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The Aurora Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt philanthropic corporation that administers individual charitable funds and distributes grants and scholarships to benefit the citizens of the greater Aurora Area, including the Tri-Cities and Kendall County.

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**The Josephine M. Hancock Endowment Fund** was created to administer an unrestricted bequest received from the estate of Josephine Hancock as a memorial to her family. Josephine Hancock (1902-2001) was born in Aurora and operated the Millinery Department of the Virginia Shop. She also was a volunteer at Hines Veterans’ Hospital and was a member of the American Red Cross, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and St. Rita of Cascia Church. Miss Hancock is pictured here (in the center) with her brother John Hancock and her sister Margaret Bennigsen. John Hancock, who passed away in 1994, was associated with the newspaper business. Mrs. Bennigsen, who passed away in 1996, was married to a Russian Count who immigrated to the United States during the Russian Revolution. Miss Hancock was also preceded in death by her parents and other family members. The Hancock Family

**The Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand Endowment Fund** was established to administer bequests received from the estates of Carl and Anne Baumann. The fund will provide grants to Mutual Ground, Inc. of Aurora and for the Foundation’s general grantmaking program. Carl Baumann (1921-2002) was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and received his medical degree from the University of Chicago and was a neurosurgeon in the Fox Valley area for most of his career. During World War II, he was a topographer for the United States Army in France and North Africa. He was a member of the Kane County Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society, American Medical Association and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Anne Baumann (1927-2002) was born in St. Rita of Cascia Church. Miss Hancock is pictured here (in the center) with her brother John Hancock and her sister Margaret Bennigsen. John Hancock, who passed away in 1994, was associated with the newspaper business. Mrs. Bennigsen, who passed away in 1996, was married to a Russian Count who immigrated to the United States during the Russian Revolution. Miss Hancock was also preceded in death by her parents and other family members. The Hancock Family

**The Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand Memorial Scholarship Fund** was created by a local Boy Scout, Galen Norman, with the proceeds of an Eagle Scout project he undertook to honor Dr. Cigrand. After consulting with Dr. Cigrand’s granddaughter, Carol Cigrand Musaraca, terms were established for the administration of the fund. Upon reaching endowment status, the fund will provide scholarships to area students who are of Luxembourg descent or who were active in either the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. Dr. Cigrand (1886-1952) was a well known dentist who lived and practiced his profession in Chicago, Batavia and then Aurora. He also was a patriot. Throughout his dental career he campaigned tirelessly to have June 14th declared as a special day of observance to honor the United States flag. Finally in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that June 14th would become a national day to celebrate the birth of our flag. From that time, Dr. Cigrand became known as the “Father of Flag Day.”

**The Philip Bennett Foxgrover Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** will provide annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Kaukauna Wisconsin High School who have excelled in high school music activities and who will continue such activities at college. Philip Foxgrover (1949-2003) was a 1967 graduate of Kaukauna High School where he participated in choral groups and music. He ministered to others for many years as a soloist at weddings and funerals. After graduation, he attended Carroll College in Wisconsin. He then became a career mortgage banking at the Green Bay Wisconsin branch of Milwaukee. Mr. Foxgrover was a conscientious employee who was highly regarded by those whom he supervised. He also dedicated himself to the care of his parents and other family members. Mr. Foxgrover’s brother, Dr. David Foxgrover, is pastor of the Congregational Church of Batavia.

**The Mary J. Boland Endowment Fund** is an unrestricted fund that will provide support to area non-profit organizations. The fund was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Mary Boland. Miss Boland (1906-2002) was born in Fairlax, Iowa. She and her three sisters and brother were raised on a farm in Fairlax and often were the only students attending the local country school. She received her high school diploma from Mt. Mercy Academy in Cedar Rapids. Later, she earned a degree in music from Cedar Falls Teachers College. In 1931, Miss Boland moved to Aurora to begin a teaching career in the East Aurora Schools. She taught at Reed, Beagre and Oak Park Schools. Later she was appointed supervisor of the music program at all elementary schools. During her teaching career she furthered her studies in music education at Columbia University in New York and she completed her graduate work at Northwestern University. Miss Boland retired in 1971 after nearly forty years of service to the East Aurora Schools. After retirement, she continued to contribute her talents in the area of music through volunteer work at schools and community events.

**The Alicemae Brown Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** was created upon receipt of a bequest from the estate of Alicemae Brown as a memorial to her granddaughter, Natalie Ann Brown, the daughter of Aurora was married to Dr. Edwin C. Brown D.D.S. and assisted him in his practice for twenty years. Dr. Brown died in 1991. Their granddaughter, Natalie Ann Brown (1977-1994), was born in Tennesse. At the time of her passing, Natalie lived in Yorkville, with her family. She had just completed her junior year at Yorkville High School where she was actively involved in basketball and poms. Natalie held several part-time jobs while modeling for Fine Image Photography and was a runner-up in the Glamour Models competition sponsored by the publication.

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The above charitable funds were created recently within The Aurora Foundation. Grants from these funds will be directed to charitable purposes designated by the donors. It is a privilege for the Foundation to assist individuals in custom-designing their own named funds. If you are seeking a meaningful way to provide ongoing support for a charitable organization or purpose close to your heart, please consider the benefits of creating your own named fund within The Aurora Foundation. We welcome the opportunity to be of service to you and your family.

**OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE**
COMMUNITY FUNDS CREATED

Two new “community funds” were created recently within The Aurora Foundation. The organizations establishing these funds will benefit from the many administrative services we offer to the community. To receive information regarding the benefits of maintaining a component fund within the Foundation, please contact our office. We would be pleased to be of service to you.

The Friends of Aurora’s After-School Programs Fund was created to provide support for after-school activities for elementary school children who attend the East or West Aurora Schools or who attend a private school located in the City of Aurora. Assistance is devoted to programs during non-academic hours and includes the purchase of books, teaching materials, incentives for meeting educational objectives and transportation. The need for programs to serve children after the school day continues to increase. This fund will help to support the efforts of dedicated volunteers who are committing their time and resources on behalf of Aurora’s youth.

The Phillips Park Zooceity Fund supports improvements to the quality of the zoo’s exhibits found in the Phillips Park Zoo. The zoo was established in 1915 as an educational resource for citizens to view animals in a safe environment. Professional, humane care is provided for the animals housed at the zoo. Exhibits include an eagle, wolves, foxes, otters, sheep, birds, swans, reptiles and an elk herd. The zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. until Labor Day. During the winter, the facility closes at 5:00 p.m. Further information on guided tours is available by calling the zoo manager at 978-4700.

FOUNDATION CENTER WILL CHALLENGE THINKING

In the spring of 2004, Aurora University and The Aurora Foundation will sponsor their first joint community symposium as a service to area citizens.

The annual symposiums, to be held at The Aurora Foundation Center for Community Enrichment, will address issues related to the areas of human service, education and business.

The Center, located on the campus of Aurora University, will be named in honor of the Foundation’s recent commitment to the renovation of the Stephens Hall Complex.

A $500,000 grant, payable over a five-year period, was awarded by the Foundation toward the project.

F. James Garbe, a director of Aurora University and the Foundation, was the inspiration for the partnership.

“Our two organizations have enjoyed a rich and rewarding history of service to the Fox Valley Area. Through this new collaboration, we have resolved to strengthen the effectiveness of our services for years to come,” said Garbe.

Sharon Sredde, president of the Foundation, noted that the symposiums will be designed to enrich lives and to challenge assumptions.

“We envision these sessions as energizing events to stir the thought processes and to encourage higher-order thinking,” said Sredde.

Dr. Rebecca Sherrick, president of Aurora University, expressed appreciation for the Foundation grant and reaffirmed the University’s role in sponsoring the symposiums.

She indicated that the annual events will draw together non-profit, civic, business and educational leaders to examine problems of common concern.

“Our objective will be to bring new ideas to the table for the purpose of allowing participants to reach their own conclusions.”

For further information regarding the facility and the possibilities it will offer to area citizens, please contact Ted Pague, vice-president for advancement at Aurora University.

New Life Members

Currently, 254 individuals or businesses are Life Members of The Aurora Foundation. Life Membership is conferred on donors who contribute an unrestricted gift of $500 or more, or five unrestricted gifts of $100. We are pleased to acknowledge our newest Life Members at this time.

Barbara Zillgitt

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We have begun the process of implementing the Peaceful Schools philosophy at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School and are making thoughtful choices when confronted with conflict.

Through Peaceful Schools, we have found that educators are learning too. That has been a valuable lesson indeed, for we have expanded our understanding of the possibilities available for the well-being of our students and their families. We believe that Peaceful Schools has the potential to encourage the very best from each of us.

Through our partnership with the Foundation, we will persevere in our efforts toward its continuing success.

Components Of A Peaceful Schools Program

- Understand the roles in a conflict
- Learn techniques for conflict resolution
- Practice safe defense strategies
- Set self-governing goals for appropriate behavior
- Reflect on progress at end of day
- Display humor when successful

Responsibilities Assumed By Lincoln School Students

- We discuss power struggles
- We identify all roles in a conflict
- We accept responsibility for our actions
- We seek adult intervention if required
- We support one another
- We apply conflict-resolution at home

( Cabrillo Foundation has pledged $150,000 over the next three years to continue the Peaceful Schools Program at Lincoln, Bill and Nicholson Elementary Schools. For information on how your school could become involved in the program, please contact Sharon Woodle, president of the Foundation.)

A PRINCIPAL’S REFLECTION

Barbara Vlahovich

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We are grateful to the directors of The Aurora Foundation for their belief in Peaceful Schools and for their support of our efforts.

Peaceful Schools has brought, and continues to bring, positive change to Lincoln.

Most of our students have internalized the basic concepts of the program and
Advisory Funds

Advisory Funds are charitable resources that enable donors to suggest distributions to a future time to assure the newly identified or existing program needs of the organization to which it was contributed. Many of these funds have their own designations that often require a minimum contribution to the fund. These contributions are in honor of someone who has historically contributed to the organization.

Memorial Recognition

The following contributions were received as memorial or recognition for contributions to the Foundation. The income from this fund is awarded to non-profit organizations serving the health-care needs of area citizens.

Perks

The following gifts are designated for the following:

Permanent Endowment

The income from the fund is allocated to grants to assist the charitable needs of area non-profit organizations.

General Fund

This fund is a reserve fund that helps to support the Foundation’s grantmaking and administrative needs.

The Bennett Family

(In memory of Frances Murray Conroy)

James Dolben

(In memory of Frances Murray Conroy)

Stewart & Claire Beach

(In memory of Frances Murray Conroy)

John R. Mangers, Sr.

(In memory of Frances Murray Conroy)

Edward & Sharon Snedie

(The following gifts are designated for scholarships).

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(In memory of Frances T. Haggen)

Dr. Robert & Miriam Holden, M.D.

“In memory of Dr. William H. Donovan, M.D. & Dr. John E. Sacks, M.D. (In memory of Frances T. Haggen)

Jim & Clay Trost

(In memory of Paul ’Bud’ Hilger, Jr.)

Geoff & Mary K. Kerber & Mrs. Francis Maddy

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