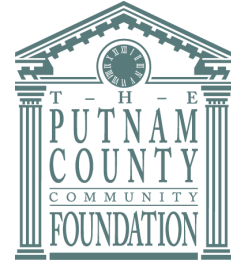


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Spring Grant Awards Made by Community Foundation

Greencastle, IN – June 2, 2017–Putnam County Community Foundation Board President Ken Eitel greeted an early morning crowd of nearly 75 to celebrate the awarding of \$122, 923.61 in grants at the 2017 Spring Grant Awards Breakfast. Eitel 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 the awards from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted and field of interest 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. Michelle Boller, Executive Director of Beyond Homeless Inc., spoke about a Community Grant which was used to purchase a cash register system, baskets and pricing equipment which allowed them to open a new thrift store. Boller continued by telling those in attendance that she has been an advocate of endowments even before she interviewed over a year ago. The Endowment Builder Grant that Beyond Homeless has received allows them to grow their endowment fund more quickly. Both of these grants will help them with sustainability into the future by providing funding for the shelter.

Whitney Boswell, president of Putnam 4-H Horse & Pony Club, gave an impressive presentation informing those gathered about the Spark 4-H Horse Education Day. At the camp, youth will be paired with a horse and handler as they go through the day learning about horse care, nutrition, handling and safety.

The final presentation of the morning was made by Bob Hershberger, president of the Family, Youth and Child Development Program. The organization was the recipient of a Community Grant from the Foundation in June 2016 to replace the roof and flooring of the Crown Street Community Center. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he told how the grant was used to make the community center more weather proof and replace aging floors which allows the Community Center to hosts groups with dignity.

The organizations receiving 2017 Spring **Endowment Builder Grants** are:

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Beyond Homeless, Inc	\$4,000
Greencastle Civic League	\$5,500
Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County	\$2,500

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.

Spring 2017 Community and Field of Interest Grants

Beyond Homeless	\$2,000
Friends of the PC Public Library	\$5,000
Gobin Memorial UM Church.....	\$2,000
Gleaners Food Bank.....	\$5,000
Greencastle Presbyterian Church—SAWS.....	\$10,000
Mental Health America of PC.....	\$2,500
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PC Comprehensive Services	\$2,500
PC Family Support Services	\$5,000
PC Purdue Extension Services.....	\$3,500
PC Youth Development Commission.....	\$2,500
St. Andrews (PC Non-food Pantry)	\$3,000
PCCECA—The Castle.....	\$20,000
PC Nonprofits (Grant Workshop).....	\$4,750

Two **Youth Philanthropy Grants** were recognized totaling \$1,000.00. These grants are for youth-led community service projects. The 2017 Spring Youth Philanthropy Grant recipients are:

NPHS Key Club.....	\$500
Putnam 4-H Horse & Pony Club	\$500

Additionally, two previously awarded multi-year grants were presented.

Greencastle/ Putnam County Development Center	\$20,000
Putnam County Hospice & Palliative Care Association.....	\$32,173.61

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.