

Thanks for your support

## MHS Science Department Endowment Fund



**Thank You.** Through your generous donation, you are joining the MHS Science Department and the Morton Community Foundation in creating a permanent source of future support for the MHS Science Department. Please give generously knowing that your support will literally help hundreds of students through high quality instruction in well supplied, quality classrooms in the Science Department at Morton High School.

**Legacy and stability.** Endowed gifts provide a gift that lasts forever. Grants made in the name of the MHS Science Department Endowment Fund will continue beyond our lifetimes. The fund will continue to grow as future donors with a passion for Science add to it, thus providing increasingly larger grants well into the future.

Organizations like our Morton School District look to the Morton Community Foundation to hold their organization's endowment because they know that having a constant source of funding helps them respond to emergency needs as well as plan for the future and sustain the good work they do.

**Expert help.** When donors or nonprofit organizations work through the Morton Community Foundation to achieve their charitable goals, they benefit from the expertise of experienced local program staff, community leadership, and investment management.

**What is endowment?** *By giving to the MHS Science Department Endowment Fund through the Morton Community Foundation, you benefit this program forever. Your gift is invested over time. Earnings from the MHS Science Department Endowment Fund are used to support the purchase of equipment; defray the costs of participating in science related activities, competitions, etc.; and other science related activities or purchases in the future. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of capital, helping do good work today and into the future.*



### The power of endowment

A half century ago, Paul Cesarz made a choice that continues to benefit his community today. He created an endowed fund in 1952 with \$150,000 in assets. The fund immediately began earning income and distributing grants to causes important to him. Fifty years later and 35 years after Paul's death, the Cesarz Fund had grown to \$1,066,003. And in that 50th year, it generated more than \$50,000 in grants, supporting a range of community needs—a park renovation, a museum exhibit, cancer research, and more. Because Paul chose to endow his gift, he has enabled more than \$1.1 million in grants to go to his community—almost eight times the impact he would have made by giving the original gift to charity all at once. And though Paul has passed away, the fund in his name will go on supporting his community, leaving a lasting legacy.

*This example comes from another Community Foundation, but it can happen in Morton too.*