

Foundation News

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Women's Luncheon a Success!

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The 4th Annual Ripley County Community Foundation's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon was held April 4th at the Hillcrest Country Club. The theme this year was "Mama's Got a Brand New Bag" with keynote speaker, Patricia Miller, co-founder of Vera Bradley Co., of Ft. Wayne.

Following a salad luncheon prepared by Chris Stange, chef at the country club, Ms. Miller spoke about the success of the Vera Bradley Foundation

Also speaking at the luncheon was Carla Stenger, a representative from the Hansen Center in Batesville. The Hansen Center was the recipient of the 2006 Women's Fund grant. Carla read a letter from one of the women who received one of the massages funded by the grant.

The RCCF staff would

like to thank our volunteer committee: Deb Hellmann, Chairman; Carla Austin; Paula Behlmer; B.J. Cox; Jamie Schantz; Kris Schneider and Betty Thaemar. We know that without their hard work our luncheons could not come about!

We would also like to thank our sponsors: \$300 level—Enhanced Telecommunications Corp.; Margaret Mary Community Hospital; Jolene Rockwood; and Ruth Ann's Hallmark Store. \$200 level: Batesville and Greensburg Urgent Care; Lynn Fledderman, Esq.; Melanie Riehle, Esq.; Stonebridge Inn and Spa; and the Town of Sunman. \$100 level: Countryside Realty; Fifth Third Bank; Guys & Gals Quarters Salon and Day Spa; Deb Hellmann; Jamie Schantz Designs; Marty Junker, Esq.; Kellerman Law Office; MainSource Bank;

Main Street Hair Design; Milan '54 Museum; Barbara Simmons, Esq.; Kristin Weiler, Esq.; Yellow Horse & Assoc. Many of our sponsors have been with us from the first luncheon and we sincerely appreciate their support.

RCCF would also like to thank the Hillcrest Country Club, Chris Stange, McPherson's Printing; Amy Wonnell, Ruth Ann's Hallmark, Stonebridge Inn & Day Spa; Jamie Schantz and Ethel Ollier; Geis Electronics and those who donated items for our drawing.

Finally, a special thanks to all who attended. (Each woman who attended contributed \$25 to the Ripley County Community Foundation Fund for Women with the purchase of her ticket.)

Plans are already underway for next year's luncheon.



Patricia Miller,
keynote speaker

Volunteers Needed

If you have attended one of RCCF's events and would like to become involved in planning and executing these events, please let us know:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Gala | <input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Golf Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 Women's Luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> General help (newsletters, mailings, etc.) |

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Email your information to us at rccfound@nalu.net if you prefer.

To Honor a Friend

IN MEMORY OF DAREN BAKER

Ripley County Community Foundation lost a very special supporter a few weeks ago.

Daren Baker, one of our founding board members, personified what RCCF is all about. We are "all about philanthropy." That word means love of mankind and that was Daren.

We often only think of a philanthropist as a person of financial means. But Daren was a philanthropist who brought us people to join our mission to improve the County he loved – board members, committee members, grant applicants, and donors who gave to or started a fund. He believed in the foundation and made sure everyone knew that. He walked the talk.

Most of all he was a wonderful teacher

for all of us. He taught us what a true community leader should be like. He taught us all how to laugh at ourselves, and how to be kinder, and gentler to each other. He showed us all how to "bloom where we are planted." We will forever be grateful that he was planted in Ripley County!

Thank you to his family for sharing Daren with RCCF. What a legacy of giving he has given to us all!

A scholarship in Daren's name is being established through RCCF. To donate to Daren's scholarship or to the Operating Endowment in his name, please send your check, made out to "RCCF" to: 132 S. Main Street Batesville IN 47006



Founding Board member and Friend of the Foundation, Daren Baker.

It takes a noble person to plant a seed for a tree that will some day give shade to a person they may never know.

2007 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Two Ripley County students have been named recipients of full, four-year scholarships as the Ripley County Community Foundation 2007 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Tyler Hensley and Leslie Brancamp will receive full tuition to the Indiana College of their choice and an \$800 stipend for required books and equipment.

Hensley is the son of Larry and Vicky Hensley of Versailles. He is a senior at South Ripley High School and plans to attend Butler University and major in Pharmacy. Brancamp is the daughter of Tim and Julie Brancamp of Napoleon. The Jac-Cen-Del Senior plans to attend Indiana University and major in Athletic Training.

The scholarship committee is composed of Ripley County residents representing all areas of the county. The committee is not aware of whose application they are viewing as names and schools of students applying for the scholarships are removed from the applications. At the interviews of the finalists, the students are only introduced by their first names, allowing for as much objectivity as possible.

There were 50 applicants for these scholarships in Ripley County this year drawing from six high schools. Eight outstanding students are chosen as

finalists for these prestigious awards. After the Ripley County Community Foundation scholarship committee narrowed the field to eight nominees, the finalists' names are submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipients. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that

represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit private colleges and universities in the state. The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There were 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

Each Ripley County finalist not receiving one of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships will be awarded one of the Ripley County Community Scholarships of \$1,000. Those receiving the 2007 Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarships are Zachary Baker, Milan High School, son of Michael and Stephanie Baker of Milan; Bernadette Gorman, South Ripley High School, daughter of Jessica Gorman of Madison and Daniel Gorman; Melissa Knisley, Batesville High School, daughter of Pat and Jim Knisley of Batesville; Matthew Krieger, Batesville High

School, son of Robert and Anita Krieger of Batesville; Lisa Meyer, Batesville High School, daughter of Gary and Rosalie Meyer of Batesville; and Kendra Walker, Milan High School, daughter of Debra Walker of Milan and Kenneth Walker.



Leslie Brancamp



Tyler Hensley

2007 Ripley County Community Foundation Scholars



Zachary Baker



Bernadette Gorman



Melissa Knisley



Matthew Krieger



Lisa Meyer



Kendra Walker

Save the Date !

Annual Meeting—June 27 at Napoleon Sr. Center

Golf Tournament -August 18 at Milan Links!

Gala—Nov. 3 at Sunman American Legion Hall

Small Grant Aps due—July 1

Small Grant Aps due—Sept. 1

Intent to Apply due by 4 pm—Aug. 17

Grant Aps due by 4 pm—Sept. 14

New Website—Check it Out!

rccfonline.org

RCCF has a new website. Take a few minutes to pull it up. You'll see pictures, an updated calendar of events and Board pictures. You can also download a small grant application or

an Intent to Apply for the fall grant cycle.

Kudos to Mr. George Brinkmoeller for finding funding for this project and to

the PR committee for their help.

Most of all—thanks to MainSource Bank and Duke Energy which provided grants for the project!

Sustainability Report ...

Sally Morris, Executive Director, was recently saying that when she began working at RCCF in 1998, there was \$60,000 endowed within the Foundation. Now RCCF has close to \$8 million. The Foundation has come a long way in 10 years. There are over 80 funds managed by RCCF that either benefit non-profit organizations in Ripley County or provide scholarships for its residents. Through the Unrestricted (Community Granting) funds, RCCF grants money to worthwhile projects for non-profit organizations.

Whereas \$8 million sounds like a lot of money, the Foundation still has a long way to go before it reaches "sustainability." Endowed money cannot be touched—that's one of the great things about community foundations. When money is "endowed" it remains in accounts to earn interest forever, thus benefiting the non-profit organization into perpetuity.

In order to become self-sustaining, the Foundation needs to raise \$1 million for its own Operating Endowment. This amount, endowed just as the other funds are within the Foundation, would

allow RCCF to cover its operating expenses—hopefully forever!

Recently the Foundation put on its 4th annual Women in Philanthropy luncheon to benefit its Fund for Women.

(See article page 1.) Each woman that attended contributed \$25 to this fund with the purchase of her ticket. Although the day is one of fun, the sponsors and attendees know that they are benefitting women's causes within the county when they sponsor or attend the luncheon. Each year the ladies in attendance vote on where the grant from the Women's Fund should be given.

This year they voted to fund Safe Passage's "I've Got the Power" project.

On August 18th, the golf tourney will be taking place. Money raised from this event will go to the RCCF Operating Endowment. Plan now to come out for a fun day of golf and support the Foundation while you do it!

Our 10th Anniversary celebration is going on throughout this year too. Take notice and you'll see some events occurring monthly to make the community more aware of our fund drive and the Foundation and the good it does as

well.

Finally, on November 3rd, the 7th Annual Gala "Postcards From Paris", will occur. The Gala committee is already hard at work to make the evening the premier event of the year. Dinner, music by the P&G Big Band, a live auction with many exciting items as well as a silent auction are in the planning. Get that tux out of mothballs, dust off your dancing shoes and come out and support YOUR Ripley County Community Foundation.

Here in the office we feel that the RCCF is a great benefit to our county. Maybe it's because, as staff, we are constantly involved in all of its events, projects, hopes and dreams, and are aware of all the good it does. We feel the RCCF is making a difference! Now we want you to look around and take notice of all that the Foundation does for you and those organizations and projects that are dear to your heart. You'll be amazed. Then please remember us in your charitable donations this year. You need the Foundation and now the Foundation needs YOU!!



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Recent Gifts to RCCF ...

Operating Fund

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Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Deiwert
Deborah Hellmann
Mr. & Mrs. George Junker II
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence McGowan
Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. James Morris

Operating Endowment

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Deiwert
Duke Energy Foundation
Roselyn McKittrick
Mr. & Mrs. James Morris
in honor of Leah Nicole Simmons
Saundra Nobbe
in memory of Dorothy Cooley
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Phaneuf
in memory of Dorothy Cooley
in honor of Leah Nicole Simmons
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St. Andrews Health Campus
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Schneider
in memory of Daren Baker
Janet M. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg
Alzheimers Support Groups Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg
Batesville Food Pantry Fund
Mr. & Mrs. George Brinkmoeller
in memory of Avita Statt
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg

Milan Comm. Scholarship Fund

Roselyn McKittrick
in memory of Jean Boyd
in memory of Sue Bessler

Milan St. Paul Lutheran SS Fund

Roselyn McKittrick
in memory of Luther Taffe

Milan United Methodist Church Fund

Mr. & Mrs. George Brinkmoeller
in memory of Daren Baker
Cathy May

Paul Lindenmeyer Memorial Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Yorn
in honor of friends & relatives celebrating the marriage of Elizabeth Yorn and Ian McDonald

Rural Alliance for the Arts Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg

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St. John's United Church of Christ Fund

B.J. Cox

Versailles Lions Club Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Allen
in memory of Max Underwood

Town of Sunman Fund

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MMCH Hospice Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg

Mr. & Mrs. William T. Van Hook
in memory of Boz Bloemer

Nathan Tuttle Memorial Fund

Mr. & Mrs. David Beery
Mr. & Mrs. James Brickner
Mr. & Mrs. William Craig
Dr. Charles McGovern
Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. John Tuttle
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Winterberg

Oak Heritage Conservancy Fund

All donations in memory of Nathan
Oak Heritage Conservancy

George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Batesville High School

Aurella Hofmockel Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nedderman
in memory of Anna Louise Koester

J. Michael Hansen Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg

Matt & Cleo Werner Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Don Lowe
in memory of Jacob Werner

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Lowe
in memory of Jacob Werner

Mr. & Mrs. James Morris
Werner Family

Sylvester Bartling Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wilhelm

Citizens' Aquatic Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Soderberg

From Our Board President ...

As many of you know, I was appointed President of the Board of Directors on January 1, 2007. This is an incredible honor for me, but as proud as I am of this position, I also recognize that it is an enormous responsibility. I am looking forward to leading the Board in becoming a sustaining force in taking our services to all the people of our county in the year ahead.

A very important item to bring to your attention is that of a change in the use

of your IRA in making charitable gifts. In August 2006 Congress included within the Pension Protection Act a section that allows individuals to distribute such amount as they determine, up to \$100,000 directly from their IRAs to charities **without including that amount in their gross income for tax purposes.**

To take advantage of this extraordinary gift opportunity, an individual must be aged 70 1/2 or older in 2007, and make



Bill Van Hook, President
Board of Directors

a donation from an IRA directly to the Charity in 2007. If this opportunity is of interest to you, please see your financial advisor or call our office for more details.