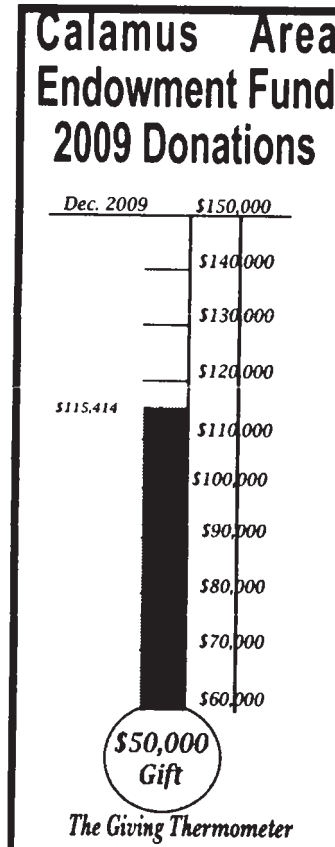


The Calamus Area Endowment Fund – The Gift that Keeps on Giving



The Calamus Area Endowment Fund through the Burwell Community Fund was established in 2004 with the purpose of establishing a Tax Free fund where financial gifts would never leave the communities of Burwell and Taylor. The ultimate goal of the fund is to build a reserve of unrestricted endowed funds. The principal of

this fund would never be spent, only the investment earnings.

In November, 2007, an anonymous donor presented \$50,000 with a challenge goal to raise \$100,000 by December of 2009. By December, 2008, \$53,000 had been raised for the endowment fund through the generous donations through memorials, honorariums, donations honoring special occasions, and gifts by will or trust. To date, \$56,394.00 has been given to the endowment fund since the challenge began.

Now is the time to consider your tax deductible gift for the benefit of our local communities and area. The power of giving cannot be overstated. Research shows that areas that reinvest in themselves become prosperous, enjoy a sense of ownership in the project completed, and encourages our families to stay in the community. It also provides a drawing card for families and businesses that may choose to move to our Calamus Area Communities (Burwell and Taylor).

Your help is needed to complete the challenge. Please send your pledge or donation to: The Calamus Area Endowment Fund, PO Box 901, Burwell, NE 68823. For more information, please contact Lorajane Bolli, Bob Essig, Brenda Holmquist, or the Management Information Systems Office at 346-4508.