The Community Foundation of Grundy County provides three main services: Donor-designed funds (such as Donor Advised Funds, Scholarship Funds, Designated Funds, Agency Funds, and Field of Interest Funds), grants to not-for-profit organizations who serve Grundy County, and serving as an “issues incubator.”

We've recently begun using the term “issues incubator” because we believe it best describes how we convene the community around issues and work with others to fix or improve that issue.

Our best example of our “issues incubator” is public transportation, which we wrapped up in 2011. Years ago, the Grand Victoria Foundation asked us to use Communityworks to look at workforce development issues, where we found public transportation to be almost non-existent in Grundy County and what little we had wasn’t being used to its capacity. Similarly, the United Way spearheaded a county-wide needs assessment around the same time and public transportation rose to the top as a need identified by Grundy residents.

The Community Foundation used our staff and abilities as an “issues incubator” to delve into the issue of public transportation in Grundy County, collect data, research what (if any) resources were available to our county, and lead a group of stakeholders to keep the issue moving along.

What we found in our research is that Grundy County is eligible for so much more state and federal public transportation monies and resources — monies that in some ways were set aside for us — but we weren’t accessing nor did we yet have the collaboration and system in place to request those monies.

Using our staff and stakeholders, we fixed that. By collaborating with and learning from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center, Grundy County was eligible in 2011 to receive almost $250,000 extra dollars to expand our existing public transportation system. The expansion included more buses, more drivers, and more hours, therefore more rides and more residents getting to necessary appointments, jobs, classes, training, and stores for groceries and prescriptions.

However, success can bring sadness. With the increased funding, ridership, and administration that the county was managing, they were able to hire Sherey Zerbian, our Program Director who staffed the Grundy Transit Stakeholders, as the new administrator for the expanded Grundy Transit System. Sherey started her new position in the summer of 2011 and the Grundy Transit System continues to grow by leaps and bounds – with more coming in the future!

So now, like other types of business incubators, public transit is now off our plate of programs. As an issues incubator, we were able to identify a need in Grundy County, convene stakeholders, research the issue, gather and grow resources, and graduate the program to be a separate, self-sufficient entity.

The Community Foundation of Grundy County has incubated other issues, both as the lead organization or as a supporting partner, and we look forward to many, many more in the years to come. We continue to delve into issues and “look under rocks,” but we also welcome your ideas for programs we can staff and grow so that the residents of Grundy County are better served and so that Grundy County remains a great place to live, work, learn, recreate, worship, shop, and raise our families.
My Journey... So Far

My journey with the Foundation began in 2006. I was approached by the board of the Morris Community Foundation and although I knew very little about foundations, my experience on other boards led me to accept the invitation. I spent the first several meetings listening and learning about foundations, endowed funds, and donor advised funds. Wow, I had a lot to learn about this fantastic organization!!

Marketing and Education was my initial committee assignment and the first thing we identified was the need to work with the entire county, not just Morris. And so, we became the Community Foundation of Grundy County. The first annual Donor and Partner appreciation night was the stage where we launched the new name with a new logo and slogan... 'Bridging people who care with causes that matter'!

As my journey continued, the Foundation had many great accomplishments, including 941-HELP, the transit system, and the ongoing grants that come from the Communityworks program. The donations received through the Grand Victoria Foundation match opportunity more than doubled the Foundation’s assets, giving the operations of the Foundation sustainability.

As government funding continues to diminish, we have identified the importance of leadership as one issue we will focus on in 2012. We are hoping to bring the ‘Servant Leadership’ mindset to all the very important boards that make the decisions for the greater good of Grundy County.

Going forward I am both excited and honored to be in my new position. A special thanks to Jim Baum for setting solid footings for this Foundation and continuing to mentor me on this awesome journey!

Kristine Bennington, President

---

Statement of Activities

Revenue

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Contributions and donations</td>
<td>$351,086</td>
<td>$727,520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Victoria Foundation grant</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest and dividends on investments</td>
<td>$148,302</td>
<td>$146,230</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fee income from donor funds</td>
<td>$52,436</td>
<td>$40,888</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous income</td>
<td>$1,377</td>
<td>$207</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net gain/loss on investments</td>
<td>$272,349</td>
<td>($223,814)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Revenue</td>
<td>$854,173</td>
<td>$697,979</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grants and programs</td>
<td>$318,793</td>
<td>$307,663</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative salaries, occupancy, &amp; misc office expense</td>
<td>$84,453</td>
<td>$89,170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$1,377</td>
<td>$207</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Grants and Expenses</td>
<td>$404,623</td>
<td>$397,040</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Revenue</td>
<td>$449,550</td>
<td>$300,939</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Fund Balances

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Balances at beginning of year</td>
<td>$4,157,659</td>
<td>$4,607,208</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net revenue</td>
<td>$449,550</td>
<td>$300,939</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balances at end of year</td>
<td>$4,607,209</td>
<td>$4,908,147</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash</td>
<td>$68,081</td>
<td>$28,337</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments at market value</td>
<td>$4,529,507</td>
<td>$4,872,947</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Savings and short-term cash investments</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Land, buildings, and equipment</td>
<td>$9,621</td>
<td>$6,823</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(basis less accumulated depreciation)</td>
<td>$9,621</td>
<td>$6,823</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total assets</td>
<td>$4,607,209</td>
<td>$4,908,147</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Liabilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Other liabilities</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total fund balances              | $4,607,209| $4,908,147|

Grants Sub-Total by Fund Type

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fund Type</th>
<th>2011 Grants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Designated Funds</td>
<td>$24,884.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donor Advised Funds</td>
<td>$174,442.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scholarship Funds</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field of Interest</td>
<td>$7,015.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CFGC Unrestricted Funds</td>
<td>$4,792.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Agency Funds</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communityworks Endowment</td>
<td>$15,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total 2011 Grants</td>
<td>$238,133.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2011 Grant Recipients

- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross – GC Chapter
- Angel Bears of Hope
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will & Grundy Counties
- Boca Raton Community Hospital Foundation
- Boy Scout Troop #469 Morris
- Boy Scout Troop #471 Morris
- Canal Corridor Association
- Christian Youth Center of Morris
- Coal City High School Promfest
- Cops for Cancer
- Doctors Without Borders
- First Presbyterian Church Morris
- Georgetown Fund
- Goose Lake Prairie Partners
- Greater Joliet Area YMCA
- Grundy Community Hospice
- Grundy County 4-H
- Grundy County Habitat for Humanity
- Grundy County Historical Society
- Grundy Development Corporation
- Heritage Corridor Festivals, Inc.
- Illinois Valley Bowling League
- Illinois Valley Evangelical Free Church
- Illinois Valley Industries
- Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra
- Immaculate Conception Parish
- IMPACT Dwight
- Joliet Junior College
- Joliet Junior College Foundation
- Junior Achievement of the Heartland
- LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation
- LaSalle County Historical Society
- LaSalle Peru High School
- LaSalle Rotary Club Foundation
- LaSalle Veterans Home
- Mazon Park Board
- Minooka Police Department
- Morris Area Public Library
- Morris Community High School
- Morris Downtown Development Partnership
- Morris Hospital Auxiliary
- Morris Hospital Foundation
- Morris Rotary Club
- Morris Soccer Association
- Morris Theatre Guild
- Nettle Creek School PTO
- North Central Illinois Council of Gvmts
- Operation St. Nick
- Ottawa Friendship House
- Palm Beach Pops
- Relay for Life Grundy County
- Running for Life
- Side Out Club - Volleyball Program
- SMP Health System
- Soldiers Angels
- Special Connections of Grundy County
- Streator Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Streator Unlimited Foundation
- Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity
- Unit #1 Educational Foundation
- United Way of Grundy County
- United Way of Illinois Valley
- We Care of Grundy County
The Community Foundation of Grundy County awarded our first scholarships in the spring of 2011!

The Charles “Pete” Muffler Scholarship gave a $1,000 scholarship to Keegan Anderson, a student of Coal City High School who was participating in the GAVC fire science program. Keegan is using his scholarship to study fire science at Joliet Junior College.

The Pete Muffler Scholarship is an endowed fund started by the Morris Firemen’s Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Morris Lions Club, Grundy County Corn Festival, and Morris Building and Loan. And because the Muffler Scholarship is endowed, it will forever be able to provide annual scholarship funds for our county’s young adults who choose fire science as a career.

The Morris Musical Arts Guild (via the Grundy Bank Music Field of Interest Fund) selected six band students at Morris Community High School to receive $200 each toward private music lessons. The Morris Musical Arts Guild raises funds at its annual “Christmas Cards” concert in December plus receives other donations throughout the year.

For information on these scholarship funds or how to create your own scholarship fund, please call the Community Foundation of Grundy County at 815-941-0852.

Russelle L. Holsinger joined the CFGC board of directors in 2011. She lives in Coal City with her husband, Brent, and her son, Will. She has been an attorney in Grundy County since 1997, focusing on the real estate, estate planning and the representation of businesses. Previously, Ms. Holsinger was employed as an intern by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Grundy County States Attorney’s Office, and most recently served as in-house counsel for a multi-state residential builder. She has been employed as an adjunct writing instructor for the University of St. Francis and as a teaching assistant in her law school’s legal writing program.

Russelle L. Holsinger graduated cum laude from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, and was awarded her Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law where she graduated in the top 25% of her class.

She is also a founding board member for Angels of Hope, Inc., a Grundy County not-for-profit organization.

Devan Gagliardo joined the Community Foundation as our Program Director in September 2011. A lifelong Grundy County resident, Devan was born and raised in Gardner and currently resides in Coal City with her husband, Jason. Devan graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, with degrees in Organizational Communication and Psychology. Before her employment with the Community Foundation, Devan was employed by Cornerstone Services in Joliet as a Career Counselor for adults with disabilities.

As Program Director, Devan is involved with several collaborative groups within the county and serves as the Secretary for the Behavioral Health Alliance of Grundy County. She also serves on the Leadership Team for Grundy Partnership for Children and is responsible for the maintenance and marketing of 941-HELP. Devan volunteers her time at her church, The Village Christian Church in Minooka. She also speaks for the State’s Attorney’s Victim Impact Panel about the dangers of impaired driving.

“Cheryl and I created the Tesdal Family donor advised fund because of our parents’ dedication to help fellow residents of the Grundy County community. They taught us that “it is better to give than receive” and with today’s economy, the need to give is real. Cheryl and I hope that our donor advised fund will be able to carry on our parents’ gift of giving back to the Grundy County community.”
Donor List

2011

If you would like to make a contribution to the Community Foundation of Grundy County, please include this form with your donation to:

102 Liberty Street
Morris, Illinois 60450

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Phone __________________________ Email ____________________________

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of $ ____________________________

Also, my gift is in memory/honor of ____________________________

(Make checks payable to Community Foundation of Grundy County.)

Please apply my gift to:

☐ Early Childhood Care and Education
☐ People In Need
☐ Workforce Development
☐ Growth and Its Impact on our Systems
☐ Land Use and Protection
☐ CFGC Operations

City of Morris
Costco
D Construction
Dames Funeral Home
Edward Jones - Kristine
Bennington
Ensenvio, Inc.
EPIC Group
Equistar Lyondell
Erienna Nettle Creek Multi
Twp Assess Dist
Erienna Township
Exceptional Dental Care
Feeney's Package Liquor
First Midwest Bank
FOE #1024
Fruland Funeral Home
Goodwin & McDonald
Greenway Pontiac-GMC
Truck, Inc.
Grundy Bank
Grundy County Corn
Festival, Inc.
Hoffman Transportation
Illiana Big R
Illinois Insurance
Consultants
Janko Realty
Jerri's Hair Co.
Jewel-Osco
Kiss Products
Luehr's Ideal Rides
Mack & Associates
Maria's Pizza
Mazon State Bank
Midwest Auto
MKM Oil, Inc.
Morris Building & Loan
Morris Dermatology
Morris Fire Department
Morris Health Mart
Morris Hospital
Morris Lions Club
Morris Trailer Sales
Morris Women's Club
R.R. Donnelley
Savant Capital Mgmt Inc.
Service Gas Inc.
Shantel's
Shaw Construction
State Farm
Terri Gilmore Insurance
Agency
Teska Associates
The Fabric Center
Three Rivers Orthodontist, LLC
Twin Oaks Savings Bank
Village of Mazon
West Wind Farms
Women of the Moose