

# Community FOUNDATION

OF KANKAKEE  
RIVER VALLEY

## Annual Report 2012-2013



# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley is unique to our area, locally focused and financed, and philanthropic in our mission.

We use our financial expertise and not-for-profit status to permanently endow funds and then redistribute the investment earnings to enhance community (Kankakee and Iroquois counties) benefits.

We seek support from individuals, government, corporations and other private and public organizations as well as from individuals.

The Foundation then distributes awards to organizations, groups and projects which improve the quality of life in our communities throughout our service area. Also significant Foundation Funding is provided to Wright In Kankakee, the Frank Lloyd Wright preservation.

We add particular focus and support to area initiatives that enhance Early Childhood Learning (Success By 6), improve the Use of Land for quality of life enrichment (Riverfront Trailways, River Roundtable) and Workforce Development (Enterprise U), particularly preparing youth.

The Foundation emphasizes making our area a better place to live for all citizens.

We need donors who want to place their contributions with our organization that focuses on Quality Of Life and whereby their contributions go to a permanent community-wide "savings account" where only the earnings are utilized to enrich projects here where we live.

Please contribute to your Community Foundation to perpetually enrich and improve the quality of life for all of us.

Sincerely,



Rick Manuel  
Executive Director



# statement of financial position

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Current Assets:		
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 105,864	\$ 719,749
Contributions Receivable		11,551
Investments	6,547,924	6,083,273
Total Current Assets	<u>6,653,788</u>	<u>6,814,573</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Furniture and Equipment	19,926	19,526
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(10,556)</u>	<u>(8,514)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>9,370</u>	<u>11,012</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Property	<u>42,500</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 6,705,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,825,585</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities	\$ <u>3,176</u>	\$ <u>1,023</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,176</u>	<u>1,023</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	489,866	887,521
Temporarily Restricted Funds	643,400	340,274
Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>5,569,216</u>	<u>5,596,767</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,702,482</u>	<u>6,824,562</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 6,705,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,825,585</u>

# statement of revenue and expense

<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>		
Contributions	\$ 36,836	\$ 737,236
Grants	41,350	872,552
Investment Income	146,121	128,492
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	678,236	209,459
Unrealized Gain on Investments	(133,752)	(519,697)
Administrative Fees	<u>36,374</u>	<u>40,353</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>805,165</u>	<u>1,468,395</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 256,756	\$ 328,710
Charitable Disbursements (Grants)	<u>698,543</u>	<u>205,929</u>
	<u>955,299</u>	<u>534,639</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>		
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	\$ (150,134)	\$ 933,756
Net Assets- End of Year	<u>685,2617</u>	<u>5,890,806</u>
	<u>\$ 6,702,483</u>	<u>\$ 6,824,562</u>

# **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF KANKAKEE RIVER VALLEY**

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties today and for future generations.

## **Mission Statement**

The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley promotes visionary philanthropy to create and support vital and caring communities. We:

- ♦ Build and preserve funds of many individuals and institutions
- ♦ Distribute grants to non-profit organizations that serve members of our communities
- ♦ Provide leadership collaboration and inspiration.

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# The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley Beacon Award

**bea·con** *noun* \ˈbē-kən\ A lighthouse or other signal for guidance; a source of light or inspiration

The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley Beacon Award is presented to a person who is a shining example of service, leadership, vision and generosity within the Community Foundation service area. In the true sense of the word, beacon, the award honors those who lead, inspire and light the way for others to improve quality of life. The Beacon Award is granted by the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, serving Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

The Beacon Award does not rely on a specific annual cycle, but it is awarded when the Community Foundation Board of Directors determines there is a person who truly deserves to be recognized as a Community Beacon, an example and guiding force for community enrichment and enhancement in our service area. Recipients may be individuals, and the award also may include consideration of area businesses, charitable organizations, or groups of individuals acting together.

The Community Foundation Executive Committee is responsible for authorizing an awards committee for reviewing candidates, for evaluating candidates in relation to our criteria and for making recommendations to the full Board of the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley. If a candidate is duly recommended and approved, the award is to be presented at the Annual Community Foundation Luncheon.

The Beacon Award recipient will have demonstrated characteristics of:

1. Thinking well beyond self, organization or special interests.
2. Possessing a vision for the entire Community Foundation service area, sharing that vision with others, inspiring others to action, and facilitating the enrichment and advancement of our communities.
3. Inspiring and leading the Beacon approach toward the realization of superlative community possibilities.
4. Serving as a Beacon and advocate for greater community vision and the realization of a higher quality of life.
5. Demonstrating generosity toward advancing our vision and goals toward the greater area's enrichment.

Beacon Award recommendations may be submitted to the Community Foundation Executive Director in February and will be reviewed by the Community Foundation Executive Committee. Persons submitting nominations should provide letters of recommendation that speak specifically to the criteria for the Beacon Award described above. Letters of recommendation for the Beacon Award are to be addressed to:

Beacon Award  
Executive Director  
Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley  
701 S. Harrison Ave.  
Kankakee, Il 60901

# Communityworks Grant Awards 2013

## **Acting Out Theatre Company**

The purpose of their project is to produce a live cultural event that will educate the community about the importance of maintaining the charm of small town America. Partnering with other agencies AOTC will assist in the development of historic preservation, while providing an overall atmosphere where arts and culture can grow and thrive.

## **Adventure Teen MOPS**

The project will provide early intervention services for children participating in the Teen MOPS program. Teen MOPS will create a curriculum and purchase activities aimed to improve child development in the areas of fine motor, gross motor, speech and language, social emotional, and cognitive development. They will also create a take home learning program through backpack activities for moms to work independently with their children.

## **Baby Talk Kankakee Community College**

Baby talk will purchase approximately 600 board books to be given to newborns/parents during a hospital visit. The books will promote literacy through rhyming, phonemic awareness and visual discrimination. Baby Talk will also distribute the Success By 6 parent information packets to new parents.

## **Bourbonnais Township Park District**

A Dino Dig exhibit will be installed at Exploration Station...a children's museum. The exhibit will include a Dino Fossil Dig Site, a Dino Tracks Footprint Display, a Dino Reading Nook, and an Expedition Tent that will include a Dino Rubbing Table. The objective of this exhibit is to incorporate STEM learning into the museum exhibits in order to ready children for the Next Generation Science Standards.

## **Bradley East Elementary Kindergarten Team**

The Kindergarten Team will implement a Bag Book Program at their Family Night for all eight kindergarten classrooms in the Bradley School District. Family Night will educate parents in helping their children develop early reading skills and strategies by providing each child a "Literacy Bag" which will contain the necessary literacy tools to accomplish the activities at home.

## **Earth Stewards**

The Earth Stewards goal and mission is to increase environmental education and nature awareness for participants at all levels. The grant will be used to purchase various items and equipment such as binoculars and microscopes that will allow participants to become more engaged and connected with nature, making their learning experience more meaningful.

## **First Taste Program—Kankakee School District 111**

The program will provide for the continuation of the Teen Parent Program for teen moms and dads who are currently dealing with a pregnancy or who have a child. The program provides teen parents with exposure to the developmental needs of their children and the parenting skills needed to ensure proper development. Monthly meetings also will include the Heart to Heart program which educates parents on the subject of sexual abuse.

## **GiGi's Playhouse—Bradley**

This program provides literacy rooms and purchases books and flashcards necessary for the literacy program, as well as other supplies to afford children the ability to use various modalities to ensure learning success. The program is offered free to individuals with Down Syndrome and to their families.

# Communityworks Grant Awards 2013

## **Herscher CUSD2**

The grant will provide for educational DVDs as well as other learning resources for a Kindergarten readiness package including a tote with the alphabet and numbers printed on the tote, a leveled reader for reading practice and sets of Dr. Seuss books which will be given as door prizes at the Kindergarten Parent Café.

## **Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault**

This project will continue the delivery of prevention education programs to children ages 3-5 in daycare centers and preschools. Through this program, children will be provided valuable information on body safety and stranger danger in an age-appropriate manner. In addition, information to teachers, providers and parents will be delivered annually.

## **Kankakee County Historical Society**

Traveling History Kits will be available for educators, Head Start programs, to daycare centers and to home-school parents. The kits will include multiple topics with various grade levels. The early childhood education topics are *Growing Seasons—Life in the early 1900s*, *Aviation*, and *Locomotives*. Each kit includes books, artifacts, reproductions, games and activities.

## **Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District**

Participants will install ornamental trees to augment existing species found at the Waldron Arboretum. The District will collaborate with staff and students from the Indian Oaks Academy where participants will learn how to use basic hand tools, learn teamwork and develop landscaping skills.

## **Kankakee Valley Park District**

The Park District will use grant funds to offer a new program named “Summer Safety with KVPD”. The program will take place at Splash Valley Aquatic Park and other local parks. The District will provide lifejackets for participant safety and safety activities during *Summer in the Parks*.

## **Main Street Momence**

The City of Momence Master Plan Implementation Committee is embarking on green enhancements to the municipality’s largest parking lot area. Measuring 28,296 square feet and fronting the Kankakee River, the East River Street parking project will redesign and beautify a highly visible component of Momence’s River-front Zone, with the goal of better special event parking in order to boost downtown commerce.

## **Presence Life Connections: Fortin Villa Learning Center**

To implement a new curriculum for pre-school-aged children attending the Fortin Villa Learning Center. PLC’s new curriculum is used nationwide and is aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Standards. It provides challenging experiences for children to investigate and discover their individual learning styles.

## **Presence St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation**

This project will educate children with Asthma and their families by teaching them to live smart, have fun and better understand the chronic condition of Asthma through PSM’s *Camp Aire*. Participants will learn to have fun, share thoughts and experiences with other children who have asthma, learn the essentials of living with Asthma through participation in games, fun/recreational activities and through education sessions.

## **River Valley Special Recreation Association**

A Summer Day Camp for children ages 5-8 with special needs will promote social activities and also serve as a much-needed respite for their parents. The camp offers cooperative play, group interaction, enhancing social skills, and promoting independence.

# Legacy Society

Those listed here have demonstrated their generous financial support in assisting the development and expansion of the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley through contributions and pledges. Previous contributions to our endowment funds are included.

## **Platinum—\$250,000 +**

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**“We give to expand endowment funds for the Community Foundation to provide continuing income for improving local community activities, along with encouraging other non-profit agencies to develop funds for their long-term benefit.”**

**Norm & Janice Strasma**

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The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the contributions made by the following individuals, businesses and organizations. It is an honor to be a steward for their philanthropic intent.

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By Cheryl Trudeau

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”  
— Albert Pike

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The Rosie Fund exists to channel financial resources to existing not-for-profit organizations for the express purpose of alleviating unmet needs of women in Kankakee County that are not funded through other traditional financial resources.

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