



Community Foundation of Randolph County

*Bringing people and resources together to enrich
the lives of Randolph County residents.*

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CFRC Receives Record Number of Grant Applications

The Community Foundation received a record number of 17 grant applications requesting a total of \$93,400 for its Spring Grant cycle. With a total of \$31,000 available for awards to deserving applications, the Grants Committee, consisting of CFRC Board members and community representatives, deliberated carefully prior to making the final funding recommendations.

\$16,000 was available to be awarded through the Community Foundation. The organizations receiving grant awards are as follows:

- **Drug Free Randolph County—\$1,850** to assist with the costs of teens attending the Indiana Teen Institute
- **Energize-ECI, Inc.—\$200** to support development of a Regional economic development website
- **Farmland Conservation—\$2,800** to fund a more efficient and handicapped accessible entrance to the property
- **Girl Scouts of Wapahani—\$500** to support new Healthy Living initiative in Randolph County.
- **Historic Farmland—\$3,000** to assist with cost of new playground equipment for Wildcat Park
- **Monroe Central Grizzlies—\$1,000** to assist with purchase of equipment for youth football teams
- **Randolph County EDC—\$2,500** to assist with costs for "From Good to Great" project keynote speaker
- **Saratoga Baseball League—\$2,000** to fund renovations and improvements to facilities in Saratoga

- **Camp Yale—\$1,150** to assist with the creation of a Community Leadership Program to build leadership skills for Randolph County residents and future leaders
- **Community and Family—\$1,000** to assist the Winchester area Community & Churches Food Pantry (WACCFP)

1998 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient special guest at Scholarship Banquet

Chris Cunningham, a 1998 graduate of Monroe Central High School, has the distinction of being the first Randolph County recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

He spoke to the 2007 Lilly award finalists and their families, warning students of the pitfalls they may face as they begin their college career, and giving them encouragement as



they go forward.

Chris attended Purdue University School of Pharmacy where he was acknowledged for his outstanding scholastic achievements. He graduated with top honors in 2004.

Chris has been a pharmacist with CVS in Muncie since graduating from Purdue. He and his wife, Emily, reside in Muncie and are the proud parents of one son, Caleb.

The President's Corner

To date, the Community Foundation has had a challenging—and wonderful—year.

We made great strides with our former director, Sharon Deschambeau, who left the Foundation in January to assume another position. She led us through the process of accreditation from the State and Federal Governments. The process was invaluable and we were able to establish standards and procedures for best practices. Sharon's professionalism and warm personality have been a wonderful asset to our members and volunteers.

Finding a replacement seemed daunting but we are thrilled with our new Executive Director, Ruth Mills. Ruth brings a wealth of experience with

Trust banking, non-profit management and vast communication skills. Her experience fits perfectly with the goals of CFRC.

While I am handing out accolades, our deep gratitude is extended to Judy Mullin, Administrative Coordinator, who handled both jobs while we searched for a new director.

As you read further in our first news letter, you will see how CFRC has benefited our community in many ways.

I look forward to an exciting year as Ruth's enthusiasm generates new ideas for our endowment funds, scholarships and grants.

Allen Jefferis

What is the Community Foundation?

In the broadest sense, the Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. is here to make our community the very best place to live, work and to raise a family. As a non-political private organization, we are uniquely able to provide grant money for innovative projects that have a major impact on our community.

The Community Foundation's work falls into three major categories: Grantmaking, donor service and community convening.

Our most visible activity is the grants and scholarships we award each year. In 2006, the Foundation provided \$109,000 to the community in grants and scholarships. Most of these awards come from income earned from permanently endowed funds. Some of these endowed funds are unrestricted—meaning that the foundation board has the responsibility to use the income as it best determines—generally in response to applications from community organizations. Scholarships and other grants come

from funds that donors have established for certain purposes.

Helping donors to achieve their charitable objectives is also an important activity of the foundation. We work with individuals and organizations that want to create a lasting legacy for Randolph County. For as little as \$10,000, donors can create a permanent endowment fund that generates income to benefit any charitable cause they wish to support.

Because we are a non-political private organization, the foundation also can serve as a convener of organizations and individuals around a particular cause. As an organization looking out for the welfare of the entire county, we can be a safe and neutral place for people to discuss problems and potential solutions to the issues that face Randolph County.

We are YOUR Community Foundation. Our mission is to bring people and resources together to enrich the lives of Randolph County residents.

Lilly Endowment Scholarships Awarded

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Banquet was held Tuesday, April 3. The banquet honored 10 finalists for the Lilly Scholarship. "Each finalist is an outstanding individual and deserving of recognition for their scholastic and community achievements" stated Susan Maurais, Lilly Scholarship Committee Co-Chair. The winners for 2007 are Mara Mote, Union City Community High School and John Michael Lutz, Randolph Southern High School. The Lilly Endowment Scholarship provides full tuition for any college or university in the State of Indiana. Through 2006, the Community Foundation of Randolph County has awarded 22 Lilly Endowment Scholarships with a total value of \$1,220,736.



John Michael Lutz and Mara Mote, Scholarship Recipients

The remaining finalists each receive a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation. The finalists are: *(from L to R)*



Hilarie Thomas, Monroe Central
 David McIlwain Monroe Central
 Michelle Rinard, Monroe Central
 Anya DeVoss, Monroe Central
 Lindsey Cox, Monroe Central
 Lynsee Shaffer, Monroe Central
 Sarah Dalton, Monroe Central
 Jonathan Foreman, Randolph Southern
 Mara Mote, Union City
 John Michael Lutz, Randolph Southern

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\$15,000 was available to be awarded through the Union City Fund. The organizations receiving Grant awards are as follows:

- **Cancer Association of Darke County—\$1,150** to assist with transportation costs, medical costs and cancer support for the surrounding area, including Indiana cancer patients.
- **Community Christmas Corporation—\$2,500** to assist with costs to expand light displays in Harter Park
- **The Randy Players—\$7,500** to assist with the cost of staging platforms and set replacement.
- **Union City Baseball—\$3,000** to assist in funding construction of a restroom facility and concession stand for the ball diamonds located south of Union City.
- **Village of Union City, Ohio—\$500** to assist with website development



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One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.

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www.cfrandolphcounty.org



**You are invited to an Open House, May 17, 4—6 pm
Meet our new Executive Director, Ruth Mills
View our renovated offices.**

The Board of Directors of The Community Foundation of Randolph invite you to an Open House to meet our new Executive Director, Ruth Mills.

Ruth has an extensive background in non-profit and trust management. She earned her Bachelor's degree in General Studies from Indiana University and a Master of Arts in Executive Development for Public Service from Ball State University.

Most recently, she worked as a Wealth Management Client Advisor with Old National Bank. She was Director of Whitewater Community Television for 8 years and Executive Director of the Richmond Art Museum for 17 years. In addition she has served as Adjunct Faculty with

IU East, teaching Speech and Art Appreciation.

Ruth looks forward to meeting and working with more people in the County, and to expanding awareness of the work of the Foundation.

She is available to meet with individuals and organizations who want to learn more about the Foundation. Ask her how the foundation can help you.

Our office is getting a face lift. Until now, our staff has been in one room and our reception area not the friendliest. Now, walls are coming down and the facility redesigned to create a Private office and a more comfortable and welcoming reception area.

Come check us out.