

### **We've Raised \$20,450 to Match Fell Fund Challenge Grant**

**Help us meet the challenge. Send a contribution to  
the Founders Fund today!**

Thanks to many generous donors, we are much closer to making the match for the \$25,000 challenge grant offered by the Fell Foundation. Currently, we have raised \$20,450. With only \$4,550 left to go, the goal is in reach.

Please consider an end-of-the-year gift that will give your Community Foundation a big boost. Our sincere thanks to the following contributors since our last newsletter:

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### **Commerce Bank Donates Furnishings for New Office**

Stop by and see our new Community Foundation office when you have a chance. Thanks to Bob Lakin and Commerce Bank, we've been able to upgrade our furnishings. Commerce donated desks, a conference table and chairs, and even a coat tree...just in time for the cold weather. We really appreciate the office upgrade!

### **Consider End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving**

Now is a great time to do some financial planning and consider making additional charitable contributions to the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. Gifts of appreciated stock and mutual fund shares enable the donor to make contributions to the charitable organizations they want to support and they may also be advantageous in reducing taxes.

Many donors have established Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation, enabling them to transfer a larger sum of money to those funds at year end and then designate the charities they want to support during the coming year.

We will be happy to talk to you at any time about establishing a Donor Advised Fund here at Illinois Prairie CF and to handle your end of the year charitable transfers to already established funds.

#### **Special Charitable IRA Rollover**

Special legislation currently only for 2007 lets individuals 70 ½ or older give up to \$100,000 directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) – benefiting both the Community Foundation and themselves. Talk to your financial advisor or give us a call for more information.

### **32 Attend Luncheon and Seminar for Professional Financial Managers**

“Charitable funds at community foundations are an excellent, but under-utilized financial planning tool” according to Vaughn Henry, a Springfield financial consultant who spoke at an October 25th luncheon Illinois Prairie Community Foundation held for 32 financial professionals at Biaggi's.

Henry encouraged the professionals to make their clients aware of the options provided by charitable giving at Community Foundations. The luncheon was underwritten by a generous gift from the Zimmerman Family Donor Advised Fund. Thanks also to Vaughn Henry who contributed his professional services.

## **Marion McDowell Stafford Fund Grants Announced**

Six local charitable organizations will receive funding for projects ranging from oral health to a regional autism center in grants awarded from the Marion McDowell Stafford Fund of the IPCF.

Organizations and their projects selected for funding are:

Children's Foundation – Oral Health Program  
First Christian Church – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Westside Block Party  
Children's Discovery Museum – Dino Dig On-the-Go  
Occupational Development Center – Skills workshop  
Easter Seals – Regional Autism Resource Center.

The Community Foundation is pleased to be a part of these important efforts.

### **Community Needs Fund Support will Keep the Grants Going**

Community Foundation grants can make a lot of difference to local charitable organizations. The Stafford Grant program will end in 2008, but the Community Foundation wants to continue to provide small grants for worthwhile programs that otherwise might not get funded.

You can help us do that by making a contribution to **the Illinois Prairie Community Needs Fund**. All contributions will be split 50/50 between a fund for current grants and the Community Needs Endowed Fund so that we can build the ability to provide grants far into the future.

Each year we receive more than 50 grant requests and are able to fund only 10-12. Help us build the capacity to meet more community needs. You can make a contribution by check, credit card, or Donor Advised Fund recommendation.

## **On the Move Again**

We have moved again...to our new office here next to First State Bank. We are now on the south side of the second floor (same corridor as Dan Brady's office).

**Illinois Prairie Community  
Foundation**

**Correct New address:  
202 N. Prospect Rd. Suite 205,  
Bloomington, IL 61704**

**New Phone: 662-4477**

**New Fax: 662-5577**

We thank all of those who contributed labor and supplies to complete the new office:

Cornerstone Builders – construction  
Associated Contractors – construction  
Wm Masters – electrical work  
Daks Lock and Glass –window glass  
Carpet Weavers- vinyl base  
The Wendy and Tim Ives Donor Advised Fund – painting

We are also continually grateful to First State Bank for the donation of the office space.

### **Did you Know? IPCF Accepts Credit Card Donations**

The Community Foundation is equipped to handle donations through your Master Card and Visa credit cards and we can accept credit card donations over the telephone for any of our funds. So if you've put off your end of the year donations to the last minute, make it easy and give us a call.

### **IPCF Welcomes David Rutledge As New Board Member**

David Rutledge, President of First State Bank is the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation's newest board member. Welcome Dave!