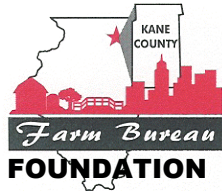


Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION

2013 Report to Donors & Contributors



Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation Programs & Activities

Scholarship Programs

President's Scholarship

Recognizes the most outstanding local high school seniors seeking higher education in an agricultural field of study. The 2013-14 award of \$1,500 went to



Morgan Bollech of Kingston.

Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia Roberg of Maple Park was named the recipient of this award, established by the family & friends of former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer, Chuck Swanson. It provides a \$1,250 award for a student residing in Kane County pursuing a degree in an ag related career field.



John Buck Memorial Scholarship

Brenton Bartelt of Carpentersville received this \$1,000 award that goes to a student in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. It was established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of Buck Bros. Inc. founder John Buck by friends & family of the late John Deere dealer.



Foundation General Scholarships

Awarded to students pursuing degrees in agricultural fields whose parents have been KCFB members for at least the past 2 years. Recipients receive a minimum of \$1,000. These scholarships totaled \$23,000 in 2013.



SPROUTS

During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers visit classrooms to read a farm-themed book, *Heartland*, to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. Model tractors & farm equipment, and other visual aides like corn, soybeans and wheat, help students get the farming message. In 2013, a copy of the book *Who Grew My Soup* was donated to each classroom. SPROUTS is supported

HEARTLAND



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through a memorial fund in honor of Bob Konen, established by his family and friends.

Community Service

KCFB Foundation hunger relief efforts in recent years have provided the equivalent of 700,000 meals to Kane County residents who utilize the services of local food pantries. **Harvest for ALL**, started in 2009, has contributed greatly to that total. Farmers and Farm Bureau volunteers turn crop proceeds, farm products and cash gifts into food for the pantry of their choosing. In 2011 the program earned an ASAE Summit Award, the highest recognition an association can receive.

In 2013, our volunteers issued a **Million Meal Challenge**, with the goal of pushing cumulative hunger relief to 1 million meals in this, the Kane County Farm Bureau's 100th year in the community. Local businesses were offered the chance to sponsor Centennial events and the Foundation matched 25% with a donation to the food pantry of the sponsor's choice. The response was terrific, with 21 sponsorships generating thousands of dollars in donations to local food pantries - putting us well on our way to the **Million Meal Challenge** goal.

Winner's Choice Raffle

The 2013 **Winner's Choice Raffle** offers a classic prize in honor of KCFB's Centennial. A 1921 Ford Model T "Huckster" Produce



tops an impressive offering of prize packages. This year's drawing will be held at the Centennial Celebration at Northern Illinois Food Bank on September



13. The grand prize winner may also choose a new John Deere riding mower or \$5,000 cash. Other prizes include food, fuel

and family fun at local farms. Tickets for the Foundation's biggest fundraiser are available for \$15, 2 for \$25 and 5 for \$50.

Million Meal Challenge HARVEST FOR ALL



The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports education, leadership development, research & charitable activities for the benefit of agriculture and farm families. It was established to promote Education, Leadership Development & Research in agricultural fields. For the 2012-13, over \$25,000 has been committed in scholarships and internships to area college students pursuing careers in one of Illinois' largest industries, Agriculture.

FFA Chapter Grants

Established in 2009, FFA Chapter Grants recognize the contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2012, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a



total of \$1250 for participation in KCFB activities. Chapters are rewarded for the completion of a community service project. Grants of up to \$500 per chapter are available in 2013.

Internship Programs

Internships are offered by the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation during summer, winter and mid-term breaks, to students who have completed 30 undergraduate hours. Structured to meet student needs, develop professional skills & build knowledge about agriculture.

Summer Ag Institutes

The Foundation provides support for KCFB Summer Ag Institutes & Agricultural Tours for teachers. SAI1 is a graduate credit course on agricultural research, inputs, production, processing and marketing. The 1-week course provides a broad overview of Kane County farms, commodities and agribusiness. SAI2 takes teachers outside the county to explore the ag industry by focusing on themes like feeding the world and supplying renewable energy.



U of I Extension Grant

An annual Foundation grant to U of I Extension, Kane County helps fund Extension's 4-H, youth education, food and nutrition programs.

National AITC

Annual participation in National AITC Conference tours, workshops, exhibits & contacts help keep local AITC materials and presentations up-to-date on the latest technology in agriculture.

Ag Literacy Library

The Foundation helps fund many Kane County Farm Bureau Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library at the Farm Bureau has hundreds of books with agricultural themes. Farm



Bureau members can check out books on topics ranging from vegetable gardening to children's stories about life on the farm. Thanks to donations and memorial contributions, the collection continues to grow.

Ag Days

Nothing helps youngsters learn about agriculture better than hands-on experiential learning. For the past 28 years, Kane County Farm Bureau's Ag Days expo has been promoting the agricultural industry to students in a fun, educational and exciting way.



Nearly 2,000 fourth graders and teachers from urban and suburban areas spend a day at Mooseheart to experience the many facets of agriculture. Volpp Seeds was the title sponsor of this year's event. The program's longevity and volunteer support show its importance & explain why the Foundation provides financial support.

Touch-A-Tractor

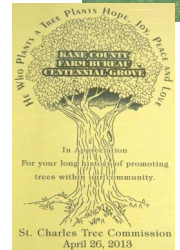
This annual community service event offers the public a unique look at the machines that farmers use to grow the world's food. Activities at the 8th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included a live Centennial Grove chainsaw carving and a food drive for local food pantries. As always there were tractors,



family fun & interactive activities for the kids. The Foundation's 26 scholarship recipients were honored at a ceremony at the conclusion of the event. KCFB scholars & their parents added to the community feel by serving refreshments, with proceeds benefitting Foundation scholarships & ag literacy programming.

Centennial Grove

Whether to remember a loved one, celebrate a family's agricultural heritage, or simply show support of Farm Bureau and the Foundation, **Centennial Grove**, a grove of hardwood trees on the Farm Bureau property, offers a fitting & permanent public venue & one that will be viewed by visitors to the Farm Bureau grounds for generations. The project was awarded a "Stewardship Award" from the St. Charles Tree Commission in April, 2013. For information or to reserve a tree, call 630-584-8660.



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☛ Kane County Fair Country Store

The Fair provides the opportunity to raise funds and friends by the sale of farm-themed items. Buck Bros, Inc. of Hampshire and DeKane Implement of Big Rock cooperate in this effort, allowing the Foundation to sell farm toys & ag-themed items.

☛ **Bucket Raffles** The Foundation holds an annual Bucket Raffle at the County Fair. Local businesses donate merchandise & gift certificates & fairgoers buy raffle tickets to place in the bucket of the prize they hope to win.



☛ **John Buck Memorial Golf Outing** Established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of the late John Deere dealer, the proceeds raised from this annual benefit fund John Buck Memorial Scholarships, administered by the Foundation.

Other Revenue Sources

☛ **Member contributions** An agreement between the Foundation & KCFB allows Farm Bureau members to make Foundation contributions with annual dues to KCFB.

☛ **Foundation Memorials** Memorials have been established by the family and friends of several Farm Bureau Members upon the passing of a loved one. Funds may be earmarked by contributors to benefit specific Foundation programs/scholarships.