

# THE DUPAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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*Celebrating 20 Years!*  
1986 - 2006

report

## Remembering Brooks McCormick: Co-Founder's Vision Created a Lasting Legacy for DuPage Residents

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*"For Good. For Ever."*

It is with great sadness that the Foundation acknowledges the passing of Co-Founder and Trustee Emeritus Brooks McCormick this past August. Mr. McCormick, 89, possessed deep ties to DuPage County and was widely regarded as one of our community's leading philanthropists and conservationists.

While serving as chairman of The Chicago Community Trust Executive Committee during the 1980s, Mr. McCormick part-

nered with local civic leader Mary Eleanor Wall and other community leaders to create a permanent endowment that would benefit the people of DuPage County. Twenty years later The DuPage Community Foundation has grown to nearly \$22 million in assets and has distributed nearly \$5 million in grants on behalf of our community's residents.

"Brooks was deeply involved with the creation of The DuPage Community Foundation," said

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*Brooks McCormick*

## Foundation Awards Grants to 26 DuPage Not-For-Profits



*Foundation Vice Chair David P. Aldridge presents Sheila McCann, director of outreach and development for DuPage Homeownership Center, with a grant of \$7,500 during the Foundation's June 13 Grant Distribution Breakfast at Glen Oak Country Club.*

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### Our Mission

To develop and channel philanthropy to meet the needs of DuPage County residents.

## Brooks McCormick *(continued from p. 1)*

Foundation Co-Founder and Trustee Emeritus Mary Eleanor Wall. "He was generous with his time and attention to the details of establishing an organization, participating fully in the process. His standards of excellence and faithful stewardship challenged and inspired all of his colleagues and friends."

Mr. McCormick served as a member of the Foundation's board from 1986 until 1992. Throughout the years he remained one of our strongest and most loyal benefactors having contributed nearly \$1.5 million from his own personal wealth and family trust, The Chauncey and Marion D. McCormick Family Foundation, in support of our mission and programs.

Some of Mr. McCormick's most notable contributions to the Foundation included his establishment of the Martha McCormick Hunt Fund and funding of the McCormick Endowment Matching

Program. Mr. McCormick established the Martha McCormick Hunt Fund in 1988 as a field of interest fund in memory of his late daughter and designated it to support conservation and environmental protection efforts throughout DuPage County. The fund has granted nearly \$420,000 since its creation.

The McCormick Endowment Matching Program was a five-year initiative sponsored by Mr. McCormick to encourage area not-for-profits to partner with the Foundation in establishing endowment funds for their organizations. From 2000 to 2005 the program provided \$250,000 in matching grants to twenty-five area not-for-profits that had created endowments of \$40,000 or larger with the Foundation.

"Brooks was a generous man who cared about his community very much," said Trustee Emeritus Cleve Carney, who served with McCormick on the Foundation's

board during the early 1990s. "He was extremely charitable-minded and deeply committed to helping protect and improve the quality of life for the residents of DuPage County. He was a staunch supporter of our mission, a point he always made apparent through his giving. His passing is a tremendous loss, and we will miss him very much."

Brooks McCormick was born in Chicago on February 23, 1917. He was the great-grandson of William McCormick and the great-grand-nephew of Cyrus Hall McCormick and Leander McCormick, the three of whom founded International Harvester Company (now Navistar International Corp.).

Mr. McCormick attended the Groton School in Massachusetts and graduated from Yale University in 1940 with a degree in English. After college he joined his family's company, International Harvester, as a salesman and

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## Foundation Awards Grants *(continued from p. 1)*

The Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded \$174,743 in grants from its 2006 winter/spring discretionary cycle to benefit 26 DuPage County not-for-profit agencies working in the areas of Health and Human Services. The grants, which range in value from \$2,500 to \$15,000, were awarded during a special distribution breakfast on Tuesday, June 13, at Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn. Nearly 80 guests attended the breakfast including representatives of the grant recipient organizations, area community leaders, Foundation trustees, benefactors and other stakeholders.

"We are extremely pleased with the success of this year's first grant cycle," commented Bonnie Heydorn, Foundation director of grants. "The Grant Committee received a total of 65 applications



***A We Grow Dreams team member and supervisor work together to "deadhead" some geraniums on display. The West Chicago-based organization received a grant of \$7,500 to defray the cost of running its greenhouse which provides job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.***

for this cycle: 22 in the category of Health and 43 in the category of Human Services. Of these requests, 26 were funded, with total support increasing by approximately 9% and 22% respectively within these two categories from

Foundation grants made during 2005."

Following remarks from Foundation Chair Jack E. Mensching and Grant Committee Chair David P. Aldridge, representatives from four of the grant recipient organizations made presentations discussing how the grants they received will benefit their organizations. Speakers included Carol McHaley, executive director, DuPage Community Clinic; Sheila McCann, director of outreach and development, DuPage Homeownership Center; David Tews, vice president/director, Serenity House,

Inc.; and Donna Jarmusz, board president, We Grow Dreams, Inc.

In addition, Kay McKeen, executive director of School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting

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## Foundation Awards Grants *(continued from p. 2)*



***A DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) volunteer prepares to deliver lunches to homebound seniors as part of the organization's Senior Nutrition Program. DSCC received a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation in support of this important program which distributes more than 320,000 meals each year with the help of approximately 1,500 volunteers.***

Education (SCARCE), spoke about how her organization benefited from a grant it received from the Foundation last year. The grant allowed SCARCE to purchase an Energy Bike which it uses to teach area students about the importance of energy conservation.

"We are delighted to be able to fund so many wonderful organizations that are making a difference in the lives of DuPage County residents," said David P. Aldridge, Foundation vice chair and chair of the Grant Committee. "As part of

our strategic plan and to strengthen our grantmaking capacity for the future, we elected to split the Foundation's discretionary grant program into two cycles this year. In doing so, Grant Committee members found that they were able to complete a more thorough review of each request received. It really helped to



***Dora Garcia, pictured here with her daughter, is a former participant of Teen Parent Connection's adolescent parenting programs. She now serves as a peer educator for its Prevention Education Program helping to educate more than 11,000 middle and high school students annually. The organization received a grant of \$5,000 from the Foundation for general operating support of its adolescent parenting services which reach more than 300 at risk young parents and their children each year.***

streamline the process for us."

The Foundation is presently reviewing applications for its summer/fall discretionary cycle from which it will award an additional \$137,000 in grants to area not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Affairs and Historic Preservation, Education, and Environmental Affairs.

In addition to its discretionary grant programs, the Foundation makes grants from donor-advised and other restricted funds throughout the year. Grants for the Foundation's fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, totaled more than \$800,000. Since its inception in 1986, The DuPage Community Foundation has awarded nearly \$5 million in grants for the benefit of DuPage County not-for-profit organizations and residents.

Special thanks to Foundation Trustee Emeritus Betty Bradshaw for hosting the grant distribution breakfast, and congratulations once again to each of our 2006 spring recipients! Please see pages 10 and 11 for a complete listing of those organizations that received funding and a summary of how their grants will be used.

## 2007 Grant Application Deadlines Announced

The Foundation is pleased to announce application deadlines for its 2007 discretionary grant cycles. Not-for-profit organizations serving DuPage County residents may be eligible to apply and can obtain grant guidelines by accessing the Foundation's web site, [www.dcfndn.org](http://www.dcfndn.org).

Applications from organizations seeking funding in the categories of Health and Human Services will be considered during the

Foundation's winter/spring cycle and must be submitted to the Foundation's office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007.

Applications from organizations seeking funding in the categories of Arts and Culture, Civic Affairs and Historic Preservation, Education, and Environmental Affairs will be considered during the Foundation's summer/fall cycle and must be submitted to the Foundation's office before

5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007.

Applications received after the above-mentioned deadlines will not be considered.

Additionally, applicants should note that only one application per organization may be submitted to the Foundation within a calendar year. For more information please contact Bonnie Heydorn, director of grants, at (630) 665-5556 or [bheydorn@dcfndn.org](mailto:bheydorn@dcfndn.org).

# Window of Opportunity for Giving

## *New Pension Law Allows Tax-Free Charitable Transfers from IRAs*

**By Robert K. O'Dell, CFP  
LVM Capital Management, Ltd. (Wheaton, IL)**



*Robert K. O'Dell, CFP*

On August 17 President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This new law gives people over the age of 70<sup>1/2</sup> the ability to donate directly from their IRAs to charity without adverse income tax consequences. However, the Act only applies for 2006 and 2007 and limits annual contributions to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. While donors will not receive a federal income tax deduction on their distributions, they will not have to recognize the distributions as income.

The Act provides a window of opportunity for charitably-inclined retirees to make tax-efficient gifts to their favorite charitable organizations. Here are some characteristics of those who might benefit by donating directly to charity from their IRA:

- **Individuals who claim the standard deduction.** Owners of IRAs who have paid off their mortgages and pay nominal state income tax and real estate taxes may not file a Schedule A (Itemized Deductions) and instead must take the Standard Deduction.
- **Individuals with high adjusted gross income.** There are a number of tax phase-outs built into our tax code that reduce deductions for high income individuals, such as the 3% phase-out on Schedule A and paying higher taxes on social security benefits.
- **Individuals who have charitable deduction carry-forwards.** People who give significant funds relative to their total income will often have charitable deduction carry-forwards. This means they are unable to utilize all their charitable income tax deductions against their taxable income.
- **Individuals who do not want or need their Required Minimum Distribution.** Retirees who have adequate income from non-retirement assets often do not need the mandatory distribution from their IRA. This mandatory income drives up their taxable income and reduces many of their deductions. It is important to note that a donation from an IRA directly to a charity will count toward an individual's required minimum distribution for the year.

There are a number of stipulations that must be met in order to qualify for this favorable tax treatment. These include as follows:

- **The donor must be 70<sup>1/2</sup> or older when the gift is actually made from the IRA to charity.** If someone's birthday is June 20, 1936, he or she cannot qualify for a gift made prior to December 20 of this year.
- **IRAs and Roth IRAs are the only applicable retirement plans.** If someone has a company-sponsored retirement plan, he or she must first roll the plan into an IRA and then contribute from the IRA to charity.

- **The charitable organization must qualify.** The new law excludes gifts made to donor-advised funds and most private foundations. However, if you would like to make a gift to The DuPage Community Foundation you can contribute to its General Endowment Fund, a new or existing field-of-interest fund, scholarship fund or designated fund.
- **Charitable split interest gifts and trusts do not qualify.** The new law also excludes contributions to Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts or Charitable Gift Annuities.
- **The IRA trustee must issue the check directly to the charity.** If the check comes from the donor and not the IRA administrator, it will not qualify and the donor must include the distribution as taxable income.

This is an exciting new provision to charitable tax planning. We hope those who are affected by this legislation will take advantage of this new provision!

## Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recent establishment of the Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was established by Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President D. "Dewey" Pierotti Jr. and his wife Leslie, in memory of their late son Paul. The fund was created with gifts totaling nearly \$40,000, and will be used to generate income for annual scholarships for graduates of DuPage County high schools who plan to work toward careers in natural resource management or other environmentally-related fields of study.

"This is a fitting tribute to Paul," said Mr. Pierotti. "He had a great love of the outdoors, especially for the forest preserves of DuPage County. This scholarship will enable deserving students with similar interests to pursue an education related to nature."



*Paul D. Pierotti*

Scholarship applications for the fund will be administered by The Conservation Foundation in Naperville and reviewed by a special selection committee consisting of a Pierotti family member, one Forest Preserve District of DuPage County staff member, and three Conservation Foundation staff members. The committee will then recommend its selections to The DuPage Community Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval.

According to the guidelines established by the Pierotti family, applicants wishing to be considered for this new scholarship must possess a minimum 3.0 cumulative G.P.A., provide details of their academic achievement and an outline of their participation in extra curricular activities (hours of environmental volunteer work are considered a plus), and write a 350 to 500 word essay on an environmen-

tal topic which will be determined annually by the selection committee.

An essay topic and formal application deadline for the scholarships will be announced by The Conservation Foundation in early 2007. Meanwhile, for more information, please contact Julie Carlsen, associate grants coordinator for The DuPage Community Foundation, at (630) 665-5556 or [jcarlsen@dcfdn.org](mailto:jcarlsen@dcfdn.org).

Paul Pierotti was killed in March of 1998 in a two-car crash in West Chicago. A graduate of York High School in Elmhurst and West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va., Pierotti had been an assistant manager of the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Co. plant in Elgin. He was 30 years old at the time of his passing and engaged to be married.

Individuals wishing to contribute to the Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship Fund may send their donations to The DuPage Community Foundation at 2100 Manchester Road, Building A, Suite 303, Wheaton, IL 60187.

# Foundation Awards Scholarships to 25 DuPage Area Youth



*Megan Bescher (center), a recent graduate of Glenbard North High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 renewable scholarship from The Daley Scholarship Fund. She is pictured here with the Fund's advisors, Lisa and Paul Daley, following an awards ceremony held this past spring.*

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recent distribution of several scholarships to DuPage County high school graduates and college students. This year scholarships were awarded to 25 recipients and totaled \$44,500. The amounts of the scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$3,000, with some of the awards eligible for annual renewal.

Scholarship funds managed by The DuPage Community Foundation are permanently endowed. The principal of each fund is held in perpetuity and generates annual income for awards to graduates of area high

schools and other designees recommended by the fund's advisor. Eligibility requirements for the awards are separate for each scholarship and are determined by the fund's advisor. Recipients are then nominated and selected by the designated school often assisted by the fund's advisor, with the Foundation granting final approval of the award.

The DuPage Community Foundation congratulates this year's recipients on their scholarships and wishes them much success in their future endeavors. Please see below for a detailed list of this year's awards.

## 2006 Scholarship Awards

Fund	Recipient	Name of High School & Location	College Attending	Amount
Bell Family Scholarship Fund	Bethany Bacon	Glenbard East, Lombard	Olivet Nazarene University Bourbonnais, IL	\$1,500
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Ryan Altiere	Wheaton Warrenville South, Wheaton	Loras College Dubuque, IA	3,000
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Deanna Bach	Wheaton North, Wheaton	Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL	3,000
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Yordanos Gidey	Wheaton North, Wheaton	Purdue University West Lafayette, IL	3,000
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Isabelle Hilgers	Wheaton Warrenville South, Wheaton	William Woods University Fulton, MO	3,000
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Ruth Spinelli	Wheaton North, Wheaton	Purdue University, West Lafayette, IL	3,000
Megan Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund	Matt Zawicki	Wheaton Warrenville South, Wheaton	Illinois State University Normal, IL	3,000
Dorothy and Marvin Carney Scholarship Fund	Agnieszka Jaworski	York, Elmhurst	University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL	1,000

Fund	Recipient	Name of High School & Location	College Attending	Amount
Raghu Chandran Memorial Scholarship Fund	Bradley Kurtzweil	Naperville Central, Naperville	Illinois State University Normal, IL	500
Raghu Chandran Memorial Scholarship Fund	Ben Wiersum	Naperville Central, Naperville	Columbia College Chicago, IL	1,000
Daley Scholarship Fund	Meghan Bescher	Glenbard North, Carol Stream	University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN	2,500
Daley Scholarship Fund	Dee Kaiser	Glenbard North, Carol Stream	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL	2,500
Daley Scholarship Fund	Nicholas Perry	Glenbard North, Carol Stream	Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago, IL	2,500
Daley Scholarship Fund	Justine Rehak	Glenbard North, Carol Stream	Carthage College Kenosha, WI	2,500
Dennis Knowles Memorial Scholarship Fund	Christine Garcia	Fenton, Bensenville	Illinois Wesleyan University Bloomington, IL	500
League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn/Mary J. Luginbill Educational Scholarship Fund	Jeffery Minkus	Glenbard West, Glen Ellyn	Hope College Holland, MI	1,000
Life Science Achievement Award	Brian Gou	Downers Grove North, Downers Grove	Northwestern University Evanston, IL	2,500
Houston J. Pineda Memorial Scholarship Fund	Keith Gronke	West Chicago, West Chicago	University of Wisconsin-Platteville Platteville, WI	1,000
Susan Sauer Memorial Scholarship Fund	Stephanie Eoanou	Wheaton Warrenville South, Wheaton	DePaul University Chicago, IL	1,000
Brian Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund	Richard Hovaniec	Hinsdale South, Darien	College of DuPage Glen Ellyn, IL	1,000
Richard and Charron Traut Fund	Amanda Colley	Glenbard East, Lombard	Grand Valley State University Allendale, MI	2,000
Orvin Wilkin Memorial Scholarship Fund	Jessica Jilek	Willowbrook, Villa Park	College of DuPage Glen Ellyn, IL	1,000
Orvin Wilkin Memorial Scholarship Fund	Megan Steben	Willowbrook, Villa Park	Illinois College Jacksonville, IL	1,000
Orvin Wilkin Memorial Scholarship Fund	Shannon Thieme	Willowbrook, Villa Park	Bradley University Peoria, IL	1,000
Orvin Wilkin Memorial Scholarship Fund	Christopher Thompson	Willowbrook, Villa Park	University of Iowa Iowa City, IA	1,000
<b>Total Number and Amount of Scholarships Awarded: 25</b>				<b>\$45,000</b>

# Foundation Helps Local Family Preserve Late Son's Legacy

When Janie and Scott Exner of Lisle lost their son Cole in a car accident this past spring, they were overcome with grief. In search of an outlet to help them deal with the tragedy they had experienced, they approached the Foundation to explore potential options for honoring their son's memory.

Working with Foundation President Dave McGowan, the Exners established the Cole Exner Memorial Fund as a named fund of the General

Endowment. Created with numerous gifts from Cole's family and friends, the fund will provide increased support for the Foundation's discretionary grant programs which throughout the year deliver critical aid to a variety of not-for-profits and programs working to meet the needs of DuPage County residents. The Exners' goal is to eventually grow the fund to more than \$25,000 so that it may be converted into a donor-advised fund allowing them

to recommend grants in support of causes that were important to Cole—causes such as child abuse prevention and the support of at-risk children and families.

"Scott and I are extremely excited about this endeavor," said Janie Exner. "It's given our family a way to organize ourselves that is productive and positive, while at the same time allowing others a wonderful way to honor Cole's memory. Cole's spirit and insatiable zest for life infected everyone he encountered. He was always the first to lend



*Cole Exner*

a helping hand to anyone in need. Cole would be very excited about this fund and its possibilities. It is our hope that the fund will continue to grow over time and preserve his legacy forever."

Cole Exner was a 2001 graduate of Lisle Senior High School where he starred as captain of the tennis team and was named its MVP during his junior and senior years. In 2003 he attended Ripon College and competed in the #5 singles and #3 doubles tennis cate-

gories, winning the 2003 Midwest Conference Championship in each. In 2005 Cole returned home to work for his dad and uncle's West Chicago-based company, Richmark Medical Supply, as a sales representative. This past spring he had also begun working as a part-time tennis instructor for Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora where he quickly became one its most popular instructors.

Cole is survived by his parents Scott and Janie; his siblings Shane, Vance and Kelsey; his grandparents Daniel & Ruth Aasen and Patricia Exner; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and a host of friends including Lisa Eugea and Joe & Michelle Sarb.

Individuals wishing to contribute to the Cole Exner Memorial Fund may send their donations to The DuPage Community Foundation at 2100 Manchester Road, Building A, Suite 303, Wheaton, IL 60187.

For further information about this fund or to learn more about how the Foundation can help you accomplish your charitable goals, please contact Dave McGowan, Foundation president, at (630) 665-5556 or [dmm@dcdfn.org](mailto:dmm@dcdfn.org).



*Wheaton Noon Rotary Club President Mark Daniels (left) and President-Elect Elena Ruane (right) with Foundation President Dave McGowan after Dave made a presentation to the Club at its meeting at Emilio's in Wheaton on July 5.*

*Dave is an Honorary Rotarian, an honor bestowed on him by the Rotary Club of Central DuPage in 2004.*

# Legacy Society

Individuals who have made arrangements to include The DuPage Community Foundation in their estate plans become members of the Legacy Society. They play a significant role in shaping the future for DuPage County residents by providing funds that will last forever through trusts, wills, and other vehicles.

## Anonymous (18)

**Robert Bauman** to establish the Robert Bauman Fund

**Jerry\* and Betty Bradshaw** for the Megan Bradshaw Scholarship Fund

## Cleve E. Carney

**Susanne S. Cassell** for the Maple Street Chapel Endowment Fund

**Hugh and Ruth\* Christ** for the Ruth and Hugh Christ Fund for disadvantaged children and youth

**Donald T. Dennerlein** to establish the Donald T. Dennerlein Fund

**Burton E.\* and Patricia A. Ericson** to establish the Burton E. and Patricia A. Ericson Family Fund

**James\* and Susan Gates** for the Health Fund

**Leonard J.\* and Barbara Giblin**

**George N. Gilkerson Jr.**

**Willis M. Gillett**

**Jane Henderson\*** to establish the Lombard Rotary Endowment Fund

**Alan and Jane Hoffmann** to establish the Alan D. and Jane M. Hoffmann Family Fund and for the Life Science Achievement Award Fund

**Elizabeth "Lee" Jens\*** for the Mental Health Association of DuPage County Endowment Fund

**Melvin E. and M. Joyce Johnson** for the Melvin E. and M. Joyce Johnson Fund

**Joseph F. and Bess Kindlon**

**Mary Kay Kluge** for the Naperville United Way Endowment Fund

**Arthur J. and Mary\* Kolar** for the John and Elsie, Mary and Arthur Kolar Endowed Fund

**Paul and Coleen Lehman** for the General Endowment Fund

**Grace Lopatka\***

**N.P. "Bob" Luginbill** for the League of Women Voters Mary J. Luginbill Educational Scholarship Fund

**David M. and Mary A. McGowan**

**Jack E. and Kathleen Mensching** for the General Endowment Fund

**Bill Mitchell** for the Naperville United Way Endowment Fund

**Joseph and Joan Morrissey** for the Morrissey Family Fund

**Ramon A. Mulholland** for the Mulholland Family Fund

**Charlotte Mushow** to establish the Mushow Fund for Human Services

**Jean C. Neill** to establish the Lewis E. and Jean C. Neill Fund

**Albert and Mimi Rose**

**John W. "Bill" Squire\*** for the John W. Squire Fund

**Stanley and Claudia Starrett** for the Starrett Family Fund

**Lenora J. Su, M.D.**

**Charlie A. Thurston**

**Theodore M. Utchen**

**Mary Eleanor and James M. Wall** for the Mary Eleanor and James M. Wall Fund

**Donald\* and Dorothy White** for the General Endowment

\*deceased

If you have made a provision for the Foundation in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can include you in our Legacy Society. Thank you.

When making or updating your will, please consider a gift to The DuPage Community Foundation. Consult your estate planning attorney who can assist you in adding one of the following paragraphs to your will:

"I hereby give and bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ to The DuPage Community Foundation to be used (for its general purposes) (for (specific purpose))."  
Or,

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath (the residue) (\_\_\_\_\_% of the residue) of my estate to

The DuPage Community Foundation to be used (for its general purposes) (for (specific purpose))."

If you are leaving the proceeds of an insurance policy or IRA assets to The DuPage Community Foundation, be sure to indicate this on the insurance or IRA beneficiary forms and not in your will because the insurance proceeds or IRA assets will be disposed of by the terms of the insurance policy or IRA document and not by your will.

## 2006 Discretionary Grant Recipients (Winter/Spring Cycle)

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMOUNT
<b>HEALTH</b>	
<p><b>DuPage Community Clinic, Wheaton</b>  <i>For salary support of the dental clinic staff.</i></p>	\$11,200
<p><b>Marklund Charities, Geneva</b>  <i>For the purchase of respiratory therapy equipment.</i></p>	6,845
<p><b>Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, Addison</b>  <i>For the Drop-In Center for individuals with mental health needs.</i></p>	2,698
<p><b>Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities, Downers Grove</b>  <i>For the purchase of classroom furniture and sensory equipment for the Elmhurst Community Learning Center.</i></p>	15,000
<p><b>Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, Naperville</b>  <i>For the Fee Subsidy Program.</i></p>	10,000
<p><b>Western DuPage Special Recreation Association, Carol Stream</b>  <i>For direct salary support of inclusion services provided to before- and after-school programs.</i></p>	10,000
<b>6 Grants</b>	<b>\$55,743</b>
 <b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	
<p><b>CASA of DuPage County, Inc., Wheaton</b>  <i>General operating support for the court appointed special advocacy program.</i></p>	\$5,000
<p><b>Catholic Charities, Joliet Diocese, Joliet</b>  <i>For direct program expense to support Hope House.</i></p>	5,000
<p><b>Community Housing Association of DuPage, Villa Park</b>  <i>To support the Sliding Scale Rent Program.</i></p>	5,000
<p><b>DuPage Homeownership Center, Wheaton</b>  <i>General operating support for homeownership services for low-income families.</i></p>	7,500
<p><b>DuPage P.A.D.S., Inc., Wheaton</b>  <i>For partial support of a case manager for Olympus Place.</i></p>	7,500
<p><b>DuPage Senior Citizens Council, Lombard</b>  <i>To support the Senior Nutrition Program.</i></p>	5,000

<b>Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry, Elmhurst</b> <i>For the emergency assistance program.</i>	\$2,500
<b>ESSE Adult Day Services, Wheaton</b> <i>To cover the cost of installing fire doors at the Glen Ellyn facility.</i>	5,000
<b>Family Shelter Service, Wheaton</b> <i>General operating support of shelter programs for victims of domestic violence and their children.</i>	7,500
<b>Glen Ellyn Community Resource Center, Glen Ellyn</b> <i>To support the After-School and Summer programs.</i>	7,500
<b>Itasca Walk-In Ministry, Itasca</b> <i>For the emergency assistance program.</i>	3,500
<b>Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, Wheaton</b> <i>For In The Neighborhood, a site-based youth mentoring program.</i>	5,000
<b>Northwest DuPage Walk-In Ministry, Bloomingdale</b> <i>For emergency assistance program.</i>	2,500
<b>Outreach Community Ministries, Wheaton</b> <i>For expansion and reconfiguration of the reception area at Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream.</i>	15,000
<b>Serenity House, Addison</b> <i>To support the Indigent Client Assistance Program.</i>	5,000
<b>Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence, Roselle</b> <i>To help with transitional housing and living expenses for a family affected by domestic violence.</i>	5,000
<b>Teen Parent Connection, Glen Ellyn</b> <i>General operating support for adolescent parenting services.</i>	5,000
<b>Walk-In Ministry of Hope, Downers Grove</b> <i>To support office expansion and the emergency assistance program.</i>	5,500
<b>Wayne/Winfield Area Youth &amp; Family Services, West Chicago</b> <i>To support a summer day camp for high risk children living at the poverty level.</i>	7,500
<b>We Grow Dreams, Inc., West Chicago</b> <i>General operating support to defray the cost of running a greenhouse that provides job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.</i>	7,500

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**20 Grants**

**\$119,000**

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED FROM WINTER/SPRING DISCRETIONARY CYCLE: 26**

**\$174,743**

## Foundation Funds

\*Denotes new fund

### Affiliate Funds

*Giving DuPage*  
*Healthy West Chicago*

### Agency Endowment and Designated Funds

*Bensenville Community Foundation*  
*B. R. Ryall YMCA*  
*Bridge Communities, Inc.*  
*Canticle Ministries*  
*Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center*  
*Lucille Strubbar Enright Fund*  
*Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation*  
*Donka, Inc.*  
*DuPage Children's Museum*  
*DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation*  
*DuPage Graue Mill and Museum*  
*DuPage P.A.D.S., Inc.*  
*DuPage Senior Citizens Council*  
*Easter Seals DuPage*  
*Elmhurst Art Museum*  
*Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra*  
*Exchange Club of Naperville*  
*Family Shelter Service*  
*Forest Preserve District of DuPage County*  
*Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus*  
*Glen Ellyn Historical Society*  
*Glen Ellyn Library Foundation*  
*Health Research Institute & Pfeiffer Treatment Center*  
*Illinois Independent Living Center*  
*Edward Beaudoin Memorial Endowment Fund*  
*Itasca Community Library*  
*Kiwanis Club of Glen Ellyn*  
*\*LifeLink Corporation*  
*Maple Street Chapel*  
*Mental Health Association of DuPage County*  
*National Alliance on Mental Illness DuPage*  
*Naperville Chorus*  
*Naperville Heritage Society*  
*Naperville United Way*  
*NCO Youth & Family Services*  
*People's Resource Center*  
*Rotary Club of Central DuPage*  
*Rotary Club of Lombard*  
*Senior Home Sharing*  
*Teen Parent Connection (formerly Greater DuPage MYM)*  
*Trinity Episcopal Church*  
*United Way of DuPage Area*  
*Villa Park Public Library*  
*Warrenville Library Foundation*  
*Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Foundation*  
*Willowbrook Wildlife Foundation*

## Donor-Advised Funds

*Antoniou Family Fund*  
*Beaman Family Fund*  
*Beles Family Fund*  
*Bell Family Foundation*  
*Broman Family Foundation*  
*Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Donor-Advised Fund*  
*Collins Family Fund*  
*Companions' Fund*  
*Dawn Carol Foundation*  
*Donor-Advised Fund for Needy Children*  
*Franzen Family Fund for Depression Education*  
*Freedman/Sindelar Family Fund*  
*Gaston-Spiroff Fund*  
*Gillett Family Fund*  
*Joseph and Bess Kindlon Fund*  
*LeFort-Martin Family Fund*  
*Mains Family Donor-Advised Fund*  
*Morrissey Family Fund*  
*Mulholland Family Fund*  
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*Starrett Family Fund*  
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*Richard and Charron Traut Fund*  
*Mary Eleanor and James M. Wall Fund*  
*Jeannee Yermakoff and Daniel Talsma Family Foundation*

## Field of Interest Funds

*Arts Fund*  
Founding Donor: WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation, 1994  
Artistic endeavors including, but not limited to, performing and visual arts, art exhibits, and arts education.

*Basic Human Needs Fund*  
Founding Donors: First Annual Benefit Attendees, 1993  
Agencies responding to emergency housing, food, clothing, and health-care needs of low-income residents.

*The Alben F. Bates and Clara G. Bates Foundation Fund*  
Founding Donor: The Alben F. Bates and Clara G. Bates Foundation, 2005  
To support the residents of Elmhurst.

*Children and Youth Fund*  
Founding Donors: Richard and Carole Cline, 1988  
Physical, emotional, educational, and intellectual needs of children and youth.

*Ruth and Hugh Christ Fund*  
Founding Donors: Hugh and Ruth Christ, 2000  
Disadvantaged children and youth.

*Environmental Fund*  
Founding Donor: Molex Inc., 1991  
Efforts to improve and/or preserve the quality of the natural environment including, but not limited to, air and water quality, public open space preservation, management of wastes, and environmental education.

*Grand Victoria Foundation Communityworks Endowment Fund*  
Founding Donor: Grand Victoria Foundation, 2003  
Early childhood care and education, workforce development, and land use/protection.

*Health Fund*  
Founding Donor: Central DuPage Health System, 1995  
The broad health needs in the community.

*Martha McCormick Hunt Fund*  
Founding Donor: Brooks and Hope B. McCormick Foundation, 1988  
Conservation and protection of the environment.

*John and Elsie, Mary and Arthur Kolar Endowed Fund*  
Founding Donors: Mary and Arthur Kolar, 1998  
Environment and wildlife.

*Wesley E. Luehring Foundation Fund*  
Founding Donor: Wesley E. Luehring Foundation, 1999  
Charities located in the Itasca area.

*Louise Ingalls MacArthur Fund*  
Founding Donor: Robert M. Cordova, 1998  
Literacy and education.

*Sindelar Family Fund*  
Founding Donor: Peg Sindelar, 2002  
Education and Health

## Unrestricted Funds

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*\*Cole Exner Memorial Fund*

*General Endowment Fund*  
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*FairWyn Fund*

*Jack and Virginia Knuepfer Fund*

*\*Next Generation Fund*

*John W. Squire Fund*

**Operating Funds**

*Administrative Endowment Fund*

Permanent support for Foundation activities.

*Grand Victoria Foundation*

*Communityworks Operating Fund*

For capacity building, general operations and technical support of the Foundation.

*Operating Fund*

Supports general operations of the Foundation.

**Scholarship Funds**

*American Institute of Architects,*

*Northeast Illinois Chapter,  
Scholarship Fund*

For students pursuing architecture degrees.

*Bell Family Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Glenbard East High School in Lombard.

*Megan Bradshaw Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

*Dorothy and Marvin Carney  
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of York High School in Elmhurst.

*Raghu Chandran Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Naperville Central High School.

*Chicago Golf Club Scholarship Fund*

For employees of Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton and their families.

*Daley Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream.

*Dennis Knowles Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

For Graduates of Fenton High School in Bensenville.

*League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn  
Mary J. Luginbill Educational  
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn.

*Life Science Achievement Award Fund*

For graduates of Downers Grove North High School.

*\*Paul D. Pierotti Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

For DuPage County high school graduates who plan to work toward careers in natural resource management or other environmentally-related fields of study.

*Houston J. Pineda Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of West Chicago High School.

*George S. Samatas Educational  
Scholarship Fund*

For Lexington Square and Health Care Centers employees and their families.

*Susan Sauer Memorial Scholarship  
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For graduates of Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

*Brian Taylor Memorial Scholarship  
Fund*

For graduates of Hinsdale South High School in Darien.

*\*Team Illinois Hockey Club  
Scholarship Fund*

For participants of the Team Illinois Hockey Club.

*Orvin Wilkin Memorial Scholarship  
Fund*

For graduates of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park.

To establish a fund, please contact the Foundation at (630) 665-5556.

To contribute to an existing fund, please use the envelope provided.

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worked his way up through its ranks. After serving for four years as the head of Harvester's British subsidiary, Mr. McCormick returned to the U.S. as the company's director of manufacturing. He was named its president and chief operating officer in 1968 and then was appointed chairman and chief executive officer in 1971, positions he held until 1978. He retired from International Harvester in 1980 as chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors.

Throughout his career Mr. McCormick served on the boards of several corporations including Commonwealth Edison and First National Bank of Chicago. He was also involved with many civic and not-for-profit groups. Some of his most notable activities included his tenure as president of the United Way of Chicago, general chair-

man of the Crusade of Mercy, chairman of the Chicago Urban League's Business Advisory Council, chairman of the board of directors of the National Safety Council, and co-chairman of the Chicago Campaign for the United Negro College Fund. He was also appointed a life trustee for both the Art Institute of Chicago and what is now Rush University Medical Center.

An avid conservationist, Mr. McCormick also helped to found The Conservation Foundation in 1972 which to date has helped to preserve more than 13,500 acres of open space in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties.

Perhaps his most notable gift, however, was the sale of St. James Farm, his 615 acre Warrenville home, to The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County in 2000. Mr. McCormick sold the property

to the District for \$43 million subject to a life estate for himself and a conservation easement to assure its long-term preservation.

Mr. McCormick was preceded in death by his wife, Hope Baldwin McCormick; daughter, Martha Hunt; and son, Mark McCormick. He is survived by a close friend, Marjorie Lanterman; two children, Brooks McCormick Jr. and Abby McCormick O'Neil; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The Foundation extends its deepest sympathies to the McCormick family and Mrs. Lanterman. The impact of Mr. McCormick's service to the Foundation and the many other organizations that have benefited from his involvement will continue to serve as a lasting tribute to his memory.

# Next Generation Initiative Gains Momentum

This past August the Foundation hosted a cocktail party at Chicago Golf Club to officially launch the start of its Next Generation Initiative, a new program designed to engage young professionals and others within



*Approximately 75 guests attended the Foundation's August 24 kick-off at Chicago Golf Club for its Next Generation Initiative.*

DuPage County who are interested in learning more about philanthropy and seeking ways to give back. Approximately 75 people attended the event.

In addition to enjoying a delightful evening of food, fellowship and music by jazz pianist Chris White, guests heard firsthand from three Foundation stakeholders – a donor, grant recipient, and professional advisor – who shared their personal stories about how The DuPage Community Foundation has helped them make a positive difference within the community.

Following the testimonials, event co-chairs Linda Cline and Lisa Wagner shared their vision for the Next Generation Initiative and encouraged attendees to consider

how they might participate.

“Over the years our community has benefited significantly from the involvement and support of numerous individuals who are passionate about DuPage County and wish to ensure its continued health and vitality,” said Cline. “As the next generation of philanthropic leaders, it is our responsibility to see that this strong tradition of involvement and support continues. Through this new initiative, it’s our intention to provide an entry point for future community leaders and other charitable-minded people to learn more about philanthropy and discover their potential to make a difference.”

During her remarks Cline offered several possible activities which could be included under the umbrella of a Next Generation Initiative. Some examples of these include educational programs focus-

ing on various aspects of philanthropy and key issues affecting our community, the establishment of a next generation endowment fund that would allow individuals to pool their contributions and make grants in support of area not-for-profits, opportunities to participate in group service

projects, and periodic networking and social events.

Since the event, the Foundation has begun to follow up with its attendees and other prospective participants to assess their level of interest in the initiative and find out what they



*Following testimonials from three Foundation stakeholders and some remarks from event co-chair Linda Cline, Next Generation Steering Committee Chair Tim Franzen outlined the next steps for the Initiative and encouraged people to participate.*

believe our priorities for it should be. To help facilitate this process, an online survey has been created at the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=30002597463>. We encourage anyone interested in this initiative who has not already done so to

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*Beth and Neil Cerne of Naperville visit with fellow Next Generation participant Neil Goltermann.*

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take a few minutes and complete the survey. Responses will be collected until Friday, December 1.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the August 24 kick-off and helped make it such a tremendous success, particularly our Host Committee members and its co-chairs Linda Cline and Lisa Wagner; Next Generation Steering Committee Chair Tim Franzen; Foundation Vice Chair Dave Aldridge; Trustee Emeritus Cleve Carney; and our three speakers: Paul Daley, donor advisor for The Daley Scholarship Fund, Dave Scatterday of Edward Jones Investments in Glen Ellyn, and Mary Ellen Durbin, executive director for the People's Resource Center.

We look forward to updating you on our progress with this exciting new initiative as it continues to take shape!



*Foundation Trustee Emeritus Cleve Carney poses with Northern Trust Bank Vice President Scott Cross prior to conducting a tour of Chicago Golf Club for some of the guests attending the kick-off event.*

## In Memoriam: Jack T. Knuepfer (1920–2006)

This past September Trustee Emeritus Jack T. Knuepfer of Elmhurst passed away at the age of 85.

Fondly described by many as the father of modern day DuPage County, Jack served as County Board chairman from 1978 – 1990, during which time he helped lead our community through a period of remarkable growth.

Some of his most notable accomplishments included spearheading such initiatives as the construction of the Lake Michigan water pipeline, the development of a high-technology corridor and satellite university sites along I-88, the construction of I-355, the County's repurchasing of the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Co. quarry to reduce flooding throughout eastern DuPage, and the construction of a new DuPage County courthouse and jail. He also played an integral role in the acquisition of hundreds of acres of

open space for recreation and trails and helped establish the DuPage Children's Museum.



*Trustee Emeritus  
Jack T. Knuepfer*

Jack was appointed to the Foundation's Board in 1990 after completing his tenure as County Board chair. During his nine years as a trustee he served as a member of the Development, Grant and Nominating committees, and did much to advance the Foundation's mission.

"I had the privilege of knowing Jack for many years through my work at the County, and then later as a trustee of the Foundation," said Trustee Emeritus Betsey Eben. "He was an exceptionally kind individual and always a pleasure to work with, someone who always put people first."

"In addition, his vast knowledge of the County and its numerous not-for-profit agencies was extremely beneficial to the Foundation, particularly to me and those who served with him on the Grant Committee. He was a tremendous

asset and did an excellent job of keeping us focused and on track," Eben added.

Upon Knuepfer's retirement from the Foundation in 1999, the Board named him a trustee emeritus and established an endowment fund, The Jack and Virginia Knuepfer Fund, in recognition of his exemplary service.

Knuepfer remained a strong supporter of the Foundation for the rest of his life and would frequently attend its events such as the annual benefit dinner, which he and his wife Dinny rarely missed.

The Foundation offers its sincerest condolences to the Knuepfer family for their loss. Jack was truly a remarkable individual and we are honored to play a role in helping to preserve his legacy of distinguished service on behalf of the residents of DuPage County.

Per the family's request, memorials for Jack Knuepfer may be directed to the Jack and Virginia Knuepfer Fund of The DuPage Community Foundation, 2100 Manchester Rd., Building A, Suite 303, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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