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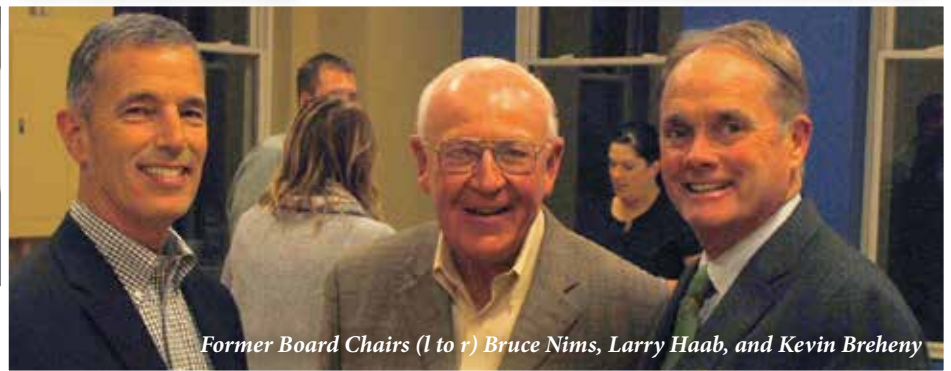
*Susie and
Dave Marshall*



Bob Walker and Sue Pilling



John Stremsterfer and Dani Craft



Former Board Chairs (l to r) Bruce Nims, Larry Haab, and Kevin Breheny

*Reminiscing, Appreciating,
And Looking Ahead . . .*

The Community Foundation Of Macon County Celebrates A Grown-Up “Happy Fifteenth”

It takes a village to build a successful community foundation, and on Thursday, October 15, close to 100 “architects” — major donors, fund advisors, founding leaders, and current and past board members — gathered on the third floor of The Madden Arts Center to celebrate The Community Foundation of Macon County’s 15th anniversary.

“Turning fifteen is a pretty big deal,” said The Community Foundation President Wegi Stewart in her welcoming remarks. “We broke through the \$30 million mark in assets this year; that’s pretty grown up for a community foundation.” Stewart also introduced featured speaker John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, Springfield.

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From the President Celebrating philanthropy. We've done plenty of that lately.

At the annual *Do Something Great* summer luncheon, Decatur Legacy members and guests celebrated several local benefactors who have

made a lasting impression on our community through their philanthropic support of organizations they love. The Community Foundation recently celebrated its 15th anniversary by hosting a reception with our many fund advisors, major donors and leaders past and present. And once again this year, Decatur celebrated another hugely successful Community Food Drive, breaking through an ever-increasing goal and providing food for our neediest families all year long. That's a lot of celebrating. In fact, Decatur's hallmark could be "Celebrating Our Generosity."

In the coming weeks, there will be more opportunities to celebrate our generosity. At least a dozen local organizations plan to conduct robust "Giving Tuesday" campaigns. Be on the lookout for #ILGive (read: I'll Give) messages on Facebook and other social media. This is your chance to participate in the growing circle of donors who use technology to make gifts to their favorite causes and charities. Be brave. Take the plunge, and join the fun. #ILGive!

Perhaps you are looking for a new way to observe the season of giving this year. If you're struggling with what to give that special someone who has everything, consider making a charitable gift in his or her honor. So many of us have all the gloves and slippers we could ever want or wear. Being honored with a charitable gift that will make someone else's life better is heartwarming and fulfilling.

As the season of giving approaches, whatever you do, however you do it, be generous and celebrate!

Happy holidays,
Wegi Stewart

Happy Fifteenth, *continued*

Tears and cheers accompanied the anniversary celebration's highlight: Launch of the Lucy Murphy Philanthropy Award, which was presented to Doug Schmalz, former chief financial officer at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and founding Board member.



Lucy Murphy and Doug Schmalz

"Doug is helpful, powerful, generous — a leader, planner, and giver. He has set a good standard for so many people here in this room."

– Lucy Murphy, Founding President



Lisa Holder White and Kathy Locke

"As we have grown over the years, it is evident that people who have lived in and loved Decatur and Macon County want to give back and take care of the town that provided the place and the setting for them to fully enjoy their lives, their work, and their families."

– Kathy Locke, Board Chair



Ann and Larry Haab



Drs. Perry Guaglianone and Mary McGrath

"A lot of people put this thing together, and it's been good."

– Doug Schmalz, founding Board member and recipient of the Lucy Murphy Philanthropy Award



Kim Robinson, center, celebrates with family and friends



Susan and Mark Avery with their grandsons



Dr. Roy Tsuda, Paul Marien, and Kim Tsuda



Dr. Joseph Schrodt, center, with Tanya Andricks and Ardath Schrodt



David Rathje, Sr., center, with son David Rathje, Jr. and daughter Kelly Rathje Brandon

Award Winners Distinguished By Good Deeds And Great Generosity

Recipients of the 2015 “Do Something Great” awards exemplify the impact that results when passion and generosity connect with vision and action.

And although their range of influence spans healthcare, conservation, education, and social services, each of the eight local philanthropists honored at the Tuesday, August 13, Decatur Legacy annual awards luncheon spoke of community pride, commitment, and the conviction that giving is its own reward.

Recognized were:

- Dr. Joe Schrodt, nominated by Crossing Healthcare;
- Retired Decatur businessman Dave Rathje, nominated by Millikin University;
- Susan and Mark Avery, nominated by The Community Foundation;
- Dr. Roy and Kim Tsuda, nominated by the Macon County Conservation Foundation;
- Jon and Kim Robinson, nominated by St. Mary’s Hospital.

(This year’s Do Something Great annual awards luncheon was sponsored by the Brechnitz Group of Raymond James.)

An affiliation of charitable organizations and attorneys, accountants, and financial advisors, Decatur Legacy promotes legacy giving in our community through education of donors and prospective donors, along with an annual advertising campaign. The Community Foundation acts as the administrator of Decatur Legacy.

In Other Words . . .

By telling his audience that it was a “non displeasure” to be with them, and adding that he grew up in a “non big city,” and was married to a “non un-pretty” wife, Eric Weinheimer, president and CEO of Donors Forum and the featured speaker at this summer’s “Do Something Great” awards luncheon, made his point about semantics in the non-profit sector.

“Why do we call ourselves by what we’re not?” Weinheimer challenged, referring to the label, ‘non-profit.’ “Because what we are is the backbone of a civil society and thriving economy.

“We’re environmentalists, artists, healthcare advocates, and educators. We do the work that needs to be done, and it makes no sense to call us by what we’re not.”

Weinheimer, who described himself as a person driven by mission, urged attendees to refer to themselves as social impact or social purpose organizations.

“When you tell someone you work for a non-profit, it conjures a puppy dog look,” he said. “The current trend is not about an organization’s tax status, but rather it’s all about mission and purpose.”



Karla Miller: Making A Difference Matters

New board of directors member Karla Miller looks forward to sharing her perspective, creativity, and strategic thinking with The Community Foundation's team.

"What drew me to The Community Foundation was the opportunity to do what I could to make our community great," says Miller, who joined Hickory Point Bank in February 2015 as director of marketing. "I also appreciate that The Community Foundation connects donors and volunteers to solve problems, and takes a proactive approach to getting things done."

Director and founder of the annual Rodney T. Miller triathlon — which memorializes her husband, an Illinois State Trooper who lost his life in the line of duty — Miller also directs proceeds from the event to the Rodney T. Miller Fund through The Community Foundation.

"Rodney was a gifted athlete who loved kids," says Miller, whose sons Daley and Zach participate in the annual triathlon. "This fund is a wonderful way to keep spreading the joy that was the very essence of Rodney."

REFLECTIONS Past and Present



When established in November 2003 by local philanthropist Bob Lloyd in honor of his late wife, Anne, the Anne Lloyd

Endowment Fund for the Decatur Arts Center (later renamed the Madden Arts Center) was among the single largest donor gifts entrusted to The Community Foundation. In addition to being magnanimous, this Fund came straight from the heart: "When the Anne Lloyd Gallery became his very loving 'gift' to her, I could see that it gave dad tremendous peace and joy," said his daughter Carol Jaeger.

Today, this endowment fund reflects Bob's wishes to support the Madden Art Center's Anne Lloyd Gallery in perpetuity.

"My parents lived a generous life, and in their eyes they were on the receiving end," Carol said. "Giving to the hometown they were so fond of gave Dad all the happiness he could hope for."

*Anne Lloyd Endowment Fund | Est. 2003
The Community Foundation*



"At the time I helped establish The Community Foundation, I had two major concerns: Charitable organizations often didn't

have the time or expertise to meet the fiduciary responsibilities of managing their cash and investments; and, in managing corporate giving, there were no charitable priorities being established for the community's needs. I felt the Foundation's mission addressed both issues.

"Combining excellent Board members with stellar and extremely qualified management has led The Foundation to a funded level that significantly impacts Decatur's philanthropic life. It's a win-win for everyone in our community."

*Doug Schmalz | Founding Board Member
The Community Foundation*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Beginning July 24, 2015

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| Rilla Lorraine Dobson Albert | Mike "Tuna" McElroy |
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| Mickie Z. Alwerdt | Sarah L Metzger |
| Melissa "Missy" Auton Ford | Frances J. Minton |
| Justin Baker | Mary L. Moore |
| Pauline Batman | Mike Queary |
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| Bill Case | Gary Rutherford |
| James W. Cheshier | Tony Samuelson |
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| Horace G. Livingston, Jr. | Matthew Yelovich |
| Judy Mason | |

HONOR GIFTS

Beginning July 24, 2015

The Community Foundation's 15th Anniversary



Members of Gather. Give. Share. (G.G.S.) presented a \$250 donation to the WSOY Community Food Drive on Friday, October 9. Haley Vemmer and Olivia Brewer also represented the G.G.S. team on the air with WSOY to explain the group's purpose. Founded in 2013, G.G. S. is a giving circle comprised of Macon County teens.

Collective Impact At Work . . . Little Lessons Support Big Strides



A total of 127 Decatur area kindergartners stepped into their classrooms with an air of confidence this fall, thanks to a pilot pre-K program that tackled everything from opening a milk carton to respecting the feelings of fellow classmates.

Introduced to six Decatur daycare centers in July and August, “Second Step” is designed to address social and emotional skills and to remove barriers that can impede youngsters from a smooth transition from pre-K to kindergarten. The program is part of a broader community-wide initiative entitled, “Knowing, Growing, Going To Kindergarten.”

“In convening with kindergarten teachers, we’ve learned that their biggest challenges are dealing with emotional and social issues,” says EdCo Executive Director Dani Craft.

“Kindergarten is often a time of great anxiety and stress for youngsters, and this curriculum was designed to remove fear of the unknown,” adds Kim Dewey, District 61 Instructional Coach/Program Coordinator. Dewey, along with two colleagues, oversaw and coordinated the pilot project, which culminated with family nights and “graduation” ceremonies, held just days before school started.

Lessons were practical and positive: A District 61 school bus visited the childcare centers to welcome students aboard and teach them basic bus safety; and lunch was served from a mock kitchen so students could practice carrying a tray, opening milk cartons, and walking from the counter to cafeteria tables.

Puppets were crowd pleasers in Decatur Day Care teacher Andrea Siemons’ pre-K classroom. “Students loved naming the puppets and giving them a voice,” says Siemons, who has taught Decatur Day Care’s kindergarten readiness class for sixteen years. “Role playing with the puppets helped students learn how to introduce themselves, start conversations, and make new friends.

In the months ahead, effectiveness and impact of the “Second Step” program will continue to be discussed among Decatur’s early education stakeholders.

“The ‘Second Step’ pilot program is another great example of the power of collective impact,” says Craft. “Kindergarten readiness is a community effort, and we are all committed to the common goal of easing the transition and removing barriers to learning.”

“Second Step” was piloted at Wee Folk Day Care Center, ABC Preschool, Discovery Depot, Kids ‘N Fitness North and South, and Decatur Day Care Center.

Education Coalition of Macon County Welcomes New Staff

The Education Coalition (EdCo) of Macon County added expertise and experience to its community collaboration structure this summer. Associates Kathleen Mueller, Shannon Mittleman, and Anne Rosenkrantz support EdCo’s commitment to improve kindergarten readiness, grade-to-grade readiness, and college and career readiness.



As Community Projects Manager, Kathleen Mueller manages and coordinates multiple projects, including the Kindergarten Readiness campaign and professional development for pre-K and after school providers.



Shannon Mittleman joined EdCo as Assistant Director of the Decatur Teacher Education Pipeline through Illinois State University (ISU), a new stakeholder in the community education arena.



InspirED Futures Manager Anne Rosenkrantz looks forward to collaborating with Grow Decatur and other community partners to help students gain work-based experiences leading to a plan centered on their career and college decisions.

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

Arts/Culture

- Anne Lloyd Endowment for the Decatur Arts Center
- Blues in Central Park
- Children's Museum of Illinois Endowment
- Governor Oglesby Mansion Endowment
- Lincoln Square Theatre Endowment
- Louise A. Fathauer Memorial Scholarship for DAAC
- Macon County Historical Society
- Mertz & Fassnacht Piano Scholarships
- Theatre 7 Endowment

Community Development

- Beautify Decatur
- Clokey Park Neighborhood Association
- Community Foundation Microgrant Endowment
- Community Foundation Operating Endowment
- Decatur Area Habitat for Humanity
- Decatur Earthmover Credit Union and Dave Walker Communityworks Funds
- Decatur Plugged In
- Fall in Love with Maroa
- Greenwood Cemetery
- Grow Decatur
- Homeward Bound Animal Shelter
- Horace G. Livingston Jr. Memorial Project
- Let's Keep Decatur Bee-utiful Contest
- Lucy Lloyd Murphy Operating Endowment
- Macon County Animal Shelter Endowment
- Macon County Conservation Endowment
- Mt. Zion Fletcher Park
- Rock Springs Endowment
- Sun-Star Botanical Garden Endowment
- World War II Memorial
- Young Philanthropists Giving Circle

Education

- Altrusa of Decatur
- Charles William Turner Award
- Claud Thompson Decatur Industrial Electric Scholarship
- Curtis R. & Georgia Ann Pelz Scholarship
- Decatur Christian Education Foundation
- Decatur High School Class of 1927 Scholarship
- Decatur Public Library Foundation
- Decatur SCORE Chapter #296
- Dell and Evelyn Carroll Scholarship
- Education Coalition of Macon County
- Gerald Demirjian Scholarship for Webster Cantrell Hall

- Harold and Rose Oyler Scholarship for St. Patrick School
- Howard Brown Endowment
- Eloise Ivens Memorial

John Eugene "Jack" and Barbara Ann McCoy Scholarships for RCC

- Burl Stoner & Al Dobbins – Frontiers
- Clarence Taylor – Early Bird Kiwanis
- Elfreda Virginia Jacobson Witzeman
- Everett Ryan – Early Bird Kiwanis
- Harry S. Johnston – Early Bird Kiwanis
- John Eugene McCoy, II
- Judge James B. Parson Scholarship

John Eugene "Jack" and Barbara Ann McCoy Scholarships for St. Teresa

- Brian Chelsea & Daniel Everett McCoy
- Chelsea Eugene "Mac" & Dorothy Mae Clemens McCoy
- Donald Joseph "Don" McCoy
- Eugene Davis and John Lee St. Thomas Grade School
- Jane Bernadette McCoy Hirshinger
- Priests who taught at St. Teresa High School
- Religious Vocations Decatur Catholic Parishes/St. Teresa
- Shirley Mae McCoy Suni
- St. James Grade School Class of 1951
- St. Patrick Grade School Class of 1951
- St. Teresa Families Class of 1950, 1951, and 1959
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1952
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1953
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1954
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1955
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1956
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1957
- St. Teresa High School Class of 1958
- St. Thomas Grade School Class of 1951
- Ursuline Sisters Scholarship Award

- James W. Thomas Scholarship
- John Leman Memorial Scholarship
- Kiwanis Golden K Scholarship
- L. Mark Hanover Scholarship
- Leading the Way Scholarship
- Lou Miglio Endowment for Retired Teachers
- Lutheran School Association Scholarship Endowment
- MacArthur High School Class of 2010
- MacArthur Lady Generals Award
- McCoy Scholarship for Holy Family Catholic School
- McCoy Scholarship for St. Patrick Catholic School
- Mac McPherson Scholarship
- Macon County 4-H Endowment
- Matthew and Tony Memorial for SADD
- Matt Laverty Memorial Scholarship
- MCSWCD Scholarship
- Michael E. Shampine Scholarship
- Mt. Zion Schools Foundation

- Noon Kiwanis Builders Scholarship
- Norman Lee Stewart Education Scholarship
- Prairie Flower Montessori School
- Robert G. Turner Memorial Scholarship
- Robert and Joy Witt Scholarship
- Roberta K. Gorden Scholarship
- Robin Vogel 5K Scholarship
- RUN2BEATPD 5K Scholarship
- Sister Lucy Educational Scholarship for St. Patrick School
- Think Outside the Barn
- Victory Pharmacy Scholarship
- Walter and Inabell Kirby Scholarship
- Susan and Lloyd Swanson Scholarship
- YMCA Soccer Scholarship
- Zahner Scholarship Endowment
- Zannie Rawls, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Health

- Amy Caldwell Memorial
- Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois Charitable Fund
- Care Trak/Delores P. Fleming
- Jack and Olive Langsdorf Endowment for Senior Services at St. Mary's
- Rita Cornille Memorial for Cancer Care
- Teen Health

Social Services

- Central Christian Church Endowment
- Charter for Compassion of Decatur
- DMCOC Endowment
- Decatur Fire Local 505 & Auxiliary
- Decatur Metro Rotary
- Easter Seals of Central IL Endowment
- Games for Troops
- God's Shelter of Love Endowment
- Judy Mason Thanksgiving Basket Project
- Macon County CASA
- NALC Food Drive
- Northeast Community Fund
- Rotary 180
- Sertoma Club of Decatur
- United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois
- Vietnam Era Vets
- We Are One Community
- WSOY Food Drive

Youth

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment
- Boys and Girls Club of Decatur Endowment
- Champions for Children
- Decatur Chess Club
- Decatur Family YMCA
- Gather.Give.Share.
- Lee J. Robinson Award
- Lincoln Trails Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts of Central IL
- Rodney T. Miller Triathlon
- Webster Cantrell Endowment
- Sean and Lee Robinson Foundation

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| Crossing Healthcare | Lutheran School Association |
| Decatur Area Arts Council | Macon County CASA |
| Decatur Christian School | Macon County Conservation Foundation |
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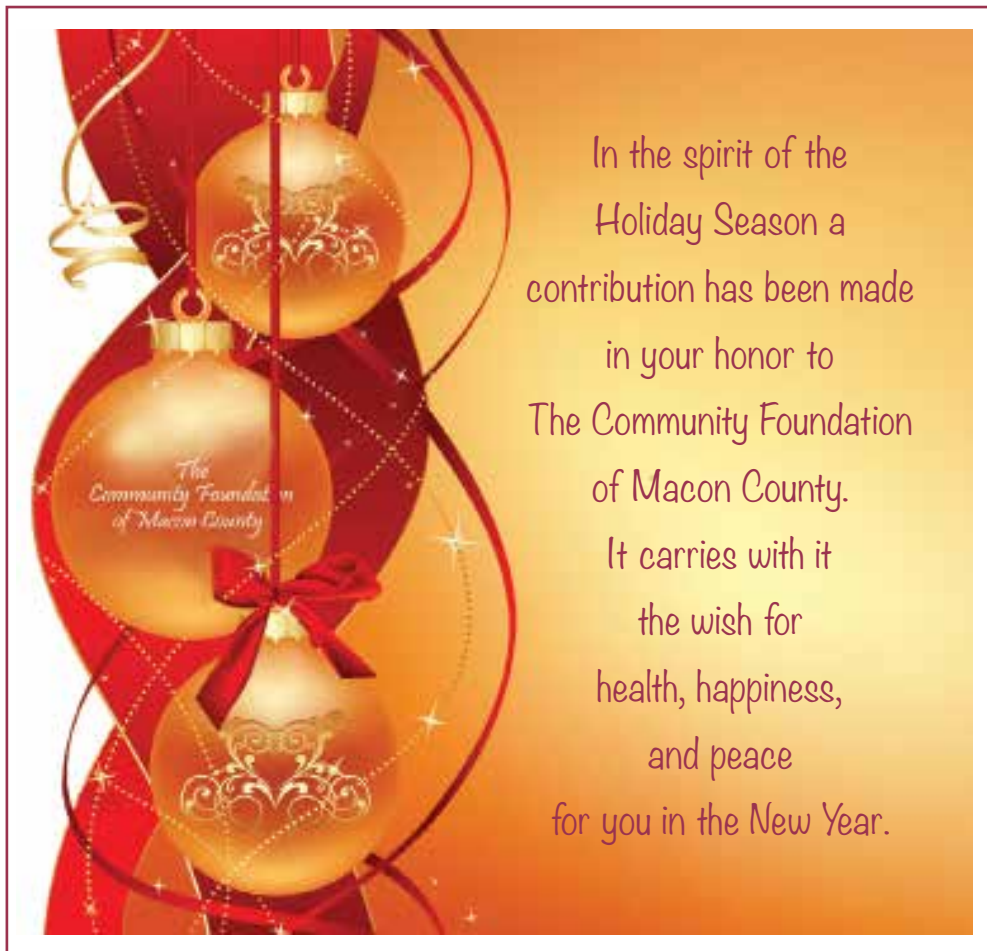


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