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Marketing Interns Hired to Freshen SCCF Image

We are excited to welcome two marketing interns, Brianna Harlan and Hannah Taylor. Funding for the internships is made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment.

Brianna and Hannah are both students at Hanover College. Their main duties will include enhancing the brand of the Foundation, creating marketing materials, researching markets and advertisement techniques, collecting donor stories and assembling informational packets and reports.

Brianna is studying studio arts and business, while Hannah is majoring in communications.

"Hannah and I are very excited, ecstatic even, to be a part of the Scott County Community Foundation team," Brianna shared. "They do so much to push community development. I want to help capture the energy behind the work and progress; I hope to learn from it and



reflect it in all I contribute during my internship."

"I am incredibly honored and excited to work with the Scott County Community Foundation," said Hannah. "I am very interested to work with the donors and learn more about the types of grants and donations the Foundation receives. Hopefully the work that Brianna and I do can bring more recognition to the wonderful people of this community and the generous gifts to the Foundation."

"We are so excited to have both students bring a fresh perspective to the Community Foundation," said Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "Our marketing committee was very impressed with their qualifications and we are eager to see what ideas they have to bring to the table. Stay tuned in the coming months to see their vision!"



Thoughts From Our Chairman: "The Things I've Learned"

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

* I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

* I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

* I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

* I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

* And, I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

As we weave our way through life, we sometimes lose sight of our real mission. We need to encourage and support one another and we can do that in

many ways. I was very fortunate to become engaged in an organization like the Scott County Community Foundation. An organization which takes the wishes and dreams of some people and gives those wishes and dreams to others....what a great place to be.

As you think about your position this year, and where you want to be and who you want to support, I would hope you could turn to the Scott County Community Foundation for guidance and learn about the opportunities we have right here in Scott County.



Looking forward,
L.L. LOWRY
CHAIRMAN

Ella Maude McCulloch Endowment Benefits Missions



Ella Maude McCulloch was involved in mission work of some degree during her entire 90 years of life, and now an endowment fund to benefit missions at Scottsburg United Methodist Church will honor her contributions to others.

Ella Maude was born July 31, 1920, in Charlestown, Ind., to John and Myrtle Faye Kenny McCulloch.

Most of the members of the Scottsburg United Methodist Church vividly remember when Ella Maude would join weeklong group trips to Oklahoma to help build a church. She was also known to take off in her car any given day when there was a disaster close by, or in a neighboring state, to clean debris or anything that she could do to be helpful to those who had a need.

By vocation Ella Maude was a nurse and loved to be a caregiver to people in need. She was a very calm and peaceful person to be around. She showed many the love of Christ through the faithful volunteer work she did in her neighborhood and her church. On one occasion, recalled a Scottsburg United Methodist Church member whose brother had passed away, Ella Maude drove over 220 miles to attend the funeral.

This wasn't the only time she did things like that as she always was involved in activities that showed the love, compassion, mercy and servant nature of a true follower of Jesus Christ.

For many years she quietly volunteered at the Scottsburg United Methodist Church to help fold envelopes,

pick up the attendance sheets out of each folder in the pew, and count the offerings. She attended church each week without ever missing a Sunday. In 2007, she was awarded an Attendance Pin for 14 years of perfect attendance in her Sunday School class. She continued on after that to be a regular church attendee until her illness and eventual death in 2010.

Ella Maude was 90 years old when she passed away. For her funeral services, conducted by Stewart and Hoagland Funeral Home in Scottsburg, she requested that the pallbearers be female.

For those who knew her, it brings great joy to have her passion for missions recognized by a mission endowment in her name to benefit the Scottsburg United Methodist Church, said L. L. Lowry, who serves on the SUMC Endowment Committee. The endowment fund will be managed by the Scott County Community Foundation, which will distribute earnings each year to the church's Endowment Committee which will support mission work and mission events in Ella Maude's name.

An associate of the Scottsburg Methodist Church endowment committee reported that this is not something that Ella Maude asked for, but something the church chose to do to gracefully honor her example of love and service to others.

"What a wonderful way to carry on Ella Maude's legacy through this fund," said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "I commend church members for having the vision and desire to make a lasting effect in our community, and for placing their trust in the Community Foundation to manage this fund in perpetuity."

2015 Community Grants Program Opens

We invite the community to submit proposals for our 2015 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 \$97,000 that may be awarded in this year's program from unrestricted funds. In addition, there is over \$56,000 available from the CAPE Endowment Fund, which provides funding for educational initiatives.

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 should be submitted online, and in addition applicants should submit 10 copies for the committee. To submit an application, visit our website at www.scottcountyfoundation.org and find the link from the Scholarships and Grants menu.

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

Kathy Nicholson Leaves Legacy Through Endowment Funds

A woman's love for music will now provide enjoyment for her church's congregation for generations to come through a music endowment fund. Along with Kathy Nicholson's love of music, she also had a passion for mission work done through her church and was very supportive of mission projects.



"She was so pleased to know that this might be a possibility after her estate was settled," reported L. L. Lowry, who serves on the Scottsburg United Methodist Church Endowment Committee. "These are compassionate gifts she has left for our church and this community."

Kathy and her childhood friend, Margaret Comer, first met in Mrs. Lenna Kennedy's first grade classroom. Margaret related that from the beginning it was clear that Kathy had a passion for music. She loved to sing and play the piano. In fourth grade, Margaret's parents joined the Scottsburg United Methodist Church where Kathy was a member, and there the two girls began singing special duet numbers for the church as well as singing in the children's choir. They both enjoyed playing clarinet in the high school band and took music appreciation class from Mr. Schreiber in high school. Kathy with eagerness shared her latest music discoveries with friends, loaning out her L.P.'s. She loved all genres of music.

Margaret commented, "Funding for music education typically gets overlooked in communities large and small, but Kathy passionately took full use of all of the music opportunities that our county had to offer."

People who knew her and those who attended SUMC

have fond memories of her and remember her beautiful singing voice serving in the church choir.

It was wonderful to watch her using American Sign Language to interpret songs as they were sung, shared a member of the church's choir. Kathy loved to express herself through the gift of music and would quite often become very excited about a piece of music she heard or saw in a performance and share it with her friends and family.

During her 56 years of life, she never married. She was the major caretaker for her aging parents until her father passed away in 2004 and her mother in 2006. She had several close friends, classmates and a few cousins whom she associated with. When Kathy became ill, she depended on those friends and cousins to care for her. During her hospitalization and illness, she became very close to the Lord and depended on Him minute by minute during that time.

When Kathy prepared her will, just a few weeks before her passing in September 2012, it was her request to have two endowment funds set up. One was to assist with the music program at the Scottsburg United Methodist Church and the other to help with mission work in general through church-sponsored mission projects.

"By establishing endowment funds, this is the perfect way to ensure Kathy's legacy will endure forever and support the programs that she cared most about," said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe.

Please read the full story on our website.

"Kathy was kind, compassionate and grateful to everyone that helped her during her illness. She maintained a wonderful sense of humor even in the middle of all her physical trials."

SUMC Church Member

Scholarship Applications Available to Graduating Seniors

Over \$54,000 in scholarship assistance is available to graduating seniors. 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 6, and have attachments required, so students are encouraged to begin the process immediately. 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 application. Some scholarships also have additional requirements, such as church attendance and a specific essay.

All scholarships must be completed online, and can be accessed at www.scottcountyfoundation.org. Click on the Scholarships and Grants pull-down menu and select Scholarships. There are two separate links for the applications – one is for graduating seniors, and one is specifically for the Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship available to Scottsburg High School seniors.

"We are very grateful for the donors who are so passionate about helping students with their costs of higher education through these scholarships," said Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "Applying for scholarships can be not only financially gratifying for students who are selected, but it is also a learning experience for all students as they go through the application process."



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Youth Grantmaking Council Grows Membership

Members of the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council ("YGC") recently enjoyed a Christmas party, where they played games and got to know several new members. Membership has recently grown tremendously, with 46 youth now volunteering their time to Scott County! Nineteen of these members have joined in the past five months!

The YGC remains as busy as ever with several upcoming community service projects, including a collection for the Clearinghouse, playing bingo with residents at Hickory Creek Nursing Home and participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters' Bowl for Kids' Sake. Their 2015 grants cycle has just opened, and they have about \$5,000 to award for youth-related projects (Find the application on our website). They have several new fundraisers planned for the year. A new project they are planning is



hosting a senior citizens prom at Hampton Oaks.

We are so proud of our youth!! Many of them are involved with many other school and community activities, and yet they still take the time to volunteer many hours to our community!