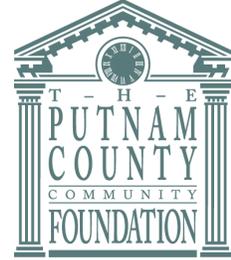


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Headline: New Association to Serve Putnam County Citizens

The Putnam County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Board Members of the Putnam County Hospice and Palliative Care Association have been elected and approved. Board Members are Danise Baird, Brian Black, Mike Faust, Michael Goss, Scott Herrick, Pam Lage, Cindy Little, Lisa Miller, Julianne Miranda, Tony Mundell, Elaine Peck, Joni Perkins, Ron Price, John Savage, Barbara South, Holly Wachtel, and Dennis Weatherford.

The mission of the Putnam County Hospice and Palliative Care Association is to enhance the quality of life and reduce suffering by increasing the number of Putnam County residents who experience the benefits of utilizing hospice and palliative care services. This will be accomplished through education of medical care providers and Putnam County residents and by providing support, care coordination, and navigational resources. People will also be educated about the importance of establishing advanced care planning documents.

Identification and election of board members was an important step toward bringing the mission into reality and resulted after ten months of planning conducted by the Community Foundation, the Putnam County Hospital and other community stakeholders. “The Community Foundation is so pleased to be instrumental in helping people learn about these important services,” said Elaine Peck, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. “Hospice and palliative care provide so many benefits to those persons approaching the end of life journey as well as to their families.” Peck added that Association activities and services are slated to begin in 2016.

Peck stated the Board of the Community Foundation has committed funding for the pilot project for three years. If the Association is successful in its efforts, another multi-year commitment will be considered. Funding is provided by the Putnam County Hospice Endowment, a field of interest endowment established by Mary Louise Miller, a DePauw faculty member, who passed away in 2007. The Board of the Community Foundation strives to fulfill her charitable intentions and award grants that represent the highest and best use of her donation.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to serve donors, award grants, and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. To obtain additional information about the services offered by the Community Foundation, contact Elaine Peck at 765.653.4978 or epeck@pcfoundation.org.