



# community matters

A newsletter from the Posey County Community Foundation

## A Fund for North Posey High School

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Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

Spring 2011

The Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF) announced a new fund - the **Vikings Remembered Fund** - to enhance the opportunities for learning for students at North Posey High School.



“North Posey High School is such a unique and special place. Don and I wanted to establish Vikings Remembered to give all North

Posey Alumni a vehicle to contribute to the school,” said Jane Koch, fund founder. When asked why they decided to help this cause, the Kochs said they wanted to provide support for education at a level where all students would benefit, including those that don’t go on to college, and can’t benefit from a scholarship.

“This wonderful idea from Don and Jane Koch is reflective of their love of this community and the school they attended.” commented Scott Strieter, the principal of North Posey High School. “I would like to thank Don and Jane for establishing Vikings Remembered with the help of other alumni, contributing to the educational opportunities for all students at North Posey High School for generations to come.”

As with all funds in the PCCF, Vikings Remembered Fund needed to reach a ten thousand dollar mark of donations before it could become an active fund and grant money to its cause. The Vikings Remembered

Fund was given a quick jump start thanks to the generosity of Mary Catherine Schmitt, who donated the amount to put the fund in action.

She donated in the memory of her husband, Urban. “He loved North Posey,” she said. “He loved the activities and the atmosphere of the school. My children pointed the fund out to me, and I invested in it after speaking with Jane and Don.”

It is unusual to meet the goal this quickly,



but the fund has, thanks to the efforts of the Kochs and Mrs. Schmitt. The school will have funds granted to them starting in 2012 to support student leadership programs, academic competitions, club competitions, conferences, workshops, and other projects deemed appropriate by the principal.

The above picture contains, left to right, Donald Koch, Jane Koch, Mary Catherine Schmitt, and Foundation Director Julie Eickhoff.

# One Foundation Grants Help to Another

The Smithville Charitable Foundation (SCF) has awarded a thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollar grant to the Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF). The mission of the SCF is to benefit the counties in Indiana that the Smithville Telephone Co., which set up the foundation, services. SCF's governor, Darby A. McCarty, stated "We are pleased to partner with the Posey County Community Foundation in helping meet the requests of our subscribers and the county."

The PCCF Board of Trustees voted to take ten thousand dollars and add it to the SCF Fund of Posey County, an unrestricted fund that adds to the discretionary grant dollars awarded to other not-for-profit agencies. "This fund will allow the PCCF to expand our grants program and provide more



## Grants Program Online

The Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF) has unveiled an online process for the discretionary grantmaking cycle. The move has greatly simplified the grants program. Last year the Foundation made seventeen awards, totaling nearly sixty thousand dollars.



This resource savings for grant applicants, review committees and Foundation staff will be significant, according to Julie Eickhoff, Foundation Director. "We're extremely excited about the new online system, which will save both time and money for not-for-profit organizations and review committees." She added "Online grants also will allow us to be better stewards of our resources and the environment."

Grant applications can be found by logging onto the Foundation's website, at [www.poseycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.poseycommunityfoundation.org). Deadline for the submission of applications is **March 1st**.

support to our community," stated Julie Eickhoff, Foundation Director.

The Foundation's board voted to add twenty thousand dollars to the available amount for the fiscal year 2011. This will immediately assist local, nonprofits applying for a grant in Posey County.

The remaining seven thousand five hundred dollars will be awarded to Impact Christian Health Center (IHC) for a needs and feasibility study concerning health care access and utilization in northern Posey County. "Economic hardship, generational poverty, a lack of health insurance, and the distance from the northern part of the county to available health care offices all contribute to a potential for diminished access to health care for these rural communities," said Linda Kuhlenschmidt, co-clinical director of IHC. "The potential exists for preventative health services being ignored, resulting in delayed diagnosis and treatment of disease. This grant will provide the resources to assess local use of available services and potential needs of the community regarding health care."



## Program Areas

PCCF grants resources to nonprofit organizations addressing different areas, including:

**Arts and Culture:** strengthen arts organizations, making the arts accessible, and promoting appreciation of historical events.

**Community Development:** foster civil rights and various other means of community support.

**Education:** improve the education of children and adults, in and out of the classroom.

**Health:** improve health outcomes promoting medical support, research, and rehabilitation.

**Human Services:** maximize special needs functions, and support of the local public.

**Civic Endeavors:** includes such focuses as environment, recreation, and youth development.



# Mother's Day Drive



The Women's Fund of Posey County will be hosting their seventh Mother's Day campaign this spring. Participating donors can grant memorial gifts or tributes to the Women's Fund in honor of a mother, grandmother, or any other special lady deserving of recognition.

Once a tribute has been made, the honoree will be sent a Mother's Day letter, letting them know a donation has been granted in their name. A carnation and a box of candy are classic, sweet ways of showing appreciation, but through this campaign you can give a gift that will have a lasting impact on the women and children of Posey County.

Last year's campaign was a grand success, raising a total of six thousand, seven hundred and ninety dollars from the donations. To honor a special person this year, call Posey County Community Foundation at 812.838.0288 and request a brochure. To make sure your honoree gets her notice by Mother's Day, please make your donation by **May 4th**.



# PCCF Auction 2011

The Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF) will be hosting its second annual auction. Last year's event saw over two hundred items sold, totaling thirty-six thousand dollars made in support of the PCCF. It is thanks to this great success that the event is being repeated this autumn.

Be certain to save the date for **October 28th**, when the auction will be taking place inside the **4-H Community Center** at **six pm**. Activities will be presided over by the current chair of the Foundation's Development Committee. Dinner will be served during the event, and the meal will be included in the price of attendance. More details will follow this summer. To donate an item for the auction, please call the PCCF office at 812.838.0288.



# New Face in the Office

With the start of the new year, the Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF) welcomes a new communications and administrative support intern, Marie Haddox. Following our first intern Kyle Schmidt, she is the second to benefit from the sponsorship of the Lilly Endowment, Inc, which has granted the funds to allow the PCCF the means of hosting an internship covering a two year period. Along with providing the PCCF office with an extra hand, this program allows the intern a chance to further an understanding of philanthropy while gaining invaluable workplace experience.

Marie is currently enrolled in her last semester at the University of Southern Indiana, where she is studying to earn a degree in English, with a side concentration in graphic design. A resident of Warrick County, she graduated from Signature



School of Vanderburgh in 2006. She is now eager to spread her local awareness by exploring Posey County, and speaking with the people striving to support and develop their community.

The internship position is being offered by the Community Foundation Internships program, working in tandem with the Lilly Endowment to support the PCCF's efforts to local nonprofit organizations and programs. Further information on the intern program can be found at <http://www.indianaintern.net/>.

# IRA Rollover

**T**he large tax bill just passed by Congress over the Christmas season resurrects a provision allowing special charitable donations of individual-retirement-account assets for taxpayers seventy and a half and older.

The provision itself is simple, for a tax rule. It allows a tax payer who is seventy and a half or older to contribute a total of one hundred thousand dollars in IRA assets to one or more qualified charities. The payout can satisfy the required minimum distribution. The donor gets no deduction, but neither does he or she have to report the payouts as income.

The details are easy, too. The gift must directly go from the IRA account to the charity. Qualifying donations can be made to a broad range of schools, churches, and public charities, and to a charitable cause of the Posey County Community Foundation of the donor's choice. Although the law provides that proceeds may not be placed directly in a donor-advised fund.

Lawmakers recognized that the delay in passing the law imperiled many IRA donations this year, so they included a special rule allowing IRA gifts made in January 2011 can count towards 2010.

For further information and to learn more of how you could use this new opportunity to help our community, contact the Posey County Community Foundation.

## don't miss this...

March 1st, 2011  
Discretionary Grants Program  
Proposals Due

March 31st, 2011  
Benjamin Wilson Arthur Spirit  
Award Applications Due

May 8th, 2011  
Mother's Day ~ Consider a  
gift to the Women's Fund of  
Posey County. You can honor  
a woman who inspires you  
while building this important  
fund, an endowment working  
to provide much needed  
support for programs that give  
opportunities, encouragement,  
knowledge, and hope to women  
and children in Posey County.



***We'd love to hear from you!***

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