



FREEPORT
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

ACTION. IMPACT. LEGACY.

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT

Serving Stephenson, Jo Daviess & Carroll Counties since 1975

ACTION.

[Late Middle English, via Old French from Latin; to do or act.]

INTRODUCTION

Philanthropy, as a word and a concept, dates back to ancient Greeks. The word, itself, is a marriage of two Greek root words: phil, which means "love, fond of" and anthrōpos, Greek for "humankind, mankind."

The etymology of the philanthropy as a concept evolved further early in the last century to include a new phrase, "community foundation." Simply defined, community foundations are societal tools designed to pool resources, typically financial, and disburse through coordinated grantmaking and scholarship and dedicated to social improvement.

The Freeport Community Foundation, dedicated to serving Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Carroll counties, joined this brotherhood in 1975. In 2020, however, the Foundation's etymology of philanthropy evolved to include three additional words: **ACTION. IMPACT. LEGACY.**

These three stories exemplify how the Freeport Community Foundation's love of humankind furthers our vision of an improved quality of life for everyone.



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Through the first of what became three rounds of Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF) emergency granting, the Freeport Community Foundation awarded Amity Learning Center \$10,000 for emergency operational support. As a result, in the early days of the COVID shutdown, Amity was able to provide daycare to 47 children – children of frontline workers, many from diverse and low-income households.

Through its early action, the FCF was able to secure \$260,000 in emergency funding – matched by another \$100,000 from the Foundation's own Community Needs/Matt Marvin Unrestricted Fund and the Craig Wilson Trust – for the non-profits and, ultimately, residents of Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.



"Amity Learning Center

*could not have opened its door for emergency daycare service during the early days of the COVID shutdown if it weren't for the emergency grant funding we received from the Freeport Community Foundation. We cannot begin to say thank you enough to the Freeport Community Foundation and the immediate **ACTION** they took in securing emergency funding for the nonprofits of northwest Illinois."*

Ashley Harms

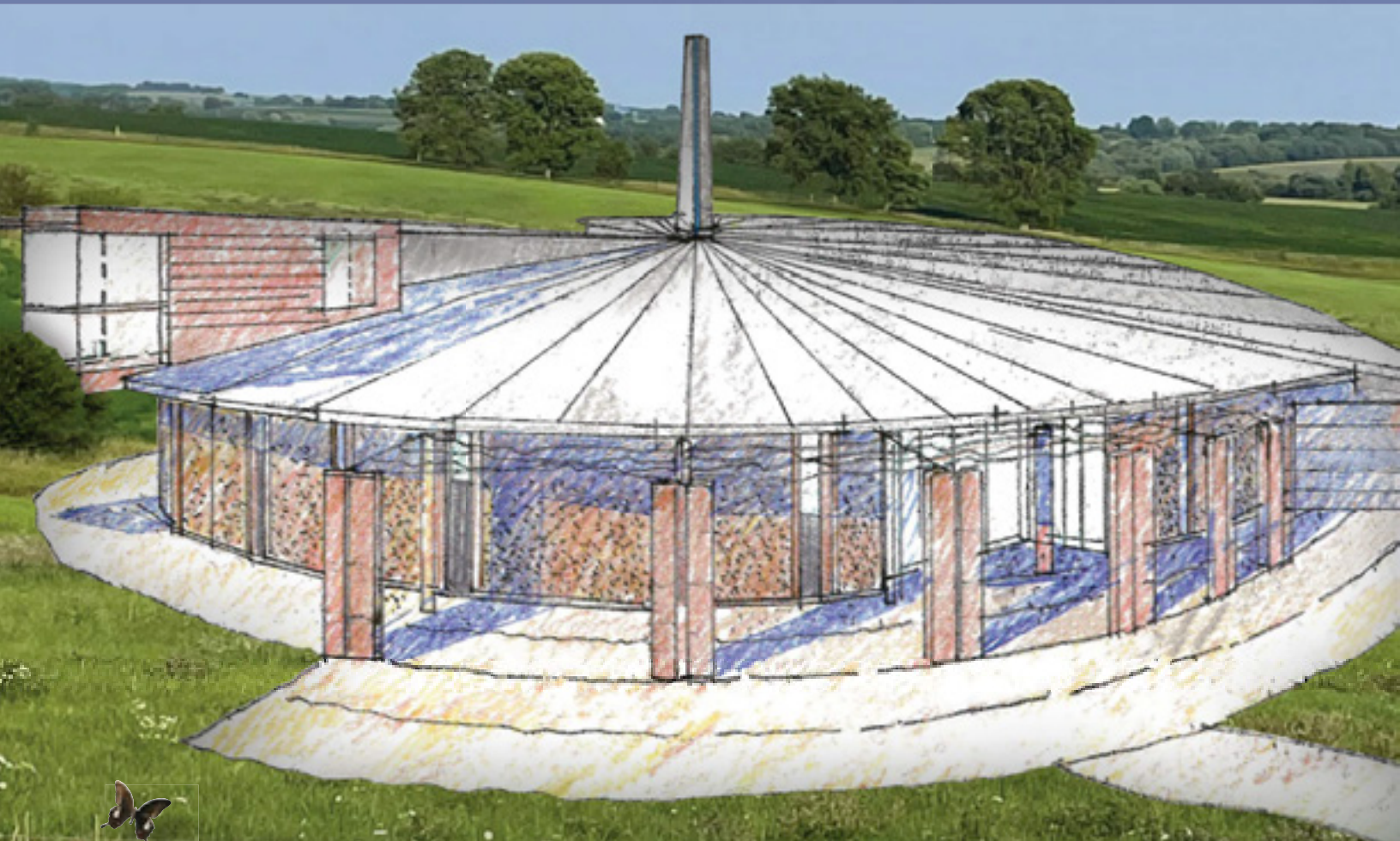
Executive Director, Amity Learning Center

IMPACT.

[Late Latin, *impactus*; to have a direct effect or influence.]

As part of the Freeport Community Foundation's Fall 2020 Community Needs grants, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation received \$20,000 for a project that was millennia in the making, the Wapello Discovery Center. The concept is a learning center dedicated to interpreting both the conservation stories of the Wapello land outside Hanover and that of the ancient Wapello peoples who resided there over 11,000 years ago.

Before this unique story of Illinois' first peoples can become a reality, a feasibility study needed to happen. Understanding the historical and scientific significance of the project and believing in the potential economic impact for our region, the FCF invested in the JDCF, taking an impactful step toward our region's future.



"The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation

had tried several different avenues to fund the feasibility study we needed to conduct for our proposed Wapello Discovery Center outside Hanover. The Freeport Community Foundation saw the potential **IMPACT** of this project, and they chose to invest in that potential – the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and the Jo-Carroll area."

Christie Trifone Millhouse

Associate Director, Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation



LEGACY.

[Middle English, legacie, to legate or bequest; something from the past (often property or money) willed to someone for present or future benefit.]

In 1945, as the world was rebuilding and evolving following the hard-fought battles of World War II, Freeporter Arthur Riche – one of the three founders of Micro Switch – was inspired to invest in his community's future.

Riche leveraged some of his money earned at Micro Switch (which was subsequently acquired by today's Honeywell), and established the A.L. Riche Trust. Its mission: to benefit, as the original charter stated, "institutions and organizations carrying on charitable, religious and educational work in and about the city of Freeport." The Riche Trust Trustees carried out that mission for decades, but in 2020, they decided it was time to entrust Riche's legacy to the Freeport Community Foundation.

A photograph of a man and a young boy planting a small tree in a park. The man, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt and blue jeans, is crouching and holding the base of a young tree. The boy, wearing a striped shirt and blue jeans, is also crouching and looking up at the man with a smile. The background is a lush green park with trees and grass.

"The Trustees of the Riche Trust

were pleased to turn its stewardship and **LEGACY** over to the Freeport Community Foundation. We hope the seeds of Arthur Riche's giving continue to benefit scientific, cultural, and humanitarian endeavors through the Foundation's philanthropic efforts."

Martha Furst

Former Trustee of the Riche Trust

GRANTS TO AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: \$509,954.30

SPRING 2020

Community Needs Grants

Freeport Area Church Cooperative
— Chicago Avenue Mission

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises
— Paint the Port/Eats & Beats

Northern Illinois Food Bank
— Feeding Stephenson County Neighbors

Stockton Heritage Museum
— Museum Website

The Workshop
— Accessible Handicap Door

Tyler's Justice Center for Children
— New Recording System for Interviews

VOICES of Stephenson County
— Project Play

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund

Round 1

Children's Hands On Museum (CHOM)
— COVID-Utility & Financial

CONTACT of Northern Illinois
— COVID-Crisis Helpline

Freeport Area Church Cooperative
— COVID-FACC Food Pantry

Galena Chamber of Commerce
— COVID-Business Project

Greater Freeport Partnership
— COVID-Encourage Local Business

Lena Business & Professional Assoc.
— COVID-Lena Business Stimulus

Midwest Medical Center
— COVID-Relief Funding

Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard
— COVID-MHK Cupboard

New Horizons Counseling Center
— COVID-Reduced Fee Program

NICAA
— COVID-Golden Meals

Northern Illinois Food Bank
— COVID-Food Distribution

Public Health Foundation of Northern Illinois
— COVID-Community Masks

Stockton Chamber of Commerce
— COVID-Stockton Stronger

The Rosecrance Foundation
— COVID-Relief Operational Support

Timber Lake Playhouse
— COVID-Operational Assistance

United Way of Northwest Illinois
— COVID-19 ICRF

Round 2

Cats Care
— COVID II-Cats Care COVID-19 Support

Elizabeth Food Basket, Inc.
— COVID II-Shelf Stable Food

Farmworker and Landscaper
— Utility & Financial Assistance to
Low-Income Workers

Galena Area EMS District
— COVID II-Capital Equipment Project

Galena Order of Elks
— COVID II-Jo Daviess County Food Pantry

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
— COVID II-Response Request

Riverview Center
— COVID II-Domestic Violence Crisis Response

Senior Resource Center
— COVID II-Jo Daviess Senior Safety Net

Village of Stockton
— COVID II- Utility Assistance

Round 3

Amity of Stephenson County
— Childcare During a Pandemic

CONTACT of Northern Illinois
— Crisis Helpline

Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois
— Summer Programming at YMCA

New Horizons Counseling Center
— Reduced Fee Program

NICAA
— NICAA Housing Stability Program

Northern Illinois Food Bank
— Stephenson County Mobile Pantries

Stephenson County Historical Society
— Covid 19 Relief

United Way of Northwest Illinois
— Operations Support

VOICES of Stephenson County
— Stephenson County Pandemic Support

FALL 2020

Community Needs Grants

Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts
— Cub Scouts with Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County
— Gymnasium Curtain

Cedarville Historical Society
— Historical Society Tech Upgrades

Farmworker and Landscaper
— Social Services & Cash Transfers

Freeport Public Library
— One Book, One Freeport 2021

German Valley Fire Protection District
— Ventilation Fan/Stair Chair

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
— Wapello Discovery Center

Northern Illinois Food Bank
— Feeding Stephenson County

RAMP
— Youth Education & Advocacy

Senior Resource Center
— Transit Program

The Salvation Army
— Covid-19 Pantry

The Workshop
— Community Meals

Timber Lake Playhouse
— Fall Educational Outreach

United Way of Northwest Illinois
— Remote Access Upgrade

Winneshiek Playhouse
— Diversity Training for the Arts

2020 YAC Grant

Amity Society of Freeport
— Summer Experiences

Craig Wilson Agriculture Scholarships

Highland Community College

Dan and Nancy Schmitt Family Fund

Amity Society of Freeport
— Learning Center

Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois
— After School Outreach Program

Freeport Area Church Cooperative
— Homeless Shelter

Donations of Support

FACC Homeless Shelter

Freeport Community Public School Fund

Grace Episcopal Church

Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations

United Way of Northwest Illinois

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2020 FINANCIALS

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

Modified Cash Basis (unaudited) for the year ending
December 31, 2020

Assets

Cash and prepaid	\$ 39,332
Investments	5,565,152
Total assets	\$ 5,604,484

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities	\$ 165,267
Annuity obligations	56,845
Total liabilities	\$ 222,112

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	4,933,452
With donor restrictions	448,920
Total net assets	5,382,372
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 5,604,484

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Modified Cash Basis (unaudited) for the year ending
December 31, 2020

Public Support and Revenue

Contributions and grant revenue	\$ 453,526
Investment income	157,037
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	217,377
Total public support and revenue	\$ 827,940

Allocations and Expenses

Allocations to agencies	\$ 514,733
Other expenses	111,456
Total allocations and expenses	\$ 626,189

Net Assets

Change in net assets	201,751
Net assets, beginning of year	5,180,621
Total net assets, end of year	\$ 5,382,372