



EDWARDSVILLE COMMUNITY Foundation

Connecting Donors to Our Communities

Spring 2015



The Edwardsville Community Foundation Focuses on a New Direction

The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation Board met in October 2014 and started making plans for a three-year strategic plan. Several changes were decided during the sessions which included: the decision to adopt a new name; update the mission and vision statements; and evaluate the overall direction of the organization.

The first most visible action is the name change to Edwardsville Community Foundation (ECF). This name reflects the roots of the organization and also signifies the communities within the school district boundaries that the foundation serves. The shortened name is easier to remember and will help with marketing and branding efforts in the future.

Through the strategic planning sessions, ECF identified as its primary goal to grow philanthropic assets and reflect a more community centered focus. As a result, new vision and mission statements were created.

To accomplish its primary goals, the Edwardsville Community Foundation will focus on its history, experience and reputation in the field of charitable giving; board commitment; and knowledge of the communities they serve. There are more exciting plans in the future of the ECF. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page, website and future newsletters for more announcements coming soon.



Vision Statement

*“To enrich the quality of life
in our communities.”*

Mission Statement

*“To partner with donors to increase charitable giving
through leadership, grants and donor services.”*

ECF Partners with the City of Edwardsville to Build “A Better Place to Play”



The Edwardsville Community Foundation (ECF) has partnered with the City of Edwardsville once again to play a role in building a better community. ECF has supported many community enrichment and enhancement projects throughout the years that you may be familiar with including the Fountain in City Park, Wildey Theatre and the Rotary Playground in Township Park (Airplane Park).

This new partnership and initiative involves three new recreation-focused projects under an overarching program called “A Better Place to Play.” The Edwardsville Community Foundation’s participation in this program allows for tax-deductible donations to be directed by donors to one of the three specific projects or to make a general donation:

Ice Rink / Teen Center Complex – Estimated 43,000-sq.ft. facility dedicated to ice hockey, figure skating and recreational skating including equipment rental, locker rooms, office space, meeting rooms, a 4-lane indoor track, fitness/teen center and more.

Spray & Play Park – Adjacent to Edwardsville’s future public safety facility, the park will carry a firefighter theme including oversized, themed water features and will meet or exceed ADA standards (Americans with Disabilities Act) on three acres of land to satisfy the community’s desire for additional greenspace/parks and a walking trail.

Sports Park – A state-of-the-art complex near the I-55 Corridor includes multiple soccer, baseball and, softball

fields, an all-accessible field for those with special needs, basketball and Pickleball Courts, concessions and restrooms. This will surely be a competition and tournament destination for teams throughout the region.

We invite you to participate in “A Better Place to Play” and make an impact on the strength, health and future of recreation in your community. Make a donation of any amount to show your support. Your investment in your community’s parks and recreation program helps:

- ◆ *Strengthen our communities served by these new facilities*
- ◆ *Provide more opportunities for area citizens to improve their health and build stronger family bonds*
- ◆ *Combat the nation’s leading cause of disease: obesity*
- ◆ *Increase the quality of life of everyone regardless of age, race, ability or socioeconomics*

Go to BetterPlacetoPlay.com to make a donation of your choice or mail your donation to Edwardsville Community Foundation today at P.O. Box 102, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025.

Major donors will have options for naming rights of each park project and their facilities. Contact Katie Grable at (618) 692-7538 for more information on funding options.

Introducing the Dennis DeToye Scholarship

The Dennis DeToye Scholarship was established in honor of Dennis’ passion and ongoing dedication to the arts and art education. Having taught at EHS for over 30 years, Dennis delighted in his students and sharing his love of the arts. This scholarship will be awarded

annually up to \$1000 to a graduating high school senior who plans to continue their education at an accredited university or college as a full-time student majoring in Art. For more information about this scholarship, please visit our website.

Meet the New Board Members

The Edwardsville Community Foundation Board of Directors is an all-volunteer group of individuals that donate their time and talent to ensure the mission of the ECF is carried out. Each of these dedicated board members are local residents who have a passion for philanthropy. Their work with the ECF provides local individuals and communities with scholarships, grants, special projects and community support.



Paul Lauber

"As a local business person for over 25 years, I've had the opportunity to participate in several charitable and community organizations, such as Goshen Rotary and the Board of the Edwardsville YMCA. Having been introduced to the Edwardsville Community Foundation, it sounded like a great organization that does a lot of good in the community. I look forward to helping the Foundation continue to serve as it has, and to grow and extend its influence. I feel blessed in many ways; I'd like to share or give back a little to the community and I think the Foundation is a great way to do just that."



Caryn Mefford

"I joined the Edwardsville Community Foundation to help further the mission of financially supporting the progress and development initiatives that will benefit all the citizens of this community. We have so many wonderful things going on in our collective community and the foundation has been an instrumental force in getting that done. I hope to assist the foundation in its progression and growth as we increase our outreach and cement our establishment in the community."



Mark Shashek

"As a past board member and chair of the Edwardsville Community Foundation, I am honored to be returning to the board. I like to help others in our community and feel the ECF is a good vehicle for my philanthropic efforts. I would like to see a greater awareness of the Foundation in the community and the opportunities we can help provide. I look forward to working with and supporting the various organizations in our service area."



Barb Hutton

"I have been a donor of the Edwardsville Community Foundation for a number of years. The purpose of the organization mirrors my belief in giving back to the community so it is a better place for everyone. We live in a tremendously generous community both through financial assistance and talent. Whether the project is a Boundless Playground, increasing and improving our green space and parks, renovation of The Wildey Theatre or the EHS Sports Complex, donations are readily given and people can be found to donate their time to improve everyone's lifestyle. I would like to increase awareness of the organization and expand donorship."



Donna Bardon

"As a returning board member, I rejoined the board of Edwardsville Community Foundation (ECF) because I want to help connect donors to local causes. As the retired Director of Development at Lovejoy Library, I would like to use my career experience working with donors and volunteers to benefit ECF. I would also like to see the ECF expand its support of community charitable organizations and increase educational opportunities for local students."



Matt Warren

"My wife and I have financially supported the foundation for several years and I am excited to be a member of the board. When I moved to Edwardsville I knew that I had found the community where I wanted to make my home. I have no doubt that my positive impression was due in part to the work of the foundation and I intend to use my time on the board to help further the foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life of our communities."



The Edwardsville Community Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to the retiring board members for their dedicated service to the foundation and commitment to the foundation's success. We are truly thankful for the service they provided. The retiring board members are: Linda Lynch, Jill Dorsey, Calvin Brown, Steve Mudge and John Motley.

Save the Dates

Edwardsville Community Foundation
Annual Philanthropic Awards Dinner
Thursday, December 3, 2015
N.O. Nelson Center - LeClaire Room
Edwardsville, IL 62025


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Want to Learn More?

Edwardsville Community Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement and betterment of the quality of life in the communities of Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Hamel, Moro, Dorsey, Worden and the surrounding areas.

Since our inception in 1997, ECF has distributed more than \$5.4 million to charitable causes.

See below to learn more about our Foundation or to find out ways to become a charitable donor.



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