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Giving Back



SCCF Board Member L.L. Lowry, left, and Executive Director Jaime Toppe present a check to Larry Blevins, treasurer of Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. The grant, worth \$581, is from the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund and will be used for cemetery maintenance.



SCCF Executive Director Jaime Toppe presents a check for \$3,549 to Sue Jones, vice president of Preservation Alliance, Inc. The grant is from the Joyce Hamilton Historical Preservation Endowment Fund and will be used for maintenance and preservation of the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.



United Way of Scott County Executive Director Nancy Riley receives a check for \$5,144 from Executive Director Jaime Toppe. The grant is from the Disaster Relief Fund, which the Foundation established after the March 2 tornadoes, and is comprised of donations from our community and across the nation. One hundred percent of the donations will be used to help tornado victims in the recovery process.

Thoughts From Our Chairman

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Board of Directors recently updated the Scott County Community Foundation's mission statement. We wanted something that was specific to our county - something that showed how much we valued the stewardship that has been entrusted to us - something that reflected the sense of responsibility that we feel to Scott County. After careful consideration, we came up with the following declaration:

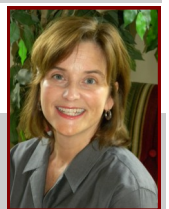
The mission of the Scott County Community Foundation is growing and preserving charitable gifts to strengthen Scott County by looking forward and giving back.

As a Board, we take very seriously the investment funds and value of the various Foundation endowments. We regularly look at the performance of investments and make adjustments when necessary to maintain fund integrity. This is what is meant by 'growing and preserving charitable gifts'.

We want to use these gifts to 'strengthen Scott County'. We cherish the ability to grant funding for projects throughout Scott County. This is the best part. Each and every grant is carefully considered. We've done some really great things this year to include over \$101,500 in community grants and over \$36,000 in scholarships - not in-

cluding the Lilly (full-ride) scholarship.

The final part of our new mission statement also reflects our vision: 'looking forward and giving back'. This phrase was particularly chosen for its ability to convey action. Scott County has so many worthy projects. There are opportunities around every corner. We want to be an integral part of Scott County's bright future. Join us as we seek to make our community stronger.



LYNDA PHILLIPS
CHAIRMAN

Students Honored with Scholarships at Ceremonies

Several high school seniors were recently awarded scholarships through the Scott County Community Foundation. The recipients were honored at awards ceremonies at their high schools.

The Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Brandon Jerrell of Scottsburg High School. He received \$2,000 to attend Anderson University. Jerrell, the son of Bryan and Susan Jerrell of Scottsburg, will major in Spanish.

The Carol L. Pettit Scholarship was awarded to Bridget Elliott of Scottsburg High School. She received \$250 to attend Anderson University. Elliott, the daughter of Lynn and Lisa Elliott of Scottsburg, will major in elementary education.

The Charles G. Nolan Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Donovan of Scottsburg High School. She received this year's first scholarship for \$318.

The Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Cassandra Simone of Scottsburg High School. She received \$250 to attend Hanover College. Simone, the daughter of Rebecka and Kirk Flowers of Austin, will major in psychology.

The Dale McNeely Scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Donovan of Scottsburg High School. She received \$10,000 to attend Saint Mary's College. Donovan, the daughter of Patrick and Julie Donovan of Scottsburg, will major in

mathematics/secondary education.

The Epply Shields Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Bridget Elliott of Scottsburg High School, who received \$2,777.

The Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund award went to Kayleigh Avery of Scottsburg High School. She received \$500 to attend Taylor University. Avery, the daughter of Shane and Tonie Avery of Lexington, will major in biology/pre-med. Jordyn Croasdell, a student at Taylor University, received \$500.

The Mallory Lainhart Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kayleigh Avery of Scottsburg High School and Jacob Jones of Austin High School, with each receiving \$500. Jones, the son of Jason and Virginia Jones of Austin, plans to attend Oakland City University to major in pre-pharmacy/human biology.

The Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund was awarded to Jacob Jones of Austin High School and Mackenzie Donovan of Scottsburg High School, with each receiving \$625.50.

The Mary Elizabeth-Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Brandon Jerrell of Scottsburg High School, who received \$1,000. Bailey Jeffries of Austin High School received \$1,000 to attend Indiana University Southeast. Jeffries, the daughter of Angie Southers and Tim Jeffries of Austin, will major in sec-

ondary education.

The Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Isaiah Turner of Turner Academy Home-school. He received \$500 to attend Asbury College. Turner, the son of Jon and Beth Turner of Austin, plans to major in political science/philosophy.

The Scott County Women's Tennis League Scholarship went to Mackenzie Donovan of Scottsburg High School, and was worth \$250.

The Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Scholarship was awarded to Jacob Jones of Austin High School, who will receive up to \$5,000.

The Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Shelby Hale of Scottsburg High School. She received \$500 to attend the University of Indianapolis. Hale, the daughter of Brad and Sherri Hale of Austin, will major in occupational therapy.

The Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Shelby Hale of Scottsburg High School, who received \$5,000.

The Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Wooten of Scottsburg High School. She received \$1,000 to attend Anderson University. Wooten, the daughter of Patricia Towne of Scottsburg, will major in psychology.



Veterans Dennis Nicholas and John Robbins enjoy their Scott County veterans books. Over 100 veterans and family members came to pick up their books at a special event held at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum. The commemorative editions, a project the Community Foundation completed with the help of our interns, feature over 500 veterans' stories and pictures, along with interesting stories on the POW camp in Austin and more. Copies are still available at our office or the museum for \$53.45.

Community Grants Program Recipients Announced

The Scott County Community Foundation has awarded \$58,000 in grants to several local agencies during its 2012 Community Grants Program, announced grants committee chairperson Hank Jentzen. The recipients will be formally recognized at the Foundation's "Thanks4Giving" fall dinner this November.

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

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana (Scott County program), \$4,000 to allow more students to be matched in school-based mentoring program
- Blessings in a Backpack, \$5,000 to provide food to elementary aged children every weekend during the school year
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), \$3,000 to assist with operating expenses for program that serves abused and neglected children of Scott County
- City of Scottsburg Police Department, \$3,200 to purchase equipment for in-car computer initiative, allowing police officers to patrol longer and respond to calls quicker
- Englishton Park, \$3,000 to provide assistance for the summer camp program
- Lexington Good Faith Preschool, \$5,750 to provide free pre-



Students are quizzed on their knowledge of survival skills and Hunger Games trivia at the Edge summer program at Scottsburg Middle School.

school services to children of Lexington Township

- LifeSpan Resources, \$1,350 for a prescription assistance program for elderly and disabled clients
- O.V.O. Head Start, \$2,200 for Minds-in-Motion equipment to benefit preschool students
- Reach Out and Read Indiana, \$1,000, to distribute books to children ages 6 months through 5 years through pediatric visits at Foundation Family Medicine and Scottsburg Family Healthcare in Scott County
- Scott County Partnership, \$4,000 to provide food for the Clearinghouse
- Scott County Partnership, \$1,750 to provide assistance for GED testing fees
- Scott County Partnership, \$2,000 for the Circles Campaign, a program working to eliminate poverty

- Scott County Partnership, \$2,500 to provide field trips and supplies for the summer EDGE program

In addition, the Board of Directors awarded \$19,331 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives.

"As in years past, the grants committee had a difficult time deciding which organizations to award grants," said Jentzen. "With over \$137,000 in requests, it was an extremely competitive process and there were so many deserving projects."

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

In addition, funding for CASA, LifeSpan Resources and the Clearinghouse was made possible, in part, from the Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund. Through their membership in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from the family's fund are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

"The Scott County Community Foundation would like to congratulate those who have received funding, and thank all the applicants for their desire to make Scott County a great community to live in."
Hank Jentzen,
Grants Committee Chair

SCCF Receives "Good Housekeeping Seal" for Community Foundations

We are proud to announce the completion of the Standards Reconfirmation process in meeting Ethical and Operational Standards for Indiana Community Foundations. Because of Indiana's reciprocal agreement with the Community Foundations National Standards Board, this makes us automatically in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as well.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking, and administration. The program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors. The Scott County Community Foundation originally earned the designation five years ago. Community foundations must

be reconfirmed in compliance with the National Standards five years after their original confirmation.

Developed in the spirit of accountability, transparency and continuous self-improvement, National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations are evidence that community foundations seek excellence for their communities and their donors.



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Looking Forward, Giving Back.

YGC Awards Grants For Youth-Related Projects

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council awarded over \$2,600 in grants to youth-related projects in the community at an annual dinner held June 4 at First Southern Baptist Church.

Austin Christian Preschool received \$597 for its "Byte-ing into Technology" project. They will purchase new computers and educational software for preschool students in order to create engaging classroom experiences and better prepare them for school.

Austin Middle School received \$200 for its "Social Skills in the Community" project. Lee Anne Hahn's students will enjoy restaurant outings to learn how to handle money and interact with community members, giving them socializing experiences.

Blessings in a Backpack received \$640 for the "Blessings in a Backpack" program. Backpacks of food will be provided to children every weekend during the school year.

Lexington Good Faith Preschool received \$750 for its preschool. The funds will be used to help with transportation costs for the preschool, which is provided free for Lexington Township students.

Scott County Soccer Club received \$175 for its "Helping Scott County Youth Reach Their Goal" program. This will provide matching dollars for scholarships so youth can play soccer.



**Joey Payne gives a certificate to the
Scottsburg High School Archery Team.**

Scottsburg High School Archery Team received \$280 for its "National Archery in the School" program. The program has expanded to the high school and will be used for archery equipment.

"I enjoy knowing that every decision we make, no matter how small, will benefit Scott County youth in some way," said Grants Committee Chairperson Joey Payne. "Due to this, being a part of the YGC's grants process is an experience leaving me happy, no matter the outcome."