The Robin M. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship Fund was created at the time of Mrs. Hodgson’s passing. Robin Hodgson (1947-2010) was a life-long resident of Oswego, Illinois. She was a graduate of Oswego High School and Drake University. Shortly after graduating from college, she joined the Old Second National Bank of Aurora where she was employed for thirty-nine years. She ultimately achieved the position of first vice president and corporate secretary of Old Second Bancorp, Inc. Mrs. Hodgson served on numerous local and national volunteer organizations, including the Family Counseling Service of Aurora, the Oswego Park & Recreation Foundation and the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. She was survived by her husband, John Hodgson, two daughters and five grandchildren. Her father, Donald Schindlbeck, was the chairman of the board of the Community Foundation from 1990-1992. Family and friends have created a scholarship fund in her memory to help local students achieve their dreams of a higher education.

The Robert and Alice Kramp Scholarship Endowment Fund in Memory of Randy Kramp was created in 2010. Randy Kramp, a lifelong Auroraan, was forty years old when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. After a three-year battle, he died in June of 2010 from complications from the treatment. Mr. Kramp joined the Aurora Fire Department as a college student. As soon as he reached the age of eligibility and that began a lifelong enjoyment and commitment to the values of scouting. After he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, he assumed the role of adult leadership as a Wood Badge. He remained active in scouting his entire life. One of the proudest days in his life occurred when he became the sixth man in three generations to join the ranks of the Aurora Fire Department. Mr. Kramp served as a paramedic for a number of years and also was on the water rescue team. His father, Ralph Kramp, retired as Aurora’s fire chief and then assumed the position of fire chief at Fermi Lab in Batavia. His mother, Alice Nilles Kramp, created this charitable organization or purpose close to your heart, please consider the benefits of creating your own named fund within the Community Foundation. Grants from these funds will be directed to charitable purposes designated by the donors. 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 Community Foundation. To read more about the lives of the above individuals, please visit our website.

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The John V. Winkle Foundation was created to provide scholarships to graduates of high schools located within the Community Foundation service area. John Winkle (1938-2010) of Aurora (formerly of Batavia, Illinois and Youngstown, Ohio) was born in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a graduate of Ursuline High School and Youngstown University. In 1969, Mr. Winkle moved to Illinois where he joined and later would acquire the Webstap Company in Aurora. He touched many lives through his philanthropic endeavors and in his service to various organizations, including The Association for Individual Development, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and TriCity Family Services. He was a member of Announcement Saint Charles Sisters. Scholarships from his foundation will continue his belief in the potential of every person and his sense of commitment to one’s community. Honesty, integrity and compassion were the core values upon which he built his personal and professional life. “Wink” was survived by his wife Carol of fifty years, his seven children and their families, including his biggest fans - his twenty-five grandchildren.

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The Judy Whinfrey Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund was created to honor the life of Judy Whinfrey, a well-known civic leader in the Fox Valley Area. The fund was launched with a generous gift from the Central DuPage Hospital Foundation, which partnered with Hewitt Associates of Lincolnshire and Mrs. Whinfrey’s husband, Peter Whinfrey, to establish an endowment within the hospital foundation in Mrs. Whinfrey’s name. Judy Whinfrey (1949-2010) was born in Evanston, Illinois. After graduation from the University of Illinois, she joined Hewitt Associates, a global human resources consulting and outsourcing company, where she spent more than thirty years as a principal and managing consultant. As one of the first women to become an account executive in the mid-1970s, she cofounded Hewitt’s Women in Leadership initiative. Mrs. Whinfrey was a member of the board of directors of Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois and Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Illinois. She served as chairman of the board of the hospital from 2004 to 2008. She was the first female certificate member of the Chicago Golf Club and was a member of the Secesson Golf Club in Bradfort, South Carolina, where she was the first female to play in the annual Blue-Grey matches.
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