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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

DUNHAM FUND MISSION . . .

The mission of the Dunham Fund is to honor the legacy of John C. Dunham. In that spirit, the Fund supports organizations that work to make the world a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper, giving special consideration to Aurora-area organizations engaged in providing education and to organizations engaged in assisting individuals to attain heights they may not have attained without the benefit of such assistance.

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DUNHAM FUND photos on Annual Report Cover (from left to right):

East Aurora School District 131 Math Readiness Program, Group Home for Adults with Special Needs, Fox Valley Heart Foundation Clinic at Visiting Nurse Association, VNA's Heart Healthy Clinic Dedication, Feed My Starving Children, and CASA Kane County.

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“We continue to encourage innovative and collaborative solutions to our communities’ complex social issues while focusing on our mission to build a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper by providing financial assistance to organizations engaged in helping individuals who are helping themselves.”

Stewart Beach, Dunham Fund Board Chairman

DUNHAM FUND . . . THE LEGACY OF JOHN C. DUNHAM

The objectives that guide the Dunham Fund are forever linked with Fund founder John C. Dunham and his family. It was Mr. Dunham, after all, who determined that the Fund he created in 1996 should “be dedicated through wise gifting to making the world a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper.” And it was John Dunham, speaking as the entrepreneur and businessman that he was, who visualized the Fund “as a self-sustaining money maker, as well as a gifting organization.”

The history of Mr. Dunham and his family is synonymous with the history of Equipto, the Aurora company founded by Mr. Dunham’s father, Thomas M. Dunham, in 1907. As automobiles began to capture the public’s imagination, the company began producing body parts for Ford Motor Company’s Model T chassis. It was the request of Ford dealers for heavy-duty shelving to store automobile parts that inspired Equipto to develop the revolutionary concept of “Equiptovation”, or efficient space utilization through innovative, adjustable steel shelving. The collaboration with Ford inspired innovation.

John, born in New Jersey, but educated at West Aurora High School and North Central and Babson colleges, often worked at Equipto sweeping floors and running errands as a youngster. In 1931, newly married with a young son, John accepted his father’s challenge to join the company full-time to design and sell their new steel shelving equipment. John eventually became President and CEO of the company, and retired as Chairman of the Board in 1994.

Widely known and highly respected as a champion of education, innovation and collaboration, Mr. Dunham conceived the philanthropic direction that led to the formation of the Dunham Fund. During his lifetime, Mr. Dunham was a strong supporter of several Aurora-area educational institutions, where he inspired students to achieve excellence in scholarship, character development, work ethic and commitment to community service.

Established by John C. Dunham in 1996, funded in 2007 in accordance with the provisions of Mr. Dunham’s trust, and nurtured during the intervening years by Mr. Dunham and a board of personally appointed advisors, the Dunham Fund now honors Mr. Dunham’s life and philanthropy through grants to Aurora, Illinois area organizations that have the vision and programs to help fulfill Mr. Dunham’s dream of “making the world a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper.”



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



STEWART A. BEACH

Over the last few years, the Dunham Fund has awarded more grants in the areas of community development and helping those with basic needs than in years past. We continue to encourage innovative and collaborative solutions to the complex problems facing the area. The Dunham fund has shown that it too can collaborate as it has with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley with Dunham Scholarships, as well as with other challenge grants and River Edge Park.

If you respond to man's basic needs for family stability, home, job and food security, adequate health care, and a sense of belonging to an inclusive community, you clear his path to attain new heights that he may not have attained without the benefit of such assistance. In 2010, the Fund supported a number of community development projects and social service programs that addressed those needs . . . Programs like CASA Kane County's Healthy Child Program, the Aurora Area Interfaith and Kendall County food pantries, Fox Valley Heart Foundation's Healthy Community Heart Clinic, Joseph Corporation, and Rebuilding Together Aurora. Our largest commitment of the year is to River Edge Park, a project that combines the revitalization of the Fox River with the rebuilding of community infrastructure and a refreshing approach to building community cohesiveness. Our financial commitment includes a stipulation that requires the use of local contractors to insure that the development benefits of the project stay within the community.

An educated population is one of the keys to the success of any community. The Dunham Fund continues to support educational endeavors such as the proposed Math and Science Academy and our ongoing scholarship programs, both which promise a brighter educational future for students in our communities.



DUNHAM FUND BOARD OF ADVISORS

Stewart A. Beach Board Chairman

Wendy P. Hirsch

Ryan J. Maley

Janet B. Morcos

Michael J. Morcos

William B. Skoglund

Mark E. Truemper

(Front row, left to right) Janet B. Morcos, Wendy P. Hirsch, Ryan J. Maley (Back row, left to right) Michael J. Morcos, William B. Skoglund, Mark E. Truemper, Stewart A. Beach

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ROBERT W. VAUGHAN

The past year brought signs of economic improvement for those with investments in the stock market, while local real estate values continued to trend downward and organizations dependent upon state and local government support were asked to do more with less. The state of local government budget shortfalls in Illinois resulted in significant cuts for human and social services. Public education administrators were issued IOU's in place of state financial support for most programs and services.

The financial uncertainty in the state resulted in educators focusing on maintaining rather than having the opportunity to explore enhancements for student learning through potential Dunham Fund grants. While this resulted in fewer education related inquiries, the fund continued to support high school scholarships, nursing scholarships and funding to explore the feasibility of a proposed Math and Science Academy which would serve 3rd through 8th graders from throughout the City of Aurora.

The Dunham Fund focused on building the greater Aurora community through support of major infrastructure projects to enhance the quality of life for residents. The RiverEdge Park development along the Fox River in downtown Aurora received \$2 million dollars for the construction of the entertainment stage. This venue will host over 500,000 visitors each year at numerous community events. Other community development initiatives supported in 2010 included the relocation of the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry to a larger facility making available collaborative food storage for other pantries in the area and the conversion to a choice pantry to better meet the client's needs.

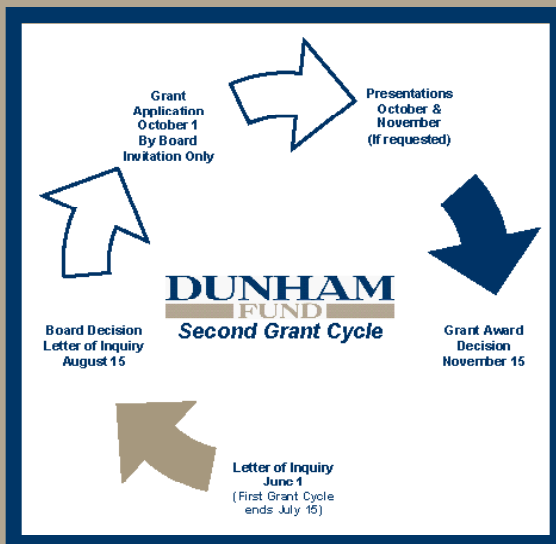
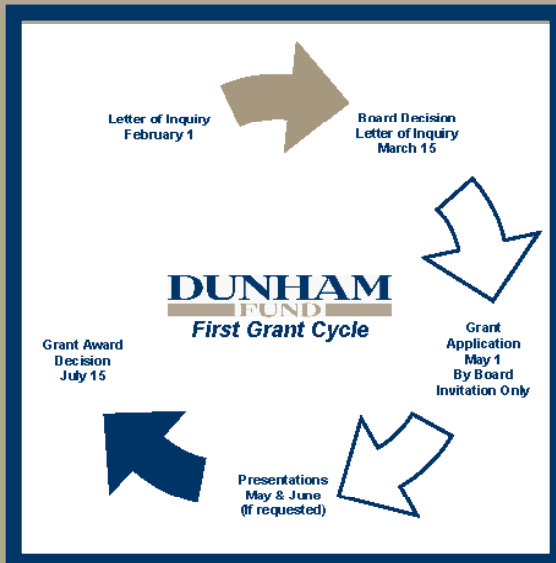
Social services relied on greater private funding in 2010 and the Dunham Fund responded with more than \$1 million dollars in grants to twenty service providers in our service area. None of this would be possible without the dedicated professionals committed to the many non-profit organizations in the greater Aurora area. A heart filled thank you to all the staff and volunteers. The Dunham Fund looks forward to continuing our partnerships with the many service providers in our service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert W. Vaughan
Executive Director

DUNHAM FUND
HAS TWO GRANT CYCLES
ANNUALLY
FOR GRANT REQUESTS



DUNHAM FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The Dunham Fund's primary grant making goal is to measurably and permanently impact the Dunham Fund service area through start up support of new or uniquely enhanced educational and community development programs that address a documented need and are innovative, collaborative and potentially self-sustaining, while being purposefully designed to effect positive change through close alignment with the missions of the grant seeking organization and the Dunham Fund. Those grant proposals that closely adhere to this grant making goal are most likely to be considered for and receive funding. The terms and elements of the Dunham Fund grant making goal are more extensively defined on the Fund's website, www.dunhamfund.org, in the *Grant Guidelines and Application Procedures*.

Preference is given to grant applicant organizations located in the Dunham Fund's service area. Grant applicants outside the service area may also be considered if the project can demonstrate significant impact within the Dunham Fund's service area. On occasion, the Dunham Fund proactively approaches and funds organizations to develop innovative, collaborative, and "cutting edge" programs to address critical needs in its service area.

Grants are ordinarily made for one year only; however, multi-year grants may be awarded for start-up and implementation of particularly innovative programs or projects. The Dunham Fund encourages the participation of others in funding projects, and on occasion provides matching funds and challenge grants in an attempt to stimulate increased response from other sources.

The Dunham Fund Grant Application process begins with a Letter of Inquiry, signed by the applicant organization's Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer. Dunham Fund grants have been made for as little as \$5,000 and are currently limited to \$1M annually. Organizations seeking Dunham Fund support may submit a Letter of Inquiry on February 1 or June 1 during two annual grant cycles.

The Letter of Inquiry will be reviewed and an Invitation to Apply will be extended by the Dunham Fund to selected organizations. These organizations will be asked to complete a grant application to be submitted by the first business day in May (Grant Cycle I) or October (Grant Cycle II). Grant applicants may also be selected to make oral presentations of their projects to the Dunham Fund Board of Advisors.

2010 DUNHAM FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Dunham Fund supports both capital projects and programs that respond to community needs in the focus areas of Education and Community Development. In 2010, the Dunham Fund allocated over \$4.7M in grants and scholarship funding to these organizations:

RiverEdge Park Dunham Pavilion/\$2,000,000 (\$500,000 in 2011; \$500,000 in 2012; \$1M upon completion of the project)

This \$2M grant will name the *Dunham Pavilion*, the concert and entertainment venue that will be an integral part of the first *Music Garden* phase of the new five-phase RiverEdge Park and Nature Conservancy project conceived by the Aurora Economic Development Commission's *Seize the Future* Master Plan for downtown Aurora to enhance the quality of downtown community and commercial life and to revitalize the environment along the banks of the Fox River. This project was launched with an \$8M State of Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs grant.

Breaking Free, Inc./\$594,708 (Third installment of a three year grant)

This grant provided support to create Breaking Free's Aurora-area "Student Assistance Center" to meet the ongoing needs of middle-school and high school students challenged by drug and alcohol problems. In 2007, the Dunham Fund provided a \$1.18 M, three year start-up grant to fund the Aurora-based Breaking Free Center.

Communities In Schools Aurora Community Assessment Project/\$450,000

This grant is contingent upon CIS successfully securing additional funding commitments of \$150,000 to insure the sustainability of the project. The award was made to allow the CIS Community Assessment Project partners to develop a comprehensive, centralized system to collect and analyze data that will support community education and school-based initiatives and provide a resource for nonprofit agencies needing statistical, demographic and analytical data for grant-seeking inside and outside the Aurora area. By December 2011, data and information, identified as priority needs via stakeholders consensus, will be available in a format accessible on-line by means of an open-access website dedicated to this project. The collaborative was initially awarded a second place Dunham Fund Challenge for Change grant in 2009 for developing the community assessment program concept.

Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry/\$425,000 matching challenge grant

The Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry will move and expand its operations to collect and distribute up to three million pounds of food each year to respond to a growing need in the community and to bring the Pantry closer to its mission and vision of eliminating hunger in the Aurora area. The Dunham Fund has issued a challenge to the Pantry to raise \$425,000 from other funding sources by June 2011 to receive a \$425,000 Dunham grant to purchase and refurbish a larger existing facility in Aurora with warehouse space, a receiving dock and a supermarket style distribution center. The pantry will pursue collaborative efforts with other Aurora-area food pantries for the joint collection and storage of food products from various supply sources.

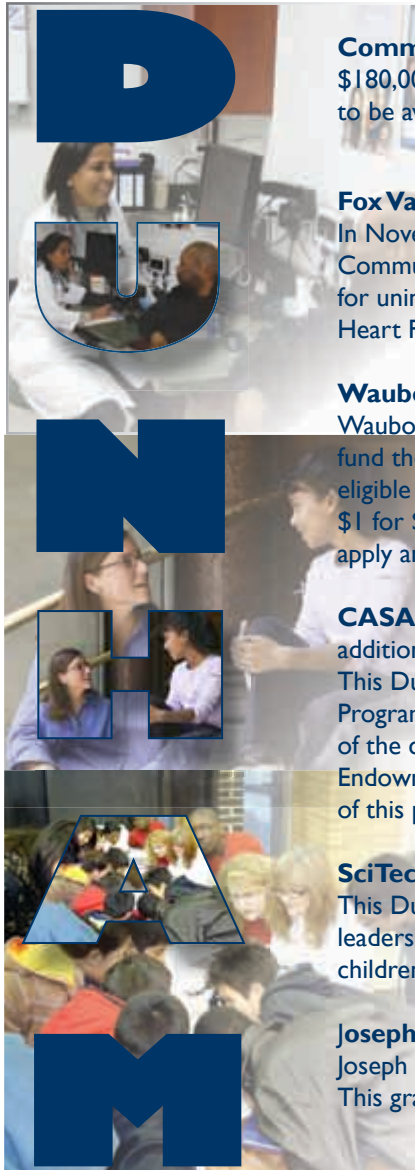
Institute for Collaboration's Mathematics and Science Education System/\$250,000 grant (with an additional \$150,000 challenge matching award of \$1 for every \$2 of new funding raised by the project collaborative)

This grant will enable Aurora University and its partners to advance the curriculum and related planning for the creation of a *Magnate Academy* for students in third through eighth grades gifted in math and science. This proposed innovative school will serve students from the East Aurora, Indian Prairie, Oswego and West Aurora school districts, as well as Aurora University students. In addition, the grant and potential matching funds will support the design of a comprehensive resource development plan necessary to raise the funds to make the academy a reality. The collaborative was awarded a first-place Dunham Fund Challenge for Change grant in 2009 for developing the math and science academy concept.



2010 DUNHAM FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley/\$180,000

\$180,000 was allocated to the Dunham Scholarship Fund, within the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, for six \$30,000 scholarships to be awarded to high school students in the Dunham Fund service area in 2011.

Fox Valley Heart Foundation's Healthy Community Heart Clinic/\$135,000

In November 2010, the Fox Valley Heart Foundation, in collaboration with Visiting Nurse Association of the Fox Valley, opened the Healthy Community Heart Clinic at VNA's Federally Qualified Health Care Clinic (FQHC) in Aurora. The clinic is the only cardiovascular specialty clinic for uninsured and Medicaid patients in the Aurora area and will serve up to 1,800 clients a year with consultation and follow-up services. The Heart Foundation met a \$1 for \$1 challenge to receive this grant from the Dunham Fund.

Waubensee Community College Dunham Early College Academy/\$105,000

Waubensee Community College's Dunham Early College Academy received a Dunham Fund grant of up to \$105,000, which includes \$15,000 to fund the final year of the Early College Academy program and the fees for East and West Aurora high school juniors currently enrolled and eligible to complete their senior year in the DECA dual-credit program. The grant also includes up to \$90,000 in full, two-year tuition, matched \$1 for \$1 by Waubensee Community College, for any of the currently enrolled DECA students who successfully complete the program and apply and are accepted to WCC after high school graduation.

CASA Kane County Healthy Child Program/\$100,000 grant (with a total possible \$400,000 challenge match of 40 cents on every additional \$1 received by CASA for this project by December 31, 2011)

This Dunham Fund grant could provide up to one-fifth of the campaign goal that CASA has set to support the agency's Grow a Healthy Child Program and Operational Endowment Fund. This program will offer the human support and educational tools to CASA clients who "age out" of the child welfare system at 18 to 21 and must transition into the adult world. The funds raised for this program initiative will be held in an Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley and the interest will be used to support the ongoing operational needs of this program.

SciTech Hands On Museum/\$75,000

This Dunham Fund grant was made to support the SciTech Museum with operational support during a period of economic downturn and leadership turnover. SciTech's program is unique to the community and provides "hands on" science and technology programming to school-age children in the school districts and general admission for families in the Aurora area.

Joseph Corporation/\$50,000

Joseph Corporation is a community-based nonprofit organization that focuses on affordable housing and counseling programs for homeowners. This grant was given specifically to provide JoCo clients with home foreclosure counseling.

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Boy Scouts of America/\$50,000

Boy Scouts of America was awarded a \$50,000 grant to develop a scouting outreach program on the near east side of Aurora.

Suicide Prevention Services, Inc./\$49,400

In collaboration with Aurora University and Communities in Schools, Suicide Prevention Services will host community forums, conferences, professional training and outreach programming in the discipline of suicide prevention. The year-long public awareness campaign will be designed to enhance institutional and community responsiveness to persons at-risk, stressing suicide prevention through education.

Kendall County Food Pantry/\$42,000

This grant will provide funding to the Kendall County Food Pantry to enhance the pantry's "Kendall Cares" website and to purchase a new freezer for food storage at their food distribution site.

Aurora Police Department Senior Executive Training/\$36,600

The Aurora Police Department was awarded scholarship funding for police officers to attend the Harvard Professional Development School for the Senior Executives in State and Local Governments three-week training program.

The Larkin Center/\$28,000

The Larkin Center in Elgin received this Dunham Fund grant to upgrade the HVAC system in this school for special needs students with significant behavior disorders. Students are placed at this facility by local school districts in Kane County, Illinois.

DuPage Children's Museum/\$26,000

The Dunham Fund awarded a grant to DuPage Children's Museum to support the implementation of the Kindergarten Math Initiative (KMI) for all kindergarten classrooms in Aurora School District 131 during the 2010-2011 school. KMI is a school learning lab program at DuPage Children's Museum that uses a child-centered, hands-on approach to improve math literacy for kindergarten students and impacts later success in math.

Peaceful Schools/\$25,000

The Dunham Fund grant provided staffing and materials for school sites for this Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley sponsored anti-bullying program.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters/\$25,000

With this grant, Family Counseling Service will provide up to sixty Big Brothers Big Sisters school-based mentoring relationships in East Aurora School District 131. The project will be the collaborative effort of Big Brother Big Sisters, three schools in the district, and the nation's largest Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (NJROTC) program at East Aurora High School.



2010 DUNHAM FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS



Rebuilding Together Aurora/\$25,000

Rebuilding Together Aurora brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes of low-income homeowners so that they may live in warmth, safety, and independence. This grant was awarded for RTA's Year-Round Handyman program which provides smaller scale, more immediate repairs to low-income seniors and disabled homeowners, focusing on ADA modifications and fall prevention services. For the Handyman program, RTA has partnered with Quad County Urban League's YouthBuild program that teaches youth, ages 16 to 24, construction trade skills in a classroom and real life setting.



Chicagoland Feed My Starving Children/\$24,050

Feed My Starving Children is a hunger relief organization that utilizes 100% volunteer labor to package a specifically formulated and vitamin fortified rice mixture which is shipped to missionaries and humanitarian organizations in over sixty countries around the world to feed malnourished children. This Dunham Fund grant will purchase a forklift to move the inventory in the organization's Aurora warehouse onto fifty-foot tractor trailers for shipment.



Streator Unlimited/\$20,000

Streator Unlimited, Inc. offers vocational training and residential services in five locations in Illinois. The agency is committed to enriching the lives of adults with disabilities by teaching skills that will enable them to reach their fullest potential, live as independently as possible, and become integrated into the community.



Association for Individual Development Recycling Program/\$20,000

With this grant the Association will launch the AID Recycling Program, a "Going Green" on-site job training and employment program and recycling business for individuals with disabilities that will also result in increased environmental consciousness in the community.

Quad County Urban League/\$15,000

This Dunham Fund Grant will allow Quad County Urban League to expand the capacity of its Workforce Development program and will enable the organization to provide assistance that better positions clients for long-term success through a new Personal, Career and Leadership (PCL) development curriculum.



Provena Fox Knoll Comprehensive Life Enrichment Program/\$11,000

Provena Fox Knoll will utilize this grant to advance the retirement center's Comprehensive Life Enrichment Program for its residents through enhanced physical fitness, cognitive acuity through new technology based learning, and depression reduction programming that incorporates exercise, social interaction and engagement in hobbies and interests.



Dominican Literacy Center Greater Aurora Area Literacy Coalition/\$5,000

This grant will provide the "start-up" funding for the formation of "The Greater Aurora Area Literacy Coalition" as a new Illinois, non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation whose purpose will be to publicize and coordinate literacy services in the Aurora area. The groups in the coalition include the Dominican Literacy Center, Waubensee Community College, World Relief, Wayside Cross, Hesed House, Family Focus, Aurora Public Library, Siloam Ministries, and the Heritage YMCA. This will be the only literacy coalition in the Dunham Fund service area.

DUNHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY

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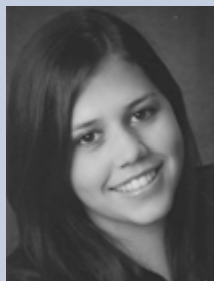
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 DUNHAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A SCHOLARSHIP IS A REWARD WITH EXPECTATIONS

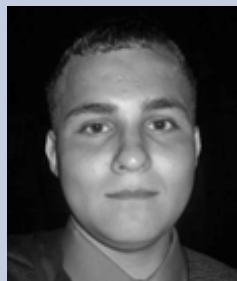
JOHN C. DUNHAM



Amy Allen,
IMSA,
attending
Cornell University



Madeline Beach,
West Aurora High School,
attending
Boston University



David Contreras,
IMSA,
attending
Illinois Institute of
Technology



Samuel Duffield,
Marmion Academy,
attending
University of Chicago



Karen Lazcano,
East Aurora High School,
attending
Yale University



Kurt Von Ohlen,
West Aurora High School,
attending
Princeton University

DUNHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY

The Dunham Scholarship Fund has been created within the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. The Dunham scholarships are based upon academic excellence and financial need. All fields of study are considered. Special consideration is given to students who have displayed extraordinary character and outstanding initiative in overcoming personal obstacles to achieve their educational goals. In 2010, the Dunham Scholarship Fund provided six \$30,000, four year scholarships to students residing in the Fund's service area and attending: Aurora Central Catholic High School, Aurora Christian School, Batavia Senior High School, East Aurora High School, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Marmion Academy, Metea Valley High School, Mooseheart High School, Rosary High School, Waubonsie Valley High School or West Aurora High School. High School seniors may apply for 2012 scholarships online at www.communityfoundationfrv.org from December 2011 through January 2012.



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In 2010 a collaborative of area health care partners, represented by Alden of Waterford, Aurora University, Dreyer Medical Clinic, Kane County Health Department, Provena Mercy Medical Center, Rush-Copley Foundation, Rush-Copley Medical Center, VNA of Fox Valley and Waubensee Community College, awarded Dunham Nursing Scholarships to eight new and forty-six returning nursing students currently attending Aurora University and Waubensee Community College. This was the second year of awards from a \$750,000 grant from the Dunham Fund to implement a nursing scholarship program to advance nursing in the Aurora area. The intent of the Dunham Fund Board of Advisors was to provide the resources to create a scholarship program that would build a high-performing, diverse workforce of nurses within the Dunham Fund's service area.

Nursing Scholarship award recipients met the following criteria:

- Residency and/or full- or part-time employment in the greater Aurora area as defined by the Dunham Fund for one year prior to application;
- Citizenship of the United States or lawful permanent alien residency;
- Ability to demonstrate a satisfactory employment record and submission of the most recent performance evaluation;
- Enrollment in, acceptance by, or registration for admission in a nursing education program at Waubensee Community College or Aurora University;
- 50% or more of a nursing education program to complete;
- Willingness to participate in a Dunham Scholars volunteer healthcare project that benefits the greater Aurora area community, and
- Willingness to work in the greater Aurora area for two years (full-time) or 4,000 hours following graduation.

Students accepted into the Nursing Scholarship Program during the first year of the two-year grant period were not required to reapply for the scholarship for 2011 as long as they remained in good academic standing. However, students continuing their education at a higher level were required to submit a new application. The nursing scholarships fund up to 90 percent of tuition for an associate degree in nursing at Waubensee Community College and up to 75 percent for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing at Aurora University.

This program continues to help the Dunham Fund to realize its intent to respond to the increasing need for quality nursing education and to invest in the future of quality healthcare in its service area. "This program is a symbol of collaboration, resulting in more nurses for our community," said Stewart Beach, Chair of the Dunham Fund Board of Advisors, at the awards ceremony. He thanked the scholarship recipients for selecting nursing as their chosen profession.

The primary goal of the Dunham Nursing Scholarship Program is to equip nursing graduates with critical thinking skills and to enhance their ability to identify patient needs to prevent complications and provide high-quality outcomes in diverse healthcare environments. The collaborative selected scholarship recipients representative of the diverse population of the greater Aurora community. Of the fifty-four scholarship recipients for 2011, twenty-nine are enrolled at Aurora University for RN to BSN, BSN, and MSN degrees and twenty-five are students at WCC seeking Associates in Nursing degrees. More than half of the recipients already work at community health care institutions, including several of the collaborative organizations. Sixteen of the students are bilingual.

DUNHAM NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS ADVANCING NURSING IN AURORA

2011 DUNHAM NURSING SCHOLARS

AURORA UNIVERSITY

MSN:

Emily Bingley
Jennifer Blodgett
Juanita Brown
Mary Kathryn Christian
Cheryl Ciston
Kimberly Czaruk
Kelly Gilson-Corsi
Lisa Hernandez
Adam Johnson
Leticia Kelley
Melissa LeCuyer
Gina Panozzo
Martha Quigley

RN-BSN:

Angelica Contreas
Amie Eades
Kim Eno
Ruth Grams
Ashley Liakas
Maureen Maltese
Jennifer Mehelich
Maria Moore
Faith Nyong
Janet Perez
Susan Stefanski
Nelly Stewart
Alyssa Veliz

BSN:

Nora Guerrero
Jami Swenson
Jessica Ware



New 2011 Dunham Nursing Scholars - First row (Left to Right): Jessica Svec (WCC), Rosanick Bustamante (WCC), Courtney Buttrum (WCC); Second row (Left to Right): Veronica Butts (WCC), Jennifer Blodgett (AU), Stewart Beach (DF Chairman), Michael Morcos (DF Vice-Chairman), Tina Dace (WCC), Gina Panozzo (AU) Not pictured: Lisa Hernandez (AU)

WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN NURSING:

Marie Badus
Kendra Garrett
Andrea Hurt
Bhavana Lal
Amy Rios

Rosanick Bustamante
Cassandra Green
Carrie Hyde
Patricia Langan
Bradley Smith

Courtney Buttrum
Sharon Hager
Elizabeth Indelicato
Stefanie Lindwall
Jessica Svec

Veronica Butts
Janet Herdrich
Renee Kiefer
Jacqueline Mauricio
Nancy Vargas

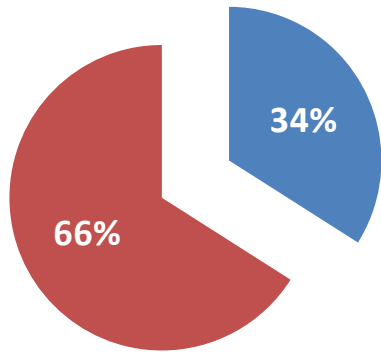
Tina Dace
Shannon Hoban Ryan
Josie King
Maria Parrenas
Laura Young

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SHIFTING EMPHASIS . . . TO FOSTER INNOVATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

2010 Dunham Fund Grants and Scholarships

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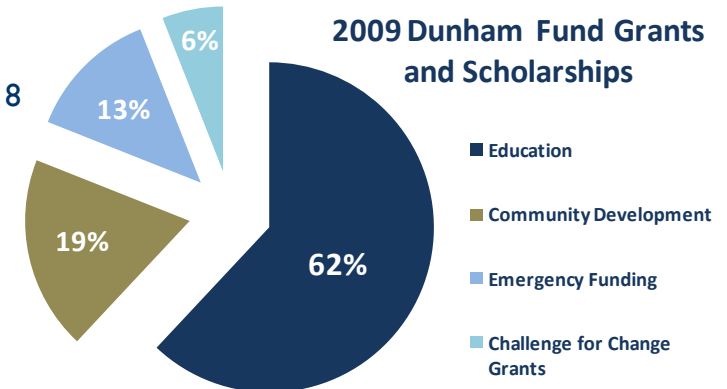


Dunham Fund Grants and Scholarships totalling \$4,766,758 were awarded in 2010 . . .

\$3,154,050 to Community Development
 \$1,612,708 to Educational Programs and Scholarships

Dunham Fund Grants and Scholarships totalling \$2,619,418 were awarded in 2009 . . .

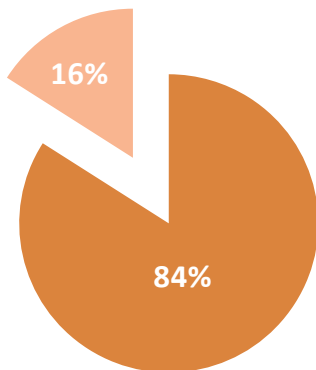
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 \$165,000 for the Challenge for Change Grants



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 ■ Emergency Funding
 ■ Challenge for Change Grants

2008 Dunham Fund Grants and Scholarships

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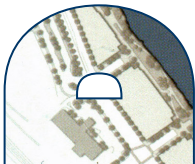
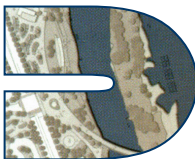
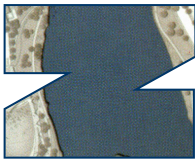
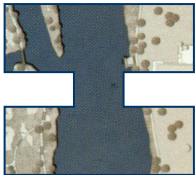
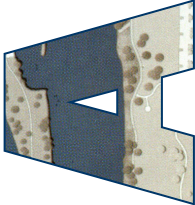
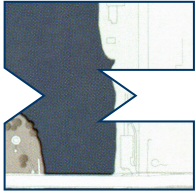


Dunham Fund Grants and Scholarships totalling \$3,017,506 were awarded in 2008 . . .

\$482,500 to Community Development
 \$2,635,006 to Educational Programs and Scholarships

RIVEREDGE PARK DUNHAM PAVILION

DUNHAM FUND MAKES A MAJOR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



A RIVER THAT IS A PARK ... A PARK THAT IS A RIVER

On March 17, 2011 at his “State of the City” address, Mayor Thomas Weisner accepted a \$2 million Dunham Fund grant to support the construction of the Dunham Pavilion at RiverEdge Park in Aurora. The concert venue will be the centerpiece of the Music Garden at the new five-phase RiverEdge Park, a project conceived by the Aurora Economic Development Commission’s Seize the Future Master Plan for downtown Aurora. RiverEdge Park is designed to enhance the quality of the downtown community, attract new commercial development and revitalize the environment along the banks of the Fox River.

Stewart Beach, Chairman of the Dunham Fund Board, presented a ceremonial check to Aurora Mayor Thomas Weisner; Neal Ormond, Board Chairman of the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, which is accepting donations for the park; and Ed Bonifas, Chairman of the Seize the Future Development Foundation, which commissioned the Master Plan for downtown Aurora.

The RiverEdge Park project is a collaborative effort and will be funded through the support of local government and park district, corporations, community and private foundations, and individual donors. The State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs has recently approved an \$8 million grant, adding to Fox Valley Park District’s \$3 million pledge and the Kane County Forest Preserve’s \$2 million commitment. As envisioned, the park will be intertwined with the Fox River, flowing through the heart of Aurora. The plan for the park promotes recreation, redevelopment and resource restoration, using an innovative and environmentally sustainable design to address community needs, while celebrating the Fox River.

“Located in the heart of the City, RiverEdge Park will connect neighborhoods on both sides of the river and act as a catalyst to unify Aurora in a dynamic public gathering place,” said Mayor Weisner. “At the same time, the park will create an anchor and attraction for new commercial and residential development in downtown Aurora.”

The creation of the Music Garden will be the first phase of the RiverEdge Park Project and will be a combination of a Garden Market, an outdoor performance venue, and a seating lawn. The Dunham Pavilion will include the performance stage, state-of-the-art acoustics, and theatre seating, including roof-top viewing, for up to 3,600 people for smaller performances. The lawn seating will provide for an additional 10,000 to 15,000 people for larger concerts and events. The venue and music garden were based on outdoor entertainment venues already built in Milwaukee and Millennium Park in Chicago.

“This park will help the Dunham Fund fulfill John Dunham’s vision to build community in the Aurora Area,” says Stewart Beach, Fund chairman. “Over the last few years, the Fund’s Advisors have targeted their grant making to respond to the needs of area citizens seeking innovative, affordable and inclusive educational, recreational and cultural programs designed to ease the stressful challenges of a difficult economic climate, while enhancing quality of life in our communities. The RiverEdge Park project combines the revitalization of the river, the rebuilding of community infrastructure, and a refreshing approach to building community cohesiveness. The park project should provide a stimulus for further economic development in the Aurora area and the Fund Advisors envision the Dunham Pavilion as the venue for many community educational opportunities and cultural events.”

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THE FUNDING EMPHASIS MAY SHIFT . . .



Big Brothers, Big Sisters

With a grant from the Dunham Fund, Family Counseling Service is providing up to sixty Big Brothers Big Sisters school-based mentoring relationships in East Aurora School District 131. The project is the collaborative effort of Big Brothers Big Sisters, three schools in the district, and the nation's largest Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (NJROTC) program with over 800 students at East Aurora High School.

Iliana Medina is one of 35 NJROTC students who have become Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers in 2010. Being the youngest child in her family, Iliana always wanted to be a Big Sister and knew this was her chance. She was matched to her Little Sister Amy who is a fourth grade student at Gates Elementary School. "I am always happy and excited when I see my Big Sister," Little Sister Amy said with a smile on her face. During their hour together after school each week, Iliana and Amy love playing board games, tackling homework assignments, and just visiting. Over time, they are building more than a friendship. Proven outcomes show that Little Brothers/Sisters build trust, confidence and the skills to succeed in school and in relationships with others. The Big Brothers Big Sisters School-based mentoring program expects a minimum school year commitment. Both Iliana and Amy express the hope of being one of those matches that goes beyond that minimum commitment.



Fischer Middle School Math Innovation Project

The Math Innovation Project at Fischer Middle School in Aurora's Indian Prairie School District 204 was partially funded by the Dunham Fund in 2009 through the Indian Prairie Foundation to equip a state-of-the-art math classroom with the "Learn2Innovate" software program and thin client technology. The project was a collaboration of District 204 with Bill and Christina Lowe of Learn2Innovate, WYSE Technologies and IBM Solutions to utilize thin technology in math instruction . . . or as they put it, "to catch up to the computer access needs of the current middle-school math student". Except for "Fast Math" basic math-fact computer software, the math programming is all internet based (cloud computing). With thin client technology, Christina Lowe indicates that the school and students "can stream almost anything and eventually will be able to do so at any time of the day", thus providing unlimited access to math and other internet-based instruction.

For her PhD dissertation, the program's Math Specialist, Shestine Gesbocker, is conducting a study of 59 Fischer seventh grade students who have been identified through standardized and diagnostic testing with the need for specific remedial work in mathematics. Of the 59 students, (31% Hispanic, 34% African-American, 26% Caucasian, 4% Asian and 5% Multiracial), 24% having IEP's (Individual Education Plans), 14% are ESL or ELL students, and 44% are on the free or reduced lunch plan at school. Since the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year all have shown an increased proficiency in math facts and preparation for higher-level mathematics.. While still participating in the regular classroom experience, the student spends forty-five minutes of each school day in the math lab using the Learn2Innovate thin-client technology. Students move at their own pace and select their own internet programming, while benefitting from engagement with the lab instructors and other students. All take pre- and post-testing which can be self- and instructor-monitored. Along with improvement in math skills, Ms Gesbocker also hopes to monitor the areas of improved self-confidence, school attendance and male/female contrast in performance.

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BUT THE COMMITMENT TO MISSION DOES NOT

2010 Dunham Nursing Scholars Community Service Projects

Dunham Nursing Scholars are asked to participate in a volunteer healthcare service project during their two-year scholarship program. These projects are designed to benefit the greater Aurora area community and are supported by community service organizations and agencies. The 2009-2010 scholars were hosted by the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, EMS Community Ride Along, Feed My Starving Children, Fit For Kids Community Garden, Hesed House, Mutual Ground, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Senior Services Associates, VNA of Fox Valley, Oswego Senior Center, Marklund, and the Association for Individual Development for these service projects. The 2009-2010 nursing scholars also took an eight-day mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to provide needed care to the underserved population and to compare and contrast health care delivery in the United States to that of a third world country in Central America.



Dunham Fund awards scholarships to the Aurora Police Department for Harvard Executive Training

In 2010, the Aurora Police Department was awarded scholarship funding for police officers to attend the three-week training program at the Harvard Professional Development School for Senior Executives in State and Local Governments. Two outstanding scholarship recipients will be attending the School in summer 2011.

Commander Kristen Ziman coordinates the delivery of police service to the city of Aurora, which encompasses Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties. Born and raised in Aurora, Commander Ziman graduated from West Aurora High School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Aurora University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Boston University. She currently attends the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and will complete the Senior Executive Program in October of 2011. Commander Ziman began her career in 1991 as a Police Cadet and became a Police Officer in 1994. As an officer, she worked in Patrol, Community Policing, Field Training, and as an investigator in the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and supervised the patrol division. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008 where she worked as the Midnight Shift Watch Commander and Field Training Coordinator. Prior to her promotion to Commander in June of 2010, she served as the Administrative Services Lieutenant overseeing the budget process. Commander Ziman is a member of the Employee Review Board. She also writes a law enforcement-related column in the Aurora Beacon-News, a publication of the Chicago Sun Times.



Chief Gregory S. Thomas started his Aurora Police career as a cadet in 1978 and became a sworn officer in 1982. He was promoted to sergeant in August 1993, promoted to lieutenant in August 2003, promoted to commander in August 2005 and appointed Deputy Chief in October 2007. Chief Thomas holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Aurora University. During his career, Chief Thomas has worked in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division and Administrative Services Division. Chief Thomas has been assigned to the Field Training Program, Special Response Team, Employee Review Board and Investigative Deadly Force Team. Chief Thomas has been instrumental in many new programs and initiatives within the police department especially those that concern new technology, training, and policy and procedures. He has received numerous awards including the Kendall County Medal of Valor, the Exchange Club of Aurora Police Officer of the Year, and has been nominated as the Kane County Officer of the Year. Chief Thomas and his family have lived in Aurora all their lives.



Dunham Fund Service Area:

In accordance with the terms of John C. Dunham's Trust, the Fund gives preference to applicants located within Kane, DuPage and Kendall Counties - more specifically, the geography bounded on the north by Illinois State Route 38 and on the south by U.S. Route 34; on the east by Illinois State Route 59 and on the west by Illinois State Route 47.

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