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Anne Morrow Lindbergh*



2010 Annual Report

To the LCCF community:

A priest left a large bequest to the Sacred Heart School Tuition Endowment Fund at the Kosciusko County Community Foundation when he died in 2010.

The monsignor was well known at the foundation office where he would stop by and sit in the lobby to chat with the receptionist and hear the latest news of what was happening with the organization. He would then talk with the executive director about the community as a whole as well as the foundation, write a check to the fund, and be on his way.

"I always thought it would have been so much easier for him to mail us the check," said the foundation's executive director, after receiving news of the bequest. **"But now I know he wasn't just giving us a gift, he was being a good steward and checking us out. He wanted to be sure we were doing a good job."**

We know that you, our faithful LaGrange County donors, are also good stewards who want to check us out to be sure we are doing a good job, but you may not be in the habit of dropping by the office for a visit. So, we invite you to pull up a chair and look through this report. We hope you'll feel as though you are sitting in our office at 109 E. Central Ave. in LaGrange.

We want you to know that 2010 brought the birth of the LCCF Heart of Gold Award. When the first award recipient, Dave Clark, was asked why he is involved in volunteer work, he said without hesitation, "Personal satisfaction. I do it because it needs to be done."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh said, "To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own." So why would we

initiate an award to draw notice to a community volunteer?

We believe Dave provides an excellent example to follow: Find a service that needs to be done, do it, and experience the personal satisfaction of accomplishing something that matters.

Although Dave is definitely not seeking notoriety, drawing attention to his efforts reminds us all that there is much to be done, that one individual motivated to serve can accomplish amazing things, and that serving others makes life rich.

The launch of LCCF's Heart of Gold Award was just one milestone of 2010—a year that also saw:

- \$244,000 in scholarships awarded to county young people (see page 4)
- \$11,845.50 awarded in LIFE Grants (page 3)
- A challenge grant to Shipshewana Ministerial Association to assist families in that area needing help (page 3).

We are grateful to each one who joined us in sustaining the generosity, leadership and service which continue to improve life in our county. We believe our report will assure you that we are doing a good job, and that you will want to continue to partner with us in the future. If you find a spare moment, don't hesitate to drop by our office for a personal conversation.

Hoping to see you soon,



Paul Johnston
Board President



Laura Lemings
Executive Director

First Heart of Gold recipient: Meet Dave Clark

It is not easy for David Clark to talk about the LCCF Heart of Gold Award he received last November without showing his emotions. "It was hard," he said when asked how he felt about receiving the acclaim. He quickly changed the focus saying, "The best part was being able to give the grant money back to Council on Aging (COA) to build more ramps."

Dave's passion for making life easier for seniors and people with physical disabilities dovetails with his profession—building custom houses and renovating existing homes, especially bathrooms. His work led naturally to involvement with LaGrange County Council on Aging. He spent time in Indianapolis taking classes through the national homebuilder's association to earn certification as an Aging in Place Specialist. The class included occupational therapists, physical therapists, builders and others who discussed information and ideas including floor plans, space planning and modifications to make homes accessible for home owners with challenges.



Modular ramps improve life for seniors and others with disabilities.

After Dave joined the board of directors of Council on Aging, an organization focused on enabling seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible, he also became chair of an Aging in Place subcommittee which seeks ways to ensure the community remains an inviting place for people of all ages.

A ramp project was initiated modeled on one in Minnesota. "Why would we need to recreate the wheel?" Dave asked. COA owns modular ramps which are loaned to homeowners who are responsible for their care and maintenance as long as the ramps are needed. When the homeowner no longer needs it, parts are recycled.

Dave is pleased that Dr. Phil Stafford, director of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University, made a visit to LaGrange County. "The visit opened the door for conversation with the county commissioners," he said. Dave is bothered by the fact that 54 people were left with unmet needs last month.

"Every 20 seconds someone is turning 65 years old," David Clark says, "and we all know that one day we'll be at that same place."

Grant match aids families affected by recession

As 2010 neared the end, the economy remained stalled in LaGrange County. Basic needs of families throughout the county continued to be an area of concern of the LCCF Board of Directors. From previous experience they knew that the county Ministerial Associations are able to quickly respond when families have unmet basic needs. The LCCF Board of Directors offered a challenge grant to the Shipshewana Ministerial Association to raise \$1,000 in November for their Community Emergency fund and the community foundation would match the community gifts dollar for dollar. All gifts came to the community foundation's Good Samaritan Fund which was established to assist with basic human needs in our county.

Kim Mishler, secretary for the Shipshewana Ministerial association, reported that so far this year 17 families received assistance with rent payments, necessary dental work, electric, water and sewage bills, gas money, grocery money and propane tank fills during the long cold winter.

"We are thrilled beyond belief...this money will be used to help so many people," said Mishler, when the award was announced.

The grant challenge had barely been announced at the Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association monthly meeting when

the Shipshewana Lions Club came forward with a generous gift. Other donations followed from local families. The challenge opportunity was a success and the Shipshewana Ministerial Association received a grant from the community foundation for \$3,125 for their Community Emergency fund.



LIFE members practice philanthropy

LIFE philanthropy group members approved recommendations to the community foundation board of directors for \$11,845.50 in grant money to be awarded to various groups serving LaGrange County citizens during 2010.

Spring 2010 grants were awarded to: United Fund of LaGrange County for quiz bowl study guides for 5th and 6th graders; Purdue Extension for a free junior golf clinic; Prairie Heights Leo Club for the Boomerang Backpack program at Milford Elementary School; and Mongo Community Association for the Mongo summer parks program.

Fall 2010 grants went to: Early Childhood Alliance for parents as Teachers training; Lakeland High School for a functional skills disability awareness Relay for Life; LaGrange Communities Youth Centers for after school programs for middle school youth; LaGrange County Parks Department for summer park programs; Mongo Community Development Association for

winter activities at Mongo park; Prairie Heights Leo Club for the Boomerang Backpack program at Prairie Heights School.

The LIFE youth philanthropy group consists of a representative from each

grade, 8 through 12, from the three county public high schools, plus Howe School. Members are selected in 8th grade and serve until graduation from high school.

In addition to recommending grants to the LCCF Board of Directors, the LIFE group participates in service projects at their monthly meetings. LIFE invites representatives of community nonprofit organizations to make presentations explaining the organization's role in the community.

Investments make strong gain

The 2010 audit has confirmed that LCCF investments are recovering from losses incurred during the recent recession. Total assets grew over 1 million dollars in 2010, reaching the \$9 million mark.

The complete LaGrange County Community Foundation financial summary will be posted online at our website, www.lccf.net as soon as it is available. To view you will need to click "About Us" and then "Financial Review."

A print copy will be available at our office at 109 E. Central Ave., Ste. 3, LaGrange, IN, 46761, or call 260-463-4363 to request a mailed copy.



LIFE members planning for upcoming school year.

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Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship
Corey Greider
Matthew Terry Memorial Scholarship
Austin Brown
Joseph J. Willard Memorial Scholarship
Carl Welker



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The LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to serve residents of LaGrange County. The foundation assists donors from all walks of life who want to create interest earning funds to improve the community they care about. The foundation currently manages assets of nearly \$10 million and awards grants and scholarships to local non-profit organizations and individuals (scholarships only).

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2010 community foundation scholarship recipients

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Derick Shipe

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Samantha Jacobs

Kevin Lewis Memorial Scholarship
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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
Sara Eaton, Lora Hodgen

L.I.F.E. Scholarship
Darren Engleking, Morgan McFarren, Matthew Grady, Samantha Jacobs

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Kelsey Bennett

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Stephanie Miller

Prairie Heights Student Council Leadership Scholarship
Lydia Lochamire

Duane & Heide Rheinheimer Scholarship
Blaine Harden, John Warren

Schlemmer Scholarship
Kerstinn Tropp

Terry Schmidt Basketball Scholarship
John Sirk

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Enclosed is my tax contribution to LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION in the amount of \$_____.

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Please notify the following that a gift has been made in his or her name(s):

Name:_____

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I would like my gift to go to the following fund:

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