Foundation Announces 2013 Spring Grant Awards

The Foundation is pleased to announce that nearly $35,000.00 in grants from the Community Needs and Matthew A. Marvin Funds were awarded to the following organizations for various projects:

- American Red Cross, NW Illinois Chapter
- Assault and Abuse Services of Stephenson County
- Freeport Art Museum
- Freeport Community Public School Fund
- Habitat for Humanity of Freeport, IL Inc.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Parkview Home
- Stephensen County Historical Society
- Voices DV

Message from the Board President

The Freeport Community Foundation was formed in 1975 by a dedicated group of citizens interested in creating a lasting legacy of funds for charitable organizations serving the people of Freeport and the surrounding communities. Over $2,000,000 in grants have been awarded to 95 different non-profits since our inception. We provide a personal approach to charitable giving by working with both donors and local non-profits to meet their individual needs and goals. We provide the fiscal oversight to ensure that donations are invested and spent wisely. We welcome your questions and urge you to learn more about your Freeport Community Foundation by visiting our website at www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org or by calling us at 815-801-3035.

James Rhyne, Board President

Message from the Executive Director

The Freeport Community Foundation would like to thank all of our volunteers and donors for their charitable spirit and their gifts of time, talent and financial resources. The Foundation is very fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors who has shared its time and talent to make a lasting difference in our community. Our goal is to strengthen the community by facilitating philanthropy and partnering with donors to create and build permanent endowments. These funds will ultimately support community projects, providing leadership and guidance on community needs. We have continued to meet these goals through the generous donations of citizens and ask that you remember us with a gift in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person. For more information on how to establish a fund, how to contribute to an existing fund or view a list of the Foundation’s existing funds, visit our website at www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org or contact the Foundation at fcfdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org or 815-801-3035.

Daniel Schmitt, Executive Director

Carolyn Miller, Dale Kemp, Cameron Holub, HCC art instructor, Bob Apolloni and Samantha Sanna were in attendance for the Freeport Art Museum’s HCC student show.

Parkview resident Casey Mayer uses the Telekin touch screen computer. Residents use the computer for memory games to maintain mental fitness, check local news stories, email and Skype communications with family, friends and staff.

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.
Training the Next Generation

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was created by the Freeport Community Foundation in 2009. The group consists of up to 20 members of area youth age 14-20 that are dedicated to learning about volunteerism, philanthropy and leadership. YAC members also learn about the grant-making process from the components of a new grant to reviewing and awarding grants. Current YAC members are Briana Bendorf, Annika London, Alex Marck, Elysa Rodriguez, Kathryn Ruble and Anthony Welt. The YAC awarded 3 grants in April 2013 to youth-serving projects at RAMP, Mother Hubbard’s Kiddie Cupboard, and Stephenson County Public Health. The YAC also gives out a CARE Award each year to an area teacher who epitomizes the spirit of philanthropy. The 2013 CARE Award recipient is Tim Connors from the Freeport School District. Mr. Connors chose the Freeport High School Speech Team as the recipient of the award in his honor. The YAC Fund was established through generous donations from State Bank, Jack Myers, Sunrise Rotary and the Foundation. To make a donation to this fund and help develop the next generation of leaders and philanthropists, please contact the Foundation office.

NEW FUNDS

The Freeport Community Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of the following Funds in the last year:

United Way Endowment Fund

Dan & Nancy Schmitt Family Endowment Fund

All are established to benefit the community and we welcome your contributions.

Drogosz Grant

The Foundation awarded a $3,000 grant from the John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial Fund to Sojourn House Inc. The John M. Drogosz Memorial Fund was established in December 2010 by Dick and Marlane Drogosz, John’s parents, through their matching gift in response to the generous contributions of more than 200 donors. Grants made from this fund are directed to non-profit organizations with education, prevention and/or treatment programs focused on helping youth in our community facing substance abuse issues. Anyone is welcome to donate to the Fund.

Scholarship Awarded

The Foundation awarded the 2013 scholarship for the Ian Murphy-Mitchard Scholarship to Katelyn Koch of Pearl City High School. Katelyn graduated from Pearl City High School in 2013 and will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah GA. The Ian Murphy-Mitchard Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who shows passion and vision in some area of the arts and is interested in pursuing continuing education in the arts.

FREEPORT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis (unaudited)

December 31, 2012

Assets

Current assets ........................................ $2,601
Leasehold improvements and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of $7,319) ......... 1,313
Investments ................................................ 3,590,324
Total assets ............................................ $3,594,238

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities ..................................... $39,448
Net assets: Unrestricted ................................ 3,370,982
Temporarily restricted ............................... 146,838
Permanently restricted .............................. 36,970
Total net assets ...................................... 3,554,790
Total liabilities and net assets .................... $3,594,238

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis (unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2012

Public support and revenue: Contributions ........................................ $32,389
Other revenue ........................................... 451,557
Total public support and revenue ......... 493,946

Allocations and expenses:

Allocations to agencies ................................ 59,928
Management and general ......................... 127,641
Total allocations and expenses .......... 187,569

Change in net assets .............................. 276,377

Net assets, beginning of year .................. 3,292,792
Change in prior period Agency funds ...... (14,378)

Net assets, end of year ......................... 3,554,790

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