

THE DUPAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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report

Foundation Surpasses \$5 Million in Cumulative Grants and \$25 Million in Assets

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"For Good. For Ever."

The Foundation is delighted to announce it recently surpassed \$5 million in cumulative grant distributions and \$25 million in total assets. The first of these two significant achievements occurred this past December as the result of a \$75,000 grant made from the Owen Schiff Foundation, a donor-advised fund of The DuPage Community Foundation, to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oak Brook. The second occurred earlier this spring as the result of the Foundation's receipt of several significant year-end and early

first-quarter gifts, combined with strong performance results from its investment portfolio.

"The Foundation is thrilled to have surpassed these two incredible milestones," said President

Dave McGowan. "Since 2002 Foundation assets have increased from \$8.3 million to more than \$25 million, an increase of more than 300%, and annual grant distributions have increased from \$325,000

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(From left) Vice Chair Dave Aldridge and Chair Jack Mensching pose with a celebratory cake at the May Board meeting after announcing the Foundation had surpassed \$25 million in assets.

20 DuPage Agencies Receive Grants



Prairie State Legal Services Managing Attorney Eliot Abarbanel accepts an \$11,425 grant from DuPage Community Foundation Trustee Joan Morrissey during the Foundation's Fall Grant Distribution Reception held December 14 at the Elmhurst Art Museum.

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Our Mission

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

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to more than \$820,000, an increase of more than 250%. Such tremendous growth couldn't have been possible without the generous support and advocacy of our many friends and partners. Their confidence and trust have been the driving force that's allowed us to increase our impact throughout the community over the past several years, and we're deeply grateful."

Examples of recently-established funds that contributed to the Foundation's surge in assets include the Dale Family Fund, Didzerekis Family Fund and Diehl Family Fund (donor-advised funds); the Susan and Gerald

Stewart Scholarship Fund; the Chicago Society for Surgery of the Hand Fund and Dancing With Chicago Celebrities Fund (designated funds); and the Audrey and Glenn Mensching Fund (a named fund of the Foundation's *Communityworks* Endowment Fund). Significant deposits from such agencies as Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center, DuPage Children's Museum, DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation, Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, Exchange Club of Naperville (see p. 7), Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Glen Ellyn and the United Way of the DuPage Area also helped fuel

the growth in Foundation assets.

Since its first grant to the DuPage County Historical Society in 1987, The DuPage Community Foundation has awarded more than 1,300 grants to more than 400 not-for-profit organizations serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond. Total grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, amounted to approximately \$820,000. Of that amount, nearly \$463,000 was awarded through the Foundation's Discretionary Grant Program. The remaining dollars were awarded from numerous donor-advised and restricted funds.

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The Foundation is pleased to announce the distribution of \$137,257 in grants to 20 DuPage County not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Affairs and Historic Preservation, Education, and Environmental Affairs. The grants, which range in value from \$1,500 to \$15,000, were awarded during a special distribution reception on

Thursday, December 14, at the Elmhurst Art Museum. Approximately 75 guests attended the event including representatives of the grant recipient organizations, area community leaders, Foundation trustees, benefactors and other stakeholders.

Following remarks from Foundation Chair Jack Mensching and Grant Committee Chair Dave Aldridge, representatives from three of the grant recipient organizations made presentations dis-

cussing how their organizations will benefit from the grants they received. Speakers included D.

Neil Bremer, executive director, Elmhurst Art Museum; Jim Kleinwachter, land protection specialist, The Conservation Foundation; and Michael Trench, chief development officer, College of DuPage.

"We're very pleased with the results of our fall grant cycle," said Bonnie

Heydorn, director of grants. "54 applications were received and reviewed by the Grant Committee: 20 in the category of Arts and Culture, 7 in Civic Affairs and Historic Preservation, 21 in Education and 6 in Environmental Affairs. Of these requests, 21 were funded, and in these four categories total support increased by 31% over Foundation grants made during 2005."

This summer the Foundation

will award an additional \$193,500 in grants from its spring discretionary cycle to area not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of Health and Human Services. In addition to its discretionary grant programs, the Foundation awards grants from donor-advised and other restricted funds on an ongoing basis. Total grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, amounted to approximately \$820,000. Since its inception in 1986, The DuPage Community Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million for the benefit of

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Clients of The Awakenings Project work on a holiday art project at Wheaton Care Center. The Glen Ellyn-based agency received a \$3,000 grant from the Foundation to help cover the costs of studio rent and art supplies for programs benefiting artists with mental illness.



Senior Suburban Orchestra Conductor Dan Pasquale D'Andrea and violinist Nancy Oelssner pose after a concert for active seniors at The Community House in Hinsdale. The Westmont-based agency received a \$4,145 grant from the Foundation in support of its Audience-Without-Access Program which, each year, provides a certain number of subsidized concerts to audiences without financial access.

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DuPage County not-for-profit organizations and residents.

Special thanks to former Trustee Joyce Van Der Molen for sponsoring the grant reception, to members of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra for providing the evening's entertainment and to our friends at the Elmhurst Art Museum for hosting us. Please see pages 10 - 11 for a complete listing of those organizations that received funding and a summary of how their grants will be used.



An instructor and student at Donka, Inc. in Wheaton work together on a computer assignment. The agency received a \$10,000 general operations grant from the Foundation to help keep its Computer Training and Job Placement Program free for students with disabilities.

Attention Grantseekers!

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for its next discretionary grant cycle in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education and Environmental Affairs. Not-for-profit organizations serving DuPage County residents are eligible to apply and may obtain grant guidelines by accessing the Foundation's web site, www.dcfdn.org.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007. In addition, please 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@dcfdn.org.

Foundation Responds to Community Emergency

This past April the Foundation awarded a \$15,000 grant to Wheaton-based Outreach Community Ministries in support of the agency's Carol Stream Emergency Assistance Fund.

The grant was awarded in response to a community-wide appeal from Outreach Community Ministries which sought to generate \$60,000 in contributions to implement a comprehensive recovery plan for approximately 50 families who were displaced from their homes as a result of the devastating storms which struck the Carol Stream area on March 31.

Of the \$15,000 awarded by the Foundation, half was issued through grant recommendations from eight of its donor-advised funds including the Beaman Family Fund, Beles Family Fund, Daley Family Fund, Gillett Family Fund, LeFort-Martin Donor-Advised Fund, Mulholland Family Donor-Advised Fund, Naccarato Family Fund and Shebik Family Fund. The

remainder was issued through a matching grant approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees from the General Endowment Fund.



This past spring approximately 50 families were permanently displaced from the Covered Bridges apartment complex in Carol Stream as a result of storm damage caused by a microburst. In response to the disaster, the Foundation awarded a \$15,000 grant to Outreach Community Ministries to help the agency implement a comprehensive recovery plan.

"The Foundation is pleased to support Outreach Community Ministries in its efforts to assist the displaced residents of Carol

Stream," said Dave McGowan, Foundation president. "Developing and channeling philanthropy to meet the needs of DuPage County residents is one of our foremost

objectives and lies at the very heart of our mission. We are deeply grateful to each of our donor-advisors who recommended grants from their funds as well as to those individuals and organizations who made gifts to help subsidize our matching grant."

According to Chris Ellerman, executive director for Outreach Community Ministries, the organization exceeded its \$60,000 goal for The Carol Stream Emergency Assistance Fund thanks to an outpouring of support from local churches, services clubs and organizations like The DuPage Community Foundation, United Way of the DuPage Area and the

Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. Contributions to the fund will continue to be used to assist residents

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affected by the storm with the replacement of clothing, furniture and other household items, as well as the purchase of school supplies and moving expenses.

Since 1991 Outreach Community Ministries has received

more than \$94,000 in support from The DuPage Community Foundation through grants from its Discretionary Grant Program and various donor-advised funds.

For more information about Outreach Community Ministries or

The Carol Stream Emergency Assistance Fund, please contact Chris Ellerman, executive director, at (630) 682-1910 or visit www.outreachcommunityministries.com.

Foundation Closes 20th Anniversary and Honors Longtime Friends

This past fall the Foundation closed its year-long 20th anniversary celebration with a special reception at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton. The event, generously

sponsored by Circuit Court Judge Bonnie Wheaton, was attended by nearly 100 people including members of the Foundation's Board and staff, several of its agency partners and key benefactors, and a host of dedicated volunteers and community leaders.

During the event the Foundation honored the contributions of several longtime stakeholders whose efforts and support have been instrumental in advancing its growth and success over the years. Among those recognized were Joyce Van Der Molen, who completed a three-year term on the Foundation's Board, and retiring trustees Betty Bradshaw, Cleve Carney and Vince Naccarato who were named trustees emeriti by the Foundation's Board.

"The Foundation is fortunate to have benefited from the outstanding leadership and support of these tremendous individuals," said Foundation Chair Jack Mensching. "The impact of their generous con-

tributions of time, talent and financial support is immeasurable as they have truly done much to strengthen our organization and help us realize our vision of raising

the quality of life for the residents of DuPage County. We are grateful for all of their efforts on our behalf and hope that they will continue to remain active partners in our work."

After

recognizing each of the retiring trustees, Mensching took a few moments to highlight some of the Foundation's key achievements during the past fiscal year and to acknowledge the passing of Foundation co-founder and Trustee Emeritus Brooks McCormick and Trustee Emeritus Jack Knuepfer, both of whom had passed away over the summer of 2006.

Following Mensching's remarks, Carson Yeager, chair of the Foundation's Board Development Committee, introduced new trustees Steve Burt, Brett Dale, Joan Morrissey and Clay Naccarato. The four trustees were officially installed at the Foundation's annual meeting on

September 11. (See p. 5 for more information about our new trustees.)

The event concluded with closing remarks from Mensching followed by dessert and continuing musical entertainment from a trio of DuPage Symphony Orchestra members.

The Foundation wishes to thank everyone who attended the closing celebration and helped make it a success. Our 20th anniversary was truly a memorable year and we were pleased to conclude it by celebrating with so many dedicated stakeholders who believe in our mission. Your advocacy and support are greatly appreciated!



(From left) Retiring trustees Cleve Carney, Betty Bradshaw, Joyce Van Der Molen and Vince Naccarato pose together after being honored at the Foundation's 20th Anniversary Closing Celebration held this past September at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton.



Foundation Chair Jack Mensching highlights several of the Foundation's key accomplishments from the past 20 years during his key-note address to approximately 100 attendees.

Meet Our New Trustees

The Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen M. Burt, Brett M. Dale, Joan



Stephen M. Burt

S. Morrissey and Clay P. Naccarato to its Board of Trustees at its annual meeting this past September. **Stephen M. Burt** is a managing director in the Chicago office of Duff & Phelps LLC. He is also the head of Duff & Phelps' Mergers and Acquisitions Group and responsible for their international practice of mergers and acquisitions. Over the course of his career, Burt has gained experience in a variety of industries including manufacturing, consumer products, financial institutions, distribution, and food & beverage. He has more than 13 years of middle-market merger and acquisition experience and has spoken on a wide variety of topics related to the investment banking environment.

"Having been a lifelong resident of DuPage County, I am thrilled to join the Board of The DuPage Community Foundation," said Burt. "I have long admired the wonderful work that the Foundation has done in our community and look forward to helping it grow over the next several years."

Prior to joining Duff & Phelps in 1993, Burt was a vice president at Harris Bank and provided corporate banking and advisory services to middle-market companies. He holds a B.S. in Finance from Indiana University and an M.B.A. in Finance from DePaul University.

In addition to his work with the Foundation, Burt serves as a member of the Chicago Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth and as a member of the Advisory Board at DePaul University.

He resides in Glen Ellyn with his wife Emily and their three children.

Brett M. Dale is a partner with the Wheaton-based law firm Huck Bouma PC. As chair of the firm's Estate Planning and Marketing Practice Group he concentrates his practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration and corporate planning.



Brett M. Dale

"I am excited about this opportunity to serve the Foundation and our community," said Dale. "The Foundation complements Huck Bouma's Estate Planning Practice by providing great service to our clients who possess charitable intent. In my new role, I hope to continue to educate potential donors about the knowledge, expertise and convenience the Foundation offers to help people achieve their charitable goals."

Dale received his B.A. and M.A. in Accounting and Taxation from the University of Florida and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. In addition to his work with the Foundation, he serves on the boards of the Marianjoy and Central DuPage Hospital foundations. He is also a past president of the Fox Valley Chapter of the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants and a past president of the Rotary Club of Central DuPage.

Dale resides in Wheaton with his wife Kris and their four children.

Joan S. Morrissey is a long-time DuPage County resident who has been involved with the Foundation for many years. In addition to her new role as a trustee, Morrissey serves on the Foundation's Grant Committee and as a donor-advisor for the Morrissey Family Fund which she and her husband Joe established

in 2003.

Morrissey moved to Wheaton with her husband in 1969 following



Joan S. Morrissey

his discharge from the U.S. Navy to raise a family and open his dental practice, Dental Health of Wheaton. In addition to having worked at her hus-

band's practice for several years, Morrissey is a former instructor at College of DuPage and presently serves as vice president of its Foundation board.

"I am honored, indeed, to join the Board of The DuPage Community Foundation as I wholeheartedly endorse its mission of service to the community," said Morrissey. "Working with the Grant Committee has introduced me to the wide range of both need and opportunity in DuPage County. I look forward to helping the caring members of the Foundation make a difference."

Morrissey is a past president and current member of the Wheaton Public Library Board of Directors and serves as chair of its Building Committee for the new addition. She has also been extremely involved with Wheaton Drama over the years, sharing her time and talents as an actor, director and facilitator of children's workshops.

Morrissey and her husband have three grown children and several grandchildren.

Clay P. Naccarato is vice president of operations for his family's company, Wilton Industries, Inc. Based in Woodridge, the company has been the country's leading brand name in baking and cake decorating products for more than 50 years.

"As a lifelong resident of DuPage County I believe it is

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Clay P. Naccarato

important to give back to the community," said Naccarato. "The Foundation has done so much over the past 20 years to sup-

port programs that raise the quality of life for the residents of DuPage County. I look forward to being part of the team that is responsible for the continued growth and success of the Foundation."

Naccarato attended Hinsdale South High School before earning his B.A. from St. Norbert College and M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He is presently a

member of the Will County Logistics Council, the American Institute of Wine and Food, and the Will County Center for Economic Development Policy Council. Naccarato resides in Hinsdale with his wife Lori and their newborn son.

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Steve, Brett, Joan and Clay and wishes them much success in their new roles.

Three New Committee Members Appointed

The Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah A. du Vair and Charles T. Neff to its Investment Committee



Deborah A. du Vair

and Patricia deRosset to its Grant Committee.

Deborah A. du Vair

enjoyed a ten-year career with United Airlines before leaving the company in 2002

to raise a family. During her time with United, du Vair held several key finance, marketing and sales positions, serving most recently as the company's director of North America sales. Prior to joining United, she had been a supervising senior auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick in Chicago.

du Vair earned a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's of Management with concentrations in Marketing and Finance from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

"I am honored to serve The DuPage Community Foundation," said du Vair. "I owe thanks to my parents for demonstrating how individuals can make a significant difference in their community. I look forward to using my financial experience to serve the Investment

Committee and am excited about contributing to this wonderful organization."

Since leaving United, du Vair has remained active with consulting work on a project-basis, volunteer work and academics. She has been a director for the board of the Rolling Meadows-based Special Leisure Services Foundation since 1999 and has served as the group's treasurer for the past three years. During this time she has also completed coursework for the University of Chicago's Strategies for Nonprofit Management certificate program.

du Vair resides in Glen Ellyn with her husband Paul and their three children.

Charles T. Neff is a wealth manager for Balasa Dinverno & Foltz LLC in Itasca where he specializes



Charles T. Neff

in working with affluent families and business owners. From 1992 to 2004 he served as co-founder, president and chief investment officer of the Hinsdale-based WNA Investment Programs, Inc. and as a founding partner of Westrick, Neff & Associates, also located in Hinsdale. Prior to this, Neff accumulated considerable experience within the Chicago financial services industry working for such com-

panies as Ernst & Whinney, Schwinn Bicycle Company and Mitsui MTB Options/Cooper-Neff.

"Having grown up in DuPage County (Elmhurst), I benefited from many of the community programs supported by the Foundation," said Neff. "I now look forward to working with the Investment Committee to effectively manage the funds entrusted to the Foundation and help maximize its ability to serve the residents of DuPage County." Neff earned a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame and an M.B.A. in Finance and International Business from the University of Chicago. He is also a Certified Financial Planner and Certified Public Accountant.

Neff resides in Batavia with his wife and four children.

Patricia deRosset is an Assistant State's Attorney for DuPage County and the supervisor of its Child Support Enforcement Program. Prior to this, she had been the manager of a suburban Chicago fitness club while simultaneously serving as the owner and manager of a 32,000-acre beef cattle ranch in North Powder, OR, and the manager of a thoroughbred horse breeding and racing facility in Lexington, KY. Some of deRosset's other past occupations include managing a 60,000-sq. ft. suburban Chicago shopping center and teaching at both the high school and college levels.

"Everyone hopes to leave behind something worthwhile and permanent that reflects the life

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Patricia deRosset

they have led," said deRosset. "Perhaps a way to start is by giving of your time and life experiences. A legacy should

begin in life. Working with The DuPage Community Foundation is a chance for me to help further the foundation that has already been laid by those who have come before and to build on it to provide an even better foundation for the future."

deRosset holds a B.A. in Government from Lawrence

University, an M.A. in Political Science from Northeastern University and a J.D. from Northern Illinois University. She is a licensed real estate broker in Illinois and is licensed to practice law in both Illinois and Florida.

deRosset resides in Naperville.

Exchange Club of Naperville Endowment Fund Awards First Grant

The Foundation is pleased to announce that the Exchange Club of Naperville Endowment Fund recently awarded its first grant of \$25,000 to NCO Youth & Family Services in Naperville. The grant was awarded as the first installment of a two-year \$50,000 commitment from the Exchange Club to NCO in support of a capital campaign the agency will be launching this coming fall to fund the construction of new facilities.

According to Ron Hume, executive director for NCO, the new facilities will create much needed office space to accommodate the organization's growing staff and allow for community groups such as the Exchange Club to periodically utilize the space for meetings.

The Exchange Club of Naperville Endowment Fund was established at the Foundation in March 2006 with an initial deposit of \$65,000. Since then it has grown to approximately \$583,000 as the result of additional deposits from the Club and investment earnings.

"The Exchange Club is pleased to have established this important partnership with The DuPage Community Foundation," said Mike McManus, the Club's president-elect. "The Club has always maintained a rainy day fund to protect its annual grant allocations from a down year at Rib-Fest due to inclement weather. After several years of managing the fund ourselves, our board elected to transfer the fund to the Foundation in order to take advantage of its solid

investment performance and expertise in administering such funds."

According to McManus, the Club is currently in the process of completing a detailed strategic plan which he expects will provide additional guidance for the endowment fund's long-term growth and activities.

Founded in 1911, Exchange, America's Service Club, is an all-volunteer, national service organization comprised of 32,000 men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and its national program—The Prevention of Child Abuse.

The Exchange Club of Naperville was chartered in 1987 and is dedicated to the elimination of child abuse and domestic violence. Over the course of its 20-year history, the organization has granted more than \$6 million to more than 40 DuPage County organizations from contributions it has raised from such initiatives as its annual 5-K Race Against Child Abuse and its banner event, RibFest, which has been recognized as one of the nation's premiere fundraisers.

In 1992 the Club established Project H.E.L.P. as a Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Naperville. Focused on stopping child abuse before it happens, Project H.E.L.P. supports parent edu-

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cation through the Parent Mentor Program. This program, administered by NCO Youth & Family Services and supported by the Exchange Club of Naperville, provides invaluable support and education to parents through such

activities as mentoring, parenting classes and both individual and family counseling.

For additional information about the Exchange Club of Naperville, visit its web site, www.exchangeclub.org, or con-

tact Mike McManus, president-elect, at (630) 369-1360. For additional information about Rib Fest, scheduled for June 30 – July 4, 2007, at Knoch Park in Naperville, visit, www.ribfest.net.

Doug and Lynn Eyles Establish New Fund and Join Legacy Society

This past fall St. Charles residents Doug and Lynn Eyles worked with Foundation President Dave McGowan to establish the Gene Ball Eyles Fund, a donor-advised fund, and make provision for the Foundation in their estate plans.

Under the terms of the Eyles' Deed of Gift, the new fund, named in honor of Doug's late mother, will allow the couple to recommend grants to agencies and programs of their choosing throughout their lifetimes. It will then become a designated fund to benefit such causes as the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation (Wheaton), Marklund Charities (Geneva), Outreach Community Ministries (Wheaton) and Willow Creek Community Church (South Barrington).

"Establishing a fund at the Foundation made sense to Lynn and me for several reasons," said Doug Eyles. "Most importantly, we wanted to do something to honor my mother's memory. She was a kind and generous woman who believed strongly in the importance of giving back. Part of our initial investment to the fund came from money she had left behind. We feel she would have appreciated having it directed toward something of this nature.

"In addition, we value the emphasis the Foundation places

on supporting local organizations," Eyles continued. "Lynn and I have lived in the western suburbs for many years and have a vested interest in supporting the work of organizations committed to raising the quality of life for area residents.



Lynn and Doug Eyles

The Foundation's trustees and staff are people whom we respect and trust to provide effective stewardship."

According to Eyles, he and his wife were also attracted by the ease and simplicity a donor-advised fund offered. "Establishing this fund was the perfect tool for us to accomplish our charitable goals. Creating it has provided us with a vehicle we can use today and later supplement through our estate plans. It has also allowed us to avoid the costly expenses and administrative headaches associated with establishing a private foundation while still enjoying

many of the same benefits."

Doug and Lynn Eyles have lived in the western suburbs since 1972 when Doug started working at Gary-Wheaton Bank. After leaving the Bank as its chief investment officer in 1992, Doug briefly served as the general manager of a Wilmington, Delaware investment advisory firm before helping found Trust Company of Illinois in 1994. He presently serves as the company's managing director and chief operating officer and as a member of its board of directors and investment committee.

Together Doug and Lynn actively volunteer at and support a number of local organizations including the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation, Marklund Charities and Willow Creek Community Church. They have one grown son, Jonathan.

The Foundation thanks Doug and Lynn for their thoughtful investment and is proud to count them among our growing number of donor-advisors and Legacy Society members.

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 (21)

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

Ruth* and Hugh 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

Douglas G. and Lynn Eyles for the Gene Ball Eyles 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

Karl W. and Jeanne Mueller for the Andy Mueller Memorial 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

F. Ron and Carol Seager for the Seager Family Foundation Fund

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

Stanley and Claudia Starrett for the Starrett Family Fund

David A. Stelzner and Nicki J. Krafft for the Andi Stelzner 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 Fall Discretionary Grant Recipients

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION

GRANT AMOUNT

ARTS AND CULTURE

Acappellago , Westmont <i>For general operating expenses including underwriting transportation of seniors to concerts.</i>	\$ 2,000
The Awakenings Project , Glen Ellyn <i>For studio rent and art supplies for programs designed for artists with mental illness.</i>	3,000
Downers Grove Choral Society , Downers Grove <i>General operating support for the 2006-2007 season.</i>	1,500
DuPage Multi-Cultural Dance Troupe , Winfield <i>General operating support for the instruction of low-income Hispanic children in folkloric dance.</i>	2,000
DuPage Symphony Orchestra , Warrenville <i>General operating support to help expand outreach efforts.</i>	5,450
Elmhurst Art Museum , Elmhurst <i>For the 2007 Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition for junior high and high school art students.</i>	15,000
Naperville Men's Glee Club , Naperville <i>For partial salary support.</i>	5,000
Senior Suburban Orchestra , Westmont <i>For "Audience-Without-Access" program expenses.</i>	4,145
Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage , Downers Grove <i>For the rental of rehearsal and performance space.</i>	3,000
Wheaton Drama, Inc. , Wheaton <i>For on-going operating expenses related to the new theater.</i>	5,000

10 Grants

\$ 46,095

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Citizen Advocacy Center , Elmhurst <i>To support programs and projects focused on building democracy.</i>	5,000
Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society, Inc. , Lombard <i>To partially cover the cost of refinishing the Reade Room.</i>	7,000
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. , Carol Stream <i>For partial salary support of an attorney to help low-income and elderly persons obtain medical benefits and related legal assistance.</i>	11,425

3 Grants

\$ 23,425

EDUCATION

Bridge Communities, Inc. , Glen Ellyn <i>For the Children's Services Program serving families in the transitional housing program.</i>	\$ 5,000
College of DuPage Foundation , Glen Ellyn <i>For the Building Stronger Non-Profits Initiative of the Academy for Non-Profit Excellence.</i>	7,500
Donka, Inc. , Wheaton <i>For the Computer Training and Job Placement Program offered at no-cost to individuals with disabilities.</i>	10,000
DuPage Graue Mill Corporation , Oak Brook <i>For general operating expenses.</i>	10,000
Elmhurst College , Elmhurst <i>For the Holocaust Trunk Education Project which will provide educational experiences to middle school teachers and students.</i>	8,237
5 Grants	\$ 40,737

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Conservation Foundation , Naperville <i>For the DuPage Rain Garden Initiative.</i>	\$ 15,000
Morton Arboretum , Lisle <i>For the Youth Science Education Outreach Program for low-income elementary schools.</i>	9,000
Special Initiative Grant to The Conservation Foundation <i>Sponsorship of the 2007 DuPage Environmental Summit.</i>	3,000
3 Grants	\$ 27,000

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED FROM FALL DISCRETIONARY CYCLE: 21 **\$ 137,257**

Henry Honored as WSPN Non-Profit Volunteer of the Year



Gwen Henry

Congratulations to Foundation Development Committee Member Gwen Henry (Wheaton) on her recent selection by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network (WSPN) as its 2007 Non-Profit Volunteer of the Year.

Henry was recognized along with nine other distinguished honorees on Wednesday, May 23, during the organization's 2007 Philanthropy Awards Luncheon which took place at Abbington Distinctive Banquets in Glen Ellyn.

Held annually by WSPN, the Philanthropy Awards Luncheon is an opportunity for area philanthropists, community leaders, businesses and not-for-profit agencies to come together to recognize and celebrate the efforts of individuals and organizations demonstrating an exceptional commitment to giving back to Chicago's west suburban community.

Foundation Funds

*Denotes new fund

Affiliate Funds

Giving DuPage
Healthby 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
**Chicago Society for Surgery of the Hand*
**Dancing with Chicago Celebrities*
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 of Lombard
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
**Spring Brook Nature Center*
Joan Brown Six Memorial Endowment Fund
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
**Dale Family Fund*
**Didzerekis Family Fund*
**Diebl Family Fund*
Dawn Carol Foundation
Donor-Advised Fund for Needy Children
**Gene Ball Eyes Fund*
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
**Andy Mueller Memorial Fund*
Mulholland Family Fund
Naccarato Family Fund
Owen Schiff Foundation
Esther and Willis H. Scott Fund
Shebik Family Fund
Silver Heart Foundation
Smith Family Fund
Starrett Family Fund
Andi Stelzner Fund
Szymanski Family Fund
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.

**Audrey and Glenn Mensching Fund*

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

Cleve E. Carney Fund

*Lois L. and Edwin F. Deicke
Endowment Fund*

Cole Exner Memorial Fund

General Endowment Fund

Unrestricted. The General Endowment Fund provides maximum flexibility to respond in five major areas: arts and culture, education, environmental affairs, health, and human services.

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
Fund*

For graduates of Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

**Susan and Gerald Stewart
Scholarship Fund*

For graduates of Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn.

*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.

Naperville Family Establishes Donor-Advised Fund in Memory of Late Son



Andy Mueller

The Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Andy Mueller Memorial Fund. The fund was established this past fall by Karl and Jeanne Mueller of Naperville in memory of their son Andy, who passed away in January 2005 after succumbing to a seven-year struggle with brain cancer. According to the Muellers,

their family will use the fund to recommend grants to such agencies as Children's Memorial Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and other causes which support the research and treatment of cancer patients.

"Andy was a giving person with a great sense of humor who never let his condition hold him back," said Karl Mueller. "Despite the many challenges he faced, he would often put other people's priorities ahead of his illness. His courage and love of life were an inspiration to all who knew him. We are proud to establish this fund

in Andy's memory and hope to use it to benefit others who are battling diseases similar to his."

A native of St. Louis, Andy was diagnosed at age 10 with a congenital tumor on his brain stem shortly after moving to the Chicago area with his family. He was a senior at Benet Academy in Lisle at the time of his passing and had planned to attend St. Louis University with his older brother Josh the following fall as a political science major. Aside from spending time with his family and friends, some of Andy's favorite activities

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included playing the drums, rooting for his favorite baseball team, the St. Louis Cardinals, playing baseball and golf when he was younger, and debating politics.

In addition to his parents Karl

and Jeanne, Andy is survived by his brothers Josh and Joe, sister Christi, and a host of family and friends.

Individuals wishing to contribute to the Andy Mueller Memorial

Fund may send their contributions to The DuPage Community Foundation at 2100 Manchester Road., Building A, Suite 303, Wheaton, IL 60187.

14th Annual Benefit Exceeds Expectations



(From left) Former Foundation Trustee Irene Antoniou and her husband Anthony visit with Foundation Trustee Dalip Bammi at the Foundation's 14th Annual Benefit Dinner held this past November at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

This past fall more than 140 guests turned out to enjoy a delightful evening of food and entertainment at the Foundation's

14th Annual Benefit Dinner. Graciously sponsored by Itasca Bank & Trust Co. and held at the Morton Arboretum's luxurious Gingko Room, the dinner exceeded all expectations netting a record-breaking \$184,000 for the Foundation through sponsorships, ticket sales and donations.

Lyric Opera Center for American Artists alumni Lauren Curnow, soprano, and Jeffrey Ray, baritone, were the evening's featured entertainment. The two singers, sponsored by Foundation

friends Anthony and Irene Antoniou of Oak Brook, delivered a superb performance featuring notable selections from some of the world's most popular operas and Broadway shows.

Following the concert, guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner, remarks from Foundation Chair Jack E. Mensching and a presentation by Dr. Gerard T. Donnelly, president and CEO of the Morton Arboretum, who delivered a compelling testimonial about how the Arboretum has benefited from the Foundation's generous support over the years.

"We're incredibly pleased with the results of the dinner," said DuPage Community Foundation Trustee Emeritus and Benefit Co-Chair Cleve Carney. "We took a

chance this year in moving it to a new venue and raising the ticket price.

Fortunately, people responded positively and were extremely generous. I think it's wonderful to see such strong support for the Foundation and our other not-for-profits here in DuPage County. We are deeply grateful to every-

one who helped ensure the success of this year's dinner." Co-Chaired annually by Carney and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Carole Cline, The DuPage Community Foundation's Annual Benefit Dinner serves as its only

fundraiser of the year. It is held to generate vital financial support for its operations so that throughout the rest of the year the Foundation can focus its development efforts toward channeling philanthropy to DuPage County not-for-profit organizations and programs. The benefit has generated more than \$1.5 million in contributions for the Foundation since it was first held in 1993.

Save the Date!



The Soul Children of Chicago

Be sure to save the date for The DuPage Community Foundation's 15th Annual Benefit Dinner, scheduled for the evening of Sunday, November 18, at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois.

This year's dinner, sponsored by Itasca Bank & Trust Co., will feature a concert by the internationally-acclaimed Soul Children of Chicago led by Artistic Director Walt Whitman. Please mark your calendar now and watch for invitations in your mailbox this fall.

Tickets for the Annual Benefit Dinner are \$750 per person or \$7,500 per table of ten. Please contact Mike Sitrick, manager of development, at (630) 665-5556 or msitrick@dcdn.org for more information.



Lyric Opera Center for American Artists alumni Jeffrey Ray, baritone, and Lauren Curnow, soprano, entertain Foundation Benefit guests prior to dinner. Their performance included highlights from some of the world's most popular operas and Broadway shows.

Foundation Movie Preview a Success

This past winter the Foundation partnered with area financial advisors from LVM Capital Management Ltd. (Wheaton), KRM Financial Services (St. Charles),

that people of all ages and backgrounds can connect with and understand.”

Based on the internationally-acclaimed novel written by Jim Stovall, *The Ultimate Gift* is a heartwarming fable about a young man's inspiring journey to discover life's ultimate gift. Upon learning of his billionaire grandfather's death, Jason Stevens (Drew Fuller) is presented with an unlikely inheritance—a crash course on life taking him on a path that will change him forever and answer the ultimate question, “What is the relationship between wealth and happiness?”

The film debuted nationally March 9 and is scheduled to be

Garner and Lee Meriwether, among others. For more information, please visit www.theultimategift.com.

To date the Foundation has received outstanding feedback from several of the screening's attendees, each expressing how much they enjoyed the film and appreciated having the opportunity to share its message with their family and friends. Some examples of comments received include the following: “The movie night was superb. What an excellent choice. Thank you for including me.” – Colleen Healy, partner, Clingen, Callow & McLean, LLC; “The movie was fabulous and the book just reinforced the lessons learned. I shared the information this past week with the Association of Corporate Contributions Professionals in hopes that they too would appreciate the message and its impact on the kind of work we do. Thank you for hosting it and introducing me to such a touching story.” - Cheryl Lamm Gunn, manager, Community

Relations, McMaster-Carr Supply Company; “Thanks again for a delightful time at the movie last week.” – Kathleen Lamonica Krochock, senior vice president, Trust Company of Illinois.

Special thanks to each of our co-sponsors who helped



More than 200 guests attended the Foundation's February 22 screening of the major motion picture, *The Ultimate Gift*, held at the York Theatre in Elmhurst.

Powershares Capital Management LLC (Wheaton) and TD Ameritrade Institutional (Chicago) to host a special preview of the major motion picture *The Ultimate Gift*, prior to its national release in March. The preview, hosted at downtown Elmhurst's historic York Theatre, was attended by more than 200 guests including current and prospective Foundation donors and their families, area professional advisors and their clients, and local community leaders.

“Hosting this screening of *The Ultimate Gift* proved to be a great fit for us,” said Dave McGowan, Foundation president. “As one of our community's leading catalysts for philanthropy, the Foundation is always seeking new and unique opportunities to engage people in our mission and help them discover their potential for giving back. In addition to being a highly entertaining film, *The Ultimate Gift* includes some valuable lessons about philanthropy and presents them in a manner

released on DVD this summer. It features a host of notable stars including Abigail Breslin (Little Miss Sunshine), Bill Cobbs, Brian Dennehy, Drew Fuller, James

make this event possible, especially Heather Coulter and Rob O'Dell of LVM Capital Management Ltd., for their assistance with planning and logistics.



(From left) *The Ultimate Gift* sponsors Cory Riedberger, Powershares Capital Management LLC; Margaret Dunlap and Eugene DeRango, TD Ameritrade Institutional; Kraig Mickelsen, KRM Financial Services; Len Harrison, Heather Coulter, Rob O'Dell and Sandi Doctor, LVM Capital Management Ltd.; and Dave McGowan, The DuPage Community Foundation.

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