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SCHOLARSHIP FUND HITS \$802,225

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois announced today that the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund has now exceeded the \$800,000 mark.

Today's total is \$802,225. The new total is a result of individual pledges ranging from \$2.00 to \$10,000. "Everyday new pledges come through our front door," said LuAnn Groh, Community Foundation Office Manager and Executive Assistant. "It's a delight opening the mail and seeing people's passion for this campaign."

The *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund was started by Ron Harris and Chris Christiansen, and a group of Sundstrand Retirees. Spearheaded by the Community Foundation and the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, this permanently endowed fund is an incentive for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to locate a residential campus in Rockford.

"The fund just keeps growing," said Janyce Fadden, President of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, when told of today's total. "This community's energy and spirit is a very compelling reason for Embry-Riddle to select Rockford."

Gloria Lundin, President of the Community Foundation was equally pleased. "We are receiving the most heartwarming letters and comments along with people's pledges. People understand the importance of the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund and the importance of Embry-Riddle locating in Rockford."

People can go to the Community Foundation's website at www.cfnil.org to make a pledge. The goal for the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund is \$1 million by March 15.

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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