

AUTUMN 2013

# WHAT GIVES

News, Issues and Events Shaping Philanthropy  
at the Whitley County Community Foundation

## New Abilities Fund Endowed

While our community recently celebrated the opening of Passages' wonderful, new Creative Learning Center, another effort was quietly unfolding to ensure fun-filled, learning activities will always be available for individuals with intellectual disabilities or other challenges.

Jan and Larry Boutelle recently created *The Abilities Fund for Social Enrichment* as an endowment fund within the Whitley County Community Foundation. Their dream is to build the fund so that in time, it can provide participants with a wide range of experiences from camping and attending plays to cheering at ball games and viewing art exhibits.

The Boutelle's son Than, is a gifted photographer and artist. He also happens to utilize the services of Passages. It was the organization's unique art program that helped to unveil and elevate Than's creative abilities. The empowerment that comes from being able to embrace new experiences and

learn new skills is what inspired the Boutelles' generous gift.

As an endowment fund of the Community Foundation, *The Abilities Fund for Social Enrichment* is open to receive gifts.

Contributions are tax deductible. Donations may be made on line via Paypal by visiting the Foundation's website at [www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org) or by mail to 400 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City, IN 46725. ♥



Photo of Than Boutelle by  
Jennifer Zartman-Romano



# 18th Annual Heart of Gold Awards

Continuing an eighteen year tradition, the Whitley County Community Foundation will host the annual Heart of Gold Awards in celebration of the people in our community who give of themselves to make life a little better for others.

Whitley County is a great place to live and work thanks to the many thoughtful people who call it home. Your neighbors, friends, and co-workers may be among those who deserve to be recognized. Any person

living in Whitley County, regardless of age, who enhances another's life is eligible to be nominated.

All nominees will receive a heart-shaped medallion inscribed with their name. Three overall winners will each have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the Whitley County charity or service organization of his/her choice, which works to enhance our community.

When considering overall winners, the Heart of Gold Committee will take into account whether the nominee identified a need and filled it; recognized an opportunity and acted upon it; shared his/her time and energy for the sake of others; overcame unusual challenges to serve others; rendered a ser-

vice which changed a life; worked to create positive change; inspired others to volunteer; or performed an exceptional act of kindness.

A festive reception honoring nominees and revealing the identity of their nominators will take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at the Eagles Nest Event Center in Columbia City. ♡



*Indian Springs Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade class at Manchester University.*

For the 15th consecutive year, the Community Foundation will underwrite the costs of sending 350 middle school students to college for a day. Participants will be able to take a tour of campus, participate in a Q&A session with a panel of admissions counselors and college students, visit dorms, and eat lunch in the student union.

Why are these trips so important? We now know that by 2025, 60% of all available jobs will require some type of post secondary education.

## This Fall Manchester University Will Be Invaded!

*By seventh graders.*



*Hammad Qureshi, Thomas Weber and Ian Branning filling out personal interest cards. Photos provided by Tom Terrell, ISMS.*

As a result, students are often challenged to start determining their education paths while they are still in middle school. We think it's important that these youngsters have some exposure to a college campus before making any big decisions about future schooling.

Since we initiated this field trip back in 1998, over 5,000 kids have received an up-close look at college life. The Foundation is indebted to Lilly Endowment, Inc., as a portion of the costs for these trips have been paid from a contribution for scholarship promotion.

Our thanks to ISMS counselors Dawn Michel and Tom Terrell and Whitko counselor Mike Hanback, as well as Manchester's Keegan Gerlach, for coordinating these expeditions. We hope Churubusco will be able to join us next year. ♡

# Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Remaining steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic and economic well-being of Indiana residents and communities, Lilly Endowment will again provide a deserving student from our community with the opportunity to attend four years of college tuition free.

The 2014 Lilly Community Scholarship will provide full tuition, required fees, and an annual stipend of up to \$900 for required books and equipment for four years of full-time undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university in Indiana. Graduating seniors who are residents of Whitley County are encouraged to apply. Applications may be downloaded from the Community Foundation's website at [www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org) and are also available in high school guidance offices. The application deadline for the 2014 scholarship is Monday January 13, 2014.

Created by Lilly Endowment to help raise Indiana's level of educational attainment, the program was first introduced in 1998. Since that time 32 Whitley County students have received the prestigious award.

The Whitley County Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee will nominate one student to receive the scholarship next spring. The Community Foundation administers the program locally in coordination with Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). ♡

## Lilly Scholar Update

### Here's what a few Whitley County students have been up to since receiving their Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship...

#### ***Ryan Doster, Lilly Scholarship recipient in 2001:***

Ryan graduated from Hanover College in 2005 and upon graduation enrolled at Indiana University School of Medicine where he received his MD in 2009. Currently he is completing his medical residency training as a combined internal medicine and pediatrics resident where he cares for patients from newborns and children to adults of all ages. Ryan is employed at the Indianapolis VA hospital, Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indiana University Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and Riley Children's Hospital. After completion of his residency Ryan plans to continue his medical training as an infectious disease specialist at the Vanderbilt Medical Center.

#### ***Callista Duggins, Lilly Scholarship recipient in 2007:***

Callista graduated from Butler University with a double major in International Studies and Spanish with a minor in International Business. Being a Lilly Scholar allowed her the opportunity to use her savings to study abroad in Spain and Greece during her college career. During her

years at Butler she participated in four internship programs. Currently she is completing a dual masters program at IUPUI while working as a graduate intern at the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) for funding collaborative of funders including CICF, the Lilly Endowment, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Kroger, and others. Callista also works as a development assistant at the IU School of Nursing where she helps fundraise scholarship and operating funds for the school.

#### ***Natosha Wood, Lilly Scholarship recipient in 2008:***

Natosha graduated from Hanover College in May of 2012 with a degree in sociology and a minor in mathematics and a concentration in business. Since graduation she has been working as an Associate Analyst for G & S Research, a pharmaceutical market research firm located in Indianapolis. ♡



# Minear Real Estate Staff Grow Beards for Mammograms!



In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, six Whitley County residents decided to spread awareness not by their voices but instead by ditching their razors.

Adam Anderson, Brandon Ferrell, Trent Lawrence, Nick Miller, Wayne Miller, and Brad Minear from Minear Real Estate, LLC in Columbia City took on a one-month challenge during the month of October to put away shaving cream and razors to raise funds for the free mammogram program

offered by the Community Foundation's Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health. The Giving Circle provides gift certificates for mammograms to Whitley County women who do not have insurance and would not otherwise be able to afford the vital screenings. The program is offered in partnership with Parkview Whitley Hospital.

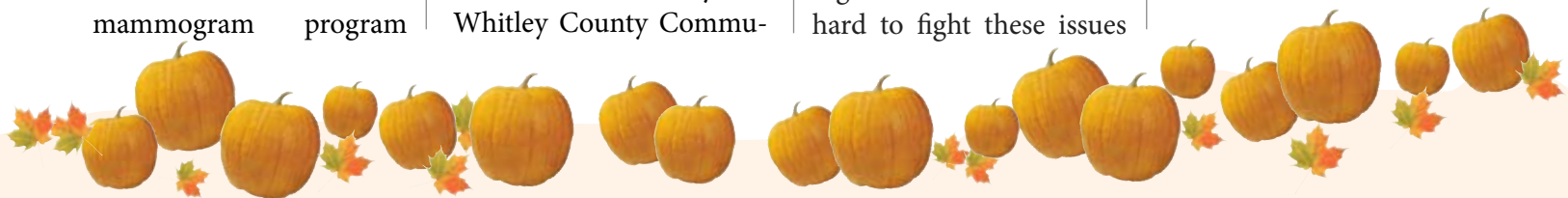
The rules for the fundraiser were simple: all six men would not shave, trim, or wax any facial hair each week for every donation received by the Whitley County Commu-

nity Foundation. Updates on the progress of each man's beard were posted on the Community Foundation's face book page.

"The focus and reason for us doing this is to help women in our community. Most insurance companies do not pay for mammograms and it is an important health issue. We are always trying to find ways to help and give back to our community and as a company we can accomplish this on a greater scale by collaborating with those that work hard to fight these issues

every day. If that means we have an itchy neck and look ridiculous for a month it is a small price to pay," said Lawrence.

To support their Octo-BEARD fundraiser tax-deductible checks can be made payable to the Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City IN 46725 memo: "Octo-BEARD" or donations can be made through PayPal at [www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org) ♥



## Giving Circle Grant Translates Into Beautiful Gift for Young Women

"*Hidaya Neo*" means a beautiful gift in African-- a fitting title for a day dedicated to encouraging young women to be their best selves.

The Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health provided a grant to Eagle Tech Academy to offer the event for their students this fall. The day consisted of six informative sessions: *What to Wear*; *Beautification*; *Be Safe-Be Respected*; *Healthy Life Style*; *Building Me Up*; and *Small Talk & Dining Etiquette*.

"I feel these organized events build students' self-confidence and develops a greater connection with our community. I truly feel we have outstanding community members who are willing to provide life experiences and insight to our students. They have a strong desire to assist in mentoring these young ladies as they transition into adulthood. The grant from the Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health was a key part of our success. Thank you for your generosity!" said Kim Waugh, counselor at Eagle Tech Academy. ♥



# Giving Circle's Free Mammogram Program Continues

The Community Foundation's Giving Circle for Women's Health has announced that for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, certificates for free mammograms are available to Whitley County women who do not have insurance and would not otherwise be able to afford the vital screenings.

Recently local doctor's offices were surprised with cookie gift baskets provided by the Foundation's Whitley County Women's Giving Circle for Women's Health and The Cake Lady, LLC in Columbia City. The Cake Lady, Kim Sedor, generously donated 156 breast cancer awareness themed sugar cookies to help promote the Giving Circle's free mammogram program offered in partnership with Parkview Whitley Hospital. Eight doctors' offices in Columbia City, Churubusco, and South Whitley received a gift basket of cookies and information on how to refer patients in need to the mammogram program.

Any Whitley County resident currently without insurance who is interested in receiving a free mammogram gift certificate should contact Chelsey Barrell, Communications Coordinator of the Community Foundation at 260-244-5224. ♡



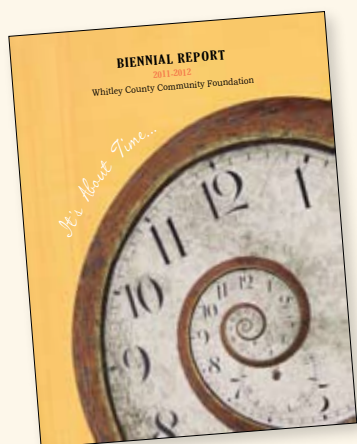
*The Cake Lady, Kim Sedor (left) and Judy Baatz of the Whitley County Women's Giving Circle for Women's Health.*



## Giving Circle Receiving Grant Requests

The Steering Committee for the Whitley County Women's Giving Circle for Women's Health is accepting grant applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, churches, and libraries for programming or projects targeted toward enhancing the health and well being of females residing in Whitley County, Indiana. Grants will be awarded to projects unfolding during the calendar year 2014. The Whitley County Giving Circle for

Women's Health is a component fund of the Whitley County Community Foundation, Inc. and was created to support projects focused on the mental and physical health and well being of Whitley County girls and women. The Giving Circle grant application can be found on the Whitley County Community Foundation's website at [www.whitleycounty-communityfoundation.org](http://www.whitleycounty-communityfoundation.org) or by emailing Chelsey Barrell at [chelseywccf@gmail.com](mailto:chelseywccf@gmail.com). Deadline is Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. ♡



The Community Foundation's most recent Biennial Report is now available. If you did not receive a copy of the report and would like one please contact our office at 260-244-5224. A pdf version of the report is also available by visiting our website at [www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org).

# Internships, A Win-Win Scenario

Recently, the Whitley County Community Foundation's staff has grown to include two interns. IVY Tech student Sarah Horn is studying to become a Paralegal Assistant and assists the Foundation with administrative duties. Her internship is underwritten by a generous grant from Lilly Endowment.

In addition, Columbia City High School junior Ross Elkins walks across the school's parking lot and into an internship here at the Foundation each afternoon. He is involved with data entry and mailings.

These internship positions give students professional experience and networking opportunities as they prepare for careers after graduation. The Foundation benefits by the extra help and youthful energy the students bring to the office.



Sarah Horn



Ross Elkins

Did you know that, as of fall 2013, any employer can apply for support from the State of Indiana to help pay for an intern's salary? The EARN Indiana Program was launched this year to help employers who want interns, but can't afford them, by paying up to 50% of the intern's salary! In addition, applying for this help couldn't be easier. For more information, visit <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2340.htm> 🌱

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*It is the mission of the Whitley County Community Foundation to inspire philanthropy, enrich community and serve donors by creating an enduring source of charitable assets.*

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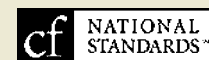
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