



Posey County Community Foundation  
Member of the Community Foundation Alliance  
*Connecting Caring People with Community Need*

# Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report to the Community



*"We make a living by what we get,  
We make a life by what we give."*

*—Sir Winston Churchill*

At a Glance  
Foundation Established  
1992

Funds Established This Year

Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth  
Activity Fund

A field-of-interest fund to  
support youth education in  
outdoor recreation and  
conservation activities

Smithville Charitable  
Foundation Fund of Posey  
County

An unrestricted fund established  
with a grant from the Smithville  
Charitable Foundation to help  
the Posey County Community  
Foundation address the  
community's greatest needs as  
they emerge and change over  
time.

Funds Serving Our Community  
71

Total Grants and Community  
Scholarships Awarded This  
Year  
\$181,761

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**Letter from the Board President**

*“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”*

— *Sir Winston Churchill*

This quote from Churchill is as true today as it was years ago, “...we make a life by what we give.” The continued generous support from the Posey County community shows the value placed on our community by our donors. In this fiscal year, we were able to award more than \$181,000 in grants, award 22 scholarships and start two new funds: Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund and Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund of Posey County. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this possible.

This year we have been presented with many challenges but along with the challenges come opportunities. The Foundation Board of Trustees has faced these events head on and its members thinking of more creative ways to achieve solutions and do business differently and more efficiently.

In spite of the difficult economic times, the Posey County Community Foundation has continued to grow as guided by a dedicated Board of Trustees. This is no time for us to pull back and reduce our expectations for many more citizens are depending on all of us for support. We will continue to strive to achieve our mission; “To promote philanthropy at all levels, to build and maintain a permanent collection of charitable funds that benefit the entire community, and to serve as a trustworthy partner and leader in shaping effective responses to community needs.”

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Posey County Community Foundation, thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Ken Meyer, Board President  
Posey County Community Foundation

**Picture Captions—Grants in Action**

Top: Tales & Scales performs for students at West Elementary School

Middle left: Tri-State Food Bank prepares back-packs filled with nutritious food for at-risk kids in the North Posey School District.

Middle right: 5th Grade students from West Elementary School who participated in the Girl Power Program.

Lower left: Marris Township fire and rescue personnel Andy Harbison, Jay Hile, Keith Damm and Mike Daws show off the department’s new rescue boat.

## *Connecting Caring People with Community Need* **Foundation Establishes Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund**

The Posey County Community Foundation established, within the Foundation, a field of interest fund called ***Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund***.

The purpose of this endowment fund is to support youth education in outdoor recreation and conservation activities with primary focus on fair chase hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and trapping. Secondary focus will be on education efforts in other outdoor recreation and conservation activities.

Hunting and fishing license sales are critical to supply the needed funds for the management and conservation of all wildlife species in Indiana. Over the last several years, hunter numbers and license sales have dropped significantly as the younger generations have become less outdoor oriented. Competing interests such as sports, TV, computers, and video games have created generations of people who are not well connected with outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and trapping. As hunting/fishing license sales trend downward, the funding for wildlife conservations efforts also suffers.

In an attempt to change this trend, Hovey Lake personnel conduct several youth events throughout the year aimed at teaching kids about wildlife conservation, safe & responsible firearm handling, and providing youngsters an



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

**Continued Page 4 Hovey Lake**

## *Caring for Community* **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Candida Schmidt recently had the opportunity to participate in the Neighbor to Neighbor Program offered by the Community Emergency Assistance Board (CEAB). As hard as she was trying, she found no success in the efforts she made in her life. With the help of the program, she is no longer “in the hole.” She has now found positive in her challenges and reaches out when needed.

The Neighbor to Neighbor Program (NTN), which Candida participated in, will be funded this coming year through a grant given by the Posey County Community Foundation. “The CEAB is excited that the Foundation has partnered with us to support this program that helps to get at a root cause of poverty in our County,” said Rev. Allen Rutherford, President of CEAB.

Participants in the program commit to a 14-lesson course, which helps people take concrete steps to improve their lives. NTN uses a group process based on positive, solution-orientated psychology. Valuable life skills including smart shopping, using community resources, discerning between wants and needs, and changing destructive behaviors are presented in a manner which involves every member at every session in a process of developing their own solutions.



Students and leaders joined together for a Neighbor to Neighbor graduation photo. Standing: Glen Kuper, Kristina Jolley, Kimberly Young, Jaime Eickhoff, Christina Cordle, Laura Miller, Candy Schmidt, Cynthia Whatley, Jim Bartlett, and Phyllis Alspaugh. Kneeling: Maria Nelson, Lacey Miller and Sarah Madison.

**Continued Page 4 Neighbor to Neighbor**

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## **Hovey Lake Continued**

opportunity to get outside and try hunting with experienced adult mentors. These events have been largely funded by soliciting donations from conservation groups and local businesses. It is hoped that the ***Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund*** will provide a more stable source of funding in order to insure that these valuable outdoor related youth programs can continue to be provided.

“Youth Outdoor Education is a high priority program with the Division of Fish and Wildlife,” said Mark Pochon, Property Manager of Hovey Lake. “We are proud to be able to offer this vehicle for area residents to contribute to this important program. Stable funding is key to being able to offer these high quality programs.”

“The Posey County Community Foundation is proud to be a part of this effort by the Department of Natural Resources/Division of Fish and Wildlife,” said Ken Meyer, President of the Posey County Community Foundation.” This demonstrates the flexibility and the ease that establishing a fund within the Foundation can offer. Our commitment to partner with individuals, businesses, not -for-profit organizations and government agencies can afford them the opportunity to spend their time and expertise carrying out their missions while the Foundation handles the management of their funds.”

## **Neighbor to Neighbor Continued**

Participants practice learned skills to set achievable goals and develop their own budget. They practice responsibility and social skills by participating in discussions and completing assignments. They practice accountability by following a contract promising to arrive on time, speak in turn and remain drug and alcohol free during all sessions.

NTN students learn to see money in its broadest sense, and the effect it has on so many aspects of their life and decisions they make. They begin to take steps to divorce themselves from the emotional hold money can have on the family.

“Our focus for the 2009 grant cycle was assisting our community with meeting basic social and economic needs,” said Nikki Collier, grant and distribution chair. “The Neighbor to Neighbor program is a perfect match with our focus; it provides its participants with a strong foundation of learning how to get out of their current economic situation and to continue to improve their lives by setting and attaining goals. It has been very successful in the community and continues to receive excellent reviews from past participants.”

## July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 Donors: Giving Thanks by Giving Back

Our sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Posey County Community Foundation, either by creating endowed funds or giving gifts to increase the strength of existing funds. Every attempt has been made to ensure that all information included in this report is accurate. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Charitable people make our work possible and there are many ways you can make a difference in Posey County. Gifts of all sizes are leveraged and invested in our community. To make a contribution, please use the enclosed form or call 812.838.0288.

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9. We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. We are a **community leader**, creating resources to create positive change.

## Discretionary Grants

21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Posey County, Ltd, \$4,500 to purchase a modular stage

American Red Cross of Posey County, \$3,695 to purchase equipment and materials

At The Cross Mission, \$2,929 to purchase a freezer

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Ohio Valley, \$3,000 to provide funding to match six children with an adult mentor

Buffalo Trace Council-boy Scouts of America, \$250 to assist with tree planting commemorating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Community Action Program of Evansville & Vanderburgh County, \$2,471 to purchase resources to instruct parents on the proper way to care for their sick children and for "Healthy Home Kits"

Community Emergency Assistance Board, \$10,000 to offer Neighbor to Neighbor financial management classes

Cynthiana Area Recreational & Environmental Group, \$1,500 to assist with the construction of concrete floor for a batting cage

Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, \$1,000 for Youth Concerts

Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana, \$2,820 to teach Junior Achievement classes at North Posey Junior High School

Marrs Township Volunteer Fire Department, \$8,500 to purchase a Zodiac inflatable boat for water rescue

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, \$885 to purchase materials to conduct fiber arts classes

New Harmony Ministry Association, \$2,000 to provide milk vouchers at the New Harmony food pantry

North Posey High School, \$2,150 to purchase microscopes for science department

Posey County 4-H Fair Association, \$5,000 for a new roof on a 4-H exhibit building

Posey County Council on Aging, \$2,350 to support Tai Chi classes

Posey County Domestic Violence Taskforce, \$1,901 for community outreach projects

Posey County Youth Club, Inc., \$8,500 to assist in Poseyville baseball field improvements

St. Matthew Catholic Church, \$750 to purchase Red Cross First Aid kits and supplies

St. Peter's United Methodist Church, \$500 for classes for single mothers

St. Wendel Catholic School, \$1,000 to provide reading software for learning disabilities children

Step Ahead of Posey County, \$1,190 to purchase ten portable cribs

Step Ahead of Posey County, \$1,110 for community outreach projects

Step Ahead of Posey County, \$1,350 for computer lab items

Tales & Scales, Inc., \$3,500 for residency workshops in Posey County schools

Tri-State Food Bank, \$2,500 for back pack program

United Family Counseling Services, \$2,250 to underwrite cost of direct counseling services

West and Hedges Elementary Schools, \$2,295 for the "Girl Power" program

Zion Lippe United Church of Christ, \$3,750 for Partners for Food Program

**TOTAL \$83,645**

## Designated and Donor-Advised Grants

Alexandrian Public Library, \$458

Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County, \$300

Children's Learning Center, \$4,917

Friends of Posey County Fund, \$3,432

Harmonie Associates, \$1,183

Holy Angels Catholic Church, \$3,140

Hoosier Salon Patrons Association Inc., \$3,210

Mt. Vernon High School, \$8,531

New Harmony Ministry Association, \$300

New Harmony Schools, \$520

Town of New Harmony, \$491

North Elementary School, \$2,000

Posey County 4H Council, \$490

Posey County Community Foundation, \$2,648

Rapp Granary- Owen Foundation, \$10,597

United Way of Posey County, \$1,615

University of Southern Indiana, \$13,802

Visiting Nurse Association, \$735

Young Life of Posey County, \$236

**TOTAL \$58,606**

## Community Scholarship Grants

Benjamin Wilson Arthur Spirit Award, \$1,380 to Moriah Seifert, Brice's ATA Black Belt Academy

Byron and Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship, \$3,880 to Holly Heerdink, Indiana University

CountryMark Technical Trade Scholarship, \$4,500 to James Shea, Ivy Tech State College

Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship, \$1,000 to Todd Seibert, Ball State University

Kevin Dillon North Posey Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 to Holly Heerdink, Indiana University

Gillenwater Scholarship, \$1,000 to Blake Frazier, University of Southern Indiana

Gillenwater Scholarship, \$1,000 to Alexandra Garman, Ball State University

Gillenwater Scholarship, \$500 to Benjamin Mason, University of Southern Indiana

Gillenwater Scholarship, \$1,000 to Carson McBain, Hanover College

Gillenwater Scholarship, \$1,000 to Sarah McMahon, Indiana University

William H. Keck Leadership Scholarship, \$4,600 to Ashlyn Smorch, Indiana University

Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship, \$1,380 to Taylor Rhoades, Babson College

Mac McCutchan Scholarship, \$1,830 to Joseph Hoehn, Purdue University

North Star Scholarship, \$2,000 to Kayla Brenton, University of Evansville

Rosella and Doyle Oursler Scholarship, \$1,740 to Hannah Bender, University of Southern Indiana

Posey County Co-op Scholarship, \$900 to Layne Koester, Purdue University

George and Peggy Rapp Scholarship, \$1,000 to Jonathon Axton, University of Evansville

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Bobby Rogge Memorial Scholarship, \$200 to Brittany McCoy, Indiana University

Craig Andrew Spradley Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 to Drew Murray, University of Southern Indiana

Oscar & Helen Uebelhack Scholarship, \$1,470 to Drew Murray, Purdue University

Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship, \$780 to Lucas Wassmer, DePauw University

Whitney Wehr Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 to Laura McGennis, University of Southern Indiana

Robby Wilson Memorial Scholarship, \$350 to Hannah Morris, University of Southern Indiana

**Total \$36,510**

### Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Grants



Brittni Crofts, DePauw University, \$145,312



Madison Weintraut, Purdue University, \$34,740

### Awards for Lilly Scholar Alternates

Holly Heerdink, Indiana University, \$1,500

Sarah McMahon, Indiana University, \$1,500

**Total \$3,000**

## Grants at a Glance

**Discretionary Grants \$83,645**

**Designated and Donor-Advised Grants \$58,606**

**Community Scholarship Grants \$39,510**

**Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships**

**Total \$364,813**

## Our Mission

- The Mission of the Posey County Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the people of Posey County.
- We commit ourselves to raising, managing and distributing funds consistent with the specific and general intentions of our donors.
- We are dedicated to providing philanthropic leadership by building an endowment that meets the current and future charitable needs of our citizens.



## Giving Made Easy

We work with donors to fulfill their charitable goals by structuring charitable funds that are customized to fit their unique goals, easy to implement, and supported by our broad community knowledge and expertise. Following is a list of funds established to benefit Posey County now and forever into the future. If you wish to make a donation to a fund, please make your check payable to ***Posey County Community Foundation and mail to PO Box 746, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620.*** Designate the fund in the memo/note section of your check. To save postage, you may donate online at [www.poseycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.poseycommunityfoundation.org).

### ***Our Family of Funds***

***Operating/Administrative Funds*** are designated to support the Foundation's operation.

PCCF Administrative Endowment Fund  
PCCF Operating Fund (Non-permanent)

***Unrestricted Funds*** offer the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made to wherever the Foundation determines the community's needs are the greatest from year to year.

ConAgra Fund  
CountryMark Posey County Fund  
Friends of Posey County Fund  
Tom and Nelda Hickey Fund  
Ella and Stanley Maynor Memorial Fund  
Memorial Fund of Posey County  
Robert and Carole Rust Fund  
Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund of Posey County

***Field of Interest Funds*** create grants that meet needs in particular fields or geographic areas that are important to donors.

Atkins Family Fund  
Benjamin Wilson Arthur Spirit Award (Non-permanent)  
CountryMark Black Township Fund  
Hovey Lake Outdoor Youth Activity Fund (non-permanent)  
Morris Family Fund  
Rosella and Doyle Oursler Fund  
Women's Fund of Posey County  
Women's Fund of Posey County (Non-permanent)

***Scholarship Funds*** allow donors to help students pursue academic goals based on criteria that are important to donors.

Byron & Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Cash Family Scholarship Fund  
CountryMark Technical Trade Scholarship Fund  
Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship Fund  
Kevin Dillon Posey County Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dierlam Memorial Scholarship Fund (non-permanent)  
Gillenwater Scholarship Fund  
Hagemann Award for Musical Performance Fund  
Health Professions Scholarship Fund  
William H. Keck Leadership Scholarship Fund  
Katie Kanowsky Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Mac McCutchan Scholarship Fund  
James W. Moore Scholarship Fund  
North Star Scholarship Fund  
Rosella and Doyle Oursler Scholarship Fund  
Posey County Co-op Scholarship Fund  
George and Peggy Rapp Scholarship Fund  
Bobby Rogge Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Craig Andrew Spradley Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Oscar & Helen Uebelhack Agriculture Scholarship Fund  
Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship Fund  
Whitney Wehr Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Robby Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund

***Designated Funds*** allow donors to support organizations while the Foundations ensure that grants to these people remain relevant over time and responsive to changing circumstances.

Bert & Lois Ashworth Fund  
Eliane Dion Fund  
Beverly June Frederking Scholarship Fund  
Connie Kaye Gibbs Community Memorial Fund  
Louis D. Keck & Louis D. Keck Jr. Fund  
Maple Hill Cemetery Fund  
Clinton C. Maurer Academic Emphasis Fund  
Posey County Presidential Scholars Fund  
Rappites Remembered Fund  
Foster & Virginia Tolliver Conservation/Environ. Fund  
Billy D. Walker Memorial Fund  
Margaret Wathen Memorial Fund  
Wildcats Remembered Fund  
Rebecca G. Williams USI Library Fund

***Donor-Advised Funds*** enable donors to recommend specific organizations to receive grants from year to year or throughout the year.

William H. Bender Fund  
Bethany's "Old Beech" Cemetery Fund  
Dr. Edgar E. & Marguerite C. Bostick Family Fund  
John R. & Margaret Keck Family Fund  
Mackey-Sidlo Memorial Fund  
Katherine & Woodrow McFadin Fund  
George and Peggy Rapp Fund #1  
George and Peggy Rapp Fund #2  
Scarafia-Pfister Family Fund  
Dr. L. John Vogel Memorial Fund

***Agency Funds*** are established by nonprofit organizations to provide income to themselves forever. The Foundation handles all administrative and investment responsibilities, freeing each organization to pursue its charitable mission.

Thompson H. Burckhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Harmonie Associates Endowment Fund  
Posey County Soil and Water Conservation District Fund (non-permanent)  
Raintree Girl Scout Council Fund for Posey County  
Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation Fund  
USI/New Harmony Foundation Endowment Fund  
Cynderella McDowell Miller USI Scholarship Fund  
United Way of Posey County, Inc. Fund

***Company Match***—Your gift may be eligible to be matched by your company. Check with your employee benefits office for a matching gift form.

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