



# The Foundation's Voice

## Giving Tree Expo

Mark your calendars!

Coming November 13, 2010, 6—8 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Batesville !

If your organization is a non-profit, or you have a fund in the Foundation, or you are a financial planner, participating in this event makes good sense. "Matching Willing Donors with Worthy Causes" is the tag line that has been chosen to describe the Expo. Non-profit organizations desiring to "get their name out" will want to participate by having a booth at the event. Although there will be no solicitation of funds during the event, organizations can provide information to the public on how to donate (both time and treasure) to the organization. There is no charge for the booth but each organization will be asked to donate a door prize item for a drawing.

Committee members, Tim Dietz, Alesha Neal, Connie

Nobbe, Deb Locke, Marie Dausch, Dogger Dickey, Amy Wonnell, and Rebecca Scherer have been at work planning a fun evening for the community. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as entertainment and give aways. Each exhibiting booth will have a door prize.

If you have ever wondered how to set up an endowment fund for scholarships or to benefit a local church or non-profit organization, this event will help you decide how to do this. Mid way through the evening's events, John Kellerman, Foundation attorney and pretty smart guy, will give a presentation about the Ripley County Community Foundation and all the benefits there are in starting an endowment fund within the Foundation.

There will be two drawings at the event. Each booth will have one chance in the drawing for the grand prize of **\$5000** to be used to create a

new or add to an existing endowment fund within the Ripley County Community Foundation. The second drawing is for all attendees and will be for **\$1000** to be directed to an existing endowed fund of their choice within the RCCF. (Please note that these monies do not qualify for charitable tax benefits.)

Watch for flyers and an invitation in the mail. In the meantime, mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun and informational event.

For additional information about having a booth for your organization, please call the office at 933-1098 or toll free at 877-234-5220 to reserve your booth. Space is limited and will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis.

## Lilly Endowment To Offer **One** Scholarship in 2011

Campuses of 28 Indiana colleges and universities are welcoming 216 new Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to their halls this semester. Nominated by their community foundation and selected by Independent Colleges of Indiana, the freshmen have come from all 92 Indiana counties. Over the 13 years of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, more than 3,300 Indiana high school students have received the same honor and have gone on to become teachers and doctors, chemists and lawyers, nurses and engineers, and so forth. The program provides scholarships for full tuition, required fees and up to \$800 per year for required books and equipment for four years of full-time un-

dergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at an accredited Indiana public or private college or university. Lilly Endowment has recently announced a grant of \$15 million to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) to support another round of the scholarship program. For the 2011 "class," each foundation will be eligible to nominate **at least one** recipient for the full-time scholarship. This is a change from previous years, when each county could nominate at least two students. The total number of students in the 2011 cohort will be 142. When the scholarship program began in 1998, the average cost of tuition and fees for each scholar was just under \$50,000 for four years of study. For the

2011 cohort, the average cost per scholar is estimated at \$106,000 for four years. "While we regret that fewer scholarships will be awarded in 2011, we are pleased to continue this important program that helps promote the value of higher education in our state and highlights the vital role community foundations play in Indiana counties," said Sara B. Cobb, the Endowment's vice president for education. Locally the application process begins Nov. 3 with an essay administered at school. Applications are due Nov. 17. For more information contact your guidance counselor or download application process at [www.rccfonline.org/scholarships](http://www.rccfonline.org/scholarships).

## Did You Know?

- ◆ WE'RE MOVING on December 1— to 4 S. Park in Batesville! Watch for more info later.
- ◆ You can fill out and submit a Volunteer application online?
- ◆ A new grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. has allowed the Foundation to hire an intern. This person needed to be a student at an Indiana College or University. The Internship will last for two years. Anita Narwold, an Ivy Tech student majoring in Business Administration has been hired.
- ◆ You can donate to the Foundation through Pay Pal online at [www.rccfonline.org](http://www.rccfonline.org). This is an easy way to make memorial donations or give money to a fund to honor friends or family on birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, etc.
- ◆ In case you missed it, the Annual Meeting was held in June and the Friendship State Bank received the President's Award. Amy Wonnell, who has been the Foundation's graphic artist for a number of years, received the Executive Director's Award.
- ◆ If you need a speaker for your organization and think your members would like to learn more about their Ripley County Community Foundation, you can call the Foundation offices at 877-234-5220 or 933-1098 and we will be happy to provide someone who will speak at your event.
- ◆ Our office is staffed after noon by volunteers!
- ◆ The Women's Luncheon Committee is already at work on next year's event. Watch for more information on what will be a fun day out! The Luncheon this year is "Tie One On for the Foundation" and Marie Dausch and Deb Locke will co-chair. Sponsors are needed!

## Two New Funds

The Foundation has two new funds:

When Matt Obendorf lost his fight with cancer, his family wanted to honor his memory with a scholarship particular to Matt's love of soccer. While he was the soccer coach at South Ripley, he inspired his players to do their best. His motto

was, "Never give up!"

The Matthew Paul Obendorf Memorial Soccer Fund will help defray the expenses for disadvantaged students (grades 7-12) in the soc-



cer program in the South Ripley School Corporation. Defrayed expenses shall be defined as, but not limited to, participation fees, soccer cleats, safety equipment, uniforms and camp.

Matt's friends and family know that this scholarship would please Matt. He always gave his best and he would love the idea of being able to continue to do this—forever!

The Milan '54 Museum Pass-thru Fund has just recently been started and will help to renovate now-owned property into a permanent museum.

Anyone in the area probably knows about the 1954 Milan Indians: a David and Goliath story of how a school with 162 students beat a school with 1,162 students

for state championship. The movie "Hoosiers" with Gene Hackman, is about this miracle team.

Dreams are as important today as they were in 1954, therefore the committee overseeing the museum has established this fund to collect donations for the building project.



## "Come Unto Me" Books Available from Funeral Directors

The Ripley County Community Foundation is helping to sponsor memorial books to be distributed by local funeral homes. The books are given to surviving family members and provide comforting

poems, scriptures and stories appropriate to a very tender time in a person's life.

The books are beautifully illustrated and will be a wonderful place to keep memo-

ries, dates and notes about the deceased person's family and friends.

Inside the cover the inscription says simply, "Our sincerest condolences".

## Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program

Last year the Ripley County Community Foundation signed on to take advantage of Kroger's "Neighborhood Reward Program". By reloading Kroger gift cards which have been registered to the Foundation, money is earned for our Operating

Fund.

We'd like to thank all of our friends who take those few extra steps when shopping for groceries, to load their card! It shows us there are folks out there who are think-

ing about us during this time of very lean donations. We appreciate it very much!

If interested in obtaining a Kroger card, please contact our offices.



## Small Grants

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The Foundation received an inordinate amount of applications for small grants this year! The following have received grants:

Batesville Beautification League—\$300 to refurbish west end garden

Batesville Music and Arts Festival -\$300 for 2010 Festival

Batesville Police Dept.—\$250 for audio recording equipment for evidentiary purposes

Batesville Schools— \$250 for the African xylophone ensemble

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry-\$500 for food for needy families

Friends of Batesville Library- \$304 to purchase materials to conduct used book sale

Historic Hoosier Hills-\$250 for fundraising lending library

Indiana State Police South Emergency Response Team—\$385 for tactical tools

Kiwanis Club of Batesville—\$500 for *Kids-N-Us* program associated with Children's Health Care Clinic of Batesville

Oldenburg Academy—\$250—stove for kitchen facility

Osgood Area Kiwanis—\$500 for *Helping Hands Program*

Osgood Police Dept.—\$250 for digital video recorder/inspection scope

Ripley County Food Pantry—\$500 to purchase food for needy

Ripley County Humane Society—\$300 for kennel mats and watering units

Ripley County Tourism Bureau—\$300 for the Bluegrass Festival

St. Nicholas School—\$250 for first aid kits and a digital camera

SE Indiana F.A.R.M. Club—\$300 for the antique tractor and engine show

SE Indiana Independent Living Center-\$250 for community outreach promotional materials

Sunman Beautification Committee \$300 for planters/mulch/soil brooms and dust pans

Sunman Police—\$250 for evidence collection and storage

Town of Napoleon— \$250 for dvd/blu ray player

Versailles Police—\$250 for evidence collection and storage

## EcO15 Update

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EcO15, an initiative through the Ripley County Community Foundation, is moving ahead at full speed!

**Healthcare:** EcO15 has been instrumental in the development of the new East Indiana Area Health Education Centers (EIAHEC) program. Under its new Executive Director, **Rhonda Savage**, AHEC provides recruitment programs for K-12 students and increases access to health care in medically underserved areas. Rhonda's office is located within the Ripley County Community Foundation. AHEC exposes students to health care career opportunities that they otherwise would not have encountered, establishing community-based training sites for students in service-learning and clinical capacities, providing continuing education programs for health care professionals, and evaluating the needs of underserved communities.

**Tourism:** The EcO15 Hospitality and Tourism planning grant results were recently announced. The focus of the planning grant included the 10 counties in the Region 9 Workforce region and Brown County. IU's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies was contracted to conduct the survey of the Tourism industry. From the resulting report, a

strategic work and implementation plan is in place which includes:

- Centralized hospitality/tourism database
- Customer Service Certification program
- High School Career Pathways Awareness
- Pilot "START" Program endorsed by the National & Indiana Hotel/Lodging Association
- Training Resources available for the industry

**Manufacturing:** Batesville Casket offered Early Talent Development Camp for top students from local high schools. These students spent a full day learning about the history of the company, opportunities for careers at Casket and toured the corporate office and manufacturing facility. Those who attended were: **Scott Gryspeerdt, Garrett Price and Brooke Bedel** from Batesville HS; **Courtney Smith and Meagan Hughes** -Jac-Cen-Del; **Jerry Palmer, Luke Lamar, and Blake West** -Milan HS; **Alex Maslar, Andrew Newton, and Maria Riehle**—OA; **Britney Browning, and Stephen Sieverding**—South Ripley.

Orientation and training for Dream It Do

It Student Ambassadors and Champions took place at Hotel Indigo in Columbus on September 23. Those from Ripley County were: Ambassadors—**Mitchell Taylor and Nicole Hountz**; Champion—**Matt Maple**—Batesville HS; Ambassadors—**Megan Hughes and Codie Horan**; Champion— **Andy O'Grady**—Jac-Cen-Del HS; Ambassadors— **Matt Strzok and Nathan Thompson**; Champion **Gayle Healy**—Milan HS; Ambassadors **Jordan Schnebelt and Kasey King**; Champion—**Kelly Sparks**—South Ripley HS.

The Southeastern Indiana Regional Manufacturers Network met August 20, at Aurora Casket. An informational presentation was made by Rich Meyer, Purdue Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Those attending from Ripley County were: **Jim Mulligan and Adam Luhman**—Pike Lumber; **Mike Thomas** - Sunman Engineering; **Mary Gutman** - T&M Machine; **Sharon Sapienz** - Hill-Rom; **Aaron Abell** - Batesville Casket; and **Megumi Yokoyama** - Advanced Nitriding Solutions.

**Sustainability:** The Heritage Fund requested a two-year extension of the EcO15 grant from Lilly Endowment.

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## EcO15 Update (con't.)

An extension of one year—to November 30, 2011—was granted. Guidelines have been received from the Heritage Fund for a \$50,000 match, which will go to each county that meets the purpose, plan, and provisions for the match. Each county must raise \$50,000 in order to receive the match from the Heritage Fund. This would enable the Ripley County Community Foundation to extend the work of EcO15 in Ripley County, hopefully for an additional year (June 30, 2012). The Ripley County Community Foundation has established a fund and contributions toward the match are now being accepted. The first contribution toward the match was received from East Indiana Area Health Education Center. Special thanks to EI-AHEC for supporting this initiative!



Dream It Do It Ambassador Training



EI-AHEC Executive Director, Rhonda Savage, presents check to Cheryl Obendorf, Ripley County Coordinator for EcO15, for sustainability of EcO program.