



Enriching Life. Strengthening Community.

The Putnam County Community Foundation

# INSIGHTS

May 2016

## Board Member Spotlight



### Debbi Christy

Debbi Schimpf Christy was born and raised in Putnam County. She is a Greencastle High School graduate and holds a degree in Early Childhood Education from Indiana University. Currently she is Treasurer and Wellness Coordinator for the West Central Indiana Educational Service Center and acts as the Cooperative Purchasing Coordinator for twenty one area school districts. A traumatic family event provided the fuel for her passion toward developing change with regard to Traumatic Brain Injury. Close to her heart is her involvement with the Rose-Hulman Bio-medical Capstone Team Projects, the Brain Injury Association and remaining an on call resource with the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Outreach. She is also a Corporate Officer for Datamark Development, Inc.

Debbi and her husband Mark have two children, Kaila, a 2010 Indiana University graduate. Kaila is married to Jonathon Harkins and they have two children, Ezra and Clary. Drew, was a Lilly Scholar in 2006 who attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He continues to recover and rehabilitate from the injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in 2008. Debbi considers her greatest accomplishments to date her near thirty year marriage to Mark, her high school sweetheart, and their children who make her smile when they call her Mom.

## May is Scholarship Month!

### Wilkerson Awarded Lilly Scholarship

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship was awarded to Zachary Wilkerson, son of Scott and Beth Wilkerson. This prestigious scholarship will provide full tuition and fees for four years' attendance at any Indiana college or university. Zachary intends to study Computer Science at DePauw University in the fall.

#### Did You Know?

- The Foundation administers over 70 scholarships.
- This year, 106 students are receiving scholarships!
- Each scholarship was started by a generous person, business, or family to encourage students to achieve success.



### Youth Philanthropy Welcomes New Members

The Community Foundation proudly announces the 2016-2017 Youth Philanthropy Committee members:

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| Kaelynn Abner*   | Braden Pershing     |
| Whitney Boswell* | Mary Timm*          |
| Lois Cheatham    | Madison Trout       |
| Ben Gellman      | Rose White          |
| Eric Hinkle*     | Annika Whitlock     |
| Hannah Long*     | Benjamin Wilkerson* |
| Lyndi Parent*    |                     |

\* acknowledges new members



Youth Philanthropy Members at Almost Home fundraising event.

**The goal of the Youth Philanthropy is to educate and encourage young leaders and philanthropists through youth-led, community initiatives.**

### 100+ Men Who Care Give Big to Non-Food Pantry

After meeting on Thursday, March 17 and hearing brief presentations from three local charities, the men voted to award the support to St. Andrews for the Non-Food Pantry. 121 men = \$12,100!



### Give Local Putnam County Day Winner is North Putnam Alumni

Winner of the online giving event, held on May 3rd, was the North Putnam Alumni Association. Congratulations, Cougars!



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