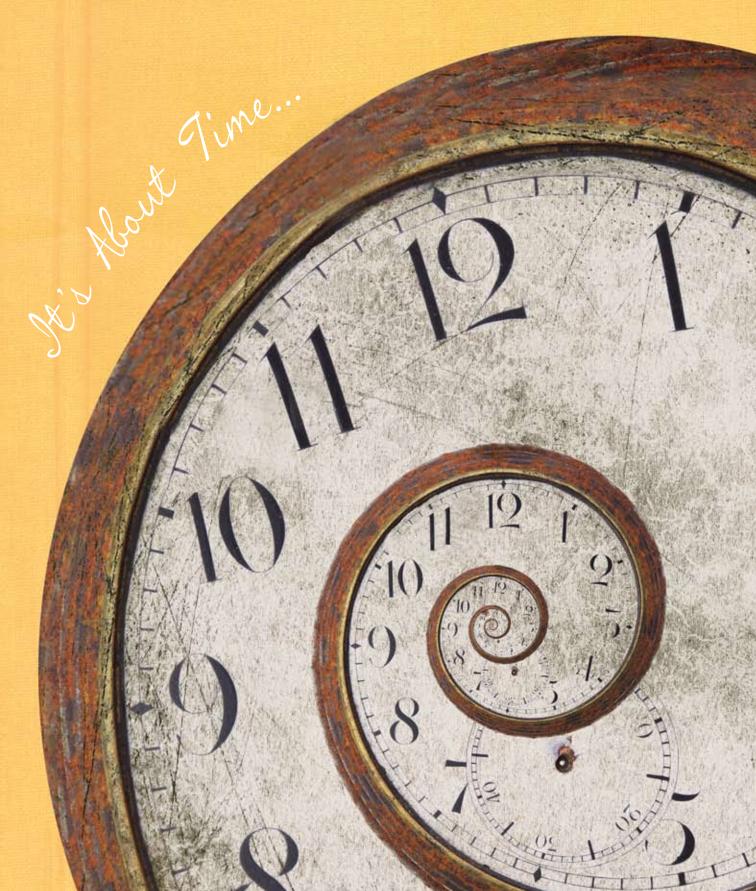
## **BIENNIAL REPORT**

2011-2012

Whitley County Community Foundation





future pork farmers are getting their schooling first hand!

ime. We make it, take it, find it, lose it. It's been known to fly, slip away, and we never know where it goes. Time is a valuable commodity, so we appreciate that you are taking taking a few moments to get to know our Community Foundation better. Whether you peruse the following pages slowly or flip through them in a flash, you can't help but notice that charitable giving, locally inspired and directed, has enhanced life in Whitley County.

here does the time go? Remarkably, this report covers a period when the Whitley County Community Foundation celebrated its 20th Anniversary. What isn't surprising is the impact our Foundation has had on the Community since its inception back in 1991. Through the years, Whitley County residents have embraced the concept of shared philanthropy. They understood that regardless of the size of their gifts, they could make a difference to things they care about here at home. We have generous donors with giving hearts to thank.

It is also right to acknowledge the volunteers past and present, who have worked tirelessly toward the shared vision of Whitley County's potential. Whether they have been members of the Grants Committee who strategically decide funding allotments during our two annual grant cycles, or the Scholarship Committee volunteers who slice through a jungle of paperwork each spring to make sure our scholarship selection is fair and equitable; by giving the gift of time, these individuals have strengthened and guided the Foundation's reach. We have other committees--Finance & Investment, The Women's Giving Circle, Heart of Gold, Good Samaritan, and Count Me In!, whose members have gotten up early or stayed late, loosened their collars and re-filled coffee cups as they worked to make sure the Foundation's mission is realized to its fullest ability.

We celebrated our 20th Anniversary with a party. One of the most touching moments came when watching former and current Board members gather together for a photo. There was a richness in reflecting upon what each individual brought to the Foundation and what their outstanding performance has meant to our community. I continue to believe that the leadership of our Board is unmatched. They routinely



Foundation Board Members, past and present celebrate twenty years of leadership Standing: John Lefever, Dale Duncan, Harold Norman, Todd Jones, Bill Tucker, Chuck Jones, John Whiteleather, Ben Gates, Bob Smith, Terry Smith, David Smith, Rob Marr, Greg Fahl and Bill Overdeer Seated: Rhonda Jones, Laurie Steill, Aileen Meier, Sharlene Berkshire, Jan Hammer and Rosemary Steiner.

find themselves called upon to provide direction, approve expenditures and serve as touchstones for community issues. It goes without saying that they are the bedrock of this organization.

Information drawn from our 2011 990s indicated that the Whitley County Community Foundation was one of the top ten performing Indiana Community Foundations according to measures of Program/Community Service Success. This research was based upon ratios and measurements for Program operating expenses/Total operating expenses, Grant dollars awarded/Total assets and Grant dollars awarded per capita in our county.

In addition, in 2012, our Foundation was re-accredited as being in compliance with National Standards for Community Foundations. This official confirmation from the Council on Foundations affirms that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy. It reflects our commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. It indicates our grant making includes an open, competitive process designed to address the changing needs of our community.

I am privileged to work with an upbeat, professional team. A day doesn't pass at the office when we aren't reminded that our work is about bettering the community and serving donors. There is a great intrinsic reward in knowing that we can make a difference here and our time is being spent on something we love.

September McConnell, Executive Director



Through a testamentary gift, The Mildred & Theodore Schultz Fund was established in 1997 as a field of interest endowment at the Community Foundation. Now, years later, the town of South Whitley continues to benefit from the Schultz's generosity and vision.

# Endowed Giving: Standing the Test of Time

Forever is a long time. And a promise is a promise. Put those two things together and you have an endowment fund at the Whitley County Community Foundation that will stand the test of time.

When a donor turns to the Community Foundation to start a charitable endowment, it is with the intent that their gift, given today, will do good work forever. And when the Community Foundation accepts the gift, it's with the promise that their wishes will be protected and thoughtfully carried out.

Here's the secret to endowments: When a gift is given to an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, we don't spend the donation. Ever. Instead, we save the gift and invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. A Fund Agreement is executed when the endowment is started. This legal instrument ensures that the Community Foundation is obligated to distribute the earnings pursuant to the donor's intent. Distributions of endowment earnings are called grants or scholarships. Typically, only a portion of the total earnings are distributed. This allows the endowment fund to grow and stand the test of time. As the years go by, grants or scholarships from the endowment will far exceed the amount of the donor's original gift.

### **How Endowments Give Forever**

Year	0	1	5	10	20	30
Total Grants Distributed	0	\$2,150	\$11,376	\$24,310	\$55,735	\$216,734
Endowment Value	\$50,000 Original Gift	\$51,300	\$55,847	\$64,631	\$83,544	\$180,442

Assumes 8% return, 4% distribution

### unrestricted endowment funds

These funds are used to respond to the ever changing needs of our community. Grants from Unrestricted Funds are available by application and are awarded at the recommendation of a Grants Committee and acceptance of the Board of Directors.

Dekko Enhancement Fund Whitley County Community Foundation Greater Good Fund

Ferber Family Fund

### designated endowments

These funds were created to support specific causes or organizations.

Columbia City United Methodist Church Fund

George Scott & Mildred Smith Gates Fund

HANDS Fund

Imagination Library Fund

In the Swim Fund

Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund\*

Sherman W. & Marjorie M. Kneller Fund

Loon Lake Conservation Fund Walter Malicki Whitko Art Fund

> Methodist Federation of Social Action Fund

Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund

Old Settlers Foundation Operating Endowment Fund

Old Settlers Association Fund

Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital Fund

George Franklin Schultz Fund

Splash Pad (Columbia City) Fund

South Whitley United Methodist Church Fund

W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger Fund

Stepping Stones Childcare Endowment Fund

Whitley County Cancer Care Fund YMCA Life Lessons Endowment Fund

\*Indicates new funds started in 2011 >Indicates new funds started in 2012

# Time to Remember

Robert & Nancy Tucker-Buesching Memorial Scholarship Established



Theirs was one of those almost-too-good-to-be-true love stories that paired a Churubusco farm girl with a boy from the Blue Ridge Mountains. Nancy loved emergency medicine and built a career in nursing. A graduate of the University of Evansville, Bob had a fondness for fishing, a gift for music, and a knack for honest insurance sales. They met in Fort Wayne, Indiana and married in December, 1962.

The couple was blessed with two spunky daughters, Rhonda and Rene, who were raised with the priceless gifts of homemade Halloween costumes, hikes in state parks, fabulous vacations, and perhaps the best gift of all, parents who loved one another. The daughters grew up and married; Rhonda to Todd Jones of Pierceton and Rene to Joseph Leitheim of Hamilton. Time would bless the couple with five grandchildren. The Tuckers enjoyed nearly fifty years together.

Their family endured heartbreak when Nancy passed away on April 13, 2012. That loss was still fresh when Bob died just three months later on July 8, 2012. The devastation of losing two beloved family members so closely together was cushioned by the legacy of love that Bob and Nancy left to their children and grandchildren. To honor Bob's gift of music and Nancy's passion for nursing, the family created an endowment fund within the Whitley County Community Foundation. The Robert and Nancy Buesching Tucker Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior from Whitley County planning on studying nursing or music at a two or four year institution of higher learning.

### field of interest funds

As the name suggests, these funds help to support an area of interest such as the arts or recreation, rather than a single organization.

> Arts Alive! Fund Centurylink Fund

Count Me In! Youth Asset Building Fund
Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund
Education for a New Generation Fund
Shirley Ann Gates Fund

Edwin E. & Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund

Oak Grove Church of God Children's Ministries Fund

Mildred & Theodore A. Schultz Fund South Whitley Facilities Fund\*

Margaret Priscilla Waterfall Memorial Fund

Walter & Dorothy Weick Memorial Fund

Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health Fund

Victoria A. & James R. Wise Endowment Fund

## agency endowment funds

Agency endowments benefit the non-profit organization for which they are named, by creating a stable income stream annually. While they benefit specific agencies, they are an asset of the Foundation.

**ACRES Land Trust Fund** 

W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger Fund South Whitley

Cleveland Township Public Library
Camp Whitley Fund

The Center for Whitley County Youth Fund

Churubusco Public Library Fund

Faith Christian Academy Fund

Freedom Academy Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Whitley County Fund

Interfaith Mission Fund

Junior Achievement Fund

Bernice Kessler Whitley County Humane Society Fund

Passages to the Future Fund

Peabody Library Endowment Fund

TROY Center School Fund

United Way of Whitley County Fund

Whitley County Council on Aging and Aged Fund

Whitley County Historical Society Fund

Whitley County Literacy Council Fund

Whitley County YMCA Fund

YWCA Whitley County Fund

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The Foundation's Count Me In! Fund is a field of interest endowment and was created to ensure local kids have a variety of developmental assets available in the community.

# charitable gift annutities

This unique investment tool allows a donor to make a tax deductible charitable gift, and receive a stream of income for the duration of their life with the remaining balance transferring to a charitable endowment of choice at the time of their passing.

Thora Lefever Fund
Ruth Metzger Fund
Esther Gates Fund
Cynthia Hertsel Fund
Maryln Sellers Fund
Rosemary Steiner Fund
Clark Waterfall DVM Fund

### donor advised funds

These funds allow for on-going input from the donors and permit a broad distribution of charitable grants. The donor, their designees, or an advisry group may make recommendations as to where grants should be made. Final grant making authority rests with the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Benton W. & Thelma L. Bloom Fund
Copp Family Fund
M. Russell Fahl Family Fund\*
John & Laura Lefever Fund
James & September McConnell
Family Fund
John & Aileen Meier Fund



Former CCHS Band member Amelia Roman received a scholarship from the James E. & Janice M. Hammer Academic Team Fund and used it toward her education at Grace College.

## **Scholarship Endowment Funds**

Community Foundation encourages high school graduates to continue their post secondary educations. Thanks to generous donors who share our vision, numerous scholarships are available to help cover the ever-growing costs of tuition.

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^ indicates new funds started in 2012

Tyler Andreas Memorial Scholarship \*

4H Beef Scholarship Fund

Kenny Beck Changes in Latitude Memorial Scholarship Fund

Diane R. Behrens Nursing Scholarship ^

Daniel E. Bolinger Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Buesching-Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund ^

Lawrence & Freida Bunnell Scholarship Fund

Bernice Carver Scholarship of Hope Fund

Columbia City High School FFA Scholarship Fund

Columbia City High School Founders Scholarship Fund

Columbia City High School Memorial Scholarship Fund

Columbia City High School Spanish Club Scholarship Fund Class of 63 Scholarship Fund

Joey Devito Scholarship Fund

Roark Fizer Scholarship Fund

Irma & Donald Ferber Scholarship Fund

CCHS French Club Scholarship Fund

Max Gandy Scholarship Fund

DeMoney Grimes Life Science Scholarship ^

James E. & Janice M. Hammer Academic Team Scholarship Fund

Helping Hands 4-H Scholarship Fund

Robert Hood Scholarship Fund

Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ben Konger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Korean War Scholarship Fund

Abigail Marie Little Fund ^

Margo Langohr Scholarship Fund

Wilbert & Louise Lunderman Scholarship Fund

Brandon Minier Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Daniel Mullet "For the Love of a Child" Scholarship Fund

Andrea Norman Henry and John Anthony Norman Theater Scholarship Fund

Tiffany N. Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund

Richard "Kit" Redman Memorial Scholarship ^

Daniel D. Rock Scholarship Fund

Rotary Club of Columbia City Scholarship Fund

Paul Schmidt Football Scholarship Fund

Scientific and Regulatory Consultants Scholarship Fund

Joseph H. Shull Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund

Johnathon Lewis Simmons Memorial Scholarship Fund Kenny Simon Scholarship Fund

Andy Spencer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nicholas and Laurel Steill Scholarship Fund

Ashley Morgan Storm Memorial Scholarship Fund ^

Ross Unverzagt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Howard and Mimi Wherry Scholarship Fund

Harold "Potch" Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Charles White Scholarship Fund

Whitley County Consolidated Schools Scholarship Fund

Whitley County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund

Whitko Dollars for Scholars Fund

B.V. and Flossie Widney Memorial Scholarship Fund

Megan Young Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rely C. and Izora Zumbrun Education Fund



Students from Indian Springs Middle School work on developing positive study habits. Down the road good grades will help determine scholarship awards.

# Whitley County Community Foundation Non-Permanent Funds

Established with the purpose of assisting charitable projects or causes in the community with professional bookkeeping, the Community Foundation holds several non-permanent funds under our umbrella. Unlike gifts to endowments that can never be spent, gifts to non-permanent funds can be spent in their entirety. Gifts to these funds are tax-deductible as long as no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.

Kenny Beck Memorial Fund

Randy Bills Memorial Scholarship^

CCHS Alumni Association Fund

Camp Whitley Fund

Children First Fund

Churubusco Business Education Community Fund

Churubusco Middle School Tutor Program

Christmas Parade Fund^

Coesse PTO

College Go Fund^

Columbia City Chamber Landmark Signage Fund

Columbia City High School Boys' Basketball Boosters Fund

Columbia City High School Boys' Tennis Fund

Columbia City High School Class of 1958

Columbia City High School Lady Eagles Basketball Boosters Fund

Columbia City High School Football Boosters

Columbia City Splash Pad Fund

Community Scholarship Promotional Fund

Andrew Comparet Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dillon Family Fund

Gordon and Beverly Dukerschein Scholarship

**Epplemann Family Fund** 

Faith Christian Academy PTO

Friends of the Firemen & Police

G.A.P. Canaan Education Fund

**HANDS** Foundation

Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Leadership Whitley County

Junior Lady Eagle Basketball Fund

Junior Miss Pageant Fund

Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund

Kiwanis Fund

Eugene & Rosalind Klingaman Family Fund^

Leatherneck Coffee Club Fund

James Lemon/Etna Troy Memorial Fund

Nicholas Carson Linville Speech & Debate Award

Little Turtle PTSO Fund

D'Maris Metzger Scholarship Fund

Micropulse Employee Giving Fund

Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund

Paul Muller/Churubusco Pool Fund

Audrey Neeley Memorial Scholarship

New Century Downtown Fund

Northern Heights PIE Fund

Florence Nunchuck Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Edith M. Nylander Trust/Eberhard Lutheran Church^

Passages Capital Campaign^

Old Settlers Fund

Operating Fund

People Preserving History Fund

PPH Construction Fund

Piggy Bank Pals

Robert Brittain Estate

Rotary Club of Columbia City Fund

South Whitley Community Facilities Fund\*

South Whitley Park Board\*

Dollis Dillon Studebaker Fund

Jacob Tarleton Memorial Fund

Veteran's Marathon

Whitley County Art Guild

Whitley County Autumn Art Festival

Whitley County Cares Disaster Relief Fund

Whitley County Community Network

Whitley County Dazzlers^

Whitley County Domestic Violence Prevention Fund

Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health Mammogram Program Fund

Whitley County Historical Society

Whitley County Humane Shelter

Whitley County Senior Center

Whitley Forward (Education Initiative)

Whitley Weighs In

Young Adults in Action

Youth Improvement Center Fund

Youth Leadership Whitley County

<sup>^</sup> Indicates established in 2012



Dave Walker updates parents and grandparents on all their children learned during Civil War Camp at the Whitley County Historical Museum. Dave helps lead the Camp and enjoys taking local youngsters on a journey back in time.

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates established in 2011



# Grants 2011

Greater Good Unrestricted Fund		
B.A.B.E. of Whitley County	\$	3,500
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	\$	600
Community Harvest Food Bank	\$	5,000
Donovan Kessler Scholarship Fund	\$	5,000
Helpline of Whitley County	\$	3,500
Leadership Whitley County	\$	500
McMillan Health Center	\$	1,000
Passages, Inc.	\$ :	50,000
Right Relations, Inc.	\$	4,000
Salvation Army Whitley Co./Eagle Quest Church	\$	2,000
TROY Center	\$	5,000
Turning Point Church	\$	500
Whitley County Autumn Arts Festival	\$	1,000
Whitley County Economic Development Corp.	\$	10,000
Whitley County Energy Assistance	\$	4,000
Whitley County Food Pantries (10)	\$	5,000
Whitley County Historical Museum	\$	500
Whitley County Humane Society	\$ :	30,000
Whitley County Literacy Council	\$	5,000
Arts Alive in Whitley County Fund		
Whitley County Autumn Arts Festival	\$	485
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Dekko Early Childcare Fund		
Churubusco United Methodist Child Care	\$	1,500
Early Childhood Alliance	\$	5,000
Dekko Enhancement Fund		
Scottish Cultural Society	\$	2,100
The Center for Whitley County Youth	\$	7,000
Leadership Whitley County	\$	4,500

Ferber Family Fund		
Whitley County Salvation Army	\$	5,000
Children's Hope House	\$	500
CANI	\$	3,000
Churubusco United Methodist Food Pantry	\$	1,000
Whitley County Domestic Violence Task Force	\$	8,000
Shirley Gates Fund		
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	\$	3,400
Mildred & Theodore A. Schultz Fund		
Turning Point Church Hygiene Pantry	\$	500
Whitley County Cancer Care Fund		
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	\$	1,000
Whitley Forward		29,676
TOTAL	\$1	79,085



Passages clients had the opportunity to show their talents when their original paintings and photographs were featured in an auction to benefit their stellar art program. Through a grant, the Community Foundation was able to make the lead gift of \$100,000 to an exciting capital campaign for Passages, which will bring the dream of a new learning center to reality.

# Grants

Great	er Good Fund		
	Passages, Inc.	\$5	50,000
	T.R.O.Y. School	\$	11,755
	Columbia City High School Fine Arts Department	\$	7,500
	Humane Shelter of Whitley County	\$	7,500
	Churubusco Park Department	\$	5,000
	Whitley County Cares	\$	5,000
	Eagle Tech Academy	\$	3,490
	B.A.B.E of Whitley County	\$	3,000
	CANI	\$	3,000
	Right Relations	\$	3,000
	Erin's House for Grieving Children	\$	2,500
	Summer Concert Series	\$	2.250
	Scottish Cultural Society	\$	2,100
	Fort Wayne Children's Choir	\$	2,000
	Whitley County Historical Society	\$	2,000
	Junior Achievement of Northeast Indiana	\$	1,500
	Fort Wayne Philharmonic	\$	1,000
	Whitko Middle School Clean Air Association	\$	1,000
	Whitley County Autumn Art Festival	\$	600
	The Potter's Hand	\$	600
	Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry	\$	500
Dekk	o Enhancement Fund		
	South Whitley Park Board	\$	7,500
	Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of IN	\$	5,000
	Community Harvest Food Bank	\$	4,500
Dekk	o Childcare Enhancement Funds		
	Churubusco United Methodist Church Nursery School	\$	1,500
Ferbe	er Family Fund		
	The Center for Whitley County Youth	\$1	12,255
	Kosciusko County Educational Development, Inc.	\$	1,500
	Community Harvest Food Bank	\$	500



### grants 2012

(photo at left) Understanding that education is the long-term key to providing Whitley County with a talented, vibrant workforce, the Community Foundation continued the WhitleyForward Initiative in 2011 and 2012. Through this funding, local CCHS educator Rachelle Patrick was instrumental in securing a grant that led to Camp Invention. The fun summer enhancement program immersed youngsters in projects relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Weick Memorial Fund	
YMCA Strong Kids Campaign \$	1,000
Arts Alive Fund	
Whitley County Autumn Art Festival \$	600
Whitley County Cancer Care Fund	
Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do \$	200
WhitleyForward \$	49,400
TOTAL \$:	199,250

# A Time to Shine

It was simply an idea whose time had come.

Vanessa Bills has been the Community Foundation's Business Director since 1998; if anyone understands how the Foundation works, it's her. She also served on the Board of Directors for Passages, Inc. for six years, so if anyone understands the importance of celebrating abilities over disabilities, it's her. Add the fact that she was a cheerleading coach for ten years to the mix and you've got *The Dazzlers!* 



Dazzlers founder, Vanessa Bills, gives Alisha Kimmel a hand with her pom poms.

The idea for creating a special needs cheerleading squad came to Bills while she was watching her niece in a cheerleading competition. "I had always wanted to help with some type of recreational activity for special needs children and felt this is one activity I could organize. Most little girls are awed by cheerleaders. Kids with intellectual and physical disabilities are no exception."

To help make her idea become a reality, Bills submitted a grant application to *Count Me In!*, an endowment fund at the Community Foundation created to help adults share their time, talents and treasures with local youth. In this case, it was a request for funds to purchase uniforms for the squad. Her grant request was approved by the *Count Me In!* Committee and the Whitley County Dazzlers became the first special needs recreational opportunity for children in our area. Shortly after receiving funds for uniforms the squad received a modest grant from the

H.A.N.D.S. Foundation, also part of the Community Foundation, for bows and professional hair styling before a competition.

Vanessa and an enthusiastic group of former high school cheerleaders volunteer their time as coaches. There is no cost for a child to participate. "The first year we had six girls, now we have nine and the group continues to attract interest. The families and cheerleaders have become friends through this process and it feels like an extended family. The girls are excited about going to practice and competitions and it gives their parents an opportunity to talk and share. Mostly it's a lot of laughter and smiles," she reflected.

Those smiles are dazzling and the cheerleaders warm the hearts of every audience member who is lucky enough to watch them perform. But the Foundation is also proud to give a nod to one of our own, Vanessa Bills, an experienced community leader who had an idea that shined.





Whitley County Community Foundation, Inc.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31,

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Revenue and Support:		
Contributions	\$ 849,690	\$1,049,606
Investment Income	434,663	382,991
Administrative Fee Income	219,106	211,850
Realized Gains on Investments	154,868	242,843
Unrealized Gains on Investments	1,271,839	(669,248)
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	(22,916)	(26,397)
	2,907,250	1,191,645
Expenses:		
Grants	876,410	1,281,354
Program Related Expenses	42,644	32,471
Bank Trustee Expenses	59,765	54,767
Operating Expenses	118,259	118,963
Administrative Fee	216,376	208,978
Fundraising Expenses	<u>115,291</u>	119,028
	1,428,745	<u>1,815,561</u>
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	1,478,505	(623,916)
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year, as Restated	<u>15,418,348</u>	16,042,264
Net Assets at End of Year	\$16,896,853	<u>\$15,418,348</u>



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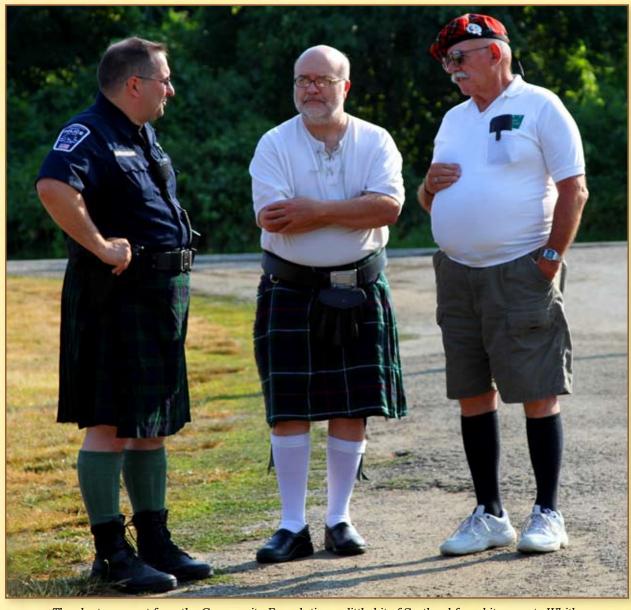
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At the end of 2012, Dale Duncan, Aileen Meier and John Whiteleather completed their fifth consecutive two-year board terms. That's a lot of Foundation experience! As individuals, each brought their own insight and special talents to the Board table. Their leadership and dedication left lasting impressions and our organization was made stronger by their involvement.

Board photos by Chad Moore

# Staff and Committees

#### Staff

Chelsey Barrell,
Communications Coordinator
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Executive Director
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Program Officer

Staff photo left to right -Vanessa Bills, Business Director, John Slavich, Program Officer and September McConnell, Executive Director

Photo below - Columbia City High School grads Nick Ewing (Ball State University) and Maddie Hinen (Purdue University) worked for the Community Foundation as Lilly interns and helped with preparations for our 20th Anniversary celebration.







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Local resident Judy Geyer stays active in a number of community activities including the Community Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee. She served on the Committee in 2011 and 2012.

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# Benton E. Gates, Jr.

Time to Reflect

November 9, 1929 - September 14, 2011



While many good things unfolded during the period covered by this report they were tempered with somber occasions as well. This report is dedicated to Benton E. Gates, Jr., who was a fan and advocate even when the Community Foundation was just an idea, and to whom we owe so much. Ben was a founding Board member and served as President of the Board of Directors in 1994. Our community recognized him as a prominent attorney, a respected civic leader and a proud family man. We miss his insight, intelligence and good humor.

Staff members knew that we had received Ben's highest endorsement when he requested that the Whitley County Community Foundation take over administration of a scholarship fund that he and his wife Betsy had established in memory of their daughter, Betsy Jane. Understanding these annual awards had been a continued link to the child they missed so deeply, we felt honored when they entrusted the preservation of the fund to our organization.





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