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Friends of Unit 4 Established

The Friends of Unit 4 recently established a permanent charitable endowment fund with the Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri to support its work now and for generations to come.

“Our Board of Directors realized the need for a stable, predictable source of income for our organization,” said Paul Bealor, Friends of Unit 4 Board Treasurer. “Working with the Community Foundation to manage and administer the endowment allows us to focus on our mission of helping supplement school funds to respond to the needs of our school district.

Friends of Unit 4 works to serve the Unit 4 schools & community by raising funds to bridge the gap between state funding, school budgets, booster club funding and the needs of our teachers, club sponsors and coaches. With the state funding struggles, a need presented itself and the community responded. We are here for the kids first, to help support opportunities for them. We are here when other budgets do not have enough room to respond to all the needs of our school system.

“This fund will serve as a resource for the work we do in Mendon/Ursa, IL area and school district,” said Richard Klusemeyer, Friends of Unit 4 Board President. “Those who want to ensure our organization’s mission continues can support the fund by making a gift of any amount at any time to help it grow. To learn more about us visit www.FriendsOfUnitFour.com.”

Donors can make their gift to the Community Foundation noting that the gift is for the Friends of Unit 4. Gifts for the Friends of Unit 4 Fund are tax-deductible as allowed by law because the Community Foundation is a not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. It accepts a variety of gifts including cash, stocks, grain, real estate, life insurance, IRAs and more.

“We’re grateful that Friends of Unit 4 has entrusted us with this fund,” said Jill Arnold Blickhan, Community Foundation President & CEO. “Our experience enables us to assist anyone with an interest in the organization to ‘give while they live’ or plan for their legacy. We work confidentiality with donors and their professional advisors in the gift process.”

To make gifts or learn more about the fund, contact:

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The Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri is an independent, nonprofit organization connecting people who care with causes that matter. It builds permanent charitable funds to address significant needs and opportunities now and in the future.

Founded in 1997, the Community Foundation provides a simple, yet effective, approach to charitable giving, helping individuals, families and organizations reach their philanthropic goals.

It has IRS 501(c)(3) status and contributions made to the Community Foundation generally qualify for the maximum allowable deductions for income and estate tax purposes. While the Community Foundation focuses on funds created on a permanent basis, it does accept funds that serve a more limited purpose.

More than \$4 million has been distributed since the Community Foundation began making grants in 1999.

These grants have helped more than 200 organizations serving communities in 12 counties: Adams, Brown, Hancock and Pike, Illinois; Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Knox, Shelby and Monroe, Missouri.

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