



community matters

A newsletter from the Posey County Community Foundation

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Winter 2010

Foundation Auction Huge Success

The Posey County Community Foundation Board of Trustees would like to thank those who made our first community auction a magnificent success. It was a privilege to recognize local community partners and it was truly an amazing and inspiring evening. Over \$36,000 was raised for our Administrative Endowment Fund!



Who benefited from this auction? The people of Posey County. This auction has helped your Foundation to become more sustainable. Together we ARE improving the quality of life for the people of Posey County.



All of this was made possible by many people offering generous gifts of time, energy, and heart. These people include our Board of Trustees, sponsors, donors, administrators and everyone who attended the auction.



Pictured first is Clif The Drifter, who was our entertainment for the night. Second, Tracy Zeller is shown setting up her display. She raised \$1,200 for us! Next is a picture of everyone paying close attention to the auction. The fourth picture shows Andrew Wilson auctioning off time with his new best friend, Santa Claus! Last is a snapshot of Dr. Duane Kuhlenschmidt testing out his new lawnmower that was donated by J&L Equipment.



We would like to thank Jeff Wilderman for cooking a wonderful meal for everyone to eat as well as St. Philip's Inn for providing the bar services and St. Peter's United Methodest Church for deserts and drinks. We would also like to thank William Wilson Auction Realty Inc. for their excellent auctioneering service.



Get Those Scholarship Applications In!

It's that time of year again! The holiday season is upon us, and that means it's almost time to award some young high school students thousands of dollars to make their education dreams come true. Scholarships are awarded in May, but the due date is coming up fast! The scholarship applications are 100% digital and can be found on our website at www.poseycommunityfoundation.org. The due date for each scholarship except the Lilly Scholarship is the same--February 1, 2011. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, fully funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., is administered locally by the Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF). The due date for this scholarship is January 19, 2011. Each scholarship application must be submitted electronically by the corresponding date to be considered.

If you know any student that lives in Posey County who might be interested in a scholarship from PCCF, they should check out the criteria page of our website at www.poseycommunityfoundation.org/csp-criteria. There are scholarships available for every Senior who is a resident of Posey County, and you don't have to attend one of the three schools here in the county to apply. Also, not all of the scholarships take grade point average (GPA) into consideration, so everyone should at least check it out!

If anyone has any questions about eligibility or anything else, they may contact the PCCF office by phone at (812) 838-0288, by electronic mail at julie@poseycommunityfoundation.org, or just come by the office at 402 Main Street in Mount Vernon.

North Elementary Thanks Us!

The Foundation Board of Directors held their November board meeting at North Elementary school. Lisa Brandenstein, a fifth grade teacher at the school, shared with the board the progress on the grant the elementary school received for a new slide. The board received this awesome thank you card held by Foundation intern Kyle Schmidt and created by first grade teacher Karen Davis. All the students at North Elementary School signed the card.



Education and Literacy Fund Grantcycle

The Alliance Education and Literacy Fund was established in 2007 with funding made possible by Lilly Endowment, a long-time advocate for education and community foundations throughout Indiana.

The Education and Literacy Fund is a regional fund, which means that it aims to reach throughout the nine counties that comprise the Alliance's service area—Davies, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties.

Grant Cycle

We consider proposals for grants on a yearly cycle. The requirements and instructions provided here are to be considered current and accurate only for the duration of the Education and Literacy Fund's grant cycle. This year's grant cycle will run from November 15, 2010 through March 30, 2011. Proposals will be accepted from the November announcement date through the submission deadline, which is January 10, 2011. Proposals submitted before announcement of the grant opportunity or after the submission deadline will not be considered.

Funding Priorities

Proposals will be accepted from nonprofit organizations for projects or programs serving children ages 0-5 that meet one or more of the following criteria. The Education and Literacy Fund will consider projects that:

- Expose children to a variety of age-appropriate books and other resources that aim to increase a child's alphabet knowledge and phonological awareness.
- Begin or expand the children's home libraries/book collections.
- Involve parents in developing their children's early childhood literacy, in or outside of the home.
- Support family literacy, incorporating education opportunities for parents with early childhood education/literacy activities or programs for their children.

Funding consideration will be given to a broad spectrum of program types throughout the nine counties served by the Alliance, regardless of the socioeconomic status of potential beneficiaries; however, proposals should specifically address how the applicant organization will reach disadvantaged and at-risk children within the stated age group. Funding consideration will be given to nonprofit partnerships and collaborations, especially when the population to be served is far-reaching or includes individuals from multiple Alliance counties.



Funding Parameters

The Education and Literacy Fund will consider funding requests of any amount. However, it is expected that multiple grants will be awarded from the total amount available, which is \$53,000.

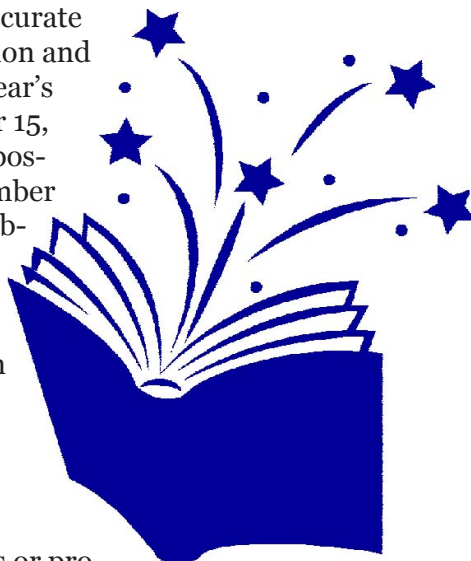
Fiscal Sponsors

Proposals submitted by an entity under the auspices of another agency must include a written statement signed by the agency's board president on behalf of the board of directors agreeing to act as the entity's fiscal sponsor, to receive grant monies if awarded, and to oversee the proposed project.

Award Announcement

All organizations that have submitted grant proposals will be notified of the outcome of the grants committee's deliberation in writing no later than April 1, 2011.

For more information, or to see if your organization qualifies, visit the Community Foundation Allinace website at www.alliance9.org/edlit-fund.



National Philanthropy Day

Philanthropy: the giving of one's time, talent, or treasure and taking action for the sake of another or for the common good.

Philanthropy can be practiced just by simply helping an elderly person carry their groceries. It is any act of kindness towards someone else.

November 15, is National Philanthropy Day. It is a day to pay tribute to those who practice philanthropy on a regular basis and a day for everyone to participate in a day of giving. Many events and celebrations will take place around the nation on this day to show appreciation to those who make such an impact on others' lives.

This year for the 25th Annual National Philanthropy Day the Posey County Community Foundation is encouraging you to DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

Take just a few minutes out of your day to make a difference in someone else's life. You will be surprised how something that seems so little to you could mean so much to others.

Community Foundation Week

This season of giving should be a time of reflection—about the great needs that persist in our communities—and action—to be a part of the solution. That is an important part of our work at the Posey County Community Foundation. We are one of more than 700 community foundations in America working in collaboration with community, state, and national partners to more effectively tackle some of society's toughest challenges—in education, health care, job training, poverty, natural disasters, and more. The Posey County Community Foundation has invested more than \$2.3 million to support a number of organizations and causes to advance the public good in Posey County.

We are proud of the commitment and creativity in this community to find new and better ways to improve the lives of our neighbors in need. November 12-18, 2010, marks Community Foundation Week in America to raise awareness about the increasingly important role of the more than 700 philanthropic organizations working to achieve meaningful results for our communities. We take that responsibility very seriously, and we are more determined than ever to strengthen collaboration with our partners to realize a better quality of life for all citizens of Posey County.

don't miss this...

National Philanthropy Day - November 15, 2011

Grant Cycle Begins - January 1, 2011
Visit our website or call 812.838.0288 for dates and details.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Applications Due - January 19, 2011

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We'd love to hear from you!

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