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A newsletter from the Posey County Community Foundation

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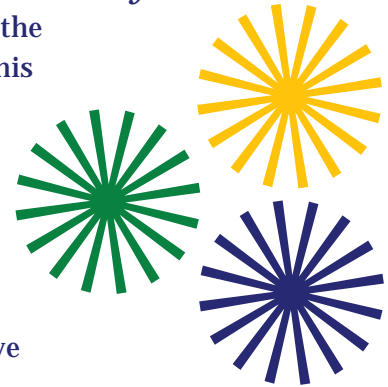
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Welcome...



We are pleased to announce **Community Matters**, an e-newsletter that the

Foundation is launching with this issue. By proactively communicating with our donors, volunteers, and other constituents instantly, we hope to build stronger relationships with each one of you while taking advantage of a means to save printing costs.



For now, **Community Matters** will be sent quarterly. In the future, we hope to be updating you on the work we have been doing monthly. We welcome your ideas, or if you would like more information about a certain project, drop us a note! We would love to hear from you.

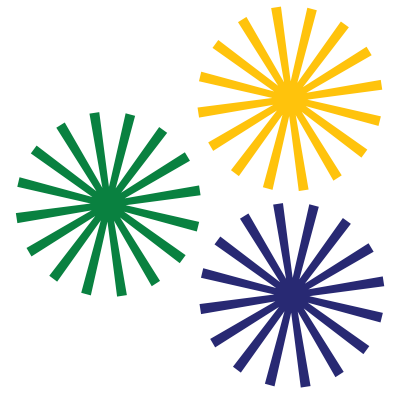
We're proud of our growth and know this comes from the faith and trust of our donors, volunteers and other constituents in their belief that the best place for forever in our community is this Foundation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Posey County Community Foundation. I look forward to sharing our accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Bill Gillenwater
Board President

Foundation awards more than \$270,000 at annual dinner



As one of his last official duties as board president, Ken Meyer, acted as host to the more than 140 people who attended the Foundation's annual meeting last June.

"This has been a challenging year—you've heard that a lot lately," he told the gathering of donors, grant recipients, scholarship winners, and guests. "The good news is the Posey County Community Foundation continues to have an impact and be a leader in our communities. This fiscal year, we have already received donations of more than \$186,000."

It is these donations and the many others like them given during the Foundation's 17-year history that allow the Foundation to carry out its mission to improve the quality of life in Posey County, and grantmaking is an important part of that mission.

Twenty-two nonprofit organizations serving Posey County received grants totaling more than \$71,000 to strengthen their ability to meet community needs and to support their charitable programs (visit www.poseycommunityfoundation.org to learn more about the grants awarded).

Also presented at the event were scholarship awards totaling more than \$200,000 to 20 local students. These awards are made possible by people who've created endowed scholarship funds as well as the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program. Todd Seibert, who received the Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship this year, surprised the scholarship's founders, Herb and Betty Curry, by performing a musical piece he wrote especially for the couple.

Meyer ended the evening by acknowledging the Foundation's all-volunteer board of trustees. "Our board members have done a



North Posey graduate Todd Seibert, this year's recipient of the Herb and Betty Curry Music Scholarship, with Betty and Herb Curry, founders of the scholarship, at the Foundation's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet last June. Todd surprised the Currys with a musical arrangement he wrote and performed.



John Montgomery and Jay Hile of the MARR Township Volunteer Fire Department accept a grant from Foundation trustee Nikki Collier. The grant will be used for an inflatable boat to be used for water rescues.

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remarkable job of helping our residents invest in Posey County in a way that serves the community forever. They are all to be commended for their hard work and dedication,” he said. Meyer announced the retirement of trustees Mike Cash, Barbara Givens, Ray McConnell, Mel Levin, Jill Isaac, Donald Williams and Jim Swinney as well as the addition of new trustees Tracy Planty, Susan Benton, Bret Moye, Bob Boerner, and Jeff Greenwell, who were elected to a three-year term. 🏠

Photos courtesy of Josh Koch, 2008 recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.



Senator Bob Deig (far right) and his wife Bambi (far left) at the Foundation’s annual dinner with (from left) Mary and Mark Weintraut and their daughter Madison, who was named as a Lilly Scholar this year, and Lilly Scholar Alternate Sarah McMahon along with with her parents Cherie and Al.

New funds will benefit Posey County

We’re proud to welcome four new charitable funds to our Family of Funds:

☀️ **Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund of Posey County** – established with a grant from the Smithville Charitable Foundation to help the Posey County Community Foun-



Olivia Greer receives an archery lesson from her dad, Jason, at Hovey Lake.

dation address the community’s greatest needs as they emerge and change over time.

☀️ **Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund** – established by the Foundation to support youth education in outdoor recreation and conservation activities with a focus on fair chase hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and trapping.

☀️ **Health Profession Scholarship Fund** – established by anonymous donors to encourage Mt. Vernon High School students to pursue advanced education in the healthcare field and to use their knowledge and skills to benefit Tri-state communities after graduation.



☀️ **Katie Kanowsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**– Kathy and Frank Kanowsky, together with friends, established

this scholarship in memory of their daughter to encourage North Posey High School students to pursue higher education at Murray State University and to use their knowledge and skills to benefit Tri-state communities after graduation. 🏠



Seven reasons a gift annuity might be right for you

Get checks in the mail for the rest of your life

The charitable gift annuity – which offers a donor the opportunity to make a charitable gift and receive income for life – is one of the easiest and most popular forms of planned giving.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a charity. Donors make a gift to the charity of their choice through the Posey County Community Foundation.

In return, the Foundation agrees to pay the donor, or someone the

donor designates, a specified sum each year for life as an annuity.

Upon the death of the annuitant, any remaining funds are placed into endowments at the Foundation chosen by the donor.

The Foundation's charitable gift annuity program appeals to many donors for several reasons:

- 1 The annuity payments are fixed and unaffected by the volatility of market conditions. You can count on receiving the same amount on every payment date.
- 2 The payment rates are very attractive, and rates are even higher for older donors.
- 3 The payments last a lifetime. It does not matter how long you live, your payments will keep right on coming, guaranteeing you that you will not outlive this stream of income.
- 4 Part of the payment amount is tax-free. This benefit lasts until you reach the normal age of life expectancy.

Be Our Friend!

We recently launched a Facebook page to stay in touch with our friends, share news of our activities, and expand our reach throughout Posey County, Indiana and the world. Simply sign into your Facebook account and search for "Posey County Community Foundation." We look forward to having you as our friend.

5 You receive an income-tax deduction when you obtain the annuity, and your estate may benefit by having the asset removed from possible estate taxes.

6 Your gift annuity provides you with immense satisfaction, knowing that you have made a significant gift to your favorite charity.

7 Your gift annuity is a powerful example to family and friends that you value your favorite charity and what it represents.

To learn how you can obtain your own charitable gift annuity with the Posey County Community Foundation, call 812.838.0288. 📞

don't miss this...

River Days – September 11 and 12

Visit our booth along the Riverfront in Mt. Vernon

Get To Know Us – September 26

Join us for an introduction to the Foundation at the Western Hills Country Club in Mt. Vernon from 4 to 6 p.m. Complimentary refreshments will be served. RSVP: 812.838.0288.

Get To Know Us – October 17

Join us for an introduction to the Foundation at the Feedmill Restaurant in Poseyville from 4 to 6 p.m. Complimentary refreshments will be served. RSVP: 812.838.0288.

Women's Fund Luncheon – October 21

Members of the Women's Fund will host their annual luncheon and grant awards ceremony in New Harmony at Noon. Call 812.838.0288 for details.

Get To Know Us – November 14

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