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Your Community, Your Foundation

As always, we wish to recognize and say thank you to our donors, sponsors, and community partners. The support and services you provide critically guides our work and increases our ability to serve the people of Racine County.

Milestone

With your contributions, and the wisdom of those who invest and manage our assets, the Racine Community Foundation has achieved a new milestone in market value by surpassing the \$40 million dollar mark for the first time in our history.

Recent Success Stories

The Racine Community Foundation made well over 400 grants in 2012 to assist County non-profit organizations as they work to improve the lives of community members in countless ways. Here are just three of them:

- **ANGEL, Inc.**
While recovery is the desire of every family with an autistic child, understanding and coping with the complexity of the disorder requires on-going treatments and therapies—services not always covered by insurance or public assistance. The Racine Community Foundation offered grant support to the Autism Network through Guidance, Education and Life, Inc. to help them address the needs of autistic children and their families in our community.

- **Racine County Food Bank**
Extreme heat and a lack of refrigerated transportation raised concerns at the Racine County Food Bank last summer. With a record 800,000 pounds of food donated in 2012, the Food Bank needed a safer and more efficient way to transport perishable and frozen foods from donor--to facility--to affiliates. Toward that effort, the Racine Community Foundation approved a substantial grant to assist with the purchase of a 24-foot refrigerated box truck.

- **John XXIII Education Center**

Increasing school attendance rates and immediately improving grades are daily objectives of the John XXIII Education Center. But they also help families build parent-child relationships, promote community service, and work to eliminate gang involvement. The Racine Community Foundation is proud to offer its support as the Center opens wide its doors every evening for mentoring and tutoring sessions, and outreach courses in non-traditional school subjects such as emotional control, bullying, and anger.

Writing Your Own Success Story

With client-centered support and investing insight, the Racine Community Foundation, and the financial advisors with whom we work, help donors create legacies—not just investment accounts. The RCF offers donors numerous ways to establish funds that allow them to invest in the community, meet their philanthropic goals, and create a personal legacy that has the greatest meaning to them. An Acorn Seed Fund is one of our most popular fund types. For \$50 a month (or \$600 a year), individuals can build a permanent fund over time. Earnings are reinvested into the fund, enhancing its tax-free growth. When a predetermined funding level is met, the fund becomes a grant-making fund.

For more information about the Racine Community Foundation, please call: 262-632-8474. Or visit the RCF website at www.racinecommunityfoundation.org. For the latest on events and activities, go to RCF's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/RacineCommunityFoundation.