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Charitable Interests

Cornerstone campaign gains support, builds momentum

Residents, businesses work together to secure Foundation's future

When their friend Brent Dawes invited Ernie and Kay Peas to a program about the Community Foundation of Wabash County in 2002, they thought the organization only served North Manchester. They went to the meeting prepared to contribute a few hundred dollars. After learning how donors were supporting good works all around the county through the Foundation, Ernie decided that his company, AgroChem, should support the Foundation by creating the AgroChem Unrestricted Endowment.

As a responsible corporate citizen, AgroChem has a charitable goal to "give where the money will bear fruit."

Beyond their generous initial gift, Ernie now contributes his time as a member of the Foundation's Development Planning Committee (DPC). The DPC's goal is to help the Foundation continually grow and thrive.

The DPC currently is focused on achieving the goals of the Foundation's Sustaining Resource Development (SRD) Plan. One goal is to secure \$500,000 for operating endowments through its Cornerstone Endowment campaign.

Earnings from "Cornerstone Endowments," will help pay for electricity, heat, technology, etc. – the basic elements upon which the Foundation builds its day-to-day operations.

The Foundation began implementing its SRD plan in 2005. It was created in response to Lilly Endowment Inc.'s initiative that encourages Indiana's 94 community foundations to become independent and self-sustaining. The overall plan's original deadline was December 31, 2008, but due to current economic conditions, the deadline has been extended until the end of 2009.

As further proof of their support for the Foundation, Ernie and Kay created a cornerstone endowment in their name, and they are not alone...



Ernie & Kay Peas

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Foundation, investment managers guide investments for long term growth

The Community Foundation's Investment Committee will conduct its semiannual meeting with investment managers January 15, 2009. In conjunction with this meeting, the Foundation will hold an **Investment Forum at 8:30 a.m. in the Lahman Room at Manchester College.**

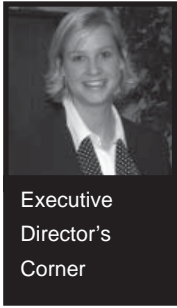
This forum is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Foundation's investment policies and

practices. Participants will be able to ask questions of the Investment Committee, Foundation staff and investment managers from Community First Bank & Trust, First Merchants Trust Company and American Funds.

The Foundation works with professional investment managers to safeguard the money donors have entrusted to it. The Board of Directors' Investment Committee selects manag-

ers based on several key considerations: ethical and financial viability; reputation; quality of reporting; fees for services provided; organizational structure; experience of key personnel; and historical performance in up and down markets.

Please contact Program Assistant Cathy Tudor at 260-982-4824 or cathy@cfwabash.org by January 12 to reserve a seat at the forum.



Executive
Director's
Corner

A founding father's idea can benefit Wabash County

Providing for Wabash County's future may seem like a misplaced effort when today's economy is so uncertain, but the founders of the Community Foundation of Wabash County believed in planning beyond the horizon, and we should too.

Famed founding father, Benjamin Franklin, is known for inventing many things, from the wood stove to bifocals. He also established Colonial America's first fire department, library and hospital, but he didn't do it alone.

Franklin knew he couldn't finance the construction of Pennsylvania Hospital with his money alone, so he asked friends for help. He reasoned that if they could contribute half of the money, he would have a much easier time collecting the remaining funds from the public. The idea was the inspiration for the matching grant fundraiser, now a staple of fundraising campaigns.

The Community Foundation is in the midst of a campaign to build its Cornerstone Endowments, and we are

very fortunate to have donors who share Franklin's giving spirit.

From the beginning of this campaign, an anonymous donor offered to match donations to the Foundation's Cornerstone Endowments \$1 for \$1 up to \$100,000 (until Dec. 31, 2008). I am pleased and excited to announce that another donor has pledged an additional \$50,000, which brings the total potential matching funds to \$150,000!

In this issue of *Charitable Interests*, we learn how such commitment to our community has inspired long-time Wabash County residents Ernie and Kay Peas and businesses, like Bippus State Bank and Crossroads Bank to create named Cornerstone Endowments.

We also have a chance to learn how 10 years of Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s scholarship program have enriched the lives of local students.

While we focus on being able to serve the community in the future, it's

rewarding to see the difference donors' gifts are making in our community today. Programs that foster economic development, offer senior citizens a place to belong, bring music and art to citizens of all ages, and beautify our surroundings (see story below) all benefit because they have received competitive grants from the Foundation. (See pages four and six.)

More than 54 years ago, the Foundation's founding fathers took a single bequest, embraced a new concept and built an organization with a mission to improve life for everyone in Wabash County—whatever the future might bring. It's our turn to join with our friends to build cornerstones for our Foundation and our community's future.

Tracy Trump
Executive Director

North Manchester's America in Bloom program earns national award

"People can see that grants from the Community Foundation of Wabash County go to real projects," says Leesa Metzger of the North Manchester's America in Bloom (AIB) Committee, "We wouldn't ever have started this project if we hadn't gotten a grant from the Foundation."

North Manchester's AIB committee used a \$3,000 grant in 2006 to launch a community beautification project. The committee received an additional \$3,000 grant in 2007 to continue its efforts.

Although Metzger says the real reward is that the community looks better,

it also was gratifying to hear North Manchester announced as the population category winner (5,001-10,000 pop.) and be recognized for Heritage Preservation during the seventh annual AIB Symposium and Awards

Program on Saturday, October 4, in Columbus, Ohio.

AIB is a national campaign and contest that promotes enhancing communities through beautification. In the friendly competition, communities are matched by population and evaluated on their efforts related to floral displays, urban forestry, landscaped areas, turf and ground cover, tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage conservation, and community involvement.

Metzger says another benefit of the program is bringing diverse groups within the community together, such as the North Manchester Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Committee, the North Manchester Garden Club, Main Street, Inc. and many others.

"Involving a range of groups makes us all stronger," says Metzger, "When we work together we get more participation and get bigger projects done faster."



Advice from an expert: how to start your financial plan

National Charitable and estate planning expert Kathryn Miree offered Wabash County residents advice about planning their financial affairs at a recent seminar hosted by the Community Foundation. Her thoughts to consider include:

- The current planning environment is challenging
- Congress is intent on change
- There are many barriers – AND benefits to planning
- Charitable giving is part of our culture
- Integrate personal and charitable planning
- Know what you own, and where it's located
- Make a will – and create other key documents
- You need one or more trusted professional advisors to guide you through the process
- Keep beneficiary designations up to date
- Keep your plan updated
- Effective estate and financial planning takes time and thought
- Begin early – and review your plans often
- Look for ways to maximize lifetime gifts as well as those through your estate
- Always begin by setting personal goals. Look for ways to integrate personal and charitable goals
- Call on the Community Foundation's staff – they represent excellent resources



Kathryn W. Miree
Kathryn W. Miree &
Associates

Visit www.cfwabash.org for more information about Kathryn's insights.

10 years of Lilly Scholars – helping students build dreams

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program began 10 years ago with two goals in mind. The first goal was to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana. The second was to help community foundations enhance the quality of life for state residents by offering scholarships to students in the counties they serve.

In honor of this anniversary, we asked our 25 Lilly Scholars to share their experiences. Read excerpts from some of the responses we received to learn where their education has taken them...

JOHNNY MILLER (Purdue '05). Miller resides in Westfield, Ind. with his wife. He owns and operates Sculpt-U Personal Fitness, a 3,000-square-foot private training facility in Carmel, Indiana. Business is booming, and he is looking into opening up other locations. Miller said, "I have been very blessed in my profession and give credit to the Community Foundation of Wabash County for the opportunity they gave me by helping with my college education. I would not be where I am today without the Lilly Scholarship and a college degree."

BEAUREGARD MIDDAGH (Purdue '08). Middaugh earned bachelors degrees in Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Health. He is pursuing an M.S. at Purdue in Occupational Health and an M.B.A. with a concentration in Business Law at Indiana University, Kokomo. In December, he was awarded a National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOSH) fellowship.

NOELLE PULLIAM (MYERS) (Butler '04). Pulliam is a Communications Editor in the marketing department at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA). She writes for the IMA Blog. She also serves as a board member for the Harrison Center for the Arts – a community-based arts organization that seeks to be a catalyst for renewal in the city of Indianapolis where she and her husband now live.

TARA EADS (Manchester '02). Eads is working as an Assessment Team Specialist at the Parkview Behavioral Health Access Center in Fort Wayne. The biggest change in her life has been the birth of her daughter, Cienna Nicole, in September 2006. Eads still visits family in North Manchester and plans to further her education when Cienna starts pre-school next year.

CATEY DEA ETNER (Grace '06). Etner says, "Looking back on my education, I am blessed to have received it, for I know that I am all the better for it." She and her family live in Winona Lake, Indiana. As appointees with Grace Brethren International Missions, she, her husband and their two sons plan to go Paris, France in 2010 as missionaries.

ASHLEY PENROD (Ball State '06). Penrod is a 5th grade teacher at Sugar Creek Elementary in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She has enjoyed teaching as well as coaching basketball and volleyball at the school. She got married on October 18, 2008.

"I would not be where I am today without the Lilly Scholarship and a college degree."

– Johnny Miller



Community Foundation summer grants total more than \$87,000

In the second grant cycle in 2008, the Foundation awarded \$87,084 to local schools, organizations and groups that are implementing new programs or continuing efforts to serve Wabash County residents.

These grants are awarded from the Foundation's Good Deeds Endowments, which address ever-changing, vital needs in Wabash County.

A committee of local volunteers evaluate grant applications and select recipients. Staff members work with the committee, process grant awards, do site visits, assist with publicity and review grant reports to ensure that donor gifts are used appropriately.

The Foundation offers three grant cycles each year. Deadlines for these cycles are March 15, July 15 and

November 15. The Foundation conducts Write It Right grant writing workshops approximately one month before each deadline.

For information about the Foundation's competitive grants program, contact Assistant Director Shelly Leifer at 260-982-4824 or shelly@cfwabash.org.

GRANTS AWARDED AUGUST 15, 2008

CSNM, Inc.-Garber-Simmons

Adult Center (\$2,000) Rent/Utilities. *Description:* This grant will help offset operational costs at the Center, which exists to build community among older adults (over 55) by providing educational and recreational programs, encouragement and support, volunteer and social opportunities, and an accessible place to build friendships.

Economic Development Group (EDG) (\$5,000) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP).

Description: The EDP is expanding. It serves the entire county through a partnership of not-for-profit entities focused on economic development, community development, education and workforce training.

Education for Conflict Resolution (\$2,355) Peace Learning Program.

Description: The PLP is in its second year at Manchester Community Schools. The intensive one-day program provides practical skills for 4th and 5th graders that teach them to respond to "fouls" such as name-calling, blaming, teasing, harassing, etc., in a way that reduces hostility and moves toward dialogue and peaceful relationships.

Foundation for Art & Music in Elementary Education (\$2,000) Honeywell FAME Festival 2009.

Description: This grant provides partial funding for the third annual FAME festival (April 25, 2009.) The festival celebrates multiculturalism in the arts. This year's theme, Project Green, focuses on art and music in harmony with the earth. Activities will include art exhibits and musical performances by elementary

students, hands-on art projects in the Imaginarium, live professional performances by visiting artists, and demonstrations by local artists and musicians.

Honeywell Foundation (\$10,000) Educational Outreach Program-Arts in Education (EOP). *Description:*

EOP provides arts-in-education experiences for local students in pre-school through high school. The program has five components: the Artist Residency Program, Ford Theater Convocations, Technical Theater Internship Program, Free Family Festivals, and Student Art Exhibits. EOP strives to help meet curriculum requirements as mandated through the Indiana Dept. of Ed.

Honeywell House (\$3,000)

Honeywell House Program Grant. *Description:* The Honeywell House free concert and lecture series consists of approximately 30 events a year. A unique feature of these programs is the post performance receptions, which give guests an opportunity to personally meet artists and performers.

Indiana Lions Foundation-Urbana

Lions Club (\$7,664) Urbana Park Pavilion. *Description:* The pavilion will be used by people from in and around the Urbana Community.

LIFE Center (\$2,125) PEP (Peers Educating Peers). *Description:* The PEP program educates students (ages 12-18) on the importance of abstaining from sex, alcohol, drugs and violence.

Lighthouse Missions (\$10,000) Holiday Food Baskets. *Description:* This grant supplements money

already set aside to provide a projected 1,700 holiday Food Baskets in November and December. Families will receive groceries to prepare a traditional Holiday meal.

Little Friends Day Care (\$497.32)

Little Friends Day Care Goes Green. *Description:* This registered childcare facility will purchase dishes and flatware to use to serve meals and snacks – eliminating the use of paper and Styrofoam products.

Manchester Community Child Care Assoc., Inc.

(\$5,000) Financial Restructure.

Description: The Manchester Early Learning Center is a nonprofit child care that provides quality care to approximately 52 children, ages two months through 12-years-old. This grant will support the organization's goal to restructure its finances and create a sustainable business model.



Manchester Shepherd's Center

(\$2,000) Replace Carpeting. *Description:* This grant will fund new carpet in the meeting room at the Town Life Center. The Center is an

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Building a cornerstone (cont'd)

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Crossroads Bank and Bippus State Bank have demonstrated community leadership by creating the Crossroads Bank Cornerstone Endowment and the Bippus State Bank Cornerstone Endowment, respectively.

“We recognize that the Community Foundation plays an integral part in improving the lives of individuals in Wabash County. Our contribution to the Cornerstone Endowment, combined with that of other donors, will hopefully allow the Foundation to continue that cause for many years to come,” says Crossroads Bank Control-

ler and Assistant Vice President Emily Boardman.

Bippus State Bank Chief Financial Officer David Cunningham acknowledges the Foundation’s crucial role in the community.

“During the past century Bippus State Bank has been able to grow and prosper in no small part due to the health of our local community. We are proud to support an organization like the Foundation that does so much for our community’s future well being,” says Cunningham.

Each dollar of these donations qualifies for matching funds provided as incentive to build Cornerstone Endowments. Recently, a \$50,000 potential matching gift has raised the total amount that can be matched from the initial \$100,000 to \$150,000. These matching funds will apply to donations received by December 31, 2008.

These funds will quietly support the Foundation as it supports good works in the community—the reason Ernie and Kay were drawn to Foundation in the first place.



Community Foundation Executive Director Tracy Trump accepts a check from Emily Boardman and Trisha Metzger of Crossroads Bank to establish the Crossroads Bank Cornerstone Endowment.



Community Foundation Executive Director Tracy Trump accepts a check from Annette Ayres of Bippus State Bank to establish the Bippus State Bank Cornerstone Endowment.

I want to help build a cornerstone for charitable giving in Wabash County.

- I'd like to earn \$1 for \$1 and contribute to the Foundation's Cornerstone Endowment (supports Foundation operations).
- I'd like to contribute to an existing endowment. Please ask us for a list of our more than 200 funds.

- I'd like to establish a new named endowment. Please contact me.

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Grants awarded (cont'd)

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organization for people over 55 to help them sustain and celebrate life.

MCS-Manchester Jr High (\$1,575) Traveling Art Exhibits. *Description:* The Teacher's Discovery company rents huge, brightly colored reproductions of famous paintings. The grant will provide for the rental of one exhibit/month for a total of nine for the 2008-09 school year.

MSD-Metropolitan School District (\$850) World Language Wireless Technology. *Description:* With new World Language textbooks, students will use technology to learn Spanish and French through hands-on activities. These courses not only teach a new language, but cultural diversity and appreciation for a larger world.

Second Harvest Food Bank (\$10,000) Wabash County Tailgate Program. *Description:* Wabash County's needy residents have an additional source of food through the Tailgate Program. This

program supplements the work of the area food pantries.

Wabash County Council on Aging Inc. (\$7,943.14) Service Improvements *Description:* Wabash County Council on Aging, Inc. fosters senior independence and successfully blends the operation of three major programs (Wabash County Transit, Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center and The Food Pantry) under one umbrella, reducing overhead, while maximizing the results. This grant will provide for equipment and software to improve effectiveness.

Wabash County YMCA, Inc. (\$2,000) Staff Training. *Description:* This will fund training for the grand opening of the Wabash County YMCA.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center (\$3,000) 2008 Day of Healing: A Personal and Professional Growth Conference. *Description:* The 16th annual one-day conference is designed to teach people life skills to help them deal with

their present hurts and to prevent future difficulties. Professional counselors and educators present more than 30 elective sessions on a variety of topics.

Wabash Valley Music Association (WVMA) (\$8,775) Wabash County Elementary School Children's Concert. *Description:* This concert introduces classical symphonic music to elementary age children and encourages appreciation and understanding. Approximately 1,800 students from Manchester, Metropolitan and Wabash elementary schools will benefit from this concert, as will senior citizens from the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center were invited to attend.

Wabash Woman's Club House Association (WCH) (\$1,300) Wabash Woman's Club House Program Grant. *Description:* This grant will help underwrite WCH's annual free programming series, serving adults and children. Interest in these programs also aids preservation of the historic building.

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