



Community Foundation  
**Challenge Campaign**

Grand Victoria  
Foundation  
Communityworks  
Match



# An Uncommon Challenge

Macon County would be far different without the heritage of private philanthropy. Decatur is a unique community, and few of us would exchange places with residents of other cities in this country.

We now have an extraordinary opportunity to make history with a challenge grant available through the Grand Victoria Foundation of Chicago. We are one of ten Illinois communities eligible for this award. Decatur's Community Foundation will receive up to \$2,000,000 before the end of 2010 if an equal amount is raised.

These combined funds will be a permanent source of support for new and emerging needs in our community, capital campaigns of the future, experimental and innovative ideas of promise, and special one-time projects.

**“W**e have the prospect of receiving funds that are among the most significant, the largest, that this community has ever received for projects like this. This is a chance of a lifetime for Decatur.”

Larry Haab, Chairman  
The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County  
Board of Directors  
2009



“Give me a place to stand, and with a lever I will move the whole world.” - Archimedes



The Community Foundation Challenge Campaign opportunity gives that leverage to all who contribute.

A gift is doubled on the day it is made by a match from the Grand Victoria Foundation.

# Leverage

# Achievement

## **Mission**

Our Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Decatur and Macon County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. Established in 1998, we are one of nearly 650 community foundations across the country and around the world dedicated to improving the quality of life in a particular region.

## **Donors**

Our assets, which total about \$10 million, represent over 150 funds established by local families, individuals and corporations. We offer different kinds of funds structured to accommodate and facilitate giving back to the community in numerous ways.

From our assets, the foundation makes grants to nonprofit groups working in the arts, civic engagement, education, the environment, and health and human services. We give out about \$1 million a year.

## **Decatur Legacy**

We work to strengthen local nonprofits in fundamental ways, by offering a variety of programs to help build their capacity and organizational structure. The Decatur Legacy initiative, which encourages community members to include local nonprofits in their estate planning, is one of these programs.

## **Education Coalition**

We serve as a community resource and a catalyst for community improvement. The Education Coalition is a major initiative of the Community Foundation, organized to help Decatur and Macon County become one of the most educated communities in Illinois. Two previous challenge campaigns have created today's endowed resource of \$3.5m. We will expand our support of the Decatur Area Education Coalition through the 2009 Challenge Campaign and its Grand Victoria Foundation match.

# Guidelines

The Grand Victoria Foundation Challenge Grant will provide a dollar for dollar match of cash gifts, appreciated securities and certain other donated property. A minimum of \$10,000 must be contributed to receive a match. Realized gifts from IRA distributions will also be matched.

Donations and the resultant matching funds will be held permanently for investment by The Community Foundation.

Grants will be made annually in the name of the donors from the investment earnings of the donated funds and their resultant match to support local projects of community improvement.



# Benefit

When donors contribute to the Challenge Campaign in their name, in a family's name, or in the name of a person or organization they wish to honor, distributions from the fund are awarded in perpetuity in that name.

A living legacy is created that serves as a defining statement of community and family values for succeeding generations.

The family or organization will always be remembered and linked to good works in the community.



# Leadership

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