

# Community Connection

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Save the date for our  
3rd annual  
Generations Dinner!  
The fun-filled event  
will be held Friday,  
Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at  
the Mid-America  
Science Park. You  
will enjoy dinner,  
music from all eras,  
pop culture quizzes  
and a live auction.

## Students honored with scholarships



Phyllis Calvin presents her scholarship to Austin High School senior Emily Keller.

Over \$76,000 in scholarship assistance has been awarded during recent ceremonies. The scholarships, amounts and recipients are as follows:

- Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship, \$10,000: Evan Howser of Scottsburg High School; \$8,000: Lindsey Boswell of SHS; \$7,000: Jessica Richey of SHS;
- Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship: \$5,000 each to Elizabeth Lee and Meagan Hollan of Austin High School; Haley Mullins of SHS; and Bailey Barton, adult scholarship recipient.
- Epply-Shields Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000: Caitlyn Carey of SHS; \$3,000: Jonie Crawford of SHS;
- Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000: Tori Rone of SHS; \$2,000:
- Madelaine Mann of SHS;
- Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship: \$2,500 each to Shyanne Turner of AHS and Emily Pfaffenbach of SHS;
- Jayce Stallings Memorial Fund: \$1,500 to Elizabeth Lee of AHS;
- Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship: \$3,000 to Levi Elliott of SHS;
- Education Matters Southern Indiana (adult scholarships): \$1,000 each to Dylan Bane of Scottsburg and Pamela Rowden of Austin;
- Lilly Scholars Endowment Fund: \$500 each to Elizabeth Lee of AHS and Evan Howser of SHS;
- Phyllis Calvin Educational Fund: \$750 to Emily Keller of AHS;
- Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Suzanne Callahan of SHS;
- Charles G. Nolan Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Logan Campbell of SHS;
- Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Suzanne Callahan of SHS;
- Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Emily Pfaffenbach of SHS;
- Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Emily Pfaffenbach of SHS;
- Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship: \$500 to Logan Campbell of SHS

## \$130,000 in Grants Awarded to Community



We have awarded \$130,000 in grants to several local agencies during our 2016 Community Grants Program.

The organizations, the amount awarded and the purpose of the request are:

Austin Learning Center, \$13,691.79 for a staff position for after-school and summer program;

CASA of Scott County, \$10,000 for a staff position for recruitment and support of volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children;

Englishton Park, \$5,000 for Scott County children to attend a summer camp remediation program;

Gleaners Food Bank, \$5,000 to provide food for children every weekend during the school year through the BackSacks program;

Lexington Good Faith Preschool, \$5,000 to provide free preschool for children in Lexington Township;

Lincoln Heritage Council/Boy Scouts of America, \$5,000 for Scott County scouting expenses;

Ohio Valley Opportunities, \$3,000 for furniture and equipment for classrooms and playground;

Scott County Family YMCA, \$7,500 to provide after-school care at Vienna-Finley;

Scott County Genealogical Society, \$1,621 to purchase a computer, scanner and other equipment;

Scott County Partnership, \$5,000 to provide AmeriCorps workers for the Clearinghouse;

Scott County Partnership, \$6,000 for the Circles poverty campaign;

Scottsburg Band Parent Association, \$10,000 to purchase percussion instruments;

Totes for Tots and Teens, \$3,000 to provide backpacks and school supplies for kids in foster care;

United Way of Scott County, \$5,000 to provide free books for children from birth until age five through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund was able to assist with funding for the grants to the Scott County Genealogical Society and Totes for Tots and Teens. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund assisted with funding for the grant to the Scott County Partnership for Circles. Through the Collins and Lowry families' memberships in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from their family funds are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$45,111 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives. These include LifeSkills and guidance activities at Austin and Scottsburg middle schools, coordinate youth summer feeding program in Austin, coordinate other educational programs including Reality Stores, Scott County Attendance Review Board, Youth/education Committee, Career Clusters, and more.

The grants were also made possible from the Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Unrestricted Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and the Community Enrichment Fund.

"The members of the Grants Committee had another busy and challenging year with more money being requested than available," said Grants Committee Chair Hank Jentzen. "Members worked many hours reviewing all applications and were successful distributing money to as many applicants as possible."

# Early Childhood Education Round Table Event a Success!

Preschool providers and kindergarten teachers recently gathered for an early childhood education round table. The event was sponsored by the Early Childhood Committee of the Scott County Community Foundation and United Way of Scott County, which is chaired by Austin Elementary Assistant Principal Sheila Carter.

United Way of Scott County Executive Director Nancy Riley shared information on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free books for children from birth through age five. The initiative is made possible through a partnership with United Way, Scott County Community Foundation, and many local individuals and groups that sponsor children each year. There are currently 708 children in Scott County who are receiving the free books, and 308 who have “graduated” from the program when they turned five.

Next, teachers participated in roundtable sessions led by Sherry Mosley with First Christian Church Preschool, Lindsey DePriest with Lexington Elementary School, Brittany Banister with Vienna-Finley Elementary School, Jennifer Johanningmeier with Lexington Good Faith Preschool and Stacy Payne with Austin Elementary School. Topics covered fine and gross motor skills, classroom management, counting, letter formation, writing

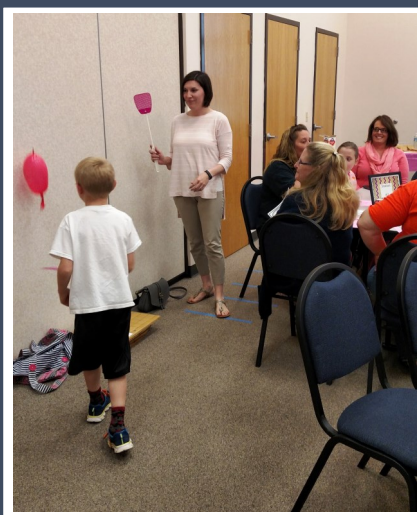
and recognizing names. Helpful tips using everyday objects were shared with participants, who also had the opportunity to meet other teachers and



share ideas. Door prizes were awarded to Becky Jackson, who has taught the longest, and Marjorie Keith, who won the “Pass the Package” game. They received gift cards and a candy bar.

“I feel our first round table event was a success,” said Early Childhood Education Committee Chairperson Sheila Carter. “Our goal is to develop a “network” within our early childhood providers in Scott County in order to provide the best education possible for our students. This will allow teachers/aides to bounce ideas off of one another, supply advice or ask for advice. As educators, we should be in a constant “learning” mode if we want to give our students everything they require and deserve in our classrooms.”

The Early Childhood Committee’s purpose is to gather information on early childhood resources, promote early childhood activities and initiatives, and advise the United Way and Community Foundation boards on early childhood programs and issues.





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## *Looking Forward, Giving Back.*

### **YGC honors grant recipients at annual dinner**

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council awarded almost \$4,900 in grants to youth-related projects in the community at an annual dinner held May 27 at Mid-America Science Park.

Austin Elementary School received three grants. The kindergarten classes will enjoy a new Lego club made possible through a \$317 grant. Third grade students will be engaged with hands-on technology through robotics and coding, and a technology club will be established for third through fifth grades with a grant for \$559. The fifth grade classrooms will purchase several sets of books with a grant for \$800.

Austin Middle School received two grants: Students with special needs will gain experience in everyday activities involving social interaction by visiting local restaurants, through a grant for \$400. The Archery Team received \$602 to purchase archery equipment for the middle school team as well as for a summer camp for middle and high school students.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Scott County received \$200 to provide a "Back Yard Bash" for the children they serve.

Lexington Good Faith Preschool received \$400 to provide free preschool for children in Lexington Township.

Scott County School District 1 Special Services Unit received \$500 to purchase supplies for the Blessings in a Backpack Student Distribution program, in which students with disabilities deliver the food packages to the school buildings.

Scott County Special Olympics received \$400 to purchase equipment and supplies for athletes.

Scottsburg Kiwanis Club received \$300 for the Bringing Up Grades program, provides incentives for third graders in both school districts to improve their grades.

United Way of Scott County received \$400 for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free books for children every month from birth through age five.

"We were thrilled to have so many great projects to choose from this year," said grants committee chairperson Josiah Croasdell. "We were especially happy to see such creative ideas to further education, involvement and leadership within our schools."

Hannah Dickerson was also honored for volunteering the most hours with the YGC. In total, 58 YGC members volunteered 998 hours from Oct. 1 through the end of May between 36 different meetings and events, shared Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. According to government figures, the value of their volunteerism is over \$23,500, shared Toppe.



YGC graduating seniors Haley Mullins, Jordan Shuler, Lindsey Boswell, Evan Howser and Kaleb Mount were honored for their service.