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Randolph County Promise

The Community Foundation of Randolph County is excited to announce it will be partnering with retired teacher, Carol Mills, on a new educational initiative

titled Randolph County Promise.

Carol has degrees from Taylor University and Ball State University. She began teaching at Union School Corporation in 1977 and retired from there in 2014. From 2014-2016, she worked as a Title I Aid at Willard Elementary School in Winchester. She returned to Union in the fall of 2016 but has since retired again.

The purpose of Promise Randolph County is to encourage elementary school students and their families to begin thinking about and planning for education beyond high school. All five school corporations in Randolph County are engaged in the program, which will be rolled out this coming school year.

Students enrolled in the program will participate in college and career discovery activities at school and take a field trip to IU East in Richmond this fall. In early 2019, the Community Foundation will assist families in opening 529 college savings accounts. The Community Foundation will even deposit the first \$25 for each student!!

Participants can earn up to \$75 in matching dollars by adding money to the account or by asking Community Champions to contribute. Be sure to visit the Promise Randolph County booth at school registration this summer to find out how you can start saving!

Contact Carol Mills at 765.584.9077 or via email at <u>cmills@randolphcountyfoundation.org</u>. Visit our website for more for more information <u>http://www.randolphcountyfoundation.org/</u>



Carol Mills Program Coordinator



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See the special insert included with this newsletter for matching gift opportunity !

Union City Community Fund

Looking back at the Community Foundation's 25 year history wouldn't be possible without those who worked selflessly to make a dream become a reality. Some of those that helped make the Community Foundation such a successful and vital organization include Allen Jefferis, Ray Griffin, and James Davis of Union City. In 1999, the Community Foundation was 6 years old and hadn't really taken off yet. But, the Union City group had an idea that would change everything.

At the time, the Lilly Endowment was matching gifts made to endowed funds held at the Community Foundation 50 cents on the dollar. As luck would have it, Union City had just sold its hospital and was trying to decide how to best use the money to help the community. Jefferis, Griffin, and Davis convinced others in the community that the best option would be to take advantage of the Lilly Match by opening a fund at the Community Foundation.

It was a win-win situation. A new fund was established for the purpose of bettering the communities of Union City, Indiana and Union City, Ohio and Randolph County. The



Allen Jefferis, Ray Griffin, Jim Davis

opening gift of \$420,000 earned a matching gift of \$210,000, which was deposited into the Community Enrichment Fund. The earnings from both funds are granted to Randolph County nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit the community. To date, over \$325,000 has been granted from the Union City Community Fund and over \$575,000 has been granted from the Community Enrichment Fund.

Investing the money in one large pool helped increase the earnings. Today, the Union City Community Fund has a balance of nearly \$700,000 and the Community Enrichment Fund has a balance of nearly 2 million dollars! Jefferis and Griffin are still active members of the Community Foundation Grants Committee. Davis will be going off the committee at the end of the year. "We were very happy to help get the Foundation started" Davis said of their involvement in the Foundation's success.

New faces at the Community Foundation



A new addition to the Board of Directors, Dakota Crabtree serves as the Chief Operating Officer of The Thompson Group, an Independent Risk Management & Insurance firm with offices in Parker City, Indianapolis, and Denver, CO. He has been with The Thompson Group for nearly 11 years and currently oversees all of the company's operations. Dakota is a native of Randolph County, growing up in Parker City and graduating from Monroe Central School Corporation. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State in 2014.

Dakota Crabtree

We are pleased to introduce one of our newest Board Members, Carla Fouse. Carla is a native of Winchester and graduated from Winchester Community High School and Indiana Central College (now called University of Indianapolis) with an Associate's Degree in Nursing. In 1995, she began working at Randolph County Hospital as Manager of Labor and Delivery and the Emergency Department. In 2006, Carla joined the St. Vincent Randolph Hospital medical team as the Chief Nursing Officer. In January 2018, she was promoted to Administrator/Chief Nursing Officer. Carla and her husband, Tim, live in Winchester and have three children: Brandon Byrum of Granger, IN; Amanda Whitenack, NP of Winchester; Shon Byrum of Winchester. They also have ten grandchildren. Carla enjoys collecting antiques, playing golf, and attending her grandchildren's activities.



Carla Fouse



In May of 2018, The Foundation welcomed Aaron Wallace as a summer intern. Aaron is a graduate of Winchester Community High School and a current student at Indiana University. He recently finished his freshman year and is majoring in Informatics. He was a member of the Marching Hundred at IU. Aaron also enjoys playing basketball, tennis, soccer, baseball, and golf.

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25 Years of Doing Good

The Community Foundation has remained true to our commitment as guardian, for the greater good, for 25 years! Thank You for being part of our philanthropy in Randolph County, where over \$4.2 million has been granted back into our community since 1993.

Our *partnerships* with people and organizations strengthen our success. It all begins with people like you who invest in the greater good with us.

Partnerships strengthen our community and nowhere was that more evident than when the Promise Indiana Program was introduced to our community and a steering committee was immediately formed. The Steering Committee quickly

teamed up with the Foundation to submit the application and now I'm proud to say we are the 25th county in Indiana to join this successful youth initiative. More details are on the Front page as well as a donation insert for your consideration.

Early in our history, the Union City Fund was established which helped the community foundation gain much needed momentum. This partnership created a lasting fund specifically for the benefit of Union City. This fund has grown to become one of our largest component funds. The Union City community has been and will continue to be well served by this important fund held exclusively for their benefit. See page 1.

In partnership with our farming community and five grain facilities in the area, the Rural Randolph Cares Agricultural Endowment Fund was established. By giving grain to the Foundation, taxes are reduced and charitable goals are met. This is a great example of smart giving! What a great opportunity to represent agriculture in our county. Farmers know a lot about growing and harvesting, now we can "grow and harvest" with a fund to help meet important needs though out the county. See page 6.

The Women's Fund reached an important milestone last year due to numerous partnerships though out the county. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the annual brunch has been fortunate to offer wonderful auction items each year. These partnerships have enabled the fund to grow to endowment level. Now, the fund will provide a perpetual return back to the community and further strengthen the purpose and mission of the Women's fund. It is wonderful to see this event grow each year! See page 6.

Major partnerships throughout the past 25 years have generated education opportunities, economic growth, art and culture and good health in our community.

I invite you to continue our journey in partnerships to "do good" in Randolph County!

Lisa

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Spring Grants Awarded

The Community Foundation's Board of Directors approved and awarded \$30,865 to Randolph County non-profit organizations.

- A Community Christmas Corporation—\$4000| Funded by the Union City Community Fund to help with the cost of a building to house lighting and displays during the off season.
- Art Association of Randolph County—\$3100 | \$850 from the James and Linda Noffsinger Fund and \$2250 from the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund to purchase outdoor play equipment for Arts Depot, compensation for artists, student workshops, permanent collection maintenance, and art purchase.
- City of Winchester Park Board—\$2500 | Funded by the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund to hire performers and pay for sound and banners for free public concerts in Goodrich Park.
- **Community Help Center of Union City**—**\$3000** | Funded by the Union City Community Fund to purchase lighting and security cameras.
- Dylan Williams Forever An All Star Foundation—\$3000 | \$1000 from Community Foundation Enrichment Fund and \$2000 from Union City Community Fund to repair to ball fields at Dylan Williams Memorial Park.
- Monroe Central Athletic League—\$3000 | Funded by the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund for the construction of 2 new sets of bleachers on the north diamond, which would replace 3 sets of old bleachers.
- Monroe Central School Corporation, fiscal agent for All Pro Dads—\$765 | \$700 from the Thom and Janice Powers Fund and \$65 from the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund for the breakfast portion of monthly All Pro Dad meetings.
- Randolph County Literacy Coalition—\$1500 | Funding from the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund to help provide books for elementary students in all Randolph County elementary schools.



Local Grant Recipients

- State Line Heritage Days—\$4000 | Funding from the Union City Community Fund for the purpose of providing entertainment for the State Line Heritage Days Festival.
- Union City Redefined for Union City Arts Festival—\$2000 | Funding from the Union City Community Fund to offset the cost of performing groups at the Arts Festival.
- Winchester Area Churches & Community Food Pantry—\$4000 | \$400 from the Chip and Ruth Loney Fund, \$1500 from the Wick's Employee Giving Fund, and \$2100 from the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund to help purchase food and solar panels for the building.



Kurt Prescott (left) and Lisa Jennings had fun presenting a grant award to Mr. Christmas, Larry Amspaugh (right) for his Community Christmas project in Union City.



CFRC Board and Staff (left to right) Board Member Suzan Dillon Myers, Program Director Stephanie Ward, Board President Linda Wilcox, Board Member Christen Commers Smith, Executive Director Lisa Jennings, Board Vice President Bob Gentry, Board Treasurer Kurt Prescott, and Board Member Joyce Husmann.



Community Foundation Board President, Linda Wilcox (left) and Executive Director, Lisa Jennings, welcome guests to the Spring Grant Reception at the Union City Community Room on May 10th.

Gifts of Grain

Rural Randolph Cares Agricultural Fund

The farming community makes up a large portion of rural Randolph County. Your crops and/or livestock are your livelihood. You *prepare*, you *plant*, you *nurture*, and they *grow*. That's what we do with the charitable gifts entrusted to the Community Foundation. With the creation of one of our newest funds, we invite you to *grow* the future of your community with us and to "forever" give to the betterment of Randolph County.

GIFTING GRAIN

The Foundation has established accounts with five local grain facilities; Stone Station, Cardinal Ethanol,

Poet, The Andersons, and Snow Hill. Gifting grain provides tax benefits – and it is easy! When you deliver the grain, you simply let the facility know how many bushels or a dollar amount you'd like to give before the sale of the grain. That would then transfer the sale of that amount of the crop to the Foundation to be deposited in the Rural Randolph Cares Fund. By contributing grain to the Foundation before the sale, that reduces your income, which results in saving self-employment tax, federal income tax, and state income tax.

Even in years when the farm economy is struggling, farmers still have much to be thankful for and want to see the community where they live be the best that it can be. That is what being a part of a community is all about. So farmers, landowners, agribusinesses, or anyone who loves this community, please consider giving to help us build this fund and show everyone that Rural Randolph Cares!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" - Winston Churchill

For more information, please contact one of the grain facilities or the Community Foundation of Randolph County.

Jane Flesher

Women's Fund Brunch

The Women's Fund of Randolph County hosted its 8th annual brunch and auction on April 14. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our effort to improve the lives of women and children in Randolph County. \$14,000 has been granted to Randolph County non profits since 2011 and this year's crowd was the largest in Women's Fund history!

Numerous businesses and individuals from all over Randolph County donated items for the silent and live auctions, which raised over \$3,000 for the fund.





Guest Auctioneer, Ted Leahey, was assisted by USA National Miss Indiana, Lyndsea Burke.









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