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Dedicated To The One You Love

Give Your Heart to Your Community Fundraiser

The Fulton and Starke County Community Foundations held their Valentine fundraisers again in 2006 and it was another successful year of spreading the love for the foundation and the community.

Levels of giving range from \$1 to \$100 so everyone can participate in the event. Proceeds benefit any of the 150 endowments held by Fulton and Starke Counties or the contributions can go to the foundation's unrestricted funds which provide grants for the community in the fall of every year.

On Valentine's Day the Fulton County Community Foundation (FCCF) began by taking dedications of songs and sharing love stories on the local radio station WROI 92.1 FM. The foundation raised over \$9,000 in this eighth year of the Valentine fundraiser. The local Wal-Mart also contributed \$1,000 in matching funds.

"One of the recipients of a singing telegram had an emergency appointment at the dentist, so the singers presented her with a song and rose in the dentist office," explained Cynthia Crump the Associate Director for the FCCF. "Nothing can keep our committee from delivering those songs of love. She was very surprised, and it really brightened up her day."

There were seventy singing telegrams delivered by community volunteers to businesses and to local schools for students, teachers and administrators. Visits were also made to nursing homes and to those in the community that would have had a hard time getting out and enjoying that beautiful sunny day in February.

The Starke County Community Foundation (SCCF) held their sixth annual Valentine fundraiser on Saturday, February 11th at WKVI radio station in Knox. More than \$2,000 was raised for Starke County endowment funds. Many organizations that have received grants from the foundation were on hand at the radio station to share stories of what they are doing and how the money given to them by the foundation helps to continue their work in the community.



Henry and Judy Jelinek



Clockwise from left: Virginia Rauschke, Kathy Cole, Tami Powell and Abigail

One singing telegram was delivered at a local restaurant during Valentine's Day evening from a wife to her husband. He was taken by surprise and it was a special moment for the couple. What could be better than sharing your love with that special someone and also with your community?

Fulton County Grants

building our communities through giving

The Fulton County Community Foundation (FCCF) awarded \$112,711 to organizations throughout Fulton County. These grants touched those in Fulton, Akron and Rochester to help provide important and lasting services to their communities.

A grant reception was held to honor the donors and the organizations that received the funds on December 9th 2005. The gathering is a great way to say thank you to the volunteers whose work is an important asset to all the citizens of Fulton County. It also provides an audience for those volunteers to talk about their projects and explain how the funds will be used.

Twenty grant applications were received by the grants committee and thirteen projects were chosen to receive the funds. Those organizations were:

- Akron Church of God received \$5,000 for their "Spark in the Park" project.
- Akron Lions Club received \$30,000 for the Akron Community Center. *Funded in part by the Baker/Turk UR Fund*
- Fulton County Council on Aging received \$8,000 to help purchase two additional Fulton County Transpo vehicles. *Funded in part by the First Federal Savings Bank UR Fund*
- Habitat for Humanity will use their \$2,500 to purchase a heating and cooling system for their seventh house.
- Fulton Improvement Committee will hire an architect and publicize its community building with the \$12,000 they were awarded.
- A grant of \$20,546 will help the Fulton County Soccer Association install an in-ground irrigation system for three soccer fields. *Funded in part by the Baxter, Inc. UR Fund*
- Hope Hospice received \$1,070 to purchase required financial computer software for their operation. *Funded in part by the Groenleer/Hillman UR Fund*
- Junior Achievement of Fulton County will continue the Exchange City program with their grant of \$650. *Funded in part by the Fraser UR Fund*
- Pike Memorial Park in Akron will be able to build a second basketball court with their grant of \$12,945
- Psi Iota Xi Sorority received \$5,000 for the Holiday Pops concert featuring the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.
- The Rochester Fire Department will purchase educational equipment for fire prevention programs they provide to area schools with the \$5,000 they received.
- Safe Kids of Fulton County will purchase safety equipment such as car seats, helmets, fire extinguishers & smoke detectors with their grant of \$10,000. *Funded in part by the Fraser UR Fund*



John Brock & Michelle Herrell for Safe Kids and Rev. Ronald Purkey of Hope Hospice

Fulton County 2005 Grant Committee:

Harry Richter, Committee Chair
Ben Daulton
Nancy Day
Darlene Drudge
Steve Hartzler
Lance Nelson

Starke County Grants

highlights giving and receiving

The Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. accepted the largest gift to date for the Starke County Community Foundation at their Fall Grant Reception held November 30th 2005 in Knox, Indiana.



Roger and Sally Ciapara

The gift is an in-kind gift of real estate. The property is Rolling Dunes subdivision located on Toto Road between 700 East and 750 East. Rolling Dunes currently has 30 developed lots in Phase I of which nine have homes. Phase II is not yet developed but will add an additional 26 lots.

The NICF plans to sell the property and the proceeds will fund the Rosa of Indiana Endowment Fund established by the owners of the property, Roger and Sally Ciapara of Fruitport, Michigan. The fund will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in North Judson, Community Services of Starke County and the Starke County Humane Society.

Another gift presented to the foundation was from Bob Ax, Regional President of the Western District of First Source Bank. Mr. Ax presented Cherry Gumz, SCCF President, with a check for \$25,000. This was in response to an anonymous donor's challenge match of \$100,000. First Source has a Donor Advised Fund with the Starke County Community Foundation.

The Starke County Community Foundation awarded six local community organizations with funds totaling \$19,921 from their Unrestricted Funds.

- The Art Circle Institute, Inc. was awarded \$4,060 for art supplies for their Art 1000 Team Project.
- The Caring Place, Inc. received \$1,321 to purchase a copier for their Starke County office. *Funded in part by the Arlowa S. Vorm Memorial UR Fund*
- Funds for new signs welcoming people to the town of San Pierre were given to the Center for Rural Outreach and Public Services, Inc. (CROPS) in the amount of \$2,200.
- The Friends of the Erie JK Line received \$4,450 to use toward the purchase of stone for the rail-trail project. *Funded in part by the Freedom Fund & Starke County Heritage UR Fund*
- Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum will use their grant of \$6,190 for electric and brake work for their locomotives. *Funded in part by the Schuyler Family Endowment*
- St. Vincent De Paul Society received \$1,700 to help them meet the needs of Starke County residents. *Funded in part by the Ann R. Nichols Memorial UR Fund*

Starke County 2005 Grant Committee:

Judy Jelinek, Committee Chair
Cherry Gumz
David Matsey
Barbara McLaughlin
Bill Rentschler
Mat Swanson
Judy Weitgenant

The Miami County Community Foundation (MCCF) is committed to being the organization that people in Miami County turn to when they need help supporting their project or charitable cause.

Miami County Community Awards

a new direction in grant making

This year the MCCF took a new approach to grantmaking in order to reach more people in the Miami County area. Any charitable service organization, group or club was invited to apply for these Community Awards.

“Bringing people together for a better Miami County is an important role for the Community Foundation,” says Bernard Giver, Associate Director of the MCCF. “We are excited about this new process and we were very pleased with the response we received for this new process of grantmaking.”

The MCCF held a “Community Awards Program” on December 5th 2005 at The Siding restaurant in Peru to celebrate the “Community Award” winners and the donors who make it all possible. At the program, those who received awards talked about their organization, what they have accomplished in the community and what they plan to do with the award money.

“Community Award” winners were also given a certificate they can display to show they received this award. The organizations are:

- Miami Co. Youth Leadership Summit: \$2,500 - To support the Youth Summit.
- Bona Vista Programs: \$2,500 - Cribs and car seats for their BABE store.
- Community of Character: \$2,500 - To support the project by putting logos on city vehicles, employee shirts and provide stickers and educational material to schools. *Funded in part by the Jane & Bob Haskett UR Fund*
- Peru Community Schools (Project Extended Day): \$2,500 - After school program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade “at risk” students. *Funded in part by the Chris & Beth Smith UR Fund*
- Right Relations: \$2,500 – To help local families establish good relations between parents, schools and children.
- Peru Housing Authority: \$1,400 - Large screen TV for the complex community room.
- Re:Gener8 Hub: \$2,500 - Computers and equipment for students at the Friday and Saturday youth nights. *Funded in part by the John Nixon UR Fund*
- Public Health Coordinator, Miami Co. Health Dept.: \$500 - Funding for AED (“automated external defibrillator”). *Funded in part by the Donald A. Ferrara UR Fund*
- Workforce Development Strategies, Inc.: \$2,500 – PowerPoint presentation equipment to help promote “Maturity Matters”.
- Miami Co. Helping Hands: \$2,500 – To computerize client records.
- Miami Co. Historical Society: \$500 - Museum and Miami County student’s coloring book printing cost. *Funded in part by the Miami County Services Committee UR Fund*
- Junior Achievement: \$2,500 - Exchange City program materials. *Funded in part by the Jane & Bob Haskett UR Fund*
- Our Father’s Library: \$2,500 - To update and supplement library resources.
- Partners 4Community Growth: \$2,500 - For Project SOAR (Students Obtaining Academic Results).



Marianne Savage, MCCF Grants Chairman and Marie Radel Partners 4Community Growth / Project SOAR



Teri Carr
Marketing/Publicity Coordinator

New Faces and New Positions

ready to move the NICF forward

Teri Carr - Teri has been with the FCCF as Associate Director since 2002. In that time she has helped grow the FCCF into a strong and trusted community organization. She has a history of creating great projects through her work with First Steps/Step Ahead. Teri is also a Co-founder of Camp-We-Can which provides a camp for children with disabilities. In three years the camp has grown from having eight campers to now serving thirty campers and ninety volunteers. Teri now begins her new undertaking as NICF Marketing/Publicity Coordinator where she will coordinate the marketing programs for all three counties in the NICF. You can reach Teri at 574.835.1388 where she is working from her home office.

Cynthia Crump - An accomplished professional, Cynthia has been a consultant in the medical industry in Kentucky and throughout Indiana. She worked as Regional Project Manager in South Bend and Indianapolis for the Indiana Department of Commerce and was Senior Account Manager for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Cynthia grew up in Indianapolis and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University Bloomington where she graduated with Honors. Cynthia and her husband live in Rochester along the Tippecanoe River. Her office is located in the NICF building at 800 Main Street Rochester and she can be reached at 574.224.3223.

Jennie Carter - Jennie recently returned to the Starke County area with her family and has a long history of working in the not-for-profit world. She was Co-Founder and Executive Director of Indiana Culinary which coordinates Summer Feeding Programs and works to feed at-risk children in the Fort Wayne area. She is a certified teacher for ServSafe through the National Restaurant Association and worked as Community Outreach Supervisor and Kids Café Coordinator for the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne. A graduate of Valparaiso High School, Jennie has a B.S. in Human Resources from Purdue North Central University and is working towards her Masters in Public Administration. You can find Jennie at the SCCF office at 400 North Heaton Street in Knox or give her a call at 574.772.3665.



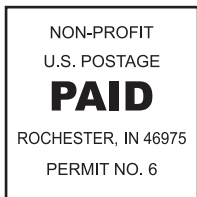
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Endowment Funds Established in 2005

Fulton County

Joanne and Jo Ellen Bendall Fund

To support charitable projects in Fulton County.

Caston High School Scholarship Fund

Previously Dollars For Scholars. Established by the Caston Community Academic Scholarship Committee to provide scholarships for qualified students graduating from Caston High School.

Phil Daulton Memorial Youth Fund

In memory of Phil Daulton to improve the lives of youth in the greater Fulton County area.

Fulton County Reads Literacy Project

To support the Rochester High School community literacy project entitled "Fulton County Reads".

Katrina Disaster Relief Non-Permanent Fund

Established by the Rochester Area Ministerial Fellowship to support the Rochester Area Ministerial Fellowship's efforts to provide assistance for short term aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery Fund

Established by Community First Bank & Trust to support to the Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery for maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.

Schaller Educational Non-Permanent Fund

Established by Steve and Leanne Schaller to support charitable educational and youth projects within the Rochester Community.

John Michael Shirley Memorial Fund

In memory of John Michael Shirley to provide support for at-risk kids in Fulton County

Southeast Asia Long Term Relief NP Fund

To support the Rochester Area Ministerial Fellowship's efforts to provide assistance to victims of the Tsunami Disaster in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Russell L. and Pauline Whittenberger Sparks Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory of Dr. Russell and Pauline Whittenberger Sparks for a scholarship to be awarded annually to an outstanding member of the graduating class of RHS.

Valley Alumni Non-Permanent Fund

Established by Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation and Ron Newlin to create a resource database of TVHS graduates to enhance community and economic development.

Starke County

The Hardesty Memorial Endowment Fund

Established by James Hardesty to support charitable purposes in Starke County.

Rosa of Indiana Fund

Established by Roger and Sally Ciapara to support the Community Services of Starke County, Starke County Humane Society and Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Miami County

ACRES Land Trust

Established by ACRES Land Trust to carry out its role and mission as described by its governing documents.

The David W. Beall Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships for Maconaquah High School graduating seniors in memory of David W. Beall.

Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship

Provides scholarships for female students who are graduates of Peru High School.

Bob Clary Unrestricted Endowment Fund

Established in memory of Bob Clary for charitable purposes in Miami County.

Tony Hare Photojournalism Scholarship

Provide scholarships for graduates of any Miami County High School.

Marks Family Fund for MCHS Educational Outreach Program

Established by Kevin Marks to support the Miami County Historical Society Educational Outreach Program.

Joseph and Ruth Mauck Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships for students graduating from Northridge High School in Elkhart County.

PHS Class of 1995 Memorial Scholarship

Established by the PHS Class of 1995. Provides scholarships to students graduating from Peru High School.