

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY



2018 Annual Report

# Mission and Vision

## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VISION

To be recognized as a trusted philanthropic leader in the communities we serve.

# S E R V I C E

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PARTNERSHIPS  
& community  
engagement

VISIBILITY

GROWTH

## Letter from the President



John Diederich  
Chairman of the Board



Jeffrey Hartman  
President & CEO

In 2018, the **Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley celebrated its 70th Anniversary.** The year provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Foundation's past as well as plan for its future! Over the summer, the Foundation formally acknowledged the anniversary with a reception at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove. This majestic setting provided the perfect backdrop for a gathering of current and former Board members, committee members, grantees, donors, and friends while the Foundation reminisced on its first grant and scholarship distributions (both occurring in 1949), acknowledged the five past Chairmen in attendance, and awarded nearly \$450,000 to its spring grantees. The event was truly a celebration of past and present philanthropy!

Throughout the year, the Foundation received **more than \$8.3 million in contributions** from generous donors—the most ever in a single year. **Grants of more than \$4.7 million and scholarships totaling more than \$1.2 million** culminated in **more than \$5.9 million in distributions** in 2018.

Additionally, the Community Foundation retained a consultant to facilitate the construction of a new **Strategic Plan** in 2018. **Service is at the heart of this new three-year plan** that includes providing **exceptional customer service** to new and existing donors, service to the nonprofit community by **administering a fair and unbiased grant selection process**, service to our scholarship recipients to help them **achieve their educational dreams**, and service to individuals who contribute to the overall growth and visibility of the Community Foundation including professional advisors and other referral sources.

From our base of exceptional service, we will pursue three avenues. We will expand our **partnerships and community engagement**, seeking to strengthen the nonprofits who make our area a great place to live. You will see **greater visibility** for your Community Foundation as we spread the word about the value we bring to those we serve. And we will **continue to grow**, both in terms of our assets and our organizational capacities.

Sincere “thank you” to the Board of Directors, committee members, staff, and volunteers of the Community Foundation. This work would not be possible without your tireless efforts and dedication.

While much has changed since Charles Hoefer first convened a group of community leaders in 1943 to study post-war plans for a better Aurora—ultimately establishing The Aurora Foundation in 1948—much has remained the same. The Community Foundation is **committed to providing exceptional service** to its donors and nonprofit partners and **creating innovative ways** for collective philanthropy to **raise the quality of life for all who live and work in the Fox Valley.**

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## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

### Assets By Fund Type

Scholarship : **30.50%**

Designated : **16.40%**

Agency & Institutional Endowment : **15.80%**

Discretionary Grantmaking : **15.60%**

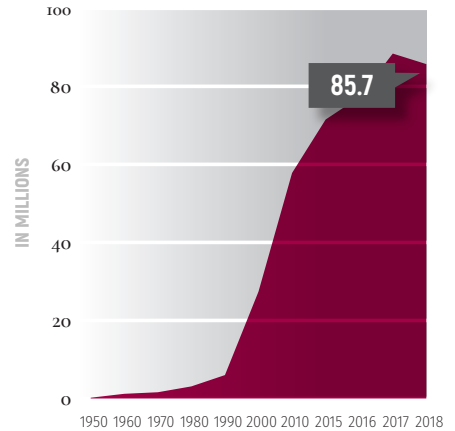
Donor Advised : **14%**

Administrative : **7.10%**

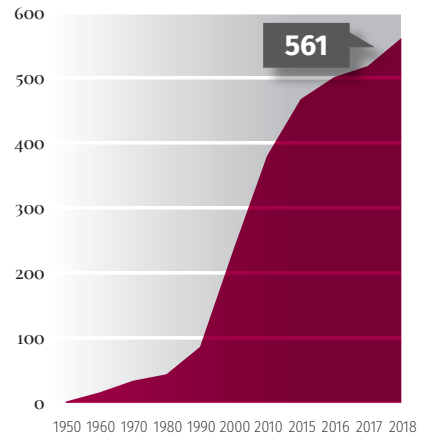
Field of Interest : **<1%**

Charitable Gift Annuity : **<1%**

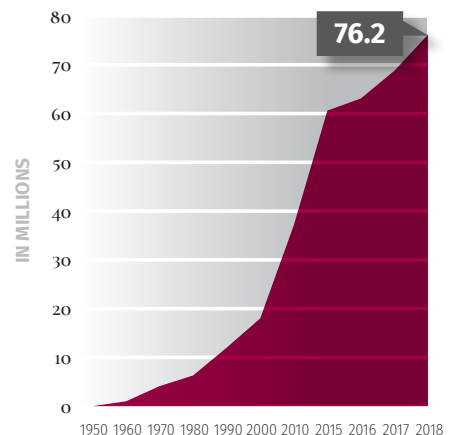
Growth In Foundation Assets



Growth in Foundation Funds



Growth in Grants & Scholarships



Publication of this Annual Report was underwritten by the earnings received through the investment of the Community Foundation's Administrative Endowment Fund.

## 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 benefits 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Designated Funds

These funds are designed to benefit specific charitable organizations (a non-profit agency, civic institution, religious house of worship, etc.). 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, ensuring that the donor's objectives are fulfilled.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



## BEQUESTS

OF THE TOTAL GIFTS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION FROM 1948-2018,  
**NEARLY 24% OR \$26.2 MILLION**  
HAVE COME FROM BEQUESTS.

ADD TO THAT NEARLY  
\$80.6 MILLION IN LIFETIME GIFTS  
AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF  
**NEARLY \$106.8 MILLION IN GIFTS.**

THIS GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
TO GRANT NEARLY  
**\$75.9 MILLION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.**

THE TOTAL "PHILANTHROPIC CAPITAL"  
(ASSETS AND GRANTS)  
OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS  
**SURPASSED \$182 MILLION!**

**\$5.6**  
million

**\$5,666,344.32**  
TOTAL BEQUESTS\*

**117**

LEGACY SOCIETY  
MEMBERS\*

\*2018

### 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 **117 Legacy Society members**. A full list of Legacy Society members is available on the Foundation's website. 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	Francis A. Geib	Frederick W. Lindblad	Mildred E. Shambo
Patricia Abell	Dr. & Mrs. Howard E. Gillette	Ruth Ann Little	Elizabeth Knell Shepard
Alice E. Allen	Colonel Sidney Ginsberg	Mary M. Luther	Katharyn Simons
Stephen J. Andras	Margaret F. Glenn	Jack D. Marzuki	Beverly R. & Ruth H. Skaggs
Nanci Sue Anfinson	H. Linton & Sue Graham	Gary L. & Judy C. McCann	Lewis B. & Jeanette A. Spilman
Identa M. Austin	William B. Greene	Albert D. McCoy	Paul Francis & Marian Goodwin Stare
Alma L. Bachert	Kenneth G. Grueter	Mary Ann Court McGray	Margaret Mercer Stewart
Dr. William J. & Doris M. Ball	Vernon H. Haase	John F. & Gwen H. McKee	Joseph & Carolyn Stoffel
Dr. Carl H.H. & Anne M. Baumann	Ruth N. Hamper	Albert W. Medernach	Austin E. Stoll
Mary Hogan Bencini	Josephine M. Hancock	Audrey V. Mellott	Edward & Sharon Stredde
William W. Boden	Marion L. Harmon	William F. Messenger	Carl R. Swanson
Mary J. Boland	Eileen R. Hart	Bette Jayne Miller	Henry & Lauralyn Theodore
Helen A. Brackney	Jean C. Hart	Frank R. & Marianne Miller	Lucius A. Thomas
John A. Brennecke	Lawrence P. Hartlaub	Robert G. Muckensturm	Francis D. Tighe
Margaret Brennecke	Gary E. & Mary E. Hauge	James & Katherine Navota	Barbara Tinker
Alicemae Brown	Donald A. Heinz	Alan A. Nelson	Jacques & Charlotte Toussaint
Lorraine B. Bryant	Karen Roots Helm	Marie E. Oberweis	Paul R. Underwood
Sherry L. Bryant	Ronald M. & Janet S. Hem	Merrill E. & Frances C. Olson	Louis N. Vago
Jeffry A. & Patricia E. Butler	Barbara H. Henning	Paul A. Ormond	Fred Vargason & Kay Curtis-Vargason
Charles & Josiedell Carnes	William P. & Ruth E. Hilgen	June Z. Orr	Frank & Frances Voris
Mary R. Chapman	Dave & Sandy Hipp	Louis R. Pauly	Robert & Shirley Waldo
Howard E. Charles, Sr.	Ella M. Hoffman	Martha W. Peffers	George E. & Cora L. Webster
Glenn D. & Leola M. Commons	W. Charlie & Shirley L. Hooper	Dorothy L. Perkins	Sol Weisman
James S. Copley	Mary Virginia Hughes	David B. Perry	Bertha Weissman
Roy E. Davis	Eleanor C. Hungar	Geraldine E. Pilmer	Dorothy E. White
Herman A. Dickes	Shirley Miller Hurd	Dortha Pooley	Marian Winteringham
James Dorion	Justus L. & Grace Hobbs Johnson	Alma A. Price	Jack Desha Witt
William & Lorraine Draudt	Malcolm L. & Lydia J. Jones	Ralph C. Putnam, Jr.	Marilyn K. Wolf
John S. Dunham	Darrell L. & Nancy S. Jordan	Evelyn E. Rackmyer	Harry & Viola Worland
Howard C. Eagle	Edward & Genevieve Jungels	Irene M. Raymond	Louise C. Zilly
Barbara K. Engelbracht	Betty M. Kahle	Janet Irene Raymond	
Viola Erlenborn	Phyllis G. Kramer	Lydia B. Raymond	
Tish Evers	Wanda H. Kuhn	Gary A. & Mary Ruth Roberts	
Edward H. & Frances M. Fauth	Louise G. Lane	Edna M. Rollins	
James H. & Ione P. Fitzgerald	Marie T. Leifheit	Allan L. Schoeberlein	
	Herbert L. Lester	Fred W. Schussler	
		Lillian R. Schwarz	
		Robert G. Schweitzer	

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### During our 70th

Anniversary Reception, Community Foundation partners underscored the joy and importance of giving back to an organization that takes pride in its generosity toward others. Much of this generosity manifests itself in the form of scholarships. Scholarship Chairman Austin Dempsey shared that, in 1949, the Foundation offered four scholarships, each totaling \$150. He then announced that, thanks to generous support, the Foundation awarded 381 scholarships in 2018, totaling nearly \$1,206,000. 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 Scholarship Program service area.



This award has  
encouraged me  
to keep striving  
for excellence  
in my studies.

Scholarship applications become available in November of each year and can be found by visiting [www.cffrv.org/scholarship-program](http://www.cffrv.org/scholarship-program).



It feels good to know  
that my hometown community  
is actively supporting me  
and encouraging  
my career choice.

## Scholarships by the numbers:

Largest amount awarded :

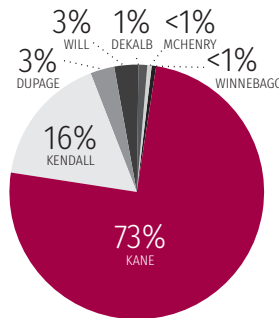
**\$20,000**

Most common

amount awarded :

**\$1,000**

counties



In 2018, **381** students  
were awarded a total of  
**\$1,206,000**  
in scholarships.

award type

Traditional : **247**

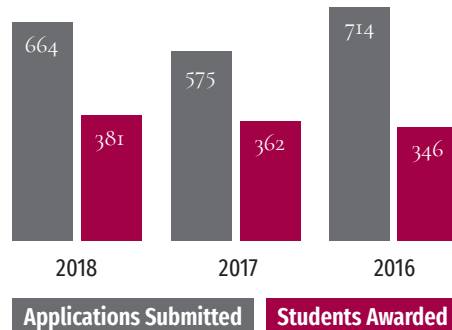
Merit : **134**

academic status

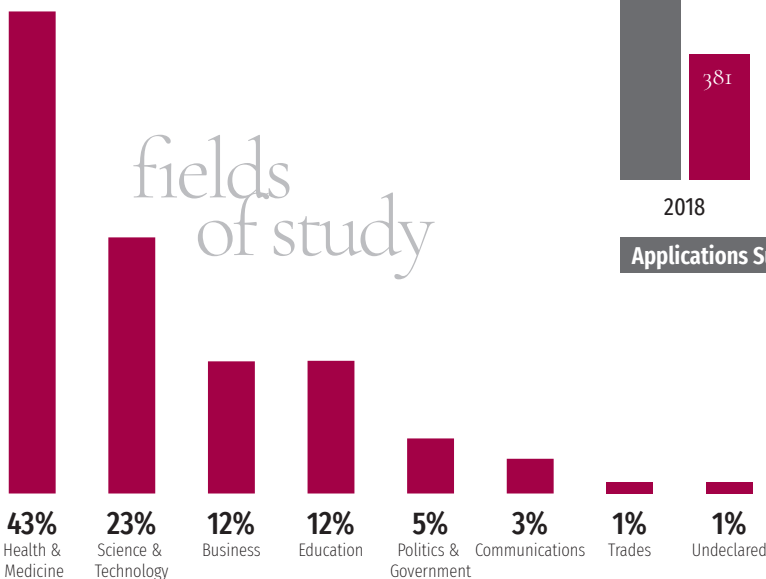
High School : **69%**

College : **31%**

applications submitted



fields  
of study



gender

male : **36%**

female : **64%**

## GRANTMAKING PROGRAM

On June 28, the Community Foundation hosted its Spring Grantee Recognition Ceremony at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove. Supporters gathered at the 1,800-acre golf course and country club to celebrate the Foundation's 70th year and recognize the agencies that received grants from the Foundation in the spring of 2018.

"From veterans' organizations, to food pantries, educational and youth programs, and the fine arts, we don't have to look too far these days to find an outstanding organization with a passionate staff providing exceptional service to our community," President and CEO Jeff Hartman said.

Before recognizing the grantees, Hartman walked guests through the history of the Foundation's grantmaking program, adding that the annual discretionary grantmaking budget continues to increase thanks to the community's generosity.

This upward trend has paved the way for countless success stories among the organizations the Foundation serves. Kids Golf Foundation, headquartered at Rich Harvest Farms, has been able to give more than



200,000 underrepresented youth access to the valuable life lessons of golf by working with schools, churches, and other groups. Giant Steps, an organization dedicated to providing specialized services for individuals with autism and their families, enhanced their adult day program in Sugar Grove last year with important technology resources that streamline the adult learning experience.

The chosen grantees represented 10 cities within the Foundation's service area and were awarded a total of \$443,000. Grant purposes included bus repairs for easier distribution of winter clothes, computer equipment, and expansion of VNA Health Center in Aurora.



On January 24, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley hosted its Grantee Recognition Ceremony at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Aurora. Guests gathered in the historic theater's lobby to celebrate the 15 agencies who received capital grants from the Community Foundation in the fall of 2018.

Julie Christman, vice president of community involvement and partnerships, outlined measures the Foundation takes to ensure agencies' voices are heard. This past year, the Foundation staff conducted surveys and focus groups to better assess future needs of the Fox River Valley. She thanked those who participated and encouraged agencies to continue bringing their ideas.

"We want to hear from you," Christman said. "As a community, acting together, we will creatively find ways to tackle the challenges of tomorrow."

In 2018, agencies submitted 62 letters of intent and Christman conducted 53 agency site visits. Distribution Committee Chairman Scott Voris said these steps are

crucial to understanding the operations and services of each agency.

Capital grants from the Foundation not only fund a tangible need, but the overall mission of an organization. Voris reminded guests that in order to increase agencies' sustainability, the Foundation offers agency endowment matching grants, matching agency contributions dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. So far, 22 agencies\* have taken advantage of this opportunity, leading to a total of \$550,000 in endowment funding.

To read more details about our past grantees, or to apply for a grant, please visit [www.cffrv.org/grantmaking-program](http://www.cffrv.org/grantmaking-program).

*\* as of 12/31/18*

## Congratulations to our 2018 Grantees!

At Risk Mentoring  
Aurora Regional Fire Museum  
Batavia RSVP, Inc.  
Batavia United Way  
Big Rock Historical Society  
Breaking Free, Inc.  
Cal's All Star Angels Foundation  
Communities in Schools of Aurora  
Family Focus  
Fine Line Creative Arts Center  
Fox Valley Ballet  
Fox Valley Festival Chorus  
Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity  
Fox Valley Hands of Hope  
Fox Valley Music Foundation  
Fox Valley Older Adult Services  
Fox Valley United Way—SPARK  
Geneva Community Chest  
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois  
Jennings Terrace, Inc.  
Kids Golf Foundation

Leaders in Transformational Education  
Maddie's Mitten March  
Marquee Youth Stage  
Mercy Housing Lakefront—Constitution House  
The Neighbor Project  
Northwestern Memorial Foundation—  
Delnor Hospital  
Paramount Arts Centre  
Presence Health Network, Presence McAuley Manor  
SciTech Hands On Museum  
Serenity House Counseling Services  
Sunnymere Aurora  
The Joshua Tree Community  
Turning Pointe Autism Foundation  
VNA Health Care  
World Relief Corp. of the National Association  
of Evangelicals  
Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley  
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago—Project Help\*

*\* Program serves Aurora*

## HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION

### It began as a weekly lunch meeting.

The place: the Elks Club in downtown Aurora. The people: Charles Hoefer—local visionary, philanthropist, and then-publisher of the Aurora Beacon-News—and other like-minded community leaders. The plan: create a vehicle for community members and companies to establish charitable funds. These funds, made up of tax-deductible contributions, would be distributed for various post-war causes, per the donors' suggestions.

### It took shape as a community foundation.

The year: 1948. The name: The Aurora Foundation. The first annual meeting: November 23, 1948, at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Now an official philanthropic entity, The Aurora Foundation began managing assets, providing grants to non-profit organizations, and awarding scholarships to area students. What started as one fund grew to more than 550, as generous men and women across the Fox Valley gave for the good of others.

### It endures as an ever-growing vehicle of change.

The year: 2006. The name: the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. We've been committed to Aurora from the beginning, and always will be. But we also wanted to acknowledge the areas in southern Kane and Kendall Counties we've always served. Each of these communities captures the spirit of our early donors, and we are proud to partner with them to fulfill their charitable goals.

We've come a long way from those first meetings at the Elks Club. Our 70th anniversary is a perfect time to reflect, and we're proud to celebrate our history with you. At the same time, we believe our best years are ahead of us. 2018 was a year of exciting growth, in keeping with our original commitment to help donors create lasting change through charitable giving...and we can't wait to see what's next.



*(Left to right) The Community Foundation's first Annual Meeting at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce; the 2018 Annual Meeting at the Waubesa Community College.*



## 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 the majority of our fund donors under the “Foundation Funds” tab. 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 can also view one of the twenty-seven historic videos highlighting our fund holders under the “Communications” tab.

### **A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Administrative Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)**



In 2008, the Foundation for the West Aurora Schools and the West Aurora High School Alumni Association merged to form the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools. The goals of the A+ Foundation are to enrich the curriculum of West Aurora School District 129, inspire excellence in

students and staff, expand opportunities for community involvement and foster alumni connections. Donations to the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Administrative Endowment Fund benefit the District 129 community in perpetuity. Only the interest earned by the fund is distributed. The principal remains intact as a permanent resource for the future.

### **A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Reading Endowment Fund (EST. 2014)**



This Fund provides support for the reading program at the elementary schools in West Aurora School District 129.

### **Gerald D. Abel Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)**

Gerald D. Abel (1924-2015) remembered the Community Foundation with a bequest before his passing. Though a longtime Illinois resident, Abel and his wife retired in Florida. Among Abel's charitable passions were veteran's and children's issues.

### **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.

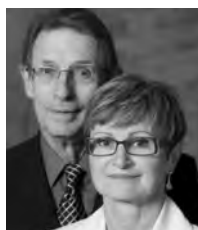
## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### **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.

### **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 McDonald's Hamburger University in Oak Brook and the Food Marketing Institute National Convention in Chicago.

### **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.



## **Association for Individual Development Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)**



This fund is designed to provide income for the charitable purposes of the Association for Individual Development, an agency devoted to enriching the lives of people with disabilities.

The Association, established in 1961, administers programs to assist individuals in the acquisition of independent living, social and vocational skills. Examples of the services offered include crisis intervention, residential and day treatment, educational and development training, and homemaker services.

## **Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry Endowment Fund (EST. 1998)**



This fund provides income for the needs of the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. Established in 1981, the Pantry has distributed food to thousands of area citizens who have demonstrated financial need. The agency, located at 1110

Jericho Road in Aurora, relies on volunteers to transport food to the Pantry and to senior citizens. In addition, numerous area churches, businesses and individuals contribute funds and/or conduct food drives to assist the Pantry.

## **Aurora Area Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)**



The Aurora Area Retired Teachers' Association (AARTA) has been working for retired teachers in Kane County for over fifty years. Due to their continued interest in education, members of the AARTA created the Aurora Area Retired

Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund in 2010 to assist students attending a two-year college, or a professional,

trade or vocational school. Eligibility is restricted to students who reside within the Community Foundation service area and within the boundaries of the following school districts: East Aurora 131, West Aurora 129, Kaneland 302, Batavia 101, Geneva 304 or St. Charles 303. This fund also provides a meaningful way to honor the lives of former members of the Aurora Area Retired Teachers' Association who have passed away.

## **Aurora Associated Relief Endowment Fund (EST. 1961)**

The Aurora Associated Relief Endowment Fund was created to provide support for organizations serving needy residents of Aurora Township. The income of the fund has provided thousands of dollars of assistance to local citizens through the years.

## **Aurora East Educational Foundation Education Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)**



The Aurora East Educational Foundation Education Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by the Aurora East Educational Foundation. These awards are available to students graduating from or who have graduated from East Aurora High

School. Eligibility is limited to students who are pursuing undergraduate studies within the field of education at an accredited institution of higher learning on a full-time basis. The Aurora East Educational Foundation was founded in 1993 to fund educational programs in East Aurora School District 131. During its history, the foundation has funded scores of programs that have touched the lives of thousands of students throughout the East Aurora School District.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### **Aurora East Educational Foundation Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)**



The Aurora East Educational Foundation was established to complement and enrich the educational programs and opportunities for students of School District 131. Distributions from the organization support the development of programs and services not funded with tax dollars. These “educational extras” can make an important difference in preparing the district’s students to successfully face a future filled with new technologies, challenges and opportunities.

### **Aurora East Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2019)**



The Aurora East Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by the Aurora East Educational Foundation. These awards are available to students graduating from East Aurora High School who reside within East Aurora School District 131 and who are in the top 10% of their class. Students must attend an accredited institution of higher education within the United States of America on a full-time basis. Accredited institutions may include a two-year college, four-year college or university, or a professional/trade/vocational school.

### **Aurora Family YMCA Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)**



The Aurora Family YMCA, established in 1869, was the second oldest YMCA in the State of Illinois. The organization is now a part of the YMCA of

Metropolitan Chicago. Community-based YMCA programs in Aurora now focus on addressing pressing needs such as swim lessons, camp experiences, after-school programs and technological education. The organization remains committed to its promise to serve all children and families without regard to financial ability.

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



Tony Schoen (1962-1991) was an Aurora firefighter from 1985 until his death. He 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. He earned a certificate as an emergency medical technician and later worked with the Bristol-Kendall Emergency Medical Service. His other interests included aviation and carpentry. He also obtained a private pilot license and operated an excavating business.

### **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.

### **Aurora Historical Society Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



The Aurora Historical Society Endowment Fund was established within the Community Foundation to provide grants for the educational and charitable purposes of the Aurora Historical Society.

### **Aurora Neighbors Uniting Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1989)**

Aurora Neighbors Uniting was organized in 1974 to promote neighborhood improvement in Aurora through the encouragement of neighborhood groups which work for safe, clean housing and public facilities. The organization also is an advocate for public improvements and community services throughout the City of Aurora. Scholarships from this fund are reserved for students graduating from Aurora Central, East Aurora, West Aurora or Rosary High School for attendance at Waubensee Community College. The fund was created in 1989 and established as an endowment in 1992.

### **Aurora Optimist Club Endowment Fund (EST. 2001)**



The Aurora Optimist Club was organized prior to World War II. The club sponsored many community activities related to youth including American Legion Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Oratorical Contests, summer camperships and the Junior Optimist Club at Lincoln School. The club was noted for its annual fundraising event, the sale of Christmas trees, which supported numerous philanthropic efforts. Before disbanding in 2001, the club created an endowment fund within the Foundation to provide annual camperships for children attending the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association's Summer Camps.

### **Aurora Police Foundation Endowment Fund (EST. 1996)**



The Aurora Police Foundation created an endowment within the Foundation for placement of permanent gifts which provide income for special projects outside the normally budgeted programs of the Aurora Police Department. The Aurora Police Foundation is governed by a board of directors comprised of local community volunteers. Since its establishment in 1990, the Police Foundation has awarded numerous grants to serve health and safety issues in the community.

### **Aurora Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



The Aurora Public Library Foundation was created in 2001 to establish a legacy of philanthropy for the Aurora Public Library through the support of innovative programs, services and modern facilities. The foundation supports the library's mission to encourage lifelong learning and access to information, knowledge and ideas. The Aurora Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund was established within the Community Foundation to provide financial assistance for additional resources which will enhance and enrich the library.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### **Aurora Rotary John M. Lies Service Above Self Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



The Rotary Club of Aurora created a scholarship endowment fund in 2013 to honor John M. Lies, a former club president. Scholarships from the fund are intended to recognize local students who demonstrate a strong commitment of service to

their community and a sincere resolve to become exemplary members of society. John Lies was a community leader who served as a director of the First American Bank, Merchants National Bank, Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Easter Seals, Rush-Copley Foundation, Rush-Copley Medical Center (chairman from 2002 to 2007), Rush-Copley Medical Center-Chicago and the Aurora Country Club.

### **Aurora Rotary Lyle E. Oncken Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)**



The Rotary Club of Aurora created a scholarship fund in 1991 to honor Lyle E. Oncken (1924-2014), a Rotarian who served as club secretary from 1973-1992. Mr. Oncken retired from his position as executive director of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Services, Inc. in 1990. Scholarships from this fund are available to students from throughout the Foundation's service area who are entering any field of study. However, preference is given to students entering fields that reflect Mr. Oncken's lifetime interests, primarily in the area of social services.

### **Aurora University Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)**



Aurora University created this permanent fund within the Community Foundation to support its Arts and Ideas series. Each year, the series features presentations by respected leaders in the fields of education,

business, religion and the arts. In addition, the series provides musical entertainment, theatrical productions, art and museum exhibits and films. In 2003, the Community Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to Aurora University for the renovation of Perry Theatre. In return, the University named the building that houses Perry Theatre, the Community Foundation Center for Cultural Enrichment.

### **Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation (EST. 1991)**



The YWCA Aurora Endowment Fund was established in 1991 as a permanent reserve to

benefit the future needs of the YWCA Aurora Foundation, formerly known as YWCA Aurora. The organization has served the Aurora community since 1893. In 1895, outreach programs were made available during lunch hours to women working in local factories. In 1911, the YWCA constructed a facility with a swimming pool and cafeteria at 31 West Downer Place in Aurora. In 2019, the organization became the Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation, but its mission remains the same: "to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all".

### **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.

### **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 (1923-2019) 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 World War II 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.



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### **Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)**



In 1984, Bethany United Methodist Church and the Fox Valley United Methodist Church merged to form a new congregation—Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church. Bethany United Methodist, chartered in 1857, was located at Fourth and Clark Streets in Aurora. Fox Valley

United Methodist was formed in 1981 and met for worship at Waubonsie Valley High School. After the merger, a new facility was constructed at Route 34 and Ridge Avenue in Aurora. The endowment fund was established to serve the future needs of the church and its expanded ministry.

### **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.

### **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 was a board member of Sunnymere 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.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### 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.

### Jeff and Jamie Cali Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2018)



The Jeff and Jamie Cali Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by Jeff and Jamie Cali to support their philanthropic objectives. This scholarship will be awarded to eligible students graduating from Marmion

Academy who have been involved in extracurricular activities and significant participation in school, church, clubs and community outreach, who also plan to attend either a four-year university or trade/vocational school.

### 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 1900s). In 1914, he and his wife Josiedell (1884-1958) founded their own garment manufacturing company, the Charles Carnes Company.

### CASA Kane County Grow A Healthy Child Endowment Fund (EST. 2010)



In 2010, the Dunham Fund awarded a challenge grant of up to \$500,000 to CASA Kane County for the creation of a permanent fund to support the organization's Grow A Healthy Child Program. This program will ensure the consistent delivery of quality

services to local children. CASA Kane County (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Kane County) was established in 1988 to recruit, train and manage volunteers who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the Kane County Juvenile Court System. Over 500 children are served annually by the organization.



### **Catholic Charities—Aurora Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)**



This fund supports the charitable purposes of Catholic Charities—Aurora, a professional family service and child welfare agency. The agency has served the Aurora community

since 1942. Current programs, which are available to people of all faiths, include adoption, counseling for unwed mothers, individual and family counseling, foster care, community outreach and parenting education.

### **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.

### **Child Welfare Society Endowment Fund (EST. 2002)**



This fund was created to provide income for the educational, health and welfare needs of children. This fund also supports annual scholarships for local students who are majoring in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. The Child Welfare

Society was established in 1938 to assist children requiring transportation to medical facilities. The following year, the membership identified day care as a critical unmet need for the children of women working in defense industries.

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



This fund provides scholarships to students of Luxembourgish 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 grand-

daughter. 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.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### **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.

### **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 remembrance 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 1960s.

### **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.

### **Elgin Master Chorale Joe Dowdell Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2018)**



This fund was created to honor longtime EMC member Joe Dowdell through an Endowment that will fund artistic operations of the Elgin Master Chorale. Joe and JoAnne Dowdell have been members of EMC for over 30 years. When Joe passed away

several years ago, his choral community lost a supporter, friend, and larger-than-life presence. Joe was energetic and charismatic and had a true passion for singing and the Elgin Master Chorale. His wife, JoAnne, has been his longtime partner in singing and in life, and she created this endowment along with the leaders of EMC to ensure that Joe's legacy lives on forever.

### **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.

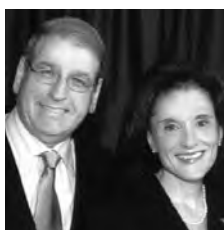
### **Eagle Scout Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1992)**



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.



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### 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.

### 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.

### Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund (2018)



Since its beginnings as a small string orchestra in 1976, EYSO has grown to a community of eight large ensembles and nearly thirty chamber music ensembles. Directed by nationally recognized leaders in music education, EYSO ensembles have performed at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival, the Ravinia Festival, the Illinois State Capitol, and on 98.7WFMT, Chicago's classical music radio. EYSO's ensembles perform masterworks of the classical repertoire, challenging and inspiring their members to ever-higher levels of creativity, musicianship, and collaboration. EYSO prides itself on offering each student the challenges, education, and community needed to thrive as a thoughtful musician and global citizen.

### **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 1900s. Miss Engelbracht is pictured here (on the right) with her sister (Evelyn) and brother (John) in this photo from the 1940s.

### **Equine Dreams, Inc. Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



Equine Dreams is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides Therapeutic Equine Assisted Activities to children and adults with special needs. Originally founded in 1996 by a special needs parent, Equine Dreams evolved from a pilot

program to becoming a Premier Accredited Center by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.). Equine Dreams is unique because they deliver services free of charge to the individuals they serve. Their vision is for all children and adults living with special needs to have a place to experience life-long learning in order to foster independence, regardless of ability and income.

### **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.

### **Isla Mae "Tish" Evers Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2018)**



Isla Mae "Tish" Evers (1927-2018) began her teaching career at Mooseheart after graduating from the University of Iowa in 1951. She then joined the West Aurora School District 129 as a gym teacher and later was an Assistant Principal. Her teaching career

spanned some 33 years. Evers was a longtime, devoted member of Holy Angels Church. She was also a life member of the National Education Foundation and the Retired Teacher's Association.

### **Family Counseling Service of Aurora Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)**



Family Counseling Service of Aurora has provided services to the Aurora area since 1925. Current programs include individual and family counseling, consumer credit counseling and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The agency, which is located on South River Street in Aurora, serves the Greater Aurora Area, Southern Kane County and Kendall County. The Family Counseling Service Endowment Fund is a permanent resource which will continue to benefit the expanding program needs of this vital community organization.

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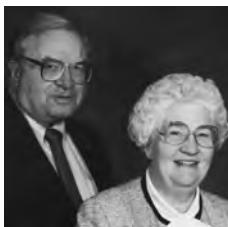
### Brian Farnham Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1995)



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 represent-

ed 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 Waubensee 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.

### Fine Line Creative Arts Center Endowment Fund (EST. 2007)



Fine Line Creative Arts Center was created to promote public awareness of the arts and their impact on our wellbeing, to support art experiences, and

to nurture the creative spirit within a comfortable, inspirational environment. Currently located in a restored barn on four acres in the St. Charles countryside, Fine Line opened its doors in September of 1979 as a small gallery on James Street in Geneva, Illinois. Since that time, it has relocated twice and grown to be one of only a few regional art centers in this country. Over 1,000 students participate in more than 200 class offerings each year.

### 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.

### **Fox Valley Earth Day Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1990)**



This fund was created in 1990 to receive and distribute charitable contributions for the benefit of the Fox Valley Area's celebration of Earth Day 1990. The event was held on April 22, 1990 to coincide with the worldwide

observance of Earth Day. In 1993, the balance remaining in the fund and the addition of subsequent donations were used to establish an endowed scholarship for students enrolling in programs related to environmental fields of study. The Earth Day Scholarship Fund serves as a reminder that the survival of our world is dependent upon attitudes and lifestyles which are ecologically sensitive and compassionate.

### **Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)**



The Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center (FVEC) is a virtual collaboration

of expert advisors and mentors who surround qualified entrepreneurs with the resources they need to achieve growth. FVEC promotes a local and regional environment in which businesses strive for excellence and innovation is nourished. In 2017, the Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Endowment Fund was created to support the endeavors of FVEC.

### **Fox Valley Family YMCA Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)**



The vision of the Fox Valley Family YMCA is to strengthen the foundation of our community by

ensuring that participants have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. Fox Valley Family YMCA was created in 1979 and has steadily expanded over the years. Programs range from fitness and sports to dance and music. The Fox Valley Family YMCA supports these and other programs.

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### Fox Valley Orchestra Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)



The Fox Valley Orchestra created an endowment fund within the Community Foundation to provide income for its future

charitable needs. The orchestra is a not-for-profit cultural organization whose purpose is to provide fine musical performances for people of all ages and educational opportunities for youth. The organization accomplishes its goals through enlisting widespread community support for a symphony orchestra of professional quality with a primary focus of bringing great music to the Fox Valley community.

### Fox Valley United Way Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



The United Way of the Aurora Area was established in 1922 to raise funds for member non-profit organizations that deliver health and human services to area

individuals. The goal of United Way is to enable all citizens and agencies, governmental and volunteer, to join together to provide and deliver efficient health and social service programs related to current needs. In 2004, the organization changed its name to the Fox Valley United Way.

### 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 Aucutts 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 Academic Foundation Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)



The Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that raises money each year to fund grants for the purchase of equipment, tools, programs and services for our teachers and

classrooms throughout the Geneva Community School District 304 (grades K-12), as well as two annual scholarships for graduating seniors from Geneva High School. The grants funded each year must enhance the educational experience of the students in District 304.

### Geneva Community Chest Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



The Geneva Community Chest has been helping social service organizations that help the people of Geneva for nearly 40 years. The role of the Community Chest is to review requests for funds from organizations that provide a wide variety of help to citizens of

Geneva and the surrounding area. The all-volunteer board, consisting of community and business leaders, allocates a portion of its annual fundraising goal to deserving charities.

### 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.

### Geneva Foundation for the Arts Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)



The Geneva Foundation for the Arts (GFA) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting all forms of art in the

community. Donations from GFA contributors help art projects that need funding come to fruition and provide grants to eligible artists and organizations. In 2013, the Geneva Foundation for the Arts was formed to collaborate with the Geneva Cultural Arts Commission.

### Geneva History Museum Endowment Fund (EST. 2018)



The Geneva History Museum Endowment Fund was created to support the Museum's mission to preserve and share Geneva's evolving story while

inspiring and engaging the community. This is accomplished by collecting material on Geneva's history, preserving artifacts, sharing resources with researchers worldwide, and educating and engaging visitors. In 2017, the Museum was voted one of the

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“Best Museums in the Suburbs” by The Daily Herald and one of the “Best of the West” area Museums by West Suburban Living Magazine.

### 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 F. 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 retirement. 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 Goehlens 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.

### **Melvin & Irene Goldman Endowment Fund (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 Community Foundation board. 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



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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.

### Wayne & Karin Greenawalt Family Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



This fund was created to provide ongoing financial support for Wayside Cross Ministries in Aurora. Wayside Cross serves not only men whose lives are troubled and

in crisis, but also homeless women and children, at-risk youth, people behind bars, and low-income families. Wayne Greenawalt was called to be the executive director of Wayside Cross Ministries in 1984, a position he held for twenty-six years. Karin Greenawalt is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut College. She is a kindergarten teacher at Aurora Christian School where she has served for more than thirty years.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### **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 Hanses Scholarship Endowment Fund (Est. 2015)**



This fund was created by Andy Hanses to honor his wife Jill C. Hanses (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.

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### 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 Schequeta 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 & 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.

### 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.

### Hesed House Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)



Hesed House of Aurora created an endowment fund in 1994 to provide a perpetual source of income for its future charitable needs.

Hesed House exists as a hub for services for homeless individuals and families. Established in 1981, it's located on South River Street in Aurora, the former site of the Aurora municipal incinerator. The word "Hesed" is from biblical Hebrew and describes God's unconditional and everlasting love.

### 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.

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### **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.

### **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.*



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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 1900s, 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.

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



This fund 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 on 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Kane-Kendall Voiture 592 of the 40/8 Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)**



This fund was created to commemorate the local chapter of the American Legion national honor society, La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux. The endowment was made possible through a generous bequest received by the organization from

H. L. "Les" Lester (1922-2004). The national society was formed in 1920 by American Legionnaires as an honor society for those veterans who demonstrated exemplary service. The designation "40/8" represents World War I transports of American soldiers to the battlefields in France.

### **Kendall County Endowment Fund (Est. 2007)**



This fund provides grants to non-profit organizations that are located within Kendall County or that provide significant support to the residents of

Kendall County. The fund was originally administered by the Kendall County Foundation. In 2007, the Kendall County Foundation transferred its assets to the Community Foundation. The Kendall County Endowment Fund was established as a permanent resource to honor the citizens of Kendall County.

### **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.

### **Kiwanis Club of Aurora, Illinois Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)**



The Kiwanis Club of Aurora was organized in 1916, the 21st club chartered in the world. Kiwanis is a coined word meaning "stand tall"

derived from the Sioux Indian language. The club is responsive to community projects that are worthwhile and help to make Aurora an excellent community in which to live. Kiwanis sponsors youth service clubs at local middle schools, high schools and Aurora University. The purpose of this fund is to continue support of the philanthropic purposes of the club.

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### **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.

### **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 less-developed countries and to assist students responding to a natural disaster or need in those nations.

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### 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—was 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.

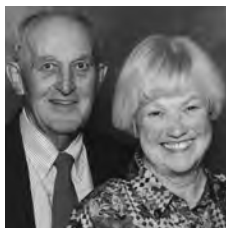
### John & Joan Matthews Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 1993)



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 generations,

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

### **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



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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 (1919-2019) 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.

### **Bette Jayne Miller Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2017)**



Bette Jayne Miller (1922-2016) was a graduate of East Aurora High School and Northwestern University and worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 52 years. She always believed in excellence, which is why she received many accolades for her

work at the VA, including the Superior Performance Award. Travel was one of Miller's passions, and she saw the world with her sister, Marguerite. Before her passing, she honored the Community Foundation with a bequest from her estate.

### **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.

### **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.

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### **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](http://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 (1917-2018) 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.

### **Mutual Ground, Inc. Endowment Fund** (EST. 2004)



This endowment was established to support the operating and capital needs of Mutual Ground, Inc. of Aurora. Incorporated in 1975, Mutual Ground serves

the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Kendall and southern Kane Counties. The agency's shelter for women and children is the second oldest in the State of Illinois. Other services provided by the agency include a twenty-four-hour bilingual crisis line, medical and legal advocacy, a transitional housing program and prevention education programs.

### **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.

### **The Neighbor Project Endowment Fund (EST. 2012)**

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On April 1, 2018, Joseph Corporation and Emmanuel House legally merged, becoming The Neighbor Project. The Neighbor Project (TNP) is a nonprofit,

HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency dedicated to helping low to moderate income families reduce debt, build credit, save and ultimately buy their first homes. Its name is derived from a belief in the importance of investing in their neighbors, as well as the parable of the Good Samaritan. TNP offers services in the areas of financial capability, home-ownership/asset creation, and help for homeowners.

### **Alan A. Nelson Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



Alan A. Nelson (1937-2019) 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.

### **Arvid Nelson Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



Arvid Nelson was perhaps best known for founding and operating the Bit of Sweden, a long popular Aurora restaurant. He was respected widely for his ethical business conduct and for his exemplary interracial business practices. When he died in 1986,

he left his wife of fifty-seven years, Mary (Reiss) Nelson, and a son, Alan. The beneficiary of Mr. Nelson's fund is the Aurora Historical Society of which his father, Benjamin, had been a benefactor.

### **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

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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 lifetime member of the East Aurora School District P.T.A. She was employed by Old Second National Bank for twenty years.

### 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 workforce.

### Mary Reiss Nelson Memorial Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.”—Proverbs 31:26-29

The beneficiary of Mary Reiss Nelson's memorial fund is the New England Congregational Church of which she was a longtime member.

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



This fund was created by Marian Newell (1920-2018) 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.

### **New England Congregational Church Endowment Funds (EST. 2004)**



New England Congregational Church was organized in 1858. Church services first were held in a small room above a grocery store on the

west side of River Street between Downer Place and Galena Boulevard. In 1990, one hundred years after the original building was constructed, the congregation established an endowment fund within the Foundation to support the capital needs of the church. In 2004, five separate endowment accounts were created to serve the various ministries of the church: Capital Account, Education Account, Mission Account, Music Account and Youth Account. In 2016, a sixth Administrative Account was created.

### **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

and 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.



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### **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.

### **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.

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in Honor of Reverend Arlan & Delores Brandt (EST. 1992)**



Our Savior Lutheran Church of Aurora created an endowment fund in honor of a former pastor and his wife, Reverend Arlan and Delores Brandt. The fund provides annual income to serve the

ongoing charitable needs of the church. Our Savior Church was organized in 1935. Services were held at Healy Chapel in Aurora until a new church building was constructed in 1942. The new facility, located on West Downer Place, has served the congregation ever since.



### **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.

### **Paramount Arts Centre Endowment Fund** (EST. 1998)



The Paramount Arts Centre Endowment (PACE) was created in 1983 to build a permanent fund to support the Paramount Theatre and the auditorium in

North Island Center (now Copley Theatre). Anne S. Goldsmith (1917-2009) served as president and chairman of the board of PACE from its inception until her death in 2009. It was she who provided direction for the creation and development of the endowment. The Paramount Theatre presents a variety of quality performances and educational opportunities for citizens of all ages.

### **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.

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### 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 postgraduate 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.

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



Scholarships from this fund support students graduating from Waubesa 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 1920s, 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.

### **Presence Mercy Medical Center Endowment Fund (Est. 1992)**



In 1992, Mercy Center for Health Care Services created an endowment fund to serve as a permanent resource for the institution's future needs. The original hospital (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital) was founded by the Sisters of

Mercy in 1911. In 1931, a 110-bed facility was constructed by the hospital on North Lake Street in Aurora. In January 2013, the hospital was officially renamed Presence Mercy Medical Center due to the November 2011 merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

### **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.

### **Quad County Urban League Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)**



The Quad County Urban League was established in 1975 to address the serious need for job training, equal access to employment, and the

educational enrichment of primarily low-income and minority citizens. The agency, an affiliate of the

National Urban League, seeks to increase individual and family self-sufficiency through the delivery of direct services, education, outreach and advocacy. In 1999, the organization created an endowment fund to provide support for its numerous programs and projects.

### **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."

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### 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 state's 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.

### River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles Endowment Fund (EST. 2015)



The River Corridor Foundation was formed within the Community Foundation in 2015 to "support and advocate for projects that will enhance the downtown St. Charles riverfront environment as a

destination for cultural, educational, recreational and economic opportunities that are accessible to all." The Foundation is comprised of volunteers who develop a master plan, work with and pull together resources from public agencies and community organizations, and funding alternatives to identify and execute these projects.

### 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.



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### **Rush-Copley Fox Valley Heart Endowment Fund (EST. 2014)**



The Rush-Copley Fox Valley Heart Endowment Fund supports the mission of the Rush-Copley Foundation as it relates to the Fox Valley Heart Fund. The Fox

Valley Heart Fund was organized in 2004 to promote cardiovascular health while reducing gender and economic disparity. The organization focuses on increasing awareness and education through community outreach programs and public workshops related to cardiovascular risk reduction topics.

### **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. Schindl-

beck 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 1920s. 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.

### **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 Katharyn 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

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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.

### **Solimar Scholarship Endowment Fund** (EST. 2000)

The Solimar Scholarship Endowment Fund provides scholarships to students graduating from Aurora Central Catholic High School or Rosary High School. Awards from the fund are reserved for minority or female students who are pursuing a course of study in business or the medical sciences.

### **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 memorial 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. From 1970 until her passing, Stewart fulfilled her wish of staying on the farm, renting the land for agricultural purposes.

### **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 Technolo-

gies 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.

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### Suicide Prevention Services Endowment Fund (EST. 1999)



This fund supports the mission of Suicide Prevention Services, Inc. which is located at Stone Manor in Batavia. The organization is devoted to saving

lives and restoring hope through advocacy, education and collaboration. S.P.S. provides educational workshops, a speaker's bureau and informational newsletters for the public. The organization strives to reduce the incidence of suicide through the creation of innovative models for the identification and treatment of those at risk of suicide and through follow-up interventions to survivors. Compassionate support also is provided to families grieving the loss of loved ones.

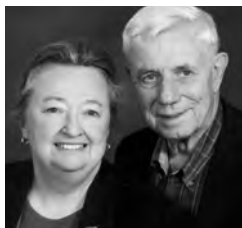
### Carl E. Swanson & Clara M. Swanson & Family Scholarship Endowment Fund (EST. 2009)



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.

### Three Fires Council Endowment Fund (EST. 1993)



Three Fires Council of St. Charles is the local affiliate of the national Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America, established in 1910, is dedicated to serving others by instilling values in youth which will enable them to make ethical

decisions throughout their lifetimes. The local council was organized in 1968 and was formerly known as Two Rivers Council. Income from this endowment serves the ongoing program needs of the Council.

### 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 Corporation to remove the radioactive thorium contamination from the community.

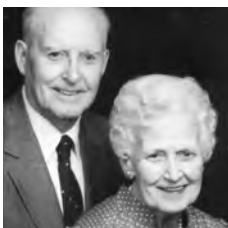
### **Earl F. & Florence V. Tidholm Endowment Fund (EST. 1994)**



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.

### **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 1950s. 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 grantmaking program of the 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.



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### **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 (1929-2018) founded Wadsworth Golf Construction Company, the largest firm of its type in the United States. Mr. Wadsworth served on several golf course industry advisory boards and was selected to be a member of the Illinois PGA Hall of Fame.

### **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, was 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.

### **Water Street Studios Endowment Fund (EST. 2016)**



The Batavia Artists Association at Water Street Studios incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization in the state of Illinois in 2009. Water Street Studios provides art classes, exhibitions, artist studios,

events, outreach and more. Resident artists are given the opportunity to exhibit, sell artwork, teach classes and workshops, and participate in ongoing events and fundraisers to further their own artistic businesses and passions. Water Street Studios is the only nonprofit community arts center in the area that provides all these services to the Fox Valley area and beyond through high-quality arts programming.

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### Wayside Cross Rescue Mission Endowment Fund (EST. 1991)



Wayside Cross Rescue Mission of Aurora was founded in 1928 (just west of its current location) to provide food, clothing and shelter to the needy. It was formed through the efforts of the Aurora Ministerial Alliance and many lay

representatives of various churches. The agency is located on East New York Street in Aurora and offers five areas of service: shelter and services for the homeless, material aid to the poor, work rehabilitation for men, camping programs for disadvantaged youth and gospel ministries to prisoners. Wayside Cross also manages resale stores which sell clothing, furniture and household goods.

### 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 of 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 (1918-2015) 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 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.

### **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. She passed away in 1990.

### **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

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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.

### **Woman's Club of Aurora Advisory Endowment Fund (EST. 1990)**



The Woman's Club of Aurora created an advisory endowment fund to ensure the availability of a permanent resource to support its philanthropic activities. The club makes annual suggestions for distributions from the fund for area

charitable purposes. The Woman's Club is noted for its service to the community. Soon after its formation in 1891, members reached out to assist the special needs of children. Through the years, the club has assisted numerous charitable programs and projects which have strengthened the life of the Aurora community.



### **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 Viola enjoyed the Friday

Nite Elks Club and Mixed League. Viola Worland (1913-2011) retired from Northern Illinois Gas Company after 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-1980s. 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.

### **Richard & Carole Wyatt Endowment Fund (EST. 2013)**



This fund was created in honor of Richard (1930-2012) and Carole (1934-2015) 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 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 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 1950s. 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.

## **LOOKING TO START AN ENDOWMENT FUND OF YOUR OWN?**

We'd love to help you explore your goals and options within the Community Foundation. Contact Jeff Hartman, President & CEO, at 630-896-7800 or [jhartman@cffrv.org](mailto:jhartman@cffrv.org) to learn more.



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL TRANSACTIONS

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### NET ASSETS

January 1, 2018		\$ 88,444,720
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#### ADDITIONS

Gifts	8,381,422	
Other	690,988	
Investment Return	(5,379,477)	\$ 3,692,933
		\$ 92,137,653

#### DEDUCTIONS

Grants	4,724,398	
Scholarships	1,226,806	
Administrative and Other Expenses	610,750	\$ 6,561,954

#### NET ASSETS

December 31, 2018		\$ 85,575,699
Total Liabilities		\$ 127,132
Total liabilities and net assets		\$ 85,702,831

## 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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