(1903-1967). Mr. Brennecke was secretary of the Alexander Lumber Company and served as an officer of several other companies in the Alexander Firm. In 1982, the Foundation received a bequest from his sister Margaret Brennecke for placement in the fund. Margaret Brennecke's bequest was given in honor of their father Dr. Herman Brennecke, who also is pictured here.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Alicemae Brown Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund In Memory of Natalie Ann Brown (EST. 2002)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Alicemae Brown (1927-2001) as a memorial to her granddaughter Natalie Ann Brown (pictured here). At the time of her passing, Natalie Ann Brown (1977-1994) had just completed her junior year at

Yorkville High School. She enjoyed basketball, poms and modeling.

F. Keith Brown Family Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund provides support to charitable organizations at the suggestion of F. Keith Brown. Judge Brown has served as an attorney and judge for thirty-three years. He served as judge in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court (1996-2008), chief judge in the Sixteenth Judicial

Circuit Court (2008-2011) and presiding judge of the Civil Division (2012-2014). He is currently a director of the Community Foundation.

Don & Betty Brownson Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



This fund supports the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools and the Aurora East Educational Foundation. Don (1927-2017) and Betty Brownson started a wholesale lumber business in Aurora and later purchased two retail lumber

yards in Colorado. Mr. Brownson was a member of New England Congregational Church in Aurora and

volunteered for Habitat For Humanity in Naples, Florida. Mrs. Brownson is an active member of New England Congregational Church and a board member of Summymere in Aurora. She is also a member of PEO in Aurora and Naples.

Lorraine B. Bryant Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from Lorraine Bryant. Mrs. Bryant (1904-2002) was a member of St. John A.M.E. Church where she served as a nurse's aide. She also was involved in the missionary work of the church. She had a deep respect for higher

education and had often expressed her personal wish for that opportunity. Her bequest to the Foundation was her way of providing to future generations the one dream that had eluded her in life.

Barbara Burgin & Edwin & Carol Ehrhart Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



(Photo courtesy of The Conservation Foundation)

This fund was created to provide scholarships to students pursuing careers that will positively impact the environment. Barbara Burgin (1907-1993) lived in Aurora most of her life and worked at

Kroger Grocery Store downtown. Her daughter Carol Ehrhart was employed at Lyon Metal in Aurora. In 2008, she received an award from the City of Aurora as one of the city's Volunteers of the Year. Her husband Edwin Ehrhart (1910-1984) also worked at Lyon Metal. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

CABE Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



The CABE Endowment Fund provides annual distributions of income to St. Joseph Catholic Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church. The fund was established by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Charles & Josiedell Carnes Endowment Funds (EST. 1980)



Two endowment funds were created by the board of directors of the Community Foundation to administer a bequest received from the estate of Josiedell Carnes. The Josiedell Carnes Endowment

Fund provides income for the Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. The Charles & Josiedell Carnes Endowment Fund supports scholarships. Charles Carnes (1873-1959) was vice-president of Fowler-Carnes Clothing Specialties (pictured in this profile in the early 1900's). In 1914, he and his wife Josiedell (1884-1958) founded their own garment manufacturing company, the Charles Carnes Company.

Mary R. Chapman Endowment Fund (EST. 2008)



This fund was created through the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Mary R. Chapman (1916-2007). Mrs. Chapman was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church and the Aurora Country Club. She also volunteered for the Red Cross, Mercy Center Auxiliary and the American Heart Association. Mrs. Chapman was a

great admirer of the nursing profession and her family requested that scholarships be awarded from her fund to students entering this life-affirming vocation.

Howard E. Charles, Jr. Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was created to administer a bequest from the estate of Howard E. Charles, Sr. as a memorial to his son Howard E. Charles, Jr. The fund provides scholarships to students from St. Charles who are pursuing a career in the field of health care. Howard

E. Charles, Jr. (1928-1963) served in the United States Air Force for four years. He married and settled in Denver, Colorado, where he was a personnel director in the missile industry. He died in 1963 after a courageous battle with Hodgkin's disease.

Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2003)



This fund provides scholarships to students of Luxembourg descent or to students who were active in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. The fund was created by a local Boy Scout, Galen Norman, with the proceeds of an Eagle Scout project he undertook to honor Dr. Cigrand

(1866-1932). Cigrand was a local well-known dentist. Throughout his dental career, he campaigned to have a special day of observance to honor the United States flag. His campaign was successful and he became known the "Father of Flag Day."

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Glenn & Leola Commons Endowment Fund (EST. 1990)



This fund was created to administer an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Leola Commons (1905-1990). Glenn Commons (1909-1985) was owner and manager of the Commons Insurance Agency in Aurora. He also was regional

manager for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. He and Leola were charter members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Aurora.

Percy R. & Grace M. Council Endowment Funds (EST. 1999 & 2005)



Two endowment funds were established within the Foundation to honor the lives of Percy and Grace Council. The first fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. The second is an

advisory fund that was created upon the transfer of the Percy R. and Grace M. Council Foundation to the Community Foundation. Percy Council (1893-1982) was a building contractor and realtor in Aurora. He also served in the United States Navy during World War I. Grace Council (1901-1997) joined the faculty at Aurora College where she became chair of the Department of Education. Mr. and Mrs. Council were active community leaders serving on numerous charitable boards of directors.

Arthur D. & Mary Ann Court Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1985)



This fund was created by Arthur Court's family and friends to honor this well-known and respected Aurora educator. Mr. Court (1911-1985) was a teacher in the East Aurora School System for thirty-six years. Mary Ann Court McGray

(1917-2012) was the bookkeeper for the Kane County Records Office. Scholarships from this fund are awarded to outstanding graduates of high schools located in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Court's steadfast commitment to the ideals of high moral character and sportsmanship is the basis for the awarding of these scholarships.

Roy E. Davis Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1979)



A bequest from the estate of Roy E. Davis was received for scholarships to graduates of East Aurora High School. Roy Davis (1889-1979) was the athletic director and coach of East Aurora High School for forty-three years. The athletic field at East Aurora High School was

named in his honor. Mr. Davis served on the boards of the Edna Smith Home and the American Red Cross. He also was a member of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee for over fifteen years.

Virginia A. Deisher Family Endowment Fund in Memory of William C. Deisher, Sr., William C. Deisher, Jr. and Samantha Anne Deisher (EST. 2001)



This fund was established as a memorial to William C. Deisher, Jr. and his daughter, Samantha Anne Deisher. In 2011, William C. Deisher, Sr.'s wife Virginia renamed the fund to honor his life as well as the lives of their son and granddaughter. The endowment supports

Calvary Episcopal Church and Suicide Prevention Services. William C. Deisher, Sr. (1925-2009) was a former director of the Aurora Foundation. He served with the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He later achieved the position of president and CEO at Aurora Federal Savings and Loan in Aurora.

Walter E. Deuchler Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1968)



This fund awards scholarships to graduates of East Aurora and West Aurora High Schools. Mr. Deuchler (1889-1978) founded Walter E. Deuchler Associates, Inc., an engineering firm in Aurora. He also was city engineer of Aurora for sixteen years. Mr. Deuchler served

as a director of the Community Foundation for sixteen years, was chairman of the scholarship committee, and served as a senior or emeritus director for three years prior to his death.

Daniel C. Deufel Vocational Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1977)



Scholarships from this fund are available to students entering a vocational field of study at a trade school or college. Daniel Deufel received a degree in Industrial Management from Purdue University. Upon graduation, he worked in the automobile industry. In 1970, he

moved to Aurora after purchasing the Magill Beverage Company. He later renamed the company Superior Beverage Inc. To this day, he continues to oversee the company.

Arch J. Dewey Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1988)



Arch J. Dewey (1912-1988) was a well-known Aurora aviator who served in both the Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Air Force. He piloted the City of Aurora B-17

Bomber during World War II. The bomber was so named to honor Aurora residents who purchased war bonds to finance the plane. In remembrance of his love of aviation, his wife Jane created this scholarship to encourage and assist future students entering this field of study.

Maude A. Dewey & Vivian Dewey Watson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



This fund was created to honor the lives of Maude Dewey and her daughter Vivian Dewey Watson. Maude Dewey

taught music for many years in area country schools and gave private lessons in piano and voice. Vivian Watson also gave private lessons in voice, piano and organ. Scholarships from the fund are awarded to students entering the field of music.

Chuck & Dorothy Dhom Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grant-making program. Charles Dhom (1932-2017) was a lifetime member of Aurora Local 319 (501) Plumbers, Fitters and Welders. He

served as a deacon and trustee at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Dorothy Dhom was employed at Western Electric and later for the West Aurora School District. She sings in the church chancel choir and was a Sunday School teacher.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Dickes Family Scholarship Permanent Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



This fund was established upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Herman A. Dickes. Mr. Dickes (1905-2000) and his wife May Dickes (1907-1989) were involved in many youth activities and charitable organizations throughout

Aurora. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Dickes had been employed by the Burlington Railroad. Mrs. Dickes served as the first chairperson of the Mercy Ball. The couple established this scholarship to assist students graduating from a high school located within the City of Aurora or from Marmion Academy.

Harvey & Florence Divekey Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



The income from this fund is awarded annually to Trinity Episcopal Church of Aurora in remem-

brance of Harvey and Florence Divekey. Each distribution is made in honor of the October 19, 1909 anniversary of the couple's marriage. Harvey Divekey (1877-1952) and his brother John founded Illinois Supply Company. Florence Divekey (1884-1969) was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. The Divekeys were members of Trinity Episcopal Church and were active in many civic and charitable organizations in the Aurora area.

Daniel D. Dolan Family Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



Daniel D. Dolan created this fund as a permanent resource for his family's philanthropic interests. Mr. Dolan is a lifelong resident of Aurora. In 1965, he and James O. Murphy established the first real estate firm in the Fox River Valley specializing in commercial,

industrial and investment properties. The firm played an important role in formulating the City of Aurora's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan in the 1960's.

James Dorion Endowment Fund (EST. 1977)

A bequest was received in 1977 from the estate of James Dorion. In 2002, the Foundation reestablished the fund as an endowment to ensure ongoing recognition of his generosity. James Dorion (1903-1976) was employed by the Stove Works and Lyon Metal in Aurora. Mrs. Dorion was a patternmaker at the Cribben & Sexton Company in Chicago.

*By year-end 2016,
the Community
Foundation maintained
291
endowment funds.*

Dugan Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)



This fund was created by William and Michelle Dugan to give recognition to the quality of education at West Aurora High School and to honor the academic achievements of their children. These scholarships are awarded to students from West

Aurora High School who have achieved the rank of 16 at the end of their 7th semester, just as two Dugan children did. The funding for the creation of these scholarships was made possible through the Estate of Eleanor E. Ayers, the Estate of Robert and Betty Harris and the Dugan Family.

John S. Dunham Endowment Fund (EST. 1987)



This fund was created upon receipt of a generous bequest from the estate of John S. Dunham. It supports scholarships for students attending Aurora Christian School and provides funds for capital improvements and equipment for the school. Mr. Dunham (1931-1979)

served as president of Equipto Manufacturing Company of Aurora until his death. This fund fulfills Mr. Dunham's vision of providing a lasting resource for the benefit of Aurora Christian School.

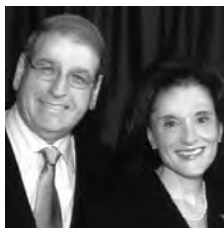
Eagle Scout Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1992)



This fund was created by a local citizen to support scholarships for young men in their junior or senior year in college. Eligible students must have attended a high school in the Foundation's service area and earned the rank of Eagle Scout

from the Boy Scouts of America. This scholarship was established to honor those who have achieved the Eagle Scout Award and to encourage the progress of younger students aspiring to earn this prestigious scouting award.

Howard & Sherry Eagle Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund provides scholarships to students graduating from West Aurora High School for attendance at Aurora University. Howard Eagle (1946-2006) was an inspiring teacher at the Aurora Community School. Sherry

Eagle is currently the executive director of the Institute for Collaboration at Aurora University. She served as superintendent of West Aurora School District 129 for twelve years.

Dr. Sherry R. Eagle Educational Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund provides grants for educational programs and projects that benefit the students of the West Aurora Schools. The fund was created by the A+ Foundation for the West Aurora Schools and by Dr. Sherry Eagle's colleagues and friends in recognition of her

exemplary service as superintendent of School District 129 from 1993-2005.

Eilert Family Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



Geraldine D. Eilert (1911-2002) established an endowment fund as a memorial to her parents Harvey and Florence (Lackner) Divekey and to the Dr. William G. Eilert Family. This fund distributes grants to the community at the suggestion of the Eilert Family. Mrs. Eilert attended

the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts (Parsons) and was an interior decorator in the Aurora area for many years. She served on numerous charitable boards of directors and was the first president of the Child Welfare Society.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Dr. W.G. Eilert Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created by the Eilert Family as a memorial to Dr. William G. Eilert, M.D. Dr. Eilert (1906-1976) practiced medicine in the Aurora area for over forty years. After serving as a lieutenant colonel in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he resumed his medical

practice in Aurora. He was medical director of Copley Memorial Hospital and president of the Kane County Medical Association. Dr. Eilert also directed several programs for the Visiting Nurse Association and was an active supporter of the Aurora Family YMCA and the Boy Scouts of America.

Philip B. Elfstrom & Peg Bond Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



Philip Elfstrom (1928-2017) established this fund to provide scholarships to students from Batavia, Mr.

Elfstrom was

named Batavia Citizen of the Year in 1982. He served as chairman of the Kane County Board and as president of the Forest Preserve Commission. He was instrumental in acquiring many miles of Fox River shoreline for public use and in building the Kane County Trail System. Peg Bond (1914-1995) was an associate professor of arts. She was named Batavia Citizen of the Year in 1971, and the Peg Bond Center in Batavia was named in her honor.

Barbara K. Engelbracht Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was created through a bequest from the estate of Barbara Engelbracht. Miss Engelbracht (1916-1998) was employed at Northern Illinois Gas Company for many years. She was a lifetime member

of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Her mother's family owned and operated Olinger Dry Goods Store in downtown Aurora in the early 1900's. Miss Engelbracht is pictured here (on the right) with her sister (Evelyn) and brother (John) in this photo from the 1940's.

Erlenborn Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1983)



A bequest was received from the estate of Viola Erlenborn (1900-1983) to provide scholarships to local students in

memory of her husband and son. Her husband (first photo in this profile) Alan Erlenborn (1895-1962) served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army during World War I. He later joined his father in the family's seed, fertilizer and paper supply company in Aurora. Alan Erlenborn, Jr. (1921-1944), who also is pictured, served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He died during active duty in Guam and received the Purple Heart Medal.

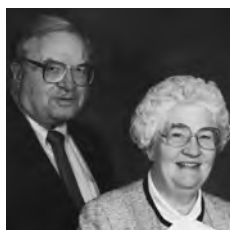
Brian Farnham Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



This fund was created to honor the life of Brian Farnham. It provides scholarships to students entering "people-oriented" vocations such as the social sciences, medicine, engineering, music and theology. Brian Farnham (1977-1993) attended

Newark High School and represented the school at a downstate academic contest. He was named an All-American Scholar and was admitted into membership in the Who's Who of American High School Scholars. Brian died on June 5, 1993 in an automobile accident.

Edward & Frances Fauth Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estates of Edward and Frances Fauth and provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Edward Fauth

(1922-2009) served with the

477th Railroad Battalion of the United States Army in World War II. After the war, Mr. Fauth returned to his career with the Barber-Greene Company and later became Dean of Community Services with Waubesa Community College. Frances Fauth (1925-2012) worked as a nurse for many years, then as a dental assistant for her son's dental practice. Mr. and Mrs. Fauth were involved in several organizations throughout Aurora.

Wesley F. Fisher Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



This fund provides scholarships to students pursuing a course of study in the School of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Illinois. Wesley Fisher (1908-2000) joined Illinois Bell Telephone Company after graduating college and worked there for

forty years. He and his wife Bernice were members of New England Congregational Church in Aurora.

James H. & Ione P. Fitzgerald Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



James and Ione Fitzgerald bequeathed a portion of their estate to provide scholarships for Aurora high school graduates. James Fitzgerald (1907-1995)

attained the rank of lieutenant with the Illinois State Police and later served as the treasurer of Kane County. He was a member of A. F. & A. M. Masonic Lodge #90, Aurora Moose Lodge #400, the Aurora Elks Club, Phoenix Club and the Elburn Lions Club. Ione Fitzgerald (1914-2006) was secretary to the director of Mooseheart and later was a buyer for Ackemann's Department Store. She was the president of the Elgin Girl Scouts and a member of the Lady Elks.

Marilyn A. & William J. Foote Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



Since 1985, Marilyn Foote has been employed by Bank of America as a consultant and grant analyst for the Bersted Foundation. She is a former board member

of the Community Foundation. William Foote was the co-founder of the Aurora law firm, Dreyer, Foote, Streit, Furgason and Slocum where he continues to practice law. He is a member of the Kane County and Illinois Bar Associations and is past president of the West Aurora High School Alumni Association. Mr. and Mrs. Foote are members of Holy Angels Church.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Philip Bennett Foxgrover Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)



This fund awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Kaukauna Wisconsin High School who have excelled in high school music activities and who will continue such activities in college. Philip Foxgrover (1949-2001) was a graduate of Kaukauna High School

where he participated in choral groups and musicals. He ministered to others for many years as a soloist at weddings and funerals. He later began a career in mortgage banking at the North Shore Bank of Milwaukee.

Ruby M. Frank Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



This fund provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors from St. Charles who go on to attend Aurora University or a Lutheran affiliated college. Ruby M. Frank (1920-2009) was past chairman of the Community Foundation and the St. Charles Chamber of

Commerce. She also served on the boards of directors of Aurora University, Delnor-Community Health System and the Baker Hotel Living Center. In 1957, Mrs. Frank founded Frank's Employment, Inc. of St. Charles where she worked for forty-six years.

Dr. & Mrs. C.L. Gardner Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)



This fund was created by the family and friends of Dr. C.L. Gardner (1908-1991) to honor the life of this remarkable Aurora physician. Dr. Gardner practiced medicine for

over fifty years. He served as president of Dreyer

Medical Clinic and the Kane County Medical Society. He also was senior staff physician at Copley Memorial Hospital and Mercy Center Hospital in Aurora. In 1996, the fund was renamed to include his wife Phyllis H. Gardner (1911-1996). Mrs. Gardner, a devoted student of literature, was an accomplished writer.

Francis A. Geib Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1990)

This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Francis A. Geib (1916-1989). A World War II veteran, Mr. Geib worked at the Brennan Coal Company his entire working career. He later purchased the company and also Aucutt's Building Materials. He was a life member of the Aurora Turners Club and served on the Illinois Fuel Merchants Board. Mr. Geib and his wife Betty Arleen Anderson had four children.

Geneva Construction Company Endowment Fund (EST. 1961)



This fund was created by the Geneva Construction Company to provide income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grant-

making program. Geneva Construction Company was founded in 1926 in Geneva by the McCarthy Improvement Company. In 1935 the company relocated to Aurora and was later purchased by the Bryan Family in 1978. Upon the retirement of John G. Bryan as president in 1997, the company has been under the direction of his two sons John and Mike to continue the tradition of providing quality pavements.

Howard E. Gillette Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2008)



This fund was created by the family and friends of Dr. Howard Gillette (1915-2008). After completing his residency in Oral Surgery at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Gillette spent three years in the United States Air Force. In 1947, he started his own Oral Surgery

practice in Aurora. Dr. Gillette was a member of the board of directors of the Community Foundation for twenty-two years. He also served as a senior or emeritus director for seven years. Scholarships from this fund are available to graduates of East Aurora and West Aurora High School for attendance at North Central College.

Colonel Sidney Ginsberg Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1953)



This fund was established upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Colonel Sidney Ginsberg. The fund supports scholarships for students graduating from East Aurora or West Aurora High School. Colonel Ginsberg (1899-1951) served in the United States

Army following his graduation from West Point Academy. After World War II, he returned to Aurora to manage the Ginsberg Store which was founded by his father. Colonel Ginsberg's bequest was the first to be received by the Foundation.

H. Marshall Glenn Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



The H. Marshall Glenn Scholarship Endowment Fund was established through the receipt of a bequest from the estate of his wife Margaret E. Glenn (1916-2006). Mr. Glenn (1906-1996) owned the Marshall Glenn Insurance Agency in Aurora from 1949 until 1993. Scholarships

from this fund are available to students who are

furthering their educations at a two-year college, a four-year college or university, or a trade or vocational school.

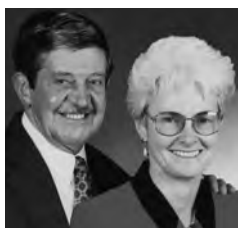
William C. & Marjorie W. Glenn Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grant-making program. During their careers, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn worked together to grow Olsson Roofing Company as an ongoing

professional leader in the commercial roofing industry. Olsson Roofing Company celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014. In 1987, the Glenns created the Olsson Roofing Company Scholarship Fund to encourage the opportunity for college level education within the ranks of construction families.

Robert H. & Jean A. Goehlen Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created to honor Robert H. Goehlen's lifetime of service to the community. It is devoted to the needs of children. Mr. Goehlen (1929-1998) administered several offices for IBM prior to his retire-

ment. He was a founding member of the Bank of Montgomery and chairman of the board for many years. Jean Goehlen taught primary school for a number of years in Aurora, Ohio and Indiana. Between them, the Goehlen's have been involved in several organizations including the Aurora Bowling Association, the Aurora Country Club, the U.S. Trotting Association, Tuesday Garden Club, and Child Welfare Society.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Melvin & Irene Goldman Endowment Fund for the Arts (EST. 1982)



Melvin and Irene Goldman created this fund to provide grants to organizations located in Aurora that are devoted to the arts. Mr. and Mrs. Goldman owned and operated Globe Lumber

Company in Aurora for many years. During World War II, Melvin Goldman (1917-2008) was a research physicist on Navy projects at Armour Research. Irene Goldman (1919-2008) served as a Community Foundation director from 1985-1995. The Goldmans were members of Temple B'nai Israel in Aurora of which Irene's parents were founding members.

Goldsmith Family Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



This fund provides scholarships to minority students who are graduates of East Aurora High School or West Aurora High School. The Goldsmith family has lived in

Aurora for more than 100 years. Zalmon Goldsmith served as chairman of the board of Mercy Hospital and of the Heartland Blood Centers. Anne Goldsmith was one of the founders of the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment and also served on the board the Community Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith's son Bruce has practiced law in Aurora for more than thirty years. Bruce's wife Margot, a freelance editor, has served on the Aurora Public Library Board of Directors.

Hermann & Rita Golter Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2003)



This fund was established to provide scholarships to graduates of West Aurora High School who are pursuing the fields of International Studies and who are fluent in a foreign language. Hermann Golter (1918-2003) and Rita Golter

came to America from Germany in the 1950s. Mr. Golter was a German veteran of World War II and spent over five years as a prisoner of war in a Russian prison camp. He later worked for several businesses in the Aurora area. Rita Golter worked for the West Aurora School District. This scholarship reflects the couple's belief in the importance of international goodwill and understanding.

Robert L. & Joyce A. Golz Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2009)



This fund was created to support scholarships for graduates of high schools located in Aurora and Oswego. Robert Golz (1934-2003) was the son of Herbert Golz, the founder of Equipto Electronics in Aurora. Mr. Golz joined the company in

1960 as vice president of manufacturing. He later served as the chief executive officer and became the firm's chairman of the board. Joyce Golz joined Equipto Electronics in 1960. She was the sales supervisor and assistant to the sales manager. Mrs. Golz established this fund to honor her husband.

Robert C. & Maureen A. Granger Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund assists graduates of East Aurora High School or West Aurora High School who are furthering their studies in chemistry or chemical engineering. Robert Granger worked for the Burlington Railroad as a chemist/chief chemist for

fourteen years. He then took a position with Sears Roebuck in Chicago as a chemist/product engineer. Maureen Granger taught for twelve years for the West Aurora School District and was principal of McCleery Elementary School for sixteen years. She has served as a board member of several Aurora organizations.

William Alexander & Marjory Mather Greene Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund supports the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking and scholarship programs. Alex Greene was associated with the Barber-Greene Company for thirty-six years, retiring as vice-president of

administration and secretary. He has served on numerous boards of directors including Aurora University, Aurora Family YMCA, and the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce. His father William B. Greene was co-founder of the Barber-Greene Company and also was one of the founding members of the Community Foundation. Marjory Greene (1926-2014) was active in community and school-related organizations.

Greene Family Forest Preserve Endowment Fund (EST. 1971)



This fund supports the repair and maintenance of the Greene Farmstead buildings. William B. Greene (1886-1982) donated ten acres of the family's homestead property to the Foundation. The proceeds from the sale of the property to the Forest Preserve

were placed in a designated fund the following year to ensure the perpetual guardianship of the Greene Homestead. William Greene formed the Barber-Greene Company with Harry H. Barber. Mr. Greene was a charter member of the Community Foundation and served as president for thirteen years.

Vernon H. Haase Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1976)



This fund was created through the transfer of the Vernon Haase Advisory Fund and from the receipt of a bequest from Mr. Haase's estate. Vernon Haase (1918-1999) was chairman of the board of the Henry Pratt Company until his retirement in 1979. He was active in

numerous civic and business organizations including memberships on the boards of directors of Aurora University, Mercy Center for Health Care Services, and the Old Second National Bank. He was a director of the Community Foundation for twenty-five years, serving as chairman for two of those years. He also served as a senior or emeritus director for two years.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Sten & Lucille Halfvarson Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund was created at the time of Lucille R. Halfvarson's passing. It became an endowment in 2011 through a generous grant from the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools. The purpose of the fund is to strengthen the vocal arts in

School District 129. Sten G. Halfvarson (1915-2003) taught at West Aurora High School and developed the choral arts program into one of the most respected in the state. Lucille R. Halfvarson (1919-2010) taught music and speech at Freeman Elementary School and later taught private voice lessons and directed church choirs. She was an instructor of music and director of choral groups for Waubensee Community College.

Richard C. Hamper Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



Richard C. Hamper (1905-1995) served in the United States Army during World War II as a special agent in intelligence. He was associated in the practice of law with Charles H. Atwell, Sr. in the firm of Atwell and Hamper. He also served as the Kane County States

Attorney and practiced law for over sixty years. He was a member of the Union League Club in Aurora, the American Bar Association and the Kane County Bar Association. His wife Ruth Hamper (1917-2013) created this fund as a memorial to her husband.

Josephine M. Hancock Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)



This fund was created to administer a bequest received from the estate of Josephine Hancock as a memorial to her family. Josephine

Hancock (1902-2001) of Aurora operated the Millinery Department of the Virginia Shop. She also was a volunteer at Hines Veteran's Hospital and was a member of the American Red Cross, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and St. Rita of Cascia Church. Miss Hancock is pictured here (in the center) with her brother John Hancock and her sister Margaret Bennigsen.

Jill Hanes Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund was created by Andy Hanes to honor his wife Jill C. Hanes (1962-2015). It provides scholarships to local students pursuing a career in veterinary science. Jill was a longtime board member, treasurer, president and volunteer for

Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin. She also was active in Kiwanis Club of St. Charles and was a supporter of Elderday Senior Services and CASA Kane County.

Robert D. & Betty Hosler Harris Endowment Fund (EST. 2014)



This fund was established to honor the lives of Bob and Betty Harris by their daughter Joanne. The Great Depression greatly impacted Bob and Betty's families. Formal education beyond high school was not an option for either of them. After

graduation, Betty worked as a bookkeeper. Bob served as chief electrician's mate with the Navy in the South Pacific through World War II and continued work as an electrician after the war. This fund recognizes Mr. and Mrs. Harris' belief in the importance of early childhood education and parental involvement in their children's education. Grants from the fund support the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools and programs that assist struggling students.

Ahmad Akim Hart Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



Ahmad Akim Hart (1981-1998) was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and his doctors predicted a life expectancy of two years. His mother, longtime Aurora Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, dedicated her life to caring for her son at home.

Ahmad learned how to communicate with a computer and cue cards and attended Keeler, Goodwin and Hope Wall Schools. At the time of his passing at the age of seventeen, his family and friends created a scholarship fund to honor his life.

Jerry Hart Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund was established in honor of educator Gerald E. Hart, Jr. to provide scholarships to graduates of East Aurora High School who had previously attended Waldo Middle School and are pursuing a science degree. Jerry Hart (1943-1994) was a member of First Presbyterian

Church where he served as an elder. He also was a member of the American Federation of Teachers. Mr. Hart was a dedicated and well-respected science teacher at Waldo Middle School.

Don and Shirley Hartlaub Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2009)



This fund was created by the children of Donald G. & Shirley W. Hartlaub. It awards grants to Aurora Central Catholic High School. Donald Hartlaub, Sr. (1921-2009) owned and operated Don's Service Station & U-Haul in Aurora. Shirley Hartlaub

(1928-2009) worked at Oak Park Hospital and for Dr. H.M. DeBartolo, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Hartlaub were members of Annunciation Church of Aurora for over fifty years and served the parish in many capacities. They will be remembered for their strong support of Catholic education.

Brian A. Harty Memorial Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 2003)



This fund was created from the proceeds of the estate of Brian Alexander Harty by his parents and sister to honor his memory. Brian Harty (1975-2002) worked in radio production for stations in Chicago and Raleigh. He was an avid runner, an amateur oil painter, and a fan of

many different genres of music. This fund supports research and education in the areas of depression and suicide prevention.

Jack & Naomi Hastert Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created by J. Dennis Hastert as a memorial to his parents Jack and Naomi Hastert. It provides scholarships to students in Kendall County. Jack Hastert (1913-1998) worked for the George

Boyle Funeral Home of Aurora and the Fred Dames Funeral Home of Joliet. He was also the proprietor of Hastert Farm Supply. From 1960 through his retirement, he owned and operated the Clock Tower Restaurant in Plainfield. Naomi Hastert (1914-1994) was the sole supporter of her family through most of the depression and thus could not complete her high school education. She worked hard throughout her life to make sure her children received the education she had not been able to receive.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Arthur & Daphne Heinz Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Donald A. Heinz (1929-1995) as a memorial to his parents, Arthur and Daphne Heinz (pictured here). Arthur W. Heinz (1895-1981) founded the A.W. Heinz

Insurance Agency in Aurora. He was chairman of the Aurora Police and Fire Commission and served with the United States Army during World War I. Daphne B. Heinz (1902-1981), a homemaker, was born in Chicago.

James L. & Barbara H. Henning Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



This fund provides grants to Wesley United Methodist Church of Aurora and also supports the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program.

James Henning (1913-1979) practiced law in Chicago and later became president of Plano Molding Company. Barbara Henning (1916-2002) was an active member of the Child Welfare Society, Tuesday Garden Club, PEO Chapter BT, and the Waubensee Literacy Program. She also served as a director of the Community Foundation for twelve years.

Loraine Heriaud Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)



This fund was created to honor the life of Loraine Heriaud (1915-2003). It provides scholarships for students entering the field of nursing. Mrs. Heriaud was employed for thirteen years by Provena Mercy Center as a C.N.A.

in the Pediatrics Unit. Her son Frederick was the Aurora Area's first soldier to be killed in action during the Vietnam War. Her husband Earl passed away in 1969.

George & Elaine Hettrich Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



Scholarships from this fund are awarded to students graduating from Oswego School District 308. George Hettrich is a lifetime resident and farmer in Oswego Township. He has served in several Oswego Township and Kendall County

offices. Elaine Hettrich was employed by Copley Hospital and later as a nurse for the Oswego School District for twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hettrich are members of the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Mr. & Mrs. William P. Hilgen Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1982)



This fund provides scholarships to students graduating from Marmion Academy or Rosary High School. William Hilgen (1899-1993) founded and operated

Bill's Hat Shop in Aurora from 1923 until his retirement in 1972. He was a charter member of St. Rita of Cascia Church. Ruth Hilgen (1912-1995) was employed at the Pollywise Beauty Shop in the Fox Promenade in Aurora and also the Leland Hotel Beauty Shop. She was a member of New England Congregational Church.

Urban & Margaret Hipp Family Endowment Fund (EST. 1964)



Urban Hipp (1913-2011) began his career in 1939 at the Barber Greene Company where he served as vice president of finance and as a director. Mr. Hipp also was a

director of the Old Second National Bank, Mercy Center Hospital and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. Margaret Barber Hipp (1915-1999) was the daughter of Harry H. Barber (co-founder of the Barber Greene Company). She was active in the Child Welfare Society and the Tuesday Garden Club.

W. Charlie Hooper & Shirley Linder Hooper Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2003)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estates of W. Charlie and Shirley Hooper. W. Charlie Hooper (1909-1995) was an accountant with Podolak, Hooper and Kerr in Aurora. He was also a charter member

of the Aurora Optimist Club and a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge of Aurora and New England Congregational Church. Shirley Hooper (1911-2003) also was a member of New England Congregational Church.

Erwin & Ella Hoffman Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1980)



This fund provides scholarships for students graduating from East Aurora or West Aurora High School for attendance at a Lutheran affiliated college or university. The fund was established by a bequest received from

the estate of Mrs. Hoffman who died in 1979, a year after her husband's death. The couple owned and operated a farm in North Aurora for most of their lives.

Mary Virginia Hughes Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Mary Virginia Hughes. Miss Hughes (1928-2000) was born in Newark, Illinois where her parents owned and operated a farm. Mary Hughes lived and worked on the farm her entire life. She was a

member of the Millbrook United Methodist Church. Scholarships from the fund are available to graduates of a high school in Kendall County who are pursuing a major in the field of agriculture.

John L. & Alice M. Holden Education Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



This fund provides income for the educational needs of Aurora students. John Holden (1854-1945) and Alice Holden (1863-1942) were brother and sister who resided in Aurora. Alice

Holden (pictured) was a teacher and later principal of Young School in Aurora. John Holden was a conductor for the CB&Q Railroad.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Eleanor C. Hungar Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was established to administer a bequest from the estate of Eleanor Hungar. It provides scholarships for students entering the field of elementary education. Miss Hungar (1905-2005) was a beloved elementary teacher at Todd and Freeman Schools in

Aurora. Before retiring in 1970, Miss Hungar authored several stories, including "We Study Space" and "Christmas and the Nutcracker Suite."

Shirley M. Hurd Education Scholarship Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Shirley Miller Hurd. The fund supports college scholarships for local students. At the age of seventeen, Shirley Miller Hurd (1922-2010) began working at Stephens-Adamson Company

where she remained for thirty-one years. Mrs. Hurd met her husband, Charles B. Hurd, at the company. Mr. Hurd organized and was president of the world famous Sealmaster Softball team. He and his wife traveled throughout the country with the team, which eventually achieved championship status.

Janet Kircher Isler Endowment Fund (EST. 2011)



The A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools received a bequest from the estate of Janet Isler and directed that an endowed fund be established within the Community Foundation for the perpetual recognition of their benefactor.

This fund provides income for the charitable purposes of the A+ Foundation. Janet Isler taught at Greenman, Lincoln, Freeman and Smith

Elementary Schools within the West Aurora School System. After teaching for over a quarter of a century, Ms. Isler retired from the school district in 1968.

Italian-American Mutual Aid Society Of Aurora, Illinois Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



The Italian-American Mutual Aid Society of Aurora created this fund to benefit area students of Italian descent. Pictured here are representatives of the Italian-American Mutual Aid Society who

met in 1995 with the then president of the Foundation Albert D. McCoy to finalize the terms of the scholarship. Seated (from left) Lou Bacino, Tony L. Cosentino, Daniel Corsolini and Tony Ferrelli. Standing (from left) are John Giartonia, Rich Ruffalo, Larry Amoni and Al McCoy.

Peg Jackson Memorial Literary Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund honors the memory of Peg Tyndal Jackson, a noted author of children's stories. Peg Jackson (1917-1996) began writing stories to amuse her daughter and eventually became an accomplished author.

Mrs. Jackson published twenty-nine stories, many of which appeared in

Jack and Jill, Calling All Girls and Highlights for Children. She also wrote for the Rockford Register Star newspaper. Mrs. Jackson's daughter Susan Jackson Goodhue established this fund in her mother's name to encourage the discipline of creative writing among students of the Batavia School System.

Justus L. & Grace Hobbs Johnson Permanent Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



This fund was created upon the termination of the Justus L. Johnson Trust. Mr. Johnson (1879-1956) was the Foundation's first vice-president. He served as editor of

the Aurora Beacon in the early 1900's, and later was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Kane County and the Appellate Court for the Second District of Illinois. In 1965, the Foundation received a bequest from Grace Hobbs Johnson (1878-1958). Mrs. Johnson founded the Mid-West Early American Pressed Glass Club and maintained memberships in the Hawthorne Club and the Tuesday Garden Club.

Malcolm L. & Lydia J. Jones Permanent Endowment Fund (EST. 1964)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Malcolm Jones (1904-1998) was vice president of Richards-Wilcox Manufactur-

ing Company in Aurora. He also was a director of the Community Foundation for fifteen years, serving as chairman for two of those years. He also served as a senior or emeritus director for eighteen years. Lydia Jones (1911-1986) held leadership positions with many charitable organizations including the Child Welfare Society, United Way, Woman's Club of Aurora and YWCA Aurora.

Lydia J. & Malcolm L. Jones Child Care Center Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



This fund to supports scholarships for children attending the Lydia J. & Malcolm L. Jones Child Care Center, formerly operated by the YWCA Aurora. The Jones Child Care Center now supports other local child care centers in the name of Lydia and Malcolm Jones. Lydia Jones (1911-1986) was a

longtime supporter of the YWCA, serving its board of directors for thirty-nine years and also as its president. Malcolm Jones (1904-1998) was a trustee of the YWCA for many years.

Lee W. & Rosemary A. Jordan Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1983)



Lee W. Jordan (1926-1984) and Rosemary A. Jordan, lifelong residents of Aurora, attended East Aurora High School. Mr. Jordan was employed by Railway Express Agency and was in the trucking business. Mrs. Jordan was employed as a

secretary at C.M. Bardwell School in Aurora for many years. This fund was created by the couple's seven children in loving honor of their parents.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Warren A. & Betty M. Kahle Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was created upon the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Betty Kahle. The fund provides grants to the First Presbyterian Church of Aurora for the Sunday School and Christian Education

Programs. Warren Kahle (1921-1996) served in the United States Navy during World War II and was stationed in England and Ireland. He was an assistant purchasing agent at Barber-Greene Company until his retirement in 1982. Betty Kahle (1919-2005) was employed as an executive assistant for over forty years at the Child City of Mooseheart.

Kendall County Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund provides grants to non-profit organizations that are located within Kendall County. The fund was originally administered by the Kendall County Foundation. In 2007, the Kendall County Foundation trans-

ferred its assets to the Community Foundation. The Kendall County Endowment Fund was established as a permanent resource to honor the citizens of Kendall County. Pictured here is the historic Kendall County Courthouse.

Constance K. & Allen J. Kent Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund was established to provide scholarships for students graduating from high schools within Aurora School District 129 or 131 and also Marmion Academy. Constance Kent

enjoyed a career in marketing and journalism and has served on the boards of area organizations including Family Counseling Service and YWCA Aurora. Allen Kent was on the pharmacy staff of Provena Mercy Center and retired as director of the pharmacy. He has served on many professional boards, including the Pharmacy Practitioner Panel of The United States Pharmacopeia. He also has volunteered for several community boards including Kiwanis Club of Aurora and the Aurora Public Arts Commission.

Konrad Family Scholarship Endowment Fund In Memory Of Arthur W. Konrad (EST. 2004)



This fund provides scholarships to graduates of West Aurora High School. Arthur W. Konrad (1928-2004) immigrated to the United States from Poland in 1950 and served overseas with the National Guard during the Korean War. As the sole proprietor of Konrad's

Barbershop, Mr. Konrad worked as an independent barber from 1959 to 1999 in Aurora. Known as "Art by Art," his business was a mainstay of the Pigeon Hill community.

Wilfred A. Kramer Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was created by Wilfred Kramer for the unrestricted use of the Community Foundation. Wilfred Kramer (1922-2004) was a veteran of the United States Navy and served as a pilot during World War II. He also played on the Navy football team. In 1943, he was

selected to the College All Star Game. After the war, he played professionally for the Cleveland Browns and the Buffalo Bills and later became a member of the NFL Alumni Association. In 1947, Mr. Kramer founded Janco Supply in Aurora.

Ralph & Alice Kramp Scholarship Endowment Fund in Memory of Randy Kramp (EST. 2010)



Alice Kramp created this fund in memory of her son Randy Kramp (1967-2010). Scholarships from this fund are available to Boy Scouts who are pursuing a career in the field of fire service or emergency medical service. Mr. Kramp was forty years old when he was

diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. After a three-year battle, he died of complications from the treatment. Mr. Kramp was active in Scouts his entire life. One of the proudest days in his life occurred when he joined the ranks of the Aurora Fire Department. His father Ralph Kramp retired as Aurora's fire chief.

J. Paul & Wanda H. Kuhn Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1986)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Wanda Kuhn. Paul Kuhn (1889-1966) received his law degree and established a practice in Aurora where he practiced for several years. He also served as assistant state's attorney in Kane County from

1912-1916. Mrs. Kuhn was born in Iowa in 1919. She was an Aurora resident until her death in 1985.

Louise G. & Margaret E. Lane Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



This fund provides income to students graduating from Aurora Christian, East Aurora or West Aurora High School. Margaret Lane (1906-1993) taught in the West Aurora School

System at Lincoln, Hill and Todd Elementary Schools. Her sister Louise Lane (1907-2003) also taught in the West Aurora School System at Greenman and Freeman Elementary Schools, as well as West Aurora High

School. Both women maintained memberships with the Aurora Area Retired Teacher's Association and New England Congregational Church.

The Richard J. and Irma E. Larson Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund was established to help Aurora area high school graduates further their education in the fields of law, teaching, Christian ministry and agriculture. Mr. Larson practiced law in Aurora for thirty-one years and assumed the bench in the Sixteenth Judicial

Circuit. He retired as Circuit Judge in 2008. Mrs. Larson taught English at schools in Iowa and Minnesota and one year at West Aurora High School. She also taught visually impaired for 18 years and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. The Larsons have served on the boards of several area organizations.

Captain Lester H. & Marie T. Leifheit Memorial Law Enforcement Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



This fund, originally created in 1995, was established as an endowment in 1999 upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Marie T. Leifheit (1922-1998). It was Mrs. Leifheit's wish to provide a perpetual charitable vehicle for the support of the Aurora Police

Department as a memorial to her husband Captain Lester H. Leifheit. Captain Leifheit (1921-1983) joined the Aurora Police Department in 1949. He was promoted to sergeant in 1957, lieutenant in 1965 and captain in 1972. He retired after serving the Aurora Police Department for thirty-three years.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Arnold E. & Donna Lies Family Endowment Fund (EST. 2009)



The Arnold E. and Donna Lies Family Endowment Fund was established to provide support for the charitable needs of the Aurora community. Arnold Lies (1929-2015) was a second lieutenant in the United States Army during the Korean War.

For over fifty years, he owned and operated the Arnold Lies Company, a contracting firm responsible for the construction of many notable buildings in the Aurora area. Donna Lies (1931 – 2016) volunteered for Provena Mercy Medical Center and St. Anne's Society of Holy Angels Church.

Jesse F. Maberry, Jr. Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1986)



This fund was created by Jesse Maberry, former vice-president of Aurora Bearing Company, Inc. Mr. Maberry has served on the boards of directors of several organizations, including the Old Second Bancorp. Mr. Maberry also was instrumental in establishing the

Aurora Bearing Company Advisory Fund within the Community Foundation.

Marzuki Family Endowment Funds (EST. 2004 & 2009)



Two endowment funds were established within the Foundation in honor of the Marzuki Family. The first fund – Donie, Marie & Judy Marzuki Endowment Fund – was established by the children of Donie and Marie

Marzuki to honor their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Marzuki were first generation Americans who achieved a successful and fulfilling life in the face of adversity,

including the loss of a child to fire. Donie Marzuki (1895-1976) was employed as a milkman and Marie Marzuki (1901-1976) was a homemaker. Their daughter Judy Marzuki (1943-2000) overcame great obstacles in spite of profound disabilities. This fund provides grants to Keeler Center of Aurora to encourage outdoor activities for their disabled clients.

The second fund – Don & Marie Marzuki Family Foundation – was established by Jack Marzuki in memory of his parents and siblings. Matching grants from this fund are available as an incentive for local students to become involved in the financial support of needy children living in the lesser developed countries and to assist students responding to a natural disaster or need in those nations.

Judy Marzuki Endowment Funds (EST. 2004 & 2012)



Two endowment funds were established within the Foundation in memory of Judy Marzuki. The first fund – Judy Marzuki Endowment Fund for Wildlife – encourages individuals to participate in volunteer activities at area wildlife centers. Judy Marzuki (1943-2000)

was disabled from birth. She found that nature and wildlife do not distinguish between handicapped and non-handicapped people.

The second fund – Judy Marzuki Endowment Fund for Nature and the Environment – created by her brother Jack Marzuki. It was established to improve and protect the environment and nature which were such an important part of Judy's life. Grants from the fund are available to students who wish to participate as interns with the Student Conservation Association. Grants also are available to environmental organizations and student groups for projects to improve and protect the environment and nature.

John & Joan Matthews Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1993)



Scholarships from this fund are awarded to students graduating from East Aurora or West Aurora High School for attendance at Waubensee

Community College

or Aurora University. John Matthews (1907-1992) was an Aurora attorney. He served as president of the West Aurora School Board for twelve years and chairman of Aurora College's Board of Trustees for eight years. Joan Matthews (1904-1992) was an educator and civic leader in Aurora for many years.

Mayor Albert D. & Mary Ann McCoy Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund was created by Albert and Mary Ann McCoy to support their philanthropic objectives. Al McCoy (1926-2016) was a combat veteran of World War II, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Monterey in the South Pacific. He was

Mayor of Aurora from 1965 to 1977. During his tenure, Aurora annexed over 6,800 acres of land giving rise to Aurora's distinction as the second largest city in Illinois. Mr. McCoy was past president of the Aurora Foundation and was a member of the board of directors for twenty-seven years. Mary Ann McCoy (1931-2008) was a member of New England Congregational Church and sang in the church choir for forty-one years.

Danny McCue Memorial/Aurora Firefighters Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund provides scholarships to students who are employed by the Aurora Fire Department or to students whose parents or grandparents are employed by or retired from the Aurora Fire Department. Dan McCue (1955-2005) served the Aurora Fire Department for

twenty-four years, achieving the rank of captain. He was also a paramedic for eighteen of those years. He died after a courageous battle with cancer.

Helen Schlicht McGeachy & Arthur C. Schlicht Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



This fund provides scholarships to graduates from Aurora Central, Aurora Christian, East Aurora, Marmion Academy, Rosary or West Aurora High School who are entering the field of education, engineering, science, medicine or nursing. This fund was established

by Arthur C. Schlicht in memory of his mother Helen Schlicht McGeachy. Mrs. McGeachy (1910-1994) was secretary to the presidents of CA&E Railway and Walker Process Equipment of Aurora. Arthur Schlicht was vice-president/national sales manager at Walker Process Equipment.

Michael David McGrath Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was established to honor the memory of Michael David McGrath (1977-2003). Michael made his living repairing and refurbishing computers. He was an intelligent and inquisitive young man of unlimited potential. As an encouragement to future genera-

tions, this scholarship is intended for students who possess both the ability and desire to increase their knowledge in a chosen field of study.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

John & Gwen McKee Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. John McKee was employed in the family owned business, McKee Door Company, until it was sold in 1986. He continued working

with the successor company, Porvene-McKee, until 1994. Mr. McKee served as director and president of the then- Aurora Foundation, the Aurora Family YMCA, and the Kiwanis Club of Aurora. Gwen McKee (1937-2014) was employed for two years at IBM as a Systems Representative. She participated in the chancel choir of New England Congregational Church.

James C. McLallen Endowment Fund (EST. 1983)



The James C. McLallen Endowment Fund provides annual grants to St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Aurora. James McLallen (1913-1996), a lifelong Auroran, was employed in the research and development facility of Baxter Laboratory in Morton Grove for forty-four years.

He also was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Society of Micro-Biologists and St. Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Leon McNair Endowment Fund (EST. 2014)



This fund provides grants to help local youth to participate in the sport of golf. Leon McNair (1941-2016) was the director of golf and manager of the Fox Bend Golf Course for thirty-eight years. He served as the president of the Wadsworth Golf Charities

Foundation where he was instrumental in launching

Links Across America. Mr. McNair served as president of the Illinois PGA and was a member of the PGA Education Committee and the PGA President's Council on Growing the Game. Mr. McNair had two children with his wife, Carole Anne.

Richard E. & Ann R. McWethy Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



Richard McWethy (1921-2014) of Aurora went to Caltech in Pasadena, majoring in engineering. He was on active duty with the Naval Reserve when school was not

in session. After graduation, he was called for active duty in the Navy and was sent to Harvard University for communications training. Ann Riford McWethy worked at Phelps-Dodge mining in Arizona and Seattle while her husband was on active duty. They later returned to Aurora where Mr. McWethy joined his father at McWethy Brothers Insurance. Mrs. McWethy volunteered for many years at Hines VA Hospital, working mostly with the wounded veterans from the Vietnam War.

Albert W. Medernach Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



This scholarship was created upon the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Albert William Medernach. Albert Medernach (1941-2012) was a graduate of Marmion Academy and served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966. He was employed by Caterpillar

Tractor Company for thirty years. After retirement, he volunteered for Hesus House and St. Rita of Cascia Church, where he became affectionately known as "Mr. St. Rita." Albert Medernach will be remembered for generations to come for his generous provision for the educational futures of local students.

Armando Mendez Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 1994)



This fund was established as a tribute to Armando Mendez (1975-1994), a promising young student. Armando was pursuing a career in the field of architecture at the College of DuPage. He was a 1993 graduate of Aurora Central Catholic High School where he

participated in football, track, tennis and wrestling. Armando Mendez was an inspiring “big brother” to those who knew him. Scholarships from this fund are awarded to graduates of Aurora Central Catholic High School.

John E. Meyer Family Advisory Endowment Fund (Est. 2012)



This fund was established by the children of John E. Meyer through a distribution from their father’s private foundation. The fund’s primary goal is to support organizations that “nourish the lives of children.” Jack Meyer (1929-2010) worked as a chemist for many years

in the roofing material business. During his career, he was awarded four patents. Later, he formed a consulting business which helped three companies enter the roofing granule market. Moving to North Carolina, he established the Meyer LD Corporation to build and restore homes.

Richard J. & Marilyn J. Michelini Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 2005)



Marilyn Michelini created this fund as a tribute to her husband. It provides scholarships to students from Montgomery. Richard Michelini (1931-2003) served in the United States Army and was regional sales

manager for Ciba-Geigy for thirty-three years. He also served on the Montgomery Village Board and was

chairman of the Aurora Township Democratic Party. Marilyn Michelini was the president of the Village of Montgomery and served on the Kane County Board and the Village of Montgomery Board of Trustees.

Robert & Patricia Michels Family Endowment Fund (Est. 2002)



Robert and Patricia Michels established this fund to support the religious and educational efforts of Aurora Catholic schools through the Aurora Catholic Education Foundation. Robert Michels (1922-2008) served as a flight

instructor in the United States Air Force during World War II. He later joined his father in founding the Michels Lumber Company. Patricia Michels is a member of the St. Anne’s Society of Holy Angels Church. She and Mr. Michels attended Catholic grade schools and high schools, as did their children. Their fund is a testament to their belief in and support of Catholic education.

Frank & Marianne Miller Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)



This fund provides grants to local educational and charitable organizations. Frank Miller worked for Illinois Bell/Ameritech from 1952-1990. He was a member of the Kane County Board for more than twenty years,

eight as chairman. The Orchard Road underpass was named the Frank R. Miller Transportation Plaza to honor his commitment to transportation. He has served on a number of boards and commissions including the Community Foundation. Marianne Miller is a longtime member of the Child Welfare Society and has served as a Kane County election judge for thirty-three years.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Fred & Barb Miller Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund provides scholarships to high school graduates of German descent. Fred Miller (1928-1999) retired from the Columbia Pipe Company in 1996. He devoted a lifetime of service to the

Boy Scouts of America and received every award given to those associated with the Boy Scouts. He was also active in the Tiger Club, the Italian-American Club and the Optimist Club. Barb Miller was an active member of the PTA's of several East Aurora Schools. She was a Girl Scout Leader for eight years and a committee member of Troop 29.

Senator Robert W. & Helen Drew Mitchler Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



Robert Mitchler (1920-2012) was employed by the CB&Q Railroad and then served in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Mitchler also worked for Northern Illinois Gas Company. In 1964, he was

elected to the Illinois State Senate where he served until his retirement in 1981. Helen Mitchler had a career in nursing with Copley Memorial Hospital and the Dreyer Medical Clinic. Robert Mitchler served with numerous military and veteran organizations and Helen Mitchler with social, political and medical support units.

Mandy Modic Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund was created by the McGee Foundation to provide annual grants to the Paramount Theatre in Aurora for its Broadway Series. The fund pays tribute to Mandy Modic, a professional actress who has appeared in several musical productions at the

Paramount. She has also performed throughout the country and overseas, appearing in numerous musicals. More information regarding Mandy and her professional career can be found at www.mandymodic.com.

G. William & Freda S. Moore Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund provides scholarships to students pursuing studies in business or accounting. G. William Moore served in the United States Navy during World War II reaching the rank of lieutenant. In 1949 he worked

as a CPA and later opened his own accounting firm and continued in practice until 1977. He then joined his practice with a firm from Champaign, Illinois, predecessor to Sikich Gardner & Co. Freda S. Moore (1918-2004) taught business courses at the high school level. During World War II, she worked for the United States Air Force.

Gerald & Barbara Morrow Family Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Barbara Biever Morrow (1930-2013) was a third grade teacher at Freeman Elementary School and was recognized by West Aurora

School District 129 with the “Golden Apple Award.” Gerald Morrow (1924-2014) served as treasurer of Aurora for eight years. He later served as treasurer of the Wadsworth Golf Construction Company for over thirty-five years and was elected to a four-year term as auditor for Kane County. During World War II, Mr. Morrow served his country as an Army Paratroop demolition specialist with the First Allied Airborne in Europe.

Robert G. Mukensturm Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund was created to administer a bequest from the estate of Robert Mukensturm. Mr. Mukensturm (1920-2004) served in the United States Navy. He then worked for the Aruba-Standard Oil Company and later became associated with St. Charles Hospital in Aurora for

ten years as a nurse anesthetist. He then joined the practice of Gillette, Starshak and Colletti at the Aurora Dental Arts Clinic where he remained for twenty-five years.

James & Katherine Navota Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grant-making program. James Navota was employed by the Barber Greene Company for twenty-three years, leaving the company as a director of

sales. He later worked for Old Second National Bank and Lyon Work Space Products before retiring as vice-president of sales and marketing for Sycamore Systems. Katherine (Kathy) Navota was a classroom teacher, a reading resource teacher, the district Title I grant coordinator, the district reading/language arts coordinator and principal of Rose E. Krug Elementary School in Aurora. She served on the board of directors of the Community Foundation from 2007 to 2016.

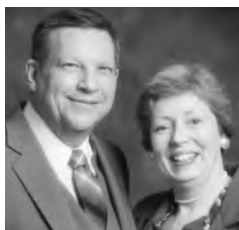
Alan A. Nelson Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



Alan A. Nelson was born in Aurora and graduated from West Aurora High School where he was a champion debater and the valedictorian of his class. He went to Harvard College where he received an A.B. degree cum laude and then received an MBA degree from the

Harvard Business School. His business career was in financial services, part of it spent on Wall Street. Throughout his life, he was an enthusiastic, worldwide traveler. Mr. Nelson was a longtime board member of the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and the Boston Lyric Opera. He was a generous benefactor of Harvard College and the American Civil Liberties Union. The New England Congregational Church is the beneficiary of his fund, which was endowed on the occasion of Mr. Nelson's 80th birthday.

Donald E. & Annabelle Keefe Nelson Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



This fund was established as a memorial to Donald Nelson (1926-1997), one of Aurora's most outstanding civic leaders. Mr. Nelson was employed by the Old Second National Bank for thirty-six years. He was a member of

numerous local civic organizations. The Cosmopolitan Club of Aurora bestowed the “Distinguished Service Award” to Mr. Nelson, and the Aurora Kiwanis Club awarded the “Service to God and Fellow Man Award” to him. Annabelle Nelson (1930-2016) was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and a life-time member of the East Aurora School District P.T.A. She was employed by Old Second National Bank for twenty years.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Robert L. & Marjory J. Nelson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund provides scholarships to students pursuing a career in the medical field of study. Marjory Nelson (1928-1998) was employed by Copley Memorial Hospital and later served as a nurse for the East Aurora Schools.

This fund was created by Mrs. Nelson's family and friends to provide recognition of her extraordinary dedication to the field of nursing. Upon the passing of her husband Robert, the Nelson family added his name to the fund. Robert Nelson (1924-2015) was a veteran of World War II. He worked in the field of education and was a retired principal in School District 44 in Lombard.

Theodore Silseth Nelson Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund provides scholarships to students who are returning to school after an elapse of several years since high school graduation. The awards are given to students pursuing an associate's degree in the field of health care with preference to students seeking a registered

nurse certification. Theodore Nelson was employed as a large commercial account underwriter in the insurance industry. He created this fund out of respect for the competency of those who are members of the health care profession and to encourage those who wish to improve themselves by returning to school after having been in the work force.

Frank & Marian Newell Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was created by Marian Newell as a memorial to her husband. Frank Newell (1915-2000) retired from Nicor in 1975 after thirty years in various accounting positions. He was an instructor of Celestial

Navigation in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Marian Newell has belonged to several organizations in Aurora including P.E.O. Chapter BT, Daughters of the American Revolution, Midwest Early American Pressed Glass Club and the Woman's Club of Aurora.

John & Peg Nichols Memorial Library Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund provides annual grants to the Messenger Public Library Foundation. John Nichols (1936-2005) was the son of a U.S. Navy officer and was living in Hawaii during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Nichols later

enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in Morocco before settling into a thirty-year career with the United States Government. For many years Peg Nichols (1942-2006) was a contributing editor to the Windmill Herald and a trustee of the North Aurora City Council. She was instrumental in establishing the new library in North Aurora.

Oberweis Family Endowment Fund (EST. 1985)



The family and friends of Joseph J. Oberweis (1911-1984) established this fund to support the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Mr. Oberweis was chairman of Oberweis Dairy Inc. of Aurora

served on the board of directors of Valley National Bank. His wife Lora J. Oberweis (1909-2005) served as the vice-president of Oberweis Dairy. She also was a first grade teacher and later the principal of Dieterich School in Aurora, where she met her future husband who was the school's milkman.

Irene & Marie Oberweis Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



This fund was created by Marie Oberweis as a tribute to her sister Irene. Marie Oberweis (1921-2007) started her career in 1939 with Oberweis Dairy where she later became a partner with her father Peter

Oberweis and her brother Joseph Oberweis. Irene Oberweis (1924-1996) spent many years of her life in hospitals due to fragile health. In gratitude for the exemplary care her sister received from those in the nursing profession, Marie Oberweis created this scholarship fund to support area students entering the nursing field.

Merrill E. & Frances C. Olson Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund was established upon the receipt of a bequest from the estates of Merrill and Frances Olson. Merrill Olson (1919-1987) worked for the William H. Ziegler Company of Minneapolis until 1962 when he moved to Aurora. He

retired in 1977 as a vice-president of the Barber-Greene Company. Frances Olson (1911-2004) was an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, the White Cross Auxiliary of Copley Memorial Hospital and the Child Welfare Society.

Neal & Margery Ray Ormond Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1989)



This fund was created to honor Margery Ormond's lifetime of service to the needs of others. Mrs. Ormond (1916-1989) was a prominent Aurora civic leader who was an effective advocate for

causes related to educational excellence, racial equality and fair housing. Neal Ormond (1913-1993) was the first administrator of the Fair Labor Standards Act in New York State. He later served as vice-president of Lyon Metal Products in Aurora until his retirement. Neal Ormond was a director of the Community Foundation for twenty-four years, serving as chairman for two of those years. He also was a senior or emeritus director for five years.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Neal & Mary Clark Ormond Endowment Fund (EST. 2011)



This fund encourages educators of School District 129 to pursue ongoing professional development and rewards effective teaching strategies. Neal Ormond served as a vice president of the Quaker Oats

Company, and he retired in 1995 after nearly twenty years as vice president of Human Resources for W. W. Grainger, Inc. He founded and led such organizations as the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools and the West Aurora Sports Boosters, and served as a board member and president of School District 129 and chairman of the Community Foundation. Mary Clark Ormond was head of the Aurora Public Library in the 1970s and was a co-founder of the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame and the Fox Valley Garden Club. She served on the board of the Community Foundation for twenty years.

Meg Papadolias Endowment Fund (EST. 2011)



This fund was created to honor Meg Papadolias, a music educator who devoted more than thirty years to the advancement of vocal and choral music in School District 129. Mrs. Papadolias taught at Freeman and Schneider Elementary Schools, Washington Middle School and

West Aurora High School. She added a number of specialty choirs to the district's music program, served as the choral director for West High's award winning musicals, and created the district-wide Fine Arts Festival.

Walter Payton Roundhouse Complex Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



In 1996, Aurora's historic 1855 Roundhouse was transformed into the Walter Payton Roundhouse Complex (now Two Brothers Roundhouse). The inner courtyard of the complex is paved with personalized "gift bricks" purchased by individuals and businesses.

One-half of the proceeds from the sale of the bricks was donated to the Community Foundation to establish charitable fund in the name of Walter Payton. Mr. Payton (1954-1999) was a star running back with the Chicago Bears.

Walter M. Pennington London Poe Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



Walter M. Pennington (1945-1997) taught at Washington Middle School in Aurora for twenty-six years. He coached wrestling, girls basketball and co-ed track at the school. He also served as coach of the girls cross country and track teams at West Aurora High School.

Mr. Pennington battled cancer for several years prior to his death. His family and friends created this fund to reflect his devotion to the field of teaching. Scholarships from the fund are awarded to graduates of West Aurora High School who will be studying within the field of education.

G. Kenneth & Dorothy L. Perkins Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund was established to administer a bequest from the estate of Dorothy Dewing Perkins (1913-2007). Her husband George Kenneth Perkins (1906-1967) was employed by International Harvester Company as a

salesman. In 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, with two partners, opened Yorkville Implement, an International Harvester store. Later, they bought and operated the business together. Following Mr. Perkins' death, Mrs. Perkins operated the business, the only woman International Harvester dealer in Illinois.

David B. Perry Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund was established to administer a bequest from the estate of David B. Perry. It provides grants to charitable organizations in Kaneville. David Perry (1919-2003) was a devoted member of the Kaneville Historical Society. He worked tirelessly to preserve the

rich heritage of his community. For a number of years, he was employed by Northern Illinois University. He also raised cattle as well as crops on the land that he loved.

Orville Peterson Health Care Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1976)



This fund provides scholarships to residents of the area served by Copley Memorial Hospital in Aurora to further their post graduate education in medicine, health administration or dentistry. Orville Peterson (1910-1984) was president of Copley Memorial

Hospital from 1946 until 1976. During that time, the hospital undertook three major building projects. Mr. Peterson also guided the remodeling of the Pediatric Department and the renovation of the 1888 building which later became the Kidney Dialysis Center.

Through a generous grant from the Dunham Fund, we have produced twenty-seven videos highlighting our endowment fund holders. The following individuals and organizations are featured in the videos:

Individuals/Families

Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand
Walter E. Deuchler
Dunham Family
Howard E. Gillette
Virgil L. Gilman
Hermann & Rita Golter
William B. Greene
Hipp Family
Eleanor C. Hungar
Don & Marie Marzuki
Charlotte T. Reid
Edna M. Rollins
Edward & Sharon Stredde
Ruth Wagner
Judith Ann Winfrey
Marian Winteringham

Organizations

Aurora, Illinois Industry in the 20th Century:
Construction Equipment Industries
Aurora, Illinois Industry in the 20th Century:
Factory and Office Equipment Industries
Aurora Police Department
Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley
Fox Valley Orchestra
Juvenile Protective Association
Kiwanis Club of Aurora, Illinois
New England Congregational Church
Paramount Theatre
West Aurora School District 129
Woman's Club of Aurora

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Marvin F. & Geraldine E. Pilmer Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)



Scholarships from this fund are support students graduating from Waubensee Community College. Marvin Pilmer (1929-1996) founded Pilmer Real Estate, Inc. in 1971. At the time of his death, he was chief executive officer of the company.

He had served as president of the Greater Aurora Association of Realtors, chairman of Our Savior Lutheran Church and chairman of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Geraldine Pilmer (1933-2015) was co-founder of Pilmer Real Estate. She volunteered for several community organizations including Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Dortha Pooley Endowment Fund (EST. 1993)



This endowment was created to administer a bequest from the estate of Dortha Pooley. In the 1920's, Miss Pooley (1903-1992) was employed as a stenographer for the Prudential Insurance Company. She then was a teacher in the East Aurora School System for thirty-three years. She taught at the elementary school level and later became an art instructor at East Aurora High School until her retirement in 1968.

Robert J. & Mary Jayne Pooley Endowment Fund (EST. 2011)



This fund was created by the couple's family and friends at the time of Mrs. Pooley's passing. It provides scholarships to nursing students. Robert J. Pooley, Sr. (1928-2016) and his father formed Leon B. Pooley and Son Builders (later Robert J.

Pooley, Inc.), a company that constructed single family homes in the Aurora area. Mary Jayne Pooley (1936-

2011) worked as a nurse and addictions counselor. She also worked for twenty-two years at the Community Counseling Center in Aurora.

Ralph C. Putnam Fund (EST. 2009)



This fund was established upon the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Ralph C. Putnam, Jr. It supports St. David's Episcopal Church of Aurora. Ralph C. Putnam, Jr. (1915-2009) served from 1962-1990 on the board of directors of the Community Foundation and was

administrator from 1962-1982. He began his career as an attorney in Chicago and later became a member of an Aurora law firm created by his father Ralph C. Putnam, Sr. and Benjamin P. Alschuler, Sr. Mr. Putnam set a high standard for the Community Foundation in his rigorous and faithful interpretation of the law.

Eldon R. & Evelyn E. Rackmyer Parochial Schools Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund provides grants to St. Rita of Cascia School in Aurora. Eldon Rackmyer (1912-1991) was a conductor for the CB&Q Railroad. Both his father and grandfather served as aldermen for the City of Aurora. Evelyn Rackmyer worked as clerk-steno

for the CB&Q Railroad. She served as a member of the staff of the Aurora Public Art Commission and has volunteered for numerous local organizations, including the Aurora Historical Society and Provena Mercy Medical Center.

Lydia B. Raymond Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1980)



A bequest from the estate of Lydia B. Raymond was received to provide scholarships for high school graduates in Aurora. Lydia Raymond (1893-1979) taught language, social studies and French at West Aurora High School from 1918-1958. Upon her retirement, she

received a tribute from her students in the West Aurora EOS Yearbook. "This tribute is the voice of all students who under her tutelage learned from her much more than academic information. Miss Raymond possessed that great quality of all truly dedicated teachers who inspire students to extend themselves, to persevere and to expand."

Roy, Irene & Janet Raymond Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund was created through the receipt of bequests from the estates of Janet Irene Raymond (pictured here) and her mother Irene Raymond. Janet Raymond (1940-2003) was employed in the Medical Records Department at Rush-Copley Medical Center. Irene Raymond

(1909-1984) was a homemaker. Roy D. Raymond (1908-1980), father of Janet and husband of Irene, was the owner of the Lakone Company in Montgomery and was a member of the Kane County Board of Appeals for twenty years.

Charlotte T. Reid Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund provides scholarships to students entering the field of music. Charlotte Reid (1913-2007) was a featured vocalist on the nationally syndicated radio program on NBC, the Don McNeil Breakfast Club. When her husband Frank Reid died after winning the Republican

Primary for the United States Congress in 1962, Mrs. Reid was chosen to run in his place. She won and was re-elected four more times. Mrs. Reid addressed the National Republican Convention in 1964 and 1968.

G. William & Mary D. Richards Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2005)



This fund was created by the family and friends of G. William and Mary D. Richards to honor their 50th Wedding Anniversary. G. William Richards (1933-2009) was a magistrate for the City of Aurora and the 16th

Judicial District Circuit Court. He also was an assistant states attorney for Kane County. Mr. Richards was the first president and chairman of the board of the Bank of Montgomery. Mary Richards (1933-2007) was employed by Dreyer Clinic and was a member of the Kane County Board for twenty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Richards devoted their lives to the service of numerous charitable organizations in the Aurora community.

*Once a fund reaches
\$10,000,
it can be created as an
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donor's name on a
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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

R.M.R. Endowment Fund

(EST. 2001)

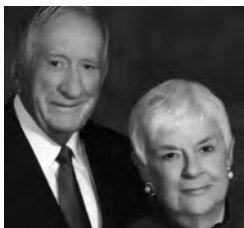


This fund was created by an anonymous donor to provide financial assistance to students attending Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Aurora. In 1910, two Adrian Dominican Sisters opened the school on the upper floor

of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. In 1925, the School Sisters of St. Francis arrived to oversee the expanding school. Portable classrooms were added to accommodate the increasing number of students. In the early 1960s, a new school was constructed to serve over 800 students.

Gary A. & Mary Ruth Roberts

Endowment Fund (EST. 2014)



This fund was created to foster educational opportunities for elementary, high school and college level individuals, as well as provide grants to local non-profit organizations.

Gary Roberts served as a

Lieutenant in the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. He was later employed by the Freeman United Coal Mining Company and retired as Vice-President of Sales. He volunteered at Provena Mercy Medical Center where he served for seven years on the board of directors. As a long-time cancer survivor, Mary Ruth Roberts was active with the American Cancer Society where she volunteered for thirty-five years as director of the Reach to Recovery Program. She was a director of The Aurora Foundation from 1986 to 1998.

Moshe Jamil Rogers Memorial

Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



This fund was established to commemorate the life of Moshe Jamil Rogers (1977-1995), one of Aurora's most promising student leaders. Moshe Rogers attended Aurora Central Catholic High School where he excelled in track and basketball. He also was an

inspirational role model for younger children who looked to him for guidance. Scholarships from this fund are awarded to graduates of Aurora Central High School who demonstrate positive values in the areas of character and leadership.

Edna M. Rollins Endowment Fund

(EST. 2011)



This fund was created upon the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Edna Rollins. It supports the East Aurora Educational Foundation Fund within the Community Foundation, Edna M. Rollins Elementary School and St. John's Episcopal Church. Edna Rollins

(1916-2010) worked for the East Aurora School System for forty-three years. She served as the director of financial and administrative services and also as treasurer of the district. The Edna Rollins Elementary School is named in her honor.

Roots/Pauly Memorial Scholarship

Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



This fund was established by Karen Roots Helm in memory of the members of her family who attended

East Aurora High School. These members include her

grandfather Louis A. Pauly (pictured here), her mother Ethel Pauly Roots, her father Edward James Roots (the couple also is pictured in this profile), as well as her aunt Mildred Pauly Tilly (Leo), and her uncle Louis R. "Bud" Pauly (Emma). Louis A. Pauly, and Edward and Ethel Roots believed in hard work, saving money, and a good education. This fund recognizes these timeless values that guided their lives. Scholarships are awarded to graduates of East Aurora High School who also attended C.M. Bardwell Elementary School.

Herman & Catherine (Condon) Scheuring Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)



This fund provides grants to local libraries. Herman Scheuring (1904-1988) and Catherine Scheuring (1906-1983) lived in their farm home in Bristol Township for fifty-three years. Mr. Scheuring's entire career was

associated with farming. He helped organize St. Anne's parish in Oswego. Mrs. Scheuring taught at several country schools. She also taught kindergarten and first grade at the Montgomery Grade School (since renamed Nicholson School).

Daniel W. Schindlbeck Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund provides scholarships to students pursuing a career in criminal justice or law enforcement. Daniel Schindlbeck (1943-2004) was a police officer in Aurora for twenty-eight years, reaching the rank of lieutenant. He then joined the Kane County Sheriff's Office

for ten years and served as undersheriff. Mr. Schindlbeck was past president of the Kane County Chiefs of Police, member of the Illinois Chiefs of Police, Illinois Sheriff Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #14, and the Illinois Police Association.

Fred W. Schussler Endowment Fund (EST. 1989)



A bequest was received in 1989 from the estate of Fred W. Schussler. Fred Schussler (1904-1988) launched a specialized automotive business in Aurora in the 1920's. From the end of World War II, he was active in residential and industrial property management.

Mr. Schussler was engaged with the Aurora Historical Society as its president and later as a member of the board of directors. His other affiliations included the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Kiwanis Club, Aurora Navy League, Knights of Columbus and St. Rita of Cascia Church.

Lillian R. Schwarz Endowment Fund (EST. 1980)



This fund was created to administer a bequest from the estate of Lillian Schwarz. Miss Schwarz (1894-1979) was an assistant to Dr. F.J. Coughlin of Aurora from the early to mid-1900s. She then became a technician at Mercyville Sanitarium in Aurora until her retirement in

1969. She maintained memberships in numerous organizations including the Business and Professional Woman's Club, PEO Sisterhood-Chapter DD and the Woman's Club of Aurora.

Robert G. Schweitzer Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1992)



This endowment, created to administer a bequest from Robert Schweitzer's estate, provides scholarships to students who are majoring in a science-related field of study. Mr. Schweitzer (1918-1989) graduated from the Armour Institute of Technology of Chicago

with a degree in chemical engineering. He was employed at the National Can Company in Chicago for many years and was a resident of Oswego.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Mildred E. Shambo Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1992)



The fund was established upon receipt of a bequest from Mildred Shambo (1907-1992). Miss Shambo taught in the East Aurora School System for thirty-nine years. She was a philosophy major at the University of Chicago and later earned a master of arts degree from

Northwestern. Miss Shambo provided a bequest to the Community Foundation as her way of giving back to the community which had meant so much to her throughout her lifetime.

Elizabeth Knell Shepard Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1992)



This fund, originally created in 1992, was established as an endowment in 1998 upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Elizabeth Knell Shepard. Elizabeth Shepard (1917-1996) served on the Copley Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and remained an active

supporter of the hospital until her death. The Knell Cancer Care Center at Rush-Copley Medical Center was named in honor of her family's long-standing commitment to the institution.

Clyde & Kathryn Case Shields Kiwanis Legacy Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



2016 marked the 100th anniversary of the Aurora Kiwanis Club, the Premier Service Club in Aurora. Clyde Shields, President of the Aurora Kiwanis Club in 2015-2016,

initiated this fund to ensure a strong future for the club. Clyde has also volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic

School. After a career as a sales leader in healthcare, Kathryn Case Shields retired in 2014 and continues to consult. She serves on the board for Naperville Responds for Our Veterans. The couple's son Jake is pictured here with his parents.

Simons-Minkler Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1970)



This endowment was created upon receipt of a bequest from Kathryn Simons. Miss Simons (1885-1969) taught at Morton High School in Cicero for thirty-six years. After her retirement, she returned to her hometown of Yorkville. Simons bequeathed a large portion of her

estate to the Foundation in honor of her family. The Simons-Minkler Fund supports scholarships for students graduating from East Aurora, West Aurora or Yorkville High School.

Ruth H. & B.R. Skaggs Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund provides scholarships to high school graduates pursuing a vocation related to the field of Christian Service.

Ruth H. Skaggs (1912-2006) served as

the Community Foundation's Scholarship Secretary for eighteen years. She previously had been secretary to the president of Lyon Metal Products. Her husband B.R. "Bev" Skaggs (1912-1996) retired from Lyon Metal Products after forty-one years of service. Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs were active volunteers for Wayside Cross Ministries, the Boulder Hill Civic Association and Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church.

Thomas P. Sperry Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



This fund was established by the family and friends of Dr. Thomas P. Sperry. Thomas Sperry (1948-1998) practiced Orthodontics in the Aurora area for twenty years. He also served as an associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois in

Chicago. Scholarships from this fund are awarded to students pursuing studies in the liberal arts curriculum with preference to those students majoring in history.

Walter A. Sperry Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



This fund provides scholarships for students entering post-graduate studies in the fields of dentistry or engineering. The fund was established as a memo-

rial to Walter A. Sperry, Sr. (1882-1981) and Walter A. Sperry, Jr. (1922-1995). Walter A. Sperry, Sr. was a chemist before his appointment as superintendent of the Aurora Sanitary District. His son Walter A. Sperry, Jr. practiced dentistry in Aurora and taught at the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Lewis B. & Jeanette A. Spilman Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



This fund supports local organizations serving the needs of the elderly, primarily those suffering from depression and depressive disorders. Lewis Spilman (1904-1998) was a member of the Kane County Antique

Car Club, Fremont Lodge #15 A.F. & A.M., Aurora Lodge Chapter #22, Royal Arch Masons, Aurora Council #35, Cryptic Masons and Aurora Commandery #22. Jeanette Spilman (1907-1999) was a member of the

Diamond Class of Fourth Street United Methodist Church, Woman's Club of Aurora, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Huddle Keller Memorial.

Paul Francis & Marian Goodwin Stare Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund assists the charitable needs of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Stare were lifelong residents of Aurora and lifelong members of Holy Angels Church. Marian Stare (1908-2003) taught in

the primary grades in West Aurora School District 129 and at St. Mary's Parochial School. Paul Stare (1906-2000) was employed in the sales department of International Harvester Company for thirty-four years.

Margaret Mercer Stewart Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was created by Margaret Mercer Stewart to support the education of nursing students. Mrs. Stewart (1912-2005) graduated from the Evanston Illinois Hospital School of Nursing and then served as a school nurse in Evanston. She married Thomas Graeme Stewart

and the couple resided on and farmed the ancestral land from 1937 until Mr. Stewart's death in 1970. Since that time, Mrs. Stewart continued to live on the farmstead and rented the land for agricultural purposes.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Harold, Edith & Austin Stoll Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



Austin Stoll provided for the creation of this fund upon his death as a memorial to his parents,

Harold and Edith. Harold Stoll (1896-1981) was an attorney in Aurora for over fifty years and was a member of numerous area professional and civic organizations. Edith Stoll (1900-1995) was a charter member of the Mid-West Early American Pressed Glass Club, and a member of the Aurora Historical Society and the Woman's Club of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Stoll produced a radio program which was broadcast on station WJJD in Chicago. Austin Stoll (1936-1999) was a certified public accountant, real estate broker, and owner of Austin Stoll and Associates in Chicago.

Edward & Sharon Stredde Endowment Fund (EST. 1993)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking program. Edward Stredde was associated with Bell Laboratories and Lucent Technologies

for thirty-seven years. He retired from Lucent Technologies in 2004 where he served as vice-president of international technical support. Sharon Stredde was president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundation from 1985-2015. She is a former member of the Board of Education for School District 129 and has served on the boards of the Aurora University Citizens Advisory Council, New England Congregational Church, and YWCA Aurora. Mrs. Stredde was named 2007 Professional Grant Maker of the Year by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network. In 2015, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Aurora University.

Sharon Stredde Administrative Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund was created by Sharon Stredde to provide income for the future administrative needs of the Community Foundation. In 1985, she became the first executive director of the Community Foundation (then called The Aurora Foundation). In 2003, she was

named president and chief executive officer. She retired in 2015 after thirty years of service. Under her leadership, the assets of the Foundation grew from \$3.7 million to over \$70 million. Mrs. Stredde established this fund in honor of her original and all subsequent boards of directors for their gracious encouragement of her role within the Community Foundation.

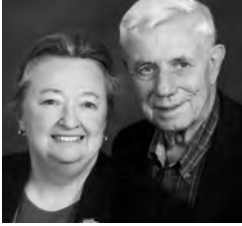
Carl E. Swanson & Clara M. Swanson & Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2009)



Scholarships from this fund are awarded to descendants of members of Grace Lutheran Church in Lily Lake and/or the American Legion Post 630 in Elburn. Carl

Edward Swanson and Clara Magnusson Swanson were Swedish immigrants living in Illinois. They owned 110 acres of farmland in Lily Lake. After their deaths, their children eventually sold the land. A portion of the proceeds were given to the Community Foundation by their son Carl R. Swanson (1927-2007) upon his death.

Thelin Family Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



This fund was established to support community needs focused on education and the arts. Helen Thelin has served on the boards of directors of AAUW, Girl Scouts – Fox Valley Council, Retired Senior Volunteer Program of

Batavia and the Batavia Foundation for Excellence in Education. Calvin Thelin practiced law for over forty years in Aurora. During the Korean War, he was a staff legal officer in the Navy with the 7th and 5th Fleets. Mr. Thelin served on the board of directors of Aurora University and was president of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Corporation to remove the radioactive thorium contamination from the community.

Earl F. & Florence V. Tidholm Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



This fund was created by Florence Tidholm in memory of her husband. Earl Tidholm (1914-1993) joined the Stephens-Adamson Company in Aurora

after having worked at McGill Manufacturing Company in Indiana. He later became plant superintendent of Sealmaster in Aurora. Florence Tidholm (1916-2010) was associated with Lyon Metal Products, Inc. for many years.

Hester “Lark” Thomasson Endowment Fund (EST. 2008)



This fund was established by the Girl Scouts-Fox Valley Council to provide annual support for the leadership development of Girl Scouts or volunteers to the Council. The initial gift to create the fund was given in memory of Hester Thomasson (1917-2006) by her sister

Mary Lou Conover. Miss Thomasson was active in Girl Scouts as a troop member and later as a troop leader. As a result of her long efforts as an adult volunteer, she received the Thanks Badge, one of the highest honors at the council level.

Thorium Action Group/Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



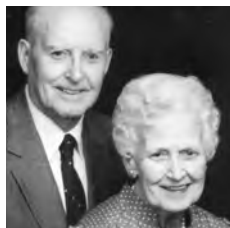
This fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors who reside within West Chicago Community High School District 94. It is a living legacy that symbolizes the joint effort of the Thorium Action

Group, the people of the City of West Chicago, their elected representatives, and the Kerr-McGee Chemical

The organizations you wish to support through distributions from your endowment will continue to benefit from your generosity as long as they exist.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Francis D. & Alice E. Tighe Endowment Funds (EST. 1981 & 1995)



Two endowment funds were established within the Foundation by Francis D. “Pat” and Alice E. Tighe. The first fund was created to assist the Fox Valley Park District’s Friendly Center Club. The second fund was established

through a bequest received from the estate of Mr. Tighe for the benefit of Holy Angels Catholic Church. “Pat” Tighe (1907-1995) was the chief of police in Aurora during the 1950’s. Alice Tighe (1911-1990) was a member of Holy Angels Church, Ladies of Columbus, Friendly Center Club and Mercy Center Auxiliary.

Jacques & Charlotte Toussaint Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



This fund, which provides income for the general grant making program of the Community Foundation, was created to honor the lives of Jacques (1922-2015) and Charlotte (1924-1996)

Toussaint. Jacques Toussaint was born in France, and his family moved to the United States when he was a toddler. He proudly served in the United States Army in World War II. He worked for Ward Machinery of Chicago, then in his own business in Aurora. Charlotte was a lifelong resident of Aurora and was involved in local politics.

James & Clarice Toynton Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)



This fund awards scholarships to graduates of West Aurora High School who will be entering the field of elementary or special education. James Toynton taught at Frank Hall Elementary School and then served as principal of Nancy Hill

Elementary School and Hall Elementary School. Clare Toynton taught at Freeman Elementary School and then became a learning disability teacher at Washington Middle School and at Nicholson, Schneider and Smith Elementary Schools. Mr. and Mrs. Toynton established Gert’s Custom Blind and Shade business, which they owned and operated from 1994 until 2005.

Trembacki & Hultgren Families Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund provides scholarships to students graduating from East

Aurora or West Aurora High School who will be entering the field of teaching. Raymond Trembacki (1925-2000) was a teacher in the West Aurora School System and then moved to the East Aurora High School to develop the photography curriculum. Janice Trembacki (1927-1997) was an English teacher in the West Aurora School System. Janice’s brother Dale Hultgren also taught in the West Aurora School System. Rae Jean Hultgren (1935-2008) taught at both East and West Aurora High Schools.

Paul R. Underwood Endowment Fund (EST. 1997)



This fund was created to administer a bequest from the estate of Paul Underwood (1922-1997). A lifelong Auroran, Mr. Underwood was employed by Lyon Metal Products as a draftsman. He also was a member of the Aurora Hiking Club. Other charities named to

receive a portion of Mr. Underwood's estate include Salvation Army, Wayside Cross Ministries and Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago.

Louis Vago Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1986)



This fund was created by Louis N. Vago to respond to the changing needs of area charitable organizations. Mr. Vago (1925-2015) was a director of the Community Foundation for twenty-two years. He was a certified public accountant and an agent for the Internal

Revenue Service. He also was founder and president of General Aluminum Corporation from 1960-1986. Mr. Vago maintained memberships in numerous organizations including the Illinois Bar Association, Kane County Bar Association, Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus.

Voris Family Permanent Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)



This fund supports a wide range of community needs in the name of the Voris Family. Frank Voris (1907-1989) was a director of the Aurora Foundation for fifteen years, serving as chairman for two of those years. He also served

as a senior or emeritus director for seven years. Mr. Voris was past chairman and president of Merchants National Bank of Aurora and the Bank of Boulder Hill. He was founder and secretary treasurer of Walker

Process Equipment, Inc. Frances Voris (1909-2000) was the owner of The Knit Shop for many years and was active in the Child Welfare Society and New England Congregation Church.

Charlotte S. & Frank K. Voris Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)

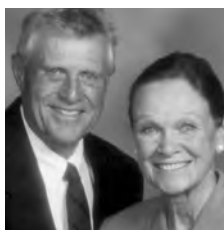


This fund was created by Charlotte S. and Frank K. Voris to provide grants to local charitable organizations. Frank Voris was born and raised in Aurora. Mr. Voris was the executive vice-president of Merchants National Bank at the time of his retirement.

Charlotte Voris is from

Rockford. After raising her children, she worked in the travel industry. Charlotte and Frank Voris are members of New England Congregational Church in Aurora.

Wadsworth Family Endowment Funds (EST. 2000)



Two endowment funds were established within the Foundation by Brent and Jean Wadsworth. The first endowment, the Wadsworth Family Endowment Fund, provides income to the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools to

benefit the students of West Aurora School District 129. The second endowment, the Wadsworth Family Cultural Arts Endowment Fund, provides income for cultural arts programs, performances and projects. Brent Wadsworth founded Wadsworth Golf Construction Company, the largest firm of its type in the United States. Mr. Wadsworth serves on several golf course industry advisory boards and was selected to be a member of the Illinois PGA Hall of Fame.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Robert H. & Shirley N. Waldo Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2003)



Robert and Shirley Waldo bequeathed a portion of their estate to provide scholarships for local students. Shirley Waldo (1923-2002) was an educator in the East Aurora School System for twelve years. She was a past

president of the Copley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, director of the Women's Chicago District Golf Association and member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Shirley married Robert Waldo (1911-2007) whose father, K.D. Waldo, principal of East Aurora High School. K.D. Waldo was later named superintendent of the East Aurora Schools. Robert Waldo was a proprietor of Healy Chapel and later of Daleiden Mortuary.

George & Cora Webster Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



This fund provides scholarships to African American students. George Webster was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp. His service included sixteen months in Vietnam. He later joined the United States

Navy and was a Navy recruiter in Aurora. After serving on five different aircraft carriers, he eventually achieved the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. Mr. Webster also was an Aurora Election Commission Judge and a member of the Aurora Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Mrs. Webster worked as a licensed cosmetologist and was employed by both the May Company and the KMART Corporation.

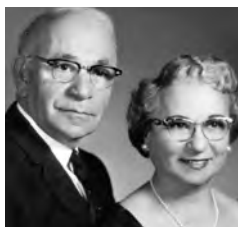
Brian Weiland Instrumental Music Camp Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



Brian Weiland (1973-1983) was an active participant in the music program in the Mason City Iowa School System through his playing of the saxophone. In 1983, Brian lost his life while playing ice hockey with friends on the river behind his home. Jerry and Sharon Weiland

established a trust fund to perpetuate the memory of their beloved son. The trust provides scholarships to high school students in Mason City, Iowa who have demonstrated a talent and interest in the field of music.

Morris & Sarah Weisman Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2004)



This fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate Sol Weisman as a memorial to his parents. Morris and Sarah Weisman were born in Russia and immigrated to the United States shortly before World

War I. Morris Weisman (1895-1977) was a partner in the Aurora Window Cleaning Company and was past president and treasurer of Temple B'nai Israel. Sarah Weisman (1897-1983) was a member of Temple B'nai Israel and the Temple's Sisterhood. Sol Weisman (1918-2003) lived most of his life in Chicago. He was self-employed.

Charles G. & Mary K. Whinfrey Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



This fund provides income for the Community Foundation's discretionary grant-making program. Charles George Whinfrey, Jr. (1923-2005) enlisted in the United States Navy in 1944 and was the captain of the

minesweeper USS Reedbird for sixteen months, attaining the rank of lieutenant while serving off the coast of Pearl Harbor and in the Panama Canal. He later founded Producers Chemical Company in Aurora in 1963. His wife Mary Whinfrey (1925-2013) also was instrumental in the founding of the company. The couple had three children - Donald, Peter and Jane Harris. Peter Whinfrey and Jane Harris have both served as directors of the Community Foundation.

Lewis E. & Doris M. Whitt Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2000)



This fund was established by Doris Whitt as a memorial to her husband, Lewis Whitt (1917-2000). The fund provides annual assistance to Hesed House, Inc., Mutual Ground, Inc. and Wayside Cross Ministries. Mr. Whitt

was the founder and owner of Whitt Bros. Garage. Doris Whitt (1918-2015) served as bookkeeper for the garage. Mr. and Mrs. Whitt were devoted members of Fourth Street United Methodist Church.

Marie Wilkinson Endowment Fund (EST. 2006)



This fund was created to honor Marie Wilkinson (1909-2010). Marie devoted her life to causes that advance the dignity of all people in the City of Aurora. She established the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry and the Marie Wilkinson Child Care Center. She was also responsible for the formation of the Aurora Human Relations Commission in 1964. Marie was born in the French Quarter of New Orleans and moved to Aurora in her early 20s. Her husband Charles Wilkinson was a successful businessman who provided unfailing support to his wife.

*Our memories of loved
ones who preceded us
by only two or three
generations quickly dim.
Yet, it does not have
to be this way. With a
family endowment fund,
memories of loved ones
will live forever.*

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Willett & Peffers Families Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



This fund was established by Martha Willett Peffers (1911-2004) to provide scholarships for students entering the field of music. Mrs. Peffers received a degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois and a

teaching certificate from Aurora College. She was a member of the Tuesday Garden Club, the West Side Reading Circle and Chapter BT of P.E.O. Her husband Hopkins Stolp Peffers (1905-1995) attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana where he later taught. He also was a manager and consultant in the field of public transportation for many years.

Robert William/Anita Nelson Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1990)



This fund was created to provide scholarships to Aurora students who have been selected for participation in the Robert William/Anita Nelson Memorial

Swim Program. The swim program was established shortly after the 1979 Fox River drowning of Hill student Robert William. Mrs. Nelson was a teacher at Nancy Hill School and an original member of the swim program committee.

John V. Winkle Foundation (EST. 2010)



The John V. Winkle Foundation was created to provide scholarships to high school graduates. John V. Winkle (1938-2010) was born in Ohio. He moved to Illinois in 1969 where he joined and later would acquire the Weldstar Company in Aurora. He touched many lives

through his philanthropic endeavors and in his service to various organizations, including the Association for Individual Development, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and TriCity Family Services. Scholarships from his foundation will continue his belief in the potential of every person and his sense of commitment to one's community.

J. Robert & Marion E. Winn Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)



J. Robert Winn (1922-1988) served in the United States Army during World War II. He then worked for the family business, Winn Lumber Company. He was a member of the Board of Education for School

District 131. Marion Winn (1922-2007) was employed at the United Gas and Electric Company in Aurora. She worked in the accounting department of East Aurora School District 131 for twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Winn were members of the Aurora Optimist Club.

Winteringham Family Permanent Endowment Fund (Est. 1995)



This fund was established through a bequest received from the estate of Marian Winteringham. Miss Winteringham (1901-1994) was a teacher in the West Aurora School System for over forty years. She taught at Abraham Lincoln and Nancy Hill Elementary Schools for

the first half of her career. She later joined the faculty of West Aurora High School where she taught English and served as Dean of Women. Miss Winteringham created this fund as a memorial to her parents and siblings. She requested that a portion of her gift be used to provide scholarships for students entering the field of teaching.

Jack Desha Witt Education Endowment Fund (Est. 1991)



This endowment was created by a bequest received from the estate of Jack Desha Witt (1907-1990) as a memorial to his father Dr. John D. Witt (1874-1938). Dr. Witt (pictured here) was a physician and surgeon who practiced in Aurora during the early 1900s. The Jack Desha Witt

Education Fund provides income to Aurora students entering a premedical course of study, including the field of nursing.

Harry & Viola Worland Endowment Fund (Est. 2007)



Harry Worland (1917-2007) served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in the South Pacific, Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. An avid bowler, he and his wife Vi enjoyed the Friday

Nite Elks Club and Mixed League. Viola Worland (1913-2011) retired from Northern Illinois Gas Company

thirty-seven years of service. She was an avid golfer, playing in many tournaments at Phillips Park and surrounding area courses.

Myron L. & Frances B. Wormley Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 2004)



This fund provides scholarships to students who have been active participants in the Kendall County 4-H Program. Myron Wormley (1914-2006) farmed on the Wormley Farm near Oswego until 1959. He then began a

career in real estate, retiring in the mid 1980's. Frances Wormley (1918-2010) grew up on a farm in Millbrook. She was an elder at the Oswego Presbyterian Church and served on the organizing board of what became Waubensee Community College. She was a member of PEO, Republican Women, Eastern Star and the Grove Road Farmers Club.

*Donors creating or
contributing to an
endowment have the
assurance
that their gifts will
outlast their lifetimes.*

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Richard & Carole Wyatt Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



This fund was created in honor of Richard and Carole Wyatt, long-time supporters of the sports programs in West Aurora School District 129. The fund provides grants for the tennis programs at

West Aurora High School and the district's middle schools. Grants are also available for the boys' basketball program at the high school. Richard T. Wyatt (1930-2012) owned and operated the Aurora Tennis Club. He also owned the Westwind Swim Club. He and his wife Carole were members of the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Richard was inducted into the West Aurora High School Sports Hall of Fame. Carole J. Wyatt (1934-2015) taught for twenty years for East Aurora School District 131 at Simmons Junior High School.

Louise C. Zilly Endowment Fund (EST. 1988)

A bequest was received in 1988 from the estate of Louise Zilly. Louise Zilly (1894-1986) was born in Adelsheim, Germany. She and her husband Louis lived in Aurora for many years. Mr. Zilly was a machinist at Independent Pneumatic Tool Company and Mrs. Zilly was employed at the Mill Race Inn in the 1950's. Mr. Zilly passed away in 1937. Other charitable organizations benefiting from Mrs. Zilly's thoughtful bequest include the Aurora Historical Society and the Salvation Army.

AGENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Community Foundation manages the endowments of many non-profit organizations, institutions, civic clubs and community groups. These funds are structured to serve their intended charitable purpose(s) in perpetuity. Profiles of each agency and institutional endowment fund can be found on our website.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The following local financial institutions, acting as agents, manage the funds of the Foundation as the Foundation Board directs. These institutions also invest each fund under the supervision of the Foundation's Finance Committee.

BMO Harris Bank N.A.
Clear Perspective Advisors
First National Bank
Old Second Wealth Management
Trust Company of Illinois

GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY

The following grants were approved or paid from Community Foundation Discretionary Funds during 2016. Total grants awarded in 2016 from Discretionary, Advisory and Other Named Funds were \$3.5 million.

ORGANIZATION & PURPOSE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Association for Individual Development	100,000	Capital Improvements
American Heart Association in Partnership with Oswegoland Park District	8,125	CPR Training Kits
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry	8,531	Electrical Work
Batavia Artists Association at Water Street Studios	14,500	Wheelchair Accessibility
CASA Kendall County	9,300	Technology Upgrades
Child Care Resource & Referral	5,000	New Playground Equipment
Corbella Clinicx	5,000	Renovations & Furnishings
Crossroads Christian Youth Center	10,000	New Roof
DuPage Children's Museum	15,000	AWESome Energy Exhibit
Ecker Center For Mental Health	10,000	New Roof
Equine Dreams	10,000	Tractor
Family Counseling Service of Aurora	10,000	Multi—purpose room
Fox Valley Christian Action	10,000	Cabin for Summer Program
Fox Valley Concert Band of St. Charles	13,812	New Marimba
Fox Valley Habitat For Humanity	10,000	Forklift
Friends of Child Advocacy Center	6,700	Renovations & Signage
Geneva Historical Society	15,075	HVAC Unit
Joseph Corporation of Illinois	7,500	Computer & Phone Equipment
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley	11,804	Computers & Testing Materials
LivingWell Cancer Resource Center	15,000	Website Upgrades
One Hope United – Northern Region	7,000	Washer & Dryer
Paramount Arts Centre	20,000	Sound Equipment
Presence Fox Knoll	9,000	Gazebo Renovation
Quad County Urban League	10,000	Replace Sewer Line & Carpeting
ReHome Center	7,300	Delivery Truck
River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles	12,500	Installation of Sculpture, Landscaping
Rush—Copley Foundation	24,766	Computer Equipment
Simply Destinee	5,300	Furnishings
Suicide Prevention Services	5,468	Electrical Work & Front Entrance Accessibility
Trinity Episcopal Church	10,547	Kitchen Appliances
TUG Career Services	2,000	Computer Equipment
Voluntary Action Center of DeKalb County, Kendall Area Transit Division	8,000	Transit Software

INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS:

Organizations seeking a grant from the Foundation must access our website for guidance on our application process prior to submitting a proposal.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL TRANSACTIONS

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NET ASSETS—

January 1, 2016		<u>\$ 71,147,051</u>
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ADDITIONS:

Gifts	\$ 5,554,383	
Other	1,419,954	
Interest and Dividends	1,763,412	
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	<u>2,872,176</u>	<u>11,609,925</u>
		<u>\$ 82,756,976</u>

DEDUCTIONS:

Grants	\$ 3,567,970	
Scholarships	989,975	
Investment Management Fees	370,831	
Administrative and Other Expenses	<u>608,499</u>	<u>5,537,275</u>

NET ASSETS—

December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 77,219,701</u>
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OUR VISION

The Community Foundation's vision is to be recognized as a trusted philanthropic leader in the communities it serves through the delivery of the highest quality donor services, customized and unique grant and scholarship programs, and bold initiatives to address community needs.



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