

Joliet Woman's Club Establish a \$200,000 Legacy



L to R: Dennis Tonelli, WCCF Board Chair; Betty Reaska, JWC President; Marilyn Plese, JWC Home Fund Chair; Edward Dollinger, WCCF Board Director.

NEW FUND ESTABLISHES A LEGACY

During their 95 year history, the Joliet Woman's Club has been a hub of social engagement for countless numbers of Joliet area women, and they have been generous supporters of many charitable activities in the community. Over the years, younger generations have been less interested in "belonging" to such civic organizations, and many have seen their membership numbers dwindle. Facing an uncertain life expectancy as an organization, and concerned about what might happen to their hard earned financial resources in the years to come, the Joliet Woman's Club has taken a bold step to establish a lasting philanthropic legacy in the region.

The Will County Community Foundation and the Joliet Woman's Club recently created a partnership that will advance philanthropy throughout Will County, and that will establish the Joliet Woman's Club name with a lasting community legacy.

"It's very gratifying to partner with an organization with such a rich history that has impacted so many people in our community, and now by partnering with us, their legacy of helping others will continue for generations to come."

– Ed Dollinger

Creation of a \$200,000 Donor Advised Fund will support future philanthropy

The relatively new Will County Community Foundation was established to advance and strengthen philanthropic thinking and charitable activity within Will County. With \$200,000, the Joliet Woman's Club created a new Donor Advised Fund – The Joliet Woman's Club Fund – with the Foundation. Each year, about 5% of the fund balance will be available to accomplish any variety of charitable purposes. As long as they are in existence, leaders of the Home Fund of the Joliet Woman's Club will give their 'advice' to the Foundation on where those funds should be distributed. In addition, the Foundation will periodically bring to the attention of the Woman's Club certain community needs which they might have an interest in supporting.

L to R: Br. James Gaffney, FSC, WCCF Vice Chair; and Joliet Woman's Club members Rita Berglund, Joann Barber and Jeanne Jacobs enjoy a Reception at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticulture Center.



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Foundation Recognizes the Joliet Woman's Club for their Visionary Generosity

This new partnership represents the single largest gift to the Foundation since its formation. In appreciation for the trust and confidence placed in them, and to celebrate the example that the woman's club has provided to others who are philanthropically inclined, the Foundation hosted a Donor Recognition event on June 21, 2011 at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticulture Center in Joliet. During the reception with great food and beverages, amidst the pleasant background melodies of harpist Keelin Schneider, members of the Joliet Woman's Club gathered with the Foundation Board of Directors and other community members to hear the story about how this partnership developed.

"We are proud to have supported many local charitable organizations in our history, and our goal was to continue doing so under our name into the future. After much consideration, we found in the Will County Community Foundation an organization who indeed shares the same goal – to be of service to the community. This partnership ensures that both our name – the Joliet Woman's Club – and our service to the community will continue for many generations." – Marilynn Plese, chairperson of the Home Fund of the Joliet Woman's Club



Members of the Joliet Woman's Club enjoy Harpist Keelin Schneider at a Reception that was held in their honor.



WCCF Board Director Janet Viano has an opportunity to celebrate with members of the Joliet Woman's Club

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