



# Freeport Community Foundation

# 2009 Report to the Community

*Our foundation is like a 'community savings account', enabling our donors to give back to the community where they live, work and raise their families.*

**Memorials**

**Esther Rotblat**

*Jill & Ken Collin, Andrew & Colleen Fenn, Rhode Island Teachers Association, Family of Norman Rotblat, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Wilkin*

**Valeria Wiegand**

*Craig & Linda Miller, Melanie Miller Mitchard*

**Henrietta Wurtzel Estate**

**Community Needs Fund**

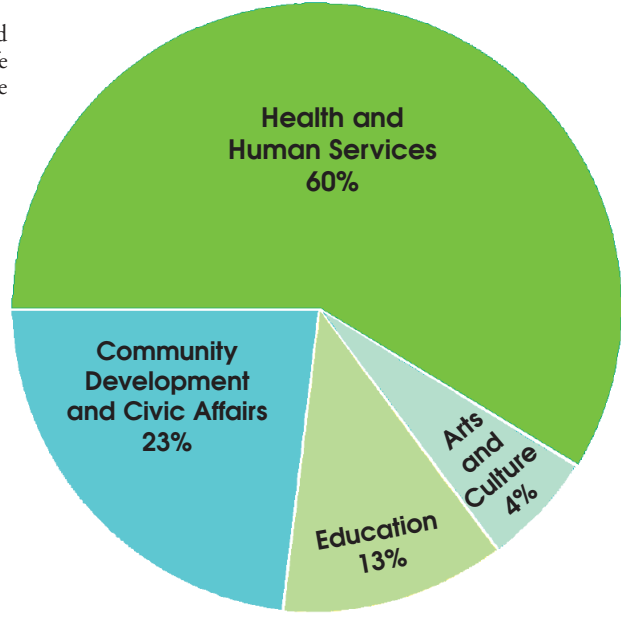
*Dr. & Mrs. Bill Dreibelbis, Jack Myers*

**Freeport Area Church Cooperative**

*Dennis Bokemeier, B. Kolhoff Memorial*

**Community Crisis Response**

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**In-Kind Donations of time, talent, and expertise:**

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**A Message from Dr. Jeff Gehlsen**

*Freeport Community Foundation, Chair of the Board*

The mission of the Freeport Community Foundation is to help provide for the well-being of the citizens of northwest Illinois by accumulating assets in the form of permanent funds and prudently distributing income from those funds to charitable organizations.

This was a busy year for the Freeport Community Foundation (FCF). Over \$115,000 was awarded to over 28 non-profits receiving grants. Our community continued to demonstrate its incredible caring support for those less fortunate during the recent Community Crisis Response campaign. Thanks to the assistance from community leader Dick Drogosz and the collaborative efforts of Community Vision 20/20 and United Way, you donated over \$25,000, surpassing the goal promised to be matched by the foundation. Because of your generosity, over \$53,000 in additional grants were given to area nonprofit agencies who were much in need of immediate funding.

We are also very excited about the newly formed Youth Advisory Committee, or YAC. This student board is a branch of FCF and was selected from northwest area high schools, home school programs and also Highland Community College. Many YAC board members are involved in the Highland Servant Leadership Program; others were selected based on their accomplishments. This organization is learning about philanthropy and the effects of the granting process, awarding their first grants in spring 2010. The foundation feels this to not only be a great opportunity for FCF and YAC to work together, but something that will benefit the entire area for years to come.

The foundation gratefully appreciates and needs your continued support. Together we can make a difference in the quality of life in our community. We look forward to what lies ahead for the foundation and this community in the coming years.

**Connecting People who Care with Causes that Matter...**

**The Freeport Community Foundation has established the following funds:**

- Agriculture & Land Conservation - RC Miller Fund
- Community Needs Fund
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC) Fund
- FCF Board of Directors Fund
- Ian Murphy-Mitchard Scholarship Fund for the Arts - Marilee Murphy Odendahl & Ted Odendahl
- Matthew A. Marvin Fund
- Northwest IL-Southwest WI Fund for Community Development, John & Caryl Buford
- Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Fund

**CALL AND ASK HOW YOU CAN CREATE A FUND**



**Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Board 2009-2010**

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**A grant received for the Back Pack program provides food to youngsters at school to take home**

**Grants Awarded in 2009**

Through the generous donations of time and money, the Freeport Community Foundation has been able to award grants to a breadth of organizations. The impact these funds have had on the programs and the people they benefited is immeasurable. Some of the names listed received more than one grant.

**Arts and Culture**

- Freeport Art Museum

**Community Development and Civic Affairs**

- American Red Cross Northwest IL Chapter
- Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson Cty.
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative - Project U Turn
- Master Builders-Time 2 Change
- Stalene Area Crimestoppers
- Steph. Cty. Teen Conference
- Stephenson Cty. 4-H Foundation
- United Sportsmen's Youth Foundation
- Vision 20/20

**Education**

- Amity Society of Freeport, Inc.
- Freeport Public School Fund
- RAMP
- 4-H Health Jam

**Health and Human Services**

- American Red Cross
- Assault & Abuse Services of Steph. Co.
- CONTACT of No. IL
- FHN - Big Broth/Big Sisters
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative - Food Pantry
- New Horizons Counseling Center
- No. IL. Food Bank- School Food Back Pack Program
- Public Health Foundation of NW IL
- Salvation Army
- Sojourn House/ Sleezer Home
- VOICES -DV

**Donations of Support were made to:**

- American Cancer Society/Relay for Life Steph. Cty.
- Freeport Art Museum/VOICES
- Girl Scouts of Green Hills Council, Inc.
- Human Services Fund- Stephenson County
- Jr. Police Academy/ Freeport Police Dept.
- RAMP
- Stephenson County Historical Society
- United Way of NWIL

**FCF Board of Directors Fund**

*James & Wendy Blair, Denny & Cheryl Feltmeyer, Jeff & Janine Gehlsen, Norm & Cindy Rotblat*

**Ian Murphy-Mitchard Scholarship Fund**

*Marilee Murphy-Odendahl & Ted Odendahl*

**Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**

*Freeport Culver's, Founding Sponsors\*, Freeport Sunrise Rotary, State Bank of Freeport*

*\* Deadline for Founding YAC Sponsors: 12-31-09*

**Freeport Community Foundation**

*For good. For ever.*

**Freeport Community Foundation 2009**

**FCF Board of Directors\*:**

President - Dr. Jeff Gehlsen; Vice-Pres. - Wendy Blair; Treasurer - Barrie Hendrickson; Secretary - Connie Taylor; Also: Atty. Nicole M Bauer, Cheryl Kneubuehl, Mark J. Miller, Kelly Priewe, James Rhyne and Pam Thrasher

*\*All board positions are unpaid*

**YAC Board of Directors this school year 2009-2010**

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**Staff**

Executive Director - Cindy Rotblat; Administrative Assistant - Barb Lessman

*Freeport Community Foundation Financials Audited by Lindgren, Callihan VanOsdol Certified Public Accountants & Consultants 2008 Audited End of Year Balance: \$2,611,740 Full audited financial statements and IRS Form 990 is available upon request.*

*The Finance Committee of the Foundation meets quarterly and is responsible for overseeing the investments of our assets. The names of the investment managers and fees charged are available upon request from our office.*



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