



**THE Gift of Carl**  
FOUNDATION, INC.

**Accomplishment List**  
**October 2008 – September 2009**

**Theater Arts**

- Awarded 3 scholarships to Hinsdale South High School 2009 graduating Thespians. The first place award was \$1,500, second place was \$1,000, and the third place was \$500.

**Literacy**

- The Foundation sponsored its third annual “Write-on Literary Festival” during October and November. A song writing workshop with Dave “The Guitar Man” Benziger, an Open Mic Nite and an evening with Chris Crutcher, critically acclaimed author and Abe nominee, were held. Additionally, three writing competitions were held, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes awarded in poetry, short story and song lyrics.

**Music**

- The Foundation is providing one student with private piano lessons.
- The Foundation provided 3 students from Eisenhower Jr. High with private instrument lessons through the EJH band program.
- Donated 4 refurbished instruments to the Darien Band Program.
- In December 2008, donated a piano to a local student and 11 instruments to Mather High School in Chicago.
- In March 2009, donated 9 instruments to Amundsen High School in Chicago.
- The Instrument Recycling Program continues at PM Music in Aurora, which is the ongoing drop-off site for used instruments at any time during the year. During this fiscal year a total of 33 instruments have been donated to the program.

**Environment**

- The Foundation sponsored the 2009 Darien Arbor Day celebration. 6 Memorial trees were planted at Westwood Park in Darien. Hinsdale South Biology class, Lace School Green Group, and Marquette Manor 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades raised butterflies that were released at the plantings. Students were also educated about the importance of trees in the environment.

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