

DUNHAM FUND

A more comfortable, safer place

Agents for positive change

Reward with expectations

Education

Innovation

Collaboration

Community Development

Measurable impact

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

*Make the world a more comfortable,
safer place . . .*

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.



John C. Dunham (1910–2006)

Dunham Fund 2008 Annual Report

Be innovative and collaborative . . .

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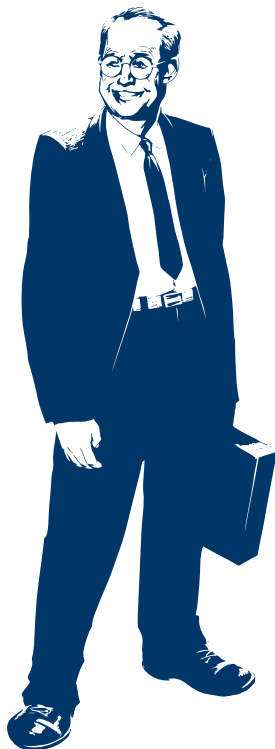
Dunham Fund . . . The Legacy of John C. Dunham

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.”

A 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.

At first, Equipto manufactured sidecars and headlights for motorcycles. As automobiles began to capture the public’s imagination, however, the company began producing body parts for Ford Motor Company’s Model T chassis. The connection with Ford was fortuitous because it was a Ford dealer’s need for heavy-duty shelving that led Thomas Dunham to create not only the shelving but the then revolutionary concept of “space utilization products” . . . adjustable steel shelving that to this day remains Equipto’s core product.

John, born in New Jersey but educated at West Aurora High School, and North Central and Babson colleges, followed his father into the family business, often sweeping floors and running errands as a youngster. In 1931, when John was home from college, Thomas challenged his son to join the company, saying that “If you are man enough to have a wife and four-week old son, you are man enough to sell on commission!” John accepted the challenge, and he and his father achieved great success designing and selling their steel shelving equipment. John eventually served as president and chairman of the company, retiring as chairman of the board in 1994.



Widely known and highly respected as a champion of enterprise and education, 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.”

. . . Dedicated to wise gifting

2008 Dunham Fund Board of Advisors

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Wendy P. Hirsch
Ryan J. Maley
Janet B. Morcos
Michael J. Morcos
Mark E. Truemper



(Front row, left to right) Janet Morcos, Wendy Hirsch, Ryan Maley (Back row, left to right) Michael Morcos, William Skoglund, Mark Truemper, Stewart Beach

A message from the Chairman . . .

The Dunham family legacy continues with the Dunham Fund. The Board of Advisors honors John C. Dunham's charitable wishes through scholarship and grant making programs that celebrate enterprise, education, community development, innovation and collaboration in the Aurora area. Established upon John's death in 2006, the Dunham Fund is the largest private foundation in the Aurora area. After two years, the Fund's philanthropic activities reflect John's life philosophy of dedication to his business, his work ethic, his strong desire to make sure the customer is satisfied, his appreciation of a good education, and his ability to relate to everyone. It has been an honor to carry out John's wishes through my service as Chairman of the Board of Advisors in the formative years of the Fund.

William B. Skoglund





Robert W. Vaughan

A Message from the Executive Director



Doctor Christine Sobek, President of Waubensee Community College, discusses WCC's Dunham Early College Academy with Robert Vaughan and Dunham Fund Board Chairman, William Skoglund.

Over the past year, the Dunham Fund established a presence in the greater Aurora area philanthropic community. In 2008, the legacy of John C. Dunham was brought forward with a full year of grant making, the development of a website to share information, and the establishment of an office in downtown Aurora.

The seven member Board of Advisors is committed to making the community a better place to live and raise a family. The guiding principles of promoting collaboration and innovation in the pursuit of positive change are evident in the grant projects and programs funded this past year. We strive to bring organizations together by listening and working together to promote positive change for the people of our community.

In the pursuit of positive change, the Dunham Fund went beyond simply providing financial resources to area nonprofit organizations. In an effort to help build leadership capacity in the nonprofit community, a two-day leadership institute was offered by the Dunham Fund in collaboration with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley and the Fox Valley United Way. This was the beginning of what hopefully will be a long partnership to offer continuing education resources and opportunities for agencies to partner to produce positive change.

As an evolving foundation, the Dunham Fund continues to evaluate how to most effectively impact the lives of the people in the community. This self-evaluation process will be shared with all of our partners to build a spirit of mutual understanding in support of our joint ventures to produce positive change. Most of the grants this past year were awarded to programs involving numerous partners sharing their respective expertise to solve an identified issue. Duplicative efforts most often result in ineffective use of scarce resources and the Dunham Fund is all about bringing the appropriate organization talent together to collectively address any problem. We are grateful to our service provider partners for teaming up with the Dunham Fund as we strive to make an impact on social issues in the community. Our work of the past year is detailed in the pages that follow.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Vaughan
Executive Director

Positive change through wise gifting



Dunham Fund Grant Program

The Dunham Fund supports projects which have been planned in light of overall community needs. The Fund challenges 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to be agents for positive change in the communities they serve and encourages innovation and collaboration in project and program planning.

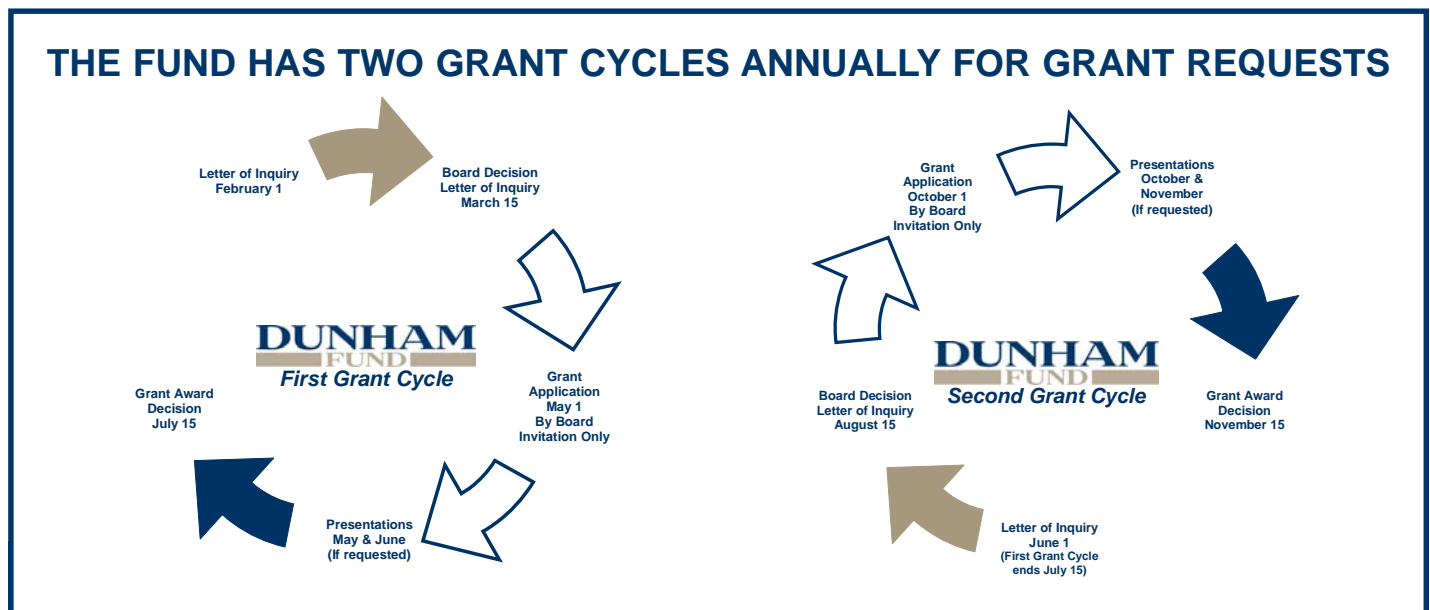
The Dunham Fund responds to the community needs of its service area through grant making, particularly in the areas of Education and Community Development. Both capital and program grant proposals should incorporate proposed outcomes in one or both of these focus areas.

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 a written 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). Organizations receiving an Invitation to Apply for requests less than \$50,000 may be asked to complete an abbreviated grant proposal. Grant applicants may also be selected to make oral presentations of their projects to the Dunham Fund Board of Advisors.



2008 Dunham Fund Grant Recipients

The Dunham Fund supports both capital projects and programs that respond to community needs in the focus areas of Education and Community Development. In 2008, the Dunham Fund awarded grants and scholarship funding totaling over \$2 million to the following organizations:

Waubensee Community College

Dunham Early College Academy
\$574,500
(2nd installment of two year grant)
Education Program

Quad County Urban League

John C. Dunham Vocational and
Educational Training Center
\$333,333
(2nd installment of three year grant)
Capital Project
Education

**Visiting Nurse Association
of Fox Valley**

Dunham Pediatric Wing
\$200,000
(2nd installment of two year grant)
Capital Project
Community Development

Breaking Free

Dunham Student Assistance Centers
\$144,756
(1st installment of three year grant.)
Education Program

Aurora University

Dunham Scholars Program
\$100,000
Education Program

Rush Copley Medical Center Foundation

Family Medicine Residency Program
\$100,000
Education Program

Joseph Corporation

Homeowner Counseling Programs
\$64,000 (Two grants)
Education Program

Fox River Study Group

Computer Modeling of the Fox River
\$50,000
Technology Project
Community Development

Education and Community Development . . .



Be agents for positive change . . .

2008 Dunham Fund Grant Recipients

Paramount Theatre

School of Performing Arts
\$50,000

Education Program
Scholarships

Peaceful Schools

Anti-Bullying Program Expansion
\$50,000

Education Program

Dominican Literacy Center

Expansion of Literacy Program Area
\$45,000

Capital Project
Education

Boardroom Bound

Nonprofit Governance Education
\$40,000

Education Program

Youth Outlook

New Geneva/Batavia Youth Center
\$37,500

Capital Project
Education

Larkin Center

Center Building Rehab
\$35,000

Capital Project
Community Development

Mutual Ground

School Youth Sexual Abuse and Domestic
Violence Awareness Programs
\$25,000

Education Program

Kaneland School Foundation

Community Arts Festival
\$10,000

Education Program

Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

Administrator of the
Dunham Scholarship Fund
\$10,000

\$150,000 was also allocated for the 2009-2010
academic years for the Dunham Scholarship
Fund within the Community Foundation.

Education Program
Scholarships



Measurable impact . . .

Dunham Scholarship Fund within the . . .



A special 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. Although all fields of study are considered, preference is given to students pursuing degrees in Business or Medicine. Special consideration is given to students who have displayed extraordinary character and outstanding initiative in overcoming personal obstacles to achieve their educational goals.

Administered for the Fund by the Community Foundation, the Scholarship Fund provides 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, Mooseheart High School, Rosary High School, Waubonsie Valley High School and West Aurora High School. The scholarship application may be obtained online at . . .

www.communityfoundationfrv.org

Dunham Scholarships totaling \$100,000 were awarded to the following 2008 high school graduates:

Ruth Farnum
West Aurora High School
Judson University
Music Education

Kyle Kralka
Marmion Academy
Aurora University
Business

Sarah Twait
Batavia High School
Indiana University
Theatre Arts

Kristen Hartman
Aurora Central Catholic High School
Northern Illinois University
Business

Jasmine Partida
East Aurora High School
University of Chicago
Electrical Engineering

Samantha Tyner
West Aurora High School
University of Chicago
Electrical Engineering

Maritza Gomez
East Aurora High School
Johns Hopkins University
Pre-Medicine/Biology

Esmeralda Rosales
West Aurora High School
University of Illinois, Urbana
Pre-Medicine

Janely Villa
East Aurora High School
University of Chicago
Medicine/Biology

Crystal Sewell
Waubonsie Valley High School
Western Illinois University
Social Work

A reward with expectations . . .



What Have We Accomplished?



"We are pleased to report that we have served over 7,000 pediatric patients here in Aurora since January of 2008. We are well on our way to performing 40,000 pediatric exams and serving 13,200 pediatric patients by 2010."

**John C. Dunham Pediatric Wing
Visiting Nurse Association Health Center**

Thirty-eight of the fifty students enrolled in the Dunham Early College Academy in its inaugural year earned the full twelve credit hours. Dunham Scholars also earned a higher percentage of satisfactory grades than WCC students overall. Equally impressive is the fact that the Dunham Scholars' ACT scores were higher than their matched sample.

**Waubonsee Community College's
"Report to the Community (2008)"**



The Dunham funded Habitat home in Montgomery, Illinois was nearing completion in December 2008 to be ready for occupancy by Aurora Education Center teacher and single dad, Aubrey Wells, and his young daughter, Alanah. "It will be quite a blessing to be able to sprawl out in and personalize a home of our own."

Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity



Dominican Literacy Center completed renovations to its current facility and fully equipped this new space to provide additional literacy and cultural education to help more than 200 Hispanic women acclimate to their adopted American homeland.

Dominican Literacy Center



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What Have We Accomplished?

Since its inception in 1997, the Family Medicine Residency Program at Rush Copley Medical Center has graduated thirty-three physicians from the only program of its kind in Kane County, Illinois. Twenty-three of those graduates continue to practice family medicine in Illinois. In 2007 the program served over 5,900 patients in its Family Medicine Center.

**Family Medicine Residency Program
Rush Copley Medical Center**



Peaceful Schools, an anti-bullying program, sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, was begun in 2002 in response to the tragedy of 9/11. It is now being offered in eleven schools on the east and west sides of Aurora and in Batavia, Illinois.

**Peaceful Schools, sponsored by
Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley**

99.5% of the children served by CASA Kane County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in 2007 did not experience a substantiated recurrence of abuse or neglect during the year. 91% of the children served by the CASA program remained with the same volunteer advocate all year and 99% of the children resided in volunteer advocate approved and less restrictive placements.

CASA Kane County



Thirty-one Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Education (PACE) applicants were accepted and twenty-nine were sponsored/placed with program collaborators and partners. Four participants were placed in full-time trade union jobs.

**Quad County Urban League's
John C. Dunham Training Center**

Measurable impact . . .

Measurable Impact



Due to the current economic downturn, Joseph Corporation saw a nearly 75% increase in requests for foreclosure prevention and intervention services in its Homeowner Counseling Programs during 2008. In collaboration with the City of Aurora, Joseph Corporation will also participate in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the new Aurora HOME rehab programs in 2009.

Joseph Corporation

Aside from being outstanding students in Aurora University's School of Business, "Dunham Scholars tutor at Brady Elementary School, Simmons Middle School and East Aurora High School. They raise funds for the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society and undertake a wide range of additional community service programs."

**Aurora University's
"Community Partnerships and Impact" 2008 Report**



Working in collaboration with *Communities In Schools* of Aurora and local school districts, the Dunham Student Assistance Centers will provide training, technical assistance, and counseling services onsite at Aurora area schools to reduce the barriers that prevent young people from receiving the services they need to address emerging drug or alcohol problems. With an emphasis on planning in the first year, this program will allow each school to develop and implement a program that is the best fit for its students.

Breaking Free Dunham Student Assistance Centers

Total Dunham Fund Grants awarded in 2007-2008

\$3,017,506

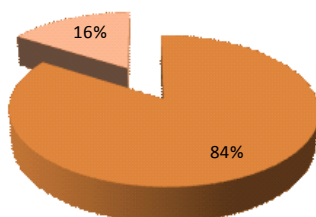
\$2,535,006 to Education and \$482,500 to Community Development

Total Dunham College Scholarships awarded in 2008

\$100,000

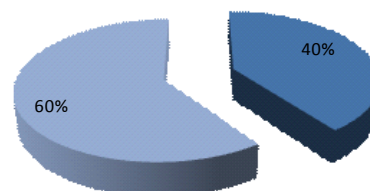
**Dunham Fund
Grants to Education and Community Development**

■ Education ■ Community Development



**Dunham Fund
2007-2008 Capital Project and Program Grants**

■ Capital and Technology Projects ■ Program Grants



Challenge^{FOR}Change

A Dunham Fund Grant Competition

In 2008, the Dunham Fund issued a Challenge for Change to nonprofit organizations through a grant competition. The Fund sought the highest quality proposals that described programs which could effect positive change.

To encourage the investment of time and resources to develop a program concept, the Fund offered financial awards for the three best proposals.

The Challenge awards were for grant proposals that effectively expressed an innovative, collaborative and high-impact program concept, regardless of future implementation.



Challenge for Change Award Recipients

First Place Award Recipient . . . Aurora Mathematics and Science Education System

The Dunham Fund named the Community Leaders Committee of Aurora University's Institute for Collaboration as the recipient of the \$100,000 first place award. The committee's project was developed by a thirteen partner collaborative of educational, government, business and social service organizations committed to the overall purpose of promoting excellence in education in the Aurora area. The Institute and its partners brought together a collaborative coalition with the goal of developing an *Aurora Mathematics and Science Education System* that would culminate in a Magnet Academy for East Aurora and West Aurora elementary and middle school students who are gifted and talented in math and science. The System will consist of a number of programs that may be sponsored or managed by different members of the coalition, but which have a common goal of improving the science and mathematics abilities of students, teachers, parents, and the community.

Second Place Award Recipient . . . Community Assessment Project

Communities In Schools' *Community Assessment Project* was awarded the second place prize of \$50,000. The program is a collaboration of CIS, the City of Aurora, East and West Aurora School Districts 131 and 129, the Kane County Health Department, and 708 Inc. Board, in cooperation with Northern Illinois University's Office of Research, Evaluation and Policy Studies. It seeks to develop a comprehensive, centralized data warehousing system for use by agencies who apply for funding both inside and outside Aurora. The primary focus of the project is to develop and analyze data that will support education and school-based community initiatives.

Third Place Award Recipient . . . Binary Health Integration Project

The third place award of \$15,000 was given to Rush Copley Medical Center's *Binary Health Integration Project (B-Hip)* proposal. Rush Copley will enhance its Family Medicine Residency program to include training of its family practitioners to screen and identify children and teens with potential mental health issues. The goal of the program is to address the prevention, promotion, and especially, the early identification, intervention and treatment of mild to severe mental illness in children and teens. Working with their six B-Hip collaborative partners in behavioral health, psychiatry, the Aurora East School District, and local human service agencies, Copley's family practitioners will coordinate early care to strengthen the emotional well-being of Aurora's youth and families.

For more information about the Challenge for Change competition visit

www.dunhamfund.org

Institute On Organizational Learning

Building Capacity to Produce Results

Presented by *KeyStone Research Corporation*

In collaboration with . . .



Fox Valley United Way

In November 2008, the Dunham Fund sponsored a training opportunity for area nonprofit organizations in collaboration with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley and Fox Valley United Way. More than eighty individuals attended the training representing forty-six foundations, nonprofits or governmental organizations. Attendees were able to participate in Process Improvement, Program Evaluation, Grant Writing and Relationship Building training sessions.

Collaborating to strengthen our community . . .





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