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Lynda Phillips Joins Staff as New Intern

A grant from the Lilly Endowment has provided the opportunity for the Scott County Community Foundation to hire a new intern to assist students with planning after high school. Lynda Phillips is working as the Career and College Counselor, where her duties involve counseling students at the local high schools with career and college choices, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, career shadowing and intern classes, and serving on educational committees in the community that seek to improve educational outcomes.



Lynda is the daughter of Dean and Carol Stead, and a 1984 graduate of Scottsburg High School. She attended Indiana University and graduated

in 1988 with a degree in marketing and management. She married Matt Phillips in 1989, and through his service as a pilot for the Air Force, had the opportunity to live in Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, Kansas and Germany until Matt's military retirement in 2007.

Lynda was most recently the District Coordinator for the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District. She is a graduate student in her last year of the Indiana University Southeast Masters of School Counseling program.

Lynda served in various capacities in the communities where her family was stationed, including Mothers of Preschoolers Coordinator, multiple school advisory boards and church councils. She and her husband are members of the First Christian Church of Scottsburg. She enjoys playing the piano, gardening, paper crafts and

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Thoughts From Our Chairman

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

If you have anxiously awaited the delivery of this quarterly newsletter, and have questioned a possible delay in delivery, I may have your answer. A computer system malfunction, a printing system malfunction, and a postal system malfunction are all very likely sources. The truth, however, is that another culprit, one purely human, bears this burden. I've witnessed this culprit impact faith, family, and friendships, and my guess is that it's one which has impacted your life at one point or another, in various phases of life, during what might seem the most inopportune times. The culprit to which I place blame is none other than...busyness.

While I'd like to report that I'm a master at balancing life's demands and defeating busyness on all fronts, my nearest family members would likely call me out if I made such a claim. Unknowingly, my three children (ages 3-years, 2-years, and 8 months) remind me daily that I'm not even the master

of my own daily schedule. (As proof to this point and real-time confirmation, a cry for food at 12:03 a.m. places the typing of this message briefly on hold.) One day I hope to share my masterful insights with others regarding how to best manage time, but that day is definitely not today.

Instead, I'll share what I have learned about busyness, and knowing that time is limited, will get to my point. Napoleon Hill, one of the earliest producers of the modern genre of personal-success literature, once stated that "Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness." While some economists may debate this claim, referencing the need for self-interest, it's undebatable that our community has definitely benefited from individual sacrifice, despite the many people, places, and things vying for individual time and energy. While self-interest may seem most logical, it seldom proves most lasting.

Whether attempting to keep us from preparing for the future (see section on planning for life and death), serving others today (see sections on the YGC involvement, SCCF Career and College Counseling intern, and giving back to our community), or bettering our community tomorrow (see section on new board members), individuals in Scott County continue to overcome busyness. As you read through this issue, I hope you'll take note of, and find encouragement in, the many examples of achievement, sacrifice, and selflessness—all of which have triumphed over the culprit called busyness.



ADAM GIBSON
CHAIRMAN

YGC Welcomes New Members, Elects Leadership

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council ("YGC") welcomed four new members to its first meeting of the fiscal year. Elle Fleenor, Justice Gabbard, Alexa Howser and Eliza Mount all joined as voting members. The YGC is a program of the Scott County Community Foundation.

YGC members held elections at their meeting, with Kevin Jentzen elected as

President, Kaleb Mount as Vice President, Lindsey Boswell as Secretary and Brandon Boswell as Treasurer. Carmen Boley was elected chair of the asset development committee, Evan Howser was elected chair of the community service committee, Lauren Howser was elected chair of the governance committee, and Braxton Soloe was elected chair of the grants committee.

Voting members for the 2013-2014 year include: Carmen Boley, Brandon Boswell, Lindsey Boswell, Braden Hale, Alexa Howser, Evan Howser, Lauren Howser, Kevin Jentzen, Kaleb Mount, Haley Mullins, Jordan Shuler, Braxton Soloe, Luke Taylor, Emma Waskom, Caleb White and Tyler White, all of Scottsburg High School; Sera Craig of Providence High School; Elle Fleenor, Justice Gabbard, Eliza Mount and Isaak



YGC members packed 177 backpacks with school supplies just before school started. The backpacks were given to the Department of Child Services for Scott County children who are in foster care.

Mount, all of Scottsburg Middle School; and Lauren Turner of Turner Academy Homeschool.

In addition, several students serve on the YGC's community service committee, which completes service projects each month. The YGC accepts applications year-round for members in 5th-12th grade to serve on its community service committee. Members include: Josiah

Croasdell and Minwoo

Noh of Christian Academy of Indiana; Izzy Myszak, Hannah Dickerson, Jordan Thomas and Miranda Baker, all of Scottsburg Middle School; Lyndie and Andrew Foster, both homeschooled.

The goals of the YGC are to provide opportunities for leadership development, provide positive peer support, learn about philanthropy and serving the community, form a partnership with other youth and adults, grow the endowment for the future, and educate the public about the YGC, its mission, and its activities both past and present.

YGC members are very active in fundraising, grantmaking and community service. They have awarded over \$27,000 for youth-related projects in the last several years.

Planning for Life and Death



Did you know there are approximately 13,000 adults in Scott County who do not have a will? You can save a lot of money and potential hard feelings among family members if you pre-plan how you want your assets managed if you become incapacitated, and how your property will be divided upon your death. Local attorney Jennifer Lewis shared the importance of estate planning in a planned giving session held recently at St. James Place. Resident Pat Croley (center) won the drawing for a free simple will preparation. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more.

New Members Join Foundation Board of Directors

We have welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors. Melinda Sparkman, Josh Stigdon and Dennis Wilson replace out-



Dennis Wilson of Scottsburg is a farmer. He is a member of Zohah Christian Church. He has been married to Linda for 38 years. They have two sons, Joe and Andy (Emily) and a

going board members Lynda Phillips, Pat Bridge, Marsha Howser, Connie Kenninger, Jason Mount and Matt Oberlies.

Melinda Sparkman is a lifelong resident of Lexington. She is a graduate of Scottsburg High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Indiana University and her Master of Business Administration degree from University of Louisville. She has been employed at Farm Credit Mid-America since August 1984 as a senior financial analyst.

She is currently the 8th grade girls' basketball coach at Scottsburg Middle School and has been involved with the girls' basketball program at Scottsburg for over 25 years. She enjoys anything outdoors, especially water sports.

"I joined the Community Foundation Board because I love my hometown," said Sparkman. "I feel I have a responsibility to do

what I can to make it even better for future generations and to give back."

"The Foundation is responsible for so many beneficial and exciting programs in the community... programs that are sure to have a big impact on our community's future," added Sparkman. "Their focus on education, the youth and their deep desire to better the community is admirable."

Josh Stigdon of Scottsburg is an attorney with Alcorn, Goering & Sage, LLP in Madison. He is president of the Jefferson County Bar Association, ambassador for the Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce, and enjoys fishing. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have one daughter, Ella.

"I am interested in ensuring that Scott County is a place that future generations will feel proud to call home," said Stigdon when asked why he joined the Board of Directors.

grandson, Alan.

Wilson was a former board member for the Scott County Community Foundation, having served from 2001-2007.

"Being on the Board gives an opportunity to serve future generations of Scott County, not just the current citizens," said Wilson.

"We're excited and fortunate to have Denny, Josh, and Melinda join the Scott County Community Foundation Board of Directors," said Board Chairman Adam Gibson. "In speaking with each, it is apparent their unique histories of involvement in our community, along with their professional experience, will add to the diverse perspectives of the Board, allowing new insights to develop as we [the Scott County Community Foundation] continually strive to identify and address community needs—both today and for years to come."

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**Adam Gibson
Chair**

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reading. She is a "full-fledged soccer mom" and spends many hours driving to and watching soccer.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to serve as a College and Career intern, and look forward to the upcoming year," said Lynda.

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.

"The Scott County Community Foundation is very interested in funding education in our community, whether that is through

grants or opportunities such as this internship program," said Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "Through Lilly's generosity, this is a wonderful way for students to get more access to the choices available to them after high school, which will in turn help them to be successful and productive members of our community."



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Left: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana Executive Director Stacey Waskom receives a check for \$4,760 from Don Collins and Kevin Collins. The grant was made possible from the Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund and will be used to purchase a case management system and provide pre-match trainings for the Scott County mentoring program.

Right: Grants committee member Dale Hobbs tours the BackSacks area of Gleaners Food Bank with Corporate & Foundation Relations Manager Peg Strodtbeck. We awarded a \$10,000 grant from our Community Enrichment Fund for the BackSacks program, which provides nutritionally based food for Scott County children who are at risk for being hungry, every weekend during the school year.