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SCCF Celebrates 25 Years!



In 1996, then-executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Phil Martin, gathered a steering team of thoughtful leaders to create a community foundation in Scott County. The first "office" consisted of boxes of paperwork in the back of a Jeep and under a desk. The articles of incorporation were signed December 12, 1996.

The first official meeting of the Scott County Community Foundation was held in January 1997. At that time, we were an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana (CFSI), with a goal to become a stand-alone foundation within three to five years.

At the end of 1997, we received 210 gifts that formed 14 endowment funds with assets of just under \$250,000. We awarded challenge grants totaling \$50,000 funded from Lilly Endowment.

Just a few years later, we saw our vision realized when we received our 501c3 status and separated from CFSI. Their guidance and support allowed us to become an independent organization on October 1, 2000.

Since then, we've grown our assets to about \$12 million through over 100 funds that support a variety of causes. We've awarded over \$5.3 million in grants and scholarships. Our Youth Grantmaking Council has grown to over 90 active students who are learning about philanthropy. We've partnered with United Way of Scott County to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative to Scott County, and have placed a strategic focus on early childhood education. Through Lilly Endowment Inc.'s (LEI) assistance, we've been able to pursue community leadership opportunities such as conducting our Community Needs Assessment, *Forward Together*, in 2020, and will be releasing a community development plan, *Scott County Vision Plan*, this spring. In addition, about \$13 million has been funneled to Scott County through LEI. Projects that have been made possible due to this funding include the CAPE educational initiative, Life-long Learning Center, Scott County Family YMCA, Scott County Clearinghouse, Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, recreational areas in Austin, Lexington and Scottsburg, Community Foundation Internship program and more.

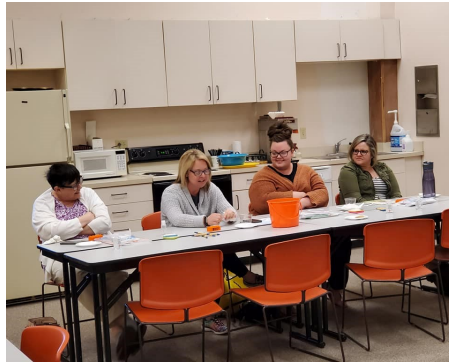
All of these activities would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and support of the community. To show our appreciation, we invite the community to help us celebrate 25 years at our open house. The special event will be held May 19, and visitors can stop in any time between 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided, and door prizes from local businesses will be awarded. We hope to see you!

Early Childhood Committee Hosts Provider Roundtable

While our Early Childhood Committee has stayed active with strategic planning during the last few years, we were finally able to host our first provider/educator roundtable since pre-pandemic.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about each other in the “Refresh & Renew” session. They

shared what is going well in the field, as well as barriers that they and families are facing. Their suggestions for what they want to learn about will be used to tailor future sessions in the Stepping Stones series. We are excited about the growth and support of early childhood education in our community!



Nonprofits Can Benefit From Virtual Sessions

In an effort to assist nonprofits with capacity building, we are hosting a new virtual series, Inspired Moments. Many organizations cite training as a need but rarely have a plan to address it due to cost and scheduling. The Inspired Moments program will offer quick training offerings for nonprofit board and staff to attend at your convenience.

The first session in the series is on strategic planning. Have you wanted to understand more about how a strategy fits into the overall structure of an organization? Or perhaps you struggle to make decisions about which opportunities to pursue when putting together your strategy? Learn more, at your own pace, with online training sessions provided by Tobi Herron with Inspire Motives LLC. The training session is available online now. It is short, direct, and includes tools you can immediately put to use in your organization.

Future sessions will include topics on fundraising, board member roles and responsibilities, the board-staff partnership, and board composition and recruitment. In addition, Inspire Motives will offer 10 sessions to the community where you can meet one-on-one in a 30-minute Zoom to ask questions specific to your organization.

These sessions are first-come, first-served and will be offered through July. To register, contact Tobi at tobi@inspiremotives.com.

Tobi Herron is the founder of Inspire Motives LLC, a full service consulting company that focuses on creating solutions that make a positive difference for clients and communities. She holds several degrees and certifications, including being a BoardSource Not For Profit governance consultant. Learn more about Tobi and Inspire Motives LLC at inspiremotives.com.

“Our Board of Directors is pleased to continue our nonprofit workshops for the sixth year,” said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. “Because we realize everyone has busy schedules, we are offering the series virtually this year. This is a great opportunity for staff and board members to learn at your leisure, or even incorporate into your board meetings!”

There is no cost to attend, and if you would like to register for the sessions, please call 812-752-2057 or email info@scottcountyfoundation.org. We are also continuing to host periodic in-person networking sessions, Nonprofits At Noon, so contact us to join the next meeting.

Save the Date: Homegrown Music Fest

Save the date for our second annual Homegrown Music Fest! Featuring local musicians, this year’s event will be held in the upstairs ballroom of Java Station 56 on Saturday, September 17. With a more intimate setting and an acoustic vibe, guests can also enjoy appetizers and drinks throughout the evening. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy shopping and dinner on the historic courthouse square pri-

or to joining us for the entertainment. Confirmed musicians include Brooke Hall and Kayla Griffen, with more to be announced. Tickets will be \$25/person if pre-purchased, and \$30/person at the door. We are limited to 75 tickets, and the event is open to ages 21 and older. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m. We are seeking sponsors, so please contact us for more information.

Focus on a Fund: Wolf Family Charitable Fund



As we celebrate 25 years of service to Scott County this year, we thought it would be interesting to take a look back on the first endowment fund established at the Scott County Community Foundation, by Joe and Becky Wolf. “We believed strongly in the Community Foundation process and wanted to help get our foundation established,” shared Becky. She was a founding board member for the Foundation, having served from 1997 until 2006. Joe served on the Board from 2008-2012.

In 1997, the Wolf family owned and operated Scottsburg Plastics, and so with employee input, the Scottsburg Plastics Charitable Fund was created on March 7, 1997. Employees and the Wolf family were able to make grants to numerous organizations over the years. When the business ended, Joe and Becky renamed the fund as the Wolf Family Charitable Fund and continued their giving.

Joe and Becky currently help several charities that are important to them, and they have taken their philanthropy to the next generations. Their children and spouses, Joe and Tammy Wolf, and Rick and Shannon King, along with the grandchildren, are now involved in the decision-making for which charities should receive grants each year. This is a wonderful way for the family legacy to live on and to teach the entire family the importance of giving back!



vote and the top two get the money. Several times we have included a letter from our family as to why that or-

ganization was chosen. We are blessed with all of the great organizations in Scott County.”

“We are thankful to Joe’s parents for creating the Wolf Family Fund and giving us the opportunity to be a part of it,” said Tammy. “We always include the kids when making donation decisions. We have enjoyed teaching them about the spirit of giving and the importance of helping those in need. We’re thrilled that our kids have become members of the Scott County YGC! It’s a great way for them to learn more about philanthropy. The Wolf Family Fund will enable us to continue giving back to the community for years to come.”



Since being established, over \$79,000 has been awarded to numerous organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, CASA of Scott County, Cradle Pregnancy Resource Center, Humane Society of Scott County, New Hope Services, Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, Scott County Family YMCA, Scottsburg Band Parents Association, United Way of Scott County, Wonder Valley Christian Camp, and much more.

“It has been exciting to watch the Scott County Community Foundation from its very beginning,” shared Joe and Becky. “It has gone from just an idea to a very important part of the community. It has allowed our family to support several organizations and projects that are near and dear to our heart. We are thankful to the many businesses and individuals who have contributed to make that possible. We can’t think of a better way to support the community that we love than to donate to one of the many funds at SCCF.”

“We have a certain dollar amount that the King family decides where the donation will go annually,” shared Shannon. “We have several great causes that we discuss and then we





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YGC Hosts Successful Battle of the Boards Cornhole Tournament

The YGC hosted their first-ever Battle of the Boards Cornhole Tournament in early April. While the Thanksgiving Throwback Throw-down alumni basketball game has been their signature event for several years, COVID and low player participation caused them to cancel the last two years.

While it was a chilly morning, the sun eventually came out and 29 teams enjoyed a fun day of games, music, and delicious food provided by Junkyard BBQ.

The YGC would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity: **Title Sponsors** Scott County School District 2 and CORE Construction; **Board Sponsors** Main Street Auto Sales and Santa Fe Restaurant; and **Sponsors** Joshua M.D. James/Bill C. Brown Associates, Hidden Valley Acres, Twisted Rose Flower Farm, and Samtec. The YGC also thanks Scottsburg First Christian Church for hosting us. They ended up raising \$3,400!

Congratulations to Princess Cowgirls (Addison Elliott and Ella Cople) for winning the costume contest (shown top right)! Congratulations to third place winners Team Stag (Mitch and Michael Stagnolia), second place winners Hunter Williams and Joe Neace, and tournament champions Buster and Lefty (Buster Fluhr and Patrick Landrum, shown bottom right)!

