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We are excited to announce we have awarded over \$138,000 in grants to several local agencies during our 2020 Community Grants Program. The agencies will be formally honored at a grants breakfast in August.

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

- Align Southern Indiana: operations for the 5-county initiative which works to align resources, address needs and produce sustainable solutions, \$5,000;
- CASA of Scott County: provide mileage reimbursement for staff to support abused and neglected children, purchase fundraising tracking software, \$19,000;
- Child and Family Advocates: provide support groups, classes and online parenting curriculum to children of divorced/separated parents, \$5,000;
- Englishton Park: summer camp remediation program, \$2,000;
- Gleaners Food Bank: provide BackSacks of food for children every weekend during the school year, \$5,000;
- LifeSmart Youth: provide human growth and development curriculum to Austin elementary and middle school students, \$5,000;
- New Creation Ministries: expand training material and equipment for individuals who are facing life-controlling situations, operational support, \$5,000;
- Preservation Alliance, Inc.: operational support for Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, \$1,500;
- Scott County Fair Association: complete remainder of pole installation around track at fairgrounds, \$10,000;
- Scott County Partnership: AmeriCorps match for Clearinghouse, and Conquer the CHAOS high school poverty initiative, \$7,830;
- Scott County Partnership: program match for Covering Kids and Families health insurance navigator,

\$7,000;

- Scott County Sheriff's Department: purchase in-car radios, \$5,930.10;
- The Refuge for Children, hire consultant to complete application for licensing for children's home, \$4,000;
- THRIVE Recovery Community Organization: purchase items for Recovery Engagement Center, \$4,421;
- United Way of Scott County: provide free books for children from birth through age five through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, \$5,000.

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund provided funding for the grants to Preservation Alliance Inc. and CASA. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund provided funding for the grant to New Creation Ministries. The Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund provided funding for the grant to Englishton Park. The Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund provided funding for the grant to United Way for the Imagination Library. Through these families' memberships in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from their family funds are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The grants were also made possible from the Borden Family Community Granting Fund, 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, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Unrestricted Fund, Dan and Mary Lou Slattery Fund, Wesbanco Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and Community Enrichment Fund.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$46,515 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.

2020 Scholarship Recipients Honored

Since the traditional scholarship award ceremonies were canceled this year, we gave yard signs to celebrate this year's recipients. More information on the individual scholarship funds and the recipients can be found on our website. Over \$242,000 in educational assistance was awarded this year, including \$169,000 to our 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient, Lyndie Foster of Scottsburg High School. Congratulations to the following students:

- Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000: Jordyn Livesay of Scottsburg High School;
- Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Carson Cox of Scottsburg High School;
- Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship, \$750: Andrew Slaton of Scottsburg High School;



- Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Ally Justice of Scottsburg High School;
- Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship: Abby Colson, \$11,000; Elle Fleenor, \$10,000; Andrew Foster, \$9,000—all of Scottsburg High School;
- Eppy-Shields Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000: Hannah Brown of Scottsburg High School;
- Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund, \$500 each: Kansas Amos of Austin High School, Abby Colson of Scottsburg High School;
- Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship, \$2,400 each: Jordan Robinson of Austin High School, Ally Justice of Scottsburg High School;
- Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen and Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship (for adult students), \$1,500: Ben Everett of Scottsburg;
- Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000 each: Luke Watts of Austin High School, Sadie Fugate of Scottsburg High School;
- Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Elle Fleenor
- Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000: Jaiden Herald of Scotts-



burg High School;

- Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 (for adult students): Michelle Shelton of Austin;
- Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Lauren Jeffries of Scottsburg High School;
- William Frasier Wetzel Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000 each: Zachary Stidham of Austin High School, Macy Funk of Scottsburg High School.



Fiesta Casino Night Canceled; Donated Items to be Auctioned

You may remember that our Fiesta Casino Night was originally scheduled for March, and was postponed just days before the big night due to COVID-19. While we had rescheduled for Aug. 8, we were just notified of the many restrictions required by the Indiana Gaming Commission. The safety and enjoyment of our guests is very important to us, and because the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-changing, our Board of Directors decided it was best to cancel.

However, your support is still needed! We have numerous auction items that have been donated, many with expiration dates that could not be changed. Therefore, we will be hosting an auction on

Facebook. For those of you who do not have social media, we will have the items available in a binder at our office so you can place a bid as well. Results will be announced on August 7.

We would like to again thank and recognize our generous sponsors. These include our El Grande sponsors: Blue & Co., Duke Energy, Ivy Tech Community College, Morgan Foods, and New Washington State Bank; Nuestra Familia sponsors: Scott County School District 1, Scott County School District 2, West Family; and the Amigos Especiales sponsor, Clark County REMC.

YGC Awards Funding for Youth Projects

YGC members awarded \$7,033 in grants to youth-related projects in the community. The YGC is hoping to formally honor recipients at an annual dinner later this summer.

Austin High School received \$800 for "Life Skills in the Community." Teacher Lee Anne Hahn will take her students on restaurant outings to help teach life and social skills.

EMPOWER of Scott County received \$300 for "Town Hall Meeting on Resilience."

They will host a town hall meeting this fall for the release of resilience videos that will feature students in our community, along with a community discussion about trauma and the importance of building resilience.

Grace Christian Academy received \$320 for "Treekeepers Documenting Scott County."

The Treekeepers environmental/history class has been learning about Scott County history and the Bicentennial, and would like to document programs and events for the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.



YGC normally does community service projects together as a group, but COVID-19 has challenged us to be creative while we practice social distancing. Members have showed community love through a variety of projects, including filling bird feeders at nursing homes, packaging diapers for families in need, making surprise lunch deliveries to local people and businesses, helping elderly neighbors with yard work, assembling 3-D printed face shields, helping organize a dance recital parade, writing inspiring chalk messages for healthcare workers, and helping with a food box delivery program.

Happy Humming Alpacas 4-H Club was awarded \$750 for "Alpaca Enclosures." This club has had a large increase in members and needs more housing for the fair.

Johnson Elementary School received \$500 for "Hero Program." This initiative focuses on positive student behavior and will provide field trips as incentives.

Scott County Robotics received \$516 for "Building the Future." The Scott County High School Robotics Club is a joint effort between Mid-America Science Park, Austin High School, Grace Christian Academy, and Scottsburg High School to promote robotics. They will buy supplies to prototype and test ideas, then assemble into a finished project.

Scott County Young Marines received \$600 for "Young Marines." They will host a two-night encampment at Hardy Lake. This organization teaches marching, physical training, drug demand reduction, history, patriotism, and community service to youth.

Scott County Youth Football League received \$500 for "Youth Sponsorship." There has been an increase in the number of families requesting financial assistance for children to play football.

Scottsburg High School received two grants. Jennifer Morris was awarded \$500 for "Fellowship of Christian Athletes." They will host meetings, Bible studies and outreach events. Shawna Slaton was awarded \$1,000 for "eSports Teams." They will purchase equipment for this newly-formed opportunity for gamers.

Scottsburg High School Theatre Boosters received \$447 for "Microphones for theatre program." The high school's drama club has had a huge increase in students with more elaborate productions and a need for additional microphones.

Scottsburg Middle School was awarded \$800 for "Community Based Instruction."



YGC President Logan Weilbaker leads voting members in the discussion about grant funding. Our grant interviews were very different this year—we sat a socially distant 6 feet apart, which took up half the room! Many of the questions related to how COVID-19 has affected the projects. We also had a former YGC member come back as an applicant now that he's an adult volunteering in our community! Thank you to Knights of Columbus for hosting us.

The special education classes will learn skills such as traffic safety, reading a menu, ordering a meal, making correct change, and social skills through restaurant outings in the community.

"Given the circumstances this year the YGC is fortunate enough to still positively impact our community through the grants given out," said grants committee co-chairperson Hannah Brown. "We are thankful to have such a great community that has such amazing programs! We are looking forward to the future to see how the grants impact our community."

"As this year was different for all, the YGC is honored to still have the ability to continue to support local charitable organizations within our community. We hope that this money can have a positive impact on many lives in Scott County," said grants committee co-chairperson Elle Fleenor.

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Applications for youth who are interested in serving on the YGC's Community Service Committee are due Aug. 1. Youth must be in grades 5-12, live or attend school in Scott County. Members must commit to at least 10 hours of service per year. Applications are available on our website under the Youth Council menu, or by emailing info@scottcountyfoundation.org.



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The most popular way of providing long-term support for a meaningful charitable organization is to make a gift in a will. There are a number of reasons individuals might choose this gift option, including: to make a statement about personal values; to support an important cause and benefit future generations; to honor a loved one or provide a gift that inspires others to give.

Tax planning can also be an important factor in this decision.

Planning a Gift in Your Will

If you are planning to make a gift in your will, consider these three questions: 1) Will your gift serve as a source of personal satisfaction? 2) Will it complement important personal goals as an integral part of your estate plan? 3) Will it provide tax and financial rewards for family or other beneficiaries?

Flexible Planning

There are many ways to make a gift in your will. It can be outright or deferred; it can be absolute or contingent upon certain events; it can honor a beloved family member or cherished friend; it can provide general support to the charity or it can be restricted to a certain purpose; it can support one or more charitable organizations.

Updating Your Will is Easy

If you have a will, you can include a gift to us without executing a new will.

A codicil is a simple addition to your existing will commonly used to add gift designations. Please rely on your attorney to draft your will or add any codicils. You may contact us with any questions and to discuss how your gift can play a meaningful role in your planning and our future.

Thank you to the Community Foundation Committee of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance for providing this information.

Legacy Society

We are pleased to honor those who have made a lasting commitment to our community by contributing gifts to the Foundation through their will, trust, or other planned gifts such as life insurance or retirement beneficiary designation. Will you consider joining these donors?

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