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The Putnam County Community Foundation will accept applications for up to \$1,000 to strengthen and enrich neighborhoods in Putnam County. Research indicates that neighborhood connectedness and sociability have many public benefits including: increased support for vulnerable families; rejuvenated neighborhoods; reduced crime; reduced child injuries and neglect; reduced demand for formal public and non-profit services; and enhanced quality of life.

During these uncertain economic times, everyone has to pull together and find new ways to support each other and the community. Putnam County citizens have always been amazingly supportive of each other. We've always been independent and innovative in solving problems. My hope is that this opportunity enhances the closeness of our community and increases our appreciation of all that we have to enjoy and all that we have to offer our children and our grandchildren.

Applications are due May 1, 2009 and are available online at www.pcfoundation.org or in the Community Foundation office.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to administer funds, award grants and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 175 funds for donors supporting a variety of charities. To obtain additional information, contact the office at 765.653.4978 or visit the website at www.pcfoundation.org.