The *hopes & dreams* that seem so unattainable by each of us alone can **become a reality together**.

– LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
Frank Tarter
2015 Board Members

Stephanie Baker - Milan
Baker Auto Sales
Board Treasurer

Eric Benz - Sunman
Engineer - Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.
Board President, Youth Philanthropy Committee, Executive Committee, GIFT VI Committee

Linda Chandler - Cross Plains
Publisher, Ripley Publishing Co., Inc.
Marketing Committee

Marie Dausch - Batesville
Executive Director - New Horizons Rehabilitation, Inc.
Finance Committee, Women’s Luncheon Committee

Tim Dietz - Batesville
Director of Administrative Services - Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.
GIFT VI Committee

Steve Huff - Napoleon
Manager UCB - Osgood Branch
Grants Committee - Chair

Debbie Miles - Batesville
Retired
Grants Committee, Office Volunteer

Bill Narwold - Batesville
Retired Educator
EcO Action Team - Chair, Small Grants Committee

Alesha Neal - Osgood
Sales - Spartan Staffing
Women’s Luncheon Committee, EcO Action Team, Annual Dinner Committee

Chris Nichols - Batesville
Board Secretary, Executive Committee, Lilly Scholarship Committee - Chair

Ashlee Theising - Sunman
Trust Operations Manager - ClearPoint Federal Bank & Trust
Board Vice President, Executive Committee, Finance Committee - Chair, GIFT VI Committee

John Kellerman - Batesville
Legal Representative

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Mark Collier
Mark Comer
B. J. Cox
Jenny Darnold
Marge Demaree
John Dickey
Judy Eaton
Carter Everage
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Herman “Ham” Struwing
Don Swisher
Betty Thaemar
Steve Todd
William Van Hook
John Ward
Ed Westmeyer
Brenda Wetzler
Bill Wilson
**2015 Staff & Standing Committees**

**Executive Committee**
- Eric Benz – President
- Ashlee Theising – Vice President
- Chris Nichols – Secretary
- Stephanie Baker – Treasurer

**Finance Committee**
- Ashlee Theising – Chair
- Jan Bedel
- Jennifer Bunselmeier
- Mark Comer
- Marie Dausch
- John Grossman
- Kellerman Law Office
- Ron Kneuven
- Jerry Smith
- Steve Todd

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- Rob Moorhead – Vice Chair
- Carla Enzinger – Treasurer
- Ally Swensen – Secretary
- Tony Flynn
- Jeff Hartz
- Michael Hood
- Vicki Kellerman
- Sarah Lamping
- Kevin McGuire
- Alesha Neal
- Rhonda Savage
- Tyler Stock
- Amy Streator

**Grants Committee**
- Steve Huff – Chair
- Jennifer Bunselmeier
- Jeff Hartz
- Jason Hughes
- Debbie Miles
- Jenny Miles
- Carla Stenger
- Ham Struewing
- Janice Wilson

**Scholarship Committee**
- Chris Nichols – Chair
- Judy Baylor
- Linda Chandler
- Jane Deiwert
- Anita Fledderman
- Jennifer Hardesty
- Donna Krausner
- Elton Linville
- Jennifer McIntosh
- Beverly McKinney
- Debbie Miles
- Amy Streator
- Lois Vogel

**Youth Philanthropy Committee**
- Jonathon Maple – Chair
- Eric Benz
- Cheryll Obendorf
- Amy Streator
- Ashlee Theising
- Brooke Tyree

**Marketing Committee**
- Anita Fledderman – Chair
- Linda Chandler
- Kara Cleeter
- Ron Green
- Alex Johnson
- Bonnie Motz
- Sue Siebert
- Amy Wonnell

**Women’s Luncheon Committee**
- Lin Phaneuf – Chair
- Carrie Bedel
- Marie Dausch
- Chris Fairchild
- Deanna Hookway
- Alesha Neal
- Jamie Schantz
- Kris Schneider
- Brooke Tyree
- Amy Wonnell

**GIFT VI Committee**
- Anita Fledderman – Chair
- Eric Benz
- Tim Dietz
- Sally Morris
- Cheryll Obendorf
- Amy Streator
- Ashlee Theising
- Vicky Wilson

**Annual Report**
- Amy Wonnell
Dear Friends,

What an eventful year it has been! In addition to continuing our great work with community granting and scholarships, we have been very involved with our GIFT VI fundraising goals and our Youth Philanthropy initiative this past year. Each of these opportunities has enabled us to significantly grow in our ability to positively impact our community.

Our GIFT VI fundraising initiative was enabled by a tremendous matching opportunity from Lilly Endowment. Through the hard work of our volunteers and staff, and the generosity of our many donors, we were thrilled to be able to reach our goals and bring the full extent of the GIFT VI matching funds into our county. A key focus of the GIFT VI initiative was to grow our community granting funds, and by successfully earning the GIFT VI match, we have strengthened our community granting potential for the years to come.

Another exciting initiative this past year has been our Youth Philanthropy organization. Students from each of the Ripley County High Schools have volunteered their time to establish a youth philanthropy club at their schools and for the county overall. We have been impressed by the great work that these students have been able to accomplish. The students drafted their mission statement, identified needs in their school/county, participated in fundraising, and awarded grants after reviewing applications. This was a significant accomplishment by everyone involved and we are looking forward to the future of this program.

As always, the great work we do every day would not be possible without all of you. We have such incredible support throughout Ripley County and are forever grateful to the countless donors and volunteers who make everything possible. Thank you so much for your continued support, time, and generosity!

Sincerely,

Amy Streator
Executive Director

Eric Benz
Board President 2016
**Statement of Financial Position**

**December 31, 2015**

**ASSETS**
- Cash and Equivalents 235,617
- Certificate of Deposit -0-
- Investments 10,287,945
- Prepaid Expenses -0-
- Equipment, Net 15,302

**TOTAL ASSETS** $10,538,864

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses 7,919
- Deferred Revenue 359,614
- Contributions held for others 837,257

**Total Liabilities** 1,204,790

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted Net Assets
  - Operating 613,255
  - Board Designated 346,271
  - Total 959,526
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 8,274,548
- Permanently Restricted Net Assets 100,000

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** 9,334,074

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** $10,538,864

**Statement of Activities**

**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

**Support and Revenues**
- Contributions 695,539
- Grant Revenue 159,432
- Investment Return, Net (108,300)
- Administrative Fees 153,290
- Special Events Income 46,450
- Other Income 17,587

**Total Support and Revenues** $963,998

**Expenses**
- Grants 598,325
- EcO15 Grant Expenses 154,162
- Administrative Fees 139,568
- Salaries and Wages 144,728
- Special Events 16,963
- Payroll Taxes and Employee Benefits 10,446
- Employee Training 5,090
- Advertising 11,345
- Office Supplies 2,792
- Postage and Printing 7,015
- Telephone 3,659
- Depreciation 4,704
- Professional Fees 19,167
- Dues and Subscriptions 2,370
- Travel and Entertainment 1,102
- Meetings and Conferences 2,908
- Insurance 4,387
- Rent 3,000
- Miscellaneous 9,505

**Total Expenses** 1,141,236

**Change in Net Assets** (177,238)

**Net Assets, Beginning of Year** 9,511,312

**NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR** $9,334,074

An independent audit was performed by Blue & Co., LLC. The complete audit report including the independent auditor’s unqualified opinion is available upon request from the Foundation’s office.
Together GIFT VI hopes & dreams became a reality...

Thanks to the support of our many donors, the Ripley County Community Foundation successfully met Lilly Endowment’s sixth Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) challenge. In 2015 the Ripley County Community Foundation received $750,000 in gifts from local donors and therefore qualified to receive $500,000 from GIFT in matching donations.

This addition to the Ripley County Community Foundation’s assets will generate additional grants which will be paid back into Ripley County, forever!

With heartfelt thanks,

Ripley County Community Foundation
Board of Directors and Staff

I give to the RCCF for the same reason I plant a tree - to provide food and shelter to future generations.

– John Kellerman, attorney

There have been so many community projects completed by the foundation’s grants and so many scholarships granted to worthy students. I give to the foundation because it is local and I can see the contributions at work.

– Debbie Miles
The **mission** of RYO is to create a powerful youth voice in our community in order to improve the lives of those in Ripley County through a philanthropic approach.

The **vision** of RYO is to spread knowledge of philanthropy across Ripley County through service and education, to empower the youth to become leaders of their generation.

Below is a list of the grants awarded by the students:

- **Batesville High School**: $300 to the Debate Team  
  $337 to the Academic Team  
  $290 to the Band
- **Jac-Cen-Del High School**: $600 to the Science Department  
  $650 to JCD Elementary School
- **Milan High School**: $1,000 to the Math Department
- **Oldenburg Academy**: $120 to the Chess Club  
  $200 to the National Honor Society  
  $250 to the Junior-Senior Prom Committee  
  $430 to St. Louis School
- **South Ripley High School**: $300 to the Champions Together Unified Track Clinic  
  $700 to the South Ripley Food Pantry

The RYO student committee would like to thank their schools and the community for the overwhelming support we have had our first year.

To support the Ripley Youth Outreach program donations can be made to the Ripley County Youth Philanthropy Fund.


Funds & Grants

Community Granting Fund –

If you wish to provide resources for your community to meet future needs, assist an existing program or even start a new program, the Community Granting fund will be your choice. Your resources will be granted at the discretion of the Foundation for purposes which are meaningful and timely and meet the guidelines and policies of the Foundation.

Batesville (City of) Fund
Bonfer (Duwane & Doris) Fund
Bruns-Gutzwiller Fund
Chandler Family Fund
Collier Family Fund
Dunbar (Ralph & Ethel) Fund
Enhanced Telecommunications Corp. Fund
FCN Bank Fund
Hartman (Al & Norma) Family Fund
Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Fund
Hillenbrand, Inc. Fund
Hillenbrand Foundation, Inc. Fund
Kellerman Family Fund
Miles Grandchildren Fund
Mitchell (Louise Hunter) Family Fund
Ollier (Jeff & Mary) Family Fund
Reynolds (Gilmore & Golda) Fund
Ripley County Community Foundation Fund
Rising Sun Regional Foundation, Inc. Fund
Rust (Greg & Judy) Fund
Schantz (Dan & Jamie) Fund
Tanner Tucker “Pay It Forward” Fund
Youth Philanthropy Community Granting Fund

2015 GRANTING FROM COMMUNITY GRANTING FUNDS – $138,970

Amack’s Well
American Cancer Society
Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Batesville Area Historical Society
Batesville Area Ministerial Association
Batesville Area Resource Center
Batesville Beautification League, Inc.
Batesville Community Fire Association
Batesville Intermediate School
Batesville Kiwanis Club
Batesville Music and Arts Festival
Batesville United Methodist Church
Batesville Youth Football
Bridge of Hope Worship Center
Bucket Buddies Mission, Inc.
Buckeye Village Apartments
City of Batesville Parks Department
Corinne’s Believers
Delaware Community Volunteer Fire Dept.
Economic Opportunities Through Education
Explore 2 Learn-NOW Kids
Discovery Factory
Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry
Friends of Batesville Public Library
Friendship Regional Sewer District
Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc.
Herald-Tribune
Holton Food Pantry
Little Cherubs Christian Preschool
Main Street Versailles
Margaret Mary Health
Milan ’54 Hoosiers Museum
Milan Community Relief
Milan Community School Corporation
Milan Elementary PTO
Milan High School Athletics
Milan Lions Club
Milan Middle School
Milan Summer Baseball
Morris Volunteer Fire Association
Napoleon Volunteer Fire Company
New Horizons Rehabilitation, Inc.
Osgood Area Kiwanis
Osgood Public Library
Ripley County 4-H Corporation
Ripley County Basketball
Hall of Fame
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Ripley County Chamber of Commerce
Ripley County Family Services
Ripley County Food Pantry
Ripley County Humane Society
Ripley Publishing Co., Inc.
Ripley County Tourism Bureau
Rural Alliance for the Arts
The Salvation Army
Southeast Indiana Health Center
Southeastern Career Center
Southeastern Indiana YMCA, Inc.
Special Olympics Indiana
St. Louis Catholic School
Sunman American Legion Post 337
Sunman Food Pantry
Town of Osgood Wastewater Department
Tri Kappa
Tri-County Coonhunters
Twice Blessed Resale Store
Tyson Community Advancement Foundation
USNSCC Flying Tigers Squadron
Versailles Lions Club
Versailles Volunteer Fire Dept.
Funds & Grants

Community Granting Fund Continued –

Sally Morris Community Impact Grant –

The Ripley County Community Foundation strives to promote leadership in addressing Ripley County’s issues by making grants in the fields of community service, social service, education, health, environment and the arts. The Board of Director’s hoped to take that philosophy to a new level through the Sally Morris Community Impact Grants. It was hoped that a larger grant would encourage organizations to engage in larger scaled projects which would have a substantial impact on the community at large.

2015 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS AWARDED – $100,000

- Batesville Community Fire Association: to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).
- Morris Volunteer Fire Association: to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).
- The Southeast Indiana Health Center (SEIHC): provides free healthcare services to residents of Ripley and Franklin Counties who are low income, lack health insurance coverage and are in need of healthcare. They will use the grant to relocate adding an onsite pharmacy, lab and dental services.
- Tyson Activity Center: provides recreational activities such as youth basketball leagues, weight room/training, gymnastics, cheer, yoga, aerobics, summer volleyball, archery, art classes, music lessons and summer camps. They will use the grant to make interior improvements to the building.
- Batesville Area Resource Center: A center to house local programs which provide services to Ripley County’s most needy. They used the funds to repair the roof on the building.

Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter

Knowing my contributions make a difference in the lives of people I know today & for generations to come is truly meaningful.

– Linda Chandler
Funds & Grants

Operating Endowment Fund –

An Operating Endowment Fund is established by a donor to help defray the operating expenses of the Ripley County Community Foundation. If you believe in what the Foundation is doing in our communities and understand the importance of providing the means to offset the necessary costs of administering its programs, this type of fund would be a logical choice.

- Baker (Daren) Fund
- Hartman (Al & Norma) Family Children’s Fund
- Horstman (Mary) Memorial Fund
- Lagle (Rev. Donald & Virginia) and Morris (J.C. & Mary) Fund
- McGowan (Jane T. & Clarence J. “Bud”) Fund
- Mckittrick (Roselyn) Family Fund
- Miles Enterprises Fund
- Ollier Masonry Fund
- Ripley County Community Foundation Fund
- Rockwood (Fred & Jolene) Fund
- Van Hook (Marilyn M. & William T.) Fund
- Volz (Nellie) Memorial Fund

2015 OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUNDS GENERATED INCOME – $43,803.41

Agency Endowment Fund –

A non-profit organization may establish an endowment fund to benefit its purpose. This type of endowment allows supporters to contribute funds that will ensure a dependable source of funding that allows the organization to carry out its work on a perpetual basis.

- Alzheimer’s Support Groups of Southeast Indiana
- Batesville Area Historical Society Fund
- Camp Woodsmoke Fund
- Delta Rho Chapter of Tri Kappa Fund
- Family Connections Fund
- Historic Hoosier Hills Endowment Fund
- Jac-Cen-Del Community Scholarship Fund
- Lifetime Resources Fund
- Milan Community Education Foundation
- Milan Community Scholarship Foundation Fund
- National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
- New Horizons Rehabilitation Fund
- The Oak Heritage Conservancy Fund
- Osgood Lions Club Fund
- Ripley County 4-H Corporation Fund
- Ripley County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Commission Fund
- Ripley County Quality of Life Improvement Fund
- Rural Alliance for the Arts Fund
- Southeast Indiana YMCA Fund
- Sunman Rural Fire Department Fund
- Town of Sunman Quality of Life Fund
- Town of Versailles Quality of Life Fund
- Tyson Library Fund
- Versailles Lions Club Fund

2015 GRANTING FROM AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS – $22,408.22
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Designated Endowment Fund –

If you are devoted to one (or more) charitable organizations, you may wish to establish this type of fund whereby assuring that your favorite charity will receive annual grants from your endowed fund without future advice or recommendations from you.

- **Ammerman (E. George Jr. & Gertrude) Fund**
  For Sunman American Legion

- **Anonymous Deferred Fund**
  Supports Margaret Mary Hospice, Alzheimer's Support
  Groups of Southeast Indiana, Batesville, Morris &
  Oldenburg Fire Departments, Safe Passage, Lifetime
  Resources & Ripley County Humane Society

- **Area 12 Special Education Fund**
  For New Horizons Rehabilitation

- **Becker (Joe & Ann) Memorial Fund**
  For Margaret Mary Community Hospital

- **Bradt (Hale & Elizabeth) Family Memorial Fund**
  For South Ripley School Corp. Media Center

- **Brinkmoeller (George & Patricia) Family Fund**
  For the Batesville Food Pantry

- **Bruns-Gutzwiller Fund**
  For the Southeast Indiana YMCA martial arts program

- **Comer (Arthur) Memorial Fund**
  For the Hopewell Baptist Church youth program

- **Cox (B.J.) Memorial Fund for St. John’s United Church of Christ (Huntersville)**

- **Cross Plains Fund**

- **Family First Fund**
  For Cincinnati Children’s Hospital & Riley Children’s Hospital for cancer patient & families

- **Fischer (Wayne Q.) Fund**
  For Southeast Indiana YMCA

- **Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry Fund**

- **Gardner (James T.) Memorial Fund**
  For Margaret Mary Hospital

- **Gillman (Charles) Fund**
  For Safe Passage

- **Graham (Gerald & Johanne) Volunteer Scholarship Fund**
  Support Milan Dollars for Scholars

- **Gutzwiller (William) & Bozelli (Janet) Scholarship Fund**
  For Ivy Tech Foundation to support a Nursing Scholarship

- **Harvey (Ted) & Johnson (Angie) Families Fund**
  Support programs & operation of Southeastern Indiana YMCA

- **Hillenbrand (Dan) Memorial YMCA Fund**

- **Hillenbrand Technology Fund**
  For CREATE

- **Horstman (Arthur J.) Memorial Fund**
  For 4-H groups of Franklin & Ripley Counties

- **Kruse (James & Janet) Scholarship**
  For Jac-Cen-Del Community Scholarship Foundation

- **Lindenmeyer (Paul) Memorial Fund**
  For St. Louis Church

- **Margaret Mary Community Hospital Hospice Fund**

- **Milan '54 Museum Fund**

- **Milan Extracurricular Fund**

- **Milan St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday School Fund**

- **Milan United Methodist Church Memorial Fund**

- **Military Service Fund**
  For the Ripley County Veterans’ Affairs Office

- **Narwold (Wade) Memorial Fund**
  For Ripley County 4-H Shooting Sports and Rabbit Program

- **Obendorf (Matthew Paul) Memorial Soccer Fund**
  For South Ripley High School Soccer Program

- **Osgood United Methodist Church Fund**

- **Reynolds (Gilmore & Golda) Scholarship Fund**
  For Jac-Cen-Del Community Scholarship Foundation

- **Reynolds (Gilmore & Golda) Fund**
  Supports Center Township and the Town of Osgood

- **Rohlfing (Charles C.) Memorial Campership**
  To students at Milan School Corporation who attend sport camps approved by the Athletic Department at Milan School Corporation

- **Schneider (Frank & Frances) Memorial Fund**
  For the St. Nicholas Church General Operating Fund

- **Sunman Life Squad Fund**

- **Van Hook (Marilyn M.) Memorial Fund**
  For the Southeast Indiana YMCA

- **Versailles Baptist Church Fund**

- **Volz Sr. (Chris) Memorial Fund**
  For St. Charles Catholic Church

- **Winegard (Milton) Memorial Scholarship Fund**
  For Milan Community Scholarship Foundation

- **Wonning (Nora) Scholarship Fund**
  For Batesville High School Scholarships

- **Young Life of Southeastern Indiana Fund**

It is a fantastic feeling to be a part of such a great organization. Our many volunteers, donors, staff, business partners, & grant/scholarship recipients exemplify the character & sense of community in our county.

– Eric Benz
2015 GRANTING FROM DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS – $102,780.44

Batesville Area Ministerial Association
Batesville Community School Corp.
Brown Township Trustee
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
CREATE Foundation, Inc.
Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry
Franklin County 4-H Association
Ivy Tech Foundation
Jac-Cen-Del Scholarship Foundation
Margaret Mary Health
Milan Community School Corporation

Milan St. Paul Lutheran Church
Osgood Damm Theatre
Osgood Historical Museum
Osgood United Methodist Church
Ripley County Auditor
Safe Passage, Inc.
South Ripley Community School Corp.
St John’s United Church of Christ
Sunman American Legion Post 337
Sunman Area Life Squad
Young Life of Southeastern Indiana
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Donor Advised Funds –
A donor advised fund permits you or your appointed representative to recommend different charitable grants from your fund to qualifying organizations, depending on needs of your community.

Black (Roy & Hilda) Memorial Trust Fund – To promote the economic development of & the quality of life in the Town of Osgood, Indiana and its surrounding rural community.
Crum (Ray & Louise B. Herman) Fund – For Town of Osgood.
Dalton (Dan R. & Catherine M.) Fund – To provide support to non-profit organizations, programs or activities serving abused children, food insecure children & their families &/or no-kill animal shelters in Ripley, Franklin & Dearborn counties.
Giesting Financial Charitable Giving Fund – To enhance the quality of life for Ripley County residents.
Kellerman (Jack) Community Enhancement Fund – To benefit the municipalities of Sunman, Oldenburg & Batesville for public recreation, beautification & cultural programs and/or projects.
Morris (Judge Jim & Sally) Family Fund – To enhance the quality of life for Ripley County residents.
Six Shepherds Fund (The) – To enhance the quality of life for Ripley County residents.
Tarter (Frank) Community Trust Fund – To improve the quality & enjoyment of life for the residents of Osgood & the rural community surrounding Osgood.
Thanksgiving Fund (The) – To enhance the quality of life for Ripley County residents.
Vogel (Jacob) Memorial Fund – For students attending Southeastern Career Center Fire & Rescue Class.

2015 GRANTING FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS – $35,768.73

Bethany Baptist Church
Child Evangelism Fellowship of SE IN
Jac-Cen-Del School Corporation
Oldenburg Police Department
Osgood Area Kiwanis
Osgood Historical Museum
Osgood Lions Club
Osgood Public Library
Osgood Volunteer Fire Department
Ripley County Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Ripley County Historical Society
Ripley County Humane Society
Save Jon, Inc.
Southeastern Career Center
Southern Ripley Co. Emergency Life Squad
St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunman Food Pantry
Town of Osgood
Town of Osgood Wastewater Department
Tyson Community Advancement Foundation
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Non-Permanent Pass-Through Fund –

Immediacy is an element in the Foundation’s Pass-Through funds. You may be a donor that wishes to “spend down” the fund rather than endow the fund for the future. Perhaps a need arises or a new project emerges and a charitable organization requests assistance from the Foundation. Resources from non-permanent funds are given to support these special needs now. All types of funds may be designated in this way i.e. Designated, Community Granting, Field of Interest, Operating and Scholarships.

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

Camp Woodsmoke Fund – To provide support for Camp Woodsmoke.

Citizens’ Aquatic Project Fund – To provide funds for the construction &/or improvement of a public, city-owned aquatic center for the citizens of Batesville.

Flora Fund (The) – To beautify downtown Batesville.

Green (Lawrence) Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide scholarships for students who are accepted & attend two- or four-year public or private institutions.

Moving Milan Elementary School Forward Fund – To provide support to projects for Milan Elementary School.

On The Education Warpath – To provide a four year scholarship for a Milan School High School graduate.

Ripley County Disaster Fund – To provide support for disaster relief.

Severinghaus-Beck (George & Emily) Fund – To benefit Lutheran churches in Ripley County.

Southeast Indiana Health Center Fund – To benefit Southeast Indiana Health Center.

United Way Fund – To support Ripley County Food pantries or non-profits at direction of donor.

2015 GRANTING FROM NON-PERMANENT PASS-THROUGH FUNDS – $114,927.81

- Adams Lutheran Church
- Amack’s Well
- Batesville Area Ministerial Association
- Bridge of Hope Worship Center
- Camp Woodsmoke
- Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
- Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry
- Holton Food Pantry
- Holy Family Church
- Milan Community Relief
- Milan Community School Corporation
- Milan Elementary School
- Moving MES Forward
- New Horizons Rehabilitation, Inc.
- Ripley County Food Pantry
- Safe Passage, Inc.
- South Ripley Comm. School Corp.
- Southeast Indiana Health Center
- Southeastern Indiana YMCA, Inc.
- St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church
- St. Paul Lutheran Church
- Sunman Food Pantry
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**Field of Interest Fund –**

If you have an interest in a particular field such as the arts, education, youth or a specific geographic area (park, wetlands, etc.) this may be the type of fund for you. Once you define your particular interest, the Foundation will award grants from your fund within the area you have identified.

**Phaneuf (Linda S.), Women in Philanthropy Fund –** To benefit women and children in Ripley County.

**2015 GRANTING FROM FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

*Safe Passage - 2015 Women's Luncheon Grant winner*

*Phaneuf (Linda S.), Women in Philanthropy Fund –* To benefit women and children in Ripley County.

**Seedling Funds –**

A Seedling Fund may be established when a donor plans to meet the minimum balance for a new fund of $5,000 within five years. Any type of fund may be started in this manner. Until the $5,000 is reached, no distribution is given nor fees incurred.

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**Grant Opportunities for 2016**

If your organization believes it may benefit from a grant offered through the Ripley County Community Foundation, visit our website at [www.rccfonline.org](http://www.rccfonline.org) for a copy of our Grant Guidelines and Procedures, for a schedule of available grants and for copies of Grant Applications. Our staff will be happy to answer your questions about grants and the grant process.

The Ripley County Community Foundation’s contact information is:

4 South Park Ave., Suite 210
Batesville, IN 47006
(812) 933-1098
Toll Free (877) 234-5220
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Scholarship Endowment Funds –

A scholarship can be customized to incorporate the donor’s preferences for a particular field of study or a particular institution of higher learning. Eligibility of applicants, application procedures and the amount and duration of scholarship support are incorporated to reflect the wishes of the donor. All scholarships must be awarded pursuant to objective and nondiscriminatory procedures and there are two types of scholarships within the Foundation:

- **Discretionary Scholarships** - Provide educational scholarships to qualified individuals with no advice or recommendations from the scholarship originator. The scholarship recipient is selected by the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee.

- **Advised Scholarships** - Provide educational scholarships to qualified individuals and the donor (or person(s) designated by the donor) are involved in the selection of the recipient. The donor may only participate in such selection as a member of a larger committee (members of which are selected by the Community Foundation rather than the donor.)

**Arney (Melody G.) Memorial Scholarship** – For Ripley County residents majoring in Agriculture related fields.

**Bartling (Sylvester “Bess”) Memorial Scholarship** – For Batesville High School graduates going into the field of Music Education (1st choice) or Education (2nd choice).

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

**Brinkmoeller (George & Patricia) Scholarship** – To a Batesville High School or Oldenburg Academy graduate desiring to further his or her education.

**Cain (Karen & Heather) Memorial Scholarship** – To Jac-Cen-Del High School graduates.

**Corrine’s Believers Memorial Scholarship** – To students studying cosmetology at Aveda Fredric Institute.

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

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

**Grateful Family Scholarship** – To Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists for their 2nd year of college.

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

**Hansen (J. Michael) Memorial Scholarship** – To students from a Ripley County high school or Oldenburg Academy who plan to study nursing.

**Hansen (Samantha) Memorial Scholarship** – To South Ripley High School graduates.

**Hillenbrand (George M.) Memorial Scholarship** – To graduates of the high school(s) in the City of Batesville.

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

**Koelling (Nixie B.) Memorial STEM Scholarship** – To Batesville &/or East Central High School graduates who are majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math in college.

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

**Mathes (Emily) Memorial Scholarship** – For South Ripley High School graduating students.
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Moorman (John) Memorial Scholarship – To Batesville High School or Oldenburg Academy graduates majoring in any field related to golf.

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

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

Raver (Bob) Memorial 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. The scholarship recipient is chosen by the teammates not the coaches.

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

Rural Alliance for the Arts/Soderberg (Elsa & Peter) Scholarship – For Batesville High School 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.

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

South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Co., Inc. Scholarship – To college students who have completed the first year or term of post-secondary education whose parents, grandparents or legal guardians live within the service area and have been customers of South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Co., Inc. for a minimum of 36 consecutive months.

Thompson (Harry W.) Memorial Scholarship – Journalism scholarships to Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, & South Ripley High School graduates.

Tucker (Tanner) Memorial Scholarship – To a graduating senior from South Ripley High School involved in sports & community activities.

Unsung Hero Award – To a graduating senior from South Ripley High School who displays a commitment to community service.

Van Hook (Daryl Lea) Memorial Scholarship – To any Ripley County high school graduate attending Ball State University.

Versailles Masonic Lodge #7 F&AM Scholarship – To 1 boy & 1 girl graduating from South Ripley High School who have a connection to the Masonic Lodge.

Wagner (James E. & Ruth M.) Memorial Scholarship – To a Jac-Cen-Del High School graduate who plans to major in nursing or business.

Wehr (Greg & Candy) Memorial Scholarship – To a graduating senior of Ripley County pursuing a career in agriculture or education & is renewable for three additional years.

Werner (Matt & Cleo) Scholarship – To 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 higher education.

Westmeyer Family Memorial Scholarship – To South Ripley High School graduates pursuing a career in building trades, law enforcement or pursuing an undergraduate degree from any accredited college or university.

2015 GRANTING FROM SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDS – $66,490

Please see Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Brochure or website for full listing of scholarship criteria.
2015 Scholarship Recipients

Brandon Belter  
Melody G. Arney  
& George M. Hillenbrand  
Memorial Scholarships

Jessica Meer  
Sylvester “Bart” Bartling, George M. Hillenbrand & Zachary A. Litzinger Memorial Scholarships

Kristin Belter  
Doris A. Brelage Memorial Nursing & George M. Hillenbrand Memorial Scholarships

Madison McCreary  
George & Patricia Brinkmoeller Scholarship

Jacqlyn Menchhofer  
Karen & Heather Cain & Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarships

Cody Hitchcok  
Corinne’s Believers Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Hansen  
Jeremy David Ebinger Memorial Scholarship

Karlie Prozanski  
Friends of Milan Wrestling Scholarship

Lindsey Prozanski  
Friends of Milan Wrestling Scholarship

Hayley Fossett  
Grateful Family Scholarship

Cassandra Dickey  
Grateful Family Scholarship

Amanda Richter  
Grateful Family Scholarship

Austin Wagner  
Grateful Family Scholarship

Collin DeHart  
Matt Gutzwiller Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly Narwold  
Matt Gutzwiller Memorial Scholarship
2015 Scholarship Recipients

Austin Prickel
Matt Gutzwiller &
Daryl Lea Van Hook
Memorial Scholarships

Jade Schutte
Matt Gutzwiller
Memorial Scholarship

Kasandra Lanham
J. Michael Hansen &
Emily Mathes
Memorial Scholarships

Rachel Merkel
J. Michael Hansen
Memorial Scholarship

Carly Buchanan
Samantha Hansen, Emily
Mathes, Greg
& Candy Wehr &
Westmeyer Family
Memorial Scholarships

Kiersten Morris
George M. Hillenbrand
Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Huber
George M. Hillenbrand
Memorial Scholarship

Ann Kuntz
George M. Hillenbrand
Memorial Scholarship

Julia Robben
Aurella Hofmockel
Memorial Scholarship

Wyatt Schebler
Nixie B. Koelling
STEM & Bob Raver
Memorial Scholarships

Erin Gloyd
Emily Mathes
Memorial & William
“Gus” & Mary
Margaret Moorhead
Student Athlete
Scholarships

Anna Goodpaster
Emily Mathes, South
Eastern IN Natural
Gas Co. & Westmeyer
Family Memorial
Scholarships

Rebecca Hoffrogge
Emily Mathes
Memorial Scholarship

Kelsey Holbert
Emily Mathes
Memorial Scholarship

Courtney McGuire
Emily Mathes &
Tanner Tucker
Memorial Scholarships
2015 Scholarship Recipients

Russina Moore
Emily Mathes, Sandra Michelle Riggle
Memorial Scholarships & Unsung Hero Award

Alexandra Sexton
Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarship

Sidney Steinhauer
Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarship

Nathaniel Walter
Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarship

Isabella Gramaglia
William “Gus” & Mary Margaret Moorhead Print Media Scholarship

Nixie Williams
Rural Alliance for the Arts/Peter & Elsa Soderberg Scholarship

Kathryn Lamar
South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Co. Scholarship

Haley Schmaltz
Harry W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

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Tyson Scholarship

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James & Ruth Wagner Memorial Scholarship

Chad Emsweller
Greg & Candy Wehr Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Kirschner
Greg & Candy Wehr Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Cox
Greg & Candy Wehr Memorial Scholarship

Kollin Macke
Matt & Cleo Werner Scholarship
**2015 Scholarship Recipients**

**Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**

One Ripley County student has been named recipient of a full tuition, four-year scholarship as the Ripley County Community Foundation 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Shelby Armstrong will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of her choice & a $900 yearly stipend for required books & equipment.

Shelby is the daughter of Fred Armstrong of Sunman & Andrea Armstrong of Milan & is a senior at East Central High School planning to major in business. She will be attending DePauw University.

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

There were 70 applicants for this award in Ripley County this year drawing from seven high schools. Five outstanding students were chosen as finalists for this prestigious award. After the Ripley County Community Foundation scholarship committee narrowed the field to five nominees, the finalists’ applications were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipients. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges & universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor’s degree. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

Each Ripley County finalist not receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will be awarded one of the Ripley County Community Scholarships of $2,000. Those receiving the 2015 Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarships are Lexi Eisert, Batesville High School, daughter of James Eisert of Batesville & Gwendolyn Eisert of Batesville; Kelsey Gausman, Batesville High School, daughter of Tony & Lisa Gausman of Batesville; Ivy Glaser, Oldenburg Academy, daughter of Susan & Thomas Glaser of Batesville; & Ashley Moore, South Ripley High School, daughter of Tracy & Christy Moore of Versailles.

Please call 812-933-1098 or 877-234-5200 if you have questions regarding these scholarships or the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc.

**Ripley County Community Foundation Scholars**

**Lexi Eisert**
Batesville High School

**Kelsey Gausman**
Batesville High School

**Ivy Glaser**
Oldenburg Academy

**Ashley Moore**
South Ripley High School

Lilly Finalists – Ivy Glaser, Kelsey Gausman & Lexi Eisert
Ashley Moore (not pictured)
• Corporate Community Granting Funds
In 2015, four local businesses demonstrated their long-term commitment to make the world a better place and established endowment funds with the Ripley County Community Foundation. The income from these corporate endowment funds will be granted into the local community with the goal of strengthening Ripley County’s communities and creating new opportunities for future generations.

• Rising Sun Regional Foundation Community Granting Fund
The Rising Sun Regional Foundation was created in 1994 by the City of Rising Sun in conjunction with the development of the Grand Victoria Casino and Resort by the Hyatt Corporation. The Rising Sun Foundation began its grant making program in early 1997 and is designed to primarily benefit the residents of Ohio and Ripley Counties and the City of Aurora. The Rising Sun Regional Foundation established this fund to obtain Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) money made available to Ripley County by Lilly Endowment Inc. By establishing this fund the Rising Sun Regional Foundation solidified its long term commitment to Ripley County. This fund is designed to address the broad needs of the residents of Ripley County.

• Milan Community Education Fund
The Milan Community School Corporation (MCSC) School Board approved the formation of the MCSC Education Endowment with the intent of accepting gifts or donations from individuals wishing to donate large gifts. Restrictions in school budget appropriations and funds are not conducive for handling large donations. Any monies placed in the fund would only be distributed in a manner that benefitted educational endeavors at MCSC.

• Chandler Family Community Granting Fund
Steve and Linda Chandler along with their children Sarah and Chad Renfro, Leah Chandler and Matthew Chandler established a community granting fund as a way to give back to Ripley County and provide funds to benefit projects that make a positive difference in the lives of everyone who lives here.

Linda joined the Ripley County Community Foundation Board in 1998, the second year after its inception, and has continued to serve on the Board or on a committee since that time. She believes strongly in the Foundation and has seen the positive results it has on people’s lives and other philanthropic organizations. As residents of Ripley County the Chandler family desires to continue to serve the Foundation and Ripley County by establishing this fund.

They believe it is important to share your time, talent and resources to make your community better and encourage others who feel the same way to invest in and have an impact where they live and raise their families.

• Miles Grandchildren Community Granting Fund
Grandchildren are the greatest gift God can bestow upon a person. It is important that I let my grandchildren know how special they are to me and that they have brought me much joy. As a grandparent, I understand, and more fully appreciate, the old saying “leave the world better than you found it.” Through this endowment fund, I hope to honor my grandchildren, to create a legacy in which they will learn the art of philanthropy in hopes that they will build upon that which I have created.
• **Tanner Tucker Pay It Forward Fund**

South Ripley High School student, Ty Tanner and two of his classmates, Elijah Roepke and Kaleb Riley, hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament as part of Ty’s senior “Pay-It-Forward Project”. This project is sponsored by South Ripley High School AP English teacher, Mary Gehring and asks students to design a project that gives back to their community. The students are required to develop an event proposal, write up the project’s specifications, and create a final presentation which details the project’s completion.

Ty, Elijah and Kaleb used this assignment to memorialize Ty’s older brother, Tanner, who was killed in a car accident in 2010. They decided to assume the responsibility of hosting “The Tanner Tucker 3-on-3 Tournament”. While meeting classroom requirements, this tournament holds a deeper meaning for these three hosts. This tournament is held in Tanner’s honor because Tanner greatly enjoyed his involvement with school and AAU basketball teams. This tournament is a fundraiser and the money raised through this tournament was to be placed in Tanner’s memorial scholarship. However, when the boys realized that the proceeds could receive a 100% match if they created a new fund in Tanner’s memory, they opted to establish the Tanner Tucker Pay It Forward Fund. Tanner was a young man who was community oriented. He was the president of his class, the leader of most activities in which he was involved, a member of Student Council, a member of Versailles Baptist Church and a volunteer for Special Olympics. The Tanner Tucker Pay it Forward Fund will be able to benefit the activities which were special to Tanner.

• **Kellerman Family Fund**

Vicki Kellerman was a lifelong philanthropist. Her parents instilled in her the importance of giving back to society in the manner best suited to the talents and means available to her. Throughout her life Vicki was an active member of countless non-profit organizations with the sole goal of keeping Ripley County a vibrant bustling community full of opportunity. In 1997 Vicki seized the opportunity to join the effort to establish the Ripley County Community Foundation. Thanks to her efforts and the efforts of all the founding board members of the Ripley County Community Foundation, over $13 million has been awarded in grants and scholarships.

Vicki worked in economic development for 25 years and understood that the culture of a community, state-of-the-art amenities and quality education are vital in attracting and retaining business and qualified employees to Ripley County. Vicki wanted to build upon what she helped found in 1997 and wanted to strengthen the Ripley County Community Foundation’s ability to collaborate with local cities, towns and organizations in their efforts to keep Ripley County vibrant. Vicki created a community granting fund because it is a permanent asset with the ability to generate countless grants and is flexible enough to evolve as the needs of the community change.

• **Youth in Philanthropy Community Granting Fund**

see page 6
• The Flora Fund
The downtown of the City of Batesville has been undergoing a lot of change over the last ten years. In recent years the City of Batesville has created a Main Street program which has a mission to improve and beautify the city. One Main Street initiative is the beautification of the downtown square. This fund was established by a donor who was born and raised in Batesville who remembers the grand trees that used to line the streets. This fund was established to support the City of Batesville with its current efforts to add green space to its downtown.

• On the Education Warpath
This scholarship was established by Darlene Gerster, graduate of Milan High School, class of 1965. Darlene began her career path as a student teacher under Mary Margaret Moorhead at South Ripley High School, and completed her first year of teaching there. She has been a life-long learner, earning degrees from Ball State, University of Cincinnati, and Indiana University. Although her work and life journey have taken her to Cincinnati, the Chicago area, and back to Indiana via Bloomington and now Indianapolis, she remains interested in the Milan community and Ripley County. She is the co-author with Roselyn McKittrick of Milan, Indiana: A Storied Past. Her wish is to help a graduating senior from Milan High School continue his/her education.

• Giesting Financial Charitable Giving Fund
At Giesting Financial it is well understood that a business is only as strong as the community that surrounds it. Therefore, community involvement is a key part of the philosophy at Giesting Financial. Charitable donations are one way that we can bring that philosophy to fruition. Establishing a fund at the Ripley County Community Foundation allows the employers and employees of Giesting Financial to demonstrate their commitment to supporting the local community and opting for the donor advised fund affords us the flexibility to support a variety of causes guided by the then current needs of the community.

• Harmeyer & Johnson Families Fund
Starting a family endowment to benefit the Southeastern Indiana YMCA was a natural fit for our philanthropic goals. Our kids each attended the YMCA Learning Center from early preschool years through summer camp, and now the Y is our second home, literally! Building a culture of philanthropy for our kids to learn was an important factor in making a decision to open an endowment at the Ripley County Community Foundation. Through our work at the Y, we have seen the community foundation supporting projects that were meaningful in the community, and we have grown to appreciate and trust their use of community dollars. We also have seen the power and impact of a single gift to someone in need. For us to provide one single gift through an endowment and watching it grow to perpetuity, our wish is that others will follow, believing that when philanthropy thrives, our community will thrive also.

• Louise Hunter Mitchell Community Granting Fund
Ripley County has been a wonderful place to live and provides many unique opportunities to its residents. I have come to realize that giving to others and supporting the community in which one lives is vital in determining one’s self worth. In short, giving to those in need makes you feel better. Giving to charity or to a program makes you feel thankful for the blessings you have in your own life. By establishing this fund, my family and myself, will be able to have a positive impact on Ripley County today and tomorrow. Hopefully, this fund will instill in others a desire to serve their community and to share their blessings with others.
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— LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Frank Tarter
Economic Opportunities through Education (EcO) had a very busy and exciting 2015!

**Ripley County Engineering Academy** – The Engineering Academy moved from Southeastern Career Center to Jac-Cen-Del High School at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. In its new home at JCDHS, the Ripley County Engineering Academy continues to serve students from Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, and South Ripley with high quality Project Lead the Way Engineering courses. The new structure is in alignment with academic standards and has industry support. Courses are delivered in one-hour sessions allowing students flexibility in scheduling, which is extremely important for students seeking Technical and/or Academic Honors diplomas.

**Diesel Technology Program/Early College** – The Diesel Technology Program at Southeastern Career Center (SCC) is one of three pilot programs in Southeastern Career Center’s Early College program. The integration of the newest, state-of-the-art technology into this program has resulted in a major enhancement with the construction of a Dynamometer Building, which opened in the fall of 2015. This program is the only one of its kind for high school students in Southeastern Indiana (possibly in the US) and is being used as a model by Cummins in designing training programs globally.

**Dream It. Do It.** – Ripley County is fortunate to have a great team of DIDI Champions and Ambassadors who help to promote careers in STEM. They are:
- Batesville – Champion Craig Hughes, Ambassadors Lauren Obendorf and Derek Barrett
- Jac-Cen-Del – Champion Paul Thole, Ambassadors Morgan Carroll, Baylee Dwenger and Joel Tunny
- Milan – Champion Jeremiah Loehmer, Ambassadors James Schmidt and Justin Wickersham
- South Ripley – Champion Kelly Sparks, Ambassadors Sarah Boyken, Patrick Cole, Jacob Moore and Clarice Zigan
- Southeastern Career Center – Champion Nancy Narwold, Ambassadors Bobby Mangold, Brian McCombs, Sarah Bush and Kayla Orndorff

**Rube Goldberg** – Ripley County EcO and Jac-Cen-Del School Corporation hosted another fantastic Rube Goldberg Machine Contest in March 2015. Six high school teams created wacky machines that were assigned the task, “Erase a Chalkboard.” The competition was fierce, but The Engineering Academy took the top prize with its machine, “Rube E Tuesday,” and advanced to the National Contest at Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. There, the machine won the coveted Legacy Award and placed second in the
nation! In addition to a cash prize, the team was also presented with an autographed copy of Rube Goldberg’s biography by his granddaughter, Jennifer George. Ms. George extended an invitation to Ripley County to be involved with Rube Goldberg and Mad Science in the development of an international Rube Goldberg Machine Contest for elementary school students. In collaboration with these two organizations, Ripley County EcO provided video footage from our regional contest for this exciting enterprise.

**Maverick Challenge** – Oldenburg Academy Seniors, Ryne Domingo and Matt Hurm, placed 3rd overall out of 12 teams in the Maverick Regional Competition in Columbus, Indiana, on March 7, 2015. The duo created a business plan for Razian, a company that has plans to create “Tremor,” a watch that includes a vibrating alarm, unique and modern design, and a USB port. They are the first team from Ripley/Franklin counties to place at the Regional Competition. OA Seniors Kirsten Ricke and Sarah Wilder represented Ripley/Franklin counties in the Regional Competition with their Batesville-based cooking school business plan, “Two Peas in a Pod.” This plan was about teaching healthy habits and cooking skills. Kirsten Ricke expressed, “This experience was a great opportunity for us because we learned business skills, presentation skills, and the importance of working together – all that will help us in the future.”

**Special Projects/Grants Supported**
- Kids Discovery Factory’s 2015 Summer Science Enrichment Camp
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) in collaboration with Decatur County School Corporation and East Indiana Area Health Education Center
- Batesville’s Destination Imagination Team, “The Fluffy Marshmallows”
- NASA-themed summer science camp at South Ripley Elementary School
- Sandbox SR at South Ripley Elementary School
- Ripley Youth Outreach
- Back-to-School Educator Event, speaker Todd Whitaker

**Action Team** – The Ripley County EcO Action Team meets regularly to guide the seamless pathway development work being done in Ripley County and to provide resources for the sustainability of the work. Members of the 2015 Team:
- **Bill Narwold**, Ripley County Community Foundation Board of Directors, Chair
- **Rob Moorhead**, Superintendent, South Ripley School Corporation, Vice-Chair
- **Carla Enzinger**, Human Resources Director, Batesville Tool & Die, Treasurer
- **Allynn Swensen**, Executive Director, Indiana Virtual Academy, Secretary
- **Alesha Neal**, True Blue Inc., Ripley County Community Foundation Board
- **Michael Hood**, Research Analyst/Global Technology Integration, Hill-Rom
- **Vicki Kellerman**, Economic Development Consultant
- **Amy P. Streator**, Executive Director, Ripley County Community Foundation
- **Sarah Lamping**, Community Development Director, City of Batesville
- **Tory Flynn**, Director of Communications & Public Affairs, Hillenbrand
- **Jeff Hartz**, Executive Director, East Indiana Area Health Education Center
- **Kevin McGuire**, Chief Operating Officer, Enhanced Telecommunications Corporation
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