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New Board Members Welcomed



We are excited to welcome Shari Baumann and Nicole White to our Board of Directors, effective Oct. 1! We also said goodbye and thank you to outgoing board member Daniel Brunner, who served six years on the Board.



Nicole graduated from Austin High School in 2006. She has a bachelor's degree in social work from Spaulding University, and a master's in social work from the University of Louisville. She is employed as a school social worker at Austin Elementary School.

Board of Directors

Al Riggle, *Chair*

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Shari and her husband Robert live in Scottsburg. Her daughter, Lily Hamilton, lives in Columbus with her husband JR and their children Everett, four, and Annie, newborn. Her stepdaughter, Christie Linn, lives in Mesa, Ariz., with her husband Kevin and their three children, Ayden, 11, Asher, 9, and Cirdan, 7.

She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting. She has been employed at Multi-Color Corp. for 26 years, where she is Director of Finance Operations. Shari enjoys bicycling, reading, traveling to Arizona, and spending time with family and friends.

Prior to joining the Board of Directors, Shari served on the Finance and Investment Committee.

"I have been on the Finance Committee for a few years now," said Shari. "I believe in the mission of the Foundation and so I wanted to get more involved."

Nicole and her husband Floyd have been married for 16 years. They have two children, Jacklyn, a senior at Austin High School, and Zander, a seventh grade student at Austin Middle School. They also have three dogs and five cats.

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Nicole coaches the Austin High School girls cross country team, Austin Middle School boys and girls track team, and is a member of the Indiana Social Workers Association. She enjoys reading and scuba diving (with sharks!).

"I have been impressed to see all the good things the Foundation does for our community," said Nicole. "I've tried to be involved in my community since high school and was so excited for this opportunity to continue to give back to Scott County and be involved in positive change!"



Board Chair Al Riggle presents a certificate of appreciation to outgoing board member Daniel Brunner, who finished his two terms on the Board.

Early Childhood Plan Presented to Community

Did you know that for every dollar invested in high-quality early care and education, there is a return between \$4 and \$16? Did you know that nearly 70 percent of Scott County children of working parents are in unregistered care with no quality monitoring? Did you know that 90 percent of brain development occurs by age five? It is crucial for the Scott County community to have awareness on the critical issues of early childhood care and education, and to support efforts to solve the issues that arise from a child care shortage and lack of preschool education.

Our Early Childhood Committee finished work on creating an early care and education strategic plan, which was funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. We contracted services with Dr. Melissa Fry with the Indiana University Southeast Applied Research and Education Center to craft the plan. Several listening sessions with multiple focus groups were hosted this spring. These included those who work in education, employers, elected officials, early childhood workers and directors, youth-serving organizations, and parents of young children. The goal of the plan is to provide action steps to ensure that every child in Scott County receives high-quality, safe, and developmentally appropriate care from birth to age five.

Results were presented to Austin City Council, Scottsburg City Council, Scott County School Districts 1 and 2 School Boards, Scott County Commissioners, Scott County Council, and a general



Dr. Fry with IU Southeast presents local data on early care and education, along with a plan to achieve our goals.

community meeting. There are three main components to the plan:

1. Community Education and Advocacy
2. Create a County Early Care and Education Director
3. Build High Quality Early Care and Education Workforce Pipeline

The full plan can be viewed on our website under the Community Initiatives menu, and "Community Plans" page.

Photo Gallery: check out the great work in our community!



YGC Welcomes New Members and Elects Leadership Positions

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council has kicked off their new fiscal year by welcoming new members to the Community Service Committee. Congratulations to the following students who bravely faced an interview with their peers to be selected: Shelby Jeffries, Addison Smith, and Ella Stigdon of Austin Middle School; Khloe June, Joanna Manton, Finn Sawin, Olivia Smith of Scottsburg High School; Kylee Age, Rylee Age, Miles Barnett, Addy Bowen, Kinley Bressler, Lanan East, Whitley Horn, Ava Johanningsmeier, Reece Jordan, JJ Montgomery, Maeve Sawin, Julia Smith, Presley Weddington, and Briley Ward of Scottsburg Middle School; and Greer Willes, homeschool.

We said goodbye to our seniors. We thank them for many years of service to our community and wish them the best in their new chapter of life! Congratulations on graduating high school to Emily Amos, Emma Bracey, Isabella Campbell, Kellan Carter, Kati Craig, Mayson Cutter, Landon Dillon, Skylar Herald, Olivia Higginbotham, Brooklyn Hunley, Hailey Schafer, Emma Spaulding, Maddy Stallings, Haley Thomas, Lucas Toppe, Sophia Voiles, and Lydia Wolf.

With the seniors graduating, several positions on the board opened up, and the following members of the Community Service Committee were asked to become board members after an interview. Congratulations to Reagan Allen, Alex Campbell, Corbin James, Brooklyn Moon, Lorelai Smith, Alex Spaulding and Luke Voiles.

YGC board members gave speeches and voted for their new leadership positions. Congratulations to the following: Noah Bagwell, President; Braelyn Kleehammer, Vice President; Katie Montgomery, Secretary; Chloe Mullins, Treasurer; Governance Committee Co-Chairs: Aubree Eldridge and Mia Voiles; Asset Development Committee Co-Chairs: Griffin Owens and Ella Cople; Grants Committee Co-Chairs: Ellie Groenenboom and Porter Banister; and Community Service Committee Co-Chairs: Marley Fleenor and Audrey Bishop.



Board members enjoyed a dinner at Kansai.



Jessica Jones with Kids First presented a \$1,000 donation to YGC board members!



Our YGC members are leaders not only in Scott County, but also Southern Indiana! Board member Mia Voiles was selected to participate in the Leadership Southern Indiana NEXGEN class. This leadership development program is for juniors in Clark, Floyd, and Scott counties.

Now that summer is over, YGC members are gearing up for their busiest season of community service projects! We recently helped at the Scott County Clearinghouse.



Youth get several opportunities to learn life skills. Every person who applies to YGC is interviewed, and they are given another interview before potentially becoming board members. Every YGC board member who runs for officer or chairperson positions gives a speech before elections are held.





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Former Board Member Marty Randall Passes Away



Former board member Marty Randall passed away Aug. 7. Marty served on our Board of Directors from 1998-2001 and was a very active member of our community. She was a founding member of the Austin Beautification Committee, Psi Iota Xi—Sigma Beta Chapter, Scott County Pilot Club, and was very active as a board member and volunteer for Preservation Alliance Inc.

As a longtime staff writer for the local newspaper (formerly *The Giveaway* and now the *Scott County Herald*), Marty's byline was in numerous articles written about the Community Foundation's activities over the years. She played an important role in increasing the awareness about our mission and programs through her articles and photos.

Marty loved gardening and searching for antiques. She leaves behind her three children, Ryan, Megan and Meredith, and many other family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph.

The numerous comments and stories after her death paint a picture of a funny, encouraging, hard-working person who will be greatly missed in our community.



Marty was on hand for many grant checks to the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum over the years!

