



# communitymatters

A newsletter from the Spencer County Community Foundation

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**Our Mission**  
To foster an attitude of  
giving today for a better  
tomorrow.

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## I Spencer County

The Foundation recently hosted their **Annual Meeting & Awards**. Fund founders and representative, donors, scholarship and grant recipients and volunteers of the Foundation felt the 'love' in Spencer County that night.

Thanks to all who helped us celebrate another wonderful year.



Top Left: Community scholarship recipients  
Top Middle: Trustee Julie Kemp with Andrew Fischer; Lilly Endowment Scholar  
Top Right: Trustees Bill Wood and Mason Seay hand out awards  
Bottom Right: Group shot of grant recipients

### Scholarship Recipients:

- Raleigh and Thelma Abshier Scholarship: Cayleigh Wilkinson
- Brauns Family Scholarship: Joseph 'Adam' Haaf
- Community Trust Scholarship: Nicholas Hurm
- Harold and Thelma Hunter Scholarship: Garrett Van Kirk
- Mabel Mason Ryan Memorial Scholarship: Kelsey Kaetzel, Jacob Ramsey, and Cody Schnur
- Mike Ryan Memorial Scholarship: Maisie Fantini, Megan Steckler, Macauly Wilson
- Schmidt-Yeager Scholarship: Tyler Daming, Jennifer Myers
- Gene and Christina Schwindel Scholarship: Garrett Van Kirk
- Spencer Industries Inc. Scholarship: Melissa Fischer, Kalah Springstun
- Alieene Vance Memorial Scholarship: Cecilia Oxford
- 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: Andrew Fischer

### Grant Recipients:

- Association for a Better Rockport
- Bread of Life Ministries, Inc.
- Chrisney Fire Department
- Christian Resource Center
- Dale Parks and Recreation Board
- Friends of Lincoln Heritage Public Library
- Friends of Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum
- Grandview Volunteer Fire Department
- Heritage Hills Middle/High School Media Center
- Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department
- Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana
- Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association
- North Spencer County School Corporation
- Ronald McDonald House Charities

- St. Bernard Catholic School
- Santa's Elves & Santa Claus Museum
- Spencer County Council on Aging
- St. Bernard Preschool & Day care
- St. Bernard Catholic School
- St. Meinrad Chamber of Commerce
- The Way of Rockport
- Tri-State Food Bank



# c3 Grant Initiative

**CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, COOPERATION**

The Grants Committee of the Spencer County Community Foundation Board are excited to announce a new funding opportunity. Daren Brown, Trustee and member of the Grants Committee states, "This is a wonderful opportunity for the Foundation to encourage something innovative while providing monetary support to programs or projects that funding is not normally available for. We are excited to see how collaborative entities can be." This grant is made possible by endowed funds created by corporations and donors as a permanent resource for Spencer County entities.

The Spencer County Community Foundation believes that creativity, collaboration and cooperation are necessary ingredients to enhance the communities where we live and work. This initiative recognizes organizations in our community that are working to exemplify these characteristics in addressing critical community issues.

In 2011, the Foundation will focus these efforts on Education. The \$5,000 c3 Award will be awarded to an organization that has identified and are responding effectively to a significant contemporary area of concern within the K-12 Education realm.

**Completed applications are due by July 15, 2011.**

Please direct any questions or comment to Laura Harmon, Foundation Director at [laura@spencercommunityfoundation.org](mailto:laura@spencercommunityfoundation.org) or 812-649-5724.



## NORTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION HERITAGE HILLS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FUND

We are excited to announce that a new fund has been established to support after-school programming in North Spencer County School Corporation at Heritage Hills Middle and High School. A non permanent fund was created to ensure support for their programs and they need your support.

This fund will support a partnership between the North Spencer County School Corporation School Board, School Administration and the Tri-County YMCA. The fund will support endeavors related to mentoring, tutoring, character development, personal care and physical activities for youth in grades 7-12.

The school feels this project is very relative to their organization's mission because it addresses their vision statement: (1) Ensure a safe and inviting environment (2) Provide programs and activities that meet the needs of all students (3) Employ, develop, and keep the highest quality employees, and (4) Involve community members as active partners.

Newly appointed to the position of Education-Career Services Coordinator, Todd Wilkerson, has already set goals for the endeavor.

- To increase academic achievement for students who participate.
- To increase school attendance rate of students who participate.
- To decrease the drop- out rate of students at Heritage Hills High School.
- To prepare participants to be productive citizens in this community or the community in which they reside.

Mr. Wilkerson stated, 'If these goals are met, the impact on the community will be substantial. The community will enjoy a better educated and well trained work force. The community will see fewer students who drop out of high school which will lead to savings in the welfare and prison systems.'

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** - Coordinators of the fund are in need of 60 donors willing to contribute \$50 per month. To make your tax deductible contribution or for more information regarding this fund, please contact Laura Harmon, Foundation Director.

# 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 some of our trustees from Rockport.**

Q: How long have you been involved with the Spencer County Community Foundation?

Marlene: Since 2006

Bill: I have been a member for one year.

Q: Why did you become involved?

Marlene: I had become aware of the Spencer County Community Foundation when my husband had been a trustee a few years earlier. In 2006, when then-current Board President Jeff Zook asked me if I'd be interested in serving on the board, I became excited for the opportunity to learn more about it.

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?

Marlene: I would search out opportunities with other entities to make that \$1M stretch even further, and build something tangible to make a difference, like a medical center or learning center.

Bill: With 1 M dollars I would offer the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class to Spencer county residence who would like to change their family tree in terms of personal finance and getting out of debt.

Q: What do you feel people need to know about the Foundation?

Marlene: Through the Foundation, everyone can make a difference: individuals with modest resources, along with philanthropists with greater wealth, can all contribute to causes that mean something to them. Those donations meet our needs and those of our neighbors. Those who wish to, can ensure that needs are met FOREVER by endowing their gifts.

Bill: The foundation has a positive impact on our county in a variety of ways. From scholarships to fire fighting equipment.

Q: What do you hope the Foundation can accomplish within the next 5 years?

Marlene: Becoming a true convening force for Spencer County – where non-profit organizations and donors know they can rely on the Community Foundation to help them meet their charitable desires.

Bill: The foundation is a great way to turn a successful life into one of significance. We are all one generation away from being forgotten. Through endowments loved ones can be remembered and impact the county for years to come..

Q: What is the one thing that you treasure or you value the most about our Spencer County community?

Marlene: The people are the best – the most generous, thoughtful, hard-working, and fun!

Q: What one item would never be found in your refrigerator?

Marlene: Sardines

Q: What is the last book you have read?

Marlene: Santa Fe Edge by Stuart Woods

Bill: The last book I read was Cracking the code by Paul Azinger.

Bill Wood has closed the teaching chapter of my life and have turned the page to new adventures. He is married to my young bride ( 34 years ) Bobbie. They have two children - Angela and Nicklaus and two grand children- Allie and Mitchell Myers

Marlene Parsley works at Vectren as the Manager of ISO Integration.

Her husband Frank is a Real Estate Broker/Owner of Priority 1 Realty, owner of Reo Automatic Car Wash, and manages several rental properties. They have been married since 1979. Their son Tony lives in Rockport and works at Amrox – he's a 1997 graduate of South Spencer High School.

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.

## Officers

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**The Spencer County Community Foundation:**

- \* promotes philanthropy at all levels,
- \* builds and maintains a permanent collection of charitable funds that benefit the entire community, and
- \* serves as a trustworthy partner and leader in shaping effective responses to community needs.

## 2011 Supporting Our Sisters Grant Cycle

Please visit the Foundation’s web site at [www.spencercommunityfoundation.org](http://www.spencercommunityfoundation.org) and click on “Supporting Our Sisters Fund” for access to grant proposal instructions and the electronic letter of inquiry form which is due by July 25, 2011.

### Eligibility

The Supporting Our Sisters Fund welcomes proposals from non-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and from governmental agencies serving Spencer County women and girls. Proposals from other non-profit organizations to carry out charitable projects or activities that address issues facing women and girls in Spencer County may be accepted. If you are applying for this grant under the auspices of another organization, please submit a written statement from that organization’s board president agreeing, on behalf of the board of directors, to act as your organization’s fiscal sponsor, to receive grant monies if awarded and to oversee the proposed project.

### Grant Program Focus Areas

Healthcare Resources	Childcare Assistance	Youth
Young Adult Wellness (young women ages 12 through 30)		

### Funding Range

The Supporting Our Sisters Fund will accept funding requests of any amount.

If you have questions or do not have access to the Internet, call Laura Harmon, director of the Spencer County Community Foundation, at 812.649.5724.