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## **Sangamon County Community Foundation announces new board members**

Springfield – The Sangamon County Community Foundation has elected three new members to join the Board of Directors in 2009. **Carolyn A. Blackwell**, **Katherine S. Germeraad**, and **Saul J. Morse** will each serve a four-year term as director.

Carolyn Blackwell joins the SCCF board after serving several local organizations including United Way, Memorial Foundation, Lincoln Land Foundation, as well as the Ball Charter and Hope Institute boards. Blackwell is the post-secondary coach at Southeast High School in Springfield and is a member of Women for Women, a giving circle at the community foundation.

Kathy Germeraad has a background in education and has served as a board member of Friends of Memorial, Springfield Art Association and the State Museum Society. Germeraad also stays busy as an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a member of Women for Women.

Saul Morse is an attorney at Brown, Hay & Stephens and has served as board vice chair of United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln and treasurer of Post-Polio Health International. He is a member of the Chancellor's Advisory Council at University of Illinois at Springfield and is treasurer of the City of Leland Grove. Morse serves on the Access to Recreation Endowment Committee at SCCF.

These new board members replace retiring board members John P. Eck, Douglas E. King, and Dr. Mary F. Loken, who stepped down from their positions at the end of 2008 due to term limits.

In addition to the new members, Sangamon County Community Foundation officers and board members for 2009 include Larry J. Johnson (chairperson), Karen H. Pletsch (vice chairperson), Erich J. Bloxdorf (treasurer), Lisa W. Stone (secretary), J. Michael Barker, J. Garth "Butch" Elzea, Susan S. Fairfield, and John C. Slayton.

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