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Messenger Public Library Foundation Fund Receives \$134,000 bequest from Tinker Estate

(North Aurora, Illinois June 3, 2013) The Messenger Public Library Foundation Fund Advisory Committee announced this past month that the Library Foundation Fund received a donation of \$134,000 from the estate of the late Barbara Messenger Tinker, the daughter of the Library's founder Emeline Messenger. The Messenger Public Library (113 Oak St. North Aurora Illinois) does not have any official plans for the funds in the short term, though it's ultimately up to the Library's Foundation Fund Advisory Committee working in conjunction with the publicly elected Library Board of Trustees to make decisions on how the money will be utilized to further the mission of the Library, according to Library Administrator G. Kevin Davis. In the meantime, the funds have been deposited in the Messenger Public Library Foundation's Restricted Fund account at the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (www.communityfoundationfrv.org) located in Aurora Illinois.

For further information on the Messenger Public Library of North Aurora contact the Library Administrator G. Kevin Davis at 630-896-0240 or visit the library website at www.messengerpl.org. To including the library in your estate plans contact the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley's President and CEO Sharon Stredde at 630-896-7800.

Barbara Messenger Tinker died on Nov. 1, 2011. She was born on Dec. 28, 1928, and grew up in North Aurora, Illinois, where her parents were very active in their church and community. Her mother Emeline Messenger was the founder and past Director of the North Aurora Public Library. The Library was renamed in Emeline's memory in 1985. After marrying, Barbara moved to Libertyville, Ill., where she raised her family and participated in a variety of community concerns. The church became an important focus of Barbara's life; a place where she gave generously of her time and gifts for compassion, music, leadership and bookkeeping. Through her 50 years of devotion, Barbara gained a multitude of friends and a deepening sense of spirituality. In the last year of her life, Barbara moved to Portland, Ore. to live near her daughter and family. She was blessed to be a part of her granddaughter's wedding and the birth of her second great-grandson. Known for her gentle spirit, Barbara will be remembered in the hearts of all whose lives she touched. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Emeline Messenger; former husband and friend, George Tinker; and sons, David and John. She is survived by her sister, Debbie Stearns; daughter, Cathy and her husband, Paul; son-in-law Adrian; granddaughter, Sandy and her husband, Geoff, great-grandsons, Ali and Reed; and many family and friends. A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church in Libertyville Illinois in January of 2012.