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MACON COUNTY LEGACY 2020-21 MEMBERSHIP DUES WAIVED

We understand and empathize with our nonprofit partners continuing to experience a range of difficulties during the pandemic. Since March, The Community Foundation of Macon County and The United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois have proactively engaged in grantmaking related to COVID-19 relief efforts.

Our goal is to work collaboratively with nonprofit, philanthropic and private sectors to accelerate and foster recovery for a thriving, resilient and strong Macon County region.

As a component of our continued commitment to recovery, the 2020-21 Macon County Legacy \$200 annual membership dues for nonprofits and professional organizations are being waived by The Community Foundation of Macon County. Membership agreements will still be mailed, and we ask that you return them so we can update our records and provide your organization with continued support.

We will continue to listen to the needs of our nonprofit partners and collaborate with our alliance of giving partners to address critical and developing issues as effectively as possible.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: DO SOMETHING GREAT AWARDS

Again this year, you are invited to submit nominations for the ***Do Something Great Awards***. As our community addresses the impact of COVID-19, we realize that nonprofits and volunteers have continued their philanthropic work and have creatively adapted during the pandemic. As a result, two new award categories are being recognized: **COVID-19 Hero Award** and an **Inclusion Award**.

Nominations must be submitted to
Candra Reed
(creed@maconcountygives.org) by
Sept. 16. Awards will be presented at
the Foundation's Annual Awards
Celebration on Nov. 2 via Zoom. For
more information and a list of past
recipients, visit our [website](#).



SEVEN DIFFERENT NOMINATION CATEGORIES

COVID-19 Hero Award

The COVID-19 Hero Award recognizes an individual, family, group, organization, business or foundation whose actions and philanthropic contributions have made a significant positive impact on Macon County's crisis response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Past ***Do Something Great*** honorees from any category are eligible for this award.

The nomination should include evidence of support provided to more than one charitable organization in response to the pandemic, utilization of the nominee's sphere of influence to inspire others to support a cause or organization serving our community during the pandemic and details how the nominee's contribution had a widespread and long-lasting positive community impact.

Inclusion Award

The Inclusion Award honors a nonprofit organization at the frontier of advancing inclusion and is working toward an equitable Macon County community.

The nomination should include evidence demonstrating an ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion, to advancing diversity awareness within Macon County and to serving as an advocate for the interests of underrepresented populations.

Outstanding Volunteer/Board Member

Award presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, who has devoted great time and effort to charitable causes, and shown a deep commitment of voluntary action to address community needs.

Outstanding Professional Partner

Award presented to a business/professional partner that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to philanthropy by aiding nonprofit organizations in our community. The nomination should include evidence of direct financial contributions to and/or support of the community, impact of financial support or projects in the community, and specific achievements launched through the corporation's philanthropic efforts.

Outstanding Young Philanthropist

Award recognizes service by an individual under age 40 who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy.

Outstanding Professional in a Nonprofit Organization

Award presented to an individual paid professional who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, dedication and talent toward helping society. This may include (but is not limited to) executive directors, directors of development, program directors and support staff. Additional criteria could include description of achievements specific to community assistance during the pandemic.

Robert and Bev Ketenbrink Community Commitment Award

Award presented to an individual, couple or family with a record of exceptional generosity, demonstrated outstanding civic or charitable responsibility and leadership that has encouraged and motivated others toward roles in philanthropy. **This award includes a \$1,000 grant to the recipient's charity of choice.**

COMMUNITYWORKS GRANT RECIPIENTS 2020



The Community Foundation of Macon County is pleased to announce the 2020 Communityworks grant recipients:

Workforce Development and Education:

- Boys & Girls Club of Decatur, \$2,500 for virtual learning support
- Children's Museum of Illinois, \$2,500 for virtual learning support
- Baby TALK, \$5,000 for adult education – family literacy program
- Salvation Army, \$5,000 for Pathway of Hope
- Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation (DMCOC), \$10,000 for CDL certification program
- Richland Community College (RCC), \$10,000 for the EnRich program and \$10,000 for Project Read
- Workforce Investment Solutions, \$98,500 for LPN scholarships, RN scholarships, accelerated welding at RCC, essential skills at Oasis Day Center and seven youth work experiences

Environment:

- Beautify Decatur Coalition, \$2,000 for operating support
- Macon County Conservation District Foundation, \$6,500 for operating support

The next round of applications for competitive and strategic *Communityworks* grant funding opens April 2021. For more information, visit www.maconcountygives.org/communityworks

2020-21 MACON COUNTY LEGACY STEERING COMMITTEE

Cindy Bardeleben, Executive Director - Baby Talk

Natalie Beck, President - Community Foundation of Macon County

Debbie Bogle, President - United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois

Caroline Bruder, Special Council to the Vice President for Alumni and Development – Millikin University

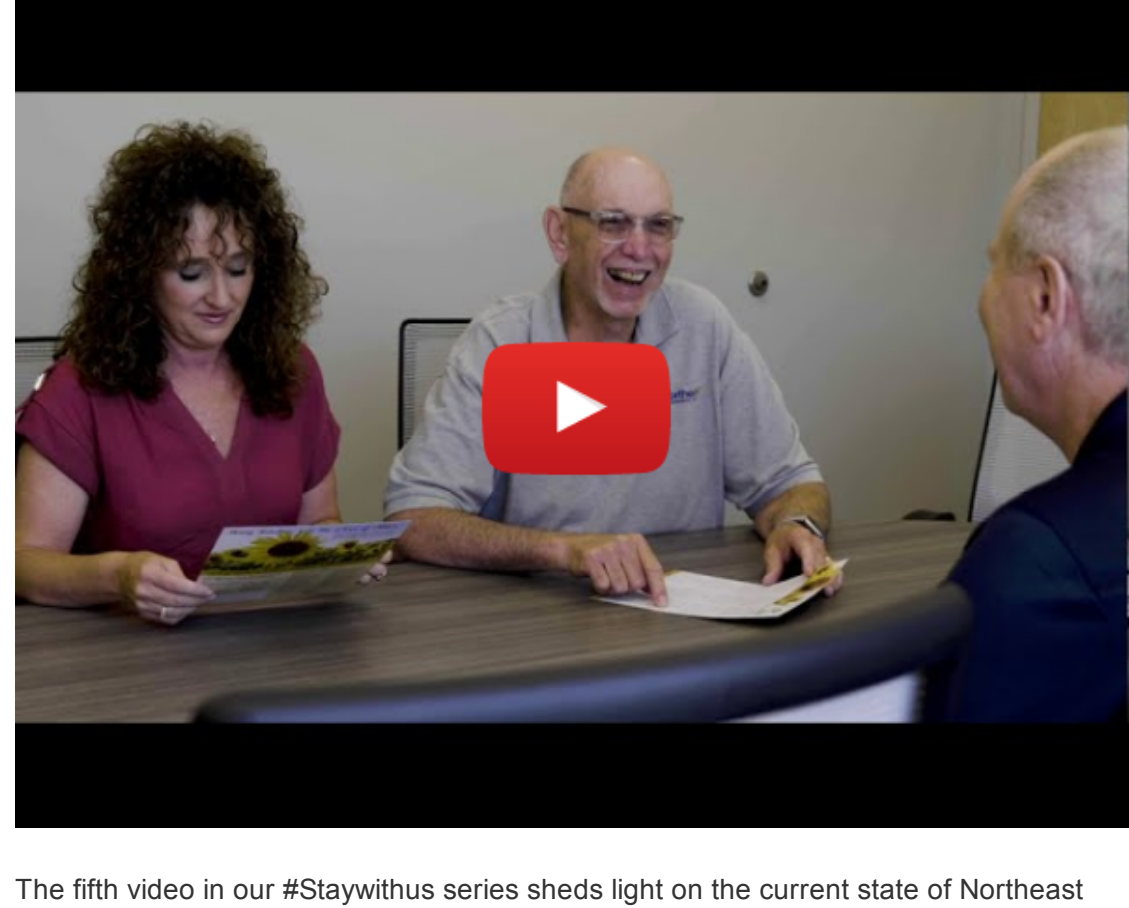
Jerry Johnson, Executive Director - Decatur Area Arts Council

Shamika Madison, Executive Director - Boys & Girls Club

Julie Melton, Executive Director - Richland Community College Foundation

Zach Shields, Executive Director - Decatur Public Schools Foundation

#STAYWITHUS NORTHEAST COMMUNITY FUND



The fifth video in our #Staywithus series sheds light on the current state of Northeast Community Fund amidst the pandemic crisis. Ten nonprofit Macon County Legacy members received grant funding for video production.

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