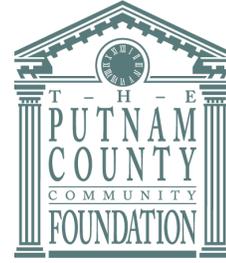


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Community Foundation Recognizes Latest Grantees

Greencastle, IN – December 2, 2016–Putnam County Community Foundation Executive Director Elaine Peck greeted an early morning crowd to celebrate the Community Foundation’s 2016 Fall Grant Awards Breakfast. Peck gratefully acknowledged the Breakfast sponsor: First National Bank. The Breakfast was catered by Almost Home and held in the Community Room of Area 30 Career Center.

Susan Lemon, Chair of the Community Foundation’s Grants Committee thanked donors to unrestricted and field of interest endowments that make grant awards possible. Lemon acknowledged and thanked the work of Grants Committee members who give many hours in making decisions for awarding grants. She stated, “Application requests generally total four times the amount available for grant awards.”

Dean Gambill, Director of Community Development, announced that \$63,491.22 was awarded from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted, field of interest and donor advised funds. Gambill explained that three different types of grants are awarded: Endowment Builder Grants, Community Grants and Youth Philanthropy Grants. Each has its own application and requirements.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear from representatives of three organizations who received grants and learn about their projects. Vivian Whitaker spoke for Cloverdale Dollars for Scholars about the impact that Endowment Builder grants have made on the organization and its ability to provide scholarships for Cloverdale graduates.

Beth Waterman, principal at Roachdale Elementary reverted to teacher mode as she read *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* The book is part of a character building program which has begun at the school. The Community Grant will purchase of additional literary works and incentives to help fill student buckets with kind words and actions.

Miranda Williams, a sophomore at IUPUI, told those gathered of the project she has completed at Camp Friend. Miss Williams identified 16 tree species at the camp and placed identification markers beside each tree. The metal markers identify the tree, show a picture of the leaf and include a QR code. Using a smart phone to scan the QR code, a user can access the Wikipedia page for that specific tree. Also, as a courtesy to hikers, four markers identify poison ivy. Williams received a Summit Award from Venture Scouts as a result of her project

The organization receiving a 2016 Fall Endowment Builder Grants is:

\$5,000.00	Cloverdale Dollars for Scholars
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To qualify for an Endowment Builder Grant an organization must establish or have an existing endowment with the Community Foundation and submit a fundraising plan to build the endowment. The Community Foundation matches one dollar for every two dollars that the organization raises.

Community and Field of Interest Grants

\$7,725.00	Area 30 Career Center	Support and maintenance for a vehicle with air brakes for CDL classes
\$4,500.00	Foundation for Autism Resources	Provide resources for underserved children with autism
\$10,000.00	Friend of the Greencastle Fire Department	Renovate and update fire education "smokehouse"
\$20,000.00	Greencastle/Putnam County Development Center	Support for 2017
\$2,000.00	Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County	Install new clock and clock faces on the Putnam County Courthouse
\$400.00	Mental Health America of Putnam County	Support for Puppet Power program
\$3,000.00	New Life Connections	Purchase roofing materials for facility to host substance abuse programming
\$700.00	North Putnam Community Schools	Implement "every child, every day, whatever it takes" character education program at Roachdale Elementary

A grant from the Sherman and Maria Fund, a donor advised fund administered by The Putnam County Community Foundation to Greencastle Community Schools was also recognized. This grant of \$6666.22 was used to update the computer equipment in the Alternative Education classroom at Greencastle High School.

Seven Youth Philanthropy Grants were recognized totaling \$3,500.00. These grants are for youth-led community service projects. The 2016 Fall Youth Philanthropy Grant recipients are:

\$500.00	Camp Friend	Place tree identification marker's at Camp Friend- Miranda Williams
\$500.00	Camp Friend	Construct playground at Camp Friend- Nick Duggan
\$500.00	First Christian Church	Cleanup trail and install signs at Fern Cliff- Craig Helmers
\$500.00	Greencastle Community Schools	Construct Sun Shades at GHS Soccer Fields- Whitney Weinschenk

\$500.00	Greencastle Parks and Recreation	Rebuild shelter at Jaycees Park- Sean Ramey
\$500.00	Greencastle Community Schools	Purchase robot kits for use in competitions -GHS Robotics Club
\$500.00	North Putnam Community Schools	Purchase equipment for unified sporting activities- NPHS Champions Together

For information about applying for an Endowment Builder Grant, a Community Grant, or a Youth Philanthropy Grant, visit www.pcfoundation.org or contact Dean Gambill, Community Development Director, at 765-653-4978. 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.

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