

SCOTT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION **Community Connection**

Lilly Endowment Awards \$500,000 to Scott County

The Scott County Community Foundation will benefit from a matching grant initiative of Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT), launched in 1990, helps local Indiana communities develop the philanthropic capacity to address their own needs and challenges. This is the sixth phase of the GIFT program, and Scott County Community Foundation is eligible to receive \$500,000, said Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe.

"Lilly Endowment has been extremely supportive of community foundations over the years," Toppe said. "In fact, more than \$9 million has come to Scott County through Lilly Endowment. This includes the Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) grant for educational initiatives; funding for the Lifelong Learning Center; Scott County Family YMCA; Scott County Clearinghouse; construction of baseball facilities in Austin, Lexington and Scottsburg; improvements to parks, scholarships; and our recent intern program."

The GIFT initiative has strengthened community foundations and raised public awareness of the role they can play in improving the quality of life in Indiana communities, said Ace Yakey, vice president for community development at Lilly Endowment.

The number of community foundations in the state has grown from about a dozen in 1990 to 94 in 2014, making Indiana a leader in the nation. Since it was first established in 1997, the Scott County Community Foundation has grown to \$7.7 million in assets with more than 70 funds, all supporting the passions of local donors who desire to make an impact in the community.

"We are very excited about this opportunity and the difference this will make not only today, but for our future generations," Toppe said. "We invite the members of our community to think about what they would like to see accomplished in our community, and how we can work together to achieve those goals through their charitable giving."

Thoughts From Our Chairman

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

We have all heard the adage "Double Your Pleasure/Double Your Fun" and "Buy One, Get One Free." Well, no question about it, everyone loves a bargain, especially when it doubles the action. This is the season when bargains are abounding.

An opportunity that I would like to share with you is one that you have probably never heard about or thought much about before. You can now "Double Your Passion/Double Your Action" with a gift to the Community Enrichment Fund or any other unrestricted fund. Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar compliments of Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s matching grant initiative. If your favorite community fund has a restricted purpose, such as a scholarship or charity, your gift will be matched 50 cents for every dollar.

Visit our website or follow the Community Foundation on Facebook if you know someone who wants to "Double Their Passion with a single contribution to Double Their Action."

Looking forward,

L.L. LOWRY CHAIRMAN

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New Board Members Welcomed to Foundation

Four new members have joined our Board of Directors beginning October 1. Nancy Barr, Michael Everett, Christa West and Terril Wolka replaced outgoing board members Adam Gibson, Dan Slattery and Syd Whitlock.



Nancy and her husband, Kenneth Burton, reside in Scottsburg. Nancy is the business administrator at the UofL Molecular, Cellular and Craniofacial Biology Birth Defects Center. She is a member of the Scott County Sheriff's Posse, and enjoys gardening, music and taking care of her critters (horses, dogs and cats).

Mike and his wife, Mary, live in Scottsburg with their three children, Seth, Samuel, and Sarah. He is the CEO of Scott Memorial Hospital. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and enjoys camping,

hiking and being with family.



Christa and her husband, Evan, reside in Scottsburg with their two sons, Mason and Max. She is an attorney with the Scott County office of the Indiana Department of Child Services. She is a member of Austin Christian Church and enjoys spending time with her family.

Terry and his wife, Vicki, reside in Scottsburg. They have three children, Craig and Elloree Wolka, and Emilee Puthoff. He has been an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance



for 31 years. Terry is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and a past board member for several charitable organizations. He enjoys traveling, kayaking, and smallmouth bass fishing.

"Good leadership and active board participation is the major key to a strong organization," said board chair L.L. Lowry. "Scott County Community Foundation has been fortunate to have good quality people such as Adam, Syd and Dan serve in this capacity for the last several years. We appreciate their continued support."

"Serving on nonprofit boards is a volunteer position done by people who have passions and desires to improve their communities. Our new members, Nancy, Mike, Christa and Terry, have a variety of skills and talents. We hope they enjoy their time on the board serving out their passions."

Focus on a Fund: Scottsburg Kiwanis Club Endowment

The Scottsburg Kiwanis Club reaches a milestone in December - the 15 year anniversary of the establishment of their endowment fund at the Community Foundation!

In December 1999, the Scottsburg Kiwanis Club Endowment Fund was established with a gift from community philanthropist and Foundation board



Former Kiwanis Club President Al Riggle is shown with Jean Robbins of Kids Place, which received a grant from the Kiwanis Club's fund.

member Dwight Chamberlain to honor Russell Chamberlain.

His wife, Marilyn, shared that Dwight felt strongly about the Foundation and the future benefits it offers to our kids.

As a donor-advised fund, each year the members

of Scottsburg Kiwanis Club recommend grants to numerous charities in the community. Past grant recipients include Hardy Lake Sweep, Scott County Family YMCA, Kids First, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, New Hope Services, Englishton Park Summer Camp, Lexington Good Faith Preschool, Big

Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County, Special Olympics, Lyr-

ics Alive, Chamber of Commerce's BizCamp, and Scott County Partnership's Circles poverty campaign. Grants have totaled over \$9,700 over the years!

Marilyn stated that Dwight would be pleased to see how the fund has grown and how the earnings have benefited so many children in Scott County in so many ways.

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Robin Eve Memorial Fund Established to Benefit Parks

A family's love for children and our local parks has turned into a legacy that will touch lives for generations through a new fund at the Scott County Community Foundation to benefit the Scottsburg parks.

Robin Eve was known throughout the community by many who would see her walk-

ing with her mother, Mary, always with a smile on her face and a compliment to accompany her greeting.

Mayor Bill Graham became a close friend of the two women, and made sure the women had the resources they needed, especially after cancer struck Mary.

Robin had worked for Blue River Services and Futures Unlimited, and she took her work seriously, always doing her job to the best of her ability and enjoying it at the same time. When she saw others who had disabilities more severe than hers, she would take them under her wing and make sure they were taken care of. She had also competed in Special Olympics.

More than anything, Robin and Mary cherished the simple things in life. Mary had an electric organ and enjoyed playing music.

"They loved going to the parks to sit and peoplewatch, feed the ducks, watch kids play," said Mayor Graham. "They'd be the first people to arrive at Pig Roast in the Park and the last to leave."

Mary passed away in 2012. When Mary was going through her cancer treatments, she had named Mayor Graham power of attorney to take care of Robin, which is what he continued to do after Mary's death. Robin died at the age of 57 on June 21, 2013.

After ensuring that all funeral expenses were covered,

Mayor Graham talked to Robin's cousins about what to do with the remaining money from her estate, and suggested donating it to benefit the Scottsburg city parks. Robin's cousin, John Kurtz Sr., wholeheartedly agreed with this idea, and coordinated with numerous family members who were entitled to portions of the estate, to give up their share to provide a benefit to something that Robin loved so much.

They decided to establish the Robin Eve Memorial Fund at the Scott County Community Foundation, where the original donation would be invested and only a portion of the earnings spent, allowing the fund to grow and benefit the city parks for generations to come.

"It was a no-brainer," said Mayor Graham on why he thought the Community Foundation was a great fit for the funds. He was very familiar with the Community Foundation, as he had encouraged the formation of the organization over 17 years ago. When Otis Collier, a Scottsburg resident who loved gardening and was known for his beautiful rose gardens, passed away, he left his estate to the Scottsburg Beautification Committee. The Committee then established a fund at the Community Foundation to benefit the Otis Collier Memorial Garden at Lake Iola.

"Robin was one of the most loving, compassionate people that I have ever known," shared Mayor Graham. "Robin and Mary would be tickled to death and very pleased to know their money is going to benefit children, disabled and elderly people who enjoy the parks."

Please read the full story on our website.

Shannon Borden Leads Nonprofit Session on Finances

Shannon Borden, CPA and Director at Blue & Co., will lead a session on financial controls for nonprofits next month.

"Must Have Internal Controls" will be presented on Friday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Community Foundation office. The session will cover general internal controls, financial reporting controls, organizational policies, external services and communicating your financial position.

Lunch will be provided, but RSVP's are required by

Thursday, November 20 at noon. Please call 752-2057.

Our Financial Officer Charlotte Boswell was at a similar session recently and highly recommends attending.

"This workshop was an excellent chance to review our internal controls and the importance of showing our supporters that we are well governed," said Charlotte. "The workshop was also an opportunity for those new to the nonprofit field to gain knowledge of the basic controls that need to be in place. Shannon's background in audits and nonprofit work provides valuable insight."

"By using the

Community

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money can grow

and then it can be

future where it is

Mayor Bill Graham

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Looking Forward, Giving Back.

First-ever Generations Dinner a Success!



Our inaugural Generations dinner was a hit, complete with guests dressed from every era (congrats to Best Dressed Katy Hutchinson at far right!), music, quizzes, prizes, historical photo display, live auction and a delicious dinner! This was a fun night to celebrate the impact that past and current generations are having on our future generations, and we look forward to seeing you at next year's event! You can view more photos on our Facebook page.









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