



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Good Time to Give Stock

A donor to one of the designated funds in The Community Foundation has given over \$31,000 in appreciated stock over a 5 year period, and his actual cost was only \$2886.

This was done by donating from 8 to 120 shares of appreciated stock of 16 different companies, held by the donor for over 1 year. The actual cost of the \$31,000 donation was reduced to \$2886 by:

- the appreciation of the stock over the original price;
- the federal capital gains tax that was avoided, and saved, by donating the appreciated stock to charity;
- the state tax savings by not having to report a capital gain on the stock;
- the charitable tax deduction declared on federal income tax for the stock donated to charity.

This donor states, "If everyone did just a little bit, it would make a big, big difference. You don't have to give thousands of shares to make a difference."

Giving stock through a community foundation is popular among a range of givers – individual investors, families, entrepreneurs, and even groups of friends who have formed investment clubs. For more information, ask your financial advisor or contact The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County, 429-3000.

A Happy Founders Day



Leo and Anne Pondelick started a Donor Advised Fund at The Community Foundation to benefit their favorite local nonprofit organizations. When Leo learned about Founders Day, he made plans to bring his Leo Pondel Trio to the celebration.

Founders Day Message

The Community Foundation observed its Founders Day on October 27, 2004 by presenting a financial report to the community. Two years ago, The Community Foundation began a capital fund drive with the goal of raising \$3 million to create a permanent charitable investment fund. The purpose of the permanent fund is to provide a consistent and reliable source of revenue to charitable organizations throughout Macon County.

At that time, Mr. G. Allen Andreas announced that the ADM Foundation would provide a \$1,000,000 challenge and incentive for the campaign. The

ADM Foundation pledged to make a matching contribution of \$1 for every \$2 dollars contributed, up to \$1,000,000.

In the two years since that announcement, the Community Foundation permanent fund has grown to \$3,328,215.

One challenge met; another begins

At the end of this year the ADM Challenge will be complete, so a new drive to meet a matching grant challenge from the Grand Victoria Foundation of Elgin, Illinois has begun.

The Grand Victoria challenge grant will create a Communityworks Endowment, to focus on support for projects in the areas of childcare, workforce development, and land use and preservation.

The Grand Victoria Foundation will match all local donations to the Communityworks Endowment up to \$225,000.

Past and Future

Macon County would have been far different without the heritage of private philanthropy. Recognizing the vital role which giving has played in the history of the county, The Foundation was organized to provide the community with the

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

Arts/Culture

- Anne Lloyd Endowment/Decatur Arts Center
- Children's Museum of IL Fund
- Lincoln Square Theater Endowment

Community Development

- Community Foundation General Fund
- Rotary #180 Charitable Fund
- Communityworks Endowment

Conservation/Environment/Animals

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

Education

- Fund for Decatur Schools
- Howard Brown Endowment/Futures Unlimited
- Mt. Zion Schools Foundation Fund

Health

- Cancer Care Specialists of Central IL/Charitable Fund
- Jack and Olive Langsdorf Fund/St. Mary's Hospital Senior Services

Scholarships

- Larry Altenbaumer Scholarship
- Decatur Housing Scholarship Fund
- Walter Kirby Scholarships
- Noon Kiwanis Builders Scholarship
- Robert G. Turner Scholarship
- St. Patrick Catholic School/Sister Lucy Scholarship Fund
- YMCA Soccer Scholarship
- Victory Pharmacy Scholarship

Social Services

- Central Christian Church Endowment
- DMCOC Endowment Fund
- Endowment for Planned Parenthood/Decatur
- God's Shelter of Love Endowment
- United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois/Endowment

Youth

- Boys and Girls Club of Decatur/Endowment
- Decatur Family YMCA Fund
- Lincoln Trails Boy Scouts Fund
- Webster Cantrell Agency Fund

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capital base is must have to perpetuate this heritage. Now that the goal of \$3,000,000 has been reached, The Community Foundation will pursue a longer-term program to attain assets of \$10 million by the end of this decade.

Communityworks Challenge Grant begins

Bruce Nims of Decatur will chair a local Communityworks Advisory Committee to bring a variety of local groups together to explore and identify where Communityworks grants will offer the most benefit.

Bruce Nims, Communityworks Chairman



Quin Frazier, Wealth Planning & Philanthropy Group, Gardner Carton & Douglas, presented a program on Cutting Edge Charitable Planning for non-profit executives and financial and legal professionals on Community Foundation Founders Day. Quin is pictured here with Kathy Merner, Executive Director of the Macon County Conservation District.

_____ I will donate \$_____ for the Funds indicated with a check mark by the name on the list, or

_____ I would like my gift to be used in the following way(s):

- As an unrestricted contribution.
- To endow an annual gift to the following organization(s): _____
- To create or add to a fund in my family's name. As Memorial Gift.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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