

Warren County Community Foundation

Connections

For Good. Forever. For Warren County.

Legacy of a Leader

First Annual Ernie Awards Honor Volunteers

Representatives from 20 non-profit agencies filled the Seeger Fine Arts Center on September 11 for the first annual Ernie Awards, named in honor of WCCF's first director, the late Ernie Slauter.

non-profit organization and the remodeling of the foundation building.

In addition, Poor highlighted key events that Slauter was involved in during his tenure at WCCF, including his role in the



2007 Ernie Award Recipients

Each agency honored one exemplary volunteer from their organization with a short presentation by a member of the nominating agency, and an inscribed glass mug.

The program began with emcee David Poor giving a thoughtful tribute to Slauter.

Poor recalled Slauter's exemplary leadership and hard work in establishing the foundation, specifically his persistence in establishing the foundation as a

C.A.P.E. grant .

"The foundation would not be what it is today without Ernie," said Poor.

After a dessert reception, the presentation portion of the program began with the first Ernie Award being presented to Ernie's son, Jerry.

For more information on how to include your group in the next Ernie Awards, please call the foundation office at 764.1501.

WCCF Congratulates the 2007 Ernie Award Recipients

For Their Outstanding Volunteerism
Within the
Warren County Community

William Jordan
Marian Jordan
Linda Wilson
Ann McIntosh
Pam Bowers
Roy Stroud
Nancy Litzenberger
Wini Clark
Kay Cronkhite
Doris Collings
Frank Taylor
Sara Johnston
Carol Hogstrum
John Henry
Francis G. Lee
Jack Dalton
Judy Current
Beverly Bradley
Doug Cripe
Jane Craigin
Tudi Kuyper

BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE

Thoughts on the Ernie Awards

Earlier this year the board members were talking about people who volunteer their time and talents. The Lafayette “George” Award was mentioned as a way to honor and encourage these people. Someone said “Ours would have to be an Ernie” and a

committee was off and running.

At that time Ernie and Dixie Slauter were visiting in Warren County once a year or more and we hoped they might attend our first Ernie Awards on September 11.

As is sometimes the

case, a higher power had a different plan. Ernie Slauter, a man of consummate faith and devotion, was called for another mission. We know that Ernie’s talents make his new home a better place, just as he made Warren County a better place.

When we think of the true “foundation” of our organization, Ernie was a cornerstone upon which we can all build for good, forever.

Liz Rader
WCCF Board President

PHILANTHROPY 101

Words to Know for Charitable Giving

Non-Profit Organization

It’s a common misconception that non-profit organizations are forbidden from making a profit on any aspect of their operations. In fact, the term non-profit is actually defined as:

“An organization that exists for charitable or educational purposes, and from which its shareholders or trustees do not benefit financially.”
(www.investwords.com)

Organization’s deemed as non-profits by state and federal departments of revenue are exempt from sales taxes.
WCCF is a non-profit organization.



Fund Agreement

A fund agreement is a document that details a donor’s wishes for the use of endowed funds .

A fund agreement may specify a specific age group the fund is intended for, for example children, senior citizens, or a specific cause such as nature preservation, education, or even a specific organization such as a church or charity.

Donors have the option to name someone to oversee a fund after his or her own death.

WCCF works with donors to achieve their charitable objectives.

Did You Know?

Warren County Community Foundation
Has Many Free Resources Available to Help You with Estate Planning. Just give us a call: 764.1501

Senior Center Receives Grant Awards

The Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center was recently named the recipient of two grant awards, one from WCCF and the other from North Central Health Services in Lafayette.

The community foundation grant provided the center with very much needed new carpet. Center Director Sherry Bratcher said the carpet has helped to make the center more welcoming and much more comfortable for the senior citizens who eat meals, and participate in activities at the center. "We are truly grateful for both of these awards," said Bratcher.

The center utilized the help of many volunteers to reduce the cost of the carpet installation. "Thank you to all who helped us move furniture and pull up the old carpet to keep the costs down," said Bratcher.

The second grant

award, from NCHS, funded the purchase of 3 new computers, a wireless router, printers,



The Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center now has free wireless internet for senior citizens.

computer desks, chairs, and software. "This is the first time the center has had modern computer equipment with internet access for seniors. It really increases

our activity options." said Bratcher, who has helped some of the center's patrons to set up free email addresses to keep in contact with relatives who live out of town. "We're also planning some basic computer and internet courses to help everyone get started," she said.

The center held an open house on August 9, inviting the community to see the new much-needed new items.

Located at 306 Ross Avenue in Williamsport, the center offers balanced hot meals, and a variety of activities for senior citizens includ-

NEW COMPUTERS AND CARPET

ing exercising, shopping trips, and crafts. Monthly activity calendars, menus and a newsletter are available. Please call center director Sherry Bratcher at 762-6779.

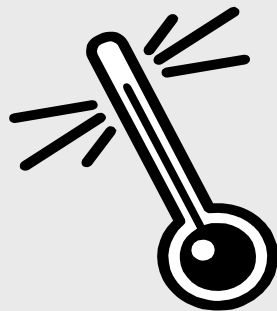
Warren County Community Foundation 2008 Grant Cycles:

Cycle 1
Pre-Application Letters Due January 7, 2008

Cycle 2
Pre-Application Letters Due May 25, 2008

Pre-Application letters will be evaluated by a selection committee. Those invited to submit full applications will be provided with further instructions.

Are You Watching the Thermometer?



WCCF Horizon Society Pledges Total:

\$79,500

It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

Watch the "thermometer" on the front of WCCF to track our progress!

The Horizon Society is a 3-year campaign to help sustain WCCF for a successful future. Call 764-1501 for more information.

**WCCF VALUES
EDUCATION**

Scholarships Awarded

Through the generosity of donors who value the importance of a college education, WCCF is able to award scholarships to Warren County and Attica High School graduates.

The foundation recently announced the following scholarship recipients. Congratulations to all.

Megan Roemer is a second year student at IU-PUI majoring in Radiology. Megan received a scholarship award from the Rozell-Kerr-Woodhall Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Kristina Ehler is a second year student at the University of Southern Indiana majoring in Dental Hygiene. Kristina received a scholarship through the Warren County Ambulance Fund.

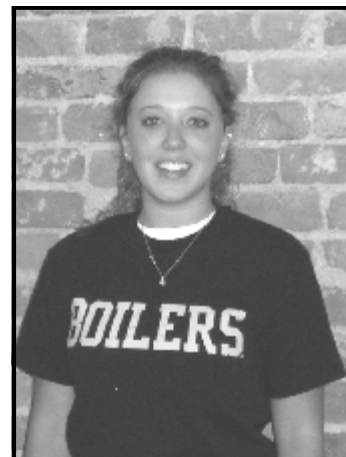
Erin Griswold is a second year student majoring in Surgical Technology at Ivy Tech. She received a scholarship award from the Original Warren County Ambulance Fund.

Jessica Elrod is a junior at Butler University where she is majoring in elementary education. Jessica received the Miss Beason Scholarship.

Phillip Wriighthouse is a junior at Purdue where he is majoring in Communications. Phillip received a scholarship from the Rozell-Kerr-Woodhall Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Jessica Elrod



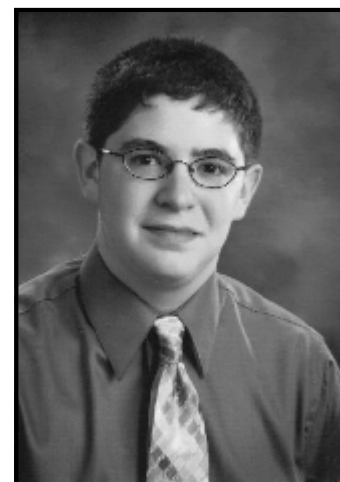
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A Note On Higher Education



Warren County Community Foundation values the impact of education within our community. With your donations to WCCF scholarship funds we are able to provide higher education scholarships to Warren County students. By helping educate our youth we are creating opportunities, developing leaders, increasing earning potential, and improving Warren County forever.

WHO SAID THAT?

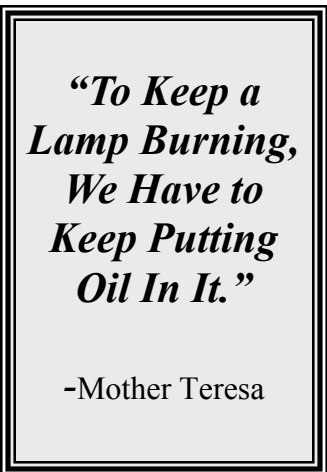
Philanthropy in History

It's easy to forget that the ideas of volunteerism, philanthropy, and community have existed for centuries. We hope you'll enjoy this collection of quotes from historical figures on the subject of giving.

Think of giving not only as a duty but as a privilege. **-John D. Rockefeller**

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. **-Helen Keller**

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another. **-Charles Dickens**



Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. **-Theodore Roosevelt**

Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.

-William Shakespeare

It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it. **-Albert Einstein**

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle. **-Benjamin Franklin**

**Have a thought on philanthropy? Send it to:
warrencountyfoundation@yahoo.com**



Get a Head Start On the Holidays!

Instead of shopping for your child's teacher this year, make a donation in their name to the

Reading and Writing Fund,

which supports youth literacy efforts such as the annual Young Authors Conference for Warren County elementary students. It's a gift that will last forever.

Forms will be sent home in November to every student enrolled in Warren County elementary schools!

Or you can request a form by calling the foundation at 764.1501.

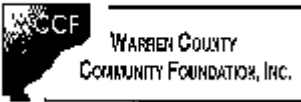
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Judy O'Bannon to Speak at Donor Appreciation Dinner

**SPECIAL
GUEST**

WCCF is excited to announce that Judy O'Bannon has accepted the foundation's invitation to speak at the 2007 Donor Appreciation Dinner set for November 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.



Judy O'Bannon
Photo courtesy
Indiana University.

Horizon Society members and major donors. Then, space permitting, invitations will be mailed to all other foundation members.

When you receive your invitation, it is important to respond by the deadline printed on the enclosed response card to reserve your

We anticipate that many will be interested in hearing Mrs. O'Bannon's message on philanthropy, and space is limited.

seat.

For more information about WCCF's annual Donor Appreciation Dinner, please call Susan

WCCF 2007 Donor Appreciation Dinner

November 1, 2007
6:30 P.M.

The Beef House
Oak Room

Special Guest:
Judy O'Bannon

RSVP
Required.

Invitations will first be mailed to

Stratman at the foundation office

at 765.764.1501.