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"The nonprofit sector is the doorway through which millions of Americans pursue civic opportunities that are the hallmark of a healthy democracy."

From Nonprofits: The DNA of Democracy by Cynthia Gibson, in The Nonprofit Quarterly, Winter 2008

CMF Annual Achievement Awards Held February 19, 2009



More than 160 individuals celebrated organizational excellence in annual fund achievement at the Wyndham Drake Hotel in Oakbrook on Thursday,

February 19th. Thirteen organizations raised a total of \$1,968,801 in new dollars through their annual fund, introducing hundreds of new donors to their work. Organizations that participated include CoACH Care Center, Community Housing Association of DuPage (CHAD), Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, Easter Seals DuPage, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, Lifelink Corporation, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Nazareth Academy, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Rainbows, Serenity House, St. Cletus Elementary School, and Women's Health Foundation. Organizations that raised at least \$10,000 were awarded a matching grant from CMF.

In addition, four special recognition monetary awards were given to:

- Northern Illinois Food Bank (largest increase in an organization with development staff)
- St. Cletus Elementary School (largest increase in an organization without development staff)
- Ray Graham Association (largest increase in Major Gifts)
- CEP Youth Leadership Inc (in honor of Maureen Vulich as the board member with the most consistent attendance at all three workshop series)

Congratulations to all who participated in the process! Your efforts have translated to a greater community awareness of your work and a heightened appreciation for all that you do.

Illinois Nonprofit Economy Report: Implications for the Nonprofit Community

A study published by the Donors Forum in October 2008 confirms that the nonprofit sector is important throughout Illinois, providing vital services and contributing to the economy. In 2005, there were just over 12,000 nonprofits in Illinois. With this growth, nonprofits' contribution to the state's economy has steadily increased over the years. The report highlights valuable information on the expanding role of nonprofits in Illinois, sharing key findings related to the number of nonprofits, the nonprofit workforce, nonprofit revenue sources and the economic contributions of nonprofits. It contains economic and employment information and metrics, as well as recommendations for nonprofit leaders, grantmakers, legislators and the public. The report can be found on the Donors Forum webpage:

http://www.donorsforum.org/forms_pdf/Illinois_Nonprofit_Economy_Report.pdf

Effects of the Economic Crisis on Health Foundations

To learn how health foundations are responding to the current economic crisis, Grantmakers In Health (GIH) surveyed the field at the end of 2008. The survey sought information on how health foundation assets and grantmaking budgets have been affected, the strategies health foundations are using to support grantees, and how foundations are addressing their own financial challenges. The survey of GIH Funding Partners found that 91 percent reported a decrease in asset base; 61 percent are seeking new collaborations or partnerships with other public and private funders; 34 percent are delaying

consideration of new initiatives or multiyear obligations, and 58 percent report reductions in overall administrative expenses.

To read the entire survey results, go to the Grantmakers In Health webpage at www.gih.org.

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