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DEKALB COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Report to the
Community 2009



DeKalb County Community Foundation

Mission: To enhance the quality of life in DeKalb County by proactively addressing community needs and expanding, managing, and distributing philanthropic resources.

FOUNDATION FAST FACTS: Inspiring Philanthropy

Date Established: **1993** Value of Assets 10/31/09: **\$23,805,295** Number of Separate Funds: **201**
 Grants Awarded During 2009: **\$1,110,770** Grants Awarded 1993-2009: **\$11,833,037**



About the DeKalb County Community Foundation

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DCCF Mission

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DCCF Vision

To be a philanthropic leader as we partner to build strong communities throughout DeKalb County.

DCCF's Core Values

In our work we commit ourselves to:

- Honor meaningful traditions while also learning and seeking new approaches
- Reach the vision of the Foundation in the original spirit of generosity and humility
- Manage and distribute charitable funds with integrity and fairness
- Maintain governance that is diverse, inclusive, representative of DeKalb County, and that puts community above self
- Encourage and contribute to effective partnerships in support of our vision and mission
- Respect our donors, grant recipients, and community at large at all times

DCCF's Core Services/Roles

Endowments & Donor Services - We help connect people who care with causes that matter by providing donors with a broad variety of interests a flexible and cost effective vehicle for carrying out their charitable objectives, regardless of the size of their donation.

Stewardship - The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and oversees the investment and management of charitable funds for individuals, families, non-profit organizations and corporate donors. Although these monies are pooled for investment purposes, each of the component funds within the Foundation retains its unique identity and charitable intent as specified by the donor.

Grantmaking - We distribute approximately \$1 million every year in DeKalb County in support of Arts & Culture, Education, Community Development, and Health & Human Services through seven different grantmaking mechanisms/programs.

Community Initiatives - DCCF helps to identify community needs and partners with others through our grantmaking and community leadership resources to bring about positive change and solve problems.



Endowments & Donor Services

Funds & Donors

The Community Foundation is a family of funds, endowed and non-endowed, established by donors like you to address your charitable and philanthropic interests. All of the Foundation's Funds represent gifts of capital from individuals, families, corporations, trusts, private foundations and other not-for-profit organizations. Today, the Foundation includes over 200 funds that, collectively, provide great flexibility to address changing community needs.

FUND OPTIONS

UNDESIGNATED

Grants are distributed at the discretion of the Foundation's board, ensuring that the gift will always address current issues. Your gift provides the Foundation with the maximum flexibility in meeting today's needs and the challenges of tomorrow.

FIELD OF INTEREST

Grants from these funds are used to meet a general criteria established by you, the donor, with the final selection of the nonprofit or community organization left to the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

DONOR DESIGNATED

Grants from these funds are provided to organizations named by you, the donor.

DONOR ADVISED

Grants from advised funds are granted to organizations recommended annually by you, the donor, and approved by the Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards from these funds are used to support students, with eligibility criteria established by you, the donor.

PASS-THROUGH

This fund can be used by organizations that have specific projects in mind, but do not necessarily want an endowment. The Community Foundation allows contributors tax deductibility and acts as a depository while the project progresses, with the principal eventually being expended for the purpose intended.

OTHER

The Foundation prides itself on its flexibility in meeting the needs and interest of each donor. We will work with you and/or your financial advisor to create a fund with the terms and conditions designed to carry out your philanthropic intent.

Please contact Dan Templin, Executive Director at the DeKalb County Community Foundation, at (815) 748-5383 or dan@dekalbccf.org to get started on fulfilling your philanthropic vision.



Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) is a new Community Foundation initiative where youth learn leadership skills, philanthropy and the importance of community involvement. The YEP group is made up of 24 high school students from DeKalb County. The group meets once a month September through May at locations throughout DeKalb County. The youth will develop grant guidelines and have \$10,000 to grant out in 2010. Recruitment for youth to participate in the 2010 - 2011 YEP initiative will begin in April 2010.

The youth involved in the 2009 - 2010 group are:

Marquise Bailey	DeKalb	
Tiffany Carpenter	Genoa	
Maddie Dwyer	Sycamore	
Olen Fitts	Sycamore	
Christina Garza	Sycamore	
Loren Goodrich	Shabbona	YEP Chairperson
Sam Kevin	Sycamore	
Karsten Larson	Sycamore	YEP Vice Chair
Mason Lucca	Kingston	
Heaven Macarus	DeKalb	
Justice Magarotto	DeKalb	
Alicia McConnell	Sycamore	
Chazz Middlebrook	DeKalb	
Devin Moulton	Sycamore	
Oscar Neri	Cortland	
Jessica Phlum	Sycamore	
Torin Quinlivan	Sycamore	
Morgan Sargeant	Genoa	
Shyanna Simpson	DeKalb	
Alexa Tatum	DeKalb	YEP Secretary
Keri Trembl	Sycamore	
Hannaniah Wiggins	DeKalb	
Blair Wright	Sandwich	YEP Grantmaking Chair
Karly Zucker	DeKalb	



Action Update on CommunityWorks: Child Care, Workforce Development and Land Use

Child Care - Goal to increase the quality, availability and affordability of child care programs and to increase business support of these programs.

ACTION Update:

- Support of a full time QRS Specialist position at 4-C to assist child care centers to achieve Quality Star Rating (a program of the State of Illinois to denote quality child care).
- Six nonprofit child care centers have earned stars, resulting in an additional \$173,600 in funding from the State of Illinois to those centers.
- Child Care Quality Enhancement Grants assist eligible child care centers to purchase materials to achieve either accreditation or QRS star level.

2009 Quality Enhancement Grants

United Church Daycare & Preschool - \$1,000
 Children's Learning Center - \$1,750
 NIU FCNS Child Development Lab - \$2,500
 The Growing Place - \$667

- The DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation hosted a business roundtable in June 2009 "The Relationship of Child Care to Economic Development" to educate the business community on the importance of child care to our local economy.

Land Use - Goal is to provide tools to DeKalb County decision makers to use to inform future land use decisions.

ACTION update:

- The Land Use Subcommittee learned about topics including Planning & Zoning, GIS Mapping Resources/Demonstration, DeKalb County Forest Preserve District, and Smart Growth principles.
- Met with elected officials from 12 of the 14 DeKalb County municipalities to determine land use priorities.
- The Land Use Subcommittee co-sponsored a workshop presented by Chicago Wilderness SWAT - Sustainable Watershed Action Team. The workshop was for local elected and appointed officials interested in a sustainable future for DeKalb County.

Workforce Development - The goals are to enhance soft skills in DeKalb County middle school (6th - 8th grade) youth and improve local employer participation in workforce development.

ACTION update:

- Completed a final report that synthesized findings, identified core concepts, and offered recommendations.
- 16 identified soft skills were categorized into four broad categories: personal soft skills, social soft skills, employment soft skills and cultural soft skills for easier discussion.
- Creation of a Soft Skill Enhancement Committee to provide leadership in identifying opportunities for educators and business to enhance soft skills in middle school youth.

A Great Opportunity

Vision for a thriving community



A Campaign for Our Future

The DeKalb County Community Foundation has a unique opportunity to bring in an additional \$2,000,000 in charitable funds that will benefit DeKalb County forever. From now through August 31, 2011, the Grand Victoria Foundation will match qualifying contributions to the CommunityWorks and/or Administrative Endowment Fund dollar for dollar up to \$2 million! With the support of donors like you, we can help DeKalb County thrive!

What is the CommunityWorks Endowment Fund?

A permanent, endowed fund that provides grant dollars for our CommunityWorks Impact Plan strategies in the areas of child care, land use, and workforce development.

What is the Administrative Endowment Fund?

A permanent, endowed fund that supports Community Foundation operating needs. It's a "financial foundation" for the Foundation.



Dave & Candi Baker
 Sandwich

"The DeKalb County Community Foundation is a wonderful resource supporting hundreds of nonprofit and community organizations throughout DeKalb County. We hope you'll consider helping CommunityWorks and the Community Foundation."

GRANTS APPROACH \$12 MILLION MARK

Grantmaking is the most visible activity of the Community Foundation, and represents the balancing of donor interest with community need. Since our inception in 1993, we have assisted hundreds of organizations with grants totaling over \$11.8 million. Listed below are **COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS** made during our two grant periods in 2009.

Arts & Culture

Art Attack - School of Art	To purchase pottery rack, three electric pottery wheels, and rebuild kiln	\$2,500
Children's Community Theatre	To purchase facial microphones for theatre productions	\$3,000
Dreamers Theatre Group, Inc. NFP	For wireless microphones for stage productions	\$1,680
Egyptian Theatre, Inc.	To replace existing auditorium seats	\$25,000
Ellwood House Museum	To update computers and software, to network all staff computers with a back-up server and to provide wireless internet access to the Visitor Center	\$2,500
Greater Kishwaukee Area Concert Band	To purchase musical concert scores band arrangements; cymbal and stand; and to pay NIU Technical Services to record concerts	\$2,062
Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center	For handicap accessibility, rainfall drainage away from building and to provide public demonstration areas	\$5,535
Kishwaukee Children's Chorus	For needed choral sheet music	\$700
Midwest Museum of Natural History	To improve energy efficiency and reduce utility costs through facility enhancements and repairs	\$3,500
NIU-Department of Communications	Complete documentary on Dee Palmer and the DeKalb Municipal Band	\$4,000
Shabbona-Lee-Rollo Historical Museum	For handicap accessible bathroom	\$15,000
Area Total		\$65,477

Community Development & Civic Affairs

Boy Scouts of America, Troop #2, Sycamore	For bigger trailer and camping equipment-tents, shelving & racks, stove and Dutch Oven	\$4,254
BSA Joint Venture-DesPlaines Valley Council	For Geothermal System to heat and cool main Cam structures in Wetland project	\$5,000
Conexion Comunidad	To prepare facility for expansion of services with several organizations	\$1,600
Cortland Community Library	For LED sign to inform residents about Library programs	\$3,000
Cortland Firefighters Association	To purchase a Rad 57 Blood Saturation Monitor	\$3,295.00
Cortland Police Department	For body armor and vest covers for Police Officers	\$1,600
DeKalb County Sheriff's Department	For location equipment to find missing individuals suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, or other special needs	\$2,500
DeKalb Park District	To install benches on the Park District paths and trails	\$3,500
DeKalb Public Library	For a major redesign of website	\$12,090
Equine Dreams	To purchase a portable mounting ramp	\$3,030
Genoa Police Department	For two digital video cameras and wireless upload module	\$5,000
Genoa Township Park District	To become a Green organization to implement devices and strategies to help cut expenses	\$3,000
Hinckley-Big Rock Baseball/Softball Association	For 3 aluminum, 3 row bleacher seats and fencing for players bench areas	\$5,500
Hinckley-Big Rock Golf Association	To install indoor baseball batting and golf cage for high school sports	\$1,000
Huskie Track Club	To replace jerseys uniforms for the Huskie Track Club	\$1,470
Indian Creek Soccer	To purchase two goals and one set of wheels to move them around on the soccer field	\$2,970
Malta Police Department	For mobile computer workstation needed in squad car	\$4,000
Malta Township Public Library	For purchase and installation of drive-up dual drop box	\$2,000
Maple Park & Countryside Fire Protection District	To equip paramedic ambulance	\$3,000
Maple Park Public Library	To remodel former storage area for Community Computer Workstation Area	\$1,000
Network of Nations, Inc.	For a laptop computer	\$800
Northern Public Radio	To assist in mandated move of its Studio-Transmitter Link from Kishwaukee Hall to Holmes Student Center	\$2,980

One DeKalb - Community Summit on Race	To provide leadership to address the elimination of racism in the greater DeKalb community.	\$2,000
Sandwich District Library	A Xerox copier WorkCenter for staff and public	\$2,000
Somonauk Summer Fest Committee	For materials to expand Somonauk Summer Fest and to promote continued growth of Somonauk's parks	\$10,600
Sycamore History Museum	For purchase and installation of drive-up dual drop box	\$10,000
Sycamore Park District	To help purchase a new server for computer system for program registration	\$2,600
Sycamore Public Library	To repair flashing and replace the south bay window in library addition	\$5,300
Sycamore Youth Baseball League	To replace equipment for safety enhancements	\$2,500
TAILS Humane Society	To purchase a autoclave for the veterinary clinic	\$3,570
Village of Maple Park	To develop a GIS map base and layers for regional planning	\$5,000
Village of Somonauk	To equip department vehicles with an in-car video system and replace outdated two-way radios	\$6,000
Village of Waterman	For improvements to Village infrastructure	\$4,000
Waterman Community Fire Protection District	To purchase Advanced Life Support 12 lead cardiac monitor/defibrillator	\$12,000
Area Total		\$138,159

Education

Bethany First Step Preschool	New Cannon copy machine	\$700
Children's Learning Center, Inc.	To upgrade the Ansul fire suppression system in the Center Kitchen and install two skylights in areas that lack windows	\$2,700
Clinton Rosette Middle School	To purchase a ElmoTT-025 Document Camera	\$750
Cornerstone Christian Academy	To purchase (10) netbooks to allow teachers to do grading, tests online	\$3,800
Cortland School PTA	Enhancing existing teaching methods with new technology resources	\$3,500
DeKalb Music Booster	For trailer for band and choir equipment	\$7,940
Dekalb School District - Littlejohn Elementary	To pilot an after-school tutoring and fitness program	\$400
DeKalb School District-High School	For Senteo Interactive Response System	\$3,398
First United Preschool and Daycare	To replace old corded blinds with cordless blinds	\$2,600.00
Genoa-Kingston CUSD 424 - High School	For Smartboard, electronic white board for computer lab	\$1,800
Genoa-Kingston CUSD 424 - Kingston Elementary School	Digital cameras for classroom use	\$825
Genoa-Kingston CUSD 424 - Middle School	For two projector carts for the middle school	\$1,800
Genoa-Kingston Education Foundation	Provide band instrument to those families that cannot afford them	\$1,700
Growing Place, Inc.	To repave parking lot for health and safety to families and staff.	\$5,923
Hinckley-Big Rock High School	To equip greenhouse with cooling, heating and ventilation for high school students	\$5,500
Indian Valley Vocational Center	To purchase three sets of Radio Frequency Student Response Systems	\$2,372
Kishwaukee College Radiologic Technology Program	To update Radiologic Technology to a digital system used in hospitals and clinics for students	\$15,000
Neighbors' House	To replace computer lab for outfit satellite literacy programs	\$2,400
NIU-Art Museum	Posters to highlight local WPA mural for awareness and appreciation of local history	\$922
NIU-Family Center	To furnish therapeutic play environment for children, youth, and their families	\$2,600
NIU-Literacy Education	To purchase children's books and art supplies for Reaching Out through Art and Reading at Littlejohn Elementary	\$659
NIU-School of Music	To support bringing composer here for workshops, concerts, and lectures available to DeKalb residents	\$1,800

NIU-Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic	To purchase equipment for persons with swallowing, voice and velopharyngeal disorders	\$4,000
Open Hands Preschool	To construct fence for outdoor play area	\$5,300
Sandwich School District #430 - Dummer Middle School	To integrate more technology within the classrooms	\$4,800
Somonauk Community Unit School District #432	For additional technology equipment	\$7,500
Somonauk Education Boosters	To update and modernize music equipment at elementary and middle school.	\$7,000
St. Mary's-Sycamore	Classroom projectors, laptops, and carts to utilize shared Smartboard technology	\$3,107
Sycamore Child Care, Inc.	To replace centers current shed and add a cement portion to children's playground	\$7,899
Sycamore Community School District #427 - All elementary schools	To provide books for parents for learning comprehension skills and strategies	\$1,383
Sycamore Community Unit School District #427	To partner with NIU Psychology Department and undertake a research and development project	\$4,250

Area Total \$114,328

Health & Human Services

American Red Cross of DeKalb County	For creation of a new website.	\$2,500
Ben Gordon Center	For business software, server and install computers in therapy rooms	\$15,000
CASA DeKalb County, Inc.	To purchase copier/scanner for transferring documents electronically and a server for backup	\$5,892.00
Children's Home and Aid	For Spanish language curricula and media resources	\$2,500
DeKalb County Court Services	Modifications and renovations for short term Foster Home and Independent Living	\$2,500
DeKalb County Hospice	To produce a music CD for hospice patients and families	\$2,125
DeKalb County KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed)	To purchase materials for building developmental assets with our youth through education, practice, and promotion.	\$1,120
DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau	For techology for suspension of student program	\$1,917
Elder Care Services	For two PC/s and one laptop computer	\$2,400
Family Service Agency of DeKalb County, Inc.	To replace furnace	\$5,695
Fox Valley Older Adult Services	To replace furnace	\$3,000
Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County, Inc.	Building equipment and office equipment	\$4,000
Hope Haven	To replace countertops, sinks and faucets in homeless shelter kitchen	\$3,950
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	To partially fund new ventilation fan system	\$7,000
Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association	To purchase equipment and storage of Camp Maple Leaf day camp	\$1,125
Love INC DeKalb/Sycamore	For a covered trailer to move furniture and appliances	\$4,000
Milestone Dental Clinic	X-Ray system for Dental Clinic	\$2,500
Northern Illinois Food Bank	BackPack Program to provide nutritious food for low-income children on weekends	\$7,000
RAMP	To upgrade technology with four computers and a digital camera	\$1,300
Rescue Release and Restore (SIMBA/SIMSA)	To purchase food and supplies for monthly youth meetings	\$800
Voluntary Action Center	To replace the outdated computer Server	\$12,000

Area Total \$88,324

DeKalb County Community Foundation

2010-2012 Strategic Plan

The Community Foundation board and staff spent much of 2009 reflecting on our identity, vision for the future, services, uniqueness, and opportunities. With the assistance of a highly regarded leader in the community foundation field, we created specific strategic priorities with accompanying objectives, actions, and timeframes to guide our work over the next few years. The following is a summary of our priorities:

In order for the DeKalb County Community Foundation to achieve an even greater influence on the quality of life in DeKalb County, the board and staff are committing to the following:

ASSET DEVELOPMENT

- Produce clear and compelling marketing about the Community Foundation's mission and services
- Encourage organizations to establish endowment funds to provide a stable revenue source and vehicle for their donors to support them

- Provide professional advisors with information about the Community Foundation and options for charitable funds that their clients can establish

- Attract contributions to CommunityWorks and Administrative Endowment Funds through the Vision for a Thriving Community Campaign as well as the DeKalb County Youth Grantmakers Fund in order to provide greater financial resources to advance our key initiatives

STEWARDSHIP

- Create a Governance Committee to increase the DCCF's organizational and board effectiveness

- Increase communication and interaction with our donors, grantees, and community stakeholders to promote transparency and a greater sense of involvement

GRANTMAKING

- Expand our 'Grants In Action' follow up and evaluation in order to demonstrate the impact of grantmaking

- Support our Youth Engaged in Philanthropy group to develop grant guidelines and an application to facilitate their annual grant awards

- Assess the efficiency and effectiveness of our existing grant programs and make appropriate modifications

- Conduct a proactive grantmaking analysis and decide on future priorities

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Prioritize current community leadership activities and create a decision-making process for future commitments

- Establish a donor education program to connect our community leadership work to donors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2009

Our 21-member volunteer Board of Directors is geographically-representative of DeKalb County.



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Kingston



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DeKalb



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WHAT GIVES

Monthly E-Newsletter

'What Gives' is our e-newsletter that highlights the **Endowments & Donor Services, Stewardship, Grantmaking, and Community Initiatives** of the Community Foundation. To stay up to date on inspiring philanthropy in DeKalb County through your Community Foundation, sign up through our website.

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Staff

Community Foundation staff are here to serve the community by providing the vehicle to reach philanthropic dreams and help maintain a long term source of funding for those doing good in the community.



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Shawn Maxwell
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NEW FUNDS - 2009

Designated

NIU Literacy Clinic Endowment Fund

A permanent endowment fund that helps children and families access high quality literacy services through the NIU Literacy Clinic. The Fund provides an annual payout to the Literacy Clinic to help cover the cost of services for families with limited financial means. The endowment was started by former Clinic Director Dr. Jerry Johns and current Clinic Director Dr. Laurie Elish-Piper out of a desire to connect children in the community with literacy enhancement.



Tim & Susan Dunlop Administrative Endowment Fund

Tim, a DCCF Board Member, and his wife started this endowment fund to support the community leadership activities of the Community Foundation. Through providing a stable source of funds for the Foundation's operating budget, they are building on the capacity of the staff to be proactive in understanding and supporting a variety of needs and issues in DeKalb County.



Pass Through

Peter L. Johnson Tribute Fund

Pete Johnson, a name synonymous with education in Sycamore, has influenced thousands of young people through his teaching and coaching. This fund, started by a group of past students and athletes, honors Pete for his dedication and contributions by collecting funds to erect a statue at Sycamore High School and potentially support scholarships for Sycamore graduates.



Field of Interest

Daniel and Kristal Templin CommunityWorks Endowment Fund

Dan began working for the DeKalb County Community Foundation in 2005, with primary responsibilities including coordinating the CommunityWorks initiative. Through partnership with many people in DeKalb County and the Grand Victoria Foundation, CommunityWorks will improve many lives through its child care, land use, and workforce development strategies. Dan and Kristal are proud to contribute to DeKalb County's quality of life through this fund.

Scholarship

Palmer Family Music Education Scholarship Fund

Dee Palmer, his brother, parents, and grandfather have made significant contributions to music and music education in DeKalb County since the late 1800's. This fund awards annual scholarships to DeKalb County residents who are graduating high school and going on to study for a career in music. Scholarship recipients will be selected by an independent committee each spring under the direction of the Community Foundation.



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