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**DICKERSON & NIEMAN REALTORS
PLEDGE \$10,000 TO *ROCK THE AIR* SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Fund tops \$749,000**

On Monday, February 14, 2011, at the Rockford Area Association of Realtors press conference, announcing the Great Paper Airplane Toss, Frank Wehrstein, President and CEO of Dickerson & Nieman Realtors announced a pledge of \$10,000 to the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund.

This pledge brings the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund total to \$749,555.

Frank Wehrstein surprised the audience with his announcement and challenged other realty offices to make a pledge also. "This pledge is over and above the Rockford Area Association of Realtors' pledge of up to \$40,000, matching proceeds coming in through the Great Paper Airplane Toss. We should all be supporting this great effort," said Wehrstein. Dickerson & Nieman Realtors is the area's largest real estate firm, doing business in Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties.

The *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund was started by Ron Harris and Chris Christiansen, and a group of Sundstrand Retirees. Partnering with the Community Foundation and the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, the goal is \$1 million. This permanently endowed fund is an incentive for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to locate a residential campus in Rockford. If Embry-Riddle does choose Rockford, proceeds from the scholarship fund will be used each year to bring Midwestern students to the Rockford campus. All pledges will be void if Embry-Riddle does not choose Rockford.

People can go to the Community Foundation's website at www.cfnil.org to make a pledge.

For more information about the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund, call Gloria Lundin, Community Foundation President at 815-962-2110 ext. 16. The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is the area's largest provider of grants and scholarships.

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