

THE Foundation

Fall 2008



Building a Tradition of Giving

Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Peace, like charity, begins at home." How right he was. And, there is no better place to start than right here at home...in our own neck of the woods...Grant County, Indiana...the land of the unpredictable weather.

As winter approaches, it's easy to recall how frustrating our unpredictable weather can be. Icy roads and snow storms can leave us feeling like we have no control.

Thankfully, helping others is something that is very much within our control, and with ease – even easier than shoveling your neighbor's driveway--we can make a generous gift to one of our local charitable organizations.

This year, community foundations all over the state of Indiana have embarked upon a new campaign called "Give Where I Live" and that's exactly what we'd like you to do.

It's a wonderful time of year to heed the advice of Franklin D. Roosevelt and give locally. The Community Foundation has partnered with hundreds of worthy organizations that keep your donations and their services right here in Grant County for the betterment of your friends and neighbors.

Please consider contacting the Community Foundation anytime at 662-0065, checking out the attached "One Gift...Many Possibilities" list, or learning more about the "Give Where I Live" concept at www.givewhereilive.org. Every gift improves the quality of life in Grant County.

Project Leadership Opens an Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation



In its last year of funding through Lilly Endowment Inc., Project Leadership is focusing on sustainability. Starting in 2001 with a \$5M CAPE (Community Alliances to Promote Education) grant through today, Project Leadership has made an enormous impact in the Grant County community.

Most recently, the Project Leadership team, with Tammy Pearson at the helm, has worked diligently recruiting students for the 21st Century Scholars Program and mentoring those same students throughout their high school careers. As you may know, the 21st Century Scholars program provides free tuition to any Indiana college if the students meets specific income requirements and abide by the Scholars' Pledge.

This initiative lead by Project Leadership is setting a model in the state of Indiana for retaining our 21st Century Scholars after enrollment and providing a bridge for them between high school and college or trade school.

We know that research shows that higher education levels lead to economic development opportunities and a better educated workforce. Isn't that exactly what Grant County needs?

So, if you are someone that (a) got to go to college, (b) simply believes every child should have an opportunity to pursue a higher education, or (c) knows education will help Grant County have a more promising economic future, consider making a donation to the *new* Project Leadership Endowment Fund. You not only get a tax-deductible donation, but you also get the benefit of knowing you helped someone else achieve their **dreams** in life. What a gift!

Gifts can be made by to the Community Foundation with the word **dream** in the memo line or by logging on at www.comfdn.org. Plus, our matching grant program applies to this fund as well. (See more information below.)

Matching Grant Provides Leverage to Donors: Learn How It Works!

The Community Foundation of Grant County is pleased to announce a Matching Grant Program.

Donations totaling between \$5,000 and \$25,000 made to **new** or **existing endowments** will be matched at a 1:5 ratio as a way to leverage your charitable dollars as a donor.

(See table to the right for minimums and maximums -->.)

The match will apply to donations made between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 or until the \$100,000 cap is committed, whichever comes first.

Increase your charitable deductions, improve the quality of life in Grant County, and make your money work for you all at the same time!



<u>Donation</u>	<u>Additional Match from Foundation</u>
\$5,000 minimum	\$1,000
\$10,000	\$2,000
\$15,000	\$3,000
\$20,000	\$4,000
\$25,000	\$5,000 maximum

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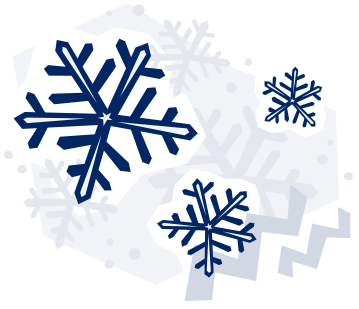
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Any time you make a donation to the Community Foundation in honor or in memory of someone, their name will appear in the newsletter and be permanently inscribed in our Tribute Book, which is on display in the Foundation lobby and online at www.comfdn.org.

In Memory		In Honor
John Allman	Dr. Arthur Grant	Merrill 'Dutch' Sands
Joe Bock	Thomas Gross	Delores Sisson
Chrissy Briles	Baxter Hendricks	Herbert L. 'Smitty' Smith
Dr. Thomas Keller Browne	Myrtle Hogate	Meredith L. Sprunger
Kari Burnett	Edwin L. Howard	Tamara Stearns
Joseph Cain	John Howard Jones	Chap Taylor
Dennis Campbell	Jack Lazard	Daisy Feng Wang
Raymond Carmichael	John 'Jack' McManus	Jack Whitlow
Nancy Sue Carnes	Mary Virginia Nesbitt	Leo Wootner
Joseph Casey	Donald Pettit	Charles W. Wright
Neil Chase	Randall Phillips	Dr. Charles Yale
Ann L. Delvin	Mary Ratliff	Brian Youngs
Valeria T. Feely	Gary Ridgeway	
Norman G. Ferguson	Ruby Rydstrom	



A Gift for the Person Who Has Everything: Charitable Gift Cards



*In the true spirit of the Holiday Season,
a gift has been made in your honor by*

John & Jane Doe

to

*The Community Foundation
of Grant County, Indiana, Inc.*

Executive Director

Have you ever had to make that hard decision of what to get a friend or relative who has everything? Well, worry no more...just make a charitable donation in their honor to one of their favorite charities!

Making a gift to the Community Foundation is an effective way to address local needs and fulfill charitable goals. All gifts, no matter what size, make a difference. Whether you prefer to support a specific organization or cause, the Foundation has nearly 250 individual funds to choose from...with one in place for just about every major charity in Grant County.

For a donation of \$25 or more, the Foundation will send an inscribed holiday greeting in your name to the individual or family you wish to honor.

For additional information, call the Foundation office at (765) 662-0065 or donation online at www.comfdn.org.

Do you know anyone 70 1/2 or older?

In October 2008 Congress and the president agreed to extend the IRA charitable rollover for all of 2008 and 2009. Individuals 70 1/2 or older can roll over up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from their IRA to eligible public charities. This includes any of the charitable funds held at the Community Foundation. Take a look at the list of our endowed funds attached and consider a tax-free rollover from your IRA for any



What Can I Do for My Community Right Now?

As you can see, there are many ways you can help local charitable organizations weather the current economic crisis.

1. Take advantage of our matching grant and support your favorite charity, see the "One Gift, Many Possibilities" sheet attached, or start a fund of your own.
2. If you're 70 1/2 or over, call us and we can help you roll over a donation to a charity tax-free
3. Send a co-worker, friend, boss, or family member the gift of giving by sending a donation to their favorite charity as their holiday gift.
4. No matter what amount you decide to give to charity this year, just remember the motto, "Give Where I Live".