

## **February 2017 (St. Charles, IL)**

### **Fox Valley Concert Band of St. Charles, Grant Recipient from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley**

The Fox Valley Concert Band of St. Charles was approved a grant totaling \$13,812 from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Fox Valley Community, the band is well known for its quality performances and collaboration with Illinois artists and area arts organizations such as the Fox Valley Repertory Theater, the Fox Valley Orchestra, and the Elgin Choral Union. In addition, the band offers support to young musicians through its high school internship program and also 'shares the stage' with local middle school bands.

The grant will support the purchase a professional quality marimba. The marimba will be performed weekly during rehearsals held at Geneva High School and at concerts held at the Norris Cultural Arts Center of St. Charles.

Esteemed conductor Dr. Colin Holman states: "This significant investment in our ongoing quest to provide an environment for the highest levels of music making is deeply appreciated. The new marimba will not only be a major improvement to the quality of our instruments but will also demonstrate to both audiences and members of the percussion section our commitment to bring the finest artistry to our rehearsals and concerts."

#### **About the Fox Valley Concert Band:**

The Fox Valley Concert Band of St. Charles is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that performs free of charge, year round, and throughout the Fox Valley region. Under the direction of Dr. Colin Holman, the FVCB is celebrating its 34<sup>th</sup> concert season. 70 plus auditioned members perform a dozen concerts per year. The band's formal concert home is the Norris Cultural Arts Center of St. Charles. Performances are also shared for area residents of the Holmstad in Batavia, Greenfields of Geneva and Windsor Park in Carol Stream. For more information about the FVCB and to join, hire or make a donation, visit: [www.fvcb.org](http://www.fvcb.org).

#### **About the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley:**

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois. Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$75 million in assets and has awarded more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships. For more information on the Foundation, visit [www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org](http://www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org).