

# Community Connection

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### *A look back.....*

Our board minutes from 1999 reflect a conversation in which our staff was getting a new computer and printer, and asked if the Foundation could have internet access.

“What would be the purpose in having internet?” asked a board member.

My, how times have changed!

## Katie Hunger Named 2017 Lilly Scholar



One Scott County student has been named recipient of a full-tuition, four-year scholarship as our 2017 Scott County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Katlyn Hunger of Scottsburg High School will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of her choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. She joins 35 other Lilly Scholar recipients from Scott County since 1998.

Katie is the daughter of James and Jennifer Hunger of Scottsburg. She is a member of Sunshine Society, Student Council, and plays volleyball. She attends Lexington Presbyterian Church and serves as an assistant teacher at Diamond Dance Center. She is also employed as a buffet attendant at Ponderosa Steakhouse.

Katie is unsure where she will attend college, but plans to major in English.

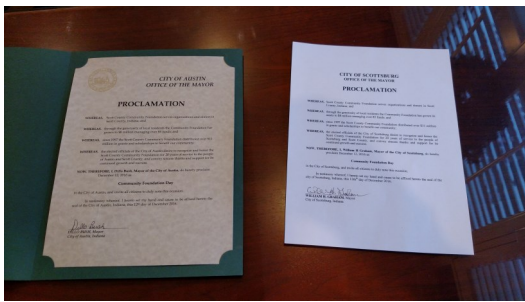
“My parents have worked very hard to provide me with anything and everything I’ve ever needed, and I have worked very hard at school and in all of my activities in hopes that one day I could repay them,” said Katie. “Winning this scholarship makes me feel like all of their sacrifice and my hard work has been worth it. I am so thankful to God for this blessing, and to the Foundation for thinking I am a worthy recipient. Receiving the Lilly is truly an honor.”

“Katie is an excellent student, person, and member of our community,” said Josh Stigdon, scholarship committee chairman. “The Board is excited to see what the future holds for her and wishes her much success at college and beyond.”

Students were judged based on financial consideration, community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work activities, academics and two essays. Nine students advanced to the interview portion. After the scholarship committee narrowed the field to one nominee and two alternates, the finalists’ names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the Scott County recipient.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor’s degree. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide.



## Open House Hosted Mayors issue Proclamation declaring Community Foundation Day

We recently held an open house to kick off our 20 year anniversary celebration. We were incorporated on Dec. 12, 1996, and have since distributed over \$11 million in grants and scholarships to benefit Scott County. Austin Mayor Dillo Bush and Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham both issued a Proclamation declaring Dec. 12, 2016 as Community Foundation Day. We hope you join us in celebrating all year long with our special events and activities!



## Foundation celebrates 20th anniversary with Gatsby Gala casino night

Join us in your flapper dresses and gangster suits for our 20th anniversary celebration, the Gatsby Gala. Those looking for a fun evening can enjoy this unique experience locally while helping to raise money for a great cause. This special fun-filled event will be held Saturday, March 4 from 6 until 10 p.m. at Mid-America Science Park, Scottsburg.

The night's entertainment will feature Small Time Napoleon, a band from Louisville that Insider Louisville has called "a mad science blend of western swing, hot jazz and folk." Mentalist Steve Haffner will perform mind-bending entertainment in a way that will fascinate guests. To round out the entertainment, there will be pull-tabs, bingo, a Vegas wheel, racehorse wheel, roulette and poker. We have obtained a state charitable gaming license for the event, so winners will take away cash. Door prizes will also be offered throughout the evening.

The menu will feature 1920s favorites and will include clam chowder, Caesar salad, baked ham, fried chicken, candied yams, string beans, red velvet cupcakes and apple pie. Prohibition-era drinks will be served along with current favorites at the "speakeasy" bar.

Guests will also get the chance to become grantmakers by

voting for their favorite charity from a pre-selected list chosen by the sponsors. The charity will be awarded a \$500 grant.

The event's Prohibition Platinum sponsors include Blue & Co., Duke Energy and Mason Investment Services. Sponsors are still needed to help ensure a successful event. To get a list of sponsorship levels and benefits, you may contact us at 812-752-2057.

1920's attire is encouraged, but not required. In keeping with the 20th anniversary celebration, tickets will only be \$20. RSVP's are required by Friday, Feb. 24 by stopping in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg, calling 812-752-2057 or emailing [info@scottcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@scottcountyfoundation.org).





# Founding board member shares history of Scott County Community Foundation

*As we celebrate our 20th anniversary this year, we will be sharing stories from people who have been impacted by the efforts of our donors and volunteers. The first in our series was written by Becky Wolf, a founding board member.*

"Scott County is so fortunate to have the Scott County Community Foundation as an active part of our community. Many people across the county have had a hand in developing and maintaining the activities of the Foundation.

My husband and I were lucky enough to be a part of the formation of the Foundation and see it grow over the first several years of its existence. We first learned of the system of community foundations when we were searching for a vehicle to manage the scholarship fund we wanted to start in memory of our son Tim. We met with Dale Orem of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana and he helped us set up the scholarship fund as we had envisioned it.

A year later the Lilly Endowment announced their second initiative to offer matching funds to community foundations around the state. Bob Houston contacted us about getting involved in starting a community foundation in Scott County so we could take advantage of

this very generous offer from Lilly. A steering committee was formed and with the help of CFSI and Bob the new Scott County Community Foundation had its start.

One of my very early memories involved a networking day in Indianapolis. I chose a break out session entitled "Growing Your Permanent Endowment." The session began with everyone introducing themselves and their foundation and reporting the current worth of their permanent endowment. When it came my turn I introduced myself and our brand new Foundation. I reported that our permanent endowment was currently zero, but asked them to repeat the question next year. What a long way our Foundation has come since that day.

Our family has had a hand in creating three funds in the Foundation; Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, Wolf Family Fund, and the Scottsburg United Methodist Church Fund. Even though we have retired and moved to Florida we are confident that these funds will continue to be managed professionally by the very capable staff and board of directors of the Foundation.

A recent high point for us was when our granddaughter, Lydia Wolf, was named to the Youth Grantmaking Council, assuring that the Wolf Family will continue to be represented at the Foundation."

**Mary Ellen Buchanan, another founding board member, is shown accepting a donation from Joe Wolf. This donation, made in early 1997, was one of the first made to the Scott County Community Foundation!**





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## *Looking Forward, Giving Back.*

### **YGC stays busy with service projects**

Members of the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council ("YGC") typically have their busiest time of the year around the holidays, when their days are filled with community service projects.

YGC members personally donated \$800 to buy Christmas presents for eight children in foster care. YGC members have also volunteered their time with the Kids First and We Care auctions, rang bells for the Clearinghouse, and helped with the Department of Child Service's Christmas party for children in foster care.

The new year won't slow down for them, either. They have opened their grants cycle, and will have over \$4,000 to award for youth-related projects this year. They are



also collecting donations for the Clearinghouse and will be stocking shelves there this month.

Any student in grades 5-12 who lives or attends school in Scott County is welcome to apply for membership on the Community Service Committee. Applications will be voted upon at the YGC's March business meeting.