



*Accessible, Effective Local Philanthropy*

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*Local philanthropists ‘step up’ to help single mothers*

**Financial gift supports The Community Foundation for Carver County**

For years, area individuals and organizations have been touched by the generosity and kind-hearted spirit of others – including The Community Foundation for Carver County.

In 2007 and 2008, Paul and Sheila Steiner of Waconia made contributions totaling more than \$250,000 to support the establishment of the local community foundation. They believe the benefits of a local philanthropic partner will have a positive impact in Carver County for generations to come.

With their gift, the Foundation established a permanent endowment called the Steiner Fund for Single Mothers. “The Community Foundation has already put part of their gift to work, by helping fund summer educational and support programs for pregnant and parenting teens at New Beginnings – a special area of interest for the Steiners,” said Mary Langworthy, Executive Director of The Community Foundation for Carver County.

**Investing in Carver County**

The Steiner gift has also been placed in three community funds established by The Community Foundation for Carver County: Human Growth, Livable Communities and Community Connections.

“These funds allow the Foundation to reinvest in Carver County by providing grants and other support to organizations and initiatives that are contributing to our region’s health and vitality,” Langworthy said. “Our goal is to connect the people and resources that can give to those that need it most – and preserve the quality of life we all enjoy in Carver County.”

In today’s economy and uncertain job market, the gap between those that have and those that don’t is becoming more apparent. “This is about ‘community helping community’ and neighbors helping neighbors,” Langworthy added. “It’s about making a choice to be a part of the solution. By giving to an existing fund, creating your own fund, or writing the Foundation into your estate plan, grants and/or scholarships can be made for the benefit and support of local individuals and organizations that are in need.”

To learn more about The Community Foundation for Carver County, view the informational video at [www.carvercountyfoundation.org](http://www.carvercountyfoundation.org), or contact Mary Langworthy at (952) 250-5138 or via e-mail at [mlangworthy@carvercountyfoundation.org](mailto:mlangworthy@carvercountyfoundation.org).

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