



**THE COMMUNITY
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Do Something Great Awards

Presented by Decatur Legacy

The Decatur Legacy group of area nonprofit organizations presented five Do Something Great Awards in August at the group's annual Legacy Luncheon for Professionals. Decatur Legacy is a group of 54 local nonprofit groups and eighteen professional firms working together to encourage local philanthropy and charitable bequests. The Do Something Great Awards recognize outstanding contributions in service or philanthropy. The winners were:

- Ramona Borders, nominated by Scoville Zoo, has been a significant supporter and donor to the Decatur zoo for over 15 years. With her help as a volunteer and a donor the zoo has added an animal contact area, and improved the complex entry, the bald eagle exhibit and the animal care building. She has purchased many animals including the female Bactrian camel.
- Dick Dechert, nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Decatur, has been involved with BBBS since 1992. He has served as a board member and fund raising chair, and last November, with his wife Marilyn became one of the first major contributors to the Dream Big Fundraising Breakfast for BBBS.
- Dr. Nick Vlachos' spirit of generosity made it possible this past spring for Decatur to be a site of an international art exhibit showcasing the work of French symbolist Eugene Carriere. Nominated for the Do Something Great award by the Decatur Area Arts Council, Dr. Vlachos contributed both his private collection and financial support for the exhibit. Dr. Vlachos' efforts have multiplied into a city-wide movement to create an annual International Arts Experience each summer.



Do Something Great Award winner Ramona Borders was nominated by her son Mike Borders, Director of the Scoville Zoo.

- Dr. Clarence and Adele Glenn were nominated for Doing Something Great by Millikin University. They have supported construction projects including the Perkinson Music Center and the Albert Taylor Theatre, provided scholarships, funded programs for international study for students and faculty, and established an emergency fund to help students who encounter hardship. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn have impacted every aspect of life at Millikin.
- T. G. Bolen is an attorney with the firm of Bolen Robinson and Ellis. His work with many clients has impacted philanthropy in this community and has especially benefited Millikin University, his nominator. According to Millikin Vice President for Development Peg Luy, "He is one of the best estate planning attorneys with whom I have worked and is a wonderful liaison between the organization and the donor, helping both to accomplish their goals."

Fall into success

OCT 3 & 10
Building Better Boards
Millikin University, Decatur

OCT 3
Parallels Between Grant Writing and Planned Giving: 4 Basic Steps
Bloomington

OCT 4
Proposal Planning and Writing Workshop, Decatur

OCT 31 through NOV 2
Fund Raising for Small Nonprofits, Mattoon

Educational opportunities abound this fall for board members, executive directors, and managers of nonprofit organizations. The Millikin University Tabor Center for Entrepreneurship will repeat the Bruce Nims workshop on Board Governance for Non Profits. Lynn Miner from Marquette University in Milwaukee will return to Central Illinois to present sessions on grant writing and planned giving. The Lumpkin Family Foundation will bring the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University's course on fund raising back to Sarah Bush Hospital in Mattoon.

Each of these programs has received the highest possible evaluation by Central Illinois participants. Each event has been priced below cost in order to give everybody a chance to take part. For brochures describing each session call 429-3000 or visit www.endowdecatur.org. To contact the Millikin University Center for Entrepreneurship call 424-6296.