

## A Special Gift

As the "Center for Philanthropy" in the Greater Rochester area, the Community Foundation receives gifts of all sizes from many different sources with a multitude of purposes. Gifts are given to benefit a particular organization, focus on a specific project, or address a community need. Sometimes, however, a gift is given that answers a need for the Community Foundation itself and this is the story of such a gift.

At the end of 1998, the Community Foundation was faced with the challenge of finding a "home of its own." For many years, the Foundation had occupied offices in Rochester Community Schools Administration Building and then briefly on South Street in a building owned by Dick Fike. With downtown Rochester office space at a premium and the budget sorely strained, the Community Foundation needed a miracle of its own.

That miracle arrived as a "special gift". The gift of donate space. In January 1999, the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester moved to its new home at 127 W. University, in a beautifully restored Victorian house owned by John and Mary Modetz.



In making this special gift, Mr. and Mrs. Modetz said, "We are pleased to give the Community Foundation a free new home in our 127 University Building. As a family owned funeral home, we are able to use our resources here in the community. We hope that his new location will give the Foundation greater exposure, enabling it to grow. The Foundation is a nice addition to the many community groups who currently meet in the facility."

For their continuing generosity to the Community Foundation, we are profoundly grateful to John and Mary Modetz.