

# How to make the Valley a better place

**A**urora businessman John Dunham, according to the foundation that bears his name, dreamed of “making the world a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper.”

A \$70 million gift certainly can't hurt. That's what Dunham left to the community when he died in 2006. Since then, the Dunham Fund has been charged with distributing the money for education and community development programs in Aurora and surrounding towns. Last year, the Dunham Fund provided \$2.5 million in grants, as well as \$100,000 in college scholarships.

Now the group has issued a challenge — come up with an idea that helps people reach new heights of achievement, and the fund will give you \$100,000. Additional funding will be given for the idea's implementation. The Challenge for Change is open to non-profit organizations.

We think Dunham, who at his passing was remembered as a “leader in both enterprise and education,” would have stepped up were such a challenge issued to him. Now it's the community's turn to answer the call to help make the world a better place.