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Working Together Works

The dictionary defines partnership as a relationship between two or more people or organizations that are involved in or same activity. Partnership is the perfect word to describe "Business of the Month," an initiative of the Gibson County

Community Foundation. Last October, the Foundation began partnering with local businesses with a share the shared goal of improving the quality of life in Gibson County.

Businesses that partner with the Foundation agree to donate a percentage of revenues for a given period of time to the Foundation, helping trustees meet a goal set as part of their three-year strategic plan. The plan's overall goal is to secure its capacity to serve the community over the long term, with a particular emphasis on improving the Foundation's ability to address changing needs of the community.

Applebee's restaurant of Princeton was the Foundation's Business of the Month for February. Foundation board members (left to right) Troy Land, Barbara Wood, Bob Batdorf, and his wife, Diane, always enjoy their visits to Applebee's, but February's lunches were extra special since part of their check helped meet the goal of raising \$20,000 to improve the Foundation's capacity to serve Gibson County.



When the Arts Council of Gibson County was formed fifteen years ago, the group's vision was to provide cultural events for the people of Gibson County. Among the events coordinated by the Council over the years were music and drama workshops for middle and high school students, "informances" (a cross between a performance and a lecture) for elementary school students, and performances by the Indiana University's Singing Hoosiers.

In recent years, the Council's all-volunteer members have had difficulty in drawing sufficient new members to carry on the group's mission. They decided that their best course was to disband, but not without a commitment to keeping the arts alive for Gibson County students. The Council found a good fit with the Gibson County Community Foundation and used their remaining assets to establish the Arts Council of Gibson County Scholarship Fund.

"It is a win-win situation for the Arts Council," says Steve Nixon, the Council's former board chair. "By choosing the Foundation, we are making an investment in our youth and our community. Twenty-five years down the road this fund will still be functioning with a positive impact to the young people. This legacy will outlive our members and continue forever."

The scholarship will be awarded for the first time in May 2008 and annually thereafter to a Gibson County student pursuing advanced education in art, drama, or music.

Community Scholarships

1971 WMHS Alumni Scholarship
\$230 to Morgan Schnarr, Indiana University

George and Dorothy Eykamp Scholarship
\$1,000 to Kimberly Davis, University of Southern Indiana
\$500 to James Deal, Ivy Tech
\$1,000 to Nancy Hall, Butler University

Bob Key Memorial Education Fund
\$1,110 to Lynn Rostron, Purdue University

Larry A. Kissel Purdue Challenge Award
\$1,200 to Megan Paul, Purdue University

Mark Kniese Scholarship
\$705 to Elizabeth Deckard, Purdue University

Roy and Dorothea McCarty Scholarship
\$1,500 to Andrew Reidford, University of Evansville

Betty Ann McCullough Education Grant
\$500 to Kathleen Johnson, University of Southern Indiana

Warren W. Parke Memorial Scholarship
\$530 to Morgan Schnarr, Indiana University

Lura and Doyle Skelton Family Memorial Scholarship
\$230 to Elyse Thomas, Brescia University

From "Informances" to Scholarships



Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships



Chelsea Clevenger
Butler University



Caitlin Schmitt
Purdue University

To honor and recognize their selection as alternates for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, the foundation awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to each of the following students:

Amanda Mayer, Indiana State University
Amanda Straight, Indiana University

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program is fully funded by the Endowment and administered by community foundations throughout Indiana.

Funds Established This Year

Arts Council of Gibson County Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund established by the former Arts Council of Gibson County to benefit graduating seniors of Gibson County high schools pursuing advanced education in the fields of art, drama, or music.

Community Fund of East Gibson

A field-of-interest fund established by the Gibson County Community Foundation Board of Trustees to benefit Barton, Center, and Columbia Townships.

Community Fund of North Gibson

A field-of-interest fund established by the Gibson County Community Foundation Board of Trustees to benefit Patoka, Washington and White River Townships.

Community Fund of South Gibson

A field-of-interest fund established by the Gibson County Community Foundation Board of Trustees to benefit Johnson, Montgomery, Union and Wabash Townships.

Kenneth Parke Memorial Scholarship Fund

A designated fund established by Wayne Parke in memory of his brother to benefit East Gibson Dollars for Scholars.

Discretionary Grants Serving the Community

Arts Council of Gibson County

\$4,500 for the "Informances" Program

Broadway Christian Church START

\$4,000 to implement the Matrix Model Project

Community Marriage Builders

\$2,000 for the Healthy Marriage Community Awareness Program

DOULOS

\$1,500 for the Strengthening Families Program

East Gibson Dollars for Scholars

\$4,000 for the Scholarship Program

Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra

\$1,000 for the Youth Concert Series

Fort Branch Johnson Township Library

\$1,773 for the Young Adult Makeover and computer lab renovation projects

Gibson County Animal Services

\$2,000 for the Community Education Project

Gibson County Area Rehabilitation Centers

\$1,500 to purchase defibrillators and an electric door opener

Gibson County CASA

\$1,000 to send six volunteers to the 2007 National Conference

Gibson County Council on Aging

\$3,000 towards the purchase of a minivan

Gibson County Lending Library

\$1,800 for the Home-Schooled Section Expansion Project

Gibson County Rescue Service

\$1,000 for Dive Team Equipment

Gibson County Sheriff's Department

\$3,000 for the DARE and Pre-DARE drug awareness and prevention programs

Gibson County Youth Center

\$3,750 for an after-school study station and the roof replacement project

Gibson General Health Foundation

\$1,000 for the Preventing ACL Injuries Program

Habitat for Humanity of Gibson County

\$4,000 for the 2007 Double-House Build

Heartland Health Care Foundation

\$1,500 for the Medicare Part D Education Program

Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana

\$5,100 for the America Works and Economics for Success programs

Lowell Elementary School

\$1,000 for the Lowell Tigers Count on Kindness Program

Oakland City Columbia Township Library

\$4,750 for the Community Night and Teen Advisory Council programs

Oakland City University

\$3,500 for the Enhancing Molecular Biology Teaching Expansion Project

Princeton Area Dollars for Scholars

\$4,000 for the Scholarship Program

Princeton Public Library

\$5,500 for the Summer Reading Program and Historical Map Preservation

Ronald McDonald House of Indiana

\$1,000 for the Gibson County Family Assistance Project

Salvation Army of Princeton

\$5,000 for the Tools for School and Summer Recess programs

South Gibson Dollars for Scholars

\$4,000 for the Scholarship Program Project

Special Olympics of Gibson County

\$2,500 for the Track and Field, Basketball, Softball, and Bowling programs

Tales and Scales

\$2,500 for the Performing Arts Residency Program

Tulip Tree Family Health Center

\$5,000 for the Community Health Awareness Program

Visiting Nurse Association

\$2,000 for the Telehealth Monitoring Program

Grants Designated or Recommended by Donors

Compassionate Ministries, \$1,337
 First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, \$14,690
 Gibson County Area Rehabilitation Centers, \$15,919
 Gibson General Health Foundation, \$898
 Little Sisters of the Poor, \$1,443
 North Gibson School Corporation, \$1,073
 Oakland City University, \$235
 Princeton Area Dollars for Scholars, \$812
 Princeton Public Library, \$4,071
 South Gibson Dollars for Scholars, \$3,942
 Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Haubstadt, \$1,443
 Hillside United Methodist Church, \$1,337
 United Way of Gibson County, \$483
 University of Southern Indiana, \$1,702

Note: figures are cumulative and may represent more than one grant.



After school tutor Leigha Beard, left, Kiare Young and Casey Meier work on homework at the Gibson County Youth Center. Motivated After School Homework (MASH) is partially funded by the Gibson County Community Foundation. Photo courtesy of the Princeton Daily Clarion.

Wayne Parke is providing an opportunity for kids to pursue their educational dreams, like his brother, Kenneth did for him.



Kenneth Parke was twenty-three years old when his brother, Wayne, was born. Wayne was the youngest and Kenneth the oldest boy of thirteen children born to the Parke family. When Wayne was a senior in high school, the boys' father passed away and Kenneth did his best to guide his young brother as a father would do.

Like any father, Kenneth wanted Wayne to earn an advanced degree after high school, and he did his best to guide and support his brother. "With his gentle, grinning way of getting to the point quickly, he was able to get me to think through an issue," remembers Wayne. "Without asking, he offered to loan me the money to go to Purdue." Thanks to his brother, and his own hard work, Wayne graduated from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering and then began his career in the coal mining industry, following in his brother's footsteps. "I personally owe a lot to Kenny," he says.

Kenneth passed away in November 2006. Not long after, Wayne established the Kenneth Parke Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Gibson County Community Foundation. The fund is Wayne's way of honoring his brother's memory, his love and support, and his belief in the power of education. The fund's proceeds will allow the East Gibson Dollars for Scholars to award a scholarship in Kenneth's name year after year to a graduating senior from Wood Memorial High School.

Letter from the President

On behalf of the Gibson County Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, I extend our thanks and gratitude to the many individuals and organizations that have joined with us in the spirit of philanthropy to improve the quality of life in Gibson County. We appreciate the trust that you have shown in the Foundation by allowing it to be the steward of your charitable resources.

The Gibson County Community Foundation continues to grow with contributions from very generous donors and with wise investments through the Community Foundation Alliance. We now have over \$5 million in endowed funds. This past fiscal year we were able to grant over \$154,000 to organizations and scholarship recipients in Gibson County. The organizations receiving the grants represent a vast range of programs that impact the lives of residents in all parts of our county. In addition to the grants, the Foundation administers several scholarships, including the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships. To date, 24 students have enjoyed full tuition scholarships to universities in Indiana thanks to the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program.

During the past year, the Foundation has grown with the addition of new funds. We are pleased to recognize the following funds, and we encourage you to financially support the funds and their goals of improving our community.

Arts Council of Gibson County Scholarship Fund
 Kenneth Parke Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Community Fund of East Gibson
 Community Fund of North Gibson
 Community Fund of South Gibson

We also recognize that there are many individuals, businesses, and organizations that value the mission of the Foundation and would like to join us in our philanthropic efforts. Our board members would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to explain how, together, we can grow endowments that will touch the lives of our county residents and improve the quality of life in Gibson County. Please contact our office (386-3082) to request a meeting or more information.

This past summer the Foundation held its first golf scramble at Cambridge Golf Course. We feel that the scramble was a huge success in gaining more public awareness of our organization and our mission to support and enrich the lives of the citizens in Gibson County. We also had a lot of fun! We hope that all Gibson County golfers (and wannabes) are planning to join us at our next scramble in May 2008.

I have been privileged to serve as president of the Gibson County Community Foundation for three years. Association with my fellow board members, staff, founders, and grant recipients has been an honor for me and has reinforced my conviction that Gibson County is filled with caring and generous citizens who want to make a difference in the lives of others. I would like to extend my thanks to the current board members. Your dedication to the Foundation and its mission has allowed the Foundation to grow and to become an effective and respected presence in Gibson County. Three of our board members have completed their tenure, and, on behalf of the board, I would like to recognize the service and leadership they have given to the Foundation and to the community. Dennis Bane, Gary Blackburn, and Ed Prior have been dedicated board members who have willingly shared their time and talents to support the mission of the Foundation.

As we enter our fifteenth year as the Gibson County Community Foundation, we reaffirm our commitment to continue to serve the philanthropic spirit in Gibson County "For Good. For Ever."

Sincerely,



Sharen Buyher, Board President
 Gibson County Community Foundation

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Bringing About Community Change *A New Grant Initiative*

Frank Smith (not his real name) is addicted to methamphetamine, an illegal drug that is ravaging cities and towns throughout the United States. It's because of the drug that Smith finds himself in jail, fighting his demons and hoping against hope that he'll be able to stay away from drugs after he's released.

"Meth just gets a hold of you," says Smith. "You put it before your job, before your friends, even before your family. I'd do just about anything to get free of this drug for good." Thanks to the Gibson County Community Foundation's new Community Change Initiative, there's a new counseling program to help people like Smith while they're still in jail.

The Foundation's Trustees - like most people throughout the Midwest, where production and use of methamphetamine is far greater than anywhere else in the country - have heard and read numerous accounts like Smith's "Methamphetamine addiction is a scourge on our communities. Its effects are far-reaching, not only to those addicted but also to families, schools, health care systems, law enforcement and our community in general," says Chuck Briner, chair of the Foundation's grants committee.

Although the Foundation is still young, and assets devoted to discretionary grant making are limited, this year trustees set aside \$4,000 to help address Gibson County's methamphetamine problem. "There are many fine agencies in

Gibson County working hard at preventing the drug from being produced and sold in our community. We chose to narrow our efforts to target grant dollars this year to a program that provides counseling to jail inmates during and after their incarceration," said Briner. "This is a time when they may be the most vulnerable to negative influences but also when they may be the most open to making better choices and turning their lives around."

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After a competitive process, the grant was awarded to Broadway Christian Church for its Spiritual Transition and Rehabilitation Training (START) program. START is part of the Indiana Department of Correction's Community Transition Program.

The grant will allow the Broadway Christian

church to expand START to include the "Matrix Model," an evidence based outpatient treatment program that has been proven effective in the treatment of methamphetamine addicts. "Methamphetamine abuse is like a wildfire out of control. To get it under control, it will take a lot of resources and people who are willing to take the necessary risk. We have high hopes that the Matrix Model will change lives right away and remain a meaningful program for many years," says John Dunn, START program director and minister. "But we simply could not have even started to fight this particular fire without the foresight and commitment of the Gibson County Community Foundation."

Our Mission

The mission of the Gibson County Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the people of Gibson County. We commit ourselves to serve the community and our donors' interests through prudent stewardship of charitable gifts. Our goal is to build a significant endowment to fulfill donors' wishes and to address changing community needs.

Golf outing helps Foundation improve services to Gibson County

It may have been a bit windy and unusually chilly last May 17, but that didn't stop sixteen teams of dedicated golfers from hitting the links in support of the Gibson County Community Foundation. The Foundation hosted its first-ever golf benefit at the Cambridge Golf Club.

After registering and receiving goody bags full of golf essentials, golfers enjoyed lunch and some get-to-know-you time with each other, Foundation board members and volunteers before the shotgun start. Heath Rigsby, the Club's golf pro, went over the rules of play for the day before turning the golfers loose on the course.

"The weather could have been a little better, but the day was a great success," said Dennis Bane, who chaired and participated in the event. "We are especially thankful to the sponsors that made this day a success for us including Regions Bank, Oakland City University and Robertson Crushed Stone." The day concluded with a wine and cheese reception in the beautiful dining room at the Cambridge Golf Club, where participants recapped their day and enjoyed refreshments.



Board member Bob Batdorf's team watches to see if his shot lands on the green during the Foundation's golf outing.

The Foundation hosted the benefit as a way to meet a goal set as part of the board's three-year strategic plan. The plan's overall goal is twofold: to educate people in Gibson County about the Foundation's charitable mission and purpose and to secure its capacity to serve the community over the long term, with a particular emphasis on improving the Foundation's ability to address changing needs and opportunities in the community.

Our Family of Funds

Unrestricted Funds offer the broadest giving option, allowing grants to be made to wherever the Foundation determines the community's needs are greatest from year to year.

Friends of Gibson County Fund
Gibson Board of Trustees Fund
Ray J. (Jerry) Watson and Ruth L. Watson Memorial Fund

Field-of-Interest Funds create grants that meet needs in particular fields or geographic areas that are important to donors.

Community Fund of East Gibson
Community Fund of North Gibson
Community Fund of South Gibson
Betty Ann McCullough Education Fund
Toyota Fund

Designated Funds allow donors to support organizations while the Foundation ensures that grants to these organizations remain relevant over time and responsive to changing circumstances.

Anonymous Funds (2)
Michael Edward Deno Memorial Fund
Dream Fund
Gibson County Community Foundation Administrative Endowment Fund
Byron O. Marvel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Betty Ann McCullough Relief Fund
Terry Kent McQueen Fund
Kenneth Parke Memorial Scholarship Fund
Princeton Public Library Fund

Dr. Olen and Inez Pumphrey Fund
Dr. Olen and Inez Pumphrey USI Scholarship Fund
Lorena Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds are established by nonprofit organizations to provide income to themselves forever. The Foundation handles all administrative and investment responsibilities, freeing each organization to pursue its charitable mission.

Gibson General Health Foundation Endowment Fund
Gibson County ARC Endowment Fund
Gibson County Healthcare Fund
Zelpha R. Morrison Scholarship Fund
South Gibson Dollars for Scholars-Sumner Highsmith Fund
Gertrude A. Speck Fund
United Way of Gibson County Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds allow donors to help students pursue academic goals based on criteria that are important to donors.

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