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her Heart

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Lela 'Lee' Lindsay's love for her family, her church and her community were evident in her conversations and actions.

When she died October 30, 2010 many mourned her death while celebrating her life. In December, her family announced that Lee bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the community through the Community Foundation.

The gift became part of the Arthur O. and Lela B. Lindsay Fund, which Lee established during her lifetime to help fulfill her charitable desires.

"Mother established a fund with the Community Foundation because she felt more organizations could be helped for a longer period of time through this permanent fund," said her daughter Lee Lindsay Curtis. She wanted to build the endowment to make sure funds were always available to support the community, her daughter added.

"Mother appreciated that the Community Foundation would handle granting, record keeping, IRS reports, and investment management so that she did not need to start her own foundation. She also trusted



the local leadership provided by the Board."

"She acted on her belief that to whom much is given, much is expected. Mother had learned, as her Pastor Bob Morwell had pointed out, 'It is truly better to give than to receive,'" said her daughter.

"Lela Lindsay was the ultimate class act," said Steven Siebers, her attorney. "During her life, she never really felt comfortable receiving recognition for helping others. Her gifts were made from her heart to make her community a better place."



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This is a fairly easy way to make charitable gifts if you have saved pre-tax dollars in individual retirement accounts (IRAs). You simply give retirement savings directly to the Community Foundation, bypassing federal income tax. By transferring IRA assets directly, the money is not included in your income, so it is not taxed. That preserves the full amount for charitable purposes for any fund or cause, excluding Donor Advised Funds which do not qualify.

Donors must be 70 ½ and older and hold traditional IRAs. The law allows direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 free from federal tax for a single person and up to \$200,000 from separate accounts for a married couple. The tax benefit expires December 31, 2011.

### Grant applications available

The Community Foundation of the Quincy Area is accepting online applications for its 2011 Competitive Grant Programs. Nonprofit organizations must have IRS 501(c)(3) status classification and must operate in at least one of the Community Foundation's following 13-counties to apply: Adams, Brown, Hancock, or Pike, Illinois; Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Knox, Shelby, or Monroe, Missouri; or Lee, Iowa.

Applications are due June 1, 2011. Visit [www.mycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.mycommunityfoundation.org) to apply.

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## Helping Local Nonprofits Locate Funding

Barb Hicks, Executive Director of Madonna House, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and education for homeless pregnant women or women with children, is always looking for funding resources to ensure service and sustainability.

“Particularly in this difficult economic climate funding resources continue to be a challenge while need continues to increase for both our general operating expenses and the food pantry,” says Hicks.

### Access to Potential Resources

She recently utilized the West Central Illinois Philanthropy Center to identify new grant opportunities allowing her organization to diversify its income sources and support its programs. The Center provides electronic databases that allow nonprofits to identify foundation, government and business funding that match with the mission and programs of their organizations.

The Philanthropy Center is a valuable resource for tri-state nonprofit organizations. Therefore, two Community Foundation funds, the Paul H. and Anne B. Gardner Fund and the Community Endowment Fund, have provided grants to support the Center’s database and materials.

“As many organizations continue to see resources reduced, the Philanthropy Center is a means for locating new funding sources,” says Laura Hyde, Coordinator of the Center for Effective Nonprofits (CEN). “There are more than 1,500 nonprofits in this area. Community Foundation grants have provided hundreds of organizations in our region with free access to these databases – and millions of dollars for community support. Rather than each nonprofit using already-scarce resources to subscribe to the various funding databases, JWCC and Center for Effective Nonprofits have coordinated the Philanthropy Center in CEN’s mission to ‘helping community organizations do what they do...better.’ ”

The Philanthropy Center is located in the John Wood Community College Library and is open to the public during regular library hours. Free orientations are offered periodically.

### Funding Secured

While the Philanthropy Center provided Hicks with valuable information on potential new funding sources, other organizations such as the Pike County Skaters have already reaped the financial benefits using the Center’s resources. The group located in Pike County, IL secured \$4,000 from the Dupree Family Foundation to help build a concrete, plaza-style skate park.

### Community Foundation Grants

In addition to funding resources identified through the Philanthropy Center, the Madonna House food pantry recently received grants from two Community Foundation funds. The Stamerjohn Family Fund and the Community Endowment Fund allowed the organization to purchase much-needed additional nutritious foods to complete meals for those in the community and surrounding area.

The pantry is supplied with food from the Central Illinois Food Bank where it purchases items at a reduced cost. It also partners with local retailers to provide nutritious, well-rounded meals for local families. From October 2010 to February 2011 the food pantry served an average of 540 individuals or 204 families per month.

“Madonna House has more than doubled the number of families served in the community food pantry over the last year. Grant funds helped provide two nutritious meal options per food basket to families utilizing our food pantry,” said Hicks. “With these grant awards we were better able to meet the nutritional needs of the hungry in our community.”



*Madonna House Volunteer Judi Maas stocks shelves at the Madonna House Food Pantry. Thanks to two grants from the Community Foundation additional nutritious food items will help the community and surrounding area.*

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