

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY



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RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS NOVEMBER 12–18, 2013

Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Impact of Philanthropy

Aurora, IL — During the week of November 12-18, 2013, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley will join more than 750 community foundations across America for the 24th Annual *Community Foundation Week*.

During the week, the Community Foundation will facilitate four philanthropy roundtable discussions at Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva. The roundtable discussions are part of a larger, day-long National Philanthropy Day hosted by the Fox West Philanthropic Network. “We are honored to be a part of this year’s National Philanthropy Day,” said Sharon Stredde, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “Providing insight and resources for the not-for-profit organizations that service our communities is an integral part of who we are. With our Fall Grant Cycle in process, we look forward to discussing grantmaking and funding opportunities with local agencies.”

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is the third largest community foundation in Illinois, founded originally as the Aurora Foundation in 1948. Since that time, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships to local agencies and students. In 2012, the Community Foundation awarded nearly \$5.5 million in grants and scholarships.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—that is advancing solutions to a wide range of social issues. [The 2012 Columbus Survey](#) found that as the nation continues through a difficult economic recovery, grants by community foundations increased by 21% since 2006.

Launched in 1989 through a proclamation by former president George H.W. Bush, the first Community Foundation Week included a congressional briefing about the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems. For more information on Community Foundation Week 2013, please visit the Council on Foundations website at www.cof.org.

About the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

The Community Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois.

Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships.

Funds may be created on a permanent basis or they may serve a more limited purpose. Donors establishing permanent funds have the assurance that their charitable objectives will be fulfilled in perpetuity.

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