



The Community Foundation focus

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Legacy Giving . . . Generosity That Lasts Beyond A Lifetime

“It is up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us, and to leave a legacy that is worthy of our children and of future generations.”

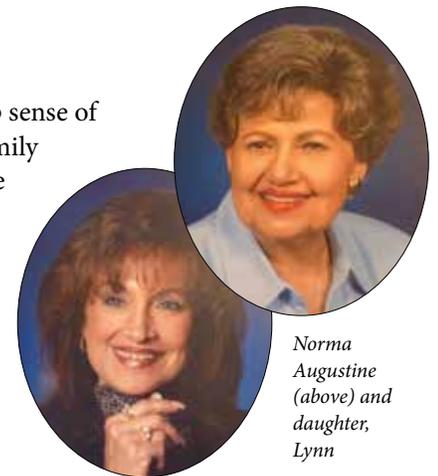
— Christine Gregoire, former governor, state of Washington, and cancer survivor

Characterized by a passion for their community and their families, local philanthropists emulate a tradition of generosity. They also are driven to preserve their own legacies; ensuring that gifts to the causes they hold dear — education, social services, arts, environment — continue to be shared long after they are gone.

Remembered as a quiet, generous soul with a sharp sense of humor, Norma Augustine showed her love for family in countless, enduring ways. Most magnanimous was the bond she shared with her daughter, Lynn, who died of ovarian cancer in 2006 at age 53.

When Lynn’s cancer recurred, Norma moved to her daughter’s house to care for her. And following her death, Norma lovingly and diligently completed every exterior home project that had been on Lynn’s “wish list” — features she would have loved, including a deck, pergola, and gazebo.

Norma, who died ten years after her daughter on June 24, 2016, at age 89, also had a heart for students whose passion for higher education was jeopardized by a lack of resources. Assisted by her cousin, Cathy Cloney, and longtime family friend Susie Havener, Norma established an endowment with The Community Foundation that will award up to five annual scholarships to local students in need. “Norma’s story is truly a mother-daughter love story,” Cloney says. “This scholarship gift completes her family circle and is a lovely way to ensure that her memory, and Lynn’s, will live on.”



Norma Augustine (above) and daughter, Lynn



Leo and Anne Pondelick

Longtime Decatur residents Leo and Anne Pondelick demonstrated a heart for their community in a very tangible way. The couple designated that a gift in their estate be directed to a donor advised fund they established with The Community Foundation in 2002. This endowed fund and subsequent legacy gift to it will provide support in perpetuity

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There comes a time in the life of every community foundation when you know you have experienced an important breakthrough moment — one that changes the course.

For us, that moment came in 2016.

Last summer, I attended a workshop about trusts, and one of the attorneys in the group asked if we could talk afterwards. We walked to her office, sat down in the stately conference room, and that's when it happened. The watershed moment.

The lawyer informed me that The Community Foundation of Macon County had been named as beneficiary in the will of a person who had recently died. My brain went into overdrive. Had one of our donors passed away recently? Surely, I didn't miss the obituary! Seeing my puzzled look and furrowed brow, the lawyer told me the name of the person who left her estate to The Foundation.

Norma Augustine.

I didn't know Norma Augustine. Who was she? Why us? What were we to do with the gift? Then it hit me. Norma Augustine's gift was the first bequest we had received from a person we did not know; a person with whom we had no prior relationship. That was the breakthrough. The watershed moment.

For over 16 years, The Community Foundation has worked diligently to serve our donors, demonstrate integrity, build trust, and do good work in Decatur and Macon County. In 2016, we achieved a stature that inspired Norma Augustine to believe The Community Foundation can and will steward her gift, fulfill her wishes, and honor her memory for generations to come.

In this issue of *Focus*, you will learn more about Norma and her beloved daughter, Lynn. You will also learn about others who have chosen The Community Foundation as the trusted vehicle through which to channel estate and planned gifts: Tom Madell; Anne and Leo Pondelick. These wonderful people loved this community and chose The Community Foundation as a partner in continuing to demonstrate their love for Decatur and to leave a legacy.

Every day, I am grateful to be the leader of this amazing organization. I am particularly grateful that I was here last summer to witness and celebrate a milestone — the watershed moment that inspires everyone in our community to leave their own legacy through The Community Foundation of Macon County.

Wegi Stewart
President

Legacy Giving, *continued*

to the Pondelicks' favorite local charities, including the Decatur Area Arts Council; Decatur Public Library; Scovill Zoo; and the Macon County Conservation District.

"One does not need billions of dollars to create a fund to help favorite charities," wrote Anne Pondelick in a "Prairie Talk" column for the July 17, 2006, issue of the *Herald & Review*. "But The Community Foundation offers us an opportunity to become a Warren Buffett or a Bill Gates in our own way.

"Get going. Make a difference. Leave a legacy."

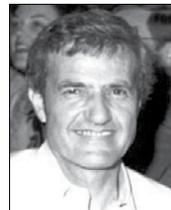
Setting Up A Scholarship: The Fine Points

Questions to consider when establishing a scholarship through The Community Foundation include:

- Must the applicant be a resident of a specific geographic area, or a graduate of a particular high school?
- Can higher education plans include two-year, four-year, technical, and community colleges?
- Must the student major in a specific course of study?
- What requirements will be specified: Minimum grade point average; community/volunteer service?

For more information or assistance, contact The Community Foundation at 217.429.3000.

Gifting IRA Assets Translates To Win-Win



Tom Madell

Decatur native Tom Madell cherished fond childhood memories of his years as a student at St. Patrick School. And prior to his death in April 2016, Madell designated a gift to the Sister Lucy Fund, which provides scholarships to St. Patrick's students and honors Sister Lucy Spinner, OSU, who served for many years as the school's teacher, librarian, and principal.

The mechanism Madell chose is one frequently overlooked by donors: He named the Sister Lucy Fund — established at The Community Foundation by his brother Jim — as beneficiary of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

"IRAs are excellent assets to use for charitable giving in an estate plan," says The Community Foundation President Wegi Stewart. "These are tax-sheltered assets, which if given to a charity, escape the income taxes that an heir would have to pay if the IRA passed on to an individual.

"It's a win-win scenario for donors, too, who can donate the IRA and leave other assets — which have already been taxed — to their heirs."

Making The Community Foundation the beneficiary of an IRA as part of estate planning can be done through a financial advisor. The donor's wishes are established through a fund agreement, and The Community Foundation then establishes a fund that stands ready to receive the gift.

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Memorial Scholarship Reflects Passion For Education And Service

Over the course of four decades, longtime Decatur resident Anita Buckner met hundreds of youngsters — each with his or her unique story.

And whether their paths crossed at the Boys and Girls Club, Futures Unlimited, or at a Decatur Public Library reading area, Buckner spotted the same theme in every young life: The potential for good.

“My aunt was so skilled at connecting with young people and helping them see the good in themselves,” says Buckner’s niece, Stephanie Hebron. “She was passionate about education and always talked to students about bettering themselves — whether that meant finishing high school, earning a GED, or simply showing up for school the next day.”

A 1972 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, Buckner earned a degree in sociology from Western Illinois University. She became a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) worker, a commitment which first connected her to the Boys and Girls Club.

Throughout her career, Buckner served as program director for the Boys and Girls Club and as a teacher and mentor for Futures Unlimited. These relationships, says Hebron, spanned her aunt’s entire life.

“Even after she ‘retired,’ she showed up at the Club every day to do whatever was needed,” Hebron says. “She was a woman of strong faith who believed in serving others first, and doing so with a joyful heart.”

Buckner continued to give throughout her long battle with cancer. And, after her death on March 19, 2016, at age 61, her family honored her memory, impact, and passion for youth and education with establishment of The Anita Buckner Memorial Scholarship through The Community Foundation.

“We wanted to do something that truly reflected my aunt’s values and the way she lived her life,” says Hebron, “and The Community Foundation was the only resource we considered for assistance. Setting up the scholarship was simple, straightforward, and gave us great peace of mind.

“This was simply the best way to continue her spirit in the Decatur community.”



Anita Buckner



Focused On The Future . . .

Groundbreaking Teacher Training Workshops Link New Lessons With Local Resources

There’s often a lot of noise coming from the seventh and eighth grade science classrooms at Johns Hill Magnet School. But middle school teacher Elizabeth Bartimus welcomes the clamor, which she recognizes as the sound of science in action.

“My students are exploring; they’re asking each other questions and having conversations,” says Bartimus of her 123 seventh and eighth graders. “They often create their own labs and decide how they want to approach experiments.”

The shift in style — from “cookie-cutter,” instructor-driven presentations to more fluid, student-generated learning — is the focus of local iBIO Institute EDUCATE Center science training programs. Brought to Decatur and offered to local middle school and high school teachers through a collaboration between the Education Coalition of Macon County (EdCo) and major sponsor Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), these ground-breaking sessions give teachers innovative tools for developing curriculum to meet new Illinois State Learning Standards.

Scholarships are awarded annually to two Decatur high school graduates that are members of good standing of the Boys and Girls Club. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 with the intent of pursuing a degree in education, social services, or a related field at a two- or four-year institution.

For more information on how to contribute to The Anita Buckner Memorial Scholarship, contact The Community Foundation at 217.429.3000.

Teachers from 19 districts throughout Central Illinois have participated in the workshops since their introduction in 2016. The second series, which began in January 2017, focuses on nutrition — a particularly compelling area for ADM, according to the company's vice president of process and chemical research Dr. Paul Bloom.



“A major challenge facing the agriculture industry is that in the next 40 years, we will have to produce more food than we have in the past 10,000 years combined to feed the world's growing population,” Bloom says. “We must develop the next generation of leaders to meet this challenge, and we won't get there unless we build strong foundations in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in our classrooms today.”

For Bartimus, grooming future leaders means giving their classroom experiences real-world relevance. “I tell students the chemical name, and then point out that this substance is in products like gummi bears and soft drinks,” she says. “They're also surprised to learn that these substances are researched and produced right here.”

“This is just one way that local industries affect their lives.”

With sessions hosted by St. Mary's Hospital, Millikin University, Richland Community College's Sequestration Center, and ADM, the workshops also exemplify community collaboration, says EdCo Executive Director Dani Craft.

“ADM wanted to connect training opportunities to the community, and EdCo helped organize that effort,” Craft says. “We're cultivating a new culture of how science teachers relate to each other and teach. The workshops are teacher-driven.”

“District 61 teachers don't have many opportunities for professional development in general, much less workshops that are local and relevant to our community,” Bartimus adds. “ADM is literally in our neighborhood, versus a Chicago pharmaceutical company that has little relevance to what we do here.”

The new lessons and insights science teachers bring to their classrooms — combined with community participation and investment — hopefully will lead to a pipeline of local talent for global companies like ADM.

“The siloed thinking of the past is being replaced with multi-disciplinary thought processes,” says Bloom. “It all starts with STEM, but the economic reach goes much further. We need top talent across the board — electricians, welders, civil engineers, merchandisers.”

“Building anything in our labs takes everyone from researchers to members of highly skilled trades.”

“I tell my students that what's happening in our classroom is a lot like the research done at the James Randall Center, or the big Tate & Lyle building they pass every day on their way to school,” Bartimus adds.

“I'm planting the seed with young people that they can find world-class opportunities in Decatur.”

Grant Supports Teacher Participation

In addition to funding local iBIO Institute EDUCATE training sessions, ADM also created a Next Generation Science Standards Grant, which helps middle and high school science teachers implement new ways to teach science.

Teachers can apply for up to a \$750 grant to purchase supplies such as consumables, science lab kits, software programs, or science equipment. Funds are managed through The Community Foundation.

“Our teachers are passionate about advancing their knowledge and are always looking for ways to engage and inspire their students,” says EdCo Executive Director Dani Craft. “They've told us they want more training opportunities, and we don't want progress to stop.”

“This grant is designed to remove certain financial barriers that teachers might face.”



Headquartered in Chicago, the iBIO Institute's EDUCATE Center connects Illinois classrooms with the real world of biotechnology and science-based industry through hands-on biotechnology lab activities, tours of industry research and development facilities and authentic, interdisciplinary problem-centered learning experiences. As teachers and districts develop new curricula to meet new Illinois State Standards, the iBIO Institute's EDUCATE programs bring cutting-edge science from regional biotech companies to develop world-competitive educators and inspire student interest in science.



2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OPERATING RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net Assets on January 1, 2016 **\$26,931,485**

Revenues

Gifts	\$2,099,840
Temporarily Restricted Gifts	\$363,457
Investment Income	\$1,838,150
Total Contributions and Support	\$4,301,447

Expenditures

Grants Given and Program Services	\$3,162,477
Administrative and Fund Raising Expenses	\$365,755
Total Grants and Expenses	\$3,528,232

Change in Net Assets \$773,215

Net Assets as of December 31 **\$27,704,700**

Impacting Our Community
Over
\$20 MILLION
in Grants
Since 2000

FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

Assets

Cash	\$326,764
Investments	\$30,724,475
Prepaid Expenses	\$16,500
Property and Equipment	\$7,902
Total Assets	\$31,075,641

Liabilities and Net Assets

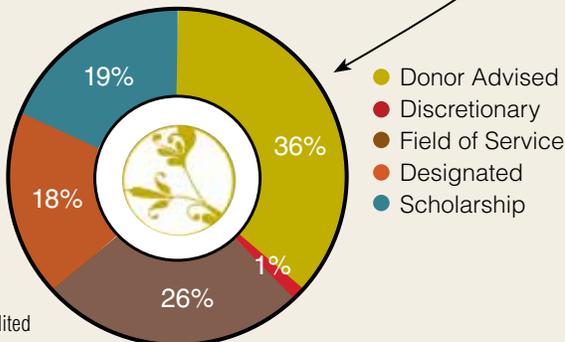
Accounts Payable	\$29,459
Agency Endowments	\$3,341,482
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,370,941

Dollars
Invested for
Organizations
in Macon
County

Net Assets

Administrative Assets	\$383,648
Donor Advised & Other Funds	\$26,957,595
Temporarily Restricted	\$363,457
Total Net Assets	\$27,704,700

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$31,075,641**



A complete set of audited financial statements is available upon request.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Beginning October 21, 2016

Nancy K. Acks	Thomas Madell
Dick Armstrong	Judy Mason
Celeste Applegate	Bonnie McCain
Edward Applegate	Gerald McInerney
Dwayne Andreas	Donald McVey
Pauline Batman	Hasting J. Moroney
Elizabeth "Betty" J. Blome	Richard A. Morris
Linda Brantner	Ann Marie Munn-Tank
Norma A. Brozio	David Nance Sr.
Anita Buckner	Harold Oyler
Lois M. Chervinko	Rose Oyler
Rita Cornille	Larry "Butch" Patton
Donald D. Davis	Festus Paul
Nancy B. Day	Denise L. Price
Robert Dietz	Bernard E. Proeschl
"Sarge" Elliott	Thomas H. Rigg
Michael L. Finrock	Richard D. Rowe
Delores P. Flemming	Tony Samuelson
William M. Ganley	Eileen Schilawski
Craig Garceau	Robert Schilawski
Helen Hamilton	Michael E. Shampine
L. Mark Hanover	Richard Shorey
Harold Harmason	Richard L. Smith
Bob Harmon	Wilma D. Spangler
Phillip B. Henning	Lindsay Marie Sparks
Judy Kaiser	Sister Lucy Spinner
Wayne Kaiser	William G. Stogner
Charlotte C. Kapper	Patricia Storm
John "Jack" Kindermann	Robin Vogel
Bob Kissel	Beverly A. Wade
Carol Koniuszy	Brian Warnick
Nancy Koopman	Judith Weidlich
Wilber B. Ladson	Jane E. Welch
John J. Lange	Charles E. Winchester
Norman K. Larson	Matthew Yelovich
Dean E. Madden	Kathleen Zahner

HONOR GIFTS

Beginning October 21, 2016

Doug Fleming
Norman Keel
Jill Lorentz
Jim Lorentz
Wes & Carol Mason
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stacey
Dr. Patrick White





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A photograph of a hand holding a fountain pen, writing in a notebook. The notebook is open, and the right page features the Decatur Legacy logo (a stylized figure with arms raised and a star) and the text "Decatur Legacy". The hand is writing the phrase "Make a mark on your community!" in a cursive script. The notebook is placed on a wooden surface, and a wooden pen cap lies nearby. In the background, there is a decorative teal-colored object.

To learn how you can include a nonprofit group in your will or estate plan, talk to your financial or legal advisor... or contact the organization of your choice.

Find out more by calling **217.429.3000**