



FREEPORT
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



*The Ian Murphy Mitchard Grant -
awarded to Winneshiek Playhouse*

CONNECTING
PEOPLE WHO CARE
WITH
CAUSES THAT MATTER



WHAT IS THE FREEPORT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND WHAT DO WE DO?

The Freeport Community Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides ways for individuals, businesses, and charitable agencies to give meaningful assistance to worthwhile causes in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll Counties.

Since 1975, the Foundation and its Board of Directors have focused on the advancement of these communities by staying informed on local issues and working to make Northwestern Illinois an outstanding place to live **not only today, but forever.**

THE FOUNDATION’S ROLE AS A LEADER OF PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS INVOLVES:

- Being a resource to not-for-profit organizations through grants awarded.
- Establishing funds for charitable giving.
- Being good stewards to donors of charitable funds.
- Helping not-for profit organizations establish permanent endowment funds.

In our role as a leader for charitable giving, we offer the flexibility of matching donors with the best options to meet their personal charitable goals.

In our role as stewards of charitable donations and funds, our volunteer Board of Directors seeks to preserve and grow assets by prudently administering and investing our funds. We work closely with our donors to make grants that will match their philanthropic interests with community needs.

WE AWARD GRANTS TO A VARIETY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Health and human services
- Civic and community betterment
- Reform and innovation in the schools
- Advancement of the arts and literature

The Foundation has awarded almost \$2,500,000 in grant funds since its inception.

THE MISSION OF THE FREEPORT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

WHY CONSIDER THE FOUNDATION FOR MY CHARITABLE GIVING?

Gifts to the Foundation support future generations. Donate to an existing fund or establish a fund that meets your philanthropic interests.

All donations:

- benefit local organizations and are tax deductible
- may be anonymous, named for the donor, in memory of a loved one, or titled for a purpose
- create or build endowment funds in perpetuity while helping to create personal legacies

EXISTING FUNDS

- Community Needs
- Matthew A. Marvin Fund
- FACC (Freeport Area Church Cooperative)
- RAMP (Regional Access & Mobilization Project)
- Substance Abuse Treatment, Education and Prevention (John M. Drogosz Memorial Fund)
- NW Illinois/SW Wisconsin Community Development
- Youth Advisory Council (youth-serving projects)
- Agriculture and Land Conservation (RC Miller)
- United Way of Northwest Illinois Endowment
- Music & Arts Fund (Ian Murphy-Mitchard)
- Dan and Nancy Schmitt Endowment
- Luthin Family Endowment Fund
- VOICES Sexual Assault & Prevention Fund



GIFTS WITH BIG IMPACT!

Give Now!

Make a gift to an existing fund or establish your own fund and experience the difference your gift makes today!

Give Later!

Leave a lasting legacy through estate planning and help ensure the quality of life in our local communities for generations.

Do Both!

The Foundation will work with you to establish a charitable giving plan that includes current gifts as well as deferred gifts.

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