



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

GIVING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

# THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOCUS

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## May is a month for remembering

*A Decatur Legacy meeting will be held at noon on June 12 at Millikin University to discuss ways to encourage testamentary gifts to Decatur endowments, charities, hospitals, and colleges. For more information call 429-3000.*



Making a memorial gift is a good way to thoughtfully remember family members and friends. Many people have created endowment funds in the name of others through The Community Foundation. Annual distributions from the funds are made in the name of the persons memorialized.

For example, Joanne Sly started the Thomas S. Sly Memorial Communityworks Fund in her husband Tom's memory at The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. Joanne states, "Tom was dedicated to and supported Decatur and this would mean so much to him."

Thomas Sly was a Decatur native who studied engineering in college before he joined the Army during World War II. He finished his schooling at Millikin University with a degree in business and went to law school at the University of Illinois. While he was going to school there he participated in building a house. He always loved construction work and carpentry. The first grant made from Thomas Sly Memorial Fund went to the Decatur Area Technical Academy for Adult Education Construction classes. Tom Sly was a partner in the Samuels Miller Schroeder Jackson and Sly law firm.

Money donated to establish the Tom Sly Communityworks Fund was matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant that doubled the size of the fund. The Community Foundation has over \$3,000,000 in challenge grants available for many types of donations. Call 429-3000 for more information.



*Thomas S. Sly*

### Spring distributions from Community Foundation Memorial Funds include:

- *George and Rich Glasscock Memorial Award*
  - ♦ Cash award to outstanding Millikin biology student
- *Eloise Ivans Fund*
  - ♦ Cash award to an elementary school teacher
- *Jack and Olive Langsdorf Fund*
  - ♦ Gift to St. Mary's Hospital for senior services
- *Sean and Lee Robinson Memorial Funds*
  - ♦ Developmentally disabled campers attend UCP camp
  - ♦ Professional tutoring at Salem Baptist Church
- *Lindsay Marie Sparks Fund*
  - ♦ Gifts to Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church
- *Charles Turner Award Fund*
  - ♦ Cash award to outstanding St. Teresa chemistry student

### Spring Memorial Scholarships:

- L. Mark Hanover Scholarship
- Walter and Inabell Kirby Scholarship
- Merrill Lindsay Broadcast Scholarship
- John Lemans Summer Music Scholarship
- Susan Swanson Scholarship
- Jim W. Thomas Scholarship
- Robert F. Tomlinson and Juanita Tomlinson Gates Music Scholarship for Millikin
- Robert G. Turner Scholarship
- Verne E. Roby and June L. Roby Tabor School Scholarship
- Coach Robert L Witt Scholarship for outstanding athlete