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The Community Foundation was established in 1997 with $19,000 by a group of local citizens who had a vision to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Twenty years later, over $14 million has been granted back into Ripley County and $12 million has been saved for the future!

MISSION
To assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable assets to benefit the citizens and qualified organizations of Ripley County.

VISION
To partner with and serve our communities as the trusted resource for charitable giving today and forever.

The Osgood United Methodist Church Fund was the first endowment fund created. 9-25-1997

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our partners
Tell us about the Ripley County Veterans Services Office.

The Ripley CVSO helps the veterans and their family members navigate the claims process in receiving benefits they may qualify for such as compensation and pension they may have earned while serving in the military.

If the veteran had gotten injured or developed some type of illness from serving in the military, we help in filling out the claim forms for compensation.

If the veteran and/or their spouse may be drawing a low income, or the veteran may have a non-service connected disability, we help them with the pension benefits. We help process forms to assist them in receiving healthcare benefits provided by the VA.

How did RCCF contribute to your organization?

The RCCF has been very helpful in contributing to the veterans in the communities in Ripley County. The director and staff are always willing to assist in providing guidance to help in our goals. In addition the financial support has helped us meet specific needs.

Was this your first experience working with RCCF?

My first experience with RCCF was with a program a local contributor created funds for current military and veterans who may need emergency support to get by in case of unexpected hardships. RCCF provided assistance in those funds.
Tell me about yourself and your relation to Ripley County.

My name is Hale Van Dorn Bradt of Massachusetts. My entire working career was spent at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as a Professor of Physics with a specialty in astrophysics, in particular x-ray astronomy which we carried out from rockets and satellites.

My paternal grandparents, Fletcher Hale Bradt (1871-1944) and Mary Elizabeth Peak Bradt (1875-1961), were both brought up in Ripley County, Indiana. They bought an 83-acre farm in Versailles in 1906. My grandfather was a “science teacher” with his Ripley County teaching positions including a time at the New Marion School and the Waterloo School in Versailles. He was named the superintendent of Versailles in 1906 and served as the County Superintendent of Schools in Ripley County from 1907-1912.

My grandfather instilled the value of academic accomplishment in his children including my father and that obviously rubbed off on me. Thus I see the roots of my professional life as stemming from Ripley County and Versailles Indiana.

What made you want to establish the F. Hale & Elizabeth Peak Bradt Family Endowment Fund

My intense interest in my grandparents’ farm in Versailles stemmed from my fascination with my father’s story as a soldier during World War II, which led to my book Wilber’s War, An American Family’s Journey through World War II (see wilberswar.com). It became imperative to me to know about his early life on the Versailles farm. As I interviewed his siblings and local residents about those days, I began to feel a part of the community.

The Bradt family has been a part of this community for generations. The 2001 conveyance of the farm to the Versailles State Park and the proceeds from the sale established the Bradt Family Fund to benefit South Ripley Schools. This enables us to make a contribution to the community for future generations.

My family wished to do something for Ripley County for the educational system to which my grandfather contributed as a teacher, principal and superintendent. This education was also the basis of the rich lives led by my father and his siblings who were brought up in Ripley County.
Mission Statement:
To create a powerful youth voice in our community in order to improve the lives of those in Ripley County through a philanthropic approach.

Vision:
To spread knowledge of philanthropy across Ripley County through service and education, to empower the youth to become leaders of their generation.

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Thank you so much for the birthday boxes! What a nice surprise for our families!! I know they were so appreciative last year and will be again this year. Thanks for all you do!!
– Lynn Cumberworth, Special Education Coordinator, Attendance/Discipline Officer South Ripley High School
Rube Goldberg

2017 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Regional Winners:

Division I: St. Louis School “Rube World Staffers” who went on to win 2nd place at the National Contest.

Division II: Ripley County Engineering Academy “Operation Sam” who went on to win 4th place at the National Contest.

“It's fun to get to know the students through Rube Goldberg. Win or lose, it's been so much fun to work with students and see them grow and use their creativity. School should be about creativity, learning – not just test scores.”

– Paul Thole, Rube Goldberg coach
Leading students on the Pathways to Success in STEM!

Cyber Camp

At the 2017 Cyber Camp 101, students learned how to protect against hacks, counter hack intruders, ethically hack and maintain a safe web environment. In this hands-on experience, students worked with Raspberry Pi’s and learned from cybersecurity experts including Sgt. Matt Simmons of the Indiana State Police, Christopher Nichols from Hill-Rom, Michael Carr from Hillenbrand and Kevin McGuire from Enhanced Telecommunications.
Tell us a little about yourself.

I am the second oldest of five siblings, who enjoys spending time with friends and family, watching and participating in sports, and giving back to the community. I consider myself to be an easy-going person and enjoy the simple things in life. Currently, I am studying Actuarial Science at Butler, and am taking many math and statistic classes. Outside of the classroom I am involved in the Sigma Chi fraternity, as well as the Gamma Iota Sigma Risk Management business fraternity, the Actuarial Science Club, the Butler Basketball Dawg Pound, and the Lilly Scholars Network. Through these organizations I get to spend time advancing my personal and career interests as well as giving back to the Indianapolis community.

What does the Lilly Endowment Scholarship mean to you?

To me the Lilly Endowment Scholarship means the opportunity to attend Butler, which has been a great experience for me. Without this Scholarship I would not be at the school I am today where I feel I have thrived.

What do you hope to do after you graduate?

After I graduate I hope to apply the mathematics and statistics I have learned to the insurance and business world. I hope to work as an actuary for a company where I am challenged often and constantly having to adapt to the changes in the world.
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Warren Law Firm, LLC
Water-Tek, Inc.
Timothy B. Watt
Kelsey L. Weber
Wehr Farms
Candace S. Wehr, Estate
Curtis W. & Michelle Wehr
Weigel Funeral Home
Patrick Weigle
Ronald C. & Beth Ann Weigel
Steve M. & Christina R. Weigel
Werner Concrete Construction LLC
Werner Scholarship Fund
why give
• Make your community a better place!
• All gifts support your favorite charity or organization forever!
• Create a legacy!
• Philanthropy makes you happy!

what to support
• An existing fund
• Specific project
• Favorite charity
• Create a Fund
• Honor a special moment (birthday, anniversary, graduation, or holiday)
• Honor or memorialize a loved one

“We are grateful for your support, which allows us to educate the community on the value of life in all its stages.”

-Faith Batta | Batesville Pregnancy Hotline

“Thank you for your generosity to our commitment in keeping the history alive for our community.”

- Carolyn Dieckmann | Batesville Historical Museum
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Ripley County Community Foundation
All Four Libraries – Faith in our Neighborhood Program

Town of Milan – Purchase Christmas Decorations & Repair Baker Park

Town of Holton – Repair Splash Pad at Park

Town of Sunman – Repair Playground and Park Shelter

Gibson Theatre, Inc. – Install Handicap Restroom

Friendship Volunteer Fire Department – Operational Cost

Town of Versailles – Purchase Concession Equipment for Pangburn Park & Sports Complex

Napoleon Volunteer Fire Company – Operational Cost

Summer Food for Kids – Provide food for needy children
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Average Grant Amount: $1,500

Ripley County Community Foundation supported more than 174 projects and 94 organizations.
“RCCF helped our organization by collecting the donated funds for a new van to support the need for new transportation for our veterans to get to and from their VA appointments.

With the help of RCCF we achieved our goal to purchase a new van for those services.”

- Ken Hylton

“On behalf of this office and the veterans that we serve in Ripley County, I want to thank the Ripley County Community Foundation for their involvement in helping when providing assistance to our veterans.”
“I encourage family members and friends to make additional contributions to these funds, directly or by bequest. Every contribution will increase the annual distribution from the funds, in perpetuity. With additional contributions, these funds can become major acquisition budgets for South Ripley’s Media Center and the State Park.”

-Hale Bradt

What made you want to establish the Bradt Natural Area Fund?

I wanted to support the State Park with its plan to develop the former Bradt family farm into an exhibit of early Indiana landscape which will be used as an educational resource for school children and park visitors. The 2017 Day of Giving was the perfect opportunity to use matching donations to show my appreciation for my Ripley County roots.

How have your funds benefited the local community?

The Bradt Family Fund supports SRHS’s media center with the purchase of curriculum, A/V equipment and updated resources which eases the schools already burdened budget.

The Bradt Natural Area Fund will ensure that Ripley County has an educational resource focused on the environment forever.
Ripley Youth Outreach Grants

Batesville Primary School – $405 for compost project
Batesville Intermediate School – $200 to support the 50x50 art program
Batesville Middle School – $45 for calculators for academic team
Batesville High School – $250 to support Steel Drum Band & $100 for scientific calculators
Jac Cen Del Elementary School – $300 for kindergarten supplies
Jac Cen Del High School – $400 for audio video equipment
Milan Elementary School – $550 for STEM kits for kindergarten
Oldenburg Academy – $750 to remodel student lounge and concessions stand
South Ripley High School – $500 to support bio-med program & $400 for Champions Together

Community Grants

Batesville Public Library – $550 to update the youth room
High Point Health Foundation – $550 to support Bump to Buckle car seat program
Maverick Challenge

Oldenburg Academy seniors Haleigh Reed and Samantha Nobbe won first place at the Regional Maverick Challenge in 2017. The Maverick Challenge is a high school business planning competition for students. It aims to further develop students’ innovative spirits by showing them viable career opportunities through entrepreneurship.

Manufacturing Camp

Beginner and advanced campers had a blast at the 2017 Manufacturing Camp. Beginner campers visited Batesville Tool & Die, Woodmizer and Hillenbrand where they toured the facilities, learned how production works by paying it forward to Project T3, and even got to build with Legos.

Advanced campers visited Heartwood Manufacturing, Hill-Rom and Batesville Casket where they toured the facilities, learned how manufacturing impacts the healthcare industry and built birdhouses through an assembly line.

Keep on doing good! I see the Foundation’s influence all around in the community and it makes me very proud!

- Lin Phaneuf
Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate

There are 24 business partners, and 91 students in the county currently signed up to earn the WEC.

This year, GPS, along with Batesville, Jac-Cen-Del, Milan and South Ripley schools, were awarded a grant by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to pilot the Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate program. Students receiving the WEC will be measured in nine areas of academic and employability skills competency including persistence, respectfulness, initiatives, dependability and efficiency. Students will also be required to complete at least six hours of community service, have a 2.0 GPS, have an attendance rate of 98 percent and no more than one discipline referral for the year.

Those who earn the WEC will receive benefits from our business partners including guaranteed job interview, job pool preference, shortened probationary period sign-on bonus, tuition reimbursement, higher starting wage, scholarship preference, or any other benefit, an employer chooses to provide.
“I have been blessed by friendships with so many incredible people whom I will miss, but I will remember the rest of my life.

Thank you to every one of the Board members, committee members, school staff, and community members with whom I have had the privilege to work over the past 18 years.

Thank you for the memories and may God continue to bless this organization.”

- Jane Deiwert

Jane Deiwert served as the Program Officer of the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. since January 1, 2000 and retired on December 31, 2017.

Over the last 18 years Jane showed a commitment to assisting donors in leaving a legacy of philanthropy by developing a respected grant process, a strong scholarship application and a valuable Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Selection Process.

With her guidance the Community Foundation has fulfilled, and will continue to fulfill, the charitable desires of individuals and organizations with a commitment to the betterment of Ripley County and her citizens.

The Board of Directors established a Scholarship Endowment Fund in her honor, the Jane Deiwert Scholarship Fund.
letter from the president & executive director

The 2017 celebration of the first twenty years of the Foundation was a great success, we were able to reach out to every area of the county and support a variety of important projects. Additionally, through the continued support of donors we ended the year at an all-time high with just over $12 million in total foundation assets.

2018 is shaping up to be a year of new beginnings for the Foundation. We are excited to be settling into a new location that we hope will allow us to be more accessible to both donors and fund beneficiaries. Additionally, with the retirement of Jane Deiwert at the end of 2017, we had to fill a large position in our team and we are excited to have hired, Laura Hamilton as our new Program Officer. These changes have added new energy to the Foundation and will help propel us forward.

Thanks to all those who support the Foundation through their time, treasure or talent throughout the year; the success of the Foundation would be impossible without each and every one of you. We are excited about the future of the Foundation and look forward to connecting donors with worthy beneficiaries for years to come.

sincerely,

Ashley Theising
Board President 2018

Amy Streator
Executive Director
An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was performed by Blue & Co., LLC. The complete audited financial statements including the independent auditor’s unqualified opinion is available upon request by contacting the Ripley County Community Foundation, 13 E. George St, Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006.

**ASSETS**
Cash and Cash Equivalents $30,582
Certificates of Deposit $358,476
Investments $11,721,831
Equipment, net $25,634

$12,136,523

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**
Liabilities
Accounts payable and accrued expenses $8,749
Deferred Revenue $136,774
 Contributions held for others $952,242

Total Liabilities $1,099,765

Net Assets
Unrestricted net assets $687,194
Operating $375,844

$1,063,038

Temporarily restricted $9,873,720
Board designated $100,000

Total net assets $11,036,758

$12,136,523

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
For the year ended December 31, 2017
Support and Revenues $217,317
Grant Revenue $119,489
Investment return, net $1,394,512
Administrative fees $156,888
Special events income $85,405
Other income $6,501
Net assets released from restrictions $0

Total support and revenues $1,980,112

Total Expenses $872,064
Change in net assets $1,108,048

Net assets beginning of year $9,928,710
Net assets end of year $11,036,758
2017 Day of Giving
generated $98,800
in donations from 175
individuals and supported
66 different funds
“Thank you for the funding towards the DVD player we will be using at our ‘Movie in the Park’. Main Street Versailles continues to try and make a difference for our community and hope Pangburn Park can be a place for families and fun.”

- Main Street Versailles
Claire J. Werner
Dennis & Sheila Werner
Elizabeth A. Werner
Michele L. Werner
David E. & Tulin Westmeyer
Jane E. Westmeyer
Jesse E. & Shannon L. Westmeyer
Leona Westmeyer
Brenda & Thomas Wetzler
Marvin B. & Kendolyn L. Wheeler
Jason R. & Christina A. White
Marie White
Whitewater Motor Company Inc.
Jennifer N. Whitson
Mark W. & Rita S. Wilder
Timothy & Susan Wilhelm
Nixie M. Williams
Will-Work, LLC
Arden Wilson
William W. & Vicky Wilson
William P. & Constance M. Wintz
Wood-Mizer, LLC
Cynthia A. Wuestefeld
Jane A. Yorn
Gilbert & Rheadawn Young
Roger A. & Deanna F. Young
Richard E. & Floanna S. Zeigler

Memorials & Honoraria

2017 Annual Meeting
2017 Christmas
2017 Day of Giving Match
2017 Rube Goldberg Contraption Sponsor
2017 Women’s Luncheon
Chester Baylor
Andy Beck
Martha Rose Becker
Mildred Brackman
Rebecca Carr
Sarah Deiwert

Sidney & Helen Franks
Gary Frazier
Genesis 2017 Summer Camp
Raye Gregory
Audrey Gutzwiller
Samantha Hansen
Barb Harvey’s Birthday
Wanda Huelson
In appreciation for the RCCF Board and Staff
In Honor of Lauren Obendorf’s Graduation
In Honor of MacKenzie Black’s Graduation
In support of RCCF Programs
Jack Kellerman
“Coach” Clarence Kelly
Jeff King’s Birthday
Donald & Shirley Konkler
Donald Konkler
Dr. Don & Virginia Lagle
Corinne Lamping
Gavin Lee
Todd Phillips Letcher, Jr.
Zack Litzinger
Jerry Martini
Mrs. Martini
Emily Mathes
Clarence “Bud” McGowan
J.C. & Mary Morris
National Honor Society Scholarship Abigail Wagner
George Nichols
Nine13 Sports Program
Matt Obendorf
Paying It Forward
Ripley Youth Outreach’s Jeans Day Fundraiser
Carol Ronnebaum
Frank & Francis Schneider
Arlinda Schumacher
Sunshine Society
Marilyn Todd
Tanner Tucker
To those who volunteer their time to youth athletics
Derek Turner Graduation
Turnover Hunger- Batesville High School Varsity Football
United Way
ClaraBelle Vestal
Jacobs Vogel
Mabel Wall
Donna Wallpe
Greg & Candy Wehr
Ruth Westerman
Jo Westmeyer & David & Tulin Westmeyer
Brad Westrup

The Board of Directors extends heartfelt appreciation for your support.

Your commitment to Ripley County truly makes a difference.
what to give

- Cash
- Checks
- Grain
- Marketable securities
- Stock
- Retirement funds (by naming RCCF as a beneficiary), bequests (by naming RCCF as a beneficiary in your will)
- Trusts (charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts)
- Life insurance (by designating RCCF as a beneficiary and/or as the owner of a policy you no longer need)
- Annuity transfer from existing foundation fund.

All gifts have significant positive impact on the charity or cause you champion; the key is to find the best option for you.

how to give

Send us a gift by mail to:
13 E George St. Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006

Donate online at www.rccfonline.org/how-to-give

For any questions, contact us at (812) 933-1098

Ripley County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all charitable donations qualify for the maximum deduction allowable under Internal Revenue Service rules and guidelines.