

Howard Brown Endowment for Futures

Howard Brown returned to the Futures Unlimited in downtown Decatur on May 8, exactly 25 years after it opened its doors. As the school's founder, he was honored at the school's 25-year anniversary celebration by a group of donors who announced the creation of the Howard E. Brown Endowment Fund for Futures Unlimited School.



Here is what school representatives said about Howard: "Twenty-five years ago Howard Brown had a vision. Mr. Brown saw a need to give young people in our community a second chance at success. Through his efforts as Regional Superintendent of Schools, Futures Unlimited was created. His vision and dedication have touched thousands of young men and women and helped make our community a better place. The Howard E. Brown Endowment Fund has been established in recognition of his lifetime of contributions."

Futures Unlimited serves students who are at significant risk of dropping out of school. Today, Futures offers a complete high school curriculum and a middle school program and serves about 150 students per year. Donations to The Howard E. Brown Endowment Fund are matched by the ADM Community Foundation Challenge and will help ensure continual funding for Futures Unlimited.



Making gifts to local organizations in a will or estate plan is easier than many people think. It all starts with a call to a

financial or legal advisor. Every dollar left helps make life better for family, friends, or neighbors.

The organizations listed on the last page of this newsletter are working together to encourage people in Decatur to "Do more than just make a will, do something great." Their representatives will gather at noon on June 17 at Richland Community College for a Leave A Legacy summit meeting. Randy Fox, President of the National Association of Family Wealth Counselors, will present a program on wealth management and charitable giving. If you would like to attend, make a reservation by calling 429-3000.

Do Something Great: Ten Ways

- Prepare a will. Fewer than 50% of those who pass away have a will.
- Leave a gift in your will for the nonprofit and charitable organizations that made a difference in your life. Less than 5% of American household have included nonprofits in an estate plan. Imagining the positive impact on Decatur if everyone made a donation to a favorite origination.
- Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your will to a nonprofit of your choice.
- Consider various assets for your charitable gift, like savings bonds, stocks, bonds, CD's, real estate. Such gifts may even provide tax savings.
- Name your favorite nonprofit as the beneficiary of your pension or IRA.
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming your favorite nonprofit as the beneficiary.
- Name your favorite nonprofit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance or annuity contract.
- Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
- Encourage family and friends to arrange for bequests in their will.
- Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as part of counsel to clients.