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戴安和唐·布朗森基金

唐·布朗森与他在奥罗拉大学受教育。他获得文学士学位并获得了国家奖学金。唐·布朗森在奥罗拉和那波利地区都有家庭。这对夫妇有三个孩子和九个孙辈。

约翰·贾斯自带基金

约翰·贾斯自带基金于2014年由奥罗拉历史委员会和奥罗拉历史基金会创建。基金成立是为了向支持奥罗拉历史委员会和奥罗拉社区的个人和企业提供支持。该基金支持奥罗拉历史委员会的各种项目，包括书籍、活动、录音、展览和建设。该委员会自1906年成立以来。1906年在奥罗拉成立。它是1857年在奥罗拉成立的第一家历史委员会。

查尔特尔S.和弗兰克K.沃伊基金

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磨碎核桃基金会

磨碎核桃基金会成立于2013-2014赛季，于2014年3月开始。男女田径队的球员在比赛中为慈善基金筹款。除了基金的收入，还有一项基金支持西奥罗拉高中的学生和教师。基金还将资助西奥罗拉高中的学生和教师。基金将为西奥罗拉高中的学生和教师提供支持。

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**MEMORIAL FUNDS**

**Honor Young Lives**

The Nicholas R. Albers Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the Albers Family in 2015 to honor Nick Albers (1985-2005). Scholarships from the fund are awarded to graduates of St. Charles North High School in St. Charles, Illinois, to assist those who are dealing with the tremendous challenges ofcen and unseen chronic pain. This fund also reflects Nick’s love for his family, friends and his Lord, and the desire to share his faith with others. Nick was born on April 18, 1985 in Ogden, Utah. He was the oldest son of Ed and Carolyn Albers, and big brother to three extremely supportive siblings, Brandon, Natalie, and Gregory. Not one to sit on the sidelines, Nick followed his father’s passion for flying, studied and ultimately flew solo in a small single-engine plane. A member of the first graduating class of St. Charles North High School, Nick was an honor student and gifted athlete, participating in track, swimming, cheerleading, peer mediation and many other school activities. Nick was an active member of his church and its youth group. In 2002, Nick was injured in a trampoline accident. He spent months recovering in the hospital and at home, continuing his journey with tumult. He developed chronic neuropathic pain syndrome as well as complications from the head injury. He returned to school for his senior year, continuing physical therapy and rehabilitation. Through his faith, he sought the wisdom of numerous physicians and the expertise of pain clinics to help relieve Nick of the chronic pain. After graduation, Nick attended Northern Illinois University where he met Nicole, the love of his life who always loved him. On November 14, 2005, Nick passed away from an accidental prescription overdose. Those who knew Nick during his short life will always remember his joy for living, his compassion for others, his friendly spirit, his curiosity to learn more, and his contagious passion for Christ.

The Josh Sweet Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to honor the life of Joshua Martin Sweet (1995-2013). Josh was born on November 20, 1995 at Mercy Hospital in Aurora, Illinois. His family has lived in Geneva, Illinois since 1991. Josh attended Millcreek Elementary School, Geneva Middle School North and Geneva High School. He was an avid sports enthusiast, who played football and seven years with the Tri-City Changers Youth Football League. He also played football in middle school and for the Geneva High School Vikings for three years. He was an all-star baseball player with the Geneva Baseball Association. He played basketball his freshman year of high school and was on the A-Team in 7th and 8th grade in addition to the middle school team. However, his favorite sport was lacrosse. He played lacrosse throughout his high school career for the Geneva High School team. He also played lacrosse for two summers with the New Wave Summer Travel Team. Josh was active at Christ Community Church where he was involved with the Kids World Tech Team for six years. He was also active in middle school and high school youth ministries at the church. His decision to follow Christ influenced his life and he was very generous with his time and talents. He was warm and caring to his fellow students, and his smile and acts of kindness are remembered by all. Besides volunteering at CCC in the youth tech booth, he volunteered for several organizations, including the Geneva All Sports Booster Club, Marklund, New Wave Lacrosse and the Tri-City Changers. Scholarships in Josh’s name are available to seniors graduating from Geneva High School who are active in an organized sport such as football, lacrosse, basketball, swimming, cross country team, etc.

**Our eMemorandums**

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, we are now publishing newsletters in an electronic format. These e-Memorandums, published monthly for both professionals and donors, include timely information and Foundation updates. In addition, we now include the list of funds and the names of the donors to those funds on our website, similar to our current paper mailings. We would like all of our constituents to receive these monthly e-Memorandums and ask that you forward your email address to ShSnedde@CommunityFoundationFRV.org.

Please note that our Annual Report with its extensive donor biographies will continue to be published by paper and will appear on our website under “Communications.”

**Our Benefactors**

During the past three years, the Community Foundation received bequests from the estates of the following families. We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of these generous community benefactors.

Alice E. Allen
Nancy S. Ainslen
Identa M. Austin
Margaret F. Glenn
Ruth N. Hamper
Jean C. Hart
Lawrence P. Hartlaub
Mary Ann Carney Blacklock
Albert W. Medernach
Louis R. Pauzy
Edna M. Rollins
Carl R. Swanson
Barbara M. Tinker
Harry & Viola Worland

**Community Foundation Website**

On our website, we now include recognitions of our donors who contribute to one or more of our charitable funds. These lists appear on a quarterly basis so that we can be timely in acknowledging our many faithful supporters. Our sincere thanks to all of you who continue to remember the Community Foundation.

**Local Obituaries**

As a service to our readers, our welcome page includes a link to the obituary pages of all local newspapers and funeral homes. Having these media resources available on one page has proven helpful to professionals in their research and to citizens who wish to access this information on a daily basis.
SOUND FINANCIAL PLANNING

Careful estate planning is important to families and to the charities they support. It is possible to provide for charity while protecting hard-earned dollars for the future benefit of loved ones. We surely hope that the following gift planning techniques will prove helpful to you.

➢ IRA Charitable Rollover: Individuals who are 70½ or older are able to contribute up to $100,000 from their IRAs to eligible charitable organizations. Charitable deductions cannot be taken for these contributions, but the gifted assets will not be taxed as income to the donor. The law providing this opportunity sunset on December 31, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website for future updates regarding this possible reinstatement.

➢ Highly Taxed Assets: When preparing an estate plan, it is preferable that charitable distributions be made from IRAs or other assets on which income tax will be due upon death. Distributions of such assets to charity are not taxed. These same assets bequeathed to heirs will incur income tax. When leaving a bequest to charity, consider distributing from highly taxed assets.

➢ Funding Charitable Remainder Trusts: If an individual has substantial funds in an IRA, he or she may wish to contribute a portion of the funds to create a charitable remainder trust. The charitable deduction helps to cover a portion of the income tax due, removes the asset from the estate and generates income in retirement. Upon death, the CRT would create a named fund for the donor and his or her family.

➢ Appreciated Assets: If circumstances permit, individuals should donate appreciated assets when making charitable donations. The donor of such assets can deduct the full fair market value of the gift and avoid a capital gains tax on the appreciated amount of the securities.

➢ Gifts of Real Estate: There are advantages to gifting one’s home to charity while retaining the right to live in the home until death. As with all estate planning, the rules are complicated and require the assistance of qualified legal advisors.

LEGACY SOCIETY

We gratefully recognize the following individuals who remembered the Foundation with a bequest or from their estate or who have indicated that the Foundation has been named as a future beneficiary of their estate. These special community benefactors have enriched the lives of others through their concern for the charitable needs of our community. If you have included the Foundation in your estate plan, please consider becoming a member of our Legacy Society. We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to pay tribute to your thoughtfulness.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

During the first six months of 2014, we awarded nearly $2 million in grants to non-profit agencies from our advisory, restricted and discretionary funds. Also, scholarships of $789,000 were awarded to 294 students of the Class of 2014. Additional scholarships of more than $400,000 were distributed to students receiving multi-year awards. This level of support would not have been possible without donors who created charitable funds within our organization. Thank you to the community for being our partner in serving the charitable needs of local citizens. Our 2014 scholarship recipients are listed on our website.

WHY I CHOSE TO BE A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

I chose to join the board of the Community Foundation because I wanted to be a part of a trusted philanthropic leader in our community. Through its dedicated staff, the Foundation strives to meet the charitable wishes of its donors by developing customized grant and scholarship programs to meet each donor’s needs. This work has allowed the Foundation to award over $52 million in grants and scholarships over the last 66 years. I want to play a role in helping this Foundation continue to grow and give back to the communities it serves.

WELCOME STAFF MEMBERS!

Greg Probst has joined the Foundation as the Finance and Technology Specialist. Greg joined the Community Foundation staff on July 7, 2014. Prior to joining the Foundation, he was Technical Support Specialist for BF/TE. He also was the Assistant Director and Sales Manager of TechZone at Illinois State University, where the campus community as the technology sales and service center.

Heather Johnson became the Foundation’s Administrative Assistant earlier this year. She joined the Foundation in late 2013 and has become a highly valuable part of our team. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in District 301. She is an ISU graduate and currently lives in St. Charles. Heather also enjoys being involved in many local theatre productions specializing in audio engineering. She has shared her talents with Bateria Fine Arts Center, Marimmon Academy, Rosemary High School, West Aurora High School and Schaumburg Park District.

Greg Probst

Heather Johnson

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GALLERY

The Community Foundation awarded a $100,000 grant to Aurora University for its new Welcome Center. The center will be a place of hospitality for receptions and dinners. It also will house the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures. In return for the Foundation’s grant, the University has graciously offered to name its main entryway as the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Gallery. The Welcome Center will officially open in early 2015.
Preserving Your History

Through a generous grant from the Dunham Fund, we have produced twenty-two videos for the community over the past three years. This service is available to all who maintain endowment funds within our organization. Let us help you preserve your family's history in this unique way. Let us help your favorite non-profit organization be remembered forever. Following are those who are honored through our video project.

Individuals/Families

- Bernard Ciganda
- Walter Duschak
- Dunham Family
- Howard Gillman
- Virgil Gilman
- Herman & Rita Goller
- William Greene
- Hipp Family
- Dan & Marie Marushi
- Charlotte Reid

Organizations

- Aurora Police Department
- Community Foundation
- Fox Valley Orchestra
- Juvenile Protective Association
- New England Congregational Church
- Paramount Theatre
- Woman's Club of Aurora

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Several years ago, my husband and I established an endowment fund in our names within the Community Foundation. We realized that our time on earth is limited, so we made the decision to create a lasting legacy that would both serve the community and preserve our names.

Have you ever thought about a future that doesn’t include you and your loved ones—a time when your names have been forgotten? Through the Community Foundation, you will be remembered forever through the creation of your own named endowment fund. Custom-designed by you.

To fulfill your charitable objectives

In perpetuity

It is easy to establish a permanent fund in the name of you and/or your family by contacting our Vice-President of Development, Jeffrey Hartman at (630) 896-7800.

Please ensure your place in the philanthropic history of your community.

New Website Launched

Thanks to a generous grant from the Dunham Fund, the Foundation will soon have a new website with updated features. The site will provide a wealth of information in a format that is easy to navigate. Fund profiles will continue as before, allowing us to honor our donors who are the inspiration for our organization. A few of the many new features will be:

- Availability on any device including computers, tablets and smart phones
- Enhanced online donation capabilities including donating to multiple funds at once
- All new social media presence on Twitter and Facebook
- New online scholarship application process

Through its generosity, the Dunham Fund continues to provide our Foundation with many new opportunities for serving the community. Our sincere thanks again to the Board of Advisors of the Dunham Fund.

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In Tribute

We are sad to announce the passing of Donna J. Williams (1939-2014). Donna was a member of the Community Foundation Board of Directors from 2011 to 2014. She was a dedicated member of the Community Foundation Distribution Committee, overseeing the awarding of grants to local non-profit organizations. A lifelong resident of Aurora, Williams graduated from East Aurora High School. She then received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from Northern Illinois University. After a thirty-four year teaching career at Nicholson Elementary School in West Aurora School District 129, she served as principal at the Quad City Urban League’s alternative school for East and West Aurora middle school students. Ms. Williams was a board member of the Aurora Civic Center Authority, the Aurora Historical Society and the YWCA Aurora. She also was one of the senior leaders of Main Baptist Church.

Aurora Veterans Advisory Council Fund

The Aurora Veterans Advisory Council Fund was created in 1998 to address the most pressing issues impacting local military personnel who have served our country in a branch of the United States military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard). The Council is an advocate for all veterans of all generations and all conflicts. It works to ensure that our citizens, our city and our nation remember the sacrifices of those gone and those who remain. The Council aids in the planning, development and implementation of veterans-related special activities and programs in the City of Aurora. The organization is comprised of fifteen members. To be eligible for membership, eight of the members must be in good standing in an active veteran’s organization in the Aurora community. Five of the members, who are not active in a veteran’s organization but who have been honorably discharged from the military, comprise the next level of membership. Finally, two seats are available to individuals who are immediate family members of a living or deceased veteran. The City of Aurora has worked closely with a number of veteran organizations in Aurora. Some of the results of these collaborations include the naming of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge on Illinois Avenue, working with the Aurora Navy League in their efforts to have the U.S. Navy commission a ship named after the City of Aurora, and establishing a covenant with all military branches.

$25,000 Challenge Grants

Challenge grants of $25,000 were awarded to sixteen agencies that maintain endowment funds within the Community Foundation. As the challenges are met, the result will be an additional $50,000 in each agency’s fund. These funds then will yield increased levels of needed income for programs and special projects. Congratulations to the following organizations and best wishes in meeting the challenge.

- A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools
- Association for Individual Development
- Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry
- Aurora East Educational Foundation
- Aurora Historical Society
- Aurora Public Library Foundation
- Aurora University

CASA Kane County
Fine Line Creative Arts Center
Fox Valley Orchestra
Hesed House
Presence Mercy Medical Center
Suicide Prevention Services
TriCity Family Services
Wayside Cross Ministries
YWCA Aurora