



**Community Foundation
of Northern Illinois
Annual Report
2007**

Types of Funds

An unrestricted fund is a good option for donors who want to be assured that their gift will always be used to meet vital needs and improve the quality of life in the Northern Illinois region. The Community Foundation staff, trustees and community advisors can help identify community needs and the most strategic way to address them.

A donor-advised fund is by legal definition an unrestricted fund. The Foundation welcomes donor's recommendations as to which organizations they would like to receive grants from the fund. Although the Foundation cannot, by law, be bound by these recommendations, we take them very seriously, and approve grants to recommended nonprofits governed by the highest charitable standards.

A field-of-interest fund is focused on issues of concern to the donor, such as child and family welfare, youth, education, human justice, environment, or preservation. The Foundation makes grants that meet current needs within the chosen category of interest.

A designated fund is for those who wish to support a specific organization but recognize that needs might change. Donors can establish a designated fund at the Community Foundation instead of giving directly to the charity. This ensures that the gift remains intact over time and will continue to benefit a similar cause should the needs or purpose of the charity change.

Setting up a Fund

Any donor, large or small, may establish a fund at the Community Foundation. Donors first identify their philanthropic objectives, then the Foundation's staff helps clarify those goals and identify the means to achieve them. The fund is then named by the donor, using their own name or the name of someone to be honored or memorialized, or the fund may remain anonymous.

You can give to a fund in many ways:

Give Now – You can set up a fund to achieve your charitable goals now and endow it to continue your philanthropy into the future. Many donors regularly add to their fund over their lifetime.

Deferred Gifts – Donors can set up funds through deferred giving arrangements. The commitment to charitable giving through estate planning ensures many immediate tax benefits for the donor. Charitable Remainder Trusts, and gifts of life insurance or IRAs can be used.

Wills – After providing for personal bequests, a donor may include provisions for setting up a new fund with the Community Foundation or adding to an existing fund. Estate taxes are reduced, and a donor's legacy of charitable giving lives on.

New Funds

Kathleen Cummings Adamson Memorial Fund – this fund provides resources that will help provide housing for homeless women.

All in For The Kids Fund – provides resources for Illinois youth, addressing needs such as health, youth development and education.

Beef-A-Roo Partners Charitable Fund – This fund provides resources for charitable organizations in Winnebago County.

Estelle M. Black Library Resource Fund – provides on-going support of the Estelle M. Black Library located at Rock Valley College in Rockford.

Annie and Oscar Blackwell Education Fund – provides educational resources for the youth of Allen Chapel.

Catfish John Memorial Music Festival Fund – in order to encourage and develop musical talent, this fund provides resources to purchase guitars for youth.

Sean Considine Celebrity Cancer Classic Fund – this pass-through fund supports the operating expenses of the Sean Considine Celebrity Cancer Classic Golf Tournament.

Deliverance Crusader Development Fund – provides resources for the Deliverance Crusader Development Corporation, an outreach of Deliverance Crusader Church.

Donald and Patricia Eubanks Memorial Trust #2 Fund – This Charitable Remainder Trust was established to meet the charitable goals of Donald and Patricia Eubanks.

Festival of Fantasy Fund – this fund provides resources for the annual Festival of Fantasy event in Rockford.

Friends of the Park Fund – this fund will provide resources to support the long-term site development and continuing use of the Winnebago Sports Park as a park for the community.

John Flynn Memorial Scholarship – provides educational resources to Pecatonica High School Senior students pursuing higher education.

Goldman Family Memorial Fund – provides resources to defray the cost of legal education for qualifying Prairie State Legal Service employees.

Nettie and Jesse Gorov Scholarship - provides educational resources to graduating seniors, current college students or non-traditional students planning to attend a college or university to pursue a degree.

Green Communities Coalition Fund – This fund provides resources to support the development and implementation of a wind generator project. In addition, this fund provides resources to inspire Rockford to be a “greener” city.

International Management Council Rockford (MC) Fund - provides educational resources to Winnebago County high school graduating seniors pursuing a degree in business.

Labor Day Flood Fund – this fund provides resources to those affected by the 2006 Labor Day Flood.

Lady E-RABS Softball Field Construction Fund – this fund provides operating resources to construct a girls' softball field at Rockford East High School.

Jon W. Lundin Historical Preservation Fund – resources from this fund serve as a catalyst for historic preservation.

Morris Community Foundation Fund – provides resources for the Morris Community Foundation's service to greater Grundy County.

George A. Muck Memorial Scholarship – provides funds for high school seniors, current college students or adults who are pursuing higher education and are members or regular attendees of First United Methodist Church of Belvidere.

Natural Disaster Assistance Fund – this fund provides resources to victims affected by a natural disaster.

The Neighborhood Fund – this fund supports the projects and programs of local neighborhood organizations.

Neighborhood Network Fund – supports the programs and projects of Neighborhood Network.

nFactor Fund – this fund provides resources for the operating expenses of the nFactor.

Pauline Pirages Memorial Fund – this fund, established in memory of Pauline Pirages, will support local charitable needs.

Project 2001 Plus – provides resources for educational programs for middle school and high school students, and annual scholarships to North Boone graduates who have remained drug free throughout their high school years.

Vicky Purnelli Memorial Fund for the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence – this fund provides resources for the operating expenses of the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Riverfront Theatre Company Endowment Fund - provides ongoing resources for the projects and programs of Riverfront Theatre Company.

Riverfront Theatre Company Operating Fund – provides resources for the operating expenses of the Riverfront Theatre Company.

Rockford Day Nursery Agency Fund – provides resources for the operating expenses of Rockford Day Nursery.

Rockford Day Nursery Endowment Fund – provides ongoing resources for the projects and programs of Rockford Day Nursery.

Rockford Mass Transit District Community Transportation Endowment – this fund will ensure resources for the long-term availability of mass transit transportation for the citizens in the community.

Rockford Mass Transit District Operating/Capital Fund – this fund provides resources for the projects and services of the RMTD and Rockford Para-Transit Services.

Rockford Promise Scholarship Fund – provides scholarships for college tuition and fees to graduates of Rockford School District 205.

Rockford Public Library Fund – supports the projects and programs of Rockford Public Library.

Rockford Robotics Fund – this fund provides resources to support the introduction of students to the field of science and technology through a hands-on educational approach.

Howard Smith Memorial Fund – this fund provides resources which will help provide housing for homeless women.

Spectacular Garden Fund – provides on-going support for the Spectacular Garden Project.

Carroll Starr Endowment Challenge II - this challenge fund helps establish a permanent endowment for the following agencies by providing a \$1 to \$3 match for contributions up to \$50,000. Each endowment will be used to support the agencies' projects and programs:

- Connecting our Future (Burpee Natural History Museum and Discovery Center Museum)
- Freeport Arts Center
- Klehm Arboretum
- Swedish Historical Society

TAC, LLC Charitable Contribution Fund - Formerly Invensys Building Systems Fund, this fund is a pass-through account held at the Community Foundation, on behalf of TAC employees who oversee the allocation of the grants.

Brad Will Foundation – this fund supports non-violent groups dedicated to the advancement of underserved people and communities throughout the world.

Zeta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Memorial Fund – this fund provides scholarships for females in Winnebago County who are pursuing college education and plan to teach at any level.

Zeta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Operational Fund - this fund promotes professional and personal growth of women educators, and excellence in education.

Discretionary Grant Funds

Community Needs Fund

Community Needs is the largest grant-making fund in the endowment of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. It supports a broad range of charitable purposes. Each year a committee of community representatives and Foundation trustees carefully reviews proposals and selects programs to receive grants.

Foundation Trustees: David Thompson (Chair), Bob Hammes, Forest Price, John Morrissey

Community Advisors: John Armstrong, Janet Ellis, Holly Holm, Lois Ramon, E. Roger Reithmeier, Trudy Reynolds, Bradley Rightnowar, Dennis Staaland

City of Rockford - Police Department	\$5,500.00
City of Rockford, Mayor's Office of Education and Lifelong Learning	\$1,000.00
Concord "College"	\$1,000.00
Discovery Center Museum of Rockford Inc.	\$6,500.00
H.O.P.E. of Rochelle	\$2,000.00
Hub City Senior Center	\$5,000.00
Junior Achievement of Rock River Valley, Inc.	\$11,200.00
MABAS Division 17 /Stephenson Area Rescue Team (START)	\$6,500.00
Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence	\$5,000.00
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$1,500.00
River District Association	\$10,000.00
Rockford Area Affordable Housing Coalition	\$5,000.00
Rockford Housing Authority	\$5,500.00
Rockford Public Library	\$10,000.00
The nFACTOR	\$7,500.00
VOICES Domestic Violence	\$4,000.00
Youth Becoming Leaders, Inc.	\$2,919.00
<i>Total Community Needs Grants</i>	<i>\$ 90,119.00</i>

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Additional Community Needs Funds of the Community Foundation

Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund of Community Needs

The Literacy Council	\$5,600.00
Winnebago County Health Department	\$7,500.00

Total Armer Ahlstrand Fund ***\$13,100.00***

Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund of Community Needs

Careers, Etc.	\$5,000.00
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$5,000.00

Total Aldeen Fund ***\$10,000.00***

Barber-Colman Management Fund

Memorial Hall Board of Trustees	\$10,000.00
RAMP	\$7,500.00
Violence Prevention Collaborative	\$15,000.00

Total Barber-Colman Management Fund ***\$32,500.00***

Vera Maureen Fisher Charitable Fund

Rockford College	\$3,350.00
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Total Vera Maureen Fisher Fund ***\$3,350.00***

Dr. Courtney J. and Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund

Crusaders Health Foundation	\$3,200.00
Four Rivers Environmental Coalition	\$3,000.00

Total Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund ***\$6,200.00***

Ralph E. and Mildred Johnson Fund of Community Needs

Lydia Home Association	\$5,109.00
Severson Dells Educational Foundation	\$5,000.00

Total Johnson Fund ***\$10,109.00***

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Invensys Building Systems Fund

This fund is a pass-through account held at the Community Foundation on behalf of Invensys employees who oversee the allocation of all its grants.

Concord College	\$169.00
Midway Village and Museum Center	\$5,000.00
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$2,000.00
The MILL	\$1,331.00
The Salvation Army Park Pantry	\$2,569.00

***Total Invensys Building Systems aka
Barber Colman Company*** ***\$11,069.00***

President's Discretionary Fund

The President's Fund allows the chief executive officer of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois to use discretionary dollars to support our region's youth.

Auburn High School	\$340.00
Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America	\$500.00
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Circles of Learning	\$500.00
City of Freeport - Fire Department	\$240.00
City of Rockford, Human Services Department	\$300.00
City of Rockford, Mayor's Office of Education and Lifelong Learning	\$500.00
Dorothy Simon Elementary	\$500.00
East High School	\$300.00
Haskell Academy	\$500.00
Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education	\$500.00
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Northern Illinois Red Ribbon Program	\$500.00
One In Christ Church	\$500.00
The MILL	\$500.00
West View Elementary School	\$250.00

Total President's Discretionary Grants ***\$6,730.00***

Field of Interest Grants

Neighborhood Grants Program

The Neighborhood Grants Program marked its 11th anniversary in 2006. Since its formation, the program has awarded over \$400,000 to neighborhood-based groups and organizations working to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. A committee of community representatives and Foundation trustees carefully reviews proposals and selects programs to receive grants.

Foundation Trustees: Gary Ecklund (Chair), Terrie Hall

Community Advisors: Barbara Baptista, Judith Barnard, Sarah Bell, Jody Deery, Co Leber, Vicki Manson, Ruth Miller, Barbara Pittman

Abilities Center	\$1,900.00
Booker Washington Association, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Calvin Park Boulevard Association	\$1,000.00
Catholic Woman's League of Rockford	\$1,000.00
Churchill's Grove, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Edgewater Neighborhood Association	\$1,480.00
Ellis Arts Academy	\$1,200.00
Ethnic Heritage Museum	\$600.00
Haight Village National Register Historic District	\$500.00
Highland Neighborhood Association	\$2,000.00
Jackson Oaks Neighborhood Association	\$1,800.00
North End Commons Business Association	\$1,500.00
North End Square Neighborhood Association	\$1,250.00
Total Neighborhood Grants	\$33,500.00

Family Crisis Fund

The Family Crisis Fund provides financial assistance to individuals and families who have experienced profound human crisis. Referrals are made by a network of social service agencies, which includes Janet Wattles Center, Love, Inc., Northern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Regional Access and Mobilization Project, Inc. (RAMP), Shelter Care Ministries, St. Rita Outreach, The Salvation Army, Working Against Violent Environments (WAVE), and Youth Services Network. A Foundation committee evaluates all referrals.

Foundation Trustees: Mike Abate (Chair), Ralph Kreissler, Pat Derry

Community Advisors: Judy Emerson, Jennifer Jaeger, Libby Knopp, Donald A. Mosser, Mary Ellen Powell-Commare, Father William Wentink

Total Family Crisis **\$45,718.38**

Crone's Coin Fund

The Crone's Coin Fund is dedicated to filling a need in Winnebago, Ogle, Stephenson and Boone Counties by providing for the housing, medical or subsistence needs of women 65 years or older.

Total Crone's Coin Grants **\$10,447.44**

United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Endowment Fund

The United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Endowment Fund supports services and activities that enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Each year a committee of community representatives and Foundation trustees carefully reviews proposals and selects programs to receive grants.

Foundation Trustees: Forest Price (Chair), Howie Sorenson

Community Advisors: Karen Adell, Julie Anderson, Bill Brenner, Robert Eversman, Lisa Seger

Access Services of Northern Illinois	\$4,800.00
Goldie B. Floberg Center	\$2,500.00
Pegasus Special Riders, Inc.	\$4,500.00

**Total United Cerebral Palsy of
Blackhawk Region** **\$11,800.00**

In Youth We Trust Fund

In Youth We Trust began in 1994 with a grant from the Ford Foundation of New York City. Its purpose is to encourage philanthropy and leadership development in young people. In 2006-2007 the program brought together over 25 high-school-aged students from the Northern Illinois region. These young people reviewed and awarded grants to applicants proposing youth initiated community service projects. In addition, In Youth We Trust Council members benefit from meetings with community leaders, and they carry out their own community service projects.

Council members in 2006-2007: Katie Barisa – President, Oliver Vranjkovic – Vice President, Anju Goyal – Secretary, Ben Lantz – Treasurer, Chelsey Augensen, Joanna Bares, Jim Bauer, Attali Clauson, Katie Colletta, Ashley Crawford, Amy Garganera, Marissa Giannangeli, Joseph May, Stasia Moryakova, Tommy Patterson, James Phelan, Jay Pirages, David Potts, Greg Potts, Daniel Rohrer, Kelly Sandquist, Erin Schutt, Josh Showers, Josh Sorensen, Jessica Sporman, Diana Stockwell, Sarah Weatherford, Hayden Wilsey

Foundation Trustees: Elise Cadigan, Suzanne Lukas

Community Advisor: Barbara Berman

In Youth We Trust Grants

Flodin Boys & Girls Club	\$2,207.00
Freeport Catholic Schools S.O.S. (students offering support)	\$325.00
Girl Scouts - Rock River Valley Council	\$974.98
HUGS	\$2,300.00
Marsh School Garden Club	\$2,000.00
Northern Illinois Red Ribbon Program	\$2,100.00
Rockford Five-O	\$2,500.00
Rockford MELD Youth Advisory Board	\$2,198.00
Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra (RSYO)	\$700.00
Roots & Wings	\$2,035.00
The nFACTOR	\$2,420.00
Total In Youth We Trust Grants	\$19,759.98

Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund

The Margaret K. Aldeen Fund was established through a generous bequest from Margaret K. Aldeen to provide resources for projects that meet the food, housing and medical needs of the poor, primarily through organizations with a Christian emphasis. Each year a committee of community members and Foundation trustees carefully reviews proposals and selects programs to receive grants.

Foundation Trustees: Jim Powers (Chair)

Community Advisors: Carrole Banks, Lawrence Jacobs, Paul Kingstrom, Jeanne Leezer, Susan Meyers, Gary Schwerin, Kristine Zibell

Boone County Chapter of Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500.00
Calvary Lutheran Church	\$2,500.00
Gentle Shepherd Fellowship	\$2,000.00
Grounds for Life Ministries	\$2,500.00
His Glory Outreach Mission	\$2,500.00
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$2,000.00
The Carpenter's Place	\$5,000.00
Zion Lutheran Outreach	\$1,620.00

**Total Margaret K. Aldeen Christian
Ministry Grants** **\$20,620.00**

Community Arts & Humanities Fund

The Community Arts & Humanities Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois enhances the quality of life in the region by providing funding for arts programming. Each year a committee of community representatives and Foundation trustees carefully reviews proposals and selects programs to receive grants.

Foundation Trustees: Kent Mallquist (Chair), Terrie Hall

Community Advisors: Kevin Earlywine, Judith Graff, Ann Hagney, Caroline Kiefer, Timothy Leake, Anne O'Keefe, Dorothy Paige-Turner, Mary Ann Smith, Paula Turner

A Community Together	\$3,000.00
Artists' Ensemble Theater	\$3,500.00
Children's Theater Project	\$1,600.00
Dolan Education Center	\$1,000.00
Festival of Fantasy	\$2,000.00
Mendelssohn Club	\$2,000.00
Midway Village and Museum Center	\$3,000.00
Motivating Individuals for Learning	\$1,000.00
Northwest Community Center	\$2,000.00
Rockford Area Arts Council	\$3,000.00
Rockford Dance Company	\$2,300.00
Rockford Dance Company	\$4,000.00
Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Winneshek Players, Inc.	\$1,500.00

Total Community Arts & Humanities Fund Grants ***\$31,900.00***

Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund

The Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund was established to support the arts and humanities. Distributions from the fund are determined as part of the Community Arts and Humanities allocation process.

Barbara Olson Center of Hope	\$3,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	\$2,925.00
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	\$3,675.00
Rockford Park District Foundation	\$1,850.00
Swedish Historical Society	\$600.00
Zion Lutheran Outreach	\$3,425.00
Zion Lutheran Outreach	\$4,175.00

Total Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund Grants ***\$19,650.00***

Scholarships

Charles Lee Anderson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Charles Lee Anderson, Ph.D., valedictorian of the Sycamore High School class of 1951 and a professor of psychology at Rock Valley College for more than 25 years. As a teacher, community leader and believer in the oneness of humankind, he had little patience for those who made excuses for their failures or failed to try again. The fund provides two scholarships annually – one to a Rock Valley graduate who will be entering a university to pursue an education degree, and one to a graduate of Sycamore High School who will pursue an education degree.

Recipient: **Miranda K. Okuda**

Richard L. Bernardi Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of former Rock Valley College Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Faculty President, and Director of Admissions and Records, Richard Bernardi. An avid tennis player, he coached RVC's women's tennis team for more than a decade and served as a regional tournament director, referee and association president. The scholarship is available to RVC students committed to completing a four-year degree and demonstrating enthusiasm, leadership and active participation in sports.

Recipient: **Renée Shiroda**

Beta Gamma Recruitment Grant

The Beta Gamma Chapter of Rockford, affiliated with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization of women educators, sponsors this scholarship for graduating female seniors in Boone and Winnebago counties who are planning to enter the teaching profession.

Recipient: **Kiley Sheets**

Chief David G. Bailey Fire Science Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in 2004 in loving memory of David G. Bailey. Chief Bailey had a passion for fire service and believed strongly in teaching others who choose to serve their community as fire fighters. Awards are made to help fire fighters receive training.

No Recipient this year.

Annie and Oscar Blackwell Scholarship

Annie Blackwell established this fund to honor her late husband Oscar, a Rockford native and West High School graduate. He was a teacher at Auburn High School, the first Director of Integration for District 205, Director of Attendance and Transportation and a Personnel Hearing Officer. He worked as an insurance agent for Metropolitan and Prudential Insurance Co. and served as Director of Concord Recreation Center and Booker Washington Community Center. He is remembered for his devotion to children and justice. This scholarship is designated for the winner of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Gamma Omega Chapter's Miss Fashionetta Contest.

Recipient: **Anitra Green**

Randall A. Blank Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in memory of Randall A. Blank, a Rockford Police Officer who was shot and mortally wounded in the line of duty in 1980. Established by Mr. Blank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Koltz, and the Police Benevolent and Protective Association – Unit 6, the fund provides scholarships to graduates of schools within the Rockford area who plan to pursue a major in Police Science.

Recipients:

Benjamin Johnson
Courtney Schemel

Joe Carnes Scholarship

Colleagues of Joe Carnes established this scholarship in memory of Joe's community spirit and generosity. Joe is remembered as an active community volunteer in Crystal Lake, Illinois where he participated in Special Olympics, youth football, baseball and hockey, and was a member of the Jaycees. A pilot for United Airlines for 31 years, Joe encouraged people to actively help others. This scholarship is available to graduates of Crystal Lake South High School who are pursuing a degree in an aviation related field, public service or in education.

Recipient: **Anthony Benedetto**

Harry H. & Floy B. Chapin Scholarship

Floy B. Chapin created this scholarship in gratitude to Durand and the surrounding communities for their support of her family's furniture store and funeral home. Following her husband's death in 1947, Mrs. Chapin became a business leader, playing an instrumental role in the establishment of Durand State Bank, Medina Nursing Home and other businesses. The Chapin Scholarship is available to Durand, Pecatonica, and Dakota high school graduates who patronize Durand businesses.

Recipients:

Dustin Barker

Kyle DeMus

Megan Michaelis

Kelsey Tucker

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarship

Funded by a generous anonymous gift, the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois provides four-year scholarships each year to Winnebago County residents. The scholarship provides funding throughout a student's undergraduate education.

Recipients:

Tzuruany Almonaci

Analisa Gomez

Melinda Hagaman

Samuel Lyons

Kyle Ramirez

Sharretta Young

Margaret T. Craig Community Service Scholarship

Margaret Craig believed fervently in supporting her community through personal involvement. This scholarship, created through a bequest of her estate, is available to high school graduates from Winnebago County who have demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Recipients:

Stephanie Baker

Karissa Bartholme

Michelle Blomgren

Jessica Bubert

Elizabeth Buzzard

Allison Henning

Kathryn Homann

Alexandra Kassel

Gregory Klazura

Regan Leahy

Megan Luczak

Valerie O'Brien

Anders Pauley

Kevin Seidl

Kiley Sheets

Ashley Soriano

Amber Stone

Kelsey Tucker

Christopher Vipond

Mirabel Vranjkovic

Hannah Warren

William R. Durham Drama/Theater Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate or graduating senior who lives in Winnebago or Boone counties with a GPA of at least 3.0 and plans on attending a four year college or university to obtain a M.A. or B.A. The recipient must intend to teach theater or work professionally as a theater performer or technician.

Recipient: **Cassandra Rose**

Roger L. Ekstrom Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Roger L. Ekstrom by his family. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Guilford High School graduating senior, who was a member of the high school boys or girls golf team, and has actively participated in other school and/or community volunteer projects.

Recipient: **Corie Donovan**

Helen R. Finley-Loescher Scholarship

Dan G. Loescher established this scholarship in 1992 in memory of his mother Helen. Helen was a lifelong resident of Freeport, Illinois and graduated from Freeport High School in 1933. There she shared her notable artistic abilities by illustrating school yearbooks and other publications. This scholarship is available to Freeport High School graduates who have participated in fine arts studies in high school and plan to further their fine arts educations.

Recipient: **Anita Johnson**

John Flynn Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of John Flynn who passed away in March 2006. A resident of Pecatonica, Illinois, John graduated from Pecatonica High School in 1965, and received a B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1970. He was a dedicated member of the Pecatonica School Board for 18 years, serving as President for the last five years. John co-founded the Pecatonica Education Foundation, was past-president of the Pecatonica Fans Club, and participated as a member of Pecatonica football's "chain-gang" for over 20 years. He served on the Winnebago County Special Education Co-Operative, the Wisconsin Alumni Club of Rockford's scholarship committee, and the Pecatonica Improvement Association. John was a lector at St. Patrick Irish Grove Catholic Church for 25 years, volunteered at Provena St. Anne's Nursing Center in Rockford and was a long-time emcee for the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade.

In honor of John, the Flynn family would like to congratulate and recognize a Pecatonica High School senior who has given back to the community through his/her community service and volunteerism. Special consideration may be given to a candidate with an agricultural background.

Recipient: **Jessica Hasselman**

Louis J. Franchini Rockford Police Department Scholarship

The Rockford Police Department received a generous gift from the estate of Louis J. Franchini in 2003 and established this fund to provide scholarships to high school graduates in Winnebago County who plan to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Recipients:

Benjamin Johnson
Courtney Schemel

L.H. Geddes Memorial Fund

Leslie Geddes is remembered for his passion for quality community law enforcement. Mr. Geddes died in 1981. He was the President of Greenlee Brothers and Co., Chair of the Winnebago County Police Merit Commission, served on the Illinois State Police Merit Commission and was a marksmanship instructor. This scholarship is awarded to officers of the Rockford Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police for continuing law enforcement education.

Recipients:

Michael Ahrens
Eric Bruno
Eric Paulsen

Nettie and Jesse Gorov Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide a full-year's tuition to a full-time student attending or planning to attend a qualified two-year or four-year college or university. The recipient must be a student currently enrolled in or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at a qualified two-year or four-year college or university and must demonstrate character, scholastic attainment and financial need.

Recipients:

Candance Clark
Marlana Dokken
Miranda Hecox
Jill Kissinger
Tiffany Myers
Cassandra Rose
Rebecca Scholten
Bradley Suik

Amber Huber Memorial Scholarship

Cathy and Jeff Huber established this scholarship in memory of their exuberant and determined daughter, Amber, who died of cancer in 2003 at the age of 20. She graduated from Byron High School and was a sophomore at the University of Iowa majoring in communications. This scholarship is available to female graduates of Byron High School who are active in cheerleading or track and field.

Recipient:

Emily Conroy
Andrea Maines

International Management Council (IMC) Scholarship

Since 1970 the International Management Council has provided quality leadership and management development for supervisors and managers to enhance professional growth, community roles and individual personal development. IMC members throughout the Northern Illinois region are provided with monthly seminars, networking opportunities, and education focusing on personal, professional and community leadership skills.

This scholarship provides resources to a Winnebago County high school senior who has been accepted into an accredited college and will major in a business-related field.

Recipient: **Eric Setter**

In Youth We Trust College Award

In Youth We Trust is a youth philanthropy program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. This award recognizes graduating seniors of the In Youth We Trust Council who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to community service.

Recipients:

Katie Barisa
Oliver Vranjkovic

Ashley E. Ketcher Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Ketcher and family friends established this scholarship in memory of Sarah's 16 year old daughter Ashley, an Auburn High School student who died in a car accident in 2003. This scholarship is available to Auburn graduates of the CAPA program who plan to study the performing arts.

Recipient: **Kevin Earlywine**

La Voz Latina Scholarship

Created by an anonymous donor, this scholarship honors high school graduates of Hispanic origin who reside in Winnebago County and are pursuing higher education.

Recipients:

Raul Cardenas II
Marta Hitchcock
Jorge Ramirez
Jacqueline Santaolalla

Leopold Education Project Scholarship Fund

This fund provides scholarships for students who are seeking a four year degree at an accredited college or university which will lead to a career in the natural resources field.

Recipients:

Allison Engel
Jacob Nordmann
Mary Schneider

Buster Lindsay Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of beloved teacher, multi-sport coach and athletics director Kenneth D. "Buster" Lindsay, this scholarship provides financial aid to student athletes from Jefferson High School who pursue undergraduate studies and who demonstrate Lindsay's work ethic, determination and ability to surmount life's challenges.

Recipient: **Tausha Davis**

Kari Lotko Memorial Scholarship

Joanne and Andy Lotko have established this scholarship in memory of their 14-year-old daughter Kari Ann, who was a Boylan Catholic High School freshman when she died in February 2004 after a automobile accident. The scholarship is available to female high school graduates who are members of the Boylan High School soccer team and/or the Sirens soccer team, are community-service minded and active in their religious faith.

Recipient: **Kelly Hassen**

May - Cassioppi Scholarship

This fund was established to honor the 40th anniversary of the coaching careers of Don May and Gene Cassioppi. The award, available to Guilford High School graduates, honors the character traits of strength, discipline and loyalty which the two Guilford coaches have worked to instill in their swimmers and divers.

Recipient: **Devin Phillips**

Keith Maffioli Scholarship

Flora June Fredine established this scholarship in memory of her son, a member of the 28th Division in Europe during World War II, who died in 1945. The scholarship is available to high school graduates in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties who excel academically and demonstrate financial need.

Recipients:

Justine Clewer
Nicole Messner

Dr. George A. Muck Scholarship

In memory of Dr. George A. Muck, this scholarship is awarded to a member of First United Methodist Church, Belvidere, Illinois. Dr. Muck received his Ph.D. in Dairy Science in 1962 from the University of Illinois. His entire career was spent at Dean Foods Company, serving as Vice President of Research and Quality Assurance for 32 years. Dr. Muck nurtured young people, helping them fully realize their potential, and mentoring them to become all that they could be. George Muck was an avid St. Louis Cardinal and University of Illinois Illini fan and enjoyed showing shorthorn cattle with his children and grandchildren.

Recipients:

Brenda Deardorff
Jessica Martinson
Katelyn Starwalt

Susan Kay Munson Gilmore Memorial Scholarship

A Mendota Township High School graduate and a faculty member at Guilford High School, Susan was fatally wounded in a 1995 carjacking incident. In her honor, Guilford High School established the Gilmore Career Guidance Center and students planted a tree in her memory. This scholarship is awarded each year to a Guilford High School graduate and a Mendota Township High School graduate who plan vocational careers.

Recipient: **Allison Henning**

Paul and Ruth Neidhold Business Scholarship

Paul and Ruth Neidhold were well-known business owners in the Harvard community. They were both involved with their community, and specifically supported Harvard High School. This scholarship honors the Neidholds by granting funds to graduates of Harvard High School who plan to major in business.

Recipient: **Robert Dion**

Northwest Community Center Scholarship

Created through an anonymous gift, this fund enables Northwest Community Center to award a scholarship to a graduate of a Rockford High School, living in Northwest Rockford.

Recipients:

Austin Tobias
Rashawn White

William Pigott Memorial Scholarship

Friends, family and business associates established this fund in memory of the ingenuity and energy of William Pigott, founder and owner of A-1 Wire Tech, Inc., who died in a farming accident in 2000. The scholarship is available to residents of Boone, Ogle and Winnebago counties who plan to major in engineering.

Recipient: **Ryan Trumbo**

RAMI Music Scholarship

Family and friends of Gary S. Wilmer established this fund to memorialize his contributions to the region's modern music scene as founder and publisher of RAM Magazine, an early organizer of On The Waterfront and one of the founders of the Rockford Area Music Industry (RAMI) annual awards. The scholarship is available to Boone and Winnebago County residents who are active in music performance and who plan to pursue a music degree.

Recipients:

Casandra Johnson
Henry Solberg

Mark A. Reid Memorial Scholarship

R. James and Jane Reid established this fund in 1985 in memory of their son Mark's enthusiastic and optimistic spirit. This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Oregon High School.

Recipient: **Tyler Spratt**

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity College Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial resources for residents of Rockford Habitat for Humanity homes who wish to begin or continue their college education.

Recipient: **Maria Degollado**

Dr. Loomis/Rockton Lions Club Scholarship

A service club committed to the betterment of the Rockton community, the Rockton Lions award scholarships each year to two graduating Hononegah High School seniors. Students are chosen for their academic excellence and community involvement.

Only One Recipient: **Steffanie Bartholme**

Rockton Lions Club Scholarship

A service club committed to the betterment of the Rockton community, the Rockton Lions award scholarships each year to two graduating Hononegah High School seniors. Students are chosen for their academic excellence and community involvement.

Only One Recipient: **Ben Marshall**

Deborah Jean Rydberg Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Deb Rydberg, a Guilford High School graduate who returned to her alma mater as varsity girls' volleyball coach and softball coach from 1984 to 1998. This scholarship is available to female athletes at Guilford High School.

Recipient: **Anna Bergstrom**

Richard J. Schnell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, established in memory of Dr. Richard Schnell of Pecatonica, provides financial aid to students who have been accepted or enrolled into a dental hygiene or post-doctoral program accredited by the American Dental Association.

Recipients:

Alissa Becirspahic

Brock Droll

Jill Fell

Joyce Johnson

Senior Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1921 to encourage seniors at Rockford High School, then Rockford's only high school, to pursue higher education. Today the principals from all four Rockford high schools nominate students to receive this scholarship and one student is chosen as the recipient.

Recipient: **Quynh Do**

Bonnie Sorenson Scudder Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Howard Sorenson in memory of his sister, Bonnie, a dedicated Physical Education teacher at Harvard High School from 1968—1987. The scholarship is available to Harvard High School students with an interest in women's physical education.

Recipient: **Tiffany Keiber**

Dr. Gussie M. Ware Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Gussie M. Ware was born in Kingston, La., and graduated from Tuskegee University, the University of Chicago and Northern Illinois University, where she earned a doctorate in early childhood education. She was an elementary school teacher, and retired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Early Childhood Education at Northeastern Illinois University. She was deeply involved in Chicago civic and arts endeavors. Her family created this scholarship to honor Gussie's life. The scholarship is available to African-American females who have been accepted at a two or four year college or university.

Recipients:

Ashley Blake

Sierra Chandler

Brittany Paschal

Diane Thompson-Wells Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Diane Thompson-Wells, this scholarship provides funds for marching members of the Phantom Regiment who are attending a college or university.

Recipients:

Alicia Conrad

Emily Fetcho

Women of Today's Manufacturing

This scholarship was established by an association of professional women in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin to promote the study and development of manufacturing technology. Scholarships are available to residents of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties in Illinois and to residents of Rock county in Wisconsin.

Recipients:

Samuel Lyons
Kelsey Tucker

Margaret Wyeth Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford in memory of Margaret Wyeth, a Winnebago County Board and League of Women Voters member. Margaret's husband John Wyeth, was a Rockford School District 205 Associate Superintendent and Auburn High School Principal. This scholarship honors a graduating senior who is active in social and community service.

Recipient: **Megan Luczak**

Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Chapter Scholarships

Zeta Chapter Memorial Award

This scholarship is awarded to senior female students from Boone and Winnebago counties who are planning to pursue a degree in teaching. Recipients must be academically qualified and have participated in a number of high school activities.

Recipients:

Sierra Chandler
Beth Coughlin

Karen Harter Recruitment Grant

This scholarship will benefit a Rockford College and/or Northern Illinois University woman of sophomore or junior standing pursuing a career in secondary math or science education.

Recipient: **Amy Rich**

Katharine H. Obye Award

This award will benefit a senior female student, from a public high school in Boone or Winnebago counties, who plans to teach and who has been active in high school journalism.

Recipient: **Alexandra Rude**

Elisabeth Seegmiller Recruitment Grant

This scholarship will be awarded to a Rockford College junior or senior woman pursuing her degree in education.

Recipient: **Megan Hofstetter**

Carolyn Wones Recruitment Grant

This grant will be awarded to a senior female student from one of the public high schools in Boone and Winnebago Counties who plans to pursue a degree in secondary teaching. She must be academically qualified and have participated in a number of high school activities.

Recipient: **Kiley Sheets**

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements of Financial Position

JUNE 30, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,267,429	\$ 81,456
Investment Securities, at Market	55,945,628	47,870,271
Receivables	6,531,611	5,838,064
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	88,974	82,729
Property & Equipment, Net	987,671	1,034,089
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 64,821,313	\$ 54,906,609
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Grants & Accounts Payable	\$ 234,923	\$ 308,558
Custodial Funds Managed for Others	7,837,619	6,118,623
Life Interests Payable	2,667,803	2,562,340
Liabilities Under Unitrust Agreements	290,482	255,716
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,030,827	\$ 9,245,237
<i>Net Assets</i>		
Unrestricted	\$ 14,366,346	\$ 11,231,212
Temporarily Restricted	21,706,839	17,703,318
Permanently Restricted	17,717,301	16,726,842
Total Net Assets	\$ 53,790,486	\$ 45,661,372
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET	\$ 64,821,313	\$ 54,906,609

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<i>Revenue & Support</i>				
Contributions	\$ 1,039,764	\$ 1,919,812	\$ 990,459	\$ 3,950,035
Liability Funds Management Fees	110,084	0	0	110,084
Investment Income	18,536	55,744	0	74,280
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	2,941,594	(2,941,594)	0	0
Total Revenue & Support	\$ 4,109,978	\$ (966,038)	\$ 990,459	\$ 4,134,399
<i>Grants & Expenses</i>				
Grants to Third Parties	\$ 2,765,956	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,765,956
Program Specific Expenses	5,714	0	0	5,714
Administrative Expenses	645,860	0	0	645,860
Total Grants & Expenses	\$ 3,417,530	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,417,530
<i>Net Realized/Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments</i>				
Total Investment Gains (Losses)	\$ 2,442,686	\$ 4,969,559	\$ 0	\$ 7,412,245
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 3,135,134	\$ 4,003,521	\$ 990,459	\$ 8,129,114
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 11,231,212	\$ 17,703,318	\$ 16,726,842	\$ 45,661,372
Contributions	1,039,764	1,919,812	990,459	3,950,035
Investment Income & Gains (Losses)	2,571,306	5,025,303	0	7,596,609
Internal Transfer of Assets				
Released from Restrictions	2,941,594	(2,941,594)	0	0
Grants and Expenses	(3,417,530)	0	0	(3,417,530)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 14,366,346	\$ 21,706,839	\$ 17,717,301	\$ 53,790,486

The 2007 Audit for the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois was performed by Millikin Benning Kleckler & Kobischka, LLC and was approved by the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Trustees. These summarized financial statements are condensed from the audited financial statements which are available from the Foundation upon request.