



2011 annual report

to the community

"Issues Incubator"

The Community Foundation of Grundy County provides three main services: Donor-designed funds (such as Donor Advised Funds, Scholarship Funds, Designated Funds, Agency Funds, and Field of Interest Funds), grants to not-for-profit organizations who serve Grundy County, and serving as an "issues incubator."

We've recently begun using the term "issues incubator" because we believe it best describes how we convene the community around issues and work with others to fix or improve that issue.

Our best example of our "issues incubator" is public transportation, which we wrapped up in 2011. Years ago, the Grand Victoria Foundation asked us to use Communityworks to look at workforce development issues, where we found public transportation to be almost non-existent in Grundy County and what little we had wasn't being used to its capacity. Similarly, the United Way spearheaded a county-wide needs assessment around the same time and public transportation rose to the top as a need identified by Grundy residents.

The Community Foundation used our staff and abilities as an "issues incubator" to delve into the issue of public transportation in Grundy County, collect data, research what (if any) resources were available to our county, and lead a group of stakeholders to keep the issue moving along.

What we found in our research is that Grundy County is eligible for so much more state and federal public transportation monies and resources – monies that in some ways were set aside for us – but we weren't accessing nor did we yet have the collaboration and system in place to request those monies.

Using our staff and stakeholders, we fixed that. By collaborating with and learning from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center, Grundy County was eligible in 2011 to receive



almost \$250,000 extra dollars to expand our existing public transportation system.

The expansion included more buses, more drivers, and more hours, therefore more rides and more residents getting to necessary appointments, jobs, classes, training, and stores for groceries and prescriptions.

However, success can bring sadness. With the increased funding, ridership, and administration that the county was managing, they were able to hire Sherey Zerbian, our Program Director who staffed the Grundy Transit Stakeholders, as the new administrator for the expanded Grundy Transit System. Sherey started her new position in the summer of 2011 and the Grundy Transit System continues to grow by leaps and bounds – with more coming in the future!

So now, like other types of business incubators, public transit is now off our plate of programs. As an issues incubator, we were able to identify a need in Grundy County, convene stakeholders, research the issue, gather and grow resources, and graduate the program to be a separate, self-sufficient entity.

The Community Foundation of Grundy County has incubated other issues, both as the lead organization or as a supporting partner, and we look forward to many, many more in the years to come. We continue to delve into issues and "look under rocks," but we also welcome your ideas for programs we can staff and grow so that the residents of Grundy County are better served and so that Grundy County remains a great place to live, work, learn, recreate, worship, shop, and raise our families.

My Journey... So Far

My journey with the Foundation began in 2006. I was approached by the board of the Morris Community Foundation and although I knew very little about foundations, my experience on other boards led me to accept the invitation. I spent the first several meetings listening and learning about foundations, endowed funds, and donor advised funds. Wow, I had a lot to learn about this fantastic organization!!

Marketing and Education was my initial committee assignment and the first thing we identified was the need to work with the entire county, not just Morris. And so, we became the Community Foundation of Grundy County. The first annual Donor and Partner appreciation night was the stage where we launched the new name with a new logo and slogan... 'Bridging people who care with causes that matter'!

As my journey continued, the Foundation had many great accomplishments, including 941-HELP, the transit system, and the ongoing grants that come from the Communityworks program. The donations received through the Grand Victoria Foundation match opportunity more than doubled the Foundation's assets, giving the operations of the Foundation sustainability.

As government funding continues to diminish, we have identified the importance of leadership as one issue we will focus on in 2012. We are hoping to bring the 'Servant Leadership' mindset to all the very important boards that make the decisions for the greater good of Grundy County.

Going forward I am both excited and honored to be in my new position. A special thanks to Jim Baum for setting solid footings for this Foundation and continuing to mentor me on this awesome journey!



Kristine Bennington,
President

Statement of Activities

	2010	2011
Revenue		
Contributions and donations	\$351,086	\$727,520
Grand Victoria Foundation grant	\$30,000	\$0
Interest and dividends on investments	\$148,302	\$146,230
Fee income from donor funds	\$52,436	\$40,888
Miscellaneous income		\$7,155
<u>Net gain/loss on investments</u>	<u>\$272,349</u>	<u>(\$223,814)</u>
Total Revenue	\$854,173	\$697,979
Expenses		
Grants and programs	\$318,793	\$307,663
Administrative salaries, occupancy, & misc office expense	\$84,453	\$89,170
<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>\$1,377</u>	<u>\$207</u>
Total Grants and Expenses	\$404,623	\$397,040
Net Revenue	\$449,550	\$300,939
Fund Balances		
Balances at beginning of year	\$4,157,659	\$4,607,208
<u>Net revenue</u>	<u>\$449,550</u>	<u>\$300,939</u>
Balances at end of year	\$4,607,209	\$4,908,147

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Cash	\$68,081	\$28,337
Investments at market value	\$4,529,507	\$4,872,947
Savings and short-term cash investments	\$0	\$0
Land, buildings, and equipment (basis less accumulated depreciation)	\$9,621	\$6,823
Total assets	\$4,607,209	\$4,908,147
Liabilities		
<u>Other liabilities</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total liabilities	\$0	\$0
Total fund balances	\$4,607,209	\$4,908,147

Grants Sub-Total by Fund Type

Designated Funds	\$24,884.00
Donor Advised Funds	\$174,442.00
Scholarship Funds	\$1,000.00
Field of Interest	\$7,015.00
CFGF Unrestricted Funds	\$4,792.00
Agency Funds	\$1,000.00
Communityworks Endowment	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total 2011 Grants	\$238,133.00

2011 Grant Recipients

American Cancer Society
 American Red Cross – GC Chapter
 Angel Bears of Hope
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will & Grundy Counties
 Boca Raton Community Hospital Foundation
 Boy Scout Troop #469 Morris
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 Canal Corridor Association
 Christian Youth Center of Morris
 Coal City High School Promfest
 Cops for Cancer
 Doctors Without Borders
 First Presbyterian Church Morris
 Georgetown Fund
 Goose Lake Prairie Partners
 Greater Joliet Area YMCA
 Grundy Community Hospice
 Grundy County 4-H
 Grundy County Habitat for Humanity
 Grundy County Historical Society
 Grundy Development Corporation
 Heritage Corridor Festivals, Inc.
 Illinois Valley Bowling League
 Illinois Valley Evangelical Free Church
 Illinois Valley Industries
 Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra
 Immaculate Conception Parish
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 Joliet Junior College
 Joliet Junior College Foundation
 Junior Achievement of the Heartland
 LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation
 LaSalle County Historical Society
 LaSalle Peru High School
 LaSalle Rotary Club Foundation
 LaSalle Veterans Home
 Mazon Park Board
 Minooka Police Department
 Morris Area Public Library
 Morris Community High School
 Morris Downtown Development Partnership
 Morris Hospital Auxiliary
 Morris Hospital Foundation
 Morris Rotary Club
 Morris Soccer Association
 Morris Theatre Guild
 Nettle Creek School PTO
 North Central Illinois Council of Gvnmts
 Operation St. Nick
 Ottawa Friendship House
 Palm Beach Pops
 Relay for Life Grundy County
 Running for Life
 Side Out Club - Volleyball Program
 SMP Health System
 Soldiers Angels
 Special Connections of Grundy County
 Streater Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
 Streater Unlimited Foundation
 Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity
 Unit #1 Educational Foundation
 United Way of Grundy County
 United Way of Illinois Valley
 We Care of Grundy County

First Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Grundy County awarded our first scholarships in the spring of 2011!

The Charles "Pete" Muffler Scholarship gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Keegan Anderson, a student of Coal City High School who was participating in the GAVC fire science program. Keegan is using his scholarship to study fire science at Joliet Junior College.

The Pete Muffler Scholarship is an endowed fund started by the Morris Firemen's Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Morris Lions Club, Grundy County Corn Festival, and Morris Building and Loan. And because the Muffler Scholarship is endowed, it will forever be able to provide annual scholarship funds for our county's young adults who choose fire science as a career.

The Morris Musical Arts Guild (via the Grundy Bank Music Field of Interest Fund) selected six band students at Morris Community High School to receive \$200 each toward private music lessons. The Morris Musical Arts Guild raises funds at its annual "Christmas Cards" concert in December plus receives other donations throughout the year.

For information on these scholarship funds or how to create your own scholarship fund, please call the Community Foundation of Grundy County at 815-941-0852.



Muffler Scholarship recipient Keegan Anderson with Morris Assistant Fire Chief Bob Willis.

New Faces in 2011



Russelle Holsinger & Devan Gagliardo

Russelle L. Holsinger joined the CFGC board of directors in 2011. She lives in Coal City with her husband, Brent, and her son, Will. She has been an attorney in Grundy County since 1997, focusing on the real estate, estate planning and the representation of businesses. Previously, Ms. Holsinger was employed as an intern by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Grundy County States Attorney's Office, and most recently served as in-house counsel for a multi-state residential builder. She has been employed as an adjunct writing instructor for the University of St. Francis and as a teaching assistant in her law school's legal writing program.

Russelle L. Holsinger graduated cum laude from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, and was awarded her Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law where she graduated in the top 25% of her class.

She is also a founding board member for Angels of Hope, Inc., a Grundy County not-for-profit organization.

Devan Gagliardo joined the Community Foundation as our Program Director in September 2011. A lifelong Grundy County resident, Devan was born and raised in Gardner and currently resides in Coal City with her husband, Jason. Devan graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, with degrees in Organizational Communication and Psychology. Before her employment with the Community Foundation, Devan was employed by Cornerstone Services in Joliet as a Career Counselor for adults with disabilities.

As Program Director, Devan is involved with several collaborative groups within the county and serves as the Secretary for the Behavioral Health Alliance of Grundy County. She also serves on the Leadership Team for Grundy Partnership for Children and is responsible for the maintenance and marketing of 941-HELP. Devan volunteers her time at her church, The Village Christian Church in Minooka. She also speaks for the State's Attorney's Victim Impact Panel about the dangers of impaired driving.

New Donor Fund



Cheryl & Tom Tesdal

"Cheryl and I created the Tesdal Family donor advised fund because of our parents' dedication to help fellow residents of the Grundy County community. They taught us that "it is better to give than receive" and with today's economy, the need to give is real. Cheryl and I hope that our donor advised fund will be able to carry on our parents' gift of giving back to the Grundy County community."

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