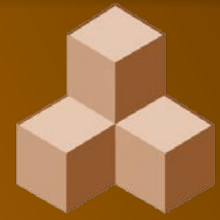


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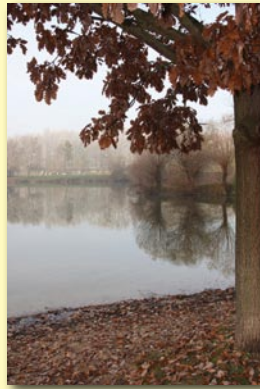
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Our Mission

DeKalb County Community Foundation promotes *community philanthropy* by offering local citizens the opportunity to *leave a charitable legacy* that will *sustain and improve life* in our county.

The new **DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation Fund** will promote the conservation of soil, water and other natural resources in our community with public education and conservation awareness building.



The fund was recently established by the DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District, the organization that assists local urban and agricultural landowners with wetland preservation and restoration, erosion control, pond management, tree planting, water monitoring and much more.

Your gift to the fund will help educate others on how to preserve the natural beauty and ecology of our community.

The **Literacy Endowment Fund** supports adult and children's literacy and learning opportunities for DeKalb County folks and will award \$4,000 in grants this year. The **Mother Goose on the Loose** giving circle supports the fund because its members believe that the ability to read, write, and communicate effectively are critical skills for success.



Giving circle members met their first endowment building goal of \$50,000 in five years. They immediately set a new goal to raise an additional \$20,000 and build the fund to \$70,000. The Dekko Foundation provided inspiration with a grant that matches gifts \$1-for-\$1. The goal is nearly met with only \$625 remaining in the challenge.

The community foundation provided a forum for our local charities to **Rally Resources** by inviting them to meet with representatives of organizations that provide the services they need. Each resource provider encouraged the charities to contact them personally with questions, something that will be easier to do now that they have met.



Two hours sped by quickly as the funders and resource providers moved around the room to meet with the 35 people in small group settings. "I especially liked the format," said one local charity's representative. "It gave everyone an opportunity to have one-on-one time." Another said, "It was informational, the speakers were very open to talk with us, and I learned a lot."

Congratulations are in Order!

We're tipping our hats to these local projects/programs that were made possible through

- 1) committed volunteers
 - 2) generous donors and
 - 3) grants from the community foundation.
- YMCA of DeKalb County for the successful completion of their recent capital campaign that included funding for a new family fitness center.
 - Auburn Fire Department for completing a training tower that will be used by many area departments.



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With a vision of continuous learning to improve the quality of life in DeKalb County, 2009 brought the dream into clearer focus.

DeKalb County Learning Link's early childhood team has their eye on every child being prepared for kindergarten. The Kindergarten to 12th grade team has chosen to target students reading at grade level in grades 3-5 and career readiness in grades 9-12. The adult team has narrowed their attention to continuing education toward careers, parenting and literacy skills.

While we are proud of this further refinement, it is only the beginning. Please join us at a community meeting in early 2010 where you can see our plan, offer input, and ask yourself how you might help. We thank the more than 70 community members and organizations who have worked diligently with us this year. Only if we work together will we be able to provide the kind of community we all want for our children.

Submitted by: Judy Sorg

Newsletter Going Green

This new format for the foundation's newsletter uses less paper and adapts well to delivery via the Internet. We're doing our best to protect the planet and to use our financial resources wisely. Some of you received the newsletter via email and others received a printed copy. Please let us know which you prefer and we will do our best to keep in touch with you the best way possible. Call us at (260) 925-0311 or email dwilson@dekalb-foundation.org.

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