



The Community Foundation focus

Fall 2016



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Scholarship Recipients Reflect Commitment to Academic Excellence

This summer, The Community Foundation of Macon County awarded more than \$70,000 in scholarships — awards that will directly benefit students throughout the county. Recipients demonstrated a consistent commitment to excellence throughout their high school careers in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities, as well as community involvement.

Special thanks to the generous donors who make these scholarships possible, as well as to the educators and community members who reviewed more than 253 applications received from students representing Macon County's 11 high schools.

2016 High School Graduates Receiving Scholarships:

- ◆ **SuEllen Brauer Scholarship** – Niraj Tailor, Eisenhower
- ◆ **Lois M. Chervinko Memorial Scholarship** – Jenna Chervinko, Mt. Zion
- ◆ **Decatur High School Class of 1927 Memorial Scholarship** – Tatiana Crowe, MacArthur; Keyari Page, St. Teresa; and Niraj Tailor, Eisenhower
- ◆ **Golden K Kiwanis Club of Decatur Scholarship** – Emily Ma, Maroa-Forsyth; Rachel Poland, LSA; and Andrea Whitacre, Decatur Christian
- ◆ **Roberta K. Gorden Scholarship** – Isabella Newingham, Meridian
- ◆ **L. Mark Hanover Memorial Scholarship** – Elizabeth Bird, Mt. Zion
- ◆ **Walter and Inabell Kirby Memorial Scholarship** – Joshua Cliff, Eisenhower and William Mallard, MacArthur
- ◆ **Leading the Way Scholarship** – Elizabeth Birch, Eisenhower; Amber Johnson, St. Teresa; and Madalyn Mann, MacArthur
- ◆ **John Leman Scholarship** – Gabriella Tortorice, Eisenhower
- ◆ **MacArthur Lady Generals Award** – Rakiyah Harper, MacArthur

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As Scholarship Coordinator, Kathy Carter facilitates a close working relationship between The Community Foundation and the Macon County high school counselors, teachers, administrators, students, and parents. Carter monitors and assists students in completing the online scholarship application; coordinates scholarship review committees; publicizes recipients' names and deadlines; and assists with the annual scholarship reception.

A Decatur native, Carter attended Decatur public schools. She graduated from Lakeview High School in 1970; from Lake Land College in 1972; and, in 2007, Carter earned a bachelors degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from Millikin University.

After 23 years with Richland Community College, Carter retired in 2011. Throughout her last five years at Richland, she served as director of scholarships and alumni development.



From the President

Each time we publish an issue of *Focus*, I am reminded of how much we do at The Community Foundation to promote philanthropy and enrich our community. And again in this issue, you will read about the many ways we help people, through

philanthropy, make Decatur and Macon County a better place for all.

Our donors establish funds at The Community Foundation that benefit the causes they care about. Sometimes these funds name a specific organization as the beneficiary; for example, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur Area Arts Council, Webster Cantrell Hall, or Boys and Girls Club. In other cases, funds are designated to help a particular cause, such as the environment, arts, youth, or education. Scholarships are another option. Donors often wish to establish a fund that provides assistance for students attending local and regional schools such as Millikin University, Richland Community College, and the University of Illinois.

Our most popular option is the Donor Advised Fund, which helps donors make grants to many different charities. The donors act as advisors by suggesting grants to organizations they want to support, and because they often carry their family name, donors take great pride in these funds. This option can act much like a family foundation without the administration and paperwork.

Through our involvement with Decatur Legacy and its many professional and non-profit members, we hope to encourage everyone in Macon County to be philanthropic by leaving something in their wills for their favorite charities. Leaving a legacy is a wonderful way to continue being philanthropic in perpetuity.

People who are generous enjoy giving to causes they care about. And, equally rewarding, they enjoy seeing the impact of their generosity on the community: More residents enjoying our parks and trails; more youngsters experiencing the arts; more students being guided by tutors and mentors; more graduates going to college.

As you read this issue of *Focus*, you will see many examples of how we help people be philanthropic. People give and the community improves — it's a simple formula, and we would love to add you to the equation.

Open a fund at The Community Foundation, and see how philanthropy can enhance your life as it enhances the lives of others.

Wegi Stewart

Scholarship Recipients, *continued*



- ◆ **Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship** – Sierra Day, Cerro Gordo and Kirsten Kapraun, Maroa-Forsyth
- ◆ **Zannie Rawls, Jr. Football Award** – Jamar Jones, MacArthur
- ◆ **Run 2 Beat Parkinson Disease Scholarship** – Mark Dehority, III, Eisenhower
- ◆ **Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship** – Jessica Best, Mt. Zion; Madalyn Mann, MacArthur; Justin Taylor, LSA; and Cody Zulkowski, MacArthur
- ◆ **Susan & Lloyd Swanson Memorial Scholarship** – Madeleine Hubbard, Maroa-Forsyth and Erica Mooney, Warrensburg-Latham
- ◆ **James W. Thomas Scholarship** – Victoria Morford, Eisenhower
- ◆ **Charles William Turner Scholarship** – Connor Reardon, St. Teresa
- ◆ **Robert G. Turner Memorial Scholarship** – Zachary Fitzgerald, St. Teresa
- ◆ **Robin Vogel Memorial Scholarship** – Max Barrows, Mt. Zion
- ◆ **Robert and Joy Witt Scholarship** – Mark Dehority, III, Eisenhower

Points To Ponder

Establishing a scholarship fund through The Community Foundation is a meaningful and rewarding way to celebrate academic success and encourage and support the educational goals of local students.

And although the process is straightforward, there are important student eligibility requirements for donors to consider:

- **Location:** Will the scholarship be designated to a student in a specific geographic area, or specific high school?
- **College:** Must applicants attend a particular type of college — two-year, four-year, technical, community? Must they major in a specific course of study? Are both full time and part time students eligible for the scholarship?
- **Background:** Within legal limits, are applicants required to be a certain age or gender? Are students required to have served in volunteer or community service capacities throughout high school?

“In general, scholarships with the least restrictive eligibility requirements result in the largest student applicant pools and are the easiest to award on an annual basis,” says The Community Foundation President Wegi Stewart.

For more information on how to establish a scholarship, contact The Community Foundation at 217.429.3000.

Changing Our Community By Doing “Great Things”

Generosity, commitment, and passion defined the philanthropists, community leaders, advisors, accountants, and attorneys that gathered on Wednesday, August 17, at the Beach House to applaud the annual “Do Something Great” award recipients.

Hosted by Decatur Legacy and sponsored by the Brechnitz Group of Raymond James, the annual event recognized the following individuals for the many positive ways their generosity has impacted our community.



Leo and Anne Pondelick
in 2006

Leo and Anne Pondelick — Awarded posthumously to a couple that truly loved Decatur, the Pondelicks recommended grants from their donor-advised fund to the local charities for which they cared deeply: Decatur Area Arts Council; Decatur Public Library; Scovill Zoo; and the Macon County Conservation District. *(Nominated by The Community Foundation of Macon County.)*

Dr. William Barnes and Mrs. Sue Hagaman —

Awarded posthumously to this duo for their vision and their determination to establish a community hospital where “babies could be born.” What is now Decatur Memorial Hospital opened with 65 beds on January 1, 1916, and has grown to become a pillar institution in Decatur.

(Nominated by Decatur Memorial Foundation.)



Accepting the award on behalf of DMH:
Karen Schneller and Dianne DeVore
with Wegi Stewart.

Bill Braun — A longtime advisor for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Braun understands the importance of leaving charitable gifts. Most recently, he established a memorial fund in his son’s honor that significantly impacted HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital’s behavioral health division. “We have been staunch friends of St. Mary’s for a long time,”

said Braun of himself and his wife, Betty. “Two of our children were schizophrenic, and the St. Mary’s staff was always there for us with kindness and expertise.”

(Nominated by HSHS St. Mary’s.)



Debbie Seitz with Betty and Bill Braun



David and Norma Fathauer

Norma and David Fathauer — Benefactors to Millikin University for more than four decades, the Fathauers made a major commitment in 2014 for the Fathauer Symphonic Music Fund to support symphonic music and provide additional resources. Most recently, Norma funded a student award in honor of the late Millikin University Professor Carl Weatherbee, who had a positive impact on her educational experience at MU. “We are so surprised and so affirmed by this honor,” said Norma Fathauer.

“It is greatly appreciated.” *(Nominated by Millikin University.)*

Back By Popular Demand

“Those of you who heard Bryan speak three years ago at the ‘Do Something Great’ awards luncheon know that you’re in for a great treat today,” predicted The Community Foundation President Wegi Stewart as she introduced guest speaker Bryan Clontz, founder and president of Florida-based Charitable Solutions, LLC. “Bryan has deep experience — advising and planning, structuring gifts for clients and organizations, and teaching others how to structure gifts.”

Clontz’s entertaining presentation focused on the many benefits of the legacy concept, and current trends in philanthropy:

- Philanthropy is alive and well. “As a nation, our giving is strangely consistent despite economic peaks and valleys,” Clontz said. “We’re the most generous culture on the globe. It’s amazing how many people continue to give back.”
- Competition is everywhere. There are a total of 1.3 million charitable organizations in the country, and about 125 new organizations are formed every day.
- Formal verbiage lowers charitable interest. “A word such as ‘gift’ is more appealing and effective than ‘bequest,’” Clontz explained.

Clontz concluded with his favorite analogy of the role played by members of Decatur Legacy — local attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, and non-profit leaders.

“Donors invite you into their gardens, where they pick their favorite annuals,” he said. “Then, they trust that you will take those annuals and make them into perennials.”



Decatur Legacy is an affiliation of charitable organizations and the attorneys, accountants, and financial advisors that have the privilege of discussing with clients the social, emotional, and financial benefits of leaving a legacy to their favorite charity or charities. The Community Foundation has served as the administrator of Decatur Legacy since its inception.



Donors Enjoy Opportunity to Meet, Greet, and Learn

Donors can follow hundreds of paths to community foundations — choices that Bryan Clontz, founder and president of Charitable Solutions, LLC, chose to simplify and illustrate with a single presentation slide:

Individuals -> Assets -> Community Foundation -> Fund Types.

Clontz was the featured speaker at this summer's Donor Reception, held the evening of Wednesday, August 17, at the Madden Arts Center.

"It's always an honor and a pleasure to give donors and prospective donors the opportunity to meet and to learn," said The Community Foundation President Wegi Stewart in her opening remarks. Stewart also shared recent donor survey results that gave The Community Foundation top marks for donor satisfaction.

In seeking their individual paths to The Community Foundation, Clontz encouraged donors to be creative and flexible. "A total of 92 percent of gifts are still given as cash," he said. "But much better options include appreciated stock, mutual funds, real estate, or private stock.

"Expand the possibilities, and think of assets in very broad terms," Clontz added. Throughout his career, he's advised donors in gifting condominiums, airplanes — even a percentage of the Minnesota Vikings football team.

Donor advised funds continue to be the most popular option, although unrestricted funds allow community foundations more flexibility. "The (gifting) structure is very accommodating, and donors can select multiple funds at different stages in their lives," Clontz said.

With every option offered by The Community Foundation, benefits are inherent — permanence, anonymity, stewardship, no set-up fees, maximum tax advantages, ease of use, local knowledge, and no individual pay-out requirement.

"Over the course of its history, the growth of The Community Foundation has leap-frogged — which is a testament to the credibility of the founding board of directors," Clontz said.

"This organization is a true jewel in your community."

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Beginning March 29, 2016

Delores M. Ayala	Richard Lockwood
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Janet Lee Brunner	Judy Mason
James Othello Burgard	Ardell J. McClure
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Nancy V. Hilton	Tracey L. Voyles
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Keith E. Huff	Elwood Neil Wendel
Elsie James	Michael G. White
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Beginning March 29, 2016

Ben Cleveland
Debbie Fleming
Carroll Moma
Lucy Murphy



A Lovely Life; An Enduring Legacy

Established to reflect and honor the legacy of a woman whose generosity knew no bounds, The Rita Cornille Memorial Fund for Cancer Care exists to

enhance the quality of life for local patients and their families.

“When Mom had her infusion appointments, she’d often see other patients who were alone or who appeared to be hungry,” says Rita Cornille’s daughter, Laura Cornille-Cannady. “She’d give me extra money to pick up lunch for them.”

Cornille-Cannady describes her mother, who died of breast cancer in May 2012, as an “amazing, interesting person.” After her eleventh child was born, Cornille returned to college, earned her education degree, and taught kindergarten in the Chicago area for decades.

“When Mom died, so many people wanted to honor her,” says Cornille-Cannady. “My brothers and sisters and I felt that a memorial fund would be a simple and meaningful way for them to do that.”

Most recently, proceeds from the memorial fund were used to purchase 100 copies of the book, “Good Grief,” by Granger E. Westberg. The books will be offered to Cancer Care patients and their families.

“Our fund reflects the spirit of generosity that Mom shared with everyone she met,” says Cornille-Cannady. “Not only did establishing it help me through the grief of losing her, but it also prompted me and my husband to consider the type of legacy we want to leave.”

For more information on the Rita Cornille Memorial Fund for Cancer Care, contact The Community Foundation at 217.429.3000.

The Community Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Joining the 2016 Community Foundation Board of Directors is a trio of local leaders that looks forward to contributing time, energy, and expertise to the Board’s mission and goals.



Rick Moore, facility manager for Caterpillar Inc., appreciates the opportunity to help grow The Community Foundation to meet the needs of tomorrow. “I feel strongly about strengthening our community through philanthropy, and serving on The Community Foundation Board

will give me the opportunity to be a part of the philanthropic work that is underway throughout Macon County,” Moore says. “I am impressed and humbled by my fellow board members. The diversity of experiences and their commitment to the community are unparalleled.”

The desire to establish a family fund led Archer Daniels Midland President of Sweeteners, Starches and Acidulants **Kris Lutt** to The Community Foundation — and the wish to volunteer on behalf of his community prompted him to join

the Foundation’s board. “I hope to gain insight on how to make a difference in the community, and to better promote charitable giving,” Lutt says. “I believe I can increase awareness of The Community Foundation through both my personal and professional connections.”



“The driving forces behind my involvement on The Community Foundation Board include the opportunity to provide leadership in philanthropy for funding key community priorities, my desire to educate residents on the value of philanthropy, and my belief that I have a personal responsibility to improve our community,” says DCC Marketing President **Kara Demirjian Huss**. A supporter of The Community Foundation for several years, Demirjian Huss appreciates fellow board members’ leadership in resource and financial management and their diverse knowledge of community needs.

The Community Foundation of Macon County

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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
- Fombelle Woodwind Scholarship
- 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
- 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
- Men Macon a Difference
- Mt. Zion Fletcher Park
- Rock Springs Endowment
- Sun-Star Botanical Garden Endowment
- World War II Memorial
- Young Philanthropists Giving Circle

Education

- AFSCME Local #612 Scholarship
- Altrusa of Decatur
- A. Marie Romano Potrafka Scholarship
- 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

- Grandpa Bud Scholarship for Holy Family
- 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
 - Al Dobbins Frontier Club
 - Burl Stoner Frontier Club
 - 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
- Lutheran School Association Scholarship Endowment
- MacArthur High School Class of 2010
- MacArthur Lady Generals Award
- Mary Dickey Legacy
- McCoy Scholarship for Holy Family Catholic School
- McCoy Scholarship for St. Patrick Catholic School
- McCoy Scholarship for St. Thomas School
- Mac McPherson Scholarship
- Matthew and Tony Memorial for SADD
- Matt Laverty Memorial Scholarship
- MCSWCD Scholarship
- Michael E. Shampine Memorial 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 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
- DMCOE Endowment
- Decatur Fire Local 505 & Auxiliary
- Decatur Metro Rotary
- Games for Troops
- God's Shelter of Love Endowment
- Heritage Behavioral Health Center Endowment
- Independence Pointe Endowment
- Judy Mason Thanksgiving Basket Project
- Macon County CASA
- NALC Food Drive
- Northeast Community Building Fund
- 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 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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