



FOUNDATION FOCAL POINT

A NEWSLETTER OF THE GREENE COUNTY FOUNDATION

SPRING 2012

Outstanding Women's Lunch

In honor of Women's History Month, the first Greene County Outstanding Women's Luncheon was held March 10th. Twenty one women were recognized and their stories and contributions provide a personal sense of Greene County's history. Lunch, entertainment and comments from Dana Wiklepleck of Channel 2 News made for a fun and festive event.

An appreciative crowd of 200 shared the day. Each honoree was given a gift bag, pine tree and certificate.

Donations in honor of any of the women, can be targeted to a specific Foundation Fund or made to the Community Support Fund. Each woman's story can be found on the website



The 2012 Outstanding Women included:

- Wilma McBride
- Pat Brown
- Marcella Bruhn
- Edna Clayton
- Mary Lou Gouckenour
- Nell Hamilton
- Mildred Louis Haywood
- Nina Hinchman
- Thelma Thomas Hoyt
- Marie Bredeweg Huber
- Imogene Fredia Marter
- Oaklene McIntosh
- Polly Scholl Miller
- Juanita Short Rowe
- Elise Strittmeier Rode
- Julia Shelton
- Helen Stone
- Marcella K. Stockrahm
- Helen Patterson Teague
- Norma Witherspoon
- Jamie Usrey Wright

FOUNDATION 500

The Foundation 500 is a fund established by the Board of Directors to provide direct support to local community causes. Through a 5 year, \$500 annual commitment, funds will allow the Community Support Fund to further address immediate needs in Greene County. Members of the Foundation 500 include: Pete & Charlene Halstead, Tom & Kenda Jochim, Sue Knoll, Jim & Barb Medina, Scott & Linda Powers, William & Marcy Powers, Pete Powers, Brian & Lisa Steward, Jake & Joanne Fish, Riestler & Streuh Attorneys, Cornelius Farms, REMC, other friends include, Rick & Melonie Graves, Bill & Linda Haseman, Jay & Jane Kaho, Stephen & Debbie Schantz, Don & Martha Wells, and Hartman Law.

Foundation Community Support Grant Cycle to Begin

The Greene County Foundation has three grant cycles, all of which are a result of donors' gifts which are invested and the earnings given back in grants.

Endowed funds are set up to be held by the foundation



permanently and the earnings forever returned for the

charitable intent. Endowed funds can be, agency focused, focused on a specific interest ie arts, education, health etc. or scholarships. These grants are usually awarded in the spring.

Another set of funds at the Foundation are those focused on Community Support. This grant cycle is made possible through the Foundation's Community Support Fund. Since these funds are not targeted

to any one specific purpose, there is the flexibility to address the most immediate and ever changing community needs.

The Community Support grant cycle will open June 15th with applications due July 27th. Awards will be made in August.

Last year the Foundation awarded \$24,000; a similar amount will be awarded this year.

Applications will be available on the website June 15th.

Grant cycle cont.

Grant categories will include: 1) Workforce Development & Economic Development 2) Arts & Education 3) Operational 4) Recreation & Fitness 5) Beautification & Historic Preservation.

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A special welcome to Grace Hayes, 2010 Lilly Scholar, our summer intern



Foundation Snapshot

As of April 30, 2012, the total assets of the Greene County Foundation exceed 5 million dollars. Assets include:

\$4.4 million in stocks/bonds

\$442,000 in property

\$200,000 in pass through funds.

The Foundation's operating budget for 2012 is \$107,000 which is 2% of total assets.

During 2011 The Foundation received \$256,151 in contributions, opened seven new funds and awarded over \$130,000 in grants.

The Foundation is helping to align and focus community wide efforts on building a collaborative workforce development system, helping to establish a coordinated tourism industry and build the Community Support Fund in order to better address immediate local needs.

The Foundation is working with Lilly Gift Consultant Helen Monroe to build long term sustainability for the Foundation.

As donors and community members we would like to hear from you about your thoughts on the Foundation.

What does the Foundation do particularly well?

How can the Foundation better serve your charitable needs?

How can the Foundation better serve the community's needs?

Visit our website and complete the short survey, drop us a note or give Cam a call

659-3142.

OR Join Us

June 10th 3-5 pm for our 1st Donor social

4-H Fairgrounds RSVP 659-3142

2012 Officers Foundation Board of Directors



Linda Thomas, Pres.

Kim Hughes, Sec.

Brian Steward, Vice Pres.

Scott Powers, Treas.

Additional Board members

Ed Cullison

Risa Dyar-

Dan Sighting

Joan Foradori-Cook

Jacob Fish

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Over \$40,000 in scholarships are awarded through the Greene County Foundation each year. These scholarships are a result of local contributions. Congratulations to these students and thank you to our donors!

Angell Family

Dylan Rupska-Linton

Bart Burris Memorial

Tyler Lady—Eastern

Dale & Tillie Jessup

Chelsea Hineman –Linton
Jennifer Nolting– renewal
Brooke Stefancik—Linton
Brianne Wilson– renewal

Bloomfield State Bank/Ivy Tech

Riley Boyer—Eastern

JoEtta Turpin Memorial

Alissa Hayes-Shakamak
Cody Johnson –Linton

Linton Sporting Goods

Julie Riggins-Bloomfield

Tonda Lawrence

Taylor Sloan– Linton

Mayor Robert & Marjorie Walters

Sydney Lehman—Linton

Marisa Jones Memorial

Nicholas Sparks-Linton

Lavon Huxhold Memorial

Hannah Pike-Eastern

Eastern Greene Advanced Education

Dawn Maesch

Special Achievement

Joshua Axe-Bloomfield
Avery James-Eastern
Sarah Poe—Linton
Taylor Myers-Shakamak
Linda Wines-WRV

Phil Harris

Kayla Cox
Kelsy Jo Foglesong
Sydney Lehman
Dylan Rupska
Taylor Sloan



Points of Light- Showcasing Foundation Endowed Funds

This section is used to highlight the work being done through funds held at the Greene County Foundation. Donations to this or any fund held at the Foundation can be directed to the Greene County Foundation in care of the specific fund, or call (812) 659-3142 for more information

Linton Elks Fund was established to support summer reading programs. Equal amounts are awarded to each of the county's four library districts. Contributions to the Linton Elks fund to expand these grants can be made to the Foundation and targeted specifically for the Elks

Fund. Helping a child to read impacts them the remainder of their life. A book, a small gift that changes lives.



Shawnee Theater— Shawnee Theater is the longest running LIVE theater in the state by producing live plays and musicals each summer during June and July for the last 53 years! A theater the caliber of Shawnee with professional actors is rare in

a community the size of Bloomfield, yet for 53 years the board of the Shawnee Theater has found a way to continue. In looking to the next 50 years, Shawnee Theater is building an endowment to ensure their future existence. Consider a gift to the Shawnee Endowment and help maintain the state's longest running theater forever. The Shawnee Season begins June 14 find ticket information and schedule at : shawneetheater.org



New Board Members

Five new faces have joined the Foundation Board of Directors effective January 1, 2012. The Foundation Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance, investment and financial stability of the Foundation. The Board is representative of communities across the county including expertise in government, education, business and social agencies. The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each

month at the Foundation office.

New members include:

Pete Halstead of Linton, has returned to the board to provide a historical perspective as well as continuity and expertise.

Patty Jones, former Linton Mayor and owner of Linton Sporting Goods understands the workings and needs of public entities.

Kevin Kramer— Mgr at Crane Credit Union, brings a civic mindedness as well as banking expertise to the board.

Sara Plunkett—of Jasonville has returned to the area and has a background in investments.

Todd Walton—of Welsh, Cornett Funeral Home brings a knowledge of the community as well as business expertise.



New Board members:
L to R Patty Jones, Sara Plunkett, Kevin Kramer, Pete Halstead, Todd Walton

Charitable Remainder Trust

Every charitable gift can bring you personal satisfaction-the joy of knowing that you have helped ensure the financial future of charitable causes you feel are important.

However certain charitable gifts can provide tangible results as well as intangible ones. With careful planning, a tool known as the charitable remainder trust can provide both a good solid

lifetime income and immediate tax benefits for you and your family. You may find that a charitable remainder trust can increase your retirement income, help you escape from a locked-in investment position, and provide more security for you and your family all this while still helping to achieve your charitable goals. Your attorney, or financial advisor can be of assistance.

Scholarship Winner

Jacie Anderson of Eastern High School is the 2012 Lilly Scholarship winner. Jacie will attend Purdue University and study Biology. The combination of her academic success, community service and personal interview makes Jacie an outstanding representative of Greene County. To date, thirty three students have received a Lilly Scholarship since the programs inception. Several have returned to Greene County to share their talents and expertise.

Each school district is represented on the Scholarship committee, which collectively spends over two hundred hours reviewing individual applications. Local donors give more than \$40,000 each year through the twenty six scholarship funds held at the Foundation. Those awards will be made in May.

In Lieu of Flowers

A contribution can be made to the Greene County Foundation in memory of a loved one. The gift may be designated to any fund or targeted to the Community Support Fund to meet the most immediate community needs.

A thoughtful remembrance for a loved one.

The family will be notified of your kindness.

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*GENEROUS HANDS
A GROWING
FUTURE*

The Greene County Foundation is a not for profit organization that accepts tax deductible donations to build endowments, whose earnings are distributed back to the community to meet the donor's charitable passions and interests. These can include support for specific agencies, causes, or communities.

The Foundation holds 5 million in assets, 76 endowed funds and 26 scholarships.

What We Do

OUR MISSION

***To work with
charitably-minded
individuals to
strengthen Greene
County now and
for generations to
come.***

Since its establishment in 1997 the Greene County Foundation has awarded over 12 million dollars in grants.

Every community and all ages have receive benefit from the foundation. Our impact includes: public libraries, 4-H facilities, public schools, 2-1-1, swimming pools, and numerous organizations.

The Greene County Foundation strives to make Greene County an even better place to live, work, and play.