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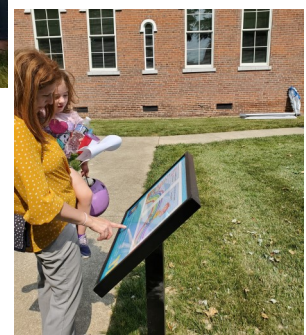
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We celebrated the opening of two StoryWalk® installations recently. The project is a series of signs with pages from a children’s book, placed along a walking path. Each sign has interactive activities to encourage early literacy skills along with exercise and nature. The StoryWalk® at Austin Community Park was made possible through the Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund and Lilly Endowment Inc., and the installation at the Court-house was made possible through the Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship Fund. A third installation is being planned for the new Spicertown Park in Austin this fall, through the generosity of Duke Energy. The books will be rotated quarterly. Visitors are encourage to use #scottcountystorywalk when sharing photos on social media.

# Over \$161,000 Awarded in Grants to Community

Over \$161,000 in grants was awarded to several local agencies during our 2023 Community Grants Program, announced grants committee chairperson Ryan Payne. The agencies were formally honored at a grants breakfast.

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

- Align Southern Indiana: operations for the 5-county initiative which works to align resources, address needs and produce sustainable solutions, \$2,500;
- Bree's Blessings: operational support for their mission of providing gifts of art and music to children battling cancer, \$6,000;
- CASA of Scott County: operational support for advocates to support abused and neglected children, \$36,136;
- Cradle Pregnancy Resource Center: a new mentoring program, \$2,500;
- Gleaners Food Bank: provide school-based pantry program at Austin and Scottsburg high schools, \$6,000;
- Joyce Hamilton Oard Springs Community Center: preservation at the former one-room schoolhouse, \$5,000;
- LifeSmart Youth: provide human growth and development curriculum to Austin elementary and middle school students, \$2,500;
- New Creation Ministries: operational support for the agency, which provides assistance to individuals who are facing life-controlling situations, \$6,000;
- Preservation Alliance, Inc.: operational support for Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, and barn roof replacement, \$2,000;
- Scott County EMS: purchase blood analyzers for ambulances, \$13,376;
- Scott County Partnership: AmeriCorps match for Clearinghouse, \$10,000;
- Scott County Partnership: program match for Covering Kids and Families health insurance navigator, \$10,000;
- Scottsburg Band Parents Association: purchase portable generator for marching band, \$1,000;
- Still Water Individual and Family Therapy Services: therapy sessions for clients with financial need, \$10,000;

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund provided funding for the grants to Preservation Alliance Inc. The Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund provided part of the funding for the grant to the Clearinghouse. The Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund the funding for Cradle Pregnancy Resource Center. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund provided funding to New Creation Ministries. Through these families' memberships in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from their family funds are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The grants were also made possible from the Borden Family Community Granting Fund, the Boswell Family Fund, Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, the Garten Foundation, Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Dustin and Derek Jones Memorial Fund, Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Fund, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Unrestricted Fund, Dan and Mary Lou Slattery Fund, Wesbanco Fund, William Frasier Wetzel Memorial Fund, Yellow Rose of Nancy R. Laird Memorial Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and Community Enrichment Fund.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$48,396 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives through a Youth Resources Coordinator. These include LifeSkills and guidance activities at Austin and Scottsburg elementary and middle schools, coordinate youth summer feeding program, coordinate other educational programs including Reality Stores, Career Clusters and fairs at both Austin and Scottsburg high schools.

"It's hard to believe another grants cycle has come and gone," said Payne. "This is my fifth year being on the grants committee and my third year being the chair and I am very blessed to be able to help our county in so many ways through our committee."

"The unfortunate part is the money that we have for grants only goes so far as we had a record number of requests at \$322,000 from 23 requests," continued Payne. "We clearly had a lot less money than that to distribute so lots of difficult decisions had to be made. I would like to take a moment and thank all of our committee members for their hard work and dedication to this cause. If you have ever wanted to help out our community and didn't know what to do, please contact our Foundation office and learn how to be a donor today."



# Students Receive \$131,000 in Scholarship Assistance

Thanks to our generous donors, over \$131,000 in educational assistance was awarded this year, including \$40,000 to our 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient, Brady Watts. Congratulations to the following students:

Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship, \$5,300: Emily Foster of Scottsburg High School;

Arthur Gene Mayer Memorial Scholarship, \$1,200: Deanna King of Scottsburg High School;



Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Mallory McGlothlin of Scottsburg High School;

Carter-Waldkoetter Nurse Scholarship, \$20,000: Rachael Mount of Scottsburg High School;

Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship, \$1,200: Emily Dixon of Scottsburg High School

Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Addie Borden of Scottsburg High School;

Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship: Mallory McGlothlin, \$12,000; Becky Foster, \$10,500; Olivia Fugate, \$9,500, all of Scottsburg High School

Epply-Shields Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000: Brianna Herald of Scottsburg High School;

Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund, \$500 each: Becky Foster of Scottsburg High School and Brendan Hanner of Austin High School;

Mary Elizabeth and Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship, \$2,400 each: Brendan Hanner of Austin High School and Melea Luttrell of Scottsburg High School;

Phyllis Calvin Educational Endowment Fund, \$1,200: Brendan Hanner of Austin High School;

Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen and Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship, \$1,500: Brittany Combs of Scottsburg;

Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship, up to \$5,000 each: Olivia Daniel of Austin High School and Addie Borden of Scottsburg High School;

Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Emily Foster of Scottsburg High School;

Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, \$6,000: Hannah Thomas of Scottsburg High School;

Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship, \$500: Melea Luttrell.

To view all the photos from the awards ceremonies, please visit our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ScottCountyCommunityFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/ScottCountyCommunityFoundation).





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## *Looking Forward, Giving Back.*

### YGC Awards Grants for Youth Projects

Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council ("YGC") members awarded \$5,676.71 in grants for youth-related projects at their annual celebration in June.

Austin Middle and High School was awarded \$600 for "Life Skills in the Community." Teacher Lee Anne Hahn will take her students on restaurant outings to help teach life and social skills.

EMPOWER of Scott County was awarded \$700 for "Amazing Shake." Austin and Scottsburg middle school students compete in several rounds testing their communication skills and professionalism through different scenarios and interviews.

Englishton Park received \$250 for "Summer Camp Program Team Building Supplies." Englishton Park hosts three 10-day camps for students where they receive academic remediation as well as team building skills.

Preservation Alliance Inc. received \$615 for "Summer in Scott County Tiny Art Show." Scott County students were invited to submit miniature canvases of paintings displaying summer, with the artwork being displayed at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.

Scott County Family YMCA received \$1,000 for "Fall Fun Camp" for students during fall break.

Scottsburg Middle School received \$1,000 for "Therapy Dog." They will start a therapy dog program to support children in addressing their

social and emotional learning needs.

In addition, for the first time in the YGC's history, the youth made proactive grants to organizations serving youth in our community.

CASA of Scott County was awarded \$250 for providing a voice for youth in court proceedings.

Cloud of Witness Ranch was awarded \$500 for their equine-assisted therapeutic services for youth.

Lexington Elementary School was awarded \$260.71 for the YGC's Philanthropy in the Classroom project. Third grade students received owl pellets for science class after a trip to Hardy Lake. Fourth grade students received books for their classroom libraries. Fifth grade students received materials for a memory project to commemorate elementary school.

Scott County Public Library received \$250 for their summer reading program.

Scott County Early Childhood Committee received \$250 to sponsor a StoryWalk book.

Grants Committee Co-Chairs Melea Luttrell and Grace Routt stated, "We had a lot of different organizations apply for grants this year. We hope that the money awarded will benefit them in more ways than one."