

BRANCHING OUT



Morgan County Moms on a Mission

All mothers face difficult parenting challenges, but when a mother's mind has to focus on making money stretch, everything seems to be tougher.

Twenty years ago, local area churches saw a need to help care for their neighbors. Churches in Mission was formed in 1987, and today it continues to examine the challenges facing low-income families in the Mooresville area.

Parenting success is a concern of the mission. Last fall, Churches in Mission began classes for mothers to enhance parenting skills and provide a supportive atmosphere.

The mission received a Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Matching Grant for \$1,293 in November of 2006 to help fund this program.

A total of \$43,373 was awarded by the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. in matching grants last year. The 2007 cycle will begin in the fall.

Every first and third Tuesday, We Are Moms Together meets at the First Christian Church on Indiana Street in Mooresville from 9 to 11 a.m. Each meeting, topical guest speakers provide tips and insight into managing finances, skin care and hygiene, nutrition and more. Childcare is provided free of charge.

To learn more about or enroll in the We Are Moms Together program, please contact Alice Cordes, Director of Churches in Mission, at (317) 831-3987.

To contribute to the Churches in Mission Non-Permanent Donor-Advised Fund, please contact the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

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Right: Women at We Are Moms Together create calendars to organize their schedules. Bottom: Churches in Mission Director Alice Cordes receives a 2006 CFMC Matching Grant presented by Development Director Julie Dailey.



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Did You Know?

You can register on the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Web site. You will be added to the mail and e-mail list and receive special updates about your community foundation. Visit www.cfmconline.org to register today!



Morgan County Antique Appraisal Fair



Foundation to host new fundraiser April 14

If you are searching for a unique way to benefit the entire community, look no further than the first Morgan County Antique Appraisal Fair on April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Historic Newby Gym, Mooresville.

This event, hosted by the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc., will resemble the “Antiques Roadshow” as seen on PBS.

For \$10 per item or \$25 for three items, patrons will receive a verbal appraisal of the approximate value of their antique items by certified Indiana appraisers.

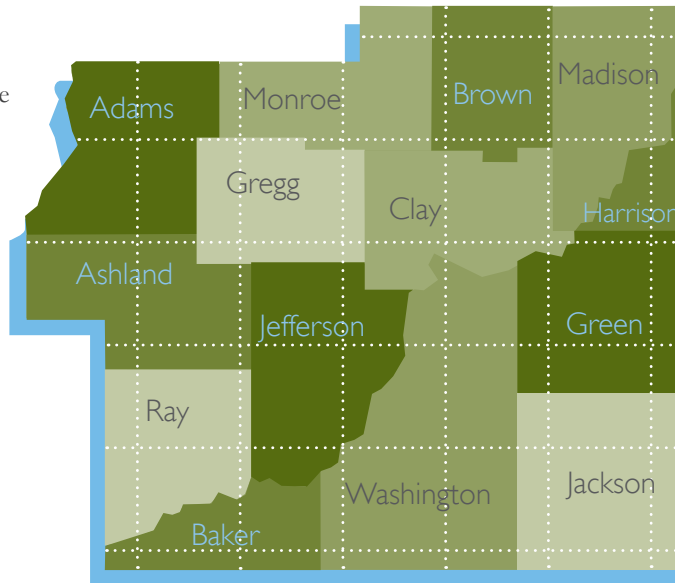
“We all have items we have been given or that we have inherited that we simply do not know much about,” said Director of Development Julie Dailey. “This event offers Morgan County community members a chance to learn more about their special piece. It may be worth thousands of dollars or nothing at all.”

The foundation is seeking sponsors for the event. With sponsorship levels from \$50 to \$2,000, individuals, families, organizations or businesses can all participate.

Proceeds benefit the CFMC which in turn benefits the entire county through grants and scholarships awarded to organizations and residents of Morgan County.

Look for additional details in April’s “Branching Out” newsletter and March’s “Mooresville Magazine.” For more information, please visit www.cfmconline.org.

Morgan County’s Townships



Green Township ★

The Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. proudly serves every township. Each issue of “Branching Out” will showcase one of Morgan County’s unique townships.

Green Township was the second settlement in Morgan County in 1819, according to “Counties of Morgan, Monroe and Brown, Indiana – 1884” by Charles Blanchard.

James Stotts, William Offield, Hiram Craig, Daniel Higgins, and Nimrod Stone were the first settlers on Stotts Creek. Zachariah Davee owned a grist mill in the county and was an excellent hunter – he killed over 15 bears in his lifetime. Bears were in abundance throughout the county, as well as wolves and deer.

The first school was located on Stotts Creek in 1820. Reading was done through the Bible, and writing was done with a goose quill. Teachers were paid about \$1.50 per student for three months.

In 1838, Ezekial St. John laid out the first town in Green Township, called Cleveland; the village died out. The village of Cope was settled several years later and still thrives today. The town of Exchange is also in Green Township.

Henderson Ford Bridge in Green Township





Pathways to Giving

Watch for a variety of ways to invest in your community

By Julie Dailey, Development Director

Every year, the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. benefits from the generosity of hundreds of people. Their reasons for giving vary as widely as their interests and their financial circumstances. What they all have in common is the desire to help make a great foundation even greater, to enable it to better serve Morgan County.

I believe you share that desire, and, yet, your situation, like everyone else's, is unique; your motivation, your goals and your available resources combine to make your situation unlike that of any other donor. What may seem to be the most obvious way to make your gift may not be the best way for you.

There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life.

Sister Mary Rose McGeady

Fortunately, there are many options for you to make a gift to the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. I am sure one of them will suit your purposes. This section in our newsletter is designed to help you become familiar with these choices and, I hope, help you identify the ones that are right for you.

The professional staff at the foundation is here to answer any questions or concerns you or

your financial advisers may have. We want you to be confident from the start that you have all the information and informed advice you need.

Please watch for this section in each future newsletter where you will find a wide variety of giving options. Some are simple, others are more complex. Perhaps one will suit your needs.

Main Street in Morgantown



Foundation Seeks Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. is currently seeking an Executive Director. A Search Committee of five Board of Directors members and one community member began planning for the recruitment process in December.

The job was advertised in "The Mooresville/Decatur Times," "The Reporter-Times," "The Hoosier Times," "The Indianapolis Star," and several online Web sites including CareerBuilder.com. Applications for the position were due February 10.

The Search Committee will be meeting throughout February and March to review the applications and begin interviewing candidates for the position. Updates will be provided on the CFMC Web site in the News section.

The Kendrick Foundation, Inc.

Kendrick Foundation, Inc., a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. was created to support health-related programs in Morgan County, with an emphasis on the Mooresville area.

The Kendrick Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the start of its 2007 grant cycle.

Support includes making grants to health-related organizations and charities in Morgan County, which may include community healthcare programs, hospice programs, healthcare education and training, and tax-exempt medical and health programs.

Prior to submitting a grant application, a Letter of Intent must be submitted. This form is available on the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Web site, www.cfmconline.org, in the Grants section.

Letters of Intent must be received by March 9 in the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. office in care of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. in the Academy Building at 250 North Monroe St.; Mooresville, IN 46158. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions please contact the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. office in care of the CFMC at (317) 831-1232 or toll free at (877) 822-6958.



One-room school room in the Academy of Hoosier Heritage museum in the Academy Building.

Scholarships Available

Every November, the foundation begins its scholarship cycle with three programs for Morgan County residents: the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. Scholarships and the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Scholarship Program.

While the Lilly and Kendrick Foundation scholarship deadlines have passed for 2007, it's not too late to apply for the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Scholarship Program.

About 30 scholarships are available, each with unique selection criteria. Two of the scholarships are for students age 30 or over.

Descriptions of the requirements for each scholarship as well as downloadable applications are available online at www.cfmconline.org and in Morgan County high school guidance offices. Scholarship applications are due in the CFMC office by March 9, 2007.

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