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Recognizing the Impact of Community Foundations **Community Foundation Week 2011**

During the week of November 12-18, 2011, The DuPage Community Foundation will join more than 700 community foundations across America in celebrating Community Foundation Week. For more than 20 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

To conclude this year's Community Foundation Week, The DuPage Community Foundation will hold its 19th Annual Benefit Dinner at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook on Sunday, November 20. Nearly 200 constituents will be in attendance for this vital event that has raised more than \$2.3 million for the Foundation.

"Community foundations impact lives, solve problems, and improve futures," said Foundation President David McGowan. "In a down economy, with limited resources and a growing need for services to help families in need, we are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions to some of our most challenging social problems."

Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. The DuPage Community Foundation continues to look for avenues to better serve current and prospective donors. From private consultations and cost comparisons to public seminars and community initiatives, the Foundation is resourced to meet community needs.



*The DuPage Community
Foundation President,
David M. McGowan, CFRE*

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation – large and small, urban and rural – that is advancing solutions to a wide range of social issues. The 2010 Columbus Survey found that, despite the recession, giving by the nation’s 100 largest community foundations actually increased slightly in 2010 to \$3.7 billion and exceeded prerecession levels seen in 2006 and 2007.

About Community Foundation Week:

Launched in 1989 through a proclamation by former President George H.W. Bush, the first Community Foundation Week included a congressional briefing about the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

About The DuPage Community Foundation:

Established in 1986, The DuPage Community Foundation is a publicly-supported 501 (c)(3) organization to which contributions are tax deductible. It was created to benefit the people of DuPage County and receives contributions and bequests into a permanent endowment from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations wishing to make lasting contributions to the people of DuPage. The earnings on these funds are then used, in accordance with donor wishes, for the Foundation's grantmaking and community leadership activities.

The DuPage Community Foundation seeks to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County by fostering philanthropy, connecting donors to area needs and building community partnerships. Based on the American virtues of volunteerism and philanthropy, the Foundation fosters a legacy of support for the people of DuPage County by making grants to not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. Since its inception the Foundation has built its endowment to nearly \$38 million and awarded more than \$12 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond.

For further information about the Foundation or to arrange future media opportunities, please contact Jeff Hartman, manager of development, at 630-665-5556 or jhartman@dcdn.org.