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Community Foundation Scholarships

helping students succeed for a bright and fulfilling future

The year of 2005 has been one of the most successful scholarship seasons in the history of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. (NICF) and the three counties that make up the organization. More than 220 students benefited and over \$250,000 were given in scholarships in 2005. There were 46 separate funds that provided the money for our future "movers and shakers" from Fulton, Miami and Starke Counties.

We are always thankful for our donors and their continued support of the Community Foundation and our local students.

One of the more recognizable scholarships the Community Foundation oversees is the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program which awards two scholarships per county. These four- year full- tuition scholarships are awarded through and administered by the network of community foundations throughout the state. Each county in the NICF sets its own criteria for the scholarships.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships

These prestigious scholarships are available because we have a community foundation in our three counties. We thank Lilly Endowment Inc. for their continued support of our Foundations. We also thank our scholarship committees for their hard work and thoughtful consideration in selecting our Lilly Scholars.

2005 Starke County Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Julia K. Bachert and Kathleen C. Freet were chosen as the 2005 Lilly Scholars for Starke County.



Julia K. Bachert

Julia is the daughter of James and Susan Bachert. Julia is a 2005 graduate of North Judson- San Pierre High School, and is attending Purdue University with a major in nursing.



Kathleen C. Freet

Kathleen is the daughter of David and Kelly Freet. She plans to major in psychology and is attending Valparaiso University. Kathleen is a 2005 graduate of Oregon-Davis High School.

Starke County Lilly Endowment Scholarship Committee:

James Hardesty, Committee Chair
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 Kay Reimbold

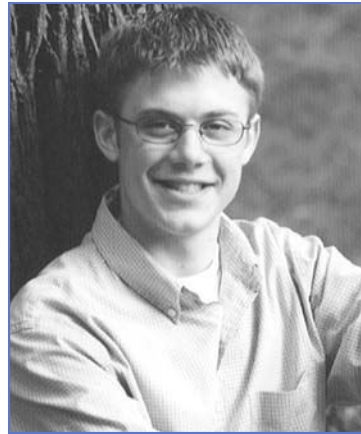
Ashley Wottring and Nicholaus Rosswurm were chosen as the 2005 Lilly Scholars for Fulton County.

2005 Fulton County Lilly Endowment Community Scholars



Ashley M. Wottring

Ashley is the daughter of Todd and Stephanie Wottring. Ashley is a 2005 Rochester High School graduate and attends Indiana Wesleyan with a double major in marketing and business management.



Nicholaus D.

Nick is a 2005 Rochester High School graduate and is the son of Daniel and Carol Rosswurm.

He is majoring in engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

**Fulton County
Scholarship Committee:**
Joan Steele, Committee Chair
Joanne Bendall
Marilyn Fritts
George Hapner
Sherry Van Meter
John Yarling
Sara Hoffman
David McGowen

2005 Miami County Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

The 2005 Lilly Scholars for Miami County are Samuel L. Banina and Nathan E. Cutler.

Miami County Scholarship Committee:

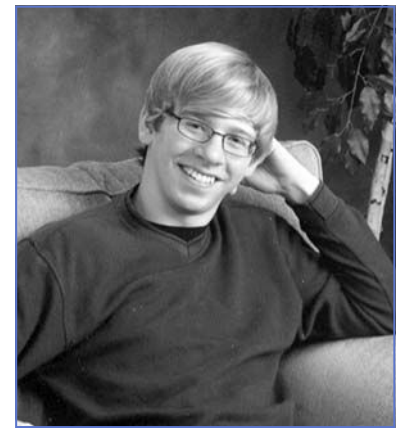
Steve Gough,
Committee Chair
Mimi Berkshire
Lonny Harts
Alice Hoover
Claire Kellems
Shirley Mull

A 2005 graduate of Peru High School, Nathan is the son of Parkhurst M. and Constance L. Cutler. He is majoring in mathematics at the University of Notre Dame.



Nathan E. Cutler

Samuel is a 2005 graduate of Peru High School and the son of Daniel C. and Helene M. Banina. He is attending the University of Notre Dame and majoring in computer science.



Samuel L. Banina

Scholarships and Funds Offered by the NICF

If you are interested in starting a scholarship, please give our office a call to see how you can help local students achieve their academic goals.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a scholarship through the NICF, please give our Program/Scholarship Coordinator a call at 574.223.2227 or see your school guidance counselor.

You can see a complete list of all the scholarships offered on our website at nicf.org. The Community Foundation also provides space on our website for our local schools to publish the scholarships available to students.

We are here to help, so please think of the Foundation first when you are interested in creating a scholarship fund or if you are looking for scholarships to aid in the cost of your education.

Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship

provides funds for Miami County women

The Miami County Community Foundation has received a gift from Hal and Jo Cultice to honor the memory of their daughter Elaine.

The Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship provides scholarships for women who are Miami County residents and attended Peru High School.

Elaine Cultice was a graduate of Peru High School and co- Valedictorian of her 1971 graduating class. Elaine was active in her high school educational career with involvement in many clubs and organizations. She was a member of the National Honor Society, and as a musician she participated in the "Belles" a girl's choral group, was choir librarian and a member of Tri- M. She was the choral winner of The Arion Foundation award which is given to students with outstanding musical proficiency.

After high school, Elaine graduated with honors from Indiana State University with a degree in accounting and worked in an industrial firm in Indianapolis where she met her husband Bruce Bright.

Elaine was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1987 and succumbed to the disease in 2004 at the age of 50.

This scholarship fund allows the Cultice Family to share Elaine's love of education by providing a \$1,000 annual scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to female students who graduated from Peru High School and attended the school at least two years prior to graduation. These students must be active and involved in school, work and community, display good citizenship and good academic accomplishments.

Applications are available by contacting Corinne Becknell Lucas, Program/Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation or the Peru High School Guidance Department at 765.472.3301.



LIVING
LEGACY

Akron Community Center meeting the needs of Akron residents

real results
your community foundation at work

Akron Indiana is a town that cares about its future and the people who make it a hometown to be proud of.

The Akron Lions Club, The Akron Revitalization Committee and the town of Akron are the personification of progressive planning for this town with a population of 1,046 located in Fulton County. These groups have spearheaded a project for building a Community Center which will be located near Pike Memorial Park in the town of Akron.

The Akron Community Center is designed as a multiple- use center for weddings, reunions, meetings, seminars, conventions, town meetings and other community events.

The Fulton County Community Foundation (FCCF) saw the merit in the \$1.3 million dollar project and granted \$18,200 to the Lions Club in the 2004 granting cycle to promote a fundraising campaign. A \$5,000 grant in 2003 was also given by the FCCF to help hire an architect for a building design. Not only has the FCCF pitched in to help, but the local Hispanic community has worked to raise money for the project. In addition, businesses and organizations such as Pike Memorial Park and even the Akron Elementary School students have helped raise funds.

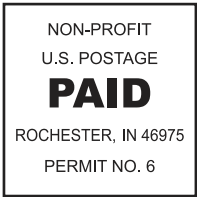
John Brown, head of the Akron Lions Club's Building Task Force has accepted monetary gifts both large and small and the total raised so far is \$113,964. These funds are held in a non- permanent fund with the NICF. You can send your own tax deductible contribution to the Akron Lions Club, P.O. Box 621, Akron, IN 46910, or to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation office.



Contact the NICF office for a brochure with floor and design plans of the Akron Community Center



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Starke County is using the airwaves to *“Make a Difference”*

Every community tries its best to help those who need assistance. There are so many organizations and groups that use their talents and resources to make a difference in someone’s life. But how do we know who provides these services, what do certain organizations do for the community and how can we contact them when their help is needed?

The Starke County Community Foundation (SCCF) saw the need for these important organizations to get the word out to the community and so the radio program *“Make a Difference”* was born.

“Make a Difference” is sponsored and underwritten by the SCCF and gives local service providers, not-for-profits, community organizations and government service agencies an opportunity to discuss their organization, what service they provide and what special projects are happening within that organization.

The program has been very popular with listeners of WKVI 99.3 AM/FM Knox, and with those who have used the air time to spread the news about what their group is doing for Starke County. Ed Hasnerl, WKVI radio personality and SCCF board member has interviewed representatives from the Starke County Chamber of Commerce, Starke County Historical Society, Council on Aging, Porter- Starke Services and the Starke County Development Foundation. Many groups are scheduled for future programming and past programs are available on the SCCF website at starkeccf.org.

If your group would like to talk about the great works you’re doing in Starke County, call Corinne Becknell Lucas at 574.772.3665 or toll free at: 877.432.6423. The Starke County Community Foundation is here to *“Make a Difference”* for all of us!



Dave Lomaka and Tricia Howe share how Porter- Starke Services helps people in Starke County with Ed Hasnerl during *“Make a Difference”* on WKVI 99.3 AM/FM Knox.