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The DuPage Community Foundation Announces Four New Funds

Wheaton, IL – Please join The DuPage Community Foundation in welcoming four new funds: the **Edward and Minnie Ceragioli Fund**, the **Richard and Mary Kuhn Family Fund**, the **Malachi 3:10 Fund**, and the **Cleo F. Burtis and James E. Comerford Fund**.

The **Edward and Minnie Ceragioli Fund**, established in September, 2011, was created by Edward and Minnie's daughter, Judy Biancalana. Judy wanted to keep her parents' charitable spirit alive after they both passed and her professional advisor, Dan Hands, recommended she look into a donor-advised fund at The DuPage Community Foundation. "Raised during the Great Depression, Edward and Minnie Ceragioli both had an appreciation for the simple things in life and first-hand knowledge of what it was like to do without. Therefore, they always lent a helping hand to those in need. This fund has been established at The DuPage Community Foundation in their name and memory to continue to support the causes that were important to them," said Judy. Judy was able to recommend her first grant from the Edward and Minnie Ceragioli Fund to the Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization in Bloomingdale just before Thanksgiving to help fund food baskets for families in need.

The **Richard and Mary Kuhn Family Fund** was established in October, 2011 by Dick and Mary Kuhn of Naperville. Dick has been a Board member of the Foundation for several years and has been an estate planning attorney for 33 years in Naperville. He and Mary were prompted to establish a donor-advised fund at The DuPage Community Foundation "for a variety of reasons...the staff knows every charity and the needs of the less fortunate not only in DuPage County but also those well beyond our county's borders." Dick continues, "Most importantly, the simple truth that The DuPage Community Foundation is a family of individual volunteers and staff with a huge heart and passion to serve others--it is that simple. Mary and I are thrilled to be a very small part of its overall mission and hope that we can in some way make a difference and leave the world perhaps a little better." The Richard and Mary Kuhn Family Fund has recommended its first grant to Benet Academy in Lisle.

The **Malachi 3:10 Fund** was established in November, 2011 by Sandy and Sue Jett of Lisle. They were referred to The DuPage Community Foundation by their wealth manager, John

Searer of JP Morgan, after discussing their charitable goals. Sandy shares that “my wife Sue and I were looking for a more efficient way to contribute to our favorite charities, minimize our taxes and encourage us to be more generous donors. When John [Searer] suggested The DuPage Community Foundation, we believed that they will help us accomplish that goal.” They plan to support Christian organizations through the Malachi 3:10 Fund.

The **Cleo F. Burtis and James E. Comerford Fund** was established in December, 2011 by Cleo Burtis and Jim Comerford of Glen Ellyn. A former member of our grant committee, Cleo has been involved with the Foundation for more than 10 years. “We are big fans of the Foundation - its mission and its work - and are confident that it will fulfill our charitable intentions,” says Cleo. “Having lived many fulfilling years in DuPage County, we know that as the Foundation grows so does its ability to make life better for the people of DuPage.”

About the 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 grant making 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 nearly \$13 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond.

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