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## ‘Celebrate Giving’ Reception Held at Jeeves



We had a great time at our Celebrate Giving event at Jeeves in July! Over the past 18 years, over \$3 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded to Scott County through our generous donors!

With music provided by Bomar & Ritter, our guests enjoyed delicious food prepared by Justin Westmoreland and his staff at the newly-renovated Jeeves. We enjoyed hearing the impact of our grants from Jennifer Johanningsmeier of Lexington Good Faith Preschool and Rod Wilson of the Clearinghouse.

We have less than a year remaining of the Lilly Endowment GIFT VI matching grant initiative, which has the potential to bring \$1.25 million in endowment funds to the Community Foundation. This could result in an additional \$50,000 in grants and scholarships each year!

Contact us today to find out how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity!

## Thoughts From Our Chairman: “What’s Important to You?”

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

One of my favorite childhood memories is that I loved to ‘fix’ things. It didn’t matter what was broken or didn’t work, I tried to satisfy my feelings for making it productive again...a door latch, a broken calf stall, the wheel on the garden plow, a broken toy—things that I really cared for and wanted to keep. It was a way of life to fix and take care of what you had.

Sometimes what you care so much about gets all used up and goes away...never to return, so while you have it and can enjoy it, it’s best you love it, and care for it, and fix it when it’s broken and heal it when it is sick.

There are some things that just seem to make life

really important for us and we often have to make decisions on what we want to keep close and what to let go. For me, I’ve enjoyed giving back to my community through volunteering. But it’s also been especially meaningful to know that my donations to the Community Foundation are going to benefit Scott County – helping to ‘fix’ problems and help causes that I care about now – for long after I’m gone.



Looking forward,

**L.L. LOWRY**  
**CHAIRMAN**

## Students Honored With Scholarships for College

Over \$55,000 in scholarships were awarded this year to assist students with their pursuit of higher education. Those honored include:

- Carmen Boley, \$8,000, Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship;
- Brandon Boswell, \$3,500, Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship;
- Olivia Burchett, \$2,000, Scott Memorial Hospital IUS Scholarship;
- D'artagnan Engle, \$500, Charles G. Nolan Memorial Scholarship;
- Natalie Grever, \$5,000, Epply Shields Memorial Scholarship;
- Braden Hale, \$10,000, Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship; \$500, Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship;
- Andrea Howard, \$2,500, Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship;
- Matthew Jerrell, \$9,000, Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship;
- Leila Kermanshahi, \$500, Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship;
- Leighanna Miller, \$500, Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship; \$500, Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship;
- Cameron Schmidt, \$5,000, Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship;
- Breanna Stubblefield, \$500, Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship;
- Elizabeth Vires, \$2,500, Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship; \$1,000, Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund



## Evan Conder Hired for Summer Internship



We welcomed Evan Conder to our team this summer as Career-Life Research Specialist. The Community Foundation Internships (CFI) program is funded by Lilly Endowment and is part of their goals to help build healthy Indiana community foundations and to provide college students with real-life work experiences.

Evan worked with the Scott County Partnership to update the curriculum of the Reality Store, which began in 2002 as a program originating from the CAPE initiative. The Reality Store is for 7th grade students in Scottsburg and Austin Middle Schools, where students participate in a simulation where they are 28 years old, living in

Scott County and working in the Louisville Metro Area. Evan improved the Reality Store by updating the outdated wages, careers, living expenses.

Evan is a sophomore at Indiana University Bloomington where he studies Political Science and Economics while minoring in Spanish. He plans to attend law school after receiving his undergraduate degree at IU, but is currently unsure on what type of law he wants to specialize in.

"I am ecstatic to work with the Community Foundation and the Partnership to update this program that I once went through as a student," said Evan. "I am very glad that I am able to help the Reality Store become a little more realistic for the students."

# Over \$150,000 Awarded During Community Grants Program

We are honored to award over \$150,000 in grants to several local agencies during our 2015 Community Grants Program.

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

- Big Brothers Big Sisters, \$2,000, program and operating expenses for mentoring program in Scott County
- CASA of Scott County, \$10,000, office staff to recruit, train and support community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children
- City of Scottsburg Electric Department, \$3,000, support educational and safety components of a lineworkers' rodeo to be hosted in Scott County
- City of Scottsburg Police Department, \$3,441.92, purchase digital radio system and updated flashlights
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library, \$5,000, provide free books for children from birth through age 5
- Englishton Park, \$7,000, provide tuition assistance for Scott County children to attend a summer camp remediation program
- Gleaners Food Bank, \$7,500, BackSacks program, which provides food for elementary students every weekend during the school year
- Lexington Good Faith Preschool, \$5,000, provide free preschool services for children in Lexington Township
- New Hope Services, \$7,500, scholarships to provide childcare and preschool tuition for families in need
- Scott County Family YMCA, \$10,000, after-school program for Vienna-Finley Elementary students
- Scott County 4-H, \$1,500, funding for youth to attend workshops and camps
- Scott County 4-H Lego Robotics, \$4,176, purchase VEX robotics equipment
- Scott County Partnership – Circles, \$5,000, implement pilot high school circles program for Austin High School and youth circles program for youth ages 8-14
- Scott County Partnership – Clearinghouse, \$4,000,



**City of Scottsburg Electric Dept.'s grant will be used to offer our youth a chance to explore career opportunities in the lineworker field, as well as to support educational and safety components (such as powerline safety) of the 2015 IMEA Lineworkers' Rodeo, to be hosted in Scott County on Sept. 25-26 at Mid-America Science Park.**

provide AmeriCorps match for Clearinghouse staff

- Scott County School District 2, \$5,000, purchase speakers for outdoor sporting events at Scottsburg Middle School
- Scott County Sheriff's Department, \$3,996.80, equip new deputies and their vehicles with radar guns
- Scottsburg FFA, \$10,000, purchase greenhouse for agriculture projects

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund was able to assist with funding for the grants to Big Brothers Big Sisters and CASA. Through the Collins family's membership in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from the family's fund are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$56,406 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, vocational/ technical career counselor for Scottsburg High School, coordinate other educational programs including Reality Stores, Scott County Attendance Review Board, Youth/education Committee, Career Clusters, Back to School Bash and more.

The grants were also made possible from the Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, 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 and the Community Enrichment Fund.

Now is a wonderful opportunity to make a donation or establish a fund with the Community Foundation in order to take advantage of having your dollars matched by Lilly Endowment. All donations to these unrestricted funds are currently being matched \$1 for every \$1 donated.

*"All this would not be possible without the generosity of people who establish funds and those who donate to the Community Foundation."*

*Hank Jentzen,  
Grants Committee  
Chairperson*



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## Looking Forward, Giving Back.

# Youth Philanthropists Honored With Helping Hand Award

Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council members Tyler White and Carmen Boley awarded the 2015 Helping Hand Award to Isabela and Fidelina Diaz at the YGC's annual dinner in June. This award is



for students who go above and beyond in making our community a better place. Isabela is a fifth grade student at Lexington Elementary and Fidelina is an eighth grade student at Scottsburg Middle School. When the sisters heard about Bo Meagher being diagnosed with leukemia, they wanted to find a way to help. They came up with "Bracelets 4 Bo," where they hand-made and sold hundreds of bracelets with the hashtag #bostrong, raising over \$800 for Bo and his family. They also started a Facebook page as a way for the community to offer prayers for Bo. "We're so happy that

we're able to help Bo and his family!" said Fidelina. The sisters were presented with a certificate and \$100 for their efforts, and are shown accepting their award with Bo. Fidelina and Isabela are the daughters of Fredy and Julie Diaz of Lexington.

The runner-up was Emily Gabbard, a second grade student at Johnson Elementary. She created a fundraiser to help people with cancer, since her dad had cancer, and students could wear a Christmas cap at school all day. This student helped make a video, posters and had the American Cancer Society come to school to talk about cancer and how important it was to help people who had cancer. Through her efforts, she raised hundreds of dollars for the American Cancer Society. Emily was awarded \$50 for her efforts. Emily is the daughter of Linda Fox and the late Marvin Gabbard.