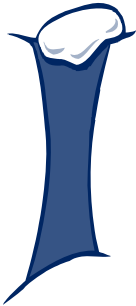


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IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

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I know a lot of generous people. I'm sure you do, too. But, when you work in a non-profit organization, you get to meet a variety of DIFFERENCE-MAKERS. They come in all shapes, sizes, ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic circles. But, there is one thing that they all have in common. Can you guess what that is?

They each know that giving *something* is always better than giving nothing at all. That even small donations can add up to make a big impact.

It's true! All too often people choose not to make any donation because they don't think the amount will be significant enough. But, that's not how non-profit math works. This is where the mathematical phenomenon of synergy comes in.

Merriam-Webster defines synergy this way: THE INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS THAT RESULTS WHEN TWO OR MORE PEOPLE OR BUSINESSES WORK TOGETHER.

Plato said it this way: "THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS."

Stephen Covey who wrote *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* puts it in a nutshell: "SYNERGY IS ACHIEVED WHEN TWO OR MORE PEOPLE WORK

TOGETHER TO CREATE A BETTER SOLUTION THAN EITHER COULD ALONE. IT'S NOT YOUR WAY OR MY WAY, BUT A BETTER WAY, A HIGHER WAY."

Any coach who has ever walked on a field or a court calls it TEAMWORK!



Every little bit really does add up and can help someone. Your small donation may provide a meal for a family, a mammogram for cancer-screening, or books for a first-generation college student. However, synergistically, several small donations combined can provide lots of meals, mammograms, and books!

For some, it's not the amount they will donate, but deciding what charitable cause to give to this year. If you can't decide, remember that the Community Foundation accepts donations year-round for nearly 300 different charitable causes that specifically benefit Grant County.

Whether its taking dog food to a local animal shelter, being "Santa" for a child, or writing a check to the Community Foundation, give the gift of charity this holiday season regardless of the size of the package.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Community Foundation of Grant County has many scholarships available for Grant County students for the 2012-2013 school year.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2012. Applications can be completed online by visiting the Foundation's website at www.comfdn.org.

Application forms have been distributed to all Grant County high schools and are also available at the Community Foundation office at 505 West Third Street, Marion.

The Foundation currently administers more than 100 scholarship funds offering financial aid opportunities to many different types of students. Applicants must be Grant County residents or graduates of Grant County high schools who plan to attend a college, university, or technical/vocational school in the fall.

For questions, please contact Sherrie Stahl at sstahl@comfdn.org or call 765-662-0065.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO THE MARKETPLACE

Introducing a new way to donate to the Community Foundation of Grant County: THE DONOR MARKETPLACE.

Our new Donor Marketplace was just launched on our website at www.comfdn.org/marketplace last month. We kicked it off with a huge donor matching day that raised \$68,718.20 toward 28 different charitable endowed funds held here at the Foundation.

While we know that making a donation online isn't something everyone likes to do, many people are moving in that direction as they begin to pay bills online and do a little online shopping.

So, if technology is your thing, then you know that the Donor Marketplace is open 24/7/365. Go online, review what cause means the most to you, and click DONATE NOW. It's that easy!

But, if you prefer, you can always stop by the office, say hello, and drop off a donation. We'd love to see you!

And, of course, good 'ole snail mail still works just fine.

Just remember, in order to get a charitable deduction for tax purposes you'll need to make sure to donate by or have your donation postmarked by 12/31/11.

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Any time you make a donation to the Community Foundation in honor or in memory of someone, their name will appear in the quarterly newsletter, our annual report, and will be permanently inscribed in our Tribute Book, which is on display in the Foundation lobby and online at www.comfdn.org.

Any gift can be dedicated to someone you care about. Help someone feel special; make a gift in their honor!

In Memory		In Honor
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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS SIX GRANTS TOTALING \$48,117

The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. has announced that six grants totaling \$48,117 have been awarded in the Foundation's second and third grant cycle of their fiscal year.

Grants are awarded quarterly in four fields of interest: community development, education, health, and human services.

Second quarter discretionary grant and field of interest recipients include:

- ⇒ **Grant County Economic Growth Council** received \$4,500 from the Annual Fund for scholarships for the winning team in the Young Entrepreneurs Program.
- ⇒ **Mad Anthonys Children's Hope House** received \$5,795 from the Annual Fund and the Heather Wall Endowed Fund to help support Grant County families staying at Children's Hope House.
- ⇒ **Grant County Senior Center** received \$12,000 toward a new roof from the Annual Fund and the Merlin J. Loew Fund.
- ⇒ **Barton Rees Pogue Memorial Library** received \$3,145 to purchase microfilm, an external hard drive, and flash drives. This grant is funded by the Charlotte E. Barton Memorial Fund, the Fred O. Eward Fund, and the Ned J. Pulley Fund.
- ⇒ **Mill Township Volunteer Fire Department** received \$5,000 from the Annual Fund for a thermal imaging camera.
- ⇒ **JobSource** received \$1,000 from the Workforce Development Fund for membership and activity fees for the Family Development Program.

Third quarter discretionary grant and field of interest recipients include:

- ⇒ **Marion Police Department** received \$1,500 from the Lawrence and Otie Sanborn Educational Endowment Fund for the Cell Phone Sally Program.
- ⇒ **Minority Health Coalition** received \$2,479 from the Annual Fund and the Thais I. Clark Endowed Fund for new computer systems, a scanner, and software.
- ⇒ **Marion Community Gardens Association** received \$6,033 from the Annual Fund for an irrigation system, a garden shed, and tools for the Community Gardens.
- ⇒ **Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department** received \$1,745 from the Annual Fund for a fire hose with Storz fittings and adaptor.
- ⇒ **Affordable Housing Corporation** received \$4,920 from the Annual Fund for scholarships for homeownership-counseling.

The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. is an advocate for local philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the lives of people in the Grant County area. An effective steward of the community's charitable resources since 1984, the Foundation works with donors to establish charitable funds and supports non-profit organizations through a variety of grantmaking efforts.

Grant guidelines and applications are available online at www.comfdn.org. The next deadline for applications is January 27, 2012 prior to Noon.