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## 2014: A Big Year for Community Foundations

One hundred years ago, in 1914, the first community foundation was established in the Midwest, giving rise to a new philanthropy, a new way of participating in community, and a new vision for the future.

Today, the Scott County Community Foundation is one of more than 700 community foundations in the United States, collectively managing more than \$48 billion in assets and making grants of approximately \$4.5 billion a year to improve life in their communities. There are more than 1,700 community foundations worldwide.

Since we were established in 1997, we have made grants of more than \$2.9 million to address pressing needs and important local causes, through the generous gifts of our donors. Through the generosity of Lilly Endowment, over \$8.5 million has also come to Scott

County through us, to help fund the Clearinghouse, Lifelong Learning Center, YMCA, baseball facilities in the entire county, park improvements and more.

In the past year alone, we've:

- \* Granted \$217,000 for our local community, including scholarships and educational initiatives, historical preservation, youth development, assistance for the elderly and disabled, food for the hungry, medical equipment for free health clinics and more.

- \* Partnered with United Way of Scott County to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Scott County, which provides free books to children every month from birth through age five.

We're proud to be part of this vibrant field of community philanthropy—100 years and growing!

## Thoughts From Our Chairman

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Winter—along with all the ice, snow, and sub-freezing temperatures that seem to capture communities—often serves as a time when great ideas develop out of the recognition of great need.

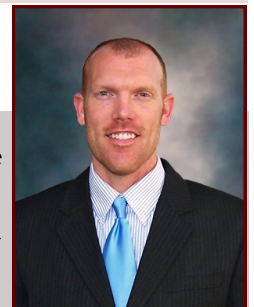
A few simple events during a recent trip out of town with my family reminded me of this. At approximately 3:30 a.m., Clayton, our 11-month old, woke in a cry from his bed in our hotel room. Realizing a trip to our vehicle was needed, I volunteered to head to the parking lot from our second-floor room while my wife stayed with Clayton and our two girls. After stepping into the elevator cab, I pressed the button for the first floor. The door began to close, followed by a flickering of lights and a shaking of the cab. While not an elevator expert, I knew from the movies that this wasn't a good sign. The power had failed. Fortunately, the elevator cab door remained open just enough for me to slide out (and I wasn't forced to spend time sitting in a dark elevator cab reflecting of how I should have taken my phone—or more helpful in such a situation, the stairs).

Not being prepared for the much darker trip to the parking lot, I returned to the room to retrieve my "flashlight" (cell phone). Upon entering the room, I discovered that Macy and Mya had been awakened by the cries of their brother. Recognizing that a need for room lighting existed, Macy (inspired to solve "really big problems" by the cartoon Peg + Cat) decided that the best solution for the moment was not to return to sleep, but instead to use iPads to provide the needed lighting. To Macy, this idea not only met communal needs (as Clayton needed a diaper change), but also provided a way for her and Mya to help (by playing games on the iPad to generate light).

During the week back home in Scott County following our out-of-town electrical outage experience, I had the opportunity to participate in several community focus group sessions where community needs (much greater than those created by a brief electrical outage) were discussed. While many of the stories shared during these sessions began as stories of pain, suffering, hunger, or abuse, a great number of those stories continue today as stories of

hope. The hope spoke of during these sessions developed only because of the support provided by members of our community who recognized a need, joined together, and served sacrificially.

While we may not always agree on the best approach to meeting needs, I believe part of what makes us human is that we find ways to join together and support one another—not only during times of great celebration, but during times of great need. As the Community Grants cycle opens, the Foundation looks forward to seeing the creative ideas that have developed in recognition of great needs. Through continued contributions of community members, stories of hope continue to be written, and lives continue to be changed. On behalf of the Community Foundation, thank you for your continued support!



**ADAM GIBSON  
CHAIRMAN**

## Scholarship Assistance Available to Students

Over \$60,500 in scholarship assistance is available to graduating seniors and current college students this year. Whether a student has not decided on a major, or has plans to choose a career path in education, healthcare or other fields, there are several scholarships available.

Applications are due March 15, and have attachments required, so students are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible. Applicants are evaluated on a variety of criteria, with each scholarship having its own requirements. Criteria may include financial need, academics, letters of recommendation, extra-curricular activities, honors/awards, community involvement, work, essays and overall quality of the applica-

tion. Some scholarships also have additional requirements, such as church attendance and a specific essay.

All scholarships will now be completed online, and can be accessed at our website. Click on the Scholarships and Grants pull-down menu and select Scholarships.

Updates on current and past scholarship recipients also can be found on our website. In addition, there are numerous links to information on applying for financial assistance, scholarships, student loans and more. There is also a resource that can be downloaded that lists scholarships available from other providers in Scott County.

## YGC Offers Funds for Youth-Related Projects

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council ("YGC") is accepting grant applications to fund youth-related projects in the community. The YGC has \$4,700 from the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council Fund and the Terry Fewell Memorial Youth Fund that it may award to projects that benefit youth in Scott County. The maximum amount per request is \$800, and grants must be for non-profit organizations or other charitable causes.

Programs that the YGC will look favorably on will focus on the following four areas: community service (to support programs related to community development, citizen involvement, recreation, and general community programs and projects); social service (to support human service organizations, programs for children, youth, family, and senior citizens); health (to support programs that promote healthy environments for the youth of Scott County), education (to support programs, projects, and scholarship in pre-school, secondary, post-secondary, and special education areas), art (to support the growth and development of youth appreciation for the arts and culture) and leadership (to support the growth of youth leadership abilities). However, consideration of grant requests will not be limited to those areas.

Applications are due Friday, February 28, 2014 at 3 p.m. Interviews will take place this spring at the Lifelong Learning



**The YGC conducted a site visit to one of their grantees, the Scottsburg High School Archery Team. Archers showed YGC members how to properly shoot the targets, which were purchased with the grant funds.**

Center on Community Way in Scottsburg. Those selected by the YGC for interviews will be contacted.

The YGC is made up of students from throughout the community who hold regular meetings, discuss ideas and hold events to raise money, and then give grants to the community for youth-related projects. 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, and grow their endowment funds for the future.

Last year, the YGC awarded \$3,400 in grants to Austin High School Dimensions Show Choir, Austin Middle School, Lexington Good Faith Preschool, Scott County 4-H, Scottsburg Middle School Archery Team, Scottsburg High School Archery Team and United Way of Scott County for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. The YGC has awarded almost \$28,000 since its inception several years ago.

The application can be completed online, and is available at our website, [www.scottcountyfoundation.org](http://www.scottcountyfoundation.org). Go to the Youth Council pull-down menu and select "About the YGC" to find the link.

## Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund Established

Jayce Ray Stallings loved being with his mom's basketball team, at the baseball diamond, and on vacation with his family. He enjoyed John Deere tractors and was loved by everyone who met him. The son of Julian and Ashley (Peacock) Stallings and brother of Madalyn, he had attended Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Austin.

Jayce was just three years old when he tragically died in a drowning accident this past summer. His family is determined to keep his memory alive, and have established the Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund at the Scott County Community Foundation. The scholarship, worth \$1,000, will be awarded to a graduating Austin High School senior girl who played basketball. Jayce's mom, Ashley,



coaches the team, and Jayce was a constant presence during practices and games.

"Yes, it's a privilege because it's money that's going to help pay for our future, but it also gives Jayce an opportunity to be in our future in a way because it's all for him," said senior Megan Smith.

The family has been working hard on fundraisers, including a successful softball tournament, to build the scholarship. The first award will be given this May.

"While our hearts break for the Stallings family, this is a meaningful way for them to honor Jayce," said Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "I know the community has been extremely supportive through prayers, along with helping raise the funds for these scholarships. Giving out money each year in memory of Jayce will allow the community to always remember this beautiful boy."

## 2014 Community Grants Program Opens

We extend an invitation to the community to submit proposals for our 2014 Community Grants Program. The grants may be used for any charitable purpose in the areas of community service, social service, education, health, the arts, environment and entrepreneurship. We have awarded over \$580,000 from our unrestricted grants to the community since 1997.

We have \$89,964 that may be awarded in this year's program from unrestricted funds, including the Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund, Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, the Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund, L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Fund, Scott

County Memorial Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund and the Community Enrichment Fund. In addition, there is over \$54,000 available from the CAPE Endowment Fund, which provides funding for educational initiatives.

"The Scott County Community Foundation will once again provide support for our not-for-profit organizations," said grants committee chairman Hank Jentzen. "I also encourage everyone who may be interested to contact the staff at the Scott County Community Foundation to discover how easily a fund can be established and the many different kinds of funds available," added Jentzen.

We welcome proposals from charitable organizations which have their tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status, schools, and government entities. Proposals from nonprofit

organizations not classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity may be considered provided the project is charitable and supports a community need.

Because this is a competitive process, application standards and expectations will be high. Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff to review applications and receive tips for a successful proposal.

Applications are available in an insertable PDF form, but applicants are asked to submit nine copies for the committee. To submit an application, visit our website at [www.scottcountyfoundation.org](http://www.scottcountyfoundation.org) and find the link from the Scholarships and Grants menu.

Grant applications are due Wednesday, April 30 at 3 p.m. Finalists may be interviewed at the end of May, and recipients will be announced mid-June.

*"Our grants process is just one way we contribute to others whose efforts help improve the quality of life in our community."*

**Hank Jentzen,**  
**Grants Committee**  
**Chair**



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## Looking Forward, Giving Back.

## Giving Back to Our Community



Above left: Scottsburg Kiwanis Club President Al Riggle gives a check for \$500 to Kids First Board President Jim Morgan. The grant was awarded from the Scottsburg Kiwanis Club Fund, and will be used to help Scott County children year-round. The Kiwanis Club Fund is a donor-advised fund, which allows the Club to choose the charities they want to support each year.

Above right: National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) Regional Director Amanda Davidson receives a check for \$300 from Scottsburg Lions Club Treasurer Scott Murphy. The grant was made possible from the Scottsburg Lions Club/D.O. Reid Memorial Fund, and was used to purchase Christmas toys for children in foster care. The Lions Club Fund is also a donor-advised fund.