

Over half a century ago, Colonel Robert R. McCormick, one of Chicagoland's **CITIZEN LEADERS**, worked to make our community a better place and left a lasting **LEGACY OF SERVICE.**









## CIVIC PROGRAM

The McCormick Foundation is dedicated to improving access to quality civic education and engagement opportunities for Chicagoland youth ages 12-22. The Foundation pursues this by promoting civic knowledge, skills and attitudes among youth; building the capacity of civic education teachers; developing lifelong civic habits among youth; and more broadly, strengthening the civic education system.

Over time, the Foundation strives to make Chicagoland a model of civic health by providing its youth with a foundation of knowledge, skills and opportunities essential to lifelong civic engagement.

Three quarters of people surveyed in Illinois support making civic education more effective, including community service opportunities.

*Illinois Civic Health Index, 2009*

## COMMUNITIES

Today, the McCormick Foundation partners with media outlets and sports teams in select communities across the country to raise money for local needs, using matching funds to stimulate local giving and increase the positive impact of individual contributions.

Since 1990, thanks to people's generosity and the momentum provided by our partners, the Foundation has raised more than \$500 million, and awarded more than \$750 million in grants to thousands of agencies across the U.S., including \$250 million in matching Foundation funds.

To help achieve greater impact, the Foundation is focusing its work with partners on transitioning low-income families to self-sufficiency through programs that support youth education and health, literacy and workforce development.

Individuals without a high school diploma are over three times more likely to live in extreme poverty than those with a college degree.

*Heartland Alliance, January 2010*



## VETERANS

Robert R. McCormick was a citizen soldier who believed in service to country and had a lifelong commitment to those who serve in our nation's armed forces.

The McCormick Foundation continues this commitment to serving those who have served our country and also their families. In particular, our nation's younger veterans are experiencing new and complex challenges as they transition to civilian life. By investing in critical services such as adaptive housing, family care, employment training and mental/physical support, the Foundation helps veterans realize their full potential, and honors their service and sacrifice.

Veterans are 10% of the U.S. adult population, but they represent 33% of U.S. adult homeless population.

*Department of Veterans Affairs' CHALENG Report, March 2009*

## SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Robert R. McCormick believed in supporting the city he loved and today his legacy of generosity can be felt across Chicago.

The McCormick Foundation strengthens Chicagoland through a tradition of grants to healthcare, cultural, education and human service organizations. Today, the Foundation is committed to being responsive to the changing needs in the Chicago region.

Since 1985, the Foundation has granted over \$37 million to healthcare institutions across the entire Chicago region, helping provide countless families access to quality healthcare services.

## CANTIGNY PARK

Robert R. McCormick left his estate, Cantigny, as a public park for the recreation, instruction and welfare of the people of Illinois. It was a remarkable gift to the community.

Located in Wheaton, Illinois, Cantigny's 500 acres feature spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum, a 27-hole championship golf course, dining facilities and much more. Throughout the year, many special events, concerts, lectures and classes are offered at Cantigny, too.

Cantigny Park is named after the Battle of Cantigny, the first major American victory of World War I, in which Robert McCormick commanded an artillery battalion.



ROBERT R. McCORMICK

He believed that  
we all can be  
**CITIZEN LEADERS**  
and that we all  
have the power to  
**CHANGE THE  
FUTURE.**

*After 55 years,  
we still do.*



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