

## *2011 Grant Awards*

- ◆ *During the 2011 Grantmaking cycle, applications were received from 27 area non-profit organizations, requesting more than \$518,000 in funding. With allocations from a Chicago Community Trust Grant, our own fundraising efforts, and returns on an endowment fund for the grant program, we were able to fund nine organizations for \$124,700 during this current cycle.*

### **Easter Seals Joliet Region**

Project: Therapy Wing Renovation - \$15,000 for purchase of equipment for use in a newly expanded and renovated Therapy Wing.



### **Joliet Area Community Hospice**

Project: Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care - \$12,500 for nursing staff to bridge their expansion of much needed pediatric Hospice and palliative care services.

### **Northern Illinois Food Bank**

Project: Mobile Pantry Program - \$5,000 and volunteers for providing their Mobile Pantry in outlying areas of Will County.

Members of the Will County Community Foundation Board agreed to provide volunteer staff for one Mobile Pantry visit to Will County during the coming year.



### **CASA of Will County**

Project: Expanding our Reach to Children in Need \$15,000 to help expand their capacity-building work by funding 50% of an additional case manager to handle 60-80 more children's cases. Their Board has agreed to fund the remaining 50% through additional fundraising efforts.



### **The Miracle League of Joliet**

Project: Miracle League Baseball Program - \$10,000 to provide uniforms for 170+ special needs children who participate in their baseball-based program.





### **Joliet Junior College Foundation**

Project: Enhancing the Simulation Experience of Nursing Students - \$20,000 to enhance the training of 350 nursing students by purchase of a Pyxis Medstation.

This equipment is used by all area hospitals for medication dispensing and inventory control, and will provide better trained nurses to work in a hospital setting immediately

### **G.W. Buck Boys and Girls Club**

Project: Preserving the Pool - \$11,200 for the infrastructure and plumbing repair portion of a much needed renovation of their swimming pool which serves as core to many programs in the community.



### **United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prairieland**

Project: Tap-It Monitor - \$11,000 for purchase of a Tap-it Monitor, allowing people with disability-related communication challenges to communicate more readily on-site through use of this technology.



### **Daybreak Center/Catholic Charities**

Project: Children's Playground and Good Neighbor Parking Project - \$25,000 to take advantage of a timely opportunity to provide improvements to adjacent property that will be donated by the City of Joliet, and supported with a match from the Housing Foundation of Will County. This will provide a more home-like atmosphere with a playground at the Shelter, and desperately needed parking for volunteers, staff and guests.



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