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– Author Unknown
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A community foundation does not usually conduct programs of its own. Rather, it supports new or existing programs of other non-profit organizations & agencies. It can also serve as a catalyst for addressing issues facing a community. But, the main purpose of the community foundation is to serve its donors and the community by building permanent endowed funds for philanthropic purposes.

Donors may set up individual funds in their own names or to honor a loved one and can determine which charities will benefit from the fund at the time it is set up within the Foundation.

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The Ripley County Community Foundation is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax deductible to the maximum amount allowable for gifts to a public charity.

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Economic Opportunities through Education by 2015

EcO15 is an initiative funded through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to The Heritage Fund, the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County, and the Community Education Coalition that is focused on education and careers associated with Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Hospitality/Tourism – the three main drivers of the economy of the 10-county Region 9 Workforce area.

Educational and Professional Goals for Southeastern Indiana identified by EcO15 are:

- Increase enrollment in Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Hospitality/Tourism programs
- Increase enrollment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Increase graduation rates
- Increase job placements
- Increase awareness of career opportunities
- Increase residents’ income levels

In the region, we are starting to see results:

- Graduation rates increased from 80.9% in 2007-2008 to 84.1% in the 2008-2009 academic year
- In Healthcare, the number of ASN graduates increased from 114 in 2007 to 250 in 2009; the number of BSN graduates increased from 11 in 2007 to 15 in 2009
- Enrollments in two- and four-year degree programs (Ivy Tech, Hanover, Purdue College of Technology, IUPUC) increased from 492 in 2008 to 757 in 2009
- Enrollments in Manufacturing Standards Skills Certification (MSSC) courses increased from 359 in 2008 to 660 in 2009
- Enrollments in Project Lead the Way increased from 459 in 2008 to 5,494 in 2009
- Enrollments in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses increased from 24,532 in 2008 to 35,355 in 2009
- Enrollments in Career Tech Ed decreased from 2,626 in 2008 to 2,584 in 2009
- Awareness of career opportunities was provided through career fairs and other activities with 24,000 promotional items being distributed in 2008 and 39,000 being distributed in 2009

SO. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RIPLEY COUNTY?

Ripley County highlights

- Southeastern Indiana Manufacturers Network
  - Ripley County continues to play an integral role in the SEIMN. Representatives from industry in Ripley, Ohio, Dearborn, Switzerland, and Franklin counties meet regularly to network and learn about issues and opportunities for all companies, large and small.
  - Project Lead the Way presentation
  - Students and staff from Jac-Cen-Del High School’s Project Lead the Way program provided a learning opportunity for the SEIMN in October 2009. Mr. Glen Unklesbay, Mr. Paul Thole, Mr. Johnny Budd, and students Codie Horan, Jonathan Siegert, Meagan Hughes, and Taylor Winters demonstrated projects and discussed PLTW. This event left a strong impression on the manufacturers in attendance. In a letter to Mr. Bill Narwold, Superintendent of Jac-Cen-Del, the President of Batesville Products Inc., Lawrenceburg, wrote, “Over the years I have seen many initiatives come and go that were supposed to prepare our students for the jobs of the future. Project Lead the Way sets a foundation for these students that will not only prepare them for the jobs of the future but, more importantly, will help them create the jobs of the future. To quote...Mr. Unklesbay’s presentation, ‘Finally!’”
Southeastern Career Center
- Electrical Trades

Batesville School Corporation
- Batesville Intermediate School
  - EcO15 funded the purchase of Promethean Smartboards and ELMO document cameras for use in classrooms. This interactive technology provides students and teachers with a unique, effective learning tool.

Batesville Middle School
- EcO15 funds provided funding for Lego Mindstorms – a fun way to learn Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

Batesville High School
- EcO15 provided funding for the upgrade of Batesville’s Project Lead the Way computer lab. Batesville High School is in its second year of PLTW and offers Introduction to Engineering and Principles of Engineering.
• Jac-Cen-Del School Corporation
• Jac-Cen-Del Elementary School
  • EcO15 funds provided supplies and equipment for science including simple machine kids, electricity and magnetism kits, and force and motion kits.

• Jac-Cen-Del Jr. Sr. High School
  • EcO15 provided funding to support the relocation and renovation of the Project Lead the Way classroom. Jac-Cen-Del offers Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, and Digital Electronics. The larger classroom now includes a prototype lab, additional supplies, and upgraded equipment. Upgraded features in the lab area make the use of tools and equipment much safer for students.

• Milan School Corporation
• Milan Elementary School
  • EcO15 funding provided students with the opportunity to have fun while learning with Lego Mindstorms!

• Milan High School
  • EcO15 funds enabled Milan High School to offer both Principles of Engineering and Introduction to Engineering. The new PLTW/Creative Learning lab provides students with an opportunity for project-based learning.
• **South Ripley School Corporation**
• **South Ripley Elementary School**
  - EcO15 provided funding for the purchase of Classroom Performance Systems (CPS) for some of the classrooms as well as laptops for some classroom teachers. These student response pads and electronic chalkboards provide a new level of interactive learning for students.

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As our mission is donor services, we always strive to achieve each donor’s charitable goals, including respecting the privacy of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. We have made every attempt to correctly list each donor. If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list or if we have made an error in your name, thank you for understanding our human error.
The Rev. Donald E and Virginia E. Lagle and James C. and Mary Morris Operating Endowment Fund

Jim and Sally Morris wished to honor and memorialize their parents through a Seedling Operating Endowment Fund. Sally has been the Executive Director of the Ripley County Community Foundation since 1998, so both she and Jim understand the need for operating funds. Mr. Morris retired from Farm Bureau Co-op where he worked for over forty years. Mrs. Morris was a homemaker. Rev. Lagle was a Presbyterian minister serving pastorates in Indiana, Tennessee and Florida. Mrs. Lagle was a retired secretary who lived in Ripley County the last eleven years of her life. She attended many Ripley County Community Foundation events with Jim and Sally during that time.

Zachary A. Litzinger Memorial Scholarship

Life is a game and Zachary knew most of the rules. He may have bent a few but he knew right from wrong. He loved life, sports and more importantly, his family and friends. His smiling face and positive attitude made it easy to love him. He worked hard and played just as hard. He had dreams which he didn’t get to finish. For this purpose the Zachary A. Litzinger Memorial Scholarship was developed in his honor. His family wants other young adults who are just like Zach to have a little better opportunity to achieve their dreams.
**Wade Narwold Memorial Seedling Fund**

When cancer took Wade, his friends and family wanted to remember him with a field of interest fund that would benefit agencies in the county that helped kids. His love of 4-H, the Coonhunters and NMLRA influenced their decision. As the fund grows to become an endowment within the Foundation, these organizations and others will receive the benefits of the fund in appropriate ways. The greatest compliment to someone we lose is to live our lives and keep their memory alive. Wade will continue to help Ripley County kids ... forever.

**Sandra Michelle Riggle Memorial Scholarship**

Michelle Riggle taught at South Ripley High School when an automobile accident took her life as she was driving to school. The Riggle family, and friends and students of Michelle desired to remember her by starting a scholarship. The scholarship benefits female South Ripley graduates who want to study education and/or a science-related field at an accredited four-year college. The pain we go through when we lose someone we love never goes away – it just fades. But helping students is something Michelle always wanted to do. Her family has made that possible.

**The Jon Keith Yorn Memorial Fund**

All who met Jon quickly realized he had a great love for the outdoors, nature, flying and most of all for his family. With his sudden passing, the family desired to benefit organizations that were meaningful to Jon. They created a “pass-through” fund which will allow them to do this.
Alzheimer’s Support Group of Southeastern Indiana — To support this Alzheimer’s Support Group goals.

Area 12 Special Education Fund — To provide funds for the mentally or physically handicapped in the New Horizon’s area.

Baker (Daren) Operating Endowment Fund – To help the RCCF with operating expenses.

Bartling (Sylvester “Bess”) Memorial Scholarship — To provide scholarship for Batesville High School graduates going into the field of Music Education (1st choice) or Education (2nd choice).

Batesville Food Pantry — To support the Batesville Food Pantry.

Beck, (George and Emily Severinghaus) Fund – A pass-thru fund to benefit Lutheran churches in Ripley County.

Becker (Joe & Ann) Memorial Fund — To support Margaret Mary Community Hospital.

Bergman (Jennifer) Memorial Fund – To provide medical assistance to Franklin and Ripley County families through MMCH or another not-for-profit healthcare institution who are in need of medical assistance.

Black (Roy and Hilda) Memorial Trust Fund — To promote the economic development of and the quality of life in the Town of Osgood, Indiana and its surrounding rural community.

Bonfer Family Community Granting Fund — To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Bradt Family Fund — To benefit the South Ripley Jr. - Sr. High School Media Center.

Brelage (Doris A.) Memorial Nursing Scholarship – To benefit a Batesville High School graduate or practicing nurse at Margaret Mary Community Hospital who has been admitted to an accredited nursing school or and LPN going on to an RN program who is preparing to begin his or her clinicals.

Brinkmoeller (George and Patricia) Scholarship Fund — To provide a scholarship to an Oldenburg Academy or Batesville High School graduate desiring to further his or her education.

Bruns-Gutzwiller Fund — To benefit charitable organizations in Batesville, Indiana and surrounding areas.

Bruns-Gutzwiller Community Granting Fund — To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Cain (Karen and Heather) Memorial Scholarship Fund — To provide scholarship assistance to qualified Jac-Cen-Del High School graduates.

Citizens’ Aquatic Project Endowment Pass-Thru Fund — To accept and provide funds for the purpose of the construction and/or improvement of a public, city-owned aquatic center for the citizens of Batesville.

City of Batesville Community Granting Fund — To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Comer (Arthur) Memorial Fund — To benefit youth organizations in Ripley County.

Community Granting Fund — To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Crohns Disease Pain Relief Endowment Fund — To accept and provide funds for the purpose of financial support. 25% shall go to Margaret Mary Community Hospital, Batesville; 25% to go to Dearborn Co. Community Hospital, Lawrenceburg, for the payment of medical bills for patients being treated for Crohns Disease. 50% to go to Crohns & Colitis Foundation of America.

Cross Plains Community Granting Fund — To provide charitable support to the community of Cross Plains and its citizens as directed by the Foundation Board of Directors.

Crum (Ray E. and Louise B. Herman) Foundation — To improve the quality and enjoyment of life for the residents of Osgood and the rural area surrounding Osgood.

Dunbar Family Community Granting Fund — To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Ebinger (Jeremy) Memorial Scholarship Fund — To benefit a South Ripley High School graduating senior who plans to further his/her education in the field of diesel mechanics.

Family Connections Fund — To fund operating expenses for Family Connections.
**Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry Fund** – To support the food pantry at the Osgood United Methodist Church.

**Friends of Milan Wrestling Scholarship Fund** – To provide scholarships to eligible wrestlers and mat maids from Milan High School who plan to pursue higher education.

**Gardner, (James T.) Memorial Fund for Children** – To assist families with children who require prescription medicine, travel expenses, and miscellaneous other medical items not covered by insurance. To be determined by Margaret Mary Community Hospital.

**Gillman (Charles) Endowment Fund** – To support Safe Passage.

**Grateful Families Scholarship Seedling Fund** – To provide scholarships to finalists of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship who did not receive the 4-year scholarship.

**Gutzwiller (Matt) Memorial Scholarship Fund** – To provide scholarships to children, grandchildren or active members of the Fire or EMS departments of the City of Batesville.

**Hansen (J. Michael) Memorial Scholarship Fund** – To provide a scholarship to an eligible student from a Ripley County high school or Oldenburg Academy who plans to study nursing.

**Hartman (Al and Norma) Children’s Operating Endowment Fund** – To help defray the cost of operating for the Ripley County Community Foundation.

**Hartman (Al and Norma) Family Community Granting Endowment Fund** – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

**Hillenbrand Foundation Community Granting Fund** – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

**Hillenbrand (George M.) Scholarship Fund** – To provide scholarships to selected and eligible graduates of the high school(s) in the City of Batesville.

**Hillenbrand Technology Fund** – To promote technology in the Batesville Community School Corporation, St. Louis School, and Oldenburg Academy.

**Historic Hoosier Hills Seedling Fund** – Will benefit the Historic Hoosier Hills.

**Hofmockel (Aurella) Memorial Scholarship** – To provide scholarship to Sunman resident (East Central HS graduate) who plans to attend a 4-year college or university.

**Horstman (Arthur J.) Memorial Fund** – To support the 4-H organizations in Batesville, Morris, Oldenburg and St. Mary’s of the Rock, Indiana communities.

**Jac-Cen-Del Community Scholarship Fund** – To provide educational assistance to Jac-Cen-Del High School graduates.

**Jac-Cen-Del High School Memorial Scholarship Fund** – To support the Jac-Cen-Del Community Scholarship Fund through the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc.

**Kellerman (Jack) Community Enhancement Fund** – To benefit the municipalities of Sunman, Oldenburg and Batesville for public recreation, beautification and cultural programs and/or projects.

**Lagle/Morris Memorial Operating Endowment Seedling Fund** – To benefit the Ripley County Community Foundation.

**Lifetime Resources Fund** – To provide operating funds for Lifetime Resources.

**Lindenmeyer (Paul) Memorial Fund** – To support the Right to Life Committee of St. Louis Church, Batesville.

**Litzinger (Zachary A.) Memorial Scholarship Fund** – Benefits a Batesville High School graduate who has been active in high school or middle school sports (special consideration to those involved in golf), who is active in FFA or attending agricultural classes or programs, and who plans to attend either a 2-year or 4-year college or university.

**Margaret Mary Community Hospital Hospice Endowment Fund** – Provide support to the Hospice of MMCH to carry out its role and mission as described by its governing documents.

**Margaret Mary Community Hospital Endowment Fund** – To benefit Ivy Tech Community College students from Ripley and Franklin Counties who are attending the Batesville, Columbus, Lawrenceburg, Madison or Richmond campuses of the college and who are enrolled in programs of study directly related to health occupations.
McGowan (Jane T. and Clarence J.) Operating Endowment Fund – To provide support to the defraying of yearly operating expenses for the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc.

McKittrick (Roselyn) Family Operating Endowment Fund – To help defray the operating expenses of the Ripley County Community Foundation.

Milan Community Scholarship Fund – To provide scholarships to qualified Milan High School graduates.

Milan Extracurricular Endowment Fund – To support the extracurricular activities in the Milan School Corporation.

Milan Library Fund – To support the creation of the Milan Public Library or its successor.

Milan St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday School Fund – To support the Milan St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday School.

Milan United Methodist Memorial Fund – To support the Milan United Methodist Building Fund.

Miles Family Operating Endowment Fund – To help with the operating costs of the Ripley County Community Foundation.

Military Service Fund – To grant to military persons currently serving or who have been honorably discharged from active duty within the prior five years who are in need of emergency assistance. Grants shall be administered be the Batesville American Legion.

Moorhead (William “Gus” and Mary Margaret) Print Media Scholarship – To benefit a graduating member of the Raiders Riot staff at South Ripley H.S. who has excelled in writing, editing, layout and design.

Moorhead (William “Gus” and Mary Margaret) Student Athlete Scholarship – To benefit a South Ripley graduate who has exhibited excellence in athletics, scholarship, leadership and attendance.

Moorman (John) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide scholarships to eligible Batesville area high school graduates majoring in agronomy at Purdue University.

Narwald (Wade) Memorial Seedling Fund – To fund youth organizations in Ripley County.

New Horizons Fund – To provide support to New Horizons Rehabilitation to carry out its role and mission as described by its governing documents.

Oak Heritage Conservancy Fund – To support the Conservancy in their endeavor to protect and conserve land and water resources for future generations.

Ollier Family Community Granting Fund – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Ollier Masonry Operating Endowment Fund – To help defray the cost of operating for the Ripley County Community Foundation.

Osgood United Methodist Church Endowment Fund – To provide support, other than salaries, for the Osgood United Methodist Church, Osgood, Indiana.

Raver (Bob) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide a scholarship to one graduating Batesville High School football player (not necessarily the best player, but the “one who makes the most of his God-given abilities”) planning to seek higher education.

Reynolds (Gilmore and Golda) Endowment Fund – To promote the economic development of and the quality of life in the Town of Osgood, Indiana and its surrounding rural community.

Reynolds (Gilmore and Golda) Community Granting Fund – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Reynolds (Gilmore and Golda) Scholarship Endowment Fund – To provide scholarships to Jac-Cen-Del High School seniors planning to pursue higher education.

Riggle (Sandra Michelle) Memorial Scholarship – To benefit female graduates of South Ripley Jr./Sr. High School planning to major in the field of education and/or a science-related field at a 4-year college or university.

Ripley County Convention, Visitor, and Tourism Commission Fund – To support this Commission.

Ripley County Quality of Life Improvement Fund – To improve the quality of life in Ripley County.

Rockwood, (Fred and Jolene) Family Operating Endowment Fund – To help defray the yearly operating expenses of the RCCF.

Rohlfing, (Charles C.) Memorial Campership Fund – To benefit students at Milan School Corporation who attend sport camps approved by the Athletic Department at Milan School Corporation.
Rural Alliance for the Arts Fund – To further the goals of the Rural Alliance for the Arts.

Rural Alliance for the Arts/Elsa and Peter Soderberg Scholarship – For Batesville HS or Oldenburg Academy graduating students who wish to pursue a degree in any area of the arts at any 2 or 4 year public or private institution of higher learning in or out of the state of Indiana.

Rust (Greg and Judy) Community Granting Fund – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Schantz Family Community Granting Fund – To provide annual distributions for granting purposes to Ripley County not-for-profit organizations.

Senior Citizens Development Fund – To support Lifetime Resources.

Southeastern Indiana YMCA – To build strong kids, strong families and strong communities in Ripley County.

St. John’s United Church of Christ (Huntersville) Fund – To support the development, maintenance and growth of St. John’s United Church of Christ (Huntersville), Batesville.

Shotwell (Joe) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide scholarships to Ripley or Franklin County residents studying aviation technology/mechanics at Purdue University.

Sunman Life Squad Fund – To further the work of the Sunman Life Squad.

Tarter (Frank) Community Trust Fund – To improve the quality and enjoyment of life for the residents of Osgood and the rural community surrounding Osgood.

Thompson (Harry W.) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide journalism scholarships to Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, and South Ripley High School graduates.

Town of Sunman Fund – To improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Town of Sunman.

Town of Versailles Quality of Life Improvement Fund – To improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Town of Versailles.

Tyson Scholarship Fund – To provide a higher education scholarship to a resident of Versailles.

Tyson Library Seedling Fund – Fund will benefit the library.

Van Hook (Daryl Lea) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide tuition assistance to any Ripley County high school graduate pursuing a career in Special Education at Ball State University.

Van Hook (Marilyn M. and William T.) – To help defray the yearly operating expenses of the RCCF.

Versailles Lions Club Fund – To further the goals of the Versailles Lions Club.

Volz (Chris Sr.) Memorial Fund – To support St. Charles Catholic Church.

Volz (Nellie) Memorial Operating Endowment Fund – To help defray the operating expenses of the Ripley County Community Foundation.

Wagner (James E. and Ruth M.) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide a scholarship to a Jac-Cen-Del High School graduate who plans to attend any accredited college or university and works toward either an associate or bachelors degree and plans to major in nursing or business.

Werner (Matt and Cleo) Scholarship Fund – To benefit a graduating senior from any high school within Decatur, Franklin or Ripley County, Indiana who plans to pursue a 2 or 4 year degree at a fully accredited institution of high education.

Winegard (Milton L.) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To fund a scholarship established with and administered by the Milan Community Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship shall be awarded annually to a deserving Milan, Indiana High School graduating senior(s) pursuing higher education.

Women’s Fund – To benefit women and children in Ripley County.

Wonning (Nora) Scholarship Fund – To benefit qualified graduating seniors of Batesville High School who wish to pursue post high school education.

Yorn (Jon Keith) Memorial Pass-thru Fund – Benefits charitable organizations as decided upon by an advisory committee.

Young Life Endowment Fund – To help fund the Young Life Organization.
2009 Scholarship Recipients

Ripley County Community Foundation Scholars

Clinton Covert
East Central High School

Chelsea Durham
South Ripley High School

Ryan Hartman
Batesville High School

Audrey Huffmeyer
Jac-Cen-Del High School

Tess Kuntz
Oldenburg Academy

Christopher Meyer
Batesville High School
2009 Scholarship Recipients

Bryce Mullins
Sylvester “Bess” Bartling
Memorial Scholarship

Jamie Lunsford
Karen & Heather Cain
Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Swinney
Jeremy David Ebinger
Memorial Scholarship

Andy Miller
Jeremy David Ebinger
Memorial Scholarship

Zakary O’Neal
Friends of Milan
Wrestling Scholarship

Audrey Huffmeyer
J. Michael Hansen
Memorial Scholarship

Julie Meyer
J. Michael Hansen
Memorial Scholarship

Allana Newhart
J. Michael Hansen
Memorial Scholarship

Krystle Oliver
George Hillenbrand
Scholarship
2009 Scholarship Recipients

Jason Amrhein
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Janice Laker
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Lucy Brunsman
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Matthew Wallpe
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Aleisha Caldwell
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Brandon Hensley
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Kristen Schuman
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Amy Wuestefeld
George Hillenbrand Scholarship

Brent Ertel
Aurella Hofmockel Memorial Scholarship
2009 Scholarship Recipients

Seth Leonard
William “Gus” and Mary Margaret Moorhead Athlete Scholarship

Chelsea Durham
William “Gus” and Mary Margaret Moorhead Print Media Scholarship

Matthew Krieger
John Moorman Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Hartman
Bob Raver Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Bales
Riggle (Sandra Michelle) Memorial Scholarship

Lucy Glaser
Rural Alliance for the Arts/Peter Soderberg Scholarship

Kevin Swinney
Tyson Scholarship Fund

Inga Moore
Daryl Lea Van Hook Memorial Scholarship

Tiffany Thomas
Matt and Cleo Werner Scholarship
Two Ripley County Students were named recipients of full tuition, four-year scholarships as the Ripley County Community Foundation 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Gerald Hardesty and Valorie Wagner will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice and an $800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Gerald is the son of David and Jennifer Hardesty of Osgood. He is a senior at Jac-Cen-Del High School and plans to major in mechanical engineering attending Purdue University.

Valorie is the daughter of Dennis and Flora Wagner of Osgood. The Jac-Cen-Del senior plans to major in exercise science at University of Indianapolis.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of residents representing all areas of Ripley County. The committee is not aware of whose application they are viewing as names and schools of students applying for the scholarships are removed from the application. At the interviews of the finalists, the students are introduced by their first name only, allowing for as much objectivity as possible.

Each Ripley County finalist not receiving one of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships is awarded a Ripley County Community Scholarship of $1,000. For 2009 they are Clinton Covert, East Central High School, son of Tracy Covert of Sunman; Chelsea Durham, South Ripley High School, daughter of Sam and Nancy Durham of Osgood; Ryan Hartman, Batesville High School, son of Bill and Barb Hartman of Batesville; Audrey Huffmeyer, Jac-Cen-Del High School, daughter of Douglas and Susan Huffmeyer of Osgood; Tess Kuntz, Oldenburg Academy, daughter of John and Kathryn Kuntz of Sunman and Christopher Meyer, Batesville High School, son of Greg and Cindy Meyer of Batesville.
Delaware Community Volunteer Fire Dept. – EMS
storage equipment $2,500
Morris Firemen’s Assoc. – Fire hose $2,496
Napoleon Volunteer Fire Co. – Radios, pagers and chargers $2,350

Oldenburg Academy – Easter & Thanksgiving dinners prepared by students for residents of Safe Passage $600

Ripley County Angels of Giving – Support for needy at Christmas $2,500
Ripley County Red Cross – For disaster victims of Ripley County $2,500

Rural Alliance for the Arts – “Christmas Carol” $2,500
YMCA Learning Center – Shade for toddlers’ playground $2,500

The Board of Directors also recommended the following pro-active grants:
Safe Passage – Operating Support $1,060
Batesville Food Pantry – Food for needy $1,000
County-wide Free Food Store – Food for needy $1,000
Milan Food Pantry – Food for needy $1,000
Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry – Food for needy $1,000

Food Pantries – grant recipients

2009 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Approximately $11 million granted since 1997!

Napoleon Volunteer Fire Dept. – grant recipient

Oldenburg Academy – grant recipients

South Ripley Jr./Sr. High School – grant recipient

Check presented to Ripley County Disaster Relief committee by Jane Deiwert

South Ripley Jr./Sr. High School – For monitoring progress $400

Sunman Food Pantry – Food for needy $2,500

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Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry – Food for needy $1,000

Food Pantries – grant recipients
Fund Distributions

Batesville Area Ministerial Assoc. – Soderberg Pass-Thru $ 4,389.81
St. Louis Catholic School – Bergman Pass-Thru 500.00
SEI YMCA – Soderberg Pass-Thru 23,646.00
Alzheimer’s Support Groups of Southeast Indiana – Soderberg Pass-Thru 3,378.00
Family Connections - RCCF Women’s Fund 1,000.00
Alzheimer’s Support Groups of Southeast Indiana 72.00
CREATE - Hillenbrand Tech Fund 2,353.00
Safe Passage - Soderberg Pass-Thru 5,067.00
Jac-Cen-Del Scholarship Fdn. - JCD HS Comm. Scholarship 395.00
Milan Scholarship Fund 266.00
Milan Extracurricular Scholarship 81.00
Ripley Co. Quality of Life Fund 2,249.00
Milan High School - Milton Winegard Scholarship 767.00
St. Louis Catholic School - Bergman Pass-Thru 72.00
Safe Passage - Charles Gillman Fund 93.00
JCD Memorial Scholarship - JCD HS Comm. Scholarship 2,000.00
Batesville Comm. School Corp. - Nora Winning Scholarship 3,259.00
Osgood UMC - Osgood UMC Endowment Fund 94.00
Brown Township Trustee - Cross Plains Fund 1,072.00
JCD HS Comm. Scholarship - Gilmore & Golda Reynolds Scholarship Fund 118.00
JCD HS Comm. Scholarship - Gilmore & Golda Reynolds Endowment Fund 1,882.00
Osgood Historical Museum - Gilmore & Golda Reynolds Endowment Fund 4,479.00
Brad Family Fund - So. Ripley School Corp. 183.00
Batesville Food Pantry 165.00
Osgood FD - Tarter Comm. Trust 416.95
Napoleon Volunteer FD - Tarter Comm. Trust 700.00
Ripley Co. Historical Society - Tarter Comm. Trust 500.00
Delaware FD - Tarter Comm. Trust 795.05
Margaret Mary Comm. Hosp. - Ivy Tech Foundation 214.00
Milan St. Paul Lutheran Church - Milan St. Paul

Lutheran Church 99.00
Young Life - Young Life Endowment Fund 64.00
St. Louis Catholic School - Bergman Pass-Thru 500.00

2009 Grants and Scholarships Cont’d

Connie DeBurger – Family Connections – receiving Women’s Fund grant

St. Charles Catholic Church - Chris Volz St. Memorial Fund 139.00
Batesville Food Pantry - Batesville Food Pantry Fund 3,417.00
Milan UMC - Milan UMC Endowment Fund 62.00
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Severinghaus-Beck Fund 2,000.00
St. John Lutheran Church - Severinghaus-Beck Fund 2,000.00
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Crossroads) - Severinghaus-Beck Fund 2,000.00
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church - Severinghaus-Beck Fund 2,000.00
Adams Lutheran Church - Severinghaus-Beck Fund 2,000.00
Town of Osgood - Black Memorial Trust 2,525.00
Osgood Historical Museum - Black Memorial Trust 920.00
Fayette Health Systems - Bergman Pass-Thru 234.24
St. Louis Catholic School - Bergman Pass-Thru 500.00
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital - Bergman Pass-Thru 2,220.97

Other Endowment Funds chose to roll distributions back into their funds.
The following have all been volunteers during 2009. We appreciate all they have done and hope to see more individuals involved and participating in our community foundation:

**Office Help**

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**Stuffed and Labeled Envelopes for Events**

- Karin Johnson
- Tina Shutter
- Lauren Wagner

**Gerald Hardesty - Lilly Scholar**

volunteers time to shred documents

**Brandon Wallpe, Lindsey Wilson, Christopher Meyer, and Brian Faulkner (l to r) – BHS volunteers**

**Tyler Hensley - Lilly Scholar**

volunteers during his Christmas break

**Tina Shutter and her aide – volunteers**

**Carissa Moss - Indiana Academy**

volunteer time cutting for Women’s Luncheon
The Ripley County Community Foundation wishes to thank Amy Wonnell for her creative assistance in the publishing of this annual report.

We’d also like to thank Amy’s family for contributing the cover photo.
The Board of Directors voted to set aside money for small grants again in 2010. The cap for small grants will be $500 and applications are due on first business Mondays of April, July, September and December.

The large grant cycle will remain in the fall with the Intent to Apply to be submitted by August 13 and the grant application to be submitted by September 10. Requests are limited to a maximum of $3,500.

In addition to above mentioned grants, the Foundation will also be setting aside money for sponsorships and other emergency requests that may come up during the year.

Grants will not be accepted from organizations that have received grants in the past but have not spent the grant money. A satisfactory grant report must be filed and approved by the Foundation before an organization may apply in another grant cycle (no matter the size of the grant: small or large).

The grant application process and necessary forms are available on the Ripley County Community Foundation website: www.rccfonline.org under “Grants”.
THIS I BELIEVE: (with apologies to NPR (National Public Radio)!

I BELIEVE that creating the opportunity for seedling funds was a positive thing for our donors. Our seedling funds are growing in number AND the older ones have sprouted new growth! These are funds started below our required minimum of $5,000. They must reach that level but they have five years to do it in. Several are very close to being $5,000.

I BELIEVE that the Women’s Fund that was begun with our first Women In Philanthropy luncheon seven years ago, is growing due to the generosity of women who attend EVERY year and DONATE every year. It’s a fun event to attend but beneath the fun is the good it does. Women in attendance vote on a $1,000 grant for a project which will help women or children. Never underestimate the power of women who are passionate about a need in their community. The fund now has over $22,000 and the luncheon next year is already set for April 29th in 2011.

I BELIEVE we have amazingly philanthropic, giving people in Ripley County. That is evidenced especially at graduation time when our many scholarship winners benefit from so many of our generous donors.

I BELIEVE that the EcO15 (Economic Opportunities 2015) regional grant has taught me many new things – especially a new vocabulary. If you want to feel encouraged and elated over the future of our country and education go visit a Project Lead The Way class in one of our schools. The students will make you believe that you need to go back to school and start all over!!!

I BELIEVE that starting an endowment fund in the foundation gives you sense of “giving back forever” to our County. In 2009 my husband, Jim, and I started a seedling fund in memory of our parents. It is an Operating Endowment Fund to provide operating money to the Foundation “forever”. We had wonderful, loving parents who always gave back to their communities and we wanted them to be remembered “forever”. My mother’s death in August, 2009 was a time of great sadness, grief and reflection. My family was uplifted and comforted by the memorials given at the time of her death. A portion of them helped to create this Fund. I have worked with many grieving families to create endowment funds and I now understand more fully the comfort and healing it brings.

I BELIEVE that the new volunteer program created by the board will make a huge impact on the Foundation. If you have some extra time, or even if you don’t, I encourage you to learn more about Ripley County Community Foundation and get involved in a worthy cause that will help the county where you live.
## Statement of Financial Position

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## Statement of Activities

**Year Ended December 31, 2009**

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| **Change in net assets**                      |
| 1,072,443                                     |

| **Net assets, beginning of year**             |
| 5,607,157                                     |

| **Net assets, end of year**                   |
| **$6,679,600**                                |