



## *INFORMATION FOR DONORS*

1. The **FOUNDERS' ENDOWMENT FUND** is the basic component of the Foundation. It is the permanent source from which all grants are made. A contribution to this undesignated fund is your investment in the future of our community. For generations to come, the Foundation will ensure that your generosity is not forgotten and will continue to have an impact year after year. Donations of \$1,000 or more are noted on the Founders' Endowment Plaque displayed publicly at the Lyons Community Center.

The **FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND** is the permanent source from which all Foundation Scholarships are made. A contribution to this undesignated fund is, like the Founders' Endowment Fund, your investment in the future of the youth of our community. This fund, in perpetuity, will generate funds used to grant scholarships to deserving graduates of Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School who intend to continue their education. Donations of \$500 or more are noted on the Foundation Scholarship Plaque, displayed publicly at the Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools.

2. **DESIGNATED FUNDS** are the second way a donor may contribute. By giving to a Board approved project through the Foundation, your contribution is verified as being tax deductible through our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as approved by the Internal Revenue Service.
3. **MEMBERSHIP DUES** are the third way to contribute. You may become a member of the Lyons Community Foundation by paying \$25 annual membership dues. These dues are the source of our Operating Fund from which we pay all annual expenses. Any unused funds are deposited in the Founders' Endowment and/or the Scholarship Endowment.