



Message from the Board President

"He plants trees to benefit another generation."
-Caecilius Statius

During the past 40 years of giving and growing, the Foundation has awarded almost \$2,200,000 in grants to over 100 different non-profits. Together, we all can make a difference in the quality of life in our community and to those in need. 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.

Robert Nickels
Board President

Message from the Executive Director



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." -Robert Louis Stevenson

Forty years ago, the Freeport Community Trust was established to provide sustained support to charitable organizations in the Freeport area. "The Trust offers flexibility," stated Robert Schmelzle, an original board member. "It is always attuned to current needs which no one can see 50 years from now." Those words still ring true today. For Local. For Good. For Ever.

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 fcdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org.

Daniel Schmitt
Executive Director

Drogosz Grant - Fall 2014

The Foundation awarded a \$4,000 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-profits with education, prevention and/or treatment programs for youth (ages 21 or younger) facing substance abuse issues in Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties. Anyone is welcome to donate to the fund.

Save the Date

The Freeport Community Foundation's annual Fall Grant and Donor Reception will be Thursday, October 22, 2015. The reception will be held at the Freeport Eagles 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 9, 2015.

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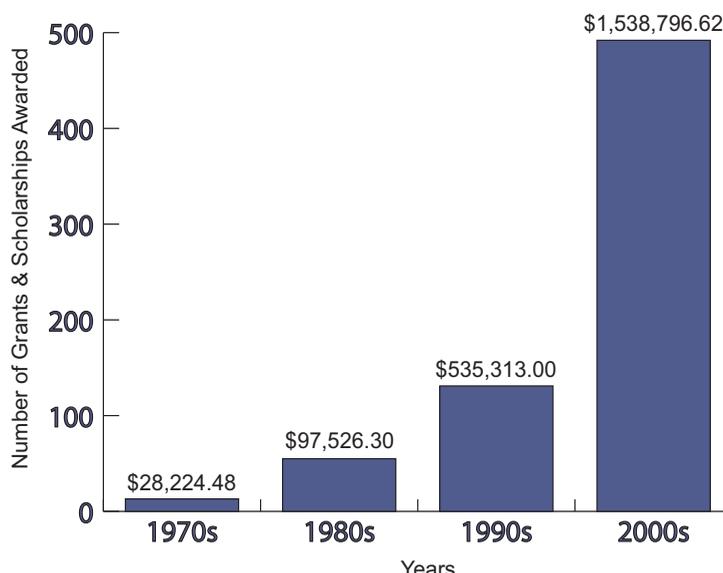
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Thank you to our volunteers and donors for your charitable spirit and gifts of time, talent and financial resources.





Planting the Seed

The Youth Advisory Council members learn about volunteerism, philanthropy, leadership and the grant-making process, with grants being awarded to youth projects.

YAC 2015 Grants:

Northern Illinois Food Bank-Backpack Program

Children's Hands-on Museum-Ball Maze and Gears Galore & Future Vet Exhibit

The YAC presents a CARE Award each year to an area teacher who epitomizes the spirit of philanthropy. The 2015 CARE Award recipient was **Timothy Tokars** from Freeport Schools. Mr. Tokars chose the Madonna Renewal Center as the recipient of the award on his behalf.

	Members: Clare Giaimo <i>President</i>	Haley Appel <i>Secretary</i>
	Katiana Rodriguez <i>Vice-President</i>	Morgan Krupke
	Volunteer Assistants: Katrya Lessman, Shay Lessman	

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A Donor's Bill of Rights

1. To be informed of the organization's mission, use of resources, and effectiveness.
2. To be informed of the governing board, and to expect responsible stewardship.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that donations are handled with respect and confidentiality.
7. To expect all relationships with a conflict of interest to be handled professionally.
8. To be informed of those seeking donations.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists.
10. To ask questions when donating and receive truthful and forthright answers.

(www.charitynavigator.org)



2015 Spring Grant Awards

The Foundation is pleased to announce that **\$39,198** in grants were awarded to the following organizations from the Community Needs and Matthew A. Marvin Funds:

- Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County**
- CareerTEC**
- City of Freeport**
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative**
- Freeport Art Museum**
- Northern Illinois Food Bank**
- Safe Families for Children**

Matthew A. Marvin Community Impact Award

The second annual Matthew A Marvin Community Impact Award was presented posthumously to David A. Steenrod in honor of his many years of community service as an educator, coach and community activist.

The Foundation is looking for nominees for the 2015 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 September 17th. The winner will be announced at the Fall Grant and Donor Reception on Thursday, October 22, 2015.



Dan Schmitt presenting the 2014 award to Elly Steenrod.

Freeport Community Foundation

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis(unaudited)
December 31, 2014

Assets	
Current assets	\$ 8,817
Leasehold improvements and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$7,793)	937
Investments	4,084,100
Total assets	\$ 4,093,854
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities	\$ 82,267
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	3,935,186
Temporarily restricted	26,333
Permanently restricted	50,068
Total net assets	4,011,587
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,093,854+

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis (unaudited)
For the year ended December 31, 2014

Public support and revenue:	
Contributions	\$ 29,103
Other revenue	156,632
Total public support and revenue	185,735
Allocations and expenses:	
Allocations to agencies	90,609
Management and general:	98,356
Total allocations and expenses	188,965
Change in net assets	(3,230)
Net assets, beginning of year	
Change in prior period Agency funds	4,014,817
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,011,587

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