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Community foundations encourage corporations making charitable gifts to establish corporate advised funds. The company can find in the donor advised or field of interest funds a vehicle for financial managing and reporting, grant making, and recognition.

Corporations can serve as a donor-advisor for a fixed number of years, with the option of extending that period depending on the ongoing interest of the company. Or the privilege of making recommendations regarding distributions from the donor-advised fund, unless sooner relinquished by the donors, can continue as long as the corporation is doing business.

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Earthmover Credit Union Creates Communityworks Endowment

A CORPORATE FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

The Board of Directors of Decatur Earthmover Credit Union announced on January 27, 2006, that in celebration of its 50th year in Decatur the organization has created the Earthmover Communityworks Endowment Fund at The Community Foundation.

According to Dave Walker, Earthmover Credit Union President, "For fifty years now our credit union has worked to improve our community. With our new endowment fund, we are investing in a new way in our community's future."

Decatur Earthmover Credit Union's history began on February 6, 1956, when a handful of employees at the new Decatur Caterpillar plant pooled their money to form the Decatur Caterpillar Employees Credit Union. Fifty years later, this not-for-profit, financial cooperative has grown to almost \$240 million in assets with over 26,000 members and four locations. Its purpose was, and still is, to make affordable loans to members, as well as to provide a safe place to save money.

To celebrate this purpose and history, the organization made a donation to the Communityworks fund of \$1000 for every year of operation. The initial gift of \$50,000 and a matching grant of equal value from the Grand Victoria Foundation of Chicago, Illinois, will be invested to generate income for grants to area nonprofits in the areas of child care, workforce development, and land use and preservation.

Decatur Earthmover staff and board members will serve with other community representatives to review grant proposals and make distributions to projects in these areas beginning in September.

Earthmover Credit Union's leadership in launching the Earthmover Communityworks Endowment demonstrates support for The

Community Foundation's purpose, which is to establish a permanent charitable trust fund for the Decatur community.

Working to increase local philanthropy and build the community's permanent charitable capital, The Foundation has accumulated approximately \$4,700,000 in permanent assets and made \$1,000,000 in grants to local nonprofits.

Grand Victoria Foundation, matching grants to the Communityworks Endowment, is a private foundation created by Hyatt Development Corporation and Mandalay Resort Group, owners and operators of the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin, Illinois. Grand Victoria



Earthmover Credit Union Chairman of the Board John Smith, Marketing Director Karen Woods, President Dave Walker

Foundation's grant making program focuses on education, economic development and the environment with special emphasis on child care, workforce development, and land use and protection through its Communityworks program with community foundations in Illinois.

Credit union members and others can make contributions at any Earthmover Credit Union facility or through The Community Foundation.

THE SWINFORD FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

A DONOR ADVISED FUND

By Marilyn Metzger

Troy Swinford was born in Havana, Illinois. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1976 he came to Decatur and worked for Murphy, Jenne, and Jones, which later went through several mergers.



Now Troy is a CPA at BKD, LLP.

On August 29, 1989 Troy married Patti Rath, who had also worked at Murphy, Jenne, and Jones. They have four children. Patti was PTA treasurer at Stevenson Elementary School; now the children attend Parsons School. She is a seamstress and makes some of the children's clothing.

When Troy came to Decatur he found nothing but good things here. He said he could have chosen to go to a large metropolitan area, but said, "No, that's not for me." Though this community, like any other, has its problems, he enjoys it here. He has a great job and highly recommends Decatur to others. He says, "Decatur is not St. Louis, Chicago, or Minneapolis, but large enough for good opportunities."

Troy and Patti are both active in the community. Patti helps with dinner downtown for the homeless. The family has supported Northwest Baseball and many building projects such as the YMCA, Easter Seals, Decatur Arts Council and The Little Theatre. Troy is a member of the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. They have also supported the American Cancer Society where Troy has served on the board, and the Boys and Girls Club, where he has served as treasurer. They are active in the First United Methodist Church where Troy serves as a member of the Pastor Parish Committee. The Swinfords actively support the University of Illinois, as Troy wants to give back to his alma mater.

The Swinfords feel that their children should learn philanthropy at an early age, and they have made this a family affair by setting up the Swinford Family Fund at The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. Each year in the late fall they take one evening, go out for a special dinner, and as a family discuss local organizations they want to make a donation to. They talk about the homeless, elderly, medical facilities, and agencies supporting kids.

The two older children decided last year that a donation should be made to Oasis. The Boys and Girls Club is their choice for 2006. Troy says they have the concept of giving down pat, and he has been surprised and pleased at their understanding and their choices.

Marilyn Metzger is writing a history of the 97 funds held by The Community Foundation to be published late in 2006. Marilyn has worked at The Community Foundation in the business office since 2002.



THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DECATUR FUND

A DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND

By Marilyn Metzger

A group of concerned citizens, businessmen, social workers, attorneys, ministers, and law enforcement officers were led by John L. Howie, founder of Grigoleit Company, forming a steering committee that led to the organization of the Decatur Boys Club in 1972.



Richard Koehler was hired to be the first Executive Director on February 1, 1974. The building they used was a converted garage at 863 E. Leafland. By January 1974 the renovations of this garage were completed and the empty building now consisted of two offices, a craft room, a library, a games room, and a physical education room for the boys.

Working in the original facility, Walter E. Smith (Walt) became the fourth Executive Director. Walt was a 1969 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and went on to graduate from Illinois State University, then worked for the Bloomington Parks and Recreation District for eight years before coming to the Boys Club.

The Club provides quality youth programs and activities to boys and girls between the ages of seven and seventeen. The girls' program was established in 1975. Also that year the Club became a member agency of the United Way of Decatur and Macon County. The goal of the Club is "to enhance the quality of life of youths of all backgrounds, with special concern for the disadvantage; and to develop the necessary qualities for such youth to become responsible citizens and leaders."

In 1979 Walt Smith left Decatur to work for the Department of Corrections in Hillsboro, Illinois. Fortunately for Decatur, he returned in 1982 to continue working as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, bringing back home his enthusiastic attitude and innovative ideas.

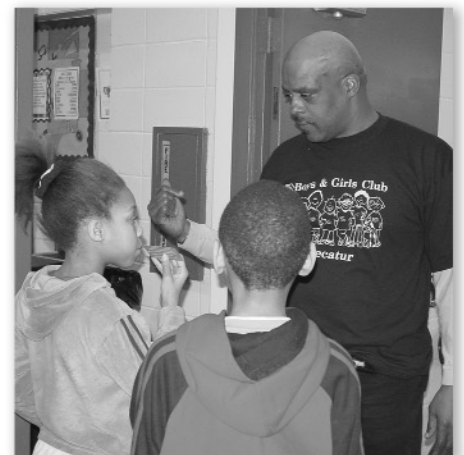
In the fall of 1983, after a successful \$1.3 million fund raising campaign, The Boys and Girls Club moved to its newly constructed, 15,000 square foot facility, at 859 N. Jasper St. "If you build it, they will come," came true; the Club membership grew from 320 boys and girls to over 1,000 members by 1985.

With quiet intensity, Walt proudly tells about a few of the successful youths who have been members of the Boys and Girls Club of Decatur. Mahan Washington, club Youth of the Year in the early 90's, wanted to be a good, professional boxer. He showed leadership skills and was a good goal setter and became a five time Illinois Golden Glove Champion. He now lives and works in Las Vegas.

David Lee, a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Decatur, went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University and returned to Decatur to do an internship in architecture at BLDD Architects, Inc.

Antonio Burton, Youth of the Year in 2001 and 2002, was honored for "Respect, Expression, Honor, Leadership, and Getting Along with People." Antonio was presented the plaque for Youth of the Year at the 30th Anniversary Dinner and Meeting of the Boys and Girls Club on November 23, 2002.

The Boys and Girls Club of Decatur receives the majority of its funds from the United Way. They receive some money from grants, and the rest is from donations from businesses and individuals. It was a Board decision early in 2003 to join The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County to be connected with a pool of funds that would grow and continue to provide income to the Club for years to come. The Boys and Girls Club of Decatur Endowment has grown through a series of gifts from the Douglas J. Schmalz family and matching grants from the ADM Foundation. Income from the fund is used to help pay the Club's operating expenses. Contributions can be made to the endowment either through the Boys and Girls Club at P.O. Box 744, Decatur, IL 62525, or The Community Foundation.



Walt Smith has been Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Decatur since 1982.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds work much like a private foundation and take little time to create. They can lower current taxes and provide for future giving.

Donors who establish donor advised funds recommend grants to nonprofit organizations of their choice and may designate a successor generation of advisors to carry on their philanthropic tradition.

Donor Advised Funds may be either endowed or expendable. An endowment is a permanent fund that makes annual grant distributions from a percentage of the fund's assets in perpetuity. An expendable fund may make unlimited grant distributions. To the right is a list of the Donor Advised Funds currently held by The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County.

TO SET UP A DONOR ADVISED FUND

Steps:

1. Fill out a Donor Advised Fund agreement and name the fund.
2. Make the charitable donation or bequest.
3. Recommend grants to charities on any timetable.

Donor receives:

1. A written confirmation for each grant and contribution.
2. A quarterly summary of activity.
3. A single form for tax records

Forms are available on www.endowdecatatur.org or from the office of The Community Foundation, 429-3000.



"There are lots of ways to invest in a community, and nothing is as lasting or as beneficial to our community's well being as setting aside a significant amount of money that can be used over time to pay for special charitable projects that make a difference. Fifty years from now this fund

will still be giving back to the community," says Dave Wilhour. Dave is retired from Caterpillar and has served on the Earthmover Credit Union Board of Directors for about 35 years. It was his idea to kick off the credit union's 50-year anniversary celebration by starting a corporate charitable fund.

FAMILY DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Darrell and Ursula Beck Charitable Funds
Dr. Robert H. Fischer Memorial Fund
David and Karen Frahlman Charitable Fund
Robert E. Lloyd Charitable Fund
Denny and Becky Lohnes Charitable Funds
Emmy Lou Moore Memorial Fund
Leo and Anne Pondelick Fund
Richard and Joyce Reeves Fund
Schmalz Charitable Funds
Snoeyenbos Charitable Funds
Sparks Charitable Funds
Swinford Family Fund
Frank C. Tyrolt Fund

CORPORATE DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

BKD LLP Charitable Fund
Cancer Care Specialists Charitable Fund
Lloyd "Peck" Johnston Wit Co. Fund
Samuels Miller Charitable Fund



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