County Endowments Challenged to Grow, Increase Impact

In 2012, the Community Foundation offered a $15,000 match to each of the 12 counties it serves. As a county secured donations totaling at least $15,000 within three years, it received $15,000 from the Community Foundation to establish its own County Endowment Fund. To date, five counties have met that match.

Two of those original counties have immediate plans to build their funds and ultimately, their impact.

An anonymous prospective donor has challenged members of the Hancock County Endowment Fund Council to grow the fund by $10,000. The prospect will become a donor by matching up to $10,000. Marine Bank & Trust in Carthage kicked off the effort with a $750 donation on September 6.

Marion County’s Fund Council is making individual contacts to reach a goal it set to add $25,000 to its fund.

The volunteers in both counties are working to expand the number of people supporting their County Endowments by the end of the year—requirements for Hancock County’s match challenge.

Donations to help Hancock and Marion Counties meet their goals or to support any fund can be mailed to the Community Foundation at 4531 Maine Street, Suite A, Quincy IL 62305. Donations are also accepted online at www.mycommunityfoundation.org/donate.

Other counties with endowments are Brown, Lewis, and Pike (IL). Residents of Adams, Clark, Knox, Monroe, Pike (MO), Ralls, or Shelby Counties who are interested in establishing an endowment and getting a $15,000 match from the Community Foundation should contact Jill Arnold Blickhan at ceo@mycommunityfoundation.org or Catherine Bocke Meckes at outreach@mycommunityfoundation.org. Both can also be reached at 217-222-1237.
Grants Help Brown County Public Schools Enhance Learning

From books to Bunsen burners, proper tools and equipment are necessary to create a quality learning environment. However, funding these needs can often fall outside of ever-tightening school budgets.

The Brown County Public Schools Education Fund helps fill the budget gap by providing educators with an avenue to purchase the tools and supplies they need to ensure students receive a high-quality educational experience. In the 2017-2018 school year, that included fine arts supplies and instruction, science literature and equipment, math tools, books, educational magazines, and more.

“I used the money from the Community Foundation grant to purchase picture books that cover various science topics. Even though my students are in middle school, they still enjoy a read aloud. These books cover difficult science topics in a fun and engaging way. My students love them!” said Ericka Jensen, Brown County Middle School Science teacher.

Donations of all sizes have grown the fund and its impact is increasing. Teachers in Brown County are able to provide a more challenging and rigorous curriculum to meet the academic needs of all students.
Scholarships Awarded to Area Students

Twenty-one area college students got a financial boost thanks to scholarship funds with the Community Foundation. A total of $22,000 was distributed from 14 funds, each with its own criteria representing the donor’s or honoree’s interests or legacy.

Recipients of the scholarships, most of which come from permanently endowed funds, received financial support towards the accredited post-secondary institution they are attending in the 2018-2019 school year. One fund also provides a teacher recognition award and grant to purchase classroom resources.

Because the funds are endowed, a portion of the earnings of each is reinvested for continued growth, providing future scholarships and awards to deserving students.

Ty Rylander’s Spirit, Generosity Live through WIU Grant

Ty Rylander was known for his happy spirit and willingness to help anyone in need. He loved Pike County and often took Pittsfield High School Students under his wing. After the Western Illinois University student passed away suddenly at the age of 20, his family established the Ty Rylander Fund in his memory to help provide support to organizations and projects that impact youth in Pike County, IL.

A grant from the fund to WIU’s Great River Teacher Corps program is fulfilling that purpose by helping address the teacher shortage in western Illinois schools – a cause that would be close to Ty’s heart. The grant will help place a WIU teacher education graduate at a Pike County school.

“Ty would always visit his favorite teachers when he would come back from college,” Ty’s mother, Gina, told the Quincy Herald-Whig about the grant. “Knowing that a teacher will come back to Pike County would mean a lot to Ty.”

Through the students that this grant will eventually impact, Ty’s happy spirit lives on.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

- Allyson Hoener, Emma Cunningham, and Abigail Bemis
- Frances A. Hall, and Walter J. Hall Scholarship
- Luke Merritt
- George & Sharen Borrowman Agriculture Scholarship
- Rebecca McNamar
- Becky Swisher Crowe Memorial Scholarship
- Keaton Bartz
- Hannibal High School Class of 1955 Scholarship
- Demi Batchelor
- Virginia Kaye Leinweber Leeds Scholarship
- Trevor Reichert
- Kenneth and Eleanor Lohr Memorial Scholarship
- Emma Raftery
- Dorothy J. Motley Memorial Scholarship
- Noah Depke
- Marvin J Likes & Thomas Leo Likes Math Scholarship
- Conner Wilson, William Neisen, and Matthew Froman
- Ben C. and Etta M. Plank Memorial Fund Scholarship
- Devin Osborn
- Quincy High School Class of 1957 Scholarship
- Peyton Plunkett
- Teresa Lynn Thompson Memorial Scholarship
- Keller Shemwell, Shannon DeHaan, Trevor DeHaan and Cooper Sutter
- Alton A. Vannice FFA Leadership Fund Scholarship
- Katelyn Gaus
- Tom and Judy Zenge Fund Scholarship
- Karen Chancellor
- Tom and Judy Zenge Fund Teacher Recognition Award
Make the Most of the New Tax Law

In 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowered taxes for almost every taxpayer, reducing tax rates and nearly doubling the standard deduction. With these changes, it’s important to consider new giving strategies with your tax accountant and other professional advisors to provide you with tax and non-tax benefits.

Make an outright gift of appreciated assets

Gifting appreciated assets, like stock and mutual funds, that you have held for at least a year can provide savings on both income and capital gains taxes while you support the causes you care about. You can make a gift to an existing fund or establish one for a cause, organization, or community close to your heart.

Create or add to a donor advised fund

Creating or adding to a donor advised fund can generate tax savings while making charitable giving simple and efficient. A donor advised fund allows you to recommend grants at any time throughout the year for qualified nonprofit organizations.

If your estimated income tax deductions are not large enough to warrant itemizing, consider increasing your charitable gifts and directing them to a donor advised fund to reach the threshold. By doing so, you can itemize and receive a tax deduction for your giving this year and recommend grants over several years to nonprofits that matter to you. Then, take the standard deduction in future years.

You can also minimize or avoid capital gains on long-term appreciated assets like securities and real estate properties. Charitable contributions of appreciated assets to donor advised funds may be deducted up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, while excess may be carried forward up to five years.

Make an IRA rollover gift

Individuals 70 1/2 years or older can gift up to $100,000 from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a difference in their community through qualified charities, including the Community Foundation. If married, each spouse can contribute up to $100,000.

- Transfer funds directly to the Community Foundation and let us know where you want to make a difference.

- Place a gift in an existing fund to support your favorite charitable organization, cause, or county endowment (see page 5 for a list of eligible funds).

- Or, establish a fund for what matters most to you.

Note, IRS does not allow IRA gifts to be contributed to a donor advised fund.

Policies and laws governing charitable gifts are subject to change. The Community Foundation is not in the business of rendering legal, accounting, or financial advice. Always discuss your plans with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor.
Merle Crossland has many interests. A retired general surgeon, he has served as president of a music association, a member of a community beautification organization, and on boards of a school, a library foundation, the United Way, a nursing home, and more. Although the arts are close to Merle’s heart, when deciding what he wanted to accomplish with his fund, he didn’t want to restrict it to just one area. Because he established an unrestricted endowment, grants from the fund serve a broad spectrum of needs and opportunities. Furthermore, it fulfills his wish to set an example of generosity for his children and grandchildren.

**Unrestricted Endowments:** Donors establish these funds allowing the Community Foundation to determine how grants will serve various charitable needs and opportunities in our communities. Anonymous Donor Funds (2)

**Specialized Endowments:** These funds serve specific interests and/or geographic areas.

**Blessing Hospital Community Health Fund**

**Jasper L. Backschiel Foundation Fund**

**Katherine Bironkof endowment for the arts**

**Community Works Endowment Fund**

**Robert E. Byrnes**

**Paul H. and Alice B. Gardner Memorial Fund**

**Grace United Methodist Church of Quincy Fund**

**Grace Adams Fund (II) and Shelby County, MO**

**HOMETOWN Fund**

**Benevolent Missouri County, MO**

**HOMETOWN of Quincy Fund**

**William and Sheila Merle Endowment Fund**

**Benevolent Quincy, Adams County, Il**

**Jane’s Kids Fund**

**Jon’s Home Center Associates Fund**

**G. Arthur (Art) Keller, Jr. Fund**

**William and Sheila Merle Endowment Fund**

**Benevolent Quincy, Adams County, Il**

**Quincy Recycle Fund**

**James L. and Dorothy W. Rouner Fund**

**Raymond, Norbert, and Eleanor Rouner Fund**

**Alan L. and Mary Ellen Steiger Becharitable Fund**

**United States Founding Father’s Funds**

**County Endowments**

**Brown County Endowment Fund (Illinois)**

**Hancock County Endowment Fund (Iowa)**

**Marion County Endowment Fund (Missouri)**

** Pike County Endowment Fund (Illinois)**

**Donor Advised:** Fund advisors may recommend grants, if desired.

**Anonymous Donor Funds**

**Artchitects/Anthony E. Crane Fund**

**Barry Community Endowment Fund**

**Bill & Sue Bergman Fund**

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**Mary Rider Cherry Fund**

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**Benevolent Knox County, MO**

**Gardner Denver Education Fund**

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**Diane Nelson Gossard Memorial Fund**

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**E.R. Heinigens Family Fund**

**Anne Eidings House Memorial Fund**

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**Carl & Glady Koehler Family Fund**

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**Mercantile Endowment Fund**

**Richard B. and Mary Jane New Family Fund**

**T.C. & Mary S. Oakley Descendants Fund**

**Samantha Otto Youth Opportunity Fund**

**Ty Rylander Fund**

**Quincy Beefmaster Optimist Club Fund of Youth Fund**

**Quincy Foundation Fund**

**Merle “Joe” Scharnhorst Fund for a Cleaner Quincy Area**

**Schiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell Fund**

**James A. & Louise Smith Family Fund**

**SPEAK-To-ST Endowment fund**

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**for the arts and Education**

**Winters Insurance Group Fund**

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**Anna H. Bauer, Frances A. Hall,**

**and Walter J. Hall Scholarship Fund**

**Benevolent Quincy Senior High School Graduate**

**Ben & Eta M. Plank Memorial Fund**

**Benevolent Highland or Canton High School Graduate**

**Quincy High School Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund**

**Benevolent Quincy Senior High School Graduate**

**Teresa Lynn Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Benevolent Palmyra High School Graduate**

**Kenneth & Eleanor Lohr Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Benevolent Palmyra High School Graduate**

**Alton A. Vantine FFA Leadership Fund**

**Benevolent Palmyra High School Graduate**

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**Adams County Red Cross Fund**

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**Jack W. Bagley Fund**

**Benevolent Quincy Art Center & Quincy Society of Fine Arts**

**Brain Trauma Awareness Organization**

**Organizational form of life Fund**

**Binky/Skinn Fund for the Quincy Public School’s**

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**Sunnuckakuk Scout Reservation Fund**

**Brown County Public Schools Education Fund**

**Chewójwalski Children’s Fund**

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**Dr. Richard Eells House Fund**

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**Benevolent Quincy Park Band**

**Herbert C. & Dorothy E. Evers Fund**

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**Friends of the Castle Fund**

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**Lowell & Vickie Gooch Designated Fund**

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**Edward C. Hinkemper Fund**

**For St. Francis Solanus School Students**

**Historical Society Fund**

**Lucille Hollender Memorial Fund**

**Benevolent St. Francis Solana school**

**Horizons Social Services Fund**

**The Great M. Irving ARTS Fund**

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**Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex, Inc. Fund**

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**The Plank Memorial Fund**

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**Marvin & Steven Prater Family Fund**

**Benefits St. Francis Solana School**

**Quincy Public Schools and Education**

**Quincy Art Center Fund**

**Quincy Civic Music Association Fund**

**Quincy Family YMCA Fund**

**Quincy Humane Society Fund**

**Quincy Hospitality House Fund**

**Quincy Museum Fund**

**Quincy Notre Dame Foundation Capital and Improvement Fund**

**Quincy Senior Citizens’ Center Fund**

**Quincy Promise Fund**

**Quincey Symphony Fund**

**Quincy University Endowment Fund**

**Recovery Resources Fund**

**James T. Riley Fund**

**George and Cheryl Spear Charitable Fund**

**Benefits St. James Evangelical Lutheran School**

**Jeffrey G. & Therese L. Spear Fund**

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**Benefits Quincy Humane Society**

**St. John’s Anglican Music Fund**

**Sunset Home Fund**

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**United Way of Adams County, Inc.**

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