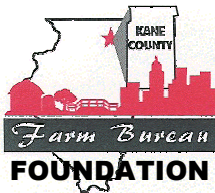


Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

2010 Report to Donors & Contributors



Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation Programs & Activities...

Ag Days

In March, over 1,600 fourth grade students and their teachers participated in Kane County Farm Bureau's AgDays at Mooseheart. Now in its 26th year, this program sponsored by KCFB's Women's Committee and Ag Literacy Program promotes the agricultural industry to students in a fun, educational and exciting way.

Students, most from urban and suburban areas, are able to experience the many facets of agriculture, its importance and how it affects their daily lives.

More than 150 volunteers are required to make AgDays a success. The program's longevity and volunteer support are indicative of its importance and the chief reason why the Foundation provides financial support for this effort.



Touch-A-Tractor

This 5th annual family event took place March 26-28, 2010 on the lawn of the Kane County Farm Bureau. Many generous volunteers contributed to the success of the event.

Touch -A-Tractor helps teach families and especially young children more about agriculture and farming with activities for the whole family. Children could ride a pedal tractor, go to the farm animal zoo, & explore the tractors and combines. This year the Foundation sponsored a Fays' BBQ Fundraiser.



Former scholarship recipients & Farm Bureau interns, and their parents, served up meals to the visitors at Touch-A-Tractor to raise money for future scholars & ag literacy programming.

Summer Ag Institute

Teachers from local schools participated in the Kane County Farm Bureau's "Agricultural Tour for Teachers," a graduate credit course on agricultural research, inputs, production, processing and marketing. Now in its eleventh year, the course is invaluable in helping teachers incorporate agriculture into their classrooms.

With over 30 tour sites and presenters, the one week course provides a broad overview of Kane County farms, commodities and agribusiness. One participant called it a "fantastic, jammed packed week of new ideas & information to use in the classroom".



Foundation Raffles

The **Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle** is back! Grand prize in the 2011 fundraiser for KCFB Foundation scholarships is winner's choice of an antique tractor, a new riding lawn mower, or \$2,500 cash.

This year's drawing will offer something for everyone, as we carry on last year's popular theme of *Farm, Food & Fuel*. 2nd prize is \$1,000 in groceries, and 3rd prize is \$500 in fuel.

The winners will be drawn on the last day of the 2011 Touch-A-Tractor event. Tickets will be available starting in the fall of 2010, for \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25.

The Foundation is now seeking a restored John Deere, IH or other make of antique tractor for our Grand Prize. Please call us at 630-584-8660 if you have a nice, restored antique tractor available for purchase!



Olivia Fabrizius of Maple Park (top) & Tyler Scott of Sugar Grove, are the recipients of the 2010-11 KCFB Foundation President's Scholarship. See more scholarship info on page 2.

FFA Chapter Grants

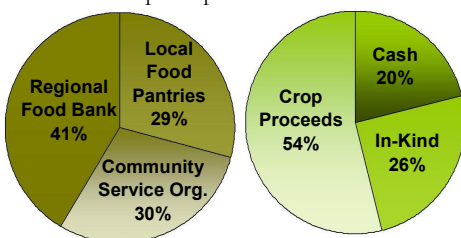
To recognize the contributions of students from Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of our programs, the Foundation established FFA Chapter Grants in 2009. In 2010, a grant of up to \$500 per Chapter is available to each local FFA Chapter for participation in KCFB community activities & completion of a local community service project.



Providing Hunger Relief...

In 2009 the Foundation's hunger relief campaign, Harvest for ALL raised over \$13,000 for over a dozen food pantries, community service organizations and a regional food bank. The program drew praise from the American Farm Bureau Federation, earning it a County Activity of Excellence Award.

A dozen local producers, many who are new additions for 2010, have pledged donations so far. Visit www.kanecfb.com to learn more and to download a participation form.



2009 Harvest for ALL donations by beneficiary

2009 Harvest for ALL donations by type

Programs & Activities...cont.

Scholarship Programs

President's Scholarship

Established in 2006, recognizes the most outstanding applicant among high school seniors seeking to further their education in an agricultural field of study. The award is in the amount of \$1,500.

Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship

Wayne Gehrke of Elgin 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

Drake Hislop of Plano received this \$1,000 award that goes to a student in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. The scholarship was established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of Buck Bros. Inc. founder John Buck by friends and family of the late John Deere dealer.

John Buck Scholars

- 2010 Drake Hislop
- 2009 Chris Paulsen
- 2008 Alan Warhurst
- 2007 Katie Stoll
- 2006 Dan Hartmann
- 2005 Kirk Meyer
- 2004 Shannon Smith
- 2003 Catherine McDonald
- 2002 Stephanie Stout

Foundation General Scholarships

Awarded to students pursuing degrees in agricultural fields and whose parents have been Kane County Farm Bureau members for at least the past two years. Recipients receive a minimum of \$1,000. Awards totaled \$17,000 for 2010-11, bringing the seven year total to nearly \$120,000.

Internship Programs

Internships are offered by the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation to students who have completed at least 30 undergraduate hours. Interns are responsible for many tasks and internships are structured to meet student needs. The Foundation offers summer, winter and mid-term internships.

THE KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. FOR THE 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR, OVER \$25,000 HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS TO AREA COLLEGE STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN ONE OF ILLINOIS' LARGEST INDUSTRIES, AGRICULTURE.

Ag Literacy Programs



Robert Konen

The Foundation helps to fund many Kane County Farm Bureau Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library, located in the Farm Bureau, was started due to the efforts of long-time Farm Bureau volunteer and former KCFB Director Bob

Konen of Sugar Grove. He and his friend Dean Dunn approached the Farm Bureau about providing books that portray a positive, professional image of farmers to local libraries.

Thanks to the Foundation, new bookshelves and a number of new titles were added in 2010. A memorial fund established in memory of Bob Konen, and funded by family and friends, has been designated to fund the Farm Bureau's SPROUTS reading program.



S.P.R.O.U.T.S.

Introduced to Kane County classrooms in 2008, SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers and Students) reached 58 third grade classrooms in 2010.

Fifteen volunteers read a farm-themed book, *Heartland*, to over 1,500 students.

Volunteers also left a copy of the book *Soybeans in the Story of Agriculture*, along with resource materials for each classroom library and at ten libraries in Kane County in an effort to improve agricultural literacy.



Bookmark Contest

An annual contest open to all Kane County Fourth Grade school students, it creates an educational



awareness of agriculture's importance. The 2010 theme, "Agriculture in Illinois", helped students understand the importance of agriculture in their state. Three winners received a prize, a classroom visit from Ag Literacy Coordinator Suzi Meyers, and a lesson and party for the entire class, compliments of the Foundation.

National AITC Conference

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

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.

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Kane County Fair Country Store

The Fair provides the Foundation the opportunity to raise funds and friends by offering unique hand crafted items and farm themed gifts. Buck Bros, Inc. of Hampshire and DeKane Implement of Big Rock cooperate in this effort,



allowing the Foundation to sell farm toys on consignment.

Bucket Raffles A 2nd County Fair FUNdraiser, the Foundation holds an annual Bucket Raffle in conjunction with our Farm Zoo and the Country Store. Local businesses donate merchandise, gift certificates, etc. for the raffle. Fairgoers purchase the raffle tickets and place their ticket in the bucket corresponding to the prize they hope to win. Funds raised from this event go towards scholarships and internships for college students pursuing careers in agricultural fields of study.

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 and the KCFB allows Farm Bureau members to make contributions to the Foundation along 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.