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A newsletter from the Spencer County Community Foundation

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Our Mission

To foster an attitude of
giving today for a better
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Jill Tullar named Executive Director for the Community Foundation Alliance



The Community Foundation Alliance is pleased to announce Jill Tullar has been named its Executive Director. She assumed the role on February 28, 2011.

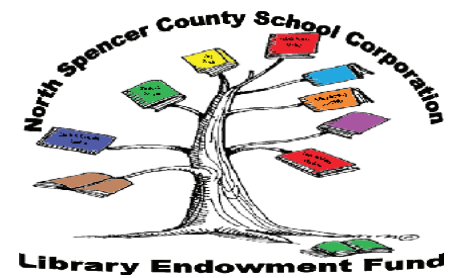
Tullar will provide leadership assistance and support to nine Community Foundations in Southwestern Indiana as they promote philanthropy and build endowments to serve their communities. The Alliance's region encompasses Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. The members of the Alliance work to promote philanthropy at all levels, to build and maintain a permanent collection of charitable funds that benefit the entire community, and to serve as a trustworthy partner and leader in shaping effective responses to community needs.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation Alliance, Tullar spent the last nine years as the Director of Development for St. Mary's Foundation. Tullar was responsible for developing the Foundation's overall strategic goals, annual giving, and directing the efforts of the Cornette-Ball and Heritage Open Golf Tournament.

Tullar received a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Institutional Management from Purdue University in 1990. She earned the designation of Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) in 2005. CFRE is the primary credential for career fundraisers.

Tullar succeeds Marilyn Klenck, who retired after nearly two decades at the organization's helm.

WELCOME Jill!



The North Spencer County School Corporation Library Endowment Committee held a donor reception on Monday, April 11th. The committee presented a plaque to Heritage Hills High School to recognize the founding members of the fund. A similar plaque will be placed in each of the elementary schools and middle school. Pictured above are members of the school board along with the \$10,000 founding members of the fund. Left to right: Lori Gogel-school board member, Vicki Winkler-committee member and donor, Kathryn Meyer - donor, Mary Schriefer - donor, Pat Koch-donor, Dan Scherry-NSCSC Superintendent, Laretta Prechtel - donor, Rob Oxley - donor, Annie Oxley - school board member, committee member and donor, and Don Detzer - school board member.

A **BIG thank you** to all donors, North Spencer County School Corporation Board Members, Spencer County Community Foundation Trustees, North Spencer County School Corporation Administration and the school media specialists for being so visionary and ensuring that reading is relevant in North Spencer Schools.

Several students were on hand to share with the donors why reading is so very important to them.



Community Foundation Alliance Announces Early Childhood Literacy Grants

The Alliance Education and Literacy Fund was established in 2007 with funding made possible by Lilly Endowment, a long-time advocate for education and community foundations throughout Indiana. The Education and Literacy Fund was renamed the Marilyn J. Klenck Fund for Education and Literacy in November 2010 to honor Mrs. Klenck at her retirement and recognize her years of service and dedication to the Alliance.

Fifteen nonprofit organizations will receive funding to promote early childhood literacy in their communities. Congratulations to those entities serving Spencer County with their grant: 4-C's of Southern Indiana, Cornerstone United Methodist Church Preschool in Chrisney, Lincoln Hills Development Corporation and North Spencer County School Corporation.



Left: All of the grant recipients

Right: Lee Brown accepting for Lincoln Hills Development Corporation



Right: Jane Boultinghouse accepting for the North Spencer County School Corp.



Talk with Trustees

In each edition of communitymatters, we will spotlight members of our board. They will be asked various questions that pertain to their involvement with the Foundation. In this newsletter, we spotlight our members from Chrisney, Indiana.

Q: How long have you been involved with the Spencer County Community Foundation?
Julie Kemp: less than one year Mason Seay: 7-8 months

Q: Why did you become involved?
Julie Kemp: To be a part of something that is making a difference in the future of Spencer County.
Mason Seay: The Foundation has been a vital part of our community for several years. Due to a friend of mine, Lon Youngblood, term expiring, he asked me to think about becoming a member. I consented when I was asked to be a part of Spencer County's Board.

Q: If the Foundation gave you 1 million dollars to use for the good of Spencer County, what would you do with it / how would you spend it?
Julie Kemp: I would first ensure that they money was put within an endowment that would be here FOREVER! I would then look at areas of literacy, childcare, education and . . . well, I just can't choose one!
Mason Seay: Our future relies on educating our youth and the development of jobs to retain our youth for the betterment of this county and area. I don't have a "crystal ball" to know and say all the right answers, however, I still believe the broad statement of education and jobs holds the future.

Q: What do you feel people need to know about the Foundation?
Julie Kemp: We are here for Spencer County both now and in the future. We want to see this community flourish in all aspects of living!
Mason Seay: The Foundation is more than a scholarship presentation. Several groups and organization of this county are aided each year. I believe this fact goes unnoticed by several of our county residents.

Q: What do you hope the Foundation can accomplish within the next 5 years?
Julie Kemp: I hope to find additional ways to meet the diverse and ever changing needs of this community in the 21st century
Mason Seay: I hope to retain and continue to seek new funding to allow more help and assistance to our county.

Q: What is the one thing that you treasure or you value the most about our Spencer County community?
Julie Kemp: The caring nature of its residents, the rich history and the education provided to the students.
Mason Seay: I treasure the simple things like growing up in a small community where we didn't have to worry about walking down the streets at night or could sit on the trunks of our cars and talk with our friends on Main Street. Those memories will never perish.

Q: What one item would never be found in your refrigerator?
Mason Seay: The items you would not find in my refrig (if I had a say!!!) are cheese, coconut, and pineapple.

Q: What is the last book you have read?
Julie Kemp: The Sea Captain's Wife

Julie Kemp is employed by North Spencer County School Corporation where she is the Chrisney Elementary Principal. She has been married to Mike for 17 years and has a daughter Jordan, age 12 and a son Zach, age 9.

Mason Seay is employed by German American working with the Ag community in SW and SE Indiana. He is blessed to be married to his best friend of 33+ years, Joy. "We have our son, Don, and very soon will have our daughter-in-law, Kelsey Duvall. I can't forget two other important members of our family, Ajax and Hunter (family dogs)."

The Spencer County Community Foundation is represented by civic leaders who live in the county and who are motivated by a true desire to help their neighbors, colleagues, and friends connect with charities they care about in a meaningful and lasting way. They are dedicated to making grantmaking decisions based on their first-hand knowledge of the community's greatest needs as well as awarding scholarships to the most qualified candidates.

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Congratulations to Mr. Andrew Fischer, son of Dan and Mary Fischer of northern Spencer County, on being named the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient from Spencer County for 2011.



He plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington where he will study for a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. After attaining that BA or BS, he will apply to the Indiana University School of Optometry in Bloomington. After four years in Optometry School, Andrew hopes to be a Doctor of Optometry.

“He is involved, he is fun to be around and he is in the moment. He goes on our mission trips, not because it’s the cool thing to do, but because he gets something out of it. He comes back into our community as a better person. Andy is a really strong role-model for his age group. Andy is an honest young man, is very respectful of his peers and his elders. He is involved with church activities and appreciates all the blessings he has. He has awesome parents and a very supportive family,” states Mary Gogel, Andy’s Faith formation teacher (since 9th grade) and the coordinator of the mission trips.

Andrew writes, “Work ethic is a strong factor in being successful. Donald Kendall, co-founder of PepsiCo, said, ‘The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.’ I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Kendall’s statement.”