



**Des Plaines Community Foundation**  
Helping Hands Brighten Lives

Summer News 2013

## Support the Des Plaines Community Foundation's Fundraiser

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will help support the mission of the DPCF

The Des Plaines Community Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fundraiser is on Friday, September 6, 2013 from 4:00-8:00 p.m., at the Cube, located inside Rivers Casino.

Tickets for the event are \$85 and include continuous open bar and gourmet food for the duration of the event. Additionally, the fundraiser will feature music, a raffle and silent auction.

The Alliant Credit Union Foundation has agreed to be the Main Event Sponsor at \$3,500 and Orange Crush LLC will be the Food and Beverage Sponsor at \$2,500. Silent Auction Sponsors at \$1,500 include ITW/Fastex and the Bob Lewandowski Family. Also, Sysco Foods and Prairie Rock Financial both committed \$500 as Raffle Sponsors.

The DPCF is continuing to seek Silent Auction gift cards and prizes from local businesses to draw as many supporters as possible.

"Last year's event was attended by more than 200 generous supporters of the Des Plaines Community Foundation and we raised more than \$27,000, which is twice the amount generated in 2011," said Executive Director

Rosemary Argus. "We would again like to double that figure as this is the only fundraiser we have. The money we generate from this event will fund our operations for the year. Keep in mind that for every dollar we receive, the Des Plaines Community Foundation provides \$12 of service to our community neighbors. We are able to do this because we are all volunteers."

To make a donation to the event or provide a Silent Auction item, please contact Bob Lewandowski at 847-815-4356 as soon as possible.

"We also are looking to add more people to our network of volunteers," said Argus. "It is important that we get more people to volunteer their time for the Foundation."

Heidi DeBat and Mike Garfinkel learn how to play Black Jack at the Des Plaines Community Foundation Rivers Casino Fundraiser.



## A Note from Rosemary Argus



The Des Plaines Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is made up completely of volunteers.

The Foundation funds the programs and services provided through the Des Plaines Healthy Community Partnership. The Partnership brings Des Plaines resources together to improve quality of life for those who live and

work in the community.

Together the organization supports programs that provide support for youth, senior citizens and people with special needs, and helps promote a healthy and safe community environment.

Please help our cause by attending and/or supporting the 10th annual fundraiser at the new Des Plaines Rivers Casino on Friday, September 6th. You can “Bet on the Des Plaines Community Foundation” because for every \$1 we receive, we provide \$12 of service to our residents. We are able to do this because we are all volunteers!!

**To obtain tickets to the annual fundraiser, buy them online at [www.desplainescommunityfoundation.org](http://www.desplainescommunityfoundation.org) or call me at 847-297-4932.**



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**We need volunteers!**

**We need people to drive residents and  
to do light yard and /or house work.**

# Three \$1,500 DPCF Scholarship Winners Honored at Recent Luncheon

More than 20 applicants from local high schools applied for awards

The Des Plaines Community Foundation recently presented three \$1,500 scholarships to local-area college students who applied to their scholarship program this June.

“We believe that helping our young adults obtain a college education is an investment, not only in the future of our youth, but also in the future of Des Plaines,” said Rosemary Argus, Executive Director of the Foundation. “The scholarships will help bring a college degree within reach for students who need it most.”

The scholarship luncheon was held at the Des Plaines-based Alliant Credit Union at 11545 W. Touhy Avenue on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Argus told luncheon attendees the DPCF was very excited about awarding these scholarships and certificates of achievement because this was the first year the foundation had presented the scholarship awards all on its own.

Last year the foundation granted four \$1,500 scholarships in conjunction with Oakton Community College and Harper College.

The scholarship committee trustees Rich Holke, Kimberly Ball, Rick Bulthuis, Sandra Hansen and Margaret Polovak judged the applications based on strict guidelines and required paperwork.

Students were required to be Des Plaines residents, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and had to be applying to or enrolled in the fall semester of 2013 to be eligible.

The students were also required to provide a 100-word statement of their personal goals and a 500-word essay about how they have participated in community service or worked to support themselves or their family. A copy of high school transcripts was also required.

“We had 24 applications, which included students from Maine West, Maine East and Elk Grove High School,” said Argus. “The students’ essays were just outstanding. We have such amazing, talented and driven students here in Des Plaines.”

The three winners of the scholarships are all previous Maine West High School students. The winners are Rahul Bharat Shah, Christina Panganiban and Sandra Reyes.

“I am honored to be chosen by the committee for this generous scholarship,” said Rahul Bharat Shah, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and former Maine West student. “School will start in two weeks and I can use the scholarship money for tuition and books.”

Shah is studying to be a mechanical engineer. He is also a member of the Alfa Phi Omega fraternity at UIUC, which is a service fraternity of 600 brothers providing service to people on campus, in the community and nationwide by donating time and effort to various organizations and causes. “Leadership, friendship and service are the key principles that I have begun to follow while serving my community,” he said.

Sandra Reyes, a Maine West student, wants to attend Oakton Community College. Her personal goal is to receive a Dental Hygiene Certificate so that she can “inform the community about how to improve their dental health.”

Christina Panganiban will be a sophomore at University of Illinois and hopes to become a Civil and Environmental Engineer. “My dream is to utilize my intelligence, determination, thirst to learn and ache to leave this world healthier than I found it and to bring about the change our earth deserves.”



The scholarship recipients pose with the families and members of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees.



## Intergenerational Discovery Tour at the Frisbie Senior Center

Despite age gaps, participants had more in common than they originally believed.

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Following the Des Plaines Community Foundation's mission statement to bring together our city's assets to improve the lives of those who live and work in Des Plaines, members of the Frisbie Senior Center, Des Plaines Health and Human Services, Maine West Clinical Government students and the Des Plaines Community Foundation came together to share thoughts with each other, talk about personal experiences, enjoy new company, get to know each other and have lunch on June 17, 2013.

Not only did everyone — young and old — enjoy the wide-range of conversations, they learned from each other despite their age differences.

In fact, they had more in common than not.

“The younger generations may not listen to the same music as mine, but regardless of your age, everybody likes some kind of music,” said Executive Director, Rosemary Argus. “That is a common ground. While this generation grew up with so much new technology coming about, mine saw the proliferation of the automobile, then television. That shows each generation has similar experiences that the other can relate to. This was just a wonderful day with people of all ages sharing their life's experiences.”



## DPCF Hosts Volunteer Pizza Party on Maine West Campus

Without the support of our volunteers, the DPCF could not accomplish its mission.

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On Thursday, May 23, 2013 the Des Plaines Community Foundation held a Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party for all the Maine West Building Trades students. These students were those who built wheelchair ramps and decks and helped in any way asked by the Foundation.

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party was held at the "Homestead" on the Maine West campus. Homestead is the original house on the onion farm that became the Maine West campus. The family who owned the farm and lived there remained even after Maine West was built. Their son graduated from Maine West while living there.



which purchases materials and tools for the wheelchair ramps. The hungry teens also appreciated the Dominos' pizza, cookies and soft drinks! In fact, two alumni attended this year's party and we look forward to even more next year. Thirty four boys and one girl attended.

From the Foundation Board, the following members were present: Past President Bob Lewandowski, Board Secretary and City of Des Plaines Health and Human Services representative Kathy Puetz, Board Trustee Pastor Chuck Reid and Executive Director Rosemary Argus.

During the party, the Des Plaines Media Services Department interviewed and filmed Paul Bartholomae, teacher of Building Trades and his students, as well as representatives of the Foundation. These interviews will be posted on Channel 17 for Des Plaines residents to view.



After this family no longer needed the house, it had several uses and ultimately became the home of the "Life Skills" program at West. Students in this program learn how to cook, clean, take care of their laundry and many more skills needed for independent living.

Homestead is also home to the Maine West Building Trades Program. The program has a shop at Homestead, where much of the fabrication of wheel chair ramps is completed (MWBTP has built over 30 ramps in DP). The students have also completed many additions and remodeling projects on Homestead itself.

Students take great pride in showing what they have accomplished and are also very grateful for the Des Plaines Community Foundation,



## IMI Cornelius Company Chooses Our Foundation for Funding

### Engineer David Joyce Recommends His Grandmother's Favorite Organization

On June 13, Rosemary Argus gave a presentation on the Des Plaines Community Foundation's mission statement, programs and projects to representatives of IMI Cornelius Company, a global beverage dispensing and cooling equipment supplier.

She had been invited by IMI to take part in the company's 150-year anniversary, which they celebrated by having its 15,000 employees engage in local charity work.

Each of the 300 Glendale Heights employees had recently made a local impact by donating time and money to local charities.

David Joyce, Argus' oldest grandson and an engineer at the company, recommended the DPCF for funding.



Five other non-for-profits were interviewed and selected for funding that day and DPCF later re-

ceived a check for \$1,000.

To document and share Ms. Argus' presentation, her comments were videotaped to be shown to employees in the future.



"It was honor to have been selected for funding by IMI Cornelius Company," said Rosemary Argus, Executive Director. "It made it even more special that my oldest grandson helped make this happen. I am very proud and thankful to him for recommending the Foundation for funding!"

## Des Plaines Community Foundation Gives Free Bike Helmets to Kids

### Hundreds turn out for the Des Plaines Park District Spring Fun Fair

Hundreds of Des Plaines families enjoyed free activities at the sixth annual Des Plaines Park District Spring Fun Fair on Saturday, May 18, at the Mountain View Adventure Center. As we have for the past six years, the Des Plaines Community Foundation came to fit children for free bike helmets. Every year 100 bike helmets are given free of charge. Dr. Michael Bagby (whose idea it was, in the first place) and his crew of volunteers unpack the helmets and

proceed to fit the children in line for the free. "This is a wonderful event for families," said Rosemary Argus, Executive Director for the Des Plaines Community Foundation. "It is great to see so many families come out and we are happy that we can provide free bicycle helmets every year. We know the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet when riding a bike and are happy to help the children of Des Plaines."



## Alliant Credit Union Foundation Supports Fundraiser and the Community

Without the support of our generous donors, the DPCF could not accomplish its mission.

At our recent Board Meeting on June 12, Rich Holke presented two checks to Board President Patrick Devereaux and Executive Director Rosemary Argus.

The Alliant Credit Union Foundation donated \$3,500 as the Main Sponsor of the 2013 Des Plaines Community Foundation Casino Fundraiser to be held September 6 at the Rivers Casino.

They also gave \$5,000 for 10 event tickets and a donation to the Des Plaines Community Foundation.

“We are very fortunate to have the Alliant Credit Union Foundation in our community. They are interested in the well-being of our residents and our children,” said Executive Director, Rosemary Argus. “The Alliant Credit Union Foundation is generous with their time and money.”



## Trustee Chris Peterson Accepts Plaque Thanking DPCF for Support

On one of his regular Tuesday stops at the Self Help Closet and Pantry, Chris Peterson, owner of Corporate Coach, accepted a plaque of gratitude on behalf of the Des Plaines Community Foundation.

Chris Peterson serves as a Trustee on the Board of the Des Plaines Community Foundation. He also is in charge of the Foundation’s volunteers who drive the elderly and disabled who call the Foundation’s hotline for help.

Chris, himself, has spent hundreds of hours driving Des Plaines residents to medical appointments — on the day of the award, he was picking up groceries and supplies for homebound individuals.

The Des Plaines Community Foundation recognizes the Self Help Closet and Pantry of Des Plaines as a great asset for Des Plaines residents; every year the Foundation makes a large contribution to the Pantry.

“Earlier this year, the Des Plaines Community Foundation presented the Self Help Closet and Food Pantry with a \$5,000 donation,” said Executive Director Rosemary Argus. “Over the years, we have donated more than \$25,000 to the Self Help Closet and Pantry.”



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## Sign Up To Attend Rivers Casino Fundraiser

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To purchase event & raffle tickets or to sponsor a basket online go to [www.desplainescommunityfoundation.org](http://www.desplainescommunityfoundation.org) or:

Mail or Fax this form to:

Des Plaines Community Foundation (DPCF)  
City Hall, 1420 Miner Street, Rm 402A  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

FAX:

847-296-6352

For questions contact the Foundation office at:

847-827-2304 or 847-297-4932 or 847-525-5566

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