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## Women's Philanthropy Initiative Created



We are excited to announce the creation of a new women's philanthropy initiative! The group is designed to foster connection among women as they come together to champion causes that matter to them. Women will meet quarterly to socialize, learn, and inspire one another.

The first event was a charcuterie class and wine tasting held at The 82 Building. Jeanine Balentine with The Crafty Platter presented to a nearly-sold out crowd on tips for pairings. It was a great evening filled with laughter where people connected with friends, old and new!

Membership in the Scott County Women's Philanthropy will allow women to build community, support Scott County causes, vote in the annual grant cycle, and receive discounted prices for quarterly events. Membership is \$100 annually. We are excited to share that we have 51 members already!

Future events will include a presentation by local nonprofits, with members voting on which organization to award a grant. A permanent endowment to support the grant-making each year has been created, and through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.,

has also received matching funds.

The recipient will be announced at an event in May, where we also plan to have a fashion show featuring clothing from local boutiques.

The next event will be held Sept. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at The Ruby Loft. Lauren Coward with Home on the Hill Cut Flowers will demonstrate how to make a beautiful flower bouquet. Tickets include dinner by Country Classics Catering and materials to make and bring home your own bouquet. The cost will be \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Registration will open soon.

"Never underestimate what a group of committed and conscientious women can do," shared Scott County Community Foundation board member and women's philanthropy committee chair Jennifer Coward. "This is an opportunity for Scott County women to come together and not only make lasting friendships, but also combine our resources to impact our county for generations to come. I truly believe that the Scott County Women's Philanthropy group is a game changer for our area!"



# Over \$184,000 Awarded in Community Grants Program



We were honored to award \$184,539.32 in grants to several local agencies during our 2025 Community Grants Program. The agencies were formally honored at a grants breakfast.

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

CASA of Scott County: operational support for advocates to support abused and neglected children, \$20,850.60;

CEASE of Scott County: Bereavement Support Program, \$3,742;

Child and Family Advocates: Whole Community Resilience program, \$6,000;

CRADLE Family Resource Center: diapers and other essentials, \$10,000;

Gleaners Food Bank: provide school-based pantry program at Austin and Scottsburg high schools, purchase freezer for SHS, \$6,000;

Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana: personal finance course, \$5,000;

LifeSmart Youth: provide human growth and development curriculum to Austin elementary and middle school students, \$5,000;

New Creation Ministries: purchase new vehicle to provide assistance to individuals who are facing life-controlling situations, \$4,000;

Preservation Alliance, Inc.: operational support for Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, \$8,619.60;

REACH! Food Program 4 Kids: food for kids, \$5,000;

Scott County Family YMCA: purchase equipment and supplies for camps, \$7,500;

Scott County Partnership: Clearinghouse staff, \$17,500;

Scott County Partnership: program match for Covering Kids and Families health insurance navigator, \$10,000;

Scottsburg Band Parents Association: registration fees and uniform maintenance, \$4,000;

Scottsburg Theatre Parent Boosters: new sound system, \$13,872.12;

Still Water Individual and Family Therapy Services: therapy sessions for clients with financial need, \$7,000;

Turning Point Church: homeless community outreach, \$1,000.

The Donald R. and Elizabeth A. (Sue) Collins Sr. Family Fund provided funding for the grant to Preservation Alliance Inc. The Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund provided assistance for the grant to Junior Achievement Center. The Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund provided funding for Covering Kids and Families. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund provided funding for 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, Phillip Dold Sr. Memorial 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 \$49,455 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives through a Youth Resources Coordinator. These include life skills 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.

"Congratulations to all of the grant recipients!" said Grants Committee Chair Ryan Payne. "I am looking forward seeing the difference they all make in Scott County. I am very thankful to be a small part of the Community Foundation and continuing to help make Scott County a better place to live."

As a reminder, gifts to our unrestricted funds are currently being matched \$2 for every \$1 donated through a matching grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment Inc. The initiative ends this December 31. You may donate online through our website, mail a check or stop in the office. Other creative methods of giving include gifts of stock and IRA charitable rollover distributions. Contact us for details!

# Over \$298,000 Awarded in Scholarships During Ceremonies

Students continuing their pursuit of higher education were honored with scholarships during this year's awards ceremonies. We have awarded \$298,890 this year. 2025 recipients include:

Holly Anderson, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Cliff Anderson. She received \$700 from the Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University to major in visual arts education.

Noah Bagwell, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Jason and Amanda Bagwell. He received \$4,000 from the Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Hanover College to major in business/psychology.

Alexander Campbell, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Richard Campbell and Sara Swisher. He received \$500 from the Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Purdue University to major in unmanned aerial systems.

Jaylee Carey, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Stephen and Samantha Carey. She received \$2,925 from the Bill and Norma Perry Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University to major in health care management and policy.

Jonah Copple, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Eric and Tiffany Copple. He received \$2,000 from the Carol L. Pettit Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Indiana University Southeast to major in music education.

Isabella Cox, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Jason and Kimberly Cox. She received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, worth \$181,480. She plans to attend the University of Evansville to major in elementary education.

Aleah Dean-Ferguson, graduate of Austin High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Rachelle Ferguson. She received \$500 from the Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship and \$500 from the Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Western Kentucky University to major in communications.

Delainey Drum, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Bryan and Tabitha Drum. She received \$12,000 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship and \$592.50 from the Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund. She will attend Huntington University to major in vet nursing.

Damien Elam, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He received \$1,200 from the Arthur Gene Mayer Memorial Scholarship. He will attend the University of Louisville to major in social work.

Lola Fouts, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Tyler and Jenny Fouts. She received up to \$6,300 from the Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Centre College to major in pre-med.

Kelsey Hawkins, graduate of Austin High School. She is the daughter of Jenna Hawkins. She received \$1,000 from the Tammie Hickman Memorial Scholarship and \$2,450 from the Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of Southern Indiana to major in nursing.

Sophia Kirkman, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Sarah Edrington. She received \$21,300 from the Carter-Waldkoetter Nurse Scholarship. She will attend Ball State University to major in nursing.

Victoria Martinez, graduate of Austin High School. She is the daughter of Monica Martinez. She received \$1,300 from the Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship, and \$4,000 from the Lillian Cowles Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Purdue University to major in finance.

Ashley Mihalik, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Matthew and Michelle Mihalik. She received \$5,200 from the Epply-Shields Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University—Indianapolis to major in math education.

Brianna Mihalik, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Matthew and Michelle Mihalik. She received \$500 from the Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship and \$2,450 from the Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University Southeast to major in secondary education—English (ELA).

Katie Montgomery, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Chris and Carol Montgomery. She received \$11,000 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Huntington University to major in occupational therapy.

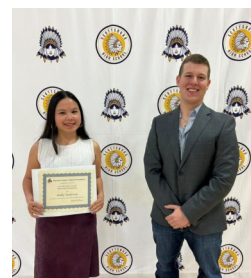
Chelsea Putman of Scottsburg received \$1,500 from the Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen and Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship. She is attending Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to major in nursing.

Kira Shelhamer, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Aaron and Kelly Shelhamer. She received \$5,600 from the Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University Southeast to major in marketing.

Gloria Spencer, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Kyle and Ana Spencer. She received \$7,000 from the Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Indiana University to major in social work.

Ethan "Brooks" Swank, graduate of Austin High School. He is the son of Kasey and Nicole Swank. He received \$592.50 from the Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund and up to \$6,300 from the Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Hanover College to major in kinesiology.

Hayden Williams, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Richard Williams. He received \$10,000 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Indiana University Southeast to major in pre-optometry.







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## First Grant Awarded from Joyce Lowry Broady Memorial Fund



Stacey Turner, Steve Broady, and Craig Broady present a check for \$300 to Missy and Steve Sadler with Ride for a Cure. This is the first-ever grant awarded from the Joyce Lowry Broady Memorial Fund. The permanent endowment fund was created in Joyce's memory to assist local residents who are battling cancer with expenses related to their treatment. Ride for a Cure has assisted over 100 local residents with funding since its creation in 2007. This year's event will be held Sept. 20 at Mid-America Science Park.

"Joyce's family truly appreciates the opportunity to help another cancer patient," shared Steve Broady.

## Early Childhood Educators & Providers Learn at Roundtables



Our Early Childhood Committee hosted two roundtables on early intervention and responding to challenging behaviors. We want to thank Building Blocks staff for providing the informative sessions!

