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## **HELP THE FUND HIT \$1 MILLION BY MARCH 15 PLEDGE TODAY!**

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is asking everyone in the region to make a pledge to the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund by March 15. Today the fund stands at \$837,730 and the goal is \$1 million.

“The goal is within sight,” said Linda Sandquist, Marketing Director of the Community Foundation. “People are excited and want to help. Pledges are coming in every day!”

The March 15 deadline was established so Ken Dufour, Embry-Riddle Trustee, can make a complete report on the scholarship fund at Embry-Riddle’s regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting March 18.

“By reaching the \$1 million goal, our community will show the Embry-Riddle trustees that we are serious about attracting a residential campus to Rockford,” said Gloria Lundin, President of the Community Foundation. “The regional community’s commitment to this fund will be the game-changer.”

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. 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](http://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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