

Arts DuPage Launches with Broad Strokes

When Lisa Tylke, director of Arts DuPage, appeared on a recent episode of NCTV17's *Spotlight*, she could barely contain her enthusiasm for the Foundation's latest initiative. Joined by Trustee Emerita Joan Morrissey, they highlighted the



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substantial strides made this past spring and summer to bring Arts DuPage to fruition. Arts DuPage is a new county-wide arts council focused on promoting creativity and nurturing engagement and investment in the arts throughout DuPage County. From building community support for the initiative, to forming a new committee, to creating a new logo, and developing a new online resource, Arts DuPage has made colorful progress.

Members of the **Arts DuPage Committee** were formally approved during the Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting on July 21. Slated to meet twice annually, the Committee will provide general direction, expertise and advocacy for the implementation of Arts DuPage. The Arts DuPage Committee will convene for the first time in September. A complete listing of the Committee members can be found on page 5.

This past August, the Foundation unveiled its new Arts DuPage logo. "The logo is a significant step toward establishing a visual identity and brand for not only the initiative, but for arts and culture throughout DuPage County," said Tylke. "With one image we are able to speak for and represent our community's arts and culture sector." The logo came to fruition by tapping into the branding expertise of the Foundation's **Marketing Committee** and **Trittenhaus Design**. The Committee was tasked with developing a logo with the flexibility to stand on its own and also live within the

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— Lisa Tylke, director of Arts DuPage

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Foundation's suite of existing logos.

Lastly, the initiative's new online resource is under construction. The new website, the initiative's first public offering, will be activated later this fall. The site will augment the promotional efforts of area arts organizations and individual artists, making it easier for the public to find, embrace and engage in our community's arts and culture experiences. It will also provide a comprehensive list of area events

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Foundation Celebrates 30 Years of Raising the Quality of Life throughout DuPage County

September is a time of reflection for everyone at the Foundation, and 2016 marks a significant milestone. The DuPage Foundation is extremely proud of its beginnings 30 years ago. In 1986, **Brooks McCormick, Mary Eleanor Wall and Jerry Bradshaw** established the Foundation. They were joined by **Elizabeth Eben, Jody Ellyne, J.R. Horton, Carlton Nadelhoffer, Hartman Stime and Charlie Thurston** on the Foundation's very first **Advisory Committee**.

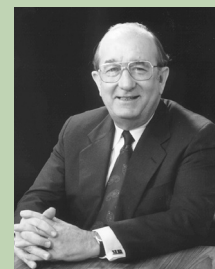
At that time, McCormick sat on the Executive Committee of **The Chicago Community Trust (CCT)** and saw the value of creating a charitable entity wholly-focused on the booming area west of Chicago in DuPage County. Beginning as an affiliate fund at CCT, the Foundation grew rapidly and fully separated from CCT in July 1994 to become its own entity.



Brooks McCormick



Mary Eleanor Wall



Jerry Bradshaw

Since its inception, the DuPage Foundation has built an endowment to **approximately \$65 million** among more than **300 unique funds**. During 2016, the Foundation achieved two significant giving milestones. Just recently, it officially awarded **more than \$27 million** in cumulative grants. To place this milestone in perspective, the Foundation celebrated the \$1 million mark in 1998. It took 26 years to award the first \$13.5 million and only four years to award the next \$13.5 million. In late August, the Foundation awarded its **5,000th grant**. The grant, to **Northwestern Memorial Foundation for Central DuPage Hospital (CDH)**, was recommended by the **Dale Family Fund**,

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The Pearl Ball *A 30th Anniversary Celebration & Benefit*

Saturday, November 19, 2016 | 5:30 p.m. - Midnight
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Foundation Welcomes Four New Committee Members

The Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of four new members to its various committees: **Bill Hassett, Professional Advisor Committee; Dusty Holoubek, Marketing Committee; Brian Soczka, Grant Committee; and Marcia Tornatore, Bright & Early DuPage Committee.**

Bill Hassett is a partner in the Chicago office of RSM LLP, a national credit, tax and consulting firm. As the managing director of the firm's National Real Estate Group, he provides audit, tax, and business consulting services for real estate clients. Hassett has held memberships and chair positions on many committees, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Illinois CPA Society Real Estate Special Interest Group Committee (as the past chair), the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association, and the Illinois Housing Council.

From a philanthropic standpoint, the Loyola University graduate serves as a real estate committee member for DuPagePads, which is the supportive housing and emergency shelter provider for DuPage County. In addition, he served as the organization's Board President Emeritus and past Governance Committee chair. Bill and his wife are residents of Woodridge.

Dusty Holoubek is the marketing communications manager at the national law firm, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, based in Chicago. She is responsible for branding, business development, event planning, graphic design, photography, social media, and website development.

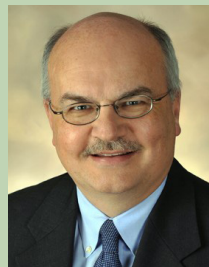
In her spare time, Holoubek is a devoted volunteer for Chicago Cares, Habitat for Humanity and the Foundation's Marketing and Next Generation Initiative (NGI) committees. She also dedicates her time to service projects for senior citizens, children, cancer victims, environmental preservation groups, and families involved in domestic violence.

Holoubek earned a bachelor's degree in Arts with an emphasis on Graphic Design from the University of Iowa. She lives in Aurora with her husband and their three children.

Brian Soczka is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo. Based in Naperville, he designs investment strategies for his clients that are targeted to their specific needs and goals. Now, Soczka will bring his expertise to the Grant Committee.

Soczka, a PGA Professional, graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In addition, he has earned the Certified 401(k) Professional [C(k)P] designation from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and the LUTCF designation from The American College of Financial Services.

As an individual with a philanthropic disposition, Soczka has a knack for helping others. He describes his career as a financial advisor as "extremely gratifying" and enjoys spends time coaching his children's athletic teams and volunteering with friends and family in his spare time. Brian lives in Plainfield with his wife and two children.



Bill Hassett



Dusty Holoubek



Brian Soczka



Marcia Tornatore

With a deep understanding of school systems and education, **Marcia Tornatore** is a perfect fit for the Bright & Early DuPage Committee. She recently retired as superintendent from Itasca School District 10 and has served as a member of multiple boards and associations including the Illinois School Boards Association, National Association for Gifted Children, Illinois Association for Gifted Children, International Society for Technology in Education, and the International Reading Association. In addition, she has been involved with the Illinois Association for School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Illinois Association of School and Business Officials, and the National Staff Development Council.

Complementary to her hobbies, which include playing tennis, exercising and skiing, she has led the renovation of school buildings to be allergy-free learning environments. She has also implemented effective structuring of employment strategies, overseen ongoing staff development, and executed multiple communication methods with her staff and community. Additionally, she was the trainer of 6+1 Traits of Writing. Marcia is a resident of Roselle.

Wheaton Municipal Band Endowment Fund Established

The DuPage Foundation and Friends of the Band, Inc. are pleased to announce the establishment of the **Wheaton Municipal Band Endowment Fund**. Created with an initial grant of \$50,000 from the **JCS Fund of the DuPage Foundation**, the Wheaton Municipal Band Endowment Fund will provide the Band with perpetual support and ensure that its illustrious history continues for generations.

Dave McGowan, Foundation president & CEO, attended the Band's *Red, White and Blue Through and Through* concert in Wheaton's Memorial Park on Thursday, June 30, to share the announcement with the audience. Following his remarks, attendees were treated to many patriotic classics including "America the Beautiful," Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," and a rousing rendition of Tchaikowsky's *1812 Overture*.

"Establishing the Wheaton Municipal Band Endowment Fund with the DuPage Foundation is a major step toward providing for the Band's future," said **Ed Rylko**, president of Friends of the Band, Inc. "We are grateful to the JCS Fund of the DuPage Foundation for being the catalyst and providing initial funding, essentially sounding the first note of a new march that will play for countless years to come."

"We are honored to see the creation of an endowment fund for the Wheaton Municipal Band and appreciate the efforts of the many people who have brought this to a reality," said Dr. Bruce Moss, music director and conductor. "The Band is a special and unique treasure for the City of Wheaton."

The DuPage Foundation prides itself on its community partnerships and strives to be a resource for helping area not-for-profits establish dependable revenue streams and effective planned giving programs. One way we facilitate this is through our Agency Endowment Program. The creation of an Agency Fund through the DuPage Foundation is a simple, yet powerful tool which can provide area organizations with a number of benefits. The Foundation currently provides stewardship for the endowment funds of more than 50 area not-for-profits ranging in size from \$5,000 to approximately \$2 million.



Dr. Bruce Moss, Wheaton Municipal Band director; Dave McGowan, DuPage Foundation president & CEO; and Ed Rylko, president of Friends of the Band, Inc. pose prior to the Band's patriotic concert on June 30.

Foundation Marks 30 Years

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a donor-advised fund of the Foundation. The Fund was established by Foundation Trustee Emeritus **Brett Dale** and his wife, **Kris**, a member of the Foundation's **Bright & Early DuPage Committee**. The Dales started their fund ten years ago which has awarded more than 40 grants to area organizations. Brett serves as a member of the Northwestern Medicine/CDH board of directors. In recognition of that grant, the DuPage Foundation **Grant Committee** recommended a \$5,000 grant to **Ronald McDonald House Charities** for its house across from the Hospital.

This September, the Foundation will celebrate 30 years of helping raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County at a special reception generously sponsored by Foundation friends **Mark and Darlene Hoppe**. The Foundation will recognize retiring Trustees **Stephen M. Burt, Bruce Lee and Dan Maguire**; welcome new Trustees **Delrose A. Koch and Bernard W. Dan**, committee members and staff; and install our new slate of officers, led by incoming Chair **Denice A. Gierach**.

New Funds Established

- James R. Bonde Memorial Fund of Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center
- Easter Seals DuPage Agency Fund II
- Hanson Family Fund
- Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club Children's Services Endowment Fund for Bridge Communities, Inc.
- People's Resource Center Charitable Gift Annuity Fund III
- Sharing Connections Working Fund
- Wheaton Municipal Band Endowment Fund

Contact us today at 630.665.5556 for information on how to establish your fund at the DuPage Foundation. For a complete listing of funds, please visit us at www.dupagefoundation.org.

To learn more about how your agency can establish an endowment fund, please contact Michael Sitrick, JD, Foundation vice president for advancement, at mike@dupagefoundation.org or by calling 630.598.5285.

Arts DuPage: A Season of Colorful Progress

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Photos

- 1) Foundation Trustee Emerita Joan Morrissey (left) and Director of Arts DuPage Lisa Tylke (center) were recently interviewed by Jane Wernette (right) during an episode of NCTV17's Spotlight.
- 2) Brian O'Keefe, WDCB's director of news & public affairs (left), discusses Arts DuPage with Lisa Tylke (right) on 90.9 FM WDCB's The Arts Section.

and activities, class listings and fundraisers throughout DuPage County.

The website will be easily searchable and multidimensional; the art sector will be able to expand its audience by supplementing its on-going promotional efforts. From the art sector's perspective, events and activities that fit the scope of the website can be uploaded directly onto the site.

Whether users are interested in art making, art learning, or experiencing art, the site is a free and accessible resource that will aid the public in exploring the types of art and cultural activities offered in DuPage County. "The website is a one-stop shop," said Tylke. "We want people to get out, engage in and discover the amazing things happening in arts and culture right here in DuPage County."

Welcome, Arts DuPage Committee

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Executive Director,
School of
Performing Arts

Ernst and Szymanski Join Foundation Staff

The Foundation is pleased to welcome **Laura Ernst** and **Rachel Szymanski** as new staff members.

As the Foundation's new program associate, Ernst will be responsible for the administration of the Foundation's grant processes including scholarships and grants from our donor-advised, agency, and designated, Community Needs, and Bright & Early DuPage programs.

"I am very excited to be starting as a program associate," said Ernst. "I am honored to join the DuPage Foundation in its great work throughout the county."

Ernst, a lifelong resident of Naperville, graduated from Knox College in June 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and minors in Economics and Business & Management. She also studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. After earning her degree, Ernst completed a year of full-time service as an AmeriCorps VISTA at Northern Illinois Food Bank. She is succeeding **Elizabeth DiNovis**, who, after three years of dedicated service as the Foundation's program associate, was recently accepted into the University of Illinois at Chicago's master's program in Public Health and will be pursuing a concentration in Health Policy and Administration.

The Foundation is also pleased to welcome **Rachel Szymanski** as its development associate. In her new role, Szymanski will assist with all aspects of donor relations and marketing and communications efforts.

A native of Michigan, Szymanski previously worked at several not-for-profits in and around Ann Arbor, Michigan, most recently as senior administrative assistant at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. She also held the position of program director at Neithercut Philanthropy Advisors,



Laura Ernst



Rachel Szymanski

a consulting firm in Detroit which specializes in helping high-net-worth families and foundations reach their philanthropic goals.

"I am thrilled to join the Foundation as the new development associate," said Szymanski. "I am excited to assist in our efforts to connect donors with causes they care about and to help spread the word about the variety of giving opportunities available through the DuPage Foundation."

Szymanski holds a Master of Arts in Ethnomusicology from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Music Performance from Albion College. She is now a resident of Downers Grove.

Lear Promoted to Office Manager

The Foundation is pleased to congratulate **Sabrina Lear** on her recent promotion from part-time administrative assistant to full-time office manager.

As office manager, Lear will assist with accounting, human resources, information technology, and office management in addition to welcoming and training the Foundation's administrative volunteers and interns.

"Sabrina has quickly become a valued member of the Foundation staff," said **David Weisz**, Foundation vice president for finance. "I am certain she will continue to thrive in her new and expanded role."

Lear joined the Foundation in February 2015. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Oregon State University in June 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Crop and Soil Science with a focus in Crop Management. After two years in the Chicagoland area, the Oregon native enjoys suburban life and all of DuPage County's

forest preserves. Besides spending too much time in her veggie garden, she currently volunteers with her church youth group, The GardenWorks Project, and is pursuing a master's degree in Nonprofit Administration from North Park University in Chicago.

Lear, her husband Quinn, and loveable labradoodle, Mahzi, live in Downers Grove.



Sabrina Lear

Bright & Early DuPage: Making A Good Education a Local Sensation



An Initiative of the DuPage Foundation

Community by community, **Bright & Early DuPage** is engaging and uniting local businesses, organizations, and individuals to build awareness for and facilitate access to early childhood education and support services for DuPage children and their families. Having committed hundreds of thousands of dollars in support for the initiative over the next several years, the Foundation has already helped launch and implement several collaboratives in **Addison**, **Bensenville**, **Birth to 5 Community Coalition**, and **Wheaton/Warrenville**, as well as a **regional hub** in DuPage County.

Since the **Addison Early Childhood Collaborative (AECC)** was launched in 2014, **Addison School District 4** has seen significant improvements in kindergarten readiness scores. Using the **AimswEB** screening tool, the District collects Letter Naming and Letter Sound Fluency scores for all kindergarten students.

Between the 2013/2014 and 2015/2016 school years, the percentage of children considered “on target” (where children should be scoring or performing at that time according to national averages) increased from:

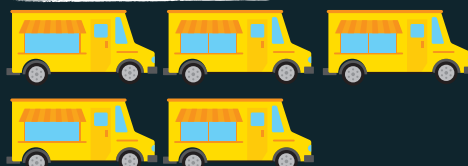
- 44% to 55% for Letter Naming - English
- 16% to 39% for Letter Naming - Spanish
- 45% to 70% for Letter Sound Fluency - English
- 27% to 63% for Letter Sound Fluency - Spanish

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services **Chuck Wartman** credits these improvements to more students attending preschool, teachers providing lessons based on what students need (based on testing results) rather than following a scripted format, and families becoming better connected to support services outside of school. The AECC, funded by the Foundation, has coordinated myriad outreach efforts to engage and connect the most at-risk families to community services. Additionally, through **Preschool for All** and **Preschool Expansion** funding, 56 new high-quality, all-day early learning slots were created for at-risk Addison students. Foundation support has been cited as the catalyst for the collaboration efforts, which was a key component in applying for funds that significantly contributed to these new slots becoming available.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



BENSENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



**5 mobile food
pantry events**
**750 families
benefitted**

WHEATON/WARRENVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE

Kindergarten readiness scores
(as measured by Letter Sound scores)
for students from neighborhoods with
a high concentration of low-income
families jumped from

21% to 35%
from 2012 to 2015

DUPAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATION

Connected with a partner from
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
who collaborated with a
pediatrician's clinic to use the
Hunger Vital Sign to assess food
insecurity* among their patients



64.7% **19.6%**
West Chicago Naperville

*Families with young children who worry food will run out, or not last, before having money to buy more. (Data collected November 2015-April 2016)

NGI Supports Northern Illinois Food Bank with Giving and Volunteer Opportunities

The Foundation's Next Generation Initiative (NGI) was thrilled to host more than 50 guests on June 8 for its Sizzlin' Summer Mixer at Reserve 22 at the Village Links in Glen Ellyn. Generously sponsored by a corporate donor who wishes to remain anonymous, the event provided a wonderful evening of delicious food, fun and comradery.

In addition, the NGI was delighted to showcase and support the work of one of our area's most impactful not-for-profit organizations: **Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB)**. **Hester Bury**, NIFB's director of corporate and foundation giving, gave a brief presentation that highlighted the organization's mission to lead the northern Illinois community in solving hunger by providing nutritious meals to those in need through innovative programs and partnerships.

During the mixer, \$1,670 was raised from attendees to fund a mobile food pantry. The NGI then provided an additional \$1,200 in matching dollars from its Next Generation Fund to support a second mobile food pantry.

The first mobile pantry was held on Tuesday, July 26, at the **Henry Hyde Resource Center in Addison**. The second mobile pantry was held on Thursday, August 25, at the **Marian Park Apartments in Wheaton**. For both dates, the NGI team unloaded the trucks filled with staple food items such as cereal, juice, ground turkey, chicken, rice, potatoes, packaged dinners, canned fruit, milk, and more. The dedicated volunteers distributed the food items to the mobile pantry's clients, helped the clients carry boxes of food to their cars, and broke down the sites at the end of each day. In total, the NGI provided groceries for more than 219 families benefiting both adults and children. "It was a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do," said **Derek Johnson**, NGI Chair. "We are truly inspiring philanthropy for the next generation."

The NGI's **Fall Fling** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28, at Rockwood Tap House, 3131 Finley Avenue in Downers Grove**. Reservations are required. Contact Rachel Szymanski, Foundation development associate, at 630.598.5292, or rachel@dupagefoundation.org for details.



Photos

- 1) *Mike Sitrick, vice president for advancement; Dusty Holoubek, NGI Steering Committee member; Paul Markese, partner from Hinshaw & Culberston; and Derek Johnson, NGI Steering Committee Chair pose during the NGI's Sizzlin' Summer Mixer at Reserve 22.*
- 2) *The NGI joined volunteers from the Henry Hyde Resource Center on Tuesday, July 26, to staff the Northern Illinois Food Bank's mobile food pantry in Addison.*
- 3) *The NGI joined volunteers from the Rotary Club of Wheaton A.M. on Thursday, August 25, to staff the Northern Illinois Food Bank's mobile food pantry in Wheaton.*

Interested in sponsoring a future NGI event?

The NGI now offers four corporate sponsorship levels.

Please contact Bill Pearch, marketing manager, at 630.598.5290 or via email at bill@dupagefoundation.org, for more information.

Ensuring a Legacy Through Simplified Giving

Inspiration often strikes in unexpected and unprecedented ways. When **Paula Partipilo**, a DuPage County resident, discovered a hand-written note belonging to her uncle, she was moved. It read:

“When you are surrounded by that state of grace where nothing else matters except the feeling you have within yourself, that is your intersection with destiny.”

Partipilo’s uncle, **Daniel Ruscitti**, had strong charitable ambitions and a heart for giving back to those most in need. The causes for which he felt the greatest passions related to helping adults afflicted with HIV/AIDS, and supporting the educational needs of children living in the inner-city.

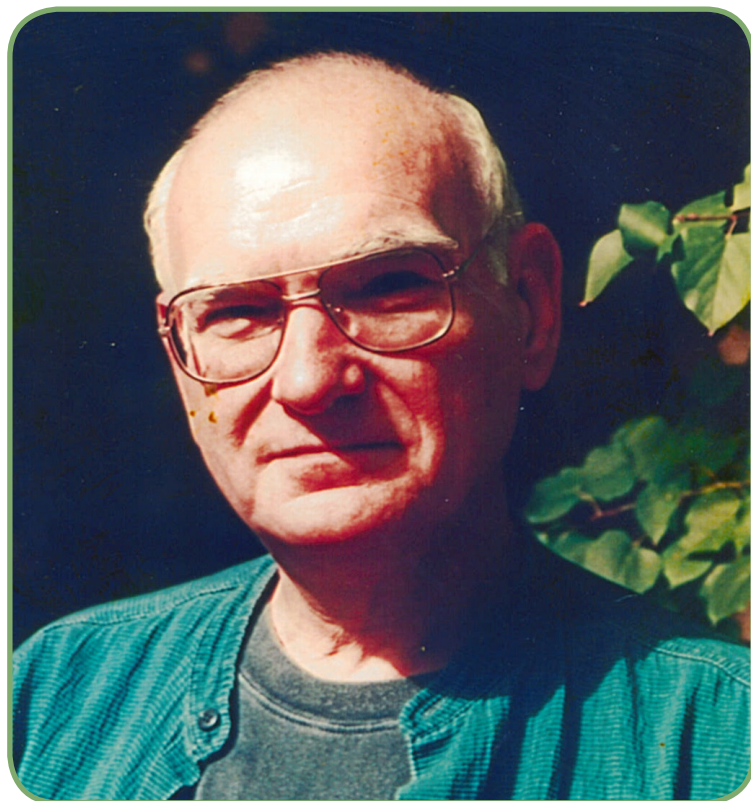
When her uncle passed away in April 2000, Partipilo experienced her personal intersection with destiny and established the **Daniel R. Ruscitti Charitable Foundation**, a private foundation, to channel and preserve her uncle’s philanthropic work. She was committed to honoring her uncle’s legacy and allowing his philanthropic spirit to thrive by supporting the causes to which he felt most connected during his lifetime. Through the private foundation, Partipilo provided financial support to several organizations that aligned with her uncle’s charitable goals.

While a private foundation can support many diverse causes, there are often burdensome administrative challenges that accompany that method of grantmaking. For many individuals, creating and maintaining a private foundation can be a cumbersome and costly undertaking. In 2011, Partipilo decided she needed assistance and was referred to the DuPage Foundation by **Trust Company of Illinois**. She collaborated with **Barb Szczepaniak**, the Foundation’s vice president for programs, to help navigate the complexities associated with grant administration. Partipilo was impressed by how smoothly the DuPage Foundation handled the logistics and due diligence related to her needs.

Following her positive experience, Partipilo explored the cost savings and other advantages of converting her private foundation into a donor-advised fund at the DuPage Foundation. Because the DuPage Foundation is a publicly-supported 501(c)(3) organization, there are less restrictions in comparison to private foundations. She completed the transfer in 2016 allowing her to preserve the identity of her uncle’s foundation while freeing her to focus 100% on its mission and grant priorities.

“I look forward to continuing my uncle’s legacy of philanthropic good-doing,” said Partipilo. “The DuPage Foundation provides the greatest opportunity to maintain his charitable wishes at an affordable cost while relieving the administrative burden for me.”

Recently, Partipilo and Szczepaniak have worked together



Daniel Ruscitti inspired his niece to continue his legacy of supporting organizations that help adults afflicted with HIV/AIDS and educational needs for inner-city children.

to distribute grants to **Chicago House and Social Service Agency** which serves individuals and families who are disenfranchised by HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ marginalization, poverty, homelessness, and/or gender nonconformity. The agency provides housing, employment services, medical linkage and retention services, HIV prevention services, legal services, and other supportive programs.

For more information on the benefits of converting your private foundation into a donor-advised fund at the DuPage Foundation, please contact Michael Sitrick, JD, Foundation vice president for advancement, at mike@dupagefoundation.org or by calling 630.598.5285.

Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club Invests in Bridge Communities with New Endowment Fund

The Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club Children's Services Endowment Fund for Bridge Communities, Inc.**

Since 1994, the Foundation has helped **Bridge Communities** fulfill its mission of transitioning homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services. "We are committed to making an impact on the second generation," said **Amy Van Polen**, Bridge's resource development director. To transform its vision into reality, Bridge partners with dozens of area churches, community groups, and businesses to provide a comprehensive program for homeless families in DuPage County. The new Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club Children's Services Endowment Fund will provide support for critical care to hundreds of homeless children for years to come.

Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club (HJWC) is a community service organization that strives to enrich our community, the lives of our members and their families. HJWC's mission is to offer members a network of resources and opportunities; and serve as a leader of volunteer and philanthropic service. In 2014, the HJWC selected Bridge Communities as the featured charity it would support for the next two years. Through the partnership, the HJWC volunteered for several different Bridge events and programs for families and make Bridge the beneficiary of its annual gala benefit event. "We're thrilled to have such a fantastic group of caring women partner with us to help enrich the lives of Bridge families," said Van Polen. In May 2015, HJWC presented Bridge Communities with an unprecedented \$200,000 donation.

When the time came to establish a new endowment fund, there was no question that the DuPage Foundation would manage the funds. "At Bridge, we have faith and trust in the DuPage Foundation's expertise," said Van Polen. "The Foundation has provided impeccable support for other Bridge endowments since 2003." With this latest endowment, Bridge Communities will expand its children's services and community collaboration. Examples of the impact stemming from the new fund include partnering with agencies like the Northern Illinois University Reading Program and the YWCA's Child Care. It also enabled them to hire a full-time children's program director.

The DuPage Foundation is delighted to support Bridge Communities in achieving its endowment-building goals.



In May 2015, HJWC presented Bridge Communities with an unprecedented \$200,000 donation. Photo courtesy of K. Francis Media



Launching or bolstering a planned giving program?

Creating an agency fund for a not-for-profit through the DuPage Foundation is a great strategy for building a permanent endowment, investing reserves or saving for a major capital project. Please contact Michael Sitrick, JD, vice president for advancement, at 630.598.5285 or via email at mike@dupagefoundation.org, for more information.

Smart Ideas for Year-End Benefits

As the End of the Year Approaches, You May Be Looking for Ways to Save on Taxes and End the Year Well

Outright Gifts of Securities and Other Appreciated Assets

Gifts to the Foundation of appreciated assets such as securities or real estate are an excellent way to help us aid your other favorite causes. These gifts can provide you with numerous benefits:

- Receive an income tax deduction, based typically on the asset's fair market value
- Avoid federal and state capital gains taxes
- Avoid the Affordable Care Act Medicare tax

Life Insurance Gifts

Making a gift to us of your old, unneeded, or obsolete life insurance policy can provide you with the following benefits:

- Receive a charitable income tax deduction
- Reduce your taxable estate
- Preserve your cash and savings

Charitable Life Income Plans

If you own low-yielding assets and are seeking a higher income, a charitable life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust may be worth exploring. In exchange for your



charitable gift of cash or appreciated securities, you reap multiple benefits:

- Receive payments for your lifetime(s)
- Generate a current income tax deduction
- Bypass all or a portion of the capital gains on appreciated assets
- Enjoy increased financial security

Charitable Life Estates

If your estate plans include leaving your residence (home, farm, vacation home) to charity, you may wish to create a charitable life estate arrangement. You can make a gift to us of your property today and receive the following benefits:

- Current income tax deduction
- Life use and enjoyment of the property
- A lasting legacy to further our mission

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The IRA Charitable Rollover is Now Permanent!

Last December, Congress and the President made the IRA Charitable Rollover permanent. This special provision allows individuals 70½ and older, who do not need all or a portion of their IRA income, to make annual tax-free charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 each from their IRAs to the DuPage Foundation and their other favorite charities without recognizing the assets transferred as income.

Why Make an IRA Rollover Gift?

- It qualifies toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) which can help you reduce your income and pay less taxes.
- You can benefit your favorite causes and charities without using cash or other assets.
- If you want to give over and above your normal annual giving this year, an IRA Rollover gift does not count toward the 50% annual limitation on charitable gifts.

- In addition, an IRA Rollover Gift may prevent you from:
 - Being bumped into a higher income tax bracket
 - Hitting the phaseouts on your deductions and personal exemptions
 - Falling into the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)
 - Incurring the Affordable Care Act (tax)

While the IRA Charitable Rollover unfortunately excludes gifts to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations and private foundations, it remains a powerful tool to support your favorite causes directly or through the Foundation through our various initiatives and unrestricted, field-of-interest and designated funds.

To learn more about each of these smart ideas for year-end benefits or make a gift, please contact contact Michael R. Sitrick, JD, vice president for advancement, for a personal consultation at 630.598.5285 or mike@dupagefoundation.org.

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Saturday, November 19, 2016 | 5:30 p.m. - Midnight
Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus, Oak Brook

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