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Community Foundation Announces New Lilly Endowment Pilot Program for Internships

Are you a college aged student looking for internship opportunities? The Community Foundation may be able to help you have a great experience next semester in the fall, spring or summer with our new internship program.

The Community Foundation of Grant County is pleased to announce its new internship program through the Lilly Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative.

An internship is commonly defined as any carefully monitored work or service experience in which a student intentionally pursues personal development and educational goals and reflects actively on what he or she is learning through the experience. The community foundation will be responsible for structuring appropriate jobs for the intern to help them in their specific field of study. The foundation will help design a specific program to fit the educational requirements for each internship. In return, we hope that the young college interns will enhance the foundation's programs and technology at the foundation as well.

The Lilly Endowment has two key objectives for the program: 1) to help build healthy Indiana community foundations and 2) to provide college students with real-life work experiences in our state. The Endowment will help further the efforts to build a strong and healthy community foundations and help college student's with real-life work experiences within the state of Indiana.

Community Foundation Internships (CFI) will help community foundations across Indiana hire college students as paid interns over a two year period. Within this two year period, the foundation will be given a maximum amount of \$17,600 for internship compensation. The foundation is given the freedom of dividing this cost up however they wish to as many interns as they see fit based on the needs of the foundation.

This summer the Community Foundation of Grant County has hired two Indiana Wesleyan University students. Kristie Westfall of Sweetser, Indiana, will be a senior at Indiana Wesleyan Univ. majoring in Business Administration. Kristie will help with the annual report, organizing annual fund raising event, the creating of the donor loyalty program and other tasks. Katie Harvey of Quincy, Illinois, will also be a senior at Indiana Wesleyan Univ. majoring in Public Relations and International Community Development. Katie will be working with Project Leadership helping out with the 3rd Annual Red Rubber Ball Banquet for the mentoring program. She also is helping with the campaign for Pepsi Refresh Grant. They are looking forward to the experience and knowledge to be gained by working at the Community Foundation throughout the summer.

We are excited to be able to work with young college students to help provide them with an insight of how a small non-profit organization works. It is even more exciting to be able to have this opportunity to not only have interns, but also to be able to pay them for their hard work.