



# communitymatters

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 announced a newly established fund for the purpose of enhancing the opportunities for learning for students presently enrolled at North Posey High School. The *Vikings Remembered Fund* will join seventy-eight Foundation funds which were established by donors to improve the quality of life for the people of Posey County.



“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.

The annual distribution will be used at the discretion of the high school principal for student leadership development programs, registration fees for student participation, purchase of special equipment, and support of various other projects.

“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. “On behalf of the school corporation I would like to thank Don and Jane for establishing Vikings Remembered and, with the help of other alumni, contributing to the educational opportunities

for all students at North Posey High School for generations to come.”



### tools for giving

Establishing a designated fund, like the Rappites Remembered Fund, allows you to support the good work of a specific organization that has touched your life. In addition to providing essential funding, your gift also provides access to the Posey County Community Foundation's planned giving and investment management services. Designated Funds can be established by an individual or couple, a family, a business or any other group of people with shared charitable interests.

# 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

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

The Foundation's board voted to add twenty thousand dollars to the available to grant amount for the fiscal year 2011. The remaining seven thousand five hundred dollars will be awarded to Impact Christian Health Center (ICHC) 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 ICHC. "The potential exists for preventative health services being ignored, resulting in delayed diagnosis and treatment of disease. This delay can subsequently increase morbidity and decrease quality of life. This grant will provide the resources to assess local use of available services and potential needs of the community regarding health and health care."



## 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.



The resource saving 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**.



## 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 truly lasting impact.

Last year's campaign was a grand success, raising a total of six thousand, seven hundred and ninety dollars from the donations of a hundred and eighty-seven people. 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



eager to spread her local awareness by exploring neighboring county Posey, 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 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/>.

## 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 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 with an extra hand and further their means of helping the community, this program allows the intern a chance to further an understanding of philanthropy while gaining invaluable 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. A resident of Warrick County, she graduated from Signature School of Vanderburgh in 2006. She is now

# 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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