



The Club that Fights Diabetes

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ROCKFORD COSMOPOLITAN CLUB PLEDGES \$10,000 TO ROCK THE AIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND Challenges Other Area Service Clubs - Do The Same!

On Thursday, February 3, the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club will present a \$10,000 check to Howie Sorenson and Pat Derry, Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Trustees and fellow Cosmopolitan Club Members. The check will be payable to the Rock the Air Scholarship Fund, a fund serving as an incentive for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to locate a residential campus in Rockford, IL.

The presentation will take place at 12:00 noon at Forest Hills Country Club, 5135 Forest Hills Road, Loves Park. Ken Dufour, Trustee for Embry-Riddle will be in attendance and will be speaking to the group.

The Rockford Cosmopolitan Club is the first area service group to pledge to the Rock the Air Scholarship Fund. The Club challenges other service groups to do the same.

“By taking a leadership role in support of the Embry-Riddle initiative, the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club hopes to encourage other local service organizations to do the same in support of our community” stated Rick Swansbro President, Rockford Cosmopolitan Club.

Since 1941, the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club has billed itself as the club that fights diabetes and serves local non-profit organizations. The club has been a long time supporter of the Crusader Community Health organization. During 2010, the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club distributed over \$47,000 in support of 15 local non-profit organizations. For membership information, email President@RFDCosmo.org.

The *Rock the Air Scholarship Fund* will be a permanent endowment, administered by the Community Foundation. If Embry-Riddle chooses Rockford as the site for its third residential campus, income from the scholarship fund will be used each year to attract students from the Midwest region to the Rockford campus.

The Community Foundation is asking the regional community to commit to build the fund to \$1 million. Pledge cards are available at the Community Foundation office at 946 N. Second Street, and people can use the electronic pledge sheet found online at the Community Foundation's website www.cfnil.org.

All pledges are conditional on Embry-Riddle's decision to locate in Rockford.

For more information about the *Rock the Air* Scholarship Fund, call Gloria Lundin, Community Foundation President at 815-962-2110 ext. 16. The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is the area's largest provider of grants and scholarships.

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