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# The Putnam County Community Foundation

# INSIGHTS

August 2016

## Board Member Spotlight



### Alan Zerkel

Alan retired from the North Putnam Community School Corporation after serving as principal of North Putnam High School from 1993 to 2014. Alan worked in public education for 41 years as a teacher and administrator.

After retiring from North Putnam, he has helped Old National Trail Special Services and Area 30 Career Center on a part time basis. He earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College, a master's degree from Purdue University, and a specialist in education degree from Indiana University.

He is an active member of Roachdale Christian Church, North Putnam Dollars for Scholars, Heritage Lake Government Committee, Putnam County Public Library Board, and the Beyond Homeless Incorporated Board.

Alan and his wife Mary have lived in Putnam County (Floyd Township - Heritage Lake) since 1993. They have two daughters Abby (Warsaw, Indiana) and Amanda (West Lafayette, Indiana). They enjoy reading, traveling, but most of all, spending time with their grandchildren.

## School Days—A Look at Education

### Grant Recipient Spotlights

The Putnam County Community Foundation makes grants to qualified non-profit organizations seeking to make a difference for Putnam County and its residents. The following programs and organizations recently received funding for exciting educational offerings and opportunities.

#### Ivy Tech ASAP Program

This spring, Ivy Tech Community College was awarded \$21,000 for technology for their pilot ASAP (Associate Accelerated Program) in Greencastle. This program, which started in June, will provide Ivy Tech students with the opportunity to earn their associate degrees and begin their careers in one year or transfer credits to a four-year college to continue their education. To learn more about this exciting new program, contact Amanda at [aostoich@ivytech.edu](mailto:aostoich@ivytech.edu).



#### Castlemakers Launch



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#### Dr. Robert H. Farber Endowment for Education

Putnam County's Endowment for Education seeks to build a culture of learning through funding programs and projects that are results focused. Dr. Robert H. Farber initiated the Endowment in 2003. While volunteering in the community, he and his wife, Vera May, became concerned by the number of children unable to read at grade level. Bob and Vera believe that everyone in Putnam County must work together to foster the values, skills, and knowledge our young people need to be successful in life. This fund has awarded \$20,969 in grants to our community!



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