

CHAMPIONING the spirit of philanthropy



The Whitley County
Community Foundation
Biennial Report

2005 - 2006



“You shouldn’t
go through life
with a catcher’s mitt
in both hands —
you need
to be able
to throw some
things back.”



~ Maya Angelou

philanthropy

the ardent defense of a
cause, doing battle for
another's rights or honor.

director's report

Hank Aaron's homerun record fell the summer this annual report was being compiled, but there wasn't much joy in Mudville the day number 756 was hit. The record was broken under a cloud of controversy. All too often, today's sports heroes make the news for the wrong reasons, leading many of us to wonder -- What does it take to be a true champion?



Pose that question in regard to Community Foundations, and the first thought that comes to mind is the word "transparency." Everything we do—each gift accepted, every grant made and all the work done in between, must be carried out ethically and professionally. With that in mind, I'm pleased to report that in 2006, the Whitley County Community Foundation was confirmed to be in compliance with rigorous State and National Standards for Community Foundations. The designation comes as a result of a consuming two-year effort to detail policies and procedures, and is an indication of our organization's integrity and demonstrated excellence.

In the world of philanthropy, true champions aren't looking to score for an engraved trophy or glitzy ring. The "win" comes in knowing that their work has bettered a close-to-the-heart cause, or enhanced the community they care about. Considering that giving spirit, I need to note that we lost a true champ with the passing of Shirley Gates in 2006 (*see page 37*). She battled a debilitating disease with dignity, and left us with a legacy that will last far longer than any homerun record.

Our Community Foundation's mission statement contains the phrase "to champion the spirit of philanthropy." In 2005 and 2006, thirty new funds were established within the Foundation; proof that a responsible Board, a committed staff, and dedicated committee members have been acting as advocates for the work we do and truly championing the spirit of philanthropy.

As you review this Biennial Report, I hope you will agree that our community is well stocked with champions; exceptional students who have secured scholarships, generous donors who provide support, and a number of top notch non-profit organizations that received grants which were true homeruns for the people of Whitley County. The spirit of philanthropy is embedded in this community. For those of us living here and loving it, there's just no better place than home field.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "September McConnell".

September McConnell, Executive Director
Whitley County Community Foundation

the
enduring
spirit of
philanthropy

to last, to
continue
in the same
state, to
remain firm
without
yielding

endowments: the enduring spirit of philanthropy

A few years ago, a group of spirited veterans (*real* champions!) decided to erect a monument to honor the local men who gave their lives serving in the Korean War. The Foundation helped them achieve their goal of raising funds for the monument, but during the planning stages an idea for another “living” memorial was conceived.



Whitley County Korean War Veterans present the first Korean War Scholarship to Dane Pepler.

The men opted to establish a scholarship fund for local youth. Open to graduating high school seniors, the application form calls for the students to write a paragraph about the Korean War. What a wonderful way to make sure that future generations stay mindful of the sacrifices made! And because the scholarship was set up as an endowment, it will stay in place, annually helping deserving students, perhaps even longer than the granite tribute sitting on the courthouse square.

How an endowment works:

When an endowment is established through a charitable contribution to the Community Foundation, we don’t spend the donation. Ever. Instead, we save the gift and invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. A Fund Agreement is executed when the endowment fund is started. This legal instrument ensures that the Community Foundation is obligated to distribute the earnings pursuant to the donor’s original intent. Distributions of endowment earnings are called grants or scholarship awards. Typically, only a portion of the total earnings are distributed. This allows the endowment to grow over time. As the years go by, grants or scholarships from the endowment will far exceed the amount of the donor’s original gift.

Endowments Give Forever

Year	0	1	5	10	20	50
Total Grants Distributed	0	\$2,160	\$11,376	\$24,310	\$55,735	\$216,734
Endowment Value	\$50,000 <i>original gift</i>	\$51,300	\$55,847	\$64,631	\$83,544	\$180,442

*Assumes 8% return, 4% distribution

Types of Endowments

There are four basic types of endowments. Donors can create a fund that allows as little or as much involvement with the grant-making process as they prefer. Endowments can be created in memory or honor of a loved one, and they can be created anonymously.

Donor Advised — The donor regularly makes recommendations of various charitable projects to receive grants.

Designated — The grants are always directed to the same charitable project or agency.

Field of Interest — The grants are directed to a particular area of interest such as the arts, recreation or education, but the projects may vary within the field.

Unrestricted — The grants can be directed wherever the current charitable need is the greatest in Whitley County.



A new endowment fund was started for ACRES Land Trust in 2006.

Funding Endowments

There are many ways to fund an endowment. It is important to consider how to maximize the tax benefits of your charitable gift based upon your individual circumstances. Your financial advisor, legal counsel or Foundation representative can help you choose the best funding option for you, such as:

- Cash
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Testamentary Bequests

Minimum Requirements for Starting an Endowment Fund

You may start an endowment with a founding contribution of as little as \$500 with the understanding that distributions can not be granted until the fund reaches a minimum of \$5,000 and has been in place at least one year.



Dalton VanHouten may someday benefit from the 4-H Helping Hands Scholarship which is awarded annually to long-time 4-H members.

Whitley County Community Foundation Endowment Funds

Designated Endowments

These funds were created to support specific non-profit organizations.

^ Indicates new funds started in 2005

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Acres Land Trust *
Camp Whitley Endowment Fund
Churubusco High School Fine Arts Fund
Columbia City High School FFA Fund*
Columbia City High School Speech and Debate Fund
Columbia City United Methodist Church Fund
Faith Christian Academy Endowment Fund *
Freedom Academy Endowment Fund
George Scott and Mildred Smith Gates Fund *
HANDS Endowment Fund
Imagination Library Fund ^
Interfaith Mission Endowment Fund
In the Swim Fund
Junior Achievement Endowment Fund
Kiwanis Fund ^
Loon Lake Endowment Fund
Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow Endowment Fund
Old Settlers Endowment Fund
Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital Fund
Passages to the Future Fund
Peabody Library Fund
George Franklin Schultz Fund
S. Whitley Cleveland Township Public Library
W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger Fund
South Whitley United Methodist Church
W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger Fund
Turtletown Players Endowment Fund ^
United Way of Whitley County Endowment Fund
Whitley County Council on Aging & Aged Fund
Whitley County Humane Shelter/Bernice Kessler Fund
Whitley County/Parkview EMS Fund
YMCA (Dekko) Fund ^
YMCA Life Lessons Fund

Donor Advised Funds

These Funds allow for ongoing input from the donors and permit a broad distribution of charitable grants. The donor, their designees, or an advisory group may make recommendations as to where the grants should be made. Final grantmaking authority rests with the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Colonel James & Janice Hammer Fund
Copp Family Fund
John & Laura Lefever Fund *
James & September McConnell Family Fund
John & Aileen Meier Fund

Field of Interest Funds

As the name suggests, these funds help to support an area of interest such as the arts or recreation, rather than a single organization.

Arts Alive Endowment Fund *
Count Me In! Asset Building Endowment
Education for a New Generation Fund
Shirley Ann Gates Fund
Edwin E. and Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund
Embarq Endowment Fund
Oak Grove Church of God's Children's Ministries Fund
Margaret Priscilla Waterfall Memorial Fund
Mildred & Theodore A. Schultz Unrestricted Fund
Walter & Dorothy Weick Memorial Fund
Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health Fund
Victoria A. & James R. Wise Fund



Little folks enjoy the newly improved children's area of the South Whitley Library.

Scholarship Funds

Kenny Beck Changes in Latitude Memorial Scholarship
Lawrence & Freida Bunnell Scholarship
Bernice Carver Scholarship of Hope
Columbia City High School FFA Scholarship *
Class of '63 Scholarship Fund
Joey Devito Scholarship
Devol Award
Roark Fizer Scholarship
Irma & Donald L. Ferber Fund
CCHS French Club Scholarship
Max Gandy Scholarship Fund
Heimbach Award
Helping Hands 4-H Scholarship
Robert Hood Scholarship
JAKES Scholarship Fund
Robert & Grace Karst R.N. Scholarship
Ben Konger Memorial Scholarship ^
Korean War Scholarship Fund
Margø Langohr Fund
The Daniel Mullett "For the Love of a Child" Scholarship Fund
Tom Ness Scholarship Fund
Ohki Scholarship



South Whitley High School Senior and community volunteer, Callie Duggins, received the Lilly Community Scholarship and chose to attend Butler University.

Andrea Norman Henry and John Anthony Norman Theater Scholarship Fund
Tiffany N. Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tina Parker Award Fund
Eric Reed Scholarship Fund
Rotary Club of Columbia City Scholarship Fund
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants Scholarship Fund
Joseph H. Shull Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund
Kenny Simon Scholarship Fund
CCHS Spanish Club Scholarship Fund
Ross Unverzagt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Howard and Mimi Wherry Scholarship Fund
Wauagh Scholarship Fund
Charles White Scholarship
Whitley County Consolidated Schools Scholarship Fund
Whitley County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship *
B.V. and Flossie Widney Memorial Fund
Rely C. and Izora Zumbrun Education Fund

Unrestricted Funds

These funds are used to respond to the ever changing needs of our community. Grants from unrestricted endowments are available by application and are awarded at the recommendation of the Grants Committee, and acceptance of the Board of Directors.

Dekko Enhancement Fund
Ferber Family Fund
Whitley County Community Foundation Greater Good Fund

Charitable Gift Annuities

Benton W. and Thelma L. Bloom Fund
Thora Lefever Fund
Ruth Metzger Fund
Dorothy Miller Fund
Esther Gates Fund
Cynthia Hertsel Fund
Daniel Rock Fund
Rosemary Steiner Fund
Clark Waterfall DVM Fund

Non-Permanent Funds

Established with the purpose of assisting charitable projects or causes in the community with professional bookkeeping, the Community Foundation holds several non-permanent funds under our umbrella. Unlike gifts to endowments that can never be spent, gifts to non-permanent funds can be spent in their entirety. Gifts to these funds are tax deductible as long as no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.

Kenny Beck Memorial Fund
CCHS Alumni Association Fund *
Camp Whitley Fund
Children First Fund
Churubusco Business Education Community Fund
Coesse PTO
Columbia City Chamber Landmark Signage Fund
Columbia City High School FFA Fund *
Community Asset Building Fund
Community Scholarship Promotional Fund
Andrew Comparet Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dillon Family Fund *
Ryan Doster Lilly Community Scholars Fund
Epplemann Family Fund *
Everybody Reads Fund
Friends of the Peabody Library Fund
GIFT Phase III
GIFT Phase IV
GIFT IV Operating Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Whitley County
HANDS Foundation
Kelly Herron Lilly Scholars Fund
HUD Home
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Leadership Whitley County
Junior Miss Pageant Fund
Kiwanis Fund ^
Korean War Monument Fund
Leatherneck Coffee Club Fund*
James Lemon/Etna Troy Memorial Fund *
Little Turtle PTSO Fund
Loon Lake Fund
D'Maris Metzger Scholarship Fund



Carolyn Coverstone shares her time and talents teaching pottery to local youth.

Micropulse Employee Giving Fund ^
Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund
Paul Mueller/Churubusco Pool Fund *
Audrey Neeley Memorial Scholarship *
New Century Downtown Fund
Northern Heights PIE Fund
Florence Nunchuck Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund
Old Settlers Fund *
Operating Fund ^
People Preserving History Fund
Project Prom CCHS
Raupfer Gallery Fund
Rotary Club of Columbia City Fund
Schrader Family Fund
Dollis Dillon Studebaker Fund *
Jacob Tarleton Memorial Fund
Whitley County Art Guild
Whitley County Cares Disaster Relief Fund ^
Whitley County Community Network
Whitley County Domestic Violence Prevention Fund
Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health Fund Mammogram Program
Whitley County Seniors Center *
Youth Improvement Center Fund

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the progressive
spirit of philanthropy

making use of or
interested in new
ideas, findings or
opportunities

Micropulse: the progressive spirit of philanthropy

Some people are gifted with being able to think outside the box and create innovative approaches to the ho-hum ways of doing things, even when it comes to philanthropy.

For years, local corporations have generously supported a variety of non-profit projects in our community. In most instances, it is the business owner or management who picks and chooses where corporate funding is directed. Looking for a change to traditional giving, Brian Emerick, President and CEO of Micropulse, Inc. engineered a novel approach to corporate philanthropy by empowering his employees to become philanthropists in their own right.

Each member of the Micropulse team is encouraged to direct charitable gifts from company profits to their favorite causes through the Community Foundation. While many employees opt to support Whitley County programs such as the Humane Society or Passages, others have chosen to direct funding to projects as close to home as Erin's House and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, and far as away as Africa for a literacy program.



Micropulse employees are active participants in corporate philanthropy. In 2005 and 2006, over 100 charities benefited from their generosity.

“Micropulse’s giving program is a unique concept. Brian has offered his employees the choice to direct gifts to projects they care about. And by utilizing our organization as a one-stop shop for charitable giving, they have left the administrative and legal work to the Foundation,” explained September McConnell, Foundation Director. “It’s a progressive approach to corporate philanthropy that we hope other companies will choose to emulate.”

the
responsive
spirit
of
philanthropy

quick to react
appropriately or
sympathetically

2005 grants: the responsive spirit of philanthropy

Dekko Enhancement Fund

Early Childhood Alliance	\$	4,500
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Grants from Unrestricted Funds

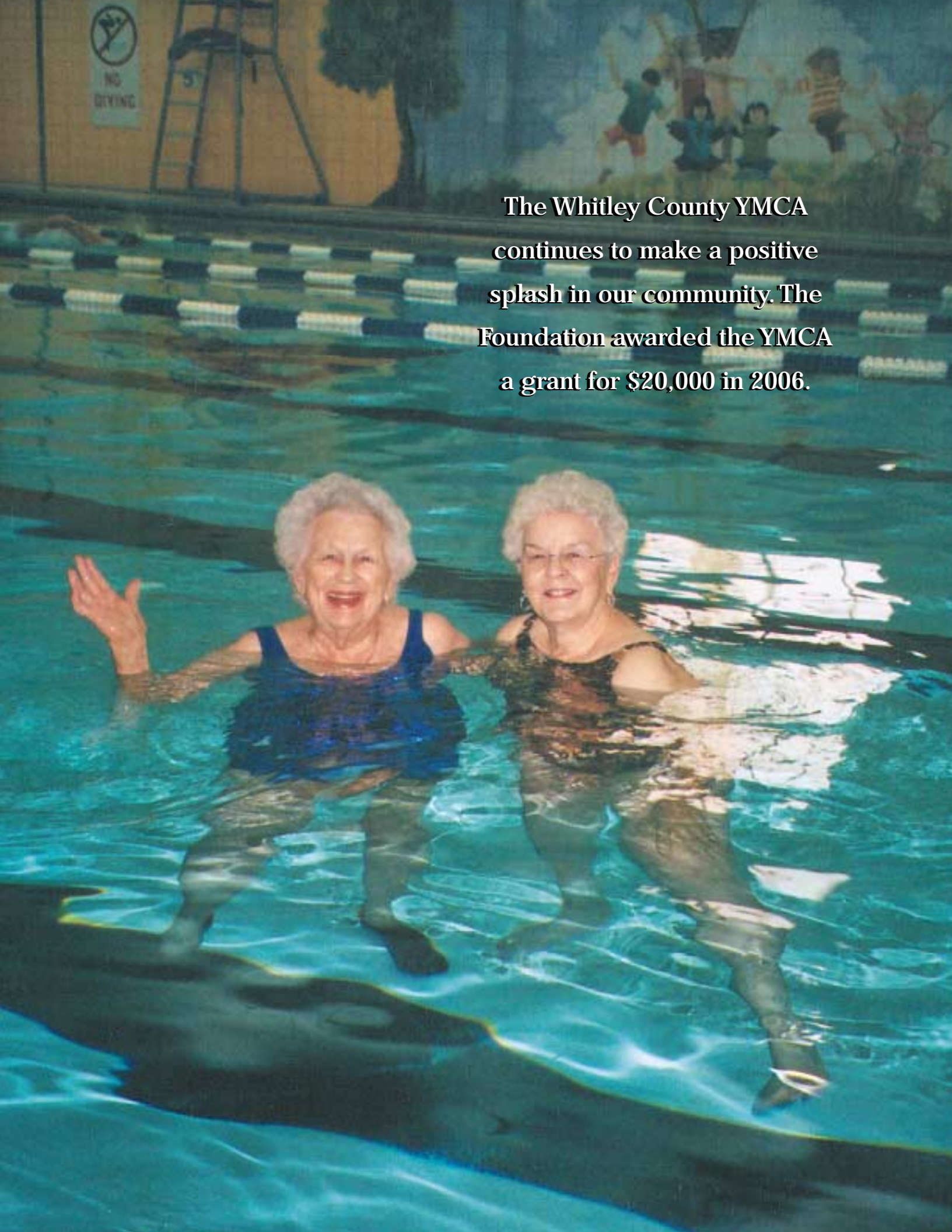
Blue River Senior Housing	\$	1,300
Camp Whitley	\$	400
Children's Hope Hospitality House	\$	3,000
Churubusco Area Soup Kitchen	\$	500
Churubusco Public Library Summer Concerts	\$	500
Columbia City Area Chamber of Commerce	\$	1,000
Erin's House for Grieving Children	\$	1,500
Ft. Wayne YWCA Domestic Violence Outreach	\$	2,500
Habitat for Humanity	\$	1,000
Heart of Gold Recipients	\$	3,200
Huntington County Excel Program	\$	5,068
Lilly Scholarship Finalists	\$	3,000
Lil Victories	\$	500
Passages, Inc.	\$	4,000
Peabody Public Library Summer Concerts	\$	2,500
Smith Green Community Schools	\$	1,000
Sonshine Childcare Ministries	\$	1,816
South Whitley Cleveland Township Library	\$	500
South Whitley Cleveland Township Library	\$	20,000
Whitley County 4-H	\$	10,000
Whitley County EMS	\$	10,742
Whitley County Energy Assistance	\$	2,500
Whitley County Food Pantries	\$	5,000
4-H Museum in memory Betty Schrader Corbin	\$	15,000



Volunteers for the Whitley County Council on Aging and the Aged provide groceries to local seniors in need.

2006 grants: the responsive spirit of philanthropy

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	\$	10,000
The Center	\$	15,000
Churubusco Soup Kitchen	\$	300
Columbia City High School FFA	\$	5,000
Columbia City Parks Dept.	\$	5,314
Community Action of Northeast Indiana	\$	2,510
Community Harvest Food Bank	\$	6,000
Eberhard Lutheran Church Clothing Bank	\$	1,000
Etna Troy Township Community Center	\$	4,000
Faith Christian Academy Endowment	\$	5,000
Lakota Chapter, American Council of the Blind	\$	4,000
Audrey Neely Art & Architecture Scholarship	\$	5,000
Passages, Inc.	\$	15,000
True Life Choices	\$	3,600
YWCA Domestic Violence Outreach	\$	2,500
Youth Improvement Center	\$	14,899
Whitley County Community Corrections	\$	2,204
Whitley County Council on Aging	\$	50,000
Whitley County Literacy Council	\$	2,000
Whitley County Retired Teachers Association	\$	5,000
Whitley on Wheels Public Transportation	\$	5,000
Whitley County Historical Society	\$	20,000
Whitley County Literacy Council	\$	5,297
Whitley County YMCA	\$	20,000
Whitley County Learning Services	\$	2,500
Whitko High School Industrial Tech Program	\$	6,375
Whitko High School Summer Art Program	\$	250
Whitko Youth Center	\$	10,000
Shirley A. Gates Fund		
Riley Children's Camp	\$	3,700
Mildred E. & Theodore A. Schultz Fund		
Sonshine Childcare Ministry	\$	1,484
Whitko Historic Log Cabin Preservation	\$	1,500
Weick Fund		
YMCA Partner with Youth	\$	1,000



**The Whitley County YMCA
continues to make a positive
splash in our community. The
Foundation awarded the YMCA
a grant for \$20,000 in 2006.**

the **generous**
spirit of philanthropy

is characterized by a noble or forbearing spirit,
kindly, openhanded, and liberal in giving •

donors: the generous spirit of philanthropy

Since 1991, the Foundation has worked to improve the quality of life in Whitley County by developing strong ties with local donors who support our efforts. Individuals, families, corporations and foundations are connected to the causes they care about through the Foundation. We offer our sincere gratitude to the following donors:

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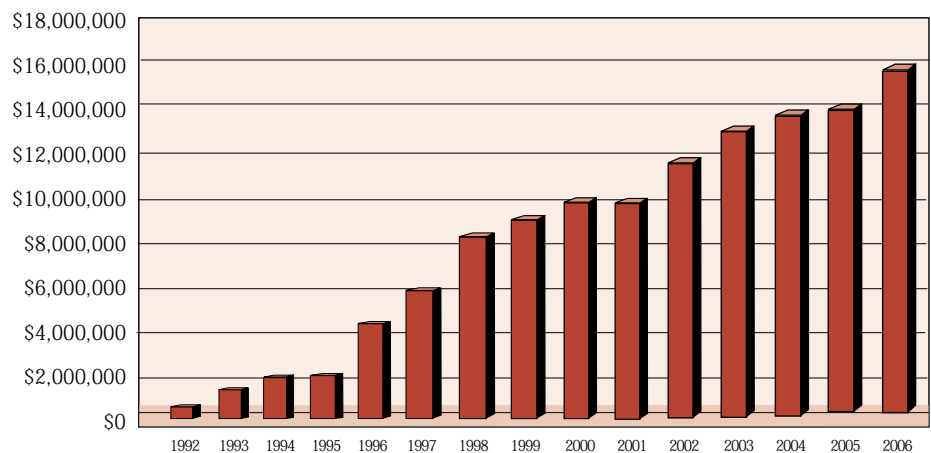
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Whitley County Community Foundation, Inc. Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31,

	2005	2006
Revenue and Support		
Contributions	523,287	1,516,933
Investment Income	491,674	668,269
Administrative fee income	177,416	196,567
Realized gains on investments	39,884	274,770
Unrealized gains on investments	242,810	354,774
Other Income	2,262	(61,986)
	<u>1,477,333</u>	<u>2,949,327</u>
Expenses		
Grants	837,135	855,329
Scholarship loan interest forgiven		4,746
Program related expenses	5,796	15,080
Bank trustee fees	13,448	25,335
Operating expenses	199,976	223,746
Administrative fees	172,643	190,183
Fundraising expenses	19,710	31,818
	<u>1,253,454</u>	<u>1,341,491</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	223,879	1,607,836
Net assets at beginning of year, as restated	13,321,940	13,545,819
Transfer of net assets		
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$13,545,819</u>	<u>\$15,153,655</u>

Having utilized the services of the same financial management institution since 2000, in 2006, the Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee undertook efforts to review the organization's investment strategy and management. Requests for proposals were sent to investment firms throughout the region, and six companies were formally interviewed. The Committee, mindful of due diligence, ultimately opted to continue working with Fund Evaluation Group of Cincinnati.

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to encourage
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or educate,
to nourish
and cultivate,
to develop

Count Me In! the nurturing spirit of philanthropy

Ever wonder why, given a level playing field, some children thrive in a community while others turn to risky behavior? The Minneapolis-based Search Institute identified 40 building blocks of development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. Research shows that kids who have a lot of assets are more likely to do well in school, volunteer in the community and care about others. Kids who have lots of assets are less likely to use tobacco or drugs or be sexually active.



Local youth gather at The Center for socializing.



Students enjoy using The Center as a place to have fun and be creative.

The Whitley County Community Foundation embraced the 40 Developmental Assets message and in response, created Count Me In!, a program designed to connect Whitley County youth with caring adults who are willing to share their time and talents with local youngsters.

Wood-carving classes, a scrap-booking club and even a Battle of the Bands, are all projects that were funded through the Foundation's Asset Building Endowment. If an adult is willing to share their hobby or interests, Count Me In! will provide funding for materials, help find a suitable location to meet and even handle publicity and enrollment.

The volunteer committee has also been successful in convening public meetings to address issues relating to youth, resulting in the launch of two after-school programs and a grant application for a state funded program that provides a safety net for children in crisis.

For more information on the good work being carried out by Count Me In!, or to learn how you can connect with local youth, contact John Slavich, the Foundation's Program Director.

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*Whitley County Community Foundation
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Finance & Investment Committee

*This committee monitors the
Foundation's investment performance
and recommends policies to the Board
of Directors regarding the financial
operations of the Foundation.*

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*The Board of Directors was enhanced by the
dedication and guidance received from Clark
Waterfall and Terry Smith. Both men served five
consecutive two-year terms. We are most grateful
for their contributions to growing the Foundation.*

Grants Committee

*This committee serves as a review board for the initial evaluation of grant requests
prior to making recommendations for funding of the Board of Directors.*

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Count Me In!

This team of meets quarterly to fund projects that link adult volunteers to local youth in Whitley County.

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John Slavich
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Greg Woll
Larry Wooley
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Members of the Count Me In! Steering Committee work to connect Whitley County youth with caring adults.

Community Awareness Committee

This Committee assists staff in planning and implementing special events. The members also review nominations for the annual Heart of Gold Awards and select overall winners.

Helen Beatty
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Jan Hammer
Joan Lillmars
Ruth Metzger
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Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for selection of scholarship recipients from funds held or administered by the Community Foundation.

Robert Brittain
Tom Drew
Laurel Steill
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Amanda Smith
David Smith



Thousands of dollars are awarded in scholarships each year to hard-working Whitley County students.

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Development Committee

The Development Committee assists the staff in developing and implementing initiatives which encourage charitable giving within our community.

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Foundation staff members include John Slavich, Vanessa Bills, September McConnell, Kendra Zickafoose, and Jenna Ott.

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shirley gates: the lasting spirit of philanthropy

Ask friends and family about Shirley and they'll tell you that she was a quiet, gentle person who dedicated her life to helping others.

A graduate of the 1948 Class of Columbia City High School, Shirley attended Indiana University and Ball State University, before becoming a nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. "She had an outstanding career," shared her niece, Laura Lefever. "She started working at Whitley Hospital in the '50s and dedicated her life to nursing and caring for people in need." She retired from her work in the '80s due in part to the advancement of Parkinson's disease.



With a wistful smile, Lefever also noted that her aunt was a great baker. Shirley was a member of Tri-Kappa and D.A.R., a supporter of Columbia City's Peabody Library and the Whitley County YMCA. "She was just always willing to give — there wasn't a selfish bone in her body," Lefever reflected. Family friend Bill Tucker echoes the sentiment. "Shirley had a tremendous connection to Columbia City through her family. What her mother and father had contributed to the town meant a lot to her, and she enjoyed doing things in her family's name."

Shirley established two endowments within the Community Foundation. The George Scott and Mildred Smith Gates Fund will provide support for music and education projects at the Columbia City United Methodist Church. The second fund was established when Shirley gifted her home to the Foundation. After making the contribution, Shirley continued to live in her condominium until it was no longer needed. When she moved to The Oaks, the Foundation sold the property and the proceeds were used to create the Shirley Ann Gates Fund. Per her wishes, her fund will address health care needs in Whitley County.

Shirley passed away in 2006, but her fund recently made a gift that helped the Smith Township Fire Rescue Department purchase a much needed piece of equipment to assist accident victims. "I think Aunt Shirley would have felt good about this grant; it will help many injured people and her mother was from Churubusco," Lefever said.

These two endowments beautifully reflect what was important in Shirley's life, and will be the true, lasting legacy of a quiet champion for generations to come.

**Donations to the Bernice
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