

# Making a world of difference with student scholarships

The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County recently announced the recipients of its 2001 grants, which included cash scholarships to two college freshmen from Decatur who had participated in YMCA Youth Soccer.

Donors set the criteria for every community foundation scholarship, to reflect their interests and goals for assisting young people. Committees for the scholarship funds meet to recommend recipients based on criteria set by the donors.

Donors who establish a scholarship fund can be individuals, families, organizations or businesses. Providing access to education is of vital importance in today's changing world. Scholarship funds provide important assistance to deserving students and are a long-term investment in the community.

Helping students achieve academic excellence and improve the community doesn't require great wealth and isn't complicated. Contributions make a world of difference to students and their families, while providing tax benefits to the donors.

## Visit our website to learn more about establishing a scholarship fund

Information online [www.endowdecatour.org](http://www.endowdecatour.org)

If you are interested in setting up a scholarship or would like to make a donation to an existing scholarship fund, call us at 217 429-3000 or visit our website.

These funds have been created by local donors:

- The Family YMCA Soccer Scholarship Fund
- The St. Patrick's Catholic School Sister Lucy Educational Fund
- The Rotary #180 Endowment Fund
- The Near North Scholarship Fund
- The Broadcasting Scholarship Fund
- Fund for Decatur Schools

*Rebecca Ankrom played soccer in the Decatur YMCA soccer program and for the Eisenhower High School Panthers soccer team. She won a \$500 college scholarship through The Community Foundation when she entered North Central College in Naperville, Illinois this fall, where she plays soccer and majors in Child Psychology and Vocal Performance. What talent!*

In addition to scholarships, grants to these organizations were made this year by The Community Foundation from donor recommendations. Grants and scholarships totaled \$12,150 for 2001.

Baby Talk

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Decatur Memorial Hospital  
Foundation

DOVE

First United Methodist Church

Homeward Bound Pet Shelter

Millikin University Annual Fund

Richard Community College  
Foundation

Salvation Army

United Way of Decatur/Macon  
County

Webster Cantrell Hall

