



**FREEPORT  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

# 2018

## Annual Report to the Community

*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.*

### How have we made an impact?

**\$193,607.70 GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF AREA NON-PROFITS:**

**Captain Lincoln Sculpture Project** – Captain Abraham Lincoln Sculpture

**Children's Hands On Museum** – Reality of a Dream

**CONTACT of No. IL** – Mental Health First Aid

**FHN Family Counseling Center** – Parent Enrichment Program

**Freeport Art Museum** – Paint the Port

**Freeport Art Museum** – Summer Artivation

**Freeport High School** – Middle School INCubatoredu Entrepreneurship Course

**Girl Scouts of NI** – Girl Scout Experience/STEM

**Hoo Haven Wildlife** – Ambassadors Environmental Education Program

**Malcolm Eaton Enterprises** – Fit to Stand Lift

**NICCA | Head Start** – Purposeful Playground

**Senior Resource Center** – My Senior Center

**Senior Resource Center** – Living History Presentations

**Stephenson County Historical Society** – Preservation & Exhibition of Charissa Bass Manuscript

**Warren Township Public Library** – Ancestry for All

**Highland Community College** – Craig Wilson Agriculture Scholarships

**Freeport High School** – Jeannette Lloyd Theater Scholarships

**Amity Society of Freeport** – Website Redesign

**Blackhawk Elementary School** – Healthy Kids

**CareerTEC** – Emergency Operations

**Children's Hands On Museum** – Kids Build

**CONTACT of No. Illinois** – iCarol & AIRS Certification

**FHN Foundation** – Grief Workshop

**Family YMCA of NWIL** – After School Outreach

**Freeport Area Church Cooperative** – Kitchen Update

**Freeport Art Museum** – smArt After School

**Freeport Public Library** – Early Childhood Support

**Little Cubs Field** – Right Field Bleachers

**Madonna Renewal Center** – Education and Security

**Public Health Foundation** – Classroom Literacy Centers

**United Way of NWIL** – Marketing Collateral

**United Way of NWIL** – It Takes a Village



Spring 2018 Grantees



Fall 2018 Grantees

### \$1600.00 awarded in YAC Grants in 2018

CareerTEC, Children's Hands On Museum, Northern Illinois Food Bank, The Food Ark

#### 2018 YAC CARE (Community Awareness Reflected in Education) Award

Dr. Beth Summers, Freeport School Dist. #145. Dr. Summers donated her \$100.00 award to Children's Hands On Museum.

#### Matthew A. Marvin Community Impact Award

Teri Winter. Teri donated her \$1000.00 award to the Family YMCA of NWIL After School Program.

#### Dan and Nancy Schmitt Family Endowment Fund

Family YMCA of NWIL, Highland Community College, Winneshiek Playhouse

#### John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial Fund Grant

The Rosecrance Foundation – New Fitness Equipment

#### Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music & Arts

Taylor Park Elementary School – After School Art Program

#### Luthin Family Endowment Fund

Flight Radio Studio – Day in the Park, The Salvation Army—Holiday Needs

#### Northwest Illinois Southwest Wisconsin Fund for Community Development

Hill Country Theaters Inc. – Performances

#### RC Miller Agriculture and Land Conservation Fund

Freeport High School – Ag Education

**Donations of Support were made to:** Freeport Aquatic Swim Team, NICA Golden Meals, Northern Illinois Food Bank, RAMP, Salvation Army, United Way of Northwest IL.

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

Dovie Anderson, Big Radio, Shawn Cox, Deininger's Floral Shop, Eagles Club, FCF Board of Directors and Staff, Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Brad Hart, Art Herendeen, Janco Engraving and Gifts, M45 Marketing Services, Shary Meinert, Mark Miller, Northwestern Illinois Farmer, PG Calc, Kim Rampenthal, Nancy Schmitt, Mary Schneider, The Flash, The Journal-Standard, Uinta LLC, United Way of NWIL, Village Voices, Youth Advisory Council Members

The Freeport Community Foundation's financials are audited by Benning Group, LLC. 2017 audited year-end balance: \$4,943,816.00. Full audited statements and IRS Form 990 are available upon request. The Foundation's Finance Committee meets quarterly and is responsible for overseeing the investments of the Foundation's assets. The names of the investment managers and fees charged are available upon request from our office.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Since its inception in 1975, the Freeport Community Foundation has served as stewards of our region's savings account, providing nearly \$2.7 million in funding to those organizations striving to enhance our communities and enrich the lives of those living here. In 2018, we saw an amazing 40% increase in our giving capabilities over 2017, due in large part to you, our supporters. Your generous philanthropic gifts fund the FCF endowments, enabling us to continue making this positive impact. As we continue to grow within our region, we encourage the public's involvement: learn more by visiting us at [www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org), [www.facebook.com/freeportcf](http://www.facebook.com/freeportcf), or by phone at 815-801-3035.

*Kim Beggin, Board President*

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### The Foundation recognizes with sincere appreciation the following memorial and honor gifts:

#### In Memory of:

**Edward C. Brooks Jr.** - Ron & Jennifer Spielman

**Benard Chasteen** - Liz Carter

**John M. Drogosz** - Jean Parry Clayton, Dick & Marianne Drogosz,

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**Bruce A. Olson** - Ron & Jennifer Spielman

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#### In Honor of:

**Daniel Schmitt** - James & Wendy Blair, Cindy Carter

**Marjorie Phillips** - Mrs. Ida M. Saar-Hutchison

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#### Community Needs Fund

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#### Dan and Nancy Schmitt Family Fund

Cindy Carter

#### Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC)

Thomas & Melinda Ferguson, John & Leanne Namio, Reeds Auto Repair Inc., Lyle Reedy, Dan & Nancy Schmitt, Ron & Jennifer Spielman, Glenna Weegens, Shirley & Carl Zulke

#### Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music and Arts

Phyllis Bergagna, Karl & Sue Bronn, Kenneth Drake, Barbara Evans, Charles & Lynn Jones, Nanette C. Mosher, Marilee Odendahl, Deborah & Allen Workman, April Young

#### John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial

Philip & Pamela Briggs, Jean Parry Clayton, Dick & Marianne Drogosz, Thomas & Melinda Ferguson, Jr., Edward & Catherine Finch, Alan & Sherry Flack, Mary Margaret Hartman, Judy & Larry Murphy, Pete & Jen Norman, Brennen & Amanda Roberts, Tim & Mida Smith, Bradley Stewart, Sandra Wagner, Alan & Julie Wenzel

#### Luthin Family Endowment Fund

Richard Luthin, Pete & Jen Norman

#### Matthew A. Marvin Fund

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#### United Way of NWIL Endowment Fund

Jay & Georgann Castro

#### VOICES Sexual Assault and Prevention Fund

Kim & Paul Rampenthal, David & Angela Snyders

#### Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Anonymous, Dovie Anderson, Mary Sue & Brad Boerner, Dick & Marianne Drogosz, Judy Garkey, Craig & Donna Knaack, Connie Kraft, Barbara Lessman, Stephen & Vicki Spyrison

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

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