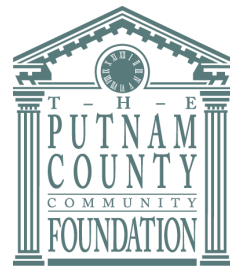


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### **Youth Philanthropy Night at Almost Home Sets Record**

Almost Home Restaurant and owner Gail Smith recently hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Putnam County Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Committee fundraiser. On Thursday night, March 8, diners enjoyed a wonderful meal and the pleasure of having Youth Philanthropy Committee members assist servers for the evening.

All tips and donations from the evening went towards building the Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Endowment which provides some of the funding needed for the Committee's grant creating activities. This year's event raised a record \$3,600.27 bringing the ten year total to over \$20,000. All funds go into the Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Endowment to provide funding for youth led projects now and into the future.

Since its inception in 2006, the Youth Philanthropy Committee has provided over \$30,000 in funding to over 60 youth-led projects in Putnam County. If you were unable to attend but still wish to support this effort, donations to the Youth Philanthropy Endowment may be made online, by mail or in the Community Foundation office at 2 South Jackson, Greencastle.

The Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Committee is comprised of students from each of the county's four high schools who exhibit leadership and a desire to serve. Members of the 2017-18 Youth Philanthropy Committee are Mason Allen, Gayle Baugh, Garrison Bock, Whitney Boswell, Ben Gellman, Eric Hinkle, Hannah Long, Jaxon Parnley, Lillian Rambis, Mary Timm, Rose White, Annika Whitlock and Ben Wilkerson.

For more information about the Youth Philanthropy program at the Community Foundation, please contact Dean Gambill at 765-653-4978. If you are a youth interested in serving, applications for 2018-19 committee membership are available online and due by **March 23**. For youth completing a service project and looking for funding, forms are available for download at [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org).

*The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to help donors establish endowments, award grants, and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation has been entrusted with more than 279 funds and endowments for donors, supporting a variety of charitable purposes. To learn how to start your own endowment, visit [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org) or contact the office at 765.653.4978.*

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