

2022 IMPACT REPORT

CREATING
IMPACT.
LEAVING *legacy.*



THE FOUNDATION
for Northwest Illinois

THE FREEPORT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

growth.

Generosity lives and grows in Northwest Illinois. It is where people respond to needs in their communities and the causes important to them. The Foundation for Northwest Illinois helps people realize their unique charitable goals, provides impactful support to our region's nonprofits, and fosters key partnerships to address critical issues affecting Northwest Illinois.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

2010—\$3.5M assets
\$24,624 in impact



TODAY

2023—\$5.1M assets
\$432,845 in impact

(Reflecting 1/22 - 6/23)

For a Stronger Northwest Illinois



FROM THE CEO: MICHELLE DEHAVEN-QUAST



What an amazing year of growth! In 2023, The Foundation saw the development of three new donor funds—a donor-designated fund and two scholarship funds—all expected to be operational within a few short weeks and benefiting our Northwest Illinois neighbors in perpetuity. Because of the generosity of forward-thinking donors, we continue to create opportunities for greater community impact and positive social change.

Through our new educational initiative, the Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Alliance (NINA), The Foundation has increased its engagement with area organizations, further advancing the nonprofit business sector. Resources and opportunities associated with NINA include the Coffee Connections peer roundtables, networking events, and the annual THRIVE: Nonprofit Leadership Symposium.

The Foundation also continues to broaden the reach of our Marvin • Wilson Community Needs granting which supports the program and project needs of nonprofit organizations serving Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll counties. New nonprofits from all around the region come under that umbrella every grant cycle.

We began 2023 as the Freeport Community Foundation and we finish the year as The Foundation for Northwest Illinois. While our name has changed and new, exciting things are happening, our mission remains—to empower nonprofits to develop solutions to help Northwest Illinois communities thrive.

GRANTS: FOR A STRONGER NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Featured Projects & Initiatives

Discover Your Future is a program of the Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. The program provides quality career building opportunities to Freeport area youth at the Exploring Post stationed at the Freeport Fire Station. Blackhawk Area Council also partners with other public safety organizations and businesses to expand the Exploring Post and offers more options for the diverse career interests of youth in the area.

Blackhawk Area Council has established 3 more Exploring Posts to encompass a variety of career interest areas that will attract and enrich youth and inspire them to participate in their own community.



Grant \$5,775

The Freeport Art Museum's *BIPOC Initiative* (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) encourages artists of color to view FAM as a welcoming venue to exhibit their work and seeks to develop an improved relationship with the broader BIPOC community. It brings artists who to exhibit their work, share knowledge, and select future artists to show at the Freeport Art Museum, working to help undo Native invisibility, address anti-Blackness, dismantle white supremacy, and advance racial justice.

Self-identified BIPOC artists select work to be featured in the main galleries, thereby removing the 'institutional' selection process in favor of giving participating artists a larger voice.



Grant \$9,665

Although poverty is considered a major reason for food insecurity, the underlying issues that lead to it are many. Lack of affordable housing, social isolation, chronic or acute health problems, high medical costs, limited access and low wages all increase the likelihood that eating patterns can be disrupted due to the inability to pay for food or access it though other resources.

In 2022, more than \$40,000 was granted to 25 food pantries and meal programs throughout Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.

The Foundation is very aware of the extreme need throughout the region and leads efforts to provide assistance even while the need continues to grow.



Food Insecurity Initiative

Grants \$40,000

LEGACY: BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE GALA 2022 / 2023

An evening celebrating the generous work of individuals & nonprofit organizations serving communities throughout Northwest Illinois.



Matt A. Marvin Community Impact Award

This award is given in honor and memory of local philanthropist, Matt Marvin, who understood the value of being involved and giving back to his community.

2022 Recipient: Denny Carkey & Little Cubs Field

2023 Recipient: James Rhyne & Boys & Girls Club of Stephenson County



Craig Wilson Ecological Stewardship Award

This award is given in honor and memory of Northwest Illinois resident, Craig Wilson, well-known for his devotion to agriculture and the outdoors.

2022 Recipient: Karen & Steven Herdklotz and Hoo Haven Wildlife Center

2023 Recipient: Dave & Pat Caspar and land conservation in Jo Daviess County

RESOURCES: HEALTHY NONPROFITS SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Alliance

www.ninastrong.org

The Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Alliance (NINA) is the educational initiative of The Foundation, developed to enrich communities by strengthening the nonprofit sector through communication, collaboration, professional development, and networking opportunities, all to maximize local impact. Membership to NINA is free to nonprofit leaders and board members throughout Northwest Illinois.

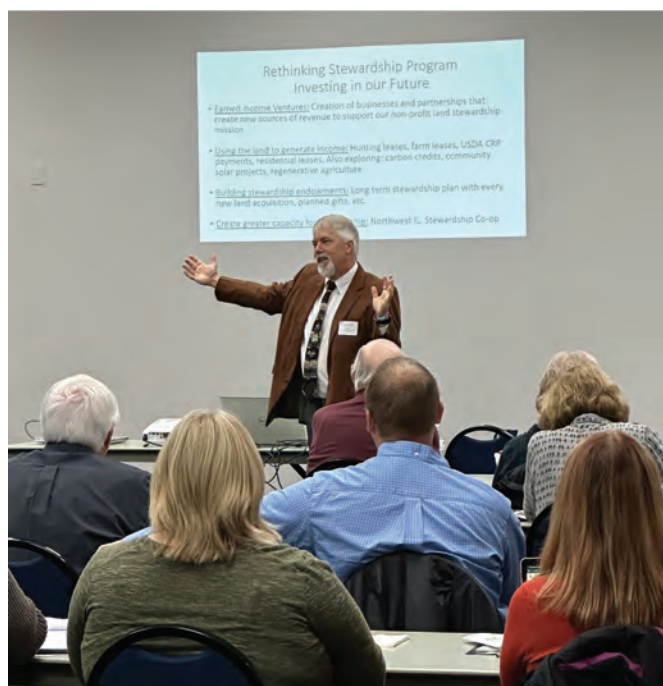


THRIVE Symposium: Empowering the Nonprofit Business Sector

The THRIVE: Nonprofit Leadership Symposium was held at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau on October 13, 2023. These symposiums aim at providing professional tools and resources to regional nonprofit leaders and board members. Healthy nonprofits help build strong communities!



COFFEE CONNECTIONS is a monthly networking event for nonprofit leaders to chat with their peers on topics relevant to their work. Often these gatherings involve sharing resources, ideas for fundraising, or discussions. *Coffee Connections* is sponsored by Citizens State Bank.



GRANTS TO NORTHWEST ILLINOIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

MARVIN•WILSON COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

Aquin Catholic School
System
Fire Alarm Panel
Replacement

Blackhawk Area Boy Scouts
Discover Your Future

Freeport Area Church
Coop
Chicago Avenue Mission

Freeport Art Museum
BIPOC Initiative

Freeport High School
Freeport Community Composting

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises
Freeport East & Beats 2022

RAMP
Community Accessibility

Senior Resource Center
Preventive Dental Care

St. John's Lutheran Church
Grace Meal

The Workshop
Wheelchair Accessible Van

United Way of NW Illinois
Community Care Cupboards

Voices of Stephenson County
Operation Handrail Replacement

Riverview Center
Protecting Pets of Survivors

St. John's UCC
Automated External Defibrillator

Senior Resource Center
Healthcare Transit

The Salvation Army
Pantry Delivery System

YMCA of Northwest Illinois
Safety Around Water

Voices of Stephenson County
Focus on Cameras

Warren Township Public Library
Learning Games for Kids

CareerTech
Putting IT Together

Cats Care/River Ridge Schools
Cats Care Cabinets



**Dan & Nancy Schmitt Family
Fund** Freeport Art Museum
FAM Project

**Jeannette Lloyd Memorial
Scholarship Fund**
Freeport High School Theater
Department scholarships:
Megan Busker, Lindsey
Melancon, Macy Olson, Noah
Redmore, Haley Thies, Emily
Webster

**Matthew Marvin Community Impact
Award** Denny Garkey donated the
\$2500 award to Little Cubs Field,
Save the Tabernacle & the
Stephenson County Historical
Society

**Craig Wilson Ecological Stewardship
Award** Karen & Steven Herdklotz
donated the \$1,000 award to Hoo
Haven Wildlife Education &
Rehabilitation Center

Food Security Grants
The Salvation Army, Freeport
Gospel Outreach of Freeport
Joseph's Pantry, Freeport
FACC Food Pantry
New Jerusalem Church Food
Pantry
Amity Society of Freeport Food
Pantry
New Life Community Center
German Valley Food Pantry
Pecatonica Community Food
Pantry
Durand Area Food Pantry
Faith Community Food Pantry
Lena-Winslow Food Pantry
East Dubuque Lion's Club Food
Pantry
Elizabeth Food Basket
Fulton Thompson Food Pantry
United Churches of Galena Food
Pantry
Hanover Food Pantry
Savanna Food Pantry
St. John's Lutheran Church
Hearts that Care

Children's Hands-On Museum of
Northwest Illinois
Recirculating Milk Cow

FLAP
Latinx Know Your Rights

Freeport Area Church
Cooperative
Housing Necessities

Jo Daviess Conservation
Foundation
Valley of Eden Signage

Northern Illinois Food Bank
Take 100

Aquin Catholic Schools
Community Fdn. of Jo Daviess Cty
Freeport Art Museum
Greater Freeport Partnership
The Salvation Army of Freeport
United Way of NW Illinois
VOICES of Stephenson County

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Loeffler Wealth Management
SSM Health
State Bank
Ted Frits Insurance Agency, Inc.
The Morse Group, Inc.
Union Savings Bank
Winter Construction Inc.

Non-Cash Donations

Greater Freeport Partnership, Bill
Clow, Logan's Bar & Grill, RAMP,
Stephenson County Fair
Association, United Way of NW IL,
Holman Dahms Insurance

Memorial Gifts

Philip & Pamela Briggs
John Drogosz

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Office Manager
(Retired 2022)

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impact 2022

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GRANTS

Totalling \$254,764 to

53

NONPROFITS

in Northwest Illinois &

8

SCHOLARSHIPS

Totalling \$15,276

FOUNDATION CORPORATE PARTNERS



HAUSER LAW LLC



local vitality

Many of Northwest Illinois' largest employers are nonprofit organizations including:

FHN

SSM Health Monroe Clinic

Midwest Medical Center

Highland Community College

Freeport District 145 &

13 other schools districts in the region.



Nearly 10% of Northwest Illinois residents are employed by nonprofit organizations



More than 1,000 nonprofit organizations call Northwest Illinois home.



Northwest Illinois Nonprofit Organizations serve the needs of a combined population of 82,000 people



Nonprofit Organizations served by The Foundation for Northwest Illinois are engaged in the areas of:

Arts & Culture

Community Development

Education

Environment & Agriculture

Health & Human Services

OUR FUNDS

Marvin • Wilson Community Needs Unrestricted Fund

Dan & Nancy Schmitt Family Fund

Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music & Arts

Luthin Family Endowment

NW IL / SW WI Fund for Community Development

RC Miller Agriculture & Land Conservation Fund

John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention / Treatment Memorial Fund

Jeanette Lloyd Memorial Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds:
Freeport Area Church Cooperative
RAMP
United Way of NW Illinois
Voices of Stephenson County