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Meet the Leaders Challenge

Mr. Larry D. Haab, Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation, announced October 10 that a \$2,000,000 challenge grant has been organized to support a five year focus on the three educational objectives of the new Decatur Area Education Coalition.

Thirteen individual donors provided a challenge and incentive for the Leaders Challenge Fund campaign, which was chaired by Kevin Breheny. Together they committed a total of \$1,000,000.

The Archer Daniels Midland Company matched these individual gifts with a second \$1,000,000 challenge, bringing the total amount available to match donations from the public to \$2,000,000.

For every contribution made to the permanent Leaders Challenge Fund from people in the community, the Leaders Fund will make a matching contribution in the ratio of 1:2. A donor's contribution becomes 150% the day it is made.

For brochures describing the Education Coalition and the Leaders Challenge Fund or to donate to the Leaders Fund contact The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County, 125 N. Water St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62523, 217 429-3000, or visit www.endowdecatur.org.



Larry Haab described how one Education Coalition team will focus on preschool, coming up with ways to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn; a second will seek ways to help all students work at grade level; the third will focus on making sure students graduate and that they graduate with the skills and resources to either enter the work force or go to college.

The Decatur Area Education Coalition was launched October 10th by community members and educational leaders from The Community Foundation, the Greater Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Public Schools, Millikin University, and Richland Community College. This is a new project focused on achieving the highest educational goal for the betterment of our community – making Decatur and Macon County one of the most educated communities in Illinois .

- The Education Coalition will be a community support organization, recruiting a Coalition Steering Committee and a Community Roundtable and hiring a coalition Project Manager.
- Improvement Teams will be recruited to address these and other vision statements:
 - Every child is ready for kindergarten.
 - Every child masters grade level work.
 - Every student graduates from high school with necessary skills and resources for job or college.
- Representatives of existing community plans and institutions will meet to align resources and efforts so that all efforts are focused on achieving agreed-upon community outcomes.
- An Education Roundtable will serve as a network to bring insights and linkages from throughout the community, initiating public discussions on services, evaluation, data collection, and communications.

The Community Foundation Memorial Fund received contributions in memory or honor of the following people:

In Memory of

Leroy Barger	Bob Litz
Clyde J. Beck	Bob Lloyd
James G. Beck	Andre Lovelace
Stu Black	Harold Lovelace
Rocky Bloemker	Norma Mahone
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In Honor of

Darrell Beck
 Matthew Beck
 Natalie Beck
 Dr. Esparaz & CCSCI Staff
 Father Jeff Grant
 Mac McPherson
 June Roby

You can make donations to any of these funds held by The Community Foundation, or start a fund of your own.

Decatur Area Education Coalition/Leaders Challenge

Arts/Culture

- Anne Lloyd Endowment for the Decatur Arts Center
- Blue Connection Fund
- Children's Museum of Illinois Fund
- Lincoln Square Theater Endowment
- Theatre 7 Endowment

Community Development

- Community Foundation Operating Endowment
- Community Works Endowment
- Decatur Police Foundation
- Decatur Earthmover Credit Union Fund
- Habitat for Humanity Endowment

Conservation/Environment

- Governor Oglesby Mansion Endowment
- Illinois Raptor Center Endowment
- Homeward Bound Animal Shelter Fund
- Macon County Animal Shelter Endowment
- Macon County Conservation Endowment Fund
- Rock Springs Endowment
- Sun-Star Botanical Garden Endowment

Education

- Decatur High School Class of 1927 Scholarship
- Early Childhood Fund
- Howard Brown Endowment for Futures Unlimited School
- Ivens Memorial Scholarship Fund
- James W. Thomas Scholarship Fund
- John Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
- John Leman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kiwanis Golden K Scholarship
- MacArthur Lady Generals Award
- Mac McPherson Scholarship Fund

- Mt. Zion Schools Foundation Fund
- Noon Kiwanis Builders Scholarship
- Rose Romano Oyler Scholarship for St. Patrick School
- St. Teresa High School Fund
- Sister Lucy Educational Fund for St. Patrick School
- Victory Pharmacy Scholarship Fund
- Walter Kirby Scholarships
- Robert Witt Scholarship
- Michael E. Shampine Scholarship Fund
- WSOY Merrill and Sis Lindsay Scholarship
- YMCA Soccer Scholarship Fund

Health

- Cancer Care Specialists of Central IL Charitable Fund
- Endowment for Planned Parenthood of Decatur
- Jack and Olive Langsdorf Fund for St. Mary's Hospital Senior Services

Social Services

- Central Christian Church Endowment Fund
- DMCOC Endowment Fund
- Easter Seals of Central IL Endowment
- God's Shelter of Love Endowment
- Peck Johnston Disaster Relief Fund
- United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois Endowment
- Warm Neighbors Fund

Youth

- Boys and Girls Club of Decatur Endowment
- Decatur Family YMCA Fund
- Lincoln Trails Boy Scouts Fund
- Lee J. Robinson Award Fund
- Shemamo Girl Scout Council Endowment
- Rodney Miller Triathlon Fund
- Webster Cantrell Endowment Fund

A Leaders Fund Matcher



After a thirty year career in obstetrics and gynecology in Decatur, Dr. Betsy Herald retired in 2004. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, she has made Decatur her home, and can't imagine living any place else.

During her tenure, she delivered over 3,000 babies.

In the early 1980's, Dr. Herald began working at Webster Cantrell Hall one day a month, then became the Medical Director. She joined the Board of Directors and was Board President in 2006. She is a volunteer in the office at St. James Church and is one of the Leaders Givers for the Leaders Challenge at The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. To sum up her years in Decatur she says, "Life has been good!"

A Leaders Fund Match

A Decatur couple started a charitable fund in The Community Foundation in November with a donation of \$50,000, which will be matched by the Leaders Fund with an additional \$25,000. The resulting \$75,000 will be invested with other donations, and earnings from the investments will be used to make grants in the donors' name to local projects that meet Education Coalition objectives. The Education Coalition will connect and enrich what is already offered community-wide.

For example, one Education Coalition objective is that all students master grade level work. Many local children who need extra help after school can't get it because they don't have a ride home after the school bus leaves. The issue of trans-

portation for after-school tutoring programs, such as the one run by Project Success in Decatur grade schools, could be addressed through this family fund.



Match Eligibility

Many people who make annual gifts to help their favorite charities also make major gifts at special times for more permanent purposes.

Donors who wish to make a permanent gift qualifying for a match from the Leaders Fund Challenge may create a Named Fund or add to existing funds, with minimum gifts of \$10,000. Their gifts will be matched 1:2 by the challenge match.

Donors may select to support one or all of the Education Coalition vision statements described on page one.

Leaders Matching Fund Contributors

Larry and Dee Altenbaumer
Kevin and Sue Breheny
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Henry and Vi Staley
Dr. and Mrs. James Wade

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Leaders Fund Campaign Chairman

Kevin Breheny



A panel discussion on "Education and Our Future" kicked off the Education Coalition; panelists were Gloria Davis, Decatur Public Schools Superintendent; Doug Zemke, Millikin University President; Gayle Saunders, Richland Community College President.



In the spirit of
the Holiday Season
a contribution
has been made
in your honor to

The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County.

It carries with it the wish for health, happiness,
and peace for you in the New Year.

Here is a gift idea for the holidays. Make a gift to The Community Foundation in honor of family, friends, business associates, or customers. Notify them with a holiday card like this one, available at no charge from The Community Foundation office, 125 North Water, Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62523. 217/429-3000.



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