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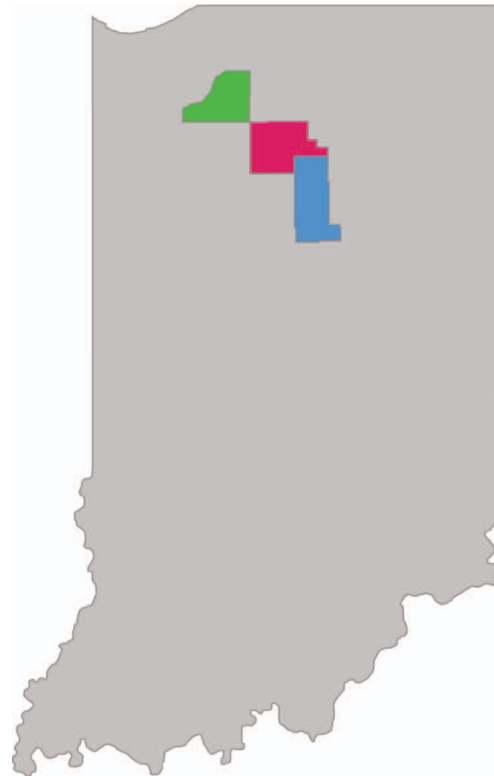
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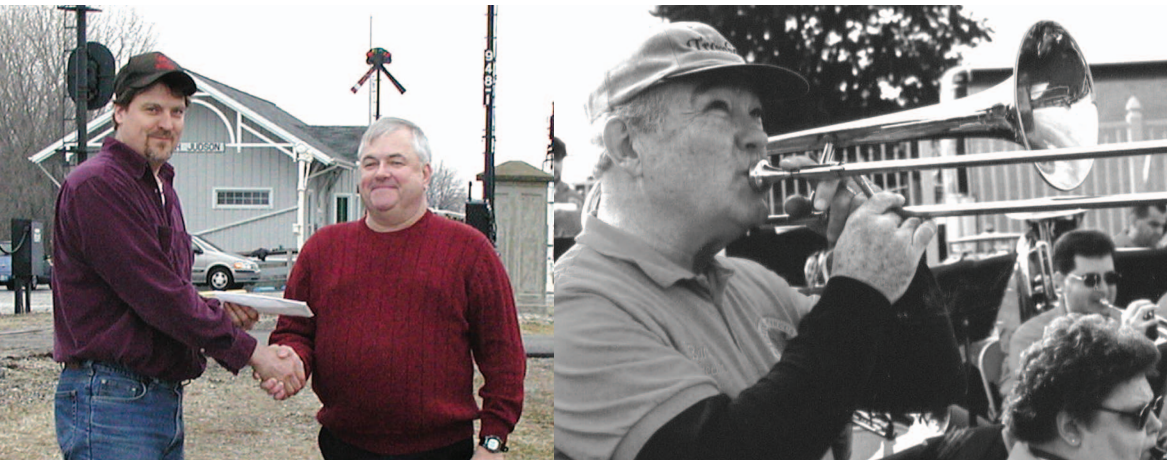
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We made every effort to have this annual report be an accurate and complete representation of 2009. Any omissions are accidental.



Dear Friends of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation Inc.,

Occasionally, we run across a quote that clarifies something important. Recently, a quote crossed my path that puts what Northern Indiana Community (NICF) and its county affiliates do in a broader perspective.

We live in a community and a world in which it is easy to wonder how we can each make a difference when things seem impossible and out of control. The writer George Kirstein perhaps expresses it best: "Apart from the ballot box, philanthropy presents the one opportunity the individual has to express his meaningful choice over the direction in which our society will progress." This, at its core, is what NICF does: helping local organizations and programs create the kind of community that nurtures and sustains its citizens.

NICF continues proudly in the footsteps of a few far-sighted people who founded the organization in 1993. The dream of our founding board members was to create a solid philanthropic institution that would build community connections and engage increasing numbers of people to share the joy that comes from charitable giving that matters in the Indiana communities we represent.

Sixteen years have passed, and NICF has many wonderful success stories under its belt. Private donations have increased consistently since the organization was formed, and our endowment funds have increased from the original \$25,000 to more than \$15 million. In 2009, more than \$1.7 million was distributed to a full spectrum of organizations and scholarships in Fulton, Starke and Miami counties.

These numbers only tell a small part of the NICF story. The real stories come from the lives that are touched by the generosity of our donors in addition to the work of the community organizations and causes we are fortunate to support with grant dollars and other forms of assistance.

As President of the NICF Board of Directors, it has been my privilege to work with an excellent staff, a diverse and committed volunteer board, and an outstanding group of leaders on the local boards in each of our counties. Together, through careful stewardship and investment, we are building tremendous resources that will enrich the region's future. Thank you for choosing us to be the stewards of your philanthropic giving. With great appreciation and admiration, we thank you for your generosity and for your partnership with us.

Sincerely,

Susan Perkins

NICF President

Jeri Johnson

Executive Director



HOW WE CAN HELP YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

A **Community Foundation** is a vehicle for people of all means to make a lasting difference in their community. The central purpose of a Community Foundation is to serve the needs and philanthropic aims of donors who wish to better their community, now and in the future. Community Foundations do this by providing donors with flexible, efficient and tax-effective ways to ensure their charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

The concept of a community foundation is as ingenious as it is simple; it is a means to build, over time, substantial endowment funds for a community through contributions large and small.

Because these contributions are endowed, they are never spent. Instead, they are permanently invested to produce income. The income earned is then used to help meet the community's charitable needs - from social work to art and culture. **So gifts to a community foundation continue to benefit your community forever.**

All contributions to the Community Foundation are **tax exempt**. Some donors are able to claim larger tax deductions on gifts to Community Foundations than they are on gifts to their own private foundation.

You can:

- Set up individual funds in your own name or the name of a loved one and have as much or as little control as you wish.
- Choose to contribute to a variety of existing funds. Community Foundations have a general endowment fund designed to benefit projects that are determined to have the greatest need.

The Northern Indiana Community Foundation represents a wide variety of ideas and interests of individual donors who have united in a common purpose — **the bettering of the community both now and in the future.**



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ELEANOR G. HAMBLIN

A teacher passes on her love for learning and giving

More than 50 years – that’s how long Starke County resident Eleanor G. Hamblin strove to improve the minds of children inside and outside of the classroom. She also never hesitated to lend a helping hand wherever she went.

During her 36-year teaching career, she was an adviser to nearly every student club. She could often be found combing through books and other media, quenching her insatiable thirst for knowledge. She wanted to pass on her passion of learning to her students, so she reached out to those who were struggling in school and those who shared her passion for learning. When a student would request additional help, she was more than willing to stay after class and offer guidance.

Consequently, she easily won over her students as evidence of the holiday cards she received from many graduates. Many of her former students stayed in touch because she had made such a powerful impact during their years in the classroom.

Eleanor went against the norm for women during her time as a teacher. She gracefully managed a career and family, something that was uncommon at that time, says Jane Hamblin, Eleanor’s daughter.

“My mother was a Renaissance woman,” says Jane. “She wasn’t just a stay-at-home mother, but also provided for her family.”

Eleanor’s professional life was a direct reflection of who she was in her personal life. Described as a giving person, Eleanor would always bake cookies for a new neighbor or prepare a meal for a friend in distress. Her actions made her a community leader and local hero.

When Eleanor passed away in 2006, Jane wanted to honor her mother, a woman who contributed to so much in the community. Because of Eleanor’s constant drive to better the community, Jane wanted to honor her mother’s commitment.

“After my mother’s death, I wanted to create a scholarship to help some young person go to college and attain their dreams,” Jane says.

In 2008, Jane got to see the scholarship come to fruition, as she presented the award to students, watching smiles stretch across their faces as they received the much needed money to further their education. Nothing is more fitting to honor Eleanor Hamblin than a scholarship in her honor that annually supports a Starke County resident’s pursuit of knowledge in an institution of higher education.

Jane says using the Community Foundation to handle the funds was the best decision to continue her mother’s work through charitable donations and to honor her mother’s legacy.

**“I’VE BENEFITTED FROM
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-JANE HAMBLIN



“I loved growing up in Starke County. I’ve benefitted from the giving of other people,” Jane says. “I want to return the favor.” 🌈

HELPING SCIENCE COME ALIVE

Local students explore the fascinating world of forensics thanks to NICF

During the summer of 2009, Starke County middle school students explored the world of crime scene investigation. On June 15, Purdue North Central gave Starke County students the chance to explore the world of forensic science in a pilot project during a five day camp. The purpose of the program was to increase awareness and stimulate student interest in science and health-related issues and create a long-term goal of encouraging more students to pursue careers in health science professions.

The project was designed by Christine Brletic, the associate director of the Northwest Indiana's Area Health Education Center in close collaboration with Dr. Nancy Marthakis an associate professor of biology at Purdue North Central as part of the "Grow Our Own" program.

Research shows that by stimulating natural curiosity at K-8 educational levels, students are more likely to explore science-based educational opportunities that are directly related to pursuing careers in the health and medical professions.

"The reason we started the Grow Our Own program in Starke County is because it is a health profession shortage area," says Christine, explaining that PNC's goal of educating middle school students about the health field. "If we continue to foster their interest, they are more likely to pursue health careers and then come back and practice in the community from which they came."

The program's activities focus on faculty and health care providers working with children to create innovative and enriching experiences that establish lifetime mentors and relationships.

The program aims to increase student's biology knowledge, problem solving skills and scientific literacy.

Seventeen students participated in the five day program on the Purdue University North Central campus. Throughout the week, they explored microbiology using equipment and materials in the college laboratory. Students visited the



Students participate in one of many activities designed to foster interest and cultivate learning in health-related fields.

human cadaver lab where they observed, identified and touched the internal organs of a donor. They also learned about the human circulatory system and were allowed to participate in an outdoor staged crime scene where they were challenged to locate and identify human body parts.

"I loved the fake blood," says student Ahsley Fields. "We got to learn what blood is made of."

Students say what made them want to return next year was the immense fun they had thanks to the unique opportunity that was made available because of charitable organizations like the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

Kemble Manning says he is considering a career in biomedical engineering because of his involvement in this course.

"I wanted to learn about Starke Memorial Hospital, to see what goes on there, and see if the medical field is what I want to be in," he says.

Students are already excited for next year's program.

"What we are trying to do," Christine says, "is inspire kids to consider the health care and science fields while providing them with some basic knowledge, so when they choose one of those fields, they are more prepared when they come into the college environment." 🌱

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-CHRISTINE BRLETIC



This is the first year PNC has offered the forensics program. They hope to offer it again in 2010.



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Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum	1,725
Psi Iota Xi Sorority	1,000
Starke County Choralaires	650
Starke County Historical Society	893

EDUCATIONAL

Ancilla College	5,700
Knox Community School Corporation	2,829
Knox Middle School	300
North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library	2,902
Oregon-Davis Elementary School	336
Purdue University Calumet	8,800
Railroad Township/San Pierre Alumni - scholarships	340
SCILL Center - scholarships	471
SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church	239
St. Peter Lutheran School Endowment Fund	1,082
Starke County Public Library	354
Starke County Scholarship Foundation - scholarships	1,108
Starke United Inc.	2,000

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana/Michiana Inc.	2,500
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LaSalle Council B.S.A.	2,500
Starke County 4H Council	678

HUMAN SERVICE

Coalition Against Domestic Abuse Inc.	803
Community Services of Starke County Inc.	5,441
Davis Wesleyan Church	519
Love Inc.	750
Marshall/Starke Development Center Inc.	548
North Judson United Methodist Church	621
SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church	593
St. Vincent De Paul Society	2,441
Starke County Humane Society	3,650

RECREATION

Friends of the Park Association of Knox	2,500
North Judson Park & Recreation Board	1,010

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fletcher Cemetery Association	2,000
NICF Starke County Distribution to Funds	6,880
NICF SC Operations	34
North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department	7,232
Starke County Chamber of Commerce	425
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AMANDA DRUDGE

Giving others the power to change the world

Amanda Drudge discovered her passion for missionary work when her pastor informed her about the immense poverty and disparity in Haiti. Being the kind-hearted and altruistic person she was, she wanted to travel to the island and help the local children. Sadly, on Sept. 12, 1997 before she could travel to Haiti, Amanda was involved in a fatal car accident just a quarter of a mile from her home. But her legacy lived on.



During her funeral service, her pastor talked about the idea of establishing a memorial fund in Amanda's honor to benefit individuals who demonstrated a strong desire to serve the community through their church.

What spurred the Amanda Drudge Scholarship and Missionary Fund was a large and unexpected anonymous donation. This kind act prompted a small group of community members to make the Community Foundation the holder of the funds, which qualified the money as tax-exempt.

"We chose the Community Foundation because we believe they will carry out our wishes," says Darlene Drudge, Amanda's mother. "We support it. We believe in what they do."

At that time, the Community Foundation was able to get a match dollar for dollar from the Lilly Endowment of all donated money. But the Drudges also wanted to help the community as a whole as well. So it was decided that the money would be invested in order to not only help adults and students, but the entire community.

"I think that anyone who has any desire to do anything in the community should help as best as they can," Darlene says. "Even if you can't set up a fund with a lot of money, donate to funds that are already set up in memory of others because it does a great service to the community."

The Amanda Drudge Scholarship and Missions Fund has funded a variety of community efforts. Missionaries have been able to work all over the globe, spreading the gift of hope, altruism and kindness – qualities that exemplified Amanda.

"She could have never touched thousands of people in 12 years by herself," Darlene says, "but this fund has. It's been a very interesting and rewarding blessing for us to have this fund."

The fund also acts as a scholarship fund and enables students to further their education in an institution of higher education and also aids students in fulfilling their goals and Amanda's dreams.

"Sometimes I have trouble believing someone would give money with no strings attached and never ask a question. But they do," Darlene says. "It's taught me more about the need for philanthropy, what can be accomplished, and just how wonderful people really are."

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-DARLENE DRUDGE



CAMP WE CAN: VOLUNTEERING FOR OTHERS

Volunteers give time and money, hands and hearts to benefit special needs individuals

Laughter echoed from the campgrounds at the Geneva Center near Rochester as a tapestry of volunteers and campers donning colored shirts speckled the area. Some rode horses. Some took aim at bowling pins. Others danced or made tie-dye T-shirts. But everyone wore a smile.

CAMP WE CAN, held during the summer, is a day designed for special needs individuals so they can experience a fun and positive social environment with a camp atmosphere. The camp had its seventh birthday during the summer of 2009.

“Around here, camp emphasis is on ability not disability,” says Teri Carr, one of the camp’s directors. “We want each of our campers to feel like they are king or queen for the day.”

And that’s exactly what entices campers like Madysen Wagoner, who says she loves coming to camp every year.

“It’s so much fun,” she says. “I love the tie-dye.”

Another camper wore his camp shirt to bed the day before camp because he couldn’t wait to go, Teri says.

“You would be blown away by the number of comments we get back from parents or caregivers or the campers themselves,” Teri says. “The next day, they are leaving and they say, ‘I’ll be ready for next year.’”

The camp was formed because Teri’s youngest child, Sidneigh, wanted to participate in camps like her older sisters but could not because she was a special needs child. So in 2002, Teri along with her sister, Jodie Simpson, and local special education teacher, Tina Hackworth, created a camp just for children with special needs. The first year, eight campers attended the camp, but since then, it has expanded rapidly. 2010’s camp will be the first to feature a day just for adults.

The number of volunteers has also increased dramatically. So much so, that there are at

least two volunteers for every camper. Garth Simpson, a seven-year volunteer, says it’s inspiring to see so many people willing to help.

“You come out here, you make a difference, have a great day, and you feel good about yourself because you are helping someone else achieve their goals,” he says.

Another volunteer, Ryleigh Carr, says the camp is a unique experience that campers in Indiana can’t get elsewhere.

“You can’t put a price, statement or word on how valuable this is to the community,” she says. “For the kids, from the minute they arrive to

the minute they leave, this is the thing they look forward to every year.”

Ryleigh says the grants and donations are an integral part of the camp and that they couldn’t provide a special day for campers without the assistance of organizations like the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

“Monetary gifts enable us to help these kids and provide for them,” she says. “You can’t put a price on their happiness and the smiles on their faces.” 🌈

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CAMP WE CAN campers and volunteers participate in a variety of activities. More than 100 volunteers donate their time to help.



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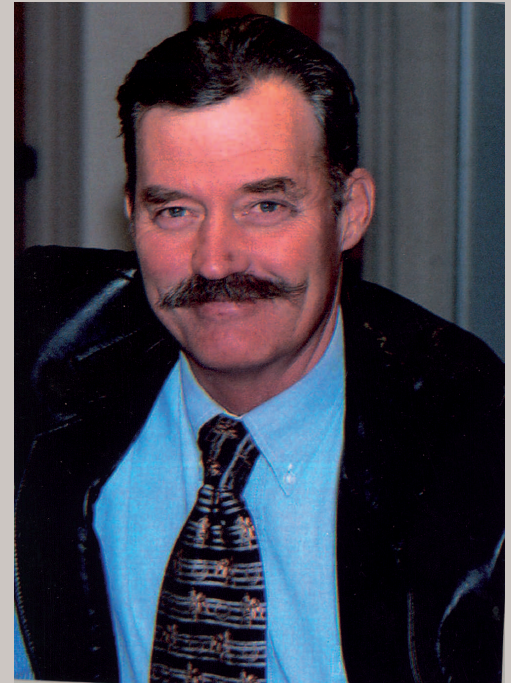
Thomas "Tom" G. Wilson, a native of Rochester, was an active member in his community and a local hero. He owned and operated Wilson Fertilizer & Grain, Wilson Corn Products and established the Fulton County Railroad. He was on the Board of Directors of Indiana Renewable Fuels and Indiana Quarter Horses Association.

He was also a former member of the Flying Hoofs Saddle Club and the Fulton County Historical Power Association. He was a Rochester volunteer firefighter for 25 years, a member of the Rochester Oddfellows Lodge, and a member of the Fulton County Fair Board for 37 years. Tom was also an active supporter of the Future Farmers of America.

Tom loved spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He loved being outdoors and frequently fished and hunted. He also had a passion for raising and showing quarter horses.

Tom passed away on May 28, 2006. His funeral was one of the largest in Rochester in recent memory with more than 1,000 of his closest friends and family in attendance. The Fulton County Fairgrounds Community Building was filled to capacity where he was eulogized as a family man, horseman, businessman and most importantly, as a friend.

His wife Nedra and his daughters wanted to continue his legacy in the community, so they established a donor advised fund



with the Community Foundation. A donor advised fund enables the donor to have control over what areas of the community the fund benefits. Named the Tom Wilson Memorial Fund in his honor, the fund helps local agricultural and educational programs and events, as Tom's love for his community lives on.

Tom has been described as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, dedicated friend and public servant. Tom loved the community and devoted many hours toward the betterment of Fulton County's collective home. Tom's life was full of giving, and in return, he earned the unyielding support of the community.

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Erica Zartman was awarded the 2009 Amanda Kay Ramsey Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to any Fulton County high school graduating senior pursuing a degree in radiology, respiratory therapy, nursing or cardiopulmonary therapy.



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FC GRANTS TOTAL

\$1,350,065

ARTS, CULTURE

Akron Area Fine Arts League	1,500
Friends of Akron Library	250
Fulton County Historical Society Inc.	14,420
Grace College Arts Contest	200
Logansport Art Association	1,000
NICF FC Fund for the Arts	100
NICF Greg Peter Memorial Fund	250
Psi-Iota-Xi, Eta Mu Chapter	1,917
Rockfest Ministries	1,750

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Akron 4th of July Committee	1,000
Akron Chamber of Commerce	250
Akron Community Center	1,068,516
Akron Las Donas Club	400
Akron/Mentone Kiwanis	45
Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce	500
Friends of Fulton County Park & Recreation	1,000
Fulton Community Center	7,400
Fulton Economic Development Corp.	3,750
IFEF/Project Learning Tree	100
Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. Inc.	5,000
NICF - FC Operating	16,950
United WAVE Community Network	2,450
United Way of Fulton County	8,711

EDUCATIONAL

Akron Carnegie Library	238
Akron Lions Club - scholarships	338
Ancilla College	5,000
Columbia Elementary Library	262
First Presbyterian Church - scholarships	379
Fulton County Public Library	2,348
Fulton County Public Library Aubeenaubee Facility	24,792
Indiana University Foundation	100
Manchester College - scholarships	3,320
Purdue Foundation	8,334
Rochester Community School Corporation	250
Rochester High School Library	262
Rochester Middle School	200
Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation	1,080

Trader's Point Academy	4,000
United Way of Fulton County - Community Learning Center	10,000
Viking Booster Club	125

ENVIRONMENTAL

Fulton County Council	3,793
Fulton County Solid Waste	5,512
Lake Manitou Association Inc.	281

HEALTH, GENERAL

American Cancer Society	300
Compassionate Health Center Inc.	35,829
Woodlawn Foundation	1,000
Woodlawn Hospital	41,263

HUMAN SERVICE

Akron Cemetery Association Inc.	187
Akron United Methodist Church	3,392
Burton Church	1,000
CASA of Fulton County	1,926
Field of Honor	50
First Christian Church of Rochester	1,501
Fraternal Order of Police Local#143	200
Fulton County Council on Aging	500
Grace United Methodist Church	30,000
Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County	3,575
Henry Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.	382
Hope Hospice of Fulton County	921
Joyfulhans Community Development Corp.	2,000
Kid's Bridge	200
NIPSCO/Good Samaritan	697
Olive Branch Church of God	100
Touch of Life Church	250
United Ministries of Fulton County - Outreach	1,522
United Ministries of Fulton County - Christmas Baskets	300
Victim Advocacy Domestic Violence Task Force	2,000

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RECREATION

Beach at Lake Manitou Construction & Improvement	1,000
Friends of Fulton County Park and Recreation Board	200
Nick Patterson Memorial Golf Outing	200
Pike Memorial Park Trustees	3,342
Rochester Youth Football League	250
Rochester Youth League	150
Tippecanoe Valley Youth Football	200

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Bishop Dulligan Football Camps	313
CAMP-WE-CAN Inc.	3,807
Fellowship of Christian Athletes-RHS	350
Holy Cross Central School	500
Junior Achievement Serving Fulton County	1,850
Lancer Basketball Camp	335
Optimist Club of Rochester	100
Pheasants Forever Inc.	300

REMC GRANTS TOTAL

\$ 26,375

ARTS, CULTURE

Psi Iota Xi, Eta Mu Chapter	1,000
Rockfest Ministries	2,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Akron Chamber of Commerce	1,300
Fulton County Highway Dept	475
Kewanna H.E.A.R.T., Inc.	1,500
Northern Indiana Community Foundation Inc.	2,000
Star City 150, Inc	1,000
Winamac Tree Committee	500

ENVIRONMENTAL

Fulton County Master Gardeners	350
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HEALTH, GENERAL

Compassionate Health Center, Inc	1,500
Woodlawn Hospital	1,000

HUMAN SERVICES

Food 4 Kids	1,500
Kewanna/Union Township Vol. Fire Department	1,300
Kid's Bridge	1,500
Little Lambs Day Care Ministry	1,000
Wee Care Daycare	1,300

RECREATIONAL

Beach at Lake Manitou Construction & Improvement	1,000
Friends of the Panhandle Pathway Inc.	500
Fulton County Soccer Association	1,300
Nickel Plate Trail, Inc.	500

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Fellowship of Christian Athletes-RHS	500
Fulton County Special Olympics	750
Junior Achievement of Pulaski County	1,600
Winamac Jr. Class After Prom	1,000



The Community Foundation granted money to the Fulton County Habitat for Humanity to construct a handicap-accessible home for a family of four.





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REX MAYS

A hero and mentor is remembered

The Rex E. Mays Memorial Fund was established in memory of Rex Mays, a man whose spirit lives in many people, as described by Rev. John Hess at the 2009 Miami County Community Character Pillar Awards.

Rex Mays, who died unexpectedly on his farm during September 2008, exemplified great character throughout his life. Honesty, forgiveness, loyalty, courage, respect and responsibility were just a few of the many characteristics he embraced and practiced every day.

Rex Mays was born in Peru, Ind., and grew up on a farm. He later moved out of the county because his land was bought by the government to build Grissom Air Force Base. After he graduated from high school, he worked as a teller at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Miami County.

He met his wife Juanita while attending church on Sunday – that day would prove fortuitous as the couple married in 1959. Shortly after, Rex was drafted into the United States Army where he served for two years. He later returned to Peru and resumed work at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, where he was eventually promoted to vice president and treasurer until he retired in 1995.

Rex was passionate about athletics and was involved with community sports. He was a certified IHSAA referee and officiated several basketball games. He also carried his love for sports from the court to the baseball diamond as he was also a softball umpire. He served as secretary/treasurer of the North Central Indiana Officials Association and was also the director of the Maconaquah Park Softball League.

After retirement, Rex traveled the United States and traversed the country with Juanita. He also served as a bus driver for Peru Community Schools; first part-time and



Sitting in front, Doug Mays, Juanita Mays and Marcia Minard accept the Community of Charter's Pillar Award in honor of Rex Mays.

then full-time in 2005. Rex always focused on reaching out to students, making sure to always offer encouragement and always consider their safety. He aimed to instill traditional values into his young passengers as well. He adopted a 'ladies first' policy, and his male students would stand back to let their female classmates on the bus first. He also wanted his students to develop self esteem and good character.

Even though Rex's departure was sudden and unexpected, the immense impact he had on others never ceased. He believed in donor/tissue donation. So his family honored his wish to enable others live longer and healthier lives. His close friend Max Hattery suggested the memorial

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-JUANITA MAYS

contributions could establish an endowment with the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. It was established successfully through generous donations by Rex's friends and family. "Athletics were very important to Rex, so his fund will be used to help youth in the community who are interested in sports," Juanita Mays says.

And through the Rex E. Mays Memorial Fund, Rex will continue to make a lasting impact far beyond anything he could have imagined.



REPAVING MIAMI COUNTY'S PAST

The Nickel Plate Railroad is transformed into a paved trail and becomes a local treasure

The clanging of railroad bells is a hallmark sound for Miami County. But when a railroad line is abandoned, it can fall into disrepair and become a dumping ground.

This once was the case for the Nickel Plate Line that runs through Peru. But with volunteer efforts and numerous generous donations and grants, an old rail line has been transformed into miles of trail for the community to use.

"Years ago, there were 38 miles of track where people could do bad stuff," says Mike Kuepper, President of the Nickel Plate Trail Inc. "Now, it's gone."

Winding through Miami County, the Nickel Plate Trail – taking its name from the defunct railroad it now replaces – is 10 years in the making, drawing people from the local communities and across the U.S. to Indiana.

The Nickel Plate is also a part of the American Discovery Trail which stretches from the coast of the state of Delaware to the coast of the state of California. Indiana boasts some of the best-maintained trails in the country, and the Nickel Plate is no exception.

Businesses are also sprouting along the asphalt trail, bringing tourists from all over to sample Hoosier fare, spurring economic development.

"It has had a lot of positive effects," Kuepper says.

When completed, the 38 miles of trail will offer locals and visitors a place to improve their health alongside Indiana wildlife. The Nickel Plate Trail welcomes cyclists, walkers, runners and anyone who has a passion for nature and wants to exercise. Even Boy and Girl Scouts and high school athletic teams find the trail's natural and vehicle-free setting to be a valuable community asset.

"It can be life-changing for a lot of people," Kuepper says as he describes an individual he met who committed to using the trail to improve her health.

With 38 miles of trail, volunteer efforts are vital to the construction and maintenance of the trail. Volunteers ensure

the paths are clear and that the trails are kept in proper shape. The trail's vice president Bill Click estimates that the number of volunteers totals in the hundreds.

"There's been a lot of sweat, a little blood, a few tears during this project over the years," Bill says. "We've been really lucky with all of the hours volunteers put in."

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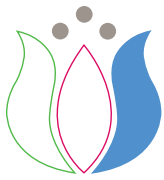
In addition to volunteers, the trail needs money to operate. The Northern Indiana Community Foundation granted money to the Nickel Plate for trail construction. And because maintenance fees are not covered by grants, the Nickel Plate Trail established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation for trail

maintenance so the community treasure could be preserved. In 2010, NICF will match 25 cents for every dollar collected as a donation.

Because communities have embraced trail building efforts, more paths are sprouting every decade in Indiana. And many trails nearby are looking to connect to the Nickel Plate Trail. "I don't think we will ever finish," Bill says. "As long as people like trails and support them, it's just going to go on and on." 🌈



Hundreds of volunteers donate money and time to develop and preserve a valued community asset.



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Musselman
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Mr. and Mrs. Tim Noble
Norris Insurance Agency
North Miami Elementary 2nd
Grade & Staff
North Miami Community Schools
North Miami Elementary PTO
Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien
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Ms. Wanda Oswald
Ms. Lori Overman
Mr. and Mrs. John Parkman
Parkview United Methodist
Women
Peoria Church
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Peppers
Perk Up Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perkins
Peru Community Schools
Peru Community Softball
Organization
Peru Lions Club
Peru Public Library
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Peters
Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity
Mr. Matthew Plothow
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plothow
Ms. Pam Poff
Mr. Patrick Polk
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Poulin
Mr. Jeffrey Price
Psi Iota Xi Sorority
Quality Plumbing & Heating
Ms. Denise Queen
R M Medical Inc.
R.C. Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Radel
Railamerica Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. David Ramos
RCM Partners LLC
Red Dot Trophy Shop
Mrs. Louise Redmon
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Regional Chiropractic Center PC
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Reich
REM Indiana for Carla Steller
REM Indiana for J.Eden
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REM Indiana for Pansy P. Dewitt
Miami-Cass County REMC
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rice
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Rock Industries Inc.
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Mr. Richard Schultz CPA
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Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smith
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Ms. Iraleen Sonafrank
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State Farm Companies
Foundation
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Ms. Pamela Tomson
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Ms. Jo Ellen Touloukian
Ms. Jean P. Trapp
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United Way of Miami County Inc.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Vincent
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walsh
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Ms. Holly Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Warner
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkins
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Ms. Dorothy Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webster
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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weil
West End B & K LLC
Ms. Sheryl West
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Col. and Mrs. Larry L. Wheeler
White House of Hair
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery White
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy White
Ms. Carol Whybrew
Wildcat Creek Golf Club
Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Wilkinson
Ms. Betty Willis
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson
Ms. Nicki Wilson
Mr. Arch L. Wiltshire
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wolf
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodhams
Ms. Theresa Woodruff
Mr. Kyle Wurtzel
Mr. and Mrs. James Yard
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Yard
Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Yater
Dr. David P. Zandi
Mrs. Lorie Zandi
Mr. Keith Zimmer



SCHOLARSHIPS

DAVID W. BEALL
SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Samuel R. Dick

THE CLAUDE S. AND
MARIE M. BERGER
FOUNDATION
Ms. Amanda Jones
Mr. Alex Weaver

ELAINE CULTICE BRIGHT
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Erin C. Smith

MARILYN COPPERNOLL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Maggie E. Caldwell

JAMES R. & BETTE J. DAVIS
SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Owen E. Jamison

VELMA DERBYSHIRE ART
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Ashlee L. Townsend

LAVONNE M. EDDY
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. April E. Million



Samuel Dick received the David W. Beall Scholarship. He currently attends Purdue University and is an industrial management major.

EUGENE K. AND MARTHA
E. FIKE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Erin C. Smith

TONY HARE
PHOTOJOURNALISM
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Diana L. Brehmer

RYAN MCCARTHY HOLMES
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Corinne Cutler

RANDY HUGHES
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Amanda Jones
Mr. Noah Welsh

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Ms. Ashley E. Ancil
Mr. Adam S. Betzner
Ms. Ashley K. Black
Mr. Kyle G. Burns
Ms. Maggie E. Caldwell
Mr. Adam D. Chambers
Ms. Cynthia L. Cheever
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Mr. Caleb J. Prater
Ms. Tiffany R. Raber
Ms. Casey E. Rich
Mr. Christopher George L.
Smith
Ms. Kelley S. Steg

DAVID L. JOHNSON
SCHOLARSHIP IN
MEMORY OF JAMES NOBLE
Mr. Mathew Weaver

ROBERT M. LARRISON -
FIRST FARMERS BANK &
TRUST SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Aaron K. Garretson

JOHN V. AND JOYCE L.
LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Brittany L. Davis

VIRGINIA ANNE LEWIS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Caitlyn A. Fodge

MIAMI COUNTY BACK
HOME AGAIN IN
INDIANA SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Steven K. Holland

MIAMI COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Corinne Cutler
Ms. Amanda Jones
Mr. Austin Weaver

MIAMI COUNTY
LILLY ENDOWMENT
COMMUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. James Dolezal
Mr. Noah Welsh

ALICE MOON
SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Ashley E. Ancil
Ms. Allison E. Rice

JANICE NOWLING
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Justin S. Friend

PHS CLASS OF 1995
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ms. Ashley E. Ancil

ASHLEY RUSIE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
Mr. Jeromy T. Sisk



Erin Smith was awarded the Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship and the Eugene K. and Martha E. Fike Memorial Scholarship. She currently attends Indiana University and is studying finance and business.



GRANTS

MCCF GRANTS TOTAL

\$104,617

ARTS, CULTURE

Cole Porter Birthplace Restoration Committee	1,454
Heritage Museum Foundation @ Grissom AFB	1,506
Main Street United Methodist Church	1,031
Miami County Historical Society Inc.	9,594
Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre Inc.	9,475

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Back-Roads Dog Rescue	500
United Way of Howard County Inc.	10,000
United Way of Miami County Inc.	1,012

EDUCATIONAL

The BOOKS Program	1,271
Circus City Festival Inc. - scholarships	1,713
First Baptist Church of Peru - scholarship	502
Miami County 4H Association - scholarships	883
National PAS Organization - Schneider Award	710
Partners 4Community Growth - SOAR	3,500
Peru High School Extracurricular Fund - Tiger Pride	2,300
Peru Public Library	4,385
Peru Rotary Club - scholarships	307
Peru Wrestling - scholarships	1,300

ENVIRONMENTAL

ACRES Inc.	779
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HEALTH, GENERAL

Dukes Health Care Foundation of Miami County	1,131
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HUMAN SERVICE

Beta Sigma Phi Dental Clinic	500
Bona Vista Programs	500
First Baptist Church of Denver	2,751
Main Street United Methodist Church	4,210
Miami County Helping Hands Inc.	4,583
Purdue Christian Campus House	3,370
Salvation Army - Peru	11,475

RECREATION

Nickel Plate Trail Inc.	500
Miami County YMCA	22,640

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana Inc.	175
Miami County Golf Association	271
Parkview United Methodist Church	289

REMC GRANTS TOTAL

\$23,832

ARTS, CULTURE

Cass County Arts Alliance	500
Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre, Inc.	900

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Miami County Class 12	2,000
Miami Co. 4-H Livestock Show Assn, Inc	2,000
Miami Riders 4-H Horse & Pony Club	2,000
Peru Rotary Club	500
Twelve Mile Living Christmas Pageant	2,000

EDUCATIONAL

The BOOKS Program	450
Friends of the Walton & Tipton Twp Public Library	1,100
Ivy Tech Foundation	1,000
Partners 4Community Growth	625

HUMAN SERVICE

Beta Sigma Phi Dental Clinic	500
Birthright of Peru	1,000
Bona Vista Programs	500
Eagle's Nest Christian Fellowship Community Center	1,000
Miami County Helping Hands, Inc.	2,000
Miami County Red Cross	1,000
Salvation Army - Peru	2,000

RECREATION

Miami County YMCA	750
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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Junior Achievement Cass County	771
Miami County P.E.E.R.S. Project	1,236



EVERYONE CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS allow for the greatest flexibility when donating charitable gifts. These types of funds give local committees, comprised of community members, the opportunity to assess the community's greatest needs and assist the community's individual programs. Unrestricted funds allow for the Community Foundation's yearly grant cycles.

AGENCY FUNDS are for any non-profit organization or agency that wishes to establish endowment funds with the foundation for management and investment purposes. The foundation regularly distributes the annual income back to the organizations and agencies for operating the agencies' programs.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS allow donors to respond to certain program areas, such as, youth, education, health, environment, arts and culture, etc. Grants created from these funds specify the field of interest but not the charitable agency.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS give the donor the advantage of assisting in charity selection each year and allows the donor exemption from federal restrictions placed on private foundations. However, the Foundation's board of directors, makes the final decision for the grants in accordance with federal tax code regulations.

DESIGNATED FUNDS not only give donors the opportunity to support their favorite charity but also provide the means necessary for perpetuity. The donor simply selects the charity they wish to support when the fund is created.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS may be established in memory of a loved one or to honor a friend, family member or local hero to give deserving students the education they might not otherwise receive.

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS are typically established at the request of a donor or agency to provide support for charitable projects and recipients as recommended by the donor. The recommendations must be advisory only, and the Community Foundation may reject a recommendation.





FUNDS

STARKE COUNTY

AGENCY FUNDS

Ancilla/SCILL Fund
 Community Services of Starke County Fund*
 Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Endowment Fund
 Knox Community School Corp. Student Scholarship/Presentation Fund
 North Judson-Wayne Twp. Public Library Endowment Fund
 Railroad Twp./San Pierre Alumni Scholarship Foundation Fund
 Starke County 4-H Fund
 Starke County Humane Society Fund
 Starke County Public Library System Endowment
 Starke United Inc. Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Ancilla College Endowment Fund
 Binkley-Bales-Christoph Endowment Fund
 Carolyn J. Davis and Susan E. Davis Memorial Fund
 Friends of Starke County
 Arlene M. Hamilton Memorial Fund
 Rebecca Sue (Keys) Jensen Memorial Fund
 Johnathan E. Lambert Memorial Fund
 Johnathan Edward Lambert Endowment Fund
 Edmund Lesniewski Family Fund
 Marshall-Starke Development Fund
 Jack Lynch Family Fund
 Mary E. Norem and Hattie Warnke Memorial Fund
 North Judson Park Endowment Fund
 North Judson United Methodist Church Trustees' Building & Maintenance Fund
 Oregon-Davis Elementary Academic Enhancement Fund
 The Palmer Fund
 Kathleen and Gerald Paras Family Fund
 Rosa of Indiana Fund
 The Shane Family Fund
 SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church Fund
 Starke County Historical Society Inc. Endowment Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

1st Source Fund
 The Hardesty Memorial Endowment Fund
 Maudie Cole Mullins Memorial Fund
 Nella Kersting Memorial Fund
 NIPSCO Endowment Fund
 Starke County Legacy of Women Fund
 The Todd Jacob Stephenson Memorial Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Maude Brown and Henry F. Schricker Endowment Fund
 Richard Cassidy Community Philanthropic Fund
 The Bruno and Dolores Seghetti Family Fund

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Jack and Michele Cunningham Family Scholarship Fund
 Healthy Families Program of Starke County Fund
 HOSPICE Program of Starke Co. Non-Permanent Fund
 Ken Lucas Memorial Scholarship
 Marshall-Starke Special Olympics Fund
 North Judson/Wayne Twp. Fire Department Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Catherine and Frank Alan Fund
 Back Home Again in Indiana Scholarship
 Brooklyn A. Boo Memorial Scholarship Fund
 LaVergne M. Brown & Lois L. Spenner Educational Scholarship Fund
 Helen and Ware Edgar Scholarship Fund
 Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship Fund
 Hamblin Scholarship in Honor of Eleanor G. Hamblin
 Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship Fund
 Nella Kersting Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Knox VFW Post 748 Men's Auxiliary Scholarship*
 Clarence Lawrence Memorial Fund
 Runkle Family Fund*



The Starke County Community Foundation awarded more than \$19,000 at the 2009 Grants Luncheon. The grants came from the Community Foundation's unrestricted funds, which allow the Foundation to help meet the greatest needs in Starke County. Since 1998, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$1.7 million to local organizations and projects that make a difference in Starke County.

Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship
 Dorothy Johnson Shei Scholarship Fund
 Starke County Scholarship Foundation Fund
 Starke Memorial Hospital and Medical Staff Health Occupation/Medical Education Scholarship Fund
 Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship Fund
 1897 Charley Vorm Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Forrest and Helen Whitson Scholarship Fund
 Robert O. and Doris E. Winters Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The Freedom Fund
 Stewart Lain Memorial Fund
 Ann R. Nichols Memorial Fund
 Schuyler Family Endowment Fund
 Starke County General Unrestricted Endowment
 Starke County Lilly Endowment Scholars Fund
 Starke County Operating Endowment Fund
 Tribute Fund
 Arlowa S. Vorm Memorial Fund

FULTON COUNTY

AGENCY FUNDS

Akron Lions: Kenny Bright Scholarship Fund
 CAMP-WE-CAN Inc. Fund
 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Fulton County Inc. Fund*
 First Presbyterian Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund
 Friends of the Fulton County Public Library Fund*
 Fulton County 4-H Fund
 Fulton County Community Host Fee Fund
 Fulton County Habitat for Humanity Fund*
 Fulton County Solid Waste Management District Fund
 Hope Hospice of Fulton County Fund
 Mt. Zion Cemetery Assn. of Fulton County Inc. Endowment Fund
 Psi Iota Xi, Eta Mu Chapter
 Rochester Kiwanis Club Agency Fund
 United Way of Fulton County Inc. Fund
 Woodlawn Hospital Fund

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FUNDS CONT.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Akron United Methodist Church Fund
 Ernest O. Baxter Fund
 Beaver Dam Preschool Endowment Fund
 Katherine J. Belcher Fund for the Benefit of the Fulton Co. Public Library
 Brent L. Blacketor Memorial Fund for the Benefit of First Baptist Church*
 Brent L. Blacketor Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Woodlawn Hospital*
 Bridge Family Operating Endowment Fund
 Grace United Methodist Church Fund
 First Christian Church of Rochester, Local Mission Fund
 Fulton County Historical Society Fund
 Fulton County Public Library Fund
 Garry Daniels-Lake Manitou Association Inc. Memorial Fund
 Henry Township Volunteer Fire Dept. Endowment Fund
 Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery Fund
 United Ministries of Fulton County Fund
 Helen Pike Utter Endowment for Pike Memorial Park Fund
 Walter D. Waechter and Grace C. Fites Waechter and Family Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

The Katherine J. Belcher Fund
 Joanne and JoEllen Bendall Fund
 Phil Daulton Memorial Youth Fund
 The First Federal Savings Bank Fund
 Fritts Family Good Cheer Fund
 The Jim and Lalla Heyde Family Fund
 Johnson Family Fund
 M.M. Fund
 Sgt. Major Jeffrey A. McLochlin Memorial Fund
 Jennifer Kingery Overmyer Memorial Fund to Benefit the Libraries of Rochester Comm. School Corporation
 Pike Lumber Co. Inc. Fund
 Rochester Community School Academic Fund
 Rochester Telephone Company, Inc. Fund

John Michael Shirley Memorial Fund
 Waggoner Fund
 The Tom Wilson Memorial Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Brent L. Blacketor Memorial Fund*
 Richard Cassidy Community Philanthropic Fund
 The Marian Dyer Literacy Fund
 Fulton County Youth Endowment Fund
 Good Samaritan Endowment Fund
 Grass Creek Memorial Fund*
 The Hoffman Fund
 Nick Patterson Memorial Fund
 Eric E. Smoker Memorial Fund

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Lauren Abbott Memorial Fund
 Akron Area Arts League Ltd. Fund
 Akron Community Center Fund
 Akron Community Center Operating and Maintenance Fund
 Akron Community Relations Task Force Fund
 Beach At Lake Manitou Construction & Improvement Fund*
 Beyond the Boundaries
 Brent Blacketor Memorial Sports Complex Fund
 CAMP-WE-CAN Non-Permanent Fund
 CharacterWorks Fund
 Compassionate Health Clinic Fund
 Amanda Drudge Scholarship and Missions Fund
 Stephen Fellers Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Friends of the Liberty Township Park Fund
 Friends of Union Township Non-Permanent Fund
 Fulton Community Center Inc. Non-Permanent Fund
 Fulton County 4Community Higher Education Scholarship Fund
 Fulton County 4Community Non-Permanent Fund
 Fulton County 4-H Dog Club Fund
 Fulton County Fund for the Arts
 Fulton County Leadership Academy Fund
 Fulton County Master Gardeners Fund*
 Fulton County REMC Operation Round-Up Trust Fund

Fulton County Park and Recreation Department Non-Permanent Fund
 Fulton County Partners in Education Fund
 "Fulton County Reads" Literacy Project
 Fulton United Methodist Church Fund
 GEFR Scholarship Fund
 Jordan Horn Memorial Wrestling Scholarship Fund
 Manitou Mountain Project Fund
 MMG Scholarship Fund
 Nick Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Greg Peter Memorial Fund*
 Amanda Kay Ramsey Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Rochester Downtown Project Non-Permanent Fund
 Rochester Parkside Skate Park Non-Permanent Fund
 Bill Schroer Memorial Fund
 Valley Alumni Fund
 Barb Wilson Scholarship Fund
 Samantha Yates Humane Shelter Memorial Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Akron Las Donas Marcus Hackworth & Scott Sechrist Memorial Scholarship
 Elizabeth V. Babcock Scholarship Fund
 Back Home Again in Indiana Scholarship
 Jim Barkman Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Brent L. Blacketor Memorial Scholarship*
 Caston High School Scholarship Fund
 Zelma Crabill-Helen Barkman Wilson and Carl Wilson Memorial Scholarship
 The W.D. Cumberland 4-H Scholarship Fund
 Simon Deeb Scholarship Fund
 Frounfelter Scholarship Fund
 Melissa Hoffman Gamel Scholarship Fund
 Jayne Ann Good Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Roy Haggerty Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Elmer Harris and Beulah P. Harris Scholarship Fund
 Franklin and Jane Heisler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Patricia Kumler Hoover Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Mark Howdeshell Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Angele J. Kochenderfer Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Steven Bruce Mattice Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Jayson McCalla Memorial Fund
 Coach John Robert McKee Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Harold E. and Neva Funk Mikesell Scholarship Fund
 Ginger Miller Higher Education Scholarship Fund
 John Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Frederick Rakestraw Law Scholarship Fund
 Rochester Firefighters' Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Rochester High School Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Nelson W. Sadler Memorial Ag Scholarship Fund
 George M. Schwenk Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Lawrence J. and Violet M. Seiwert Scholarship Fund
 The R. Wayne Smith and Virginia Bryant Smith Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Russell L. and Pauline Whittenberger Sparks Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Union Township Scholarship Fund
 Howard M. Utter and Helen Pike Utter Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

E. Paul and Annabelle Baker and Harold and Mildred Turk Fund
 Baxter Inc. Fund
 Mabel Blacketor Memorial Operating Endowment*
 First Federal Savings Bank Unrestricted Fund
 Mary and Fred Fraser Fund
 Fulton County General Unrestricted Fund
 Fulton County Lilly Endowment Scholars Fund
 Fulton County Operating Endowment Fund
 The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Fund in Honor of Faye Biccard Glick
 George and Dorothy Groenleer and Lyle and Doris Hillman Fund



FUNDS CONT.

MIAMI COUNTY

AGENCY FUNDS

ACRES Land Trust
 Lillian Berry Fund
 Circus City Festival Inc. Scholarship Fund
 Dukes Memorial Hospital Fund
 Ellen Cole Fetter Book Fund
 E. Grace Fouts Fund
 Philip A. Fox Fund
 Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana Inc. Fund
 Grissom Air Museum Agency Fund
 Main Street Methodist Church Fund
 The Miami County 4-H Memorial Scholarship
 Miami County Helping Hands Fund
 Miami County Historical Society Inc.
 Miami County YMCA
 Miami County YMCA "Partners of Youth" Fund
 Miami County YMCA/Miller Pool
 Celia Miller Mission Fund
 Nickel Plate Trail Inc. Endowment Fund
 Peru First Baptist Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Peru/Grissom Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
 Peru Public Library Endowment Fund
 Psi Iota Xi Endowment Fund
 Moses & Caroline C. Puterbaugh Fund
 Rotary Club of Peru Scholarship Fund
 Ona C. Sharp Fund
 John M. Switzer Fund
 Robert & Lucille Ulery Memorial Fund*
 United Way of Miami County Fund
 Annalee Webb Miller Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Vilma Ault Baptist Memorial Endowment Fund
 St. Charles Borromeo School Fund
 Don W. Craig Memorial Golf Endowment Fund
 Jean Fisher Endowment Fund
 Grate Family Fund for Music and Multi-Media Ministries at Main Street United Methodist Church
 Beulah Hoffman Fund

Marks Family Fund for the Miami County Historical Society
 James Noble Fund
 Parkview United Methodist Church Endowment Fund in Memory of Kelly Ann Edwards
 Purdue Christian Campus Founders Fund
 Perry M. Schneider Memorial Award
 Chris and Beth Smith Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Boomerang Sisterhood Fund
 Paul D. "Pat" Malaska Memorial Fund
 Miami-Cass County REMC Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Richard Cassidy Community Philanthropic Fund
 Rex E. Mays Memorial Fund*

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Angels of Hope Fund
 Lillian Berry Non-Permanent Fund
 BOOKS Offer Our Kids Success (BOOKS) Fund
 Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Children's Theatre Workshop Non-Permanent Fund*
 The Community Artists Co-Op Non-Permanent Fund*
 Community of Character Fund
 Carol Conrad Memorial Fund*
 Velma Derbyshire Art Scholarship Fund
 The Downtown Christmas Decorating Fund
 Extending God's Grace in Miami County Fund
 Ryan McCarthy Holmes Scholarship Fund
 J & J Scholarship Fund
 Robert Larrison Memorial Golf Outing Fund*
 John V. and Joyce L. Lewis Scholarship Fund
 Virginia Anne Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Maconaquah Youth Football Fund
 Joseph and Ruth Mauck Scholarship Fund
 The Class of 1964 John McElheny Memorial Scholarship*
 Miami-Cass County REMC
 Operation Round-Up Trust Fund

Miami County 2-1-1 Service Non-Permanent Fund
 Miami County Animal Shelter Fund
 Miami County Animals and the Environment Fund
 Miami County Arts and Culture Fund
 Miami County Arts Council Fund
 Miami County Community Development Fund
 Miami County Helping Hands Non-Permanent Fund
 Miami County Human Services Fund
 Miami County Peers Project Non-Permanent Fund
 Miami County Recreation Fund
 Miami County YMCA Jason Hawkins/Jeff Poff Scholarship Fund
 Miami County YMCA Non-Permanent Fund
 Miami County Youth and Education Fund
 Miami County Youth Leadership Summit Non-Permanent Fund*
 MiamisFort Fund
 Frank L. Morris Athletic Scholarship Fund*
 Partners 4Community Growth-Project SOAR
 Peru Park & Recreation Board Non-Permanent Fund*
 Peru Public Library Non-Permanent Fund
 Peru Wrestling Scholarship Fund
 PHS Class of 1995 Memorial Scholarship Fund
 PHS Music Alumni/Tom Gustin Scholarship Fund
 The Cole Porter Birthplace Fund
 Moses & Caroline C. Puterbaugh Fund
 Ashley Rusie Memorial Scholarship Fund
 S.A.M.-Swing Against Melanoma Non-Permanent Fund*
 Tiger Cub Football League Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Back Home Again in Indiana Scholarship
 David W. Beall Scholarship Fund
 The Claude S. and Marie M. Berger Foundation
 Marilyn Coppernoll Memorial Scholarship

James R. and Bette J. Davis Scholarship Fund
 LaVonne M. Eddy Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Eugene K. and Martha E. Fike Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Tony Hare Photojournalism Scholarship Fund
 Ryan McCarthy Holmes Scholarship Fund
 The Hoppes Memorial Fund
 Randy Hughes Memorial Scholarship
 J & J Scholarship Fund
 David L. Johnson Scholarship in Memory of James Noble
 Robert M. Larrison-First Farmers Bank & Trust Scholarship Fund
 Miami County Historical Society Richardson Scholarship Fund
 Alice Moon Scholarship Fund
 Janice Nowling Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Tiger Pride Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Bob Clary Unrestricted Endowment Fund
 Donald W. Ferrara Fund
 Jane and Bob Haskett Unrestricted Fund
 Miami County General Unrestricted Endowment Fund
 Miami County Lilly Endowment Scholars Fund
 Miami County Operating Endowment Fund
 Miami County Services Committee Endowment Fund
 John Nixon Unrestricted Fund

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SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE NOW

The Northern Indiana Community Foundation would like to celebrate those individuals who have made the decision to fulfill their charitable wishes through estate planning. The SEEDS FOR TOMORROW program recognizes our donors who have notified us they are planning in advance for gifts to the Community Foundation that will provide significant benefits to our community in the future. These gifts may take the form of bequests, charitable trusts, charitable gift annuities, life insurance policies or one of the other types of charitable planned gifts.

The SEEDS FOR TOMORROW program provides a way for the Community Foundation to recognize and thank these individuals now for the future impact of their generous gift.

CURRENT SEEDS FOR TOMORROW DONORS:

FULTON COUNTY

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drudge
- Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eller
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Groenleer
- Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Grossnickle
- Mr. Randy Holloway
- Mr. Michael Kenny & Mrs. Tonia Weller
- Mrs. Violet Seiwert
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smoker
- Mrs. Laura Snipes

MIAMI COUNTY

- Mr. and Mrs. James Berkshire
- Mr. and Mrs. John Schwartz

STARKE COUNTY

- Mr. James Hardesty
- Ms. Abigail Nichols
- Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Swanson
- Mr. Fred Vorm
- Mrs. Doris Winters



MABEL BLACKETOR

Cultivating the future for others

The Mabel Blacketor Memorial Operating Fund was established in 2009 by the Mabel Blacketor Estate to provide operating support for the Fulton County Community Foundation, a fund affiliate of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation Inc.

Mrs. Blacketor had a long history of giving even before she passed away at the age of 93 on Jan. 24, 2009. After the tragic death of her son Brent Blacketor in 1959, she was inspired to give graciously to the community in his memory. Some of these gifts included: 25 acres of land to establish the Brent Blacketor Memorial Sports Complex and land for the expansion of the Mill Creek

Golf Course (the entrance was named after her son). She also donated to the Fulton County 4-H Fund, made various donations to the First Baptist Church and contributed numerous other gifts to her community.

She was a member of the Woodlawn Hospital Board of Trustees for 12 years and served 8 years on the Fulton County Community Foundation committee.

She loved children, she loved her community, and she continues to make a difference through her generous gift.

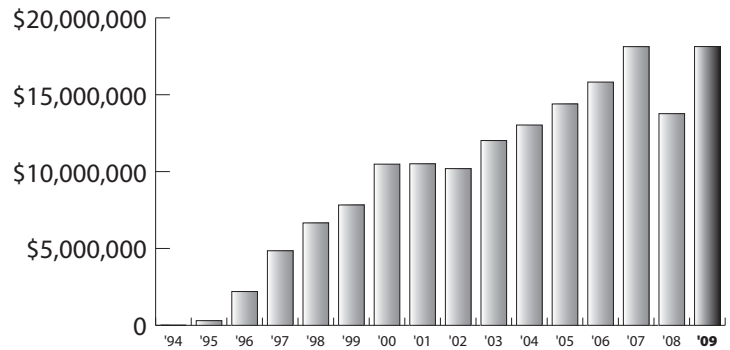
"IT TAKES A NOBLE MAN TO PLANT A SEED FOR A TREE THAT WILL SOME DAY GIVE SHADE TO PEOPLE HE MAY NEVER MEET."

-DAVID TRUEBLOOD

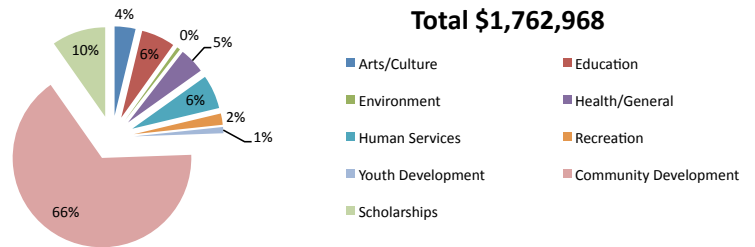
2009 AND 2008 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2009	2008
CURRENT ASSETS in dollars		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$558,183	\$744,284
Interest and dividends receivable.....	2,186	20,393
Prepaid expenses.....	2,795	2,386
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trust.....	119,525	116,493
Investment - charitable remainder trust.....	106,210	127,214
Investments.....	17,446,767	12,891,858
Property and equipment, net.....	4,873	8,342
	<u>\$18,240,539</u>	<u>\$13,910,970</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS in dollars		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	\$2,325	\$2,699
Grants payable.....	202,865	200,622
Charitable remainder trust liability.....	106,210	127,214
Agency funds.....	2,020,690	1,309,369
Total liabilities	<u>\$2,332,090</u>	<u>\$1,639,904</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted.....	\$ 5,684,716	\$3,572,227
Temporarily restricted.....	887,560	8,698,839
Permanently restricted.....	9,336,173	-
	<u>\$15,908,449</u>	<u>\$12,271,066</u>
	<u>\$18,240,539</u>	<u>\$13,910,970</u>

TOTAL ASSET GROWTH



2009 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



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