

Vision for a
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A Campaign for Our Future



**DeKalb County
Community Foundation**



Helping Children Achieve



Growing Vibrant Communities



Nurturing Youth to Succeed

Two Funds One *Vision*

CommunityWorks Endowment Fund

Administrative Endowment Fund

What is the CommunityWorks Endowment Fund?

A permanent, endowed fund that provides grant dollars for our CommunityWorks Impact Plan strategies in the areas of child care, land use, and workforce development.

Why is it important?

- CommunityWorks improves the quality of care by helping **child care** centers improve their overall effectiveness
Nine DeKalb County centers earned Illinois Quality Star Ratings, resulting in an additional \$173,600 in state revenue.
- The **workforce development** strategy builds soft skills (i.e. self-motivation, resolving conflict) in middle school youth, increasing their ability to compete in the global marketplace
Employers identify these skills as highly important in job candidates.
- The CommunityWorks Land Use Committee meets with each DeKalb County municipality regarding **land use** priorities
Current priorities include: economic development, parks & recreation, and increased accessibility to professional services such as grant writers.

What impact does my support make?

- Increased quality, availability and affordability of **child care** programs
- Enhanced soft skill education for all middle school youth and collaborative local employer participation in youth **workforce development**
- Providing tools and resources to decision makers to use to inform future **land use** decisions

What is the Administrative Endowment Fund?

A permanent, endowed fund that supports operating needs. It's a "financial foundation" for the Foundation.

Why is it important?

- The Community Foundation's pillars of service to DeKalb County include Endowment & Donor Services, Stewardship, Grantmaking, and Community Initiatives
- Community Foundation staff provide support to the CommunityWorks initiative and other projects in the community....which needs a revenue source
- The Administrative Endowment Fund provides a permanent and stable source of support to help the Foundation fulfill its mission and reach its vision to be a philanthropic leader as it partners with others to build strong communities throughout DeKalb County

What impact does my support make?

- Our Community Initiative activities (including CommunityWorks) cost more than administrative fees cover, so your financial support helps keep our administrative fees on funds low
- It helps us remain efficient and good stewards of our financial resources.
- It ensures that unrestricted funds are preserved to meet local community needs

The Opportunity

Our goal is high, but so is our hope and commitment. We are working to raise \$2 million from donors like you. Why? In addition to the benefits described above, until August 31, 2011 the Grand Victoria Foundation will match qualifying contributions made to the CommunityWorks and/or Administrative Endowment Funds dollar for dollar up to \$2,000,000! That's \$2 million of additional charitable funds benefiting DeKalb County forever. Please help us achieve our vision and leverage matching dollars by making a pledge for financial support using the Vision Pledge Card. **Thank you.**

Honorary Chairpersons



Steve & Patricia Faivre

Sycamore

“CommunityWorks is making a positive impact in child care, land use, and workforce development in DeKalb County. Our investment in a CommunityWorks Fund will provide long-term payoffs for generations to come.”



Ron Klein

DeKalb

“The Community Foundation provides a flexible and cost-efficient way for donors to meet needs today and sustain the future.”



Dave & Candi Baker

Sandwich

“The DeKalb County Community Foundation is a wonderful resource supporting hundreds of nonprofit and community organizations throughout DeKalb County. We hope you’ll consider helping CommunityWorks and the Community Foundation.”



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