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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES RECONFIRMATION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GRANT COUNTY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WERE THE FIRST FOUNDATION IN THE NATION TO RECEIVE RECONFIRMATION FOR OUR COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS.

This is obviously exciting news that demonstrates our commitment to donors and their generosity. The opportunity to have this stamp of approval shows that we maintain organizational and financial practices that are in accordance with the National Standards for U. S. Community Foundations. This allows us to *continue* to display the National Standard Seal that you see below and serves as an indication of the integrity and demonstrated excellence of your local Community Foundation.



Liz Wright, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Grant County stated, "Leading the state in the reconfirmation of national standards demonstrates our ongoing effort to promote transparency and professionalism in the world of philanthropy."

WHY NATIONAL STANDARDS ARE IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

STANDARDS GUIDE SOUND POLICIES AND ACCOUNTABLE PRACTICES. Community foundations of all sizes use standards as a road map to establish legal, ethical, and effective practices that are ready for the increasing scrutiny of donors, government, and the press. In light of this, we strive to publicly communicate our steadfast commitment to accountability, excellence, and service in Grant County and beyond.

STANDARDS DISTINGUISH THE FIELD FROM OTHERS

Community foundations use standards both locally and nationally to distinguish themselves from others in a more competitive marketplace in which many entities offer traditional community foundation services, such as donor-advised funds.

As a whole, community foundations use standards to establish the highest levels of ethical and operational integrity, helping separate ourselves from the potential wrongdoing or mistakes of other entities. We use standards to promote self-regulation in a manner viewed positively by the Internal Revenue Service, which has increased its scrutiny of charities.

STANDARDS BUILD THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS TO CARRY OUT OUR MISSIONS

Standards provide a framework within which community foundation practices can be systematically documented and communicated.

Standards provide a set of consistent expectations that save time and focus energies for community foundation boards and staff.

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS REALLY MEAN?

All of those fancy words could be boiled down to this:

- ◇ We genuinely care about YOU, our donors.
- ◇ We appreciate your generosity and don't take it for granted.
- ◇ We will always work hard to serve you and Grant County.
- ◇ We will be fiscally responsible with your donations.
- ◇ And, we will work diligently to make a positive impact in all that we do in our community.

AFTER ALL, WE LIVE HERE, TOO. THIS IS THE PLACE WE CALL HOME.

INTERNS FROM INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY PLAN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING

RACHEL CONRAD—

A big welcome to Rachel Conrad, a Freshman Public Relations Major at Indiana Wesleyan University. Rachel was hired as an intern through a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. that is being administered by Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT). Her main task this semester is to plan one of our most prestigious events of the year: The Academic Excellence Awards Banquet. On this evening the Foundation will recognize Grant County's brightest students as well as award two high schools seniors the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Award. You'll soon be hearing more about the banquet details and get a glimpse into all that Rachel has accomplished this semester.

KATE RUSH—

Public Relations Major, Kate Rush, an Indiana Wesleyan University Junior, has been working as an intern at the Community Foundation, through the same grant as Rachel, since August of 2010. Kate has set the vision for the Foundation's biggest event: The 2011 Annual Meeting. Kate has been heading up the marketing, design, and implementation of the entire celebration. And, believe it or not, it's just around the corner! Kate is preparing diligently for a night we suspect you will not soon forget. Although we'd love to clue you in, this is all the information we can reveal at this time. But, look for our "save the date" card coming in the mail soon so that you can mark your calendars for our May 18th evening festivities!

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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!

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS FIVE GRANTS TOTALING \$49,515

The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. has announced that five grants totaling \$49,515 have been awarded in the Foundation's final grant cycle of our fiscal year.

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

Fourth quarter discretionary grant and field of interest recipients include:

- **Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** received \$5,000 from the Annual fund for a thermal image camera.
- **United Way of Grant County** received \$6,885 from the Annual Fund for a new copy machine.
- **Indiana Freedom Memorial, Inc.** received \$5,096 from the Annual Fund for a memorial at Matter Park.
- **Family Service Society - Hands of Hope** received \$11,550 for the Flannery Keal Home from the Annual Fund, the J. William Long Memorial Fund, the Heidi Sue Chastain Laux Memorial Fund, and the Anthony & Dolores Bove Fund.
- **Imagination Library** received a \$20,984 proactive grant from the Annual Fund for the Imagination Library Program.

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 April 29, 2011 prior to Noon.