



**THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of Decatur/Macon County

GIVING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOCUS

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Help do something great

Robinson Youth Awards

The Junior Jets team of the Decatur JFL was undefeated in league play this fall, giving up only one touchdown during the season. On the road, the Jets defeated Springfield, Lincoln, and Farmer City by a combined total of 68 points to 12.

In the league playoffs with an invitation to the Ted Ginn Gridiron Thanksgiving Classic in Cleveland, Ohio at stake, the Jets went 2-0, defeating their opponents by a total of 67 points to 0. Coach Tony Howard applied for a grant from the Lee J. Robinson Award Fund and was awarded a grant to pay for much of the roundtrip bus ride to Cleveland for the 25 team members.

Established by family and friends in memory and honor of Lee J. Robinson, this

award fund helps young people ages 6 to 20 participate in school, sports, recreational, and arts activities. Organizations, coaches, parents, and teachers identify potential recipients and refer them to The Community Foundation by completing a brief application.

Other awards made this year from the Lee J. Robinson Fund provided classes in clay sculpture for members of the Boys and Girls Club of Decatur, fees for United Cerebral Palsy's summer camp, and memberships to the Shemamo Girl Scout Council. Contact The Community Foundation at 429-3000 for additional information or applications.



2006 JR Jets, Decatur JFL

Gift of a Lifetime

A new federal law allows IRA owners to share the wealth of their retirement savings by giving directly to charity—without first counting it as income and paying income tax.

Many people are interested in giving funds accumulated in IRAs to charity, but until now income tax had to be paid on all withdrawals.

A provision in the new federal Pension Protection Act of 2006 creates a new option: transferring IRA assets directly to charity. The gift is not included in the IRA owner's income and—most importantly—is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes. The law covers gifts made this year and next.

As a qualified public charity, The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County can help donors execute the transfers and choose from several charitable fund options for their gift. Donor Advised Funds do not qualify for tax-free IRA transfers. Contact The Community Foundation for a free brochure entitled "The Charitable IRA".