Message from the Board President

“When we plant a tree, we don’t plant it for ourselves, but for our children.”
-The Reverend Mae “Mother” Wyatt

The quote from The Reverend Mae “Mother” Wyatt exemplifies the philosophy of the Freeport Community Foundation: For Good, For Local, For Ever. During the past 39 years, the Foundation has awarded over $2,100,000 in grants to approximately 100 different non-profits. Together, we all can make a difference in the quality of life in our community and to those in need.

Robert Nickels
Board President

Message from the Executive Director

The number 856,000 has significant meaning for the Freeport Community Foundation. That number represents the dollar amount granted locally over the past 20 years from the Matthew A. Marvin Fund. That number also has positively impacted many lives in our community. What a great example of the power of endowment!

We ask that you support your community 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 funds, please visit our website at www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org or contact the Foundation at 815-801-3035 or fcfdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org.

Daniel Schmitt
Executive Director

Thank you to our volunteers and donors for your charitable spirit and gifts of time, talent and financial resources.

2014 Spring Grant Awards

The Foundation is pleased to announce that $41,829.86 in grants were awarded to the following organizations from the Community Needs and Matthew A. Marvin Funds:

- Assault & Abuse Services of Stephenson County
- CareerTEC
- CONTACT
- Malcolm Eaton Enterprises
- Master Builders Ministries
- New Horizons Counseling Center
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- RAMP
- Stateline Music Foundation
- Stephenson County
  (Friends of the Pecatonica)
- United Way of Northwest Illinois

Save the Date

The Freeport Community Foundation’s annual Fall Grant and Donor Reception will be Thursday, October 23, 2014. The reception will be held at the Freeport Country Club with hors d’oeuvres from 5:30- 6:30 pm and brief remarks and grant awards beginning at 6:30. We hope you will join us as we support the work of local non-profit organizations. Please R.S.V.P. by October 8, 2014.
Connecting people who care with causes that matter.

Training the Next Generation

The Youth Advisory Council was created in 2009 to help area youth learn about volunteerism, philanthropy, and leadership. Members learn about the grant making process, with grants awarded to area youth projects. Our YAC fund was created by generous donations from State Bank, Jack Myers, Matt Marvin, Sunrise Rotary and Freeport Culver’s. Your donation to this fund will help us develop the next generation of leaders. YAC awarded grants to the following organizations this year:

- Aquin Catholic Schools - Giving Gardens/Green DAWG Market
- Cub Scout Pack 832 - Teach a Cub to Camp
- RAMP - iBelong Disability Awareness Program
- United Way of NW IL - Born Learning Trail Improvements

The YAC presents a CARE Award each year to an area teacher who epitomizes the spirit of philanthropy. The 2014 CARE Award recipient was Connie Gogel from Aquin Catholic Schools. Ms. Gogel chose the Aquin Interact service club as the recipient of the award in her honor.

TOP 10 Tips for Giving in Times of Crisis

1. Give to an established charity.
2. Designate your investment.
3. Avoid telemarketers.
4. Do not send supplies.
5. Be careful of email solicitations.
6. Seek out the charity’s authorized website.
7. Think before you text.
8. Consider the nature of the charity’s work.
9. Be inspired by social media, but still do your homework.
10. Do not expect immediate results, but do keep tabs on what your donation accomplishes.

(www.charitynavigator.org)

Drogosz Grant

The Foundation awarded a $2357.70 grant from the John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial Fund to the Rosecrance Foundation. Grants made from this fund are directed to non-profit organizations with education, prevention and/or treatment programs focused on helping youth (ages 21 or younger) facing substance abuse issues in Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties. Anyone is welcome to donate to the fund.

Matthew A. Marvin Community Impact Award

The Foundation announced the creation and presentation of the inaugural Matthew A Marvin Community Impact Award. The award recognizes the importance of philanthropy and giving back to residents of Northwest Illinois. The 2013 award was presented to Matthew A. Marvin for the impact his gifts have made to our community over the past 20 years.

The Foundation is currently looking for nominees for the 2014 award. The Impact Award honors an individual or nonprofit organization whose notable performance and delivery to the community sets a high standard of quality and impact. For a nomination form, please contact the Foundation or visit www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org. Nominations are due at the Foundation office September 25. The winner will be announced at the Foundation’s annual Fall Grant and Donor Reception on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Freeport Community Foundation

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis (audited)
December 31, 2013

Assets
Current assets ....................................... $ 8,397
Leashold improvements and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of $7,793) ........................................ 1,493
Investments ........................................... 4,096,182
Total assets ........................................... $ 4,097,872

Liabilities and Net Assets
Current liabilities ..................................... $ 64,225
Net assets:
Unrestricted ........................................ 3,944,377
Temporarily restricted ......................... 27,792
Permanently restricted ...................... 46,132
Total net assets .................................. 4,014,817
Total liabilities and net assets .............. $ 4,014,817

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis (audited)
For the year ended December 31, 2013

Public support and revenue: Contributions ..................................................... $ 29,257
Other revenue ...................................... 636,643
Total public support and revenue ........ $ 665,900
Allocations and expenses:
Allocations to agencies ................. 7,379
Management and general .......... 132,264
Total allocations and expenses ....... 205,643
Change in net assets ...................... $ 460,027
Net assets, beginning of year ........... $ 3,554,790
Change in prior period Agency funds ...... 3,684
Net assets, end of year ................... $ 4,014,817

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 using the distribution income from those funds to charitable organizations.