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SCCF Celebrates 15-Year Anniversary

In 1996, then-executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Phil Martin, gathered together a steering team of thoughtful leaders to create a community foundation in Scott County. Now, 15 years after making that vision to become a reality, the Scott County Community Foundation has grown from boxes of paperwork in the back of a Jeep and under a desk, to a professional office located off the square in Scottsburg.

Since awarding the first community grants totaling \$50,000 in 1997, the Community Foundation has been Scott County's partner for positive change. Scholarships and grants totaling more than **\$2.6 million** have made it possible for local students to go to college and the diverse needs of our neighbors to be served. In addition, more than **\$8.4 million** has been funneled to Scott County through the Community Foundation due to the generosity of Lilly Endowment. Projects that have been made possible due to this funding include the CAPE educational initiative, Lifelong Learning Center, Scott County Family YMCA, Scott County Clearinghouse, Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, recreational areas in Austin, Lexington and Scottsburg, Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program and more.

Thoughts From Our Chairman

Dear Friends,

15 years - hard to believe that time has passed so quickly. I remember the initial meeting where it was decided to put together an exploratory committee to establish the Community Foundation. You'll read in other areas of the newsletter about the funds that have flowed through the SCCF. With all that has happened it is hard to believe that we have just really started!!

The "Thanks4Giving" dinner went well and we were all inspired by our speaker, Josh Bleill. What a great attitude he has with all he has been through.

Through the generosity of Lilly, I'd like to welcome our newest intern, Anna McGuire, who will be helping with administrative support.

Please consider either starting a fund to meet your specific area of interest, or supporting one that is

already in place. With your help and support we will be able to meet the financial needs of our community.

God Bless,



JOE WOLF
CHAIRMAN

Campaign to Raise \$1.3 Million, Establish New Community Foundation is Launched

by MARTY RANDALL
Staff Writer

A new concept of improving the community has been established in Scott County.

A kick-off luncheon on Wednesday, March 12, marked the beginning of the Scott County Community Foundation. A large group of residents from Austin, Scottsburg and the county enjoyed a lunch sponsored by Bank One while they learned about the community foundation concept.

Becky Wolf, who serves as the new foundation's president, welcomed the group, adding, "We are delighted to see such a large group attending. Believe me, it will take everyone in this room to make this foundation successful."

Board members include vice president Mike Guthrie, treasurer Carol St. Clair, secretary Steve

Rumple, Mary Ellen Buchanan, Susan Carter, Bob Culheart, Dwight Chamberlain, Don Collins, Buzzy Dobbins, Donna Faris, Eric Graham, Judge James Kleopfer, Melinda Lowry, John Morgan, James Peacock and Ivan Wells.

Jenny Kloer, program director for the Indiana Donors Alliance, explained that the concept is a vehicle for people of all financial levels to make lasting differences in their community.

Kloer directs GIFT, Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow, which is funded by a \$95 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indiana.

Through GIFT, she said, donors who contribute to their CD's permanent endowment for any charitable purpose of their choice may enable their foundation to qualify for matching funds from Lilly Endowment.

Matching funds are provided on a 2-to-1 scale, for every \$2 donated locally, Lilly Foundation will give \$1. Kloer stated that if the Scott County Community Foundation is successful in raising \$1.3 million by August, 1998, it will receive a matching \$650,000.

Consequently, donors who give their dollars to a community foundation help it to more rapidly build a permanent source of charitable dollars to meet the changing needs of the community.

Don't confuse a community foundation with such organizations like United Way, Kloer warned.

"A United Way is sort of like the community's check book. United Ways pay for short-term activities and concentrate on providing

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Please join us in our 15-year anniversary celebration this year, as we thank you – our donors, our community – for your generosity in making Scott County a better place. We're excited about what has been done in the past, but even more so about the opportunities for the future!

We have even established a new tagline, "Looking Forward, Giving Back." This captures perfectly the spirit and concept of the Scott County Community Foundation, and we hope you feel inspired by others to continue the good that has been done and continues to be done in Scott County!

Josh Bleill inspires all at fall dinner



Indianapolis Colts spokesperson and Iraqi war veteran Josh Bleill gave a stirring speech at our annual "Thanks4Giving" fall dinner. We honored our donors, volunteers and nonprofit organizations at the event.



Top: Grants committee member Dale Hobbs honored Lisa Conder of Lexington Good Faith Preschool with a grant.



Top right: Board member Connie Kenninger and Trina Brown provided musical entertainment for guests.



Bottom right: Youth Grantmaking Council President Isaiah Turner and members Tyler White and Braxton Soloe escorted guests.

Youth Grantmaking Council Active in Service



Left: YGC members raised \$450 to make Christmas special for five children from the angel tree!



Right: Volunteers got hands-on experience in stocking shelves at the Scott County Community Clearinghouse.



Left: Several youth put together water purification kits for New Life International, located in Underwood.



Right: An annual community service project for YGC members is helping at the Kids First auction.

Scholarship Established in Honor of Bonnie Church

Their passion of helping youth has resulted in a scholarship fund being created at the Scott County Community Foundation by Dave and Bonnie Church.

Bonnie Martin Church, a Scottsburg High School graduate and successful business woman, and mother of Marty and Carin, moved back to Scottsburg with her husband, Dave Church, in 2007. They became active in the Scottsburg United Methodist Church, where they provide support for the youth programs as well as a separate scholarship for students who are church members.

Dave and Bonnie enjoy spending time with their family and friends, while investing in various businesses, including the purchase of the Westwood Golf Course.



After they saw how the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council, a program of the Scott County Community Foundation, was making a difference in the lives of youth, they decided to use the Foundation as a tool for their charitable giving.

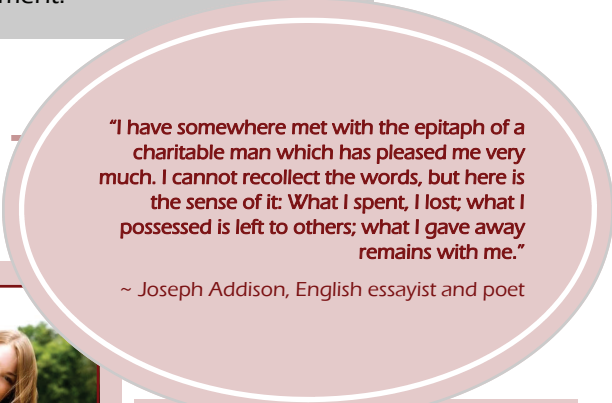
"The Community Foundation with the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council is building character and stressing to youth

the importance of giving back to the community," said the Churches. They decided they want to be part of that character-building process and reward deserving high school graduates with the opportunity to earn scholarship support. By establishing the Bonnie Church Scholarship Fund, they will help provide Scott County youth an opportunity for learning and training who might not otherwise have that opportunity.

The scholarship will be available this spring to a graduate of Austin or Scottsburg high school who has been active in community service. The \$2,500 award will be given to students who plan to major in golf course or turf management.

"We are honored that the Churches have entrusted the Community Foundation for their charitable giving. With over 20 scholarships available to students this spring, our donors are giving students not only financial assistance, but a tangible award for their hard work."

Jaime Toppe
Executive Director



"I have somewhere met with the epitaph of a charitable man which has pleased me very much. I cannot recollect the words, but here is the sense of it: What I spent, I lost; what I possessed is left to others; what I gave away remains with me."

~ Joseph Addison, English essayist and poet

New Intern Joins Foundation Staff

A grant from Lilly Endowment has provided the opportunity for the Scott County Community Foundation to hire a new intern for administrative support. Anna McGuire is currently attending Ivy Tech in Sellersburg part-time to finish her pre-requisites for radiology. She will assist with any administrative duties and office support activities while working for the Foundation.

Anna is a 2010 graduate of Scottsburg High School where she was actively involved in FFA competing in horse judging competitions. She enjoys riding horses and taking care of the family's Hereford cattle and Kiko goats. She is the newest committee member for the 4-H Horse and Pony Club, coaching the Horse Judging Team as well as the Drill Team. Anna is the daughter of Jr. and Joan McGuire of



Underwood.

"I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to work as an intern for the Foundation" said Anna. "I am looking forward to meeting new people who are focused on helping our community."

The Community Foundation Internships (CFI) program is part of Lilly's goals to help build healthy Indiana community foundations and to provide college

students with real-life work experiences.

Anna is the fourth intern to assist the staff at the Foundation. Other interns included Patricia Bacala, Evan Comer and Natalie Owens.

"We are very pleased to have Anna join our staff," said Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "With the celebration of our 15-year anniversary this year, she will be a great asset to help with our activities and programs."



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Looking Forward, Giving Back.

Grant opportunity provides support for arts projects

Students in K-12 will benefit from several grants awarded to local organizations for arts-related projects. The Scott County Community Foundation, along with support from the Community Arts Program at Hanover College; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, awarded \$13,275 for the creative projects.

- Austin High School Show Choir was awarded \$1,218 to purchase costumes for the Dimensions and Ladies Choice show choirs.
- Grace Christian Academy/Scottsburg Imagination Station was awarded \$1,218 to present a musical drama performance involving students in grades K-7 and homeschool students.
- Lyrics Alive was awarded \$1,218 for the Lyrics Alive creative writing, music and enrichment program for students at Johnson Elementary School.
- Scottsburg Middle School received \$4,800 to pur-

chase a tuba to allow middle school students to obtain more knowledge of the instrument.

- Scottsburg Elementary School received \$4,824 to create Indiana's first elementary digital music ensemble through I-Pad/I-Pod Touch tablets.

Organizations were invited to submit applications for creative, unique projects that will make an impact on students and the community, with any projects in the performing, visual and folk arts fields encouraged to apply.

"While we were pleased with the benefit provided to all the students in these applications," said Hank Jentzen, Scott County Community Foundation grants committee chairperson, "we were especially excited about the creativity of the digital music ensemble application presented by Doug Goodwin. We look forward to their 'Scottsburg Rocks!' concert at the end of this year to display the piano, guitar and other musical instruments knowledge they learned on the I-Pad/I-Pod Touch tablets."