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**OUR WAY OF remembering**

### The Dorothy Mae Bonner Memorial Scholarship Fund
- **Established**: 1922-2004
- **Purpose**: Created to honor the life of Dorothy Mae "Mother" Bonner. Mrs. Bonner (1921-2004) was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. She was a woman of great faith who dedicated her life to helping others. She is remembered for her kindness and generosity.

### The Wilfred A. Kramer Endowment Fund
- **Established**: 1922-2004
- **Purpose**: Created to provide income for the general grantmaking purposes of the Foundation. Mr. Kramer was a veteran of the United States Navy and served as a pilot during World War II. He flew dozens of bombing missions in the South Pacific that eventually led to his presence aboard the USS Missouri when the Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies.

### The Marjory J. Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- **Established**: 1928-1998
- **Purpose**: Established to provide grants to the East Aurora School District for its health education program. Marjory Nelson was a dedicated nurse who devoted her life to the care and education of students.

### The Ellen L. and Robert L. Weber Scholarship Fund
- **Established**: 1928-1998
- **Purpose**: Established by their daughter, Stephanie, as a tribute to her parents. The fund was created to support students who have survived the loss of a family member or friend to suicide.

### The Morris and Sarah Weisman Memorial Endowment Fund
- **Established**: 1928-1998
- **Purpose**: Created upon receipt of an unrestricted bequest from the estate of their only child, Sol Weisman. The fund is used to support students from families of Jewish descent.

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**OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE**

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.
The Aurora Foundation’s Scholarship Program

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Deadlines
The Aurora Foundation has set two deadlines for applications: January 4, 2005 and August 1, 2005. Local nonprofit organizations are invited to contact the Foundation for further information regarding the Grantmaking Program.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Aurora Foundation’s Scholarship Program will begin on January 4, 2005. Deadline dates for receipt of applications vary according to the schools that the students attend. Detailed information is available by calling the Foundation office.

COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The following professional advisors join with The Aurora Foundation in encouraging efforts to strengthen the health and well-being of our communities. Please remember to offer your time and resources to non-profit causes that are special to your life. Your charitable gifts make a difference. Your volunteer hours make a difference. You make a difference.

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BUILDING AN ENDOWMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY

By Serving Charitable Donors
HONORING OUR BENEFACTORS

During the past year the Foundation has received bequests from the estates of the following individuals. We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of these generous community benefactors.

Anne & Zalmon Goldsmith
Jean A. Goehlen
Dr. John E. Landes

In memory of Herbert L. Leonard & Robert F. Lindgren

In celebration of grandchildren, Mitch, Reed, Kenton & Lucy

IN MEMORY

Louise G. Lane

In memory of Robert F. Lindgren

Morris & Susan Weisman

Sol Weisman provided an unrestricted bequest to the Foundation for the establishment of the D. B. Perry Endowment Fund. Through his generosity, Mr. Perry provided for the perpetual support of several Kaneville institutions, including the Public Library, Historical Society, Community Center, Volunteer Fire Department and Community Center.

General Fund

This fund is a source of funds that help to supplement the Foundation's grantmaking and scholarship activity.

Aunna Cates (Designated for the Peckham Schools Program)

The income from this fund helps to support the administrative activities of the Foundation.

Ken & Margaret Banes
Karen and Robert F. Lindgren
Carol K. Lobett
Robert C. Lott

In memory of Russell L. Leonard & Robert F. Lindgren
Robert Maloney
Dr. John E. Luedke

Administration

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Read to Me Foundation

During the past year, the Read to Me Foundation has created the Read With Me Peaceful Schools SciTech Program. For further information on effective ways to read to a child and for a list of age-appropriate books, citizens may contact Judy Cheatham, executive director of the Read With Me Foundation. Please remember to read with the children in your life. It is a responsibility and a privilege.

Peaceful Schools

The East and West Aurora School Systems have implemented an anti-bullying program, Peaceful Schools, with grants totaling $150,000. This grant is currently offered at Barrington, Freeman, Hill, Krug and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

SciTech

SciTech of Aurora received a $25,000 grant for renovations to its facility. This interactive science and technology museum offers opportunities for children of all ages to study science-related topics in a friendly, encouraging environment.

Memorial Recognition Fund

The following contributions were received as memorials or recognitions for placement in the Foundation's Memorial Fund. The income from the fund is awarded to non-profit organizations serving the local-related needs of area citizens.

Gail & Morgan Stover
Virginia M. Prazak

In memory of Donald W. Schindlbeck

In memory of Stephen H. Baskey & Elizabeth S. Stansbury

In memory of Hoesel L. Buckner

In memory of Elmer W. Johnson

In memory of Helen A. Brackney

In memory of Earnest F. & Ruth M. Wilkinson

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Read With Me Foundation Judy Cheatham, Director 80 South River Street Aurora, Illinois 60505 (630) 301-5058 jcheatham@readwithme.org

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- Dr. J.W. Hoban
- Kay Jericho & in honor of Archie Needham’s retirement
- Helen A. Brackney
- Walter Kauth & Marian Funk, Thelma C. Wilson & in recognition of Robert F. Lindgren
- Robert F. Lindgren
- Joann L. Bunnell & William F. Whitson & Frank & Florence T. Funk
- Robert William/Anita Nelson Memorial Fund
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