

BRANCHING OUT

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Never Too Late for an Education

One person really can make a difference through the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Just ask Martinsville resident Polly Amy.

In 2003, Polly's life was in a state of turmoil. She was caring for her husband, Charles, who suffered from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. She was also worried about her son, Craig, stationed in Iraq with the National Guard. And, as though these were not enough burdens to bear, Polly was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer.

Despite these major distractions, she decided to reach out to resolve a need in the community. "In your mind you feel you want to do something to help the world," she said.

Inspired by a friend who went back to school later in life, Polly started The Never Too Late Scholarship Endowment at the CFMC.

Although attending school at any age is difficult, it was exceptionally difficult for Polly's friend Carol Smile. She decided to get her GED in her 50s while her husband was seriously ill and she was working. She continued her education and became a nurse.

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Tracie Clark, Polly Amy and Kathleen Browne gather for a memorable moment at Hummingbird Heaven Tea Room in Martinsville, Ind. Clark and Browne were the 2007 recipients of the CFMC's Never Too Late Scholarship for non-traditional students.

A Special Phrase 'Please remember to include us...'

If you've talked recently with Tom Zoss, the new executive director of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc., you may have noticed he often ends a conversation or speech with a simple request: "Please remember to include us in your will, trust, or retirement beneficiary form."

Zoss, a fundraiser and attorney, knows very well the power of these simple words.

"There comes a time in life when people realize they can leave a legacy to help others in Morgan County," he said.

A lifetime of family duties, hard work and saving can often produce a pool of assets beyond future family needs.

"A small mention in your will or trust can make a world of difference in people's lives," Zoss added.

A gift in your will can help the community foun-



Executive Director
Tom Zoss

ation grow in the future, create a fund to help your favorite cause or establish a scholarship endowment.

Today, many people have pensions or retirement funds.

A simple change in the beneficiary form can also be a mechanism for good works in your name.

Zoss urges people to consult with their personal advisors to discuss how to include the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. in their giving plans.

For information about some of the options that are available, contact Tom Zoss at the foundation office locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.

All donor discussions are strictly confidential.

CFMC to Receive Bequest

The Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. office has been informed that the CFMC has been named as a beneficiary in the will of the late Dorothy Asher. This bequest is wonderful news for Morgan County.

More information about the philanthropy of this retired teacher and her husband, who was a retired farmer, will be available in the near future.

CFMC Awards \$25,100 in Local Scholarships

Last May, the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. was pleased to award \$25,100 in scholarships to Morgan County residents pursuing their college educations.

For example, former Martinsville High School student Hannah Parnell has been singing her heart out for years. Now Parnell's love of music is paying off – literally.

Because a generous donor to the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. loved music, Parnell was one of two recipients of the Ann Haworth Scholarship.

"I enjoy performing," Parnell said. "I worked hard in high school to make good grades and be involved in extracurricular activities. Receiving the scholarship makes me feel like the things I did in high school were noticed, and it's nice that the things I've done are seen as important."

"All of our scholarship recipients have achieved great educational and personal goals," said Ruth Rusie, Scholarship Advisory Committee chair. "We're extremely proud of each of them, and we are happy to provide them with scholarships to acknowledge their hard work."

More information and applications for the 2008 cycle will be available in November on the CFMC Web site at www.cfmconline.org.

2007 Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Scholarship Recipients



Chelsie Brady
Mooresville High School
*Forrest A. Wakeman/
Mooresville Masonic
Lodge Scholarship, TOA-
USA Scholarship, Devin
Wade Deaton Memorial
Scholarship*



Kathleen Browne
The Art Institute of
Indianapolis
*The Never Too Late
Scholarship*



Tracie Clark
Indiana University-
Purdue University
Indianapolis
*The Never Too Late
Scholarship*



Erin Cole
Mooresville High School
*Jennifer Tipmore
Memorial Scholarship*



Cameron Collins
Eminence High School
*The Stierwalt
Scholarship*



Ainslie Crouse
Eminence High School
*Eminence Alumni
Association
Scholarship, The
Stierwalt Scholarship*



Andrew Fortner
Mooresville High School
*Steven Lee Robert Terrell
Memorial Scholarship*



Kristin Hilligoss
Mooresville High School
*Justin and
Bonita Conduitt
Marley Scholarship*



Megan James
Martinsville High School
*Ann Haworth
Scholarship*



Allison Lipps
Martinsville High School
*Maggie Grounds
Scholarship*



Aaron Moss
Eminence High School
*Meaghan Buis
Memorial Scholarship*



Hannah Parnell
Martinsville High School
*Ann Haworth
Scholarship*



Abigail Robson
Martinsville High School
*Robert D. St. Clair
Scholarship*



Rachelle Rose
Mooresville High School
*Alexander Hathaway
Memorial Scholarship*



Christina Zier
Monrovia High School
*Justin and
Bonita Conduitt
Marley Scholarship*



Pathways to Giving: Charity Begins at Home



By Julie Dailey
Development Director

When I was growing up I remember my mom attending the Ladies Aid Society once a week. All these women got together and worked on projects that helped the less fortunate in our neighborhood.

Everyone knew everyone in our close-knit neighborhood, so when a house caught on fire or when someone lost a job, the Ladies Aid Society was there to help. My mom loved these meetings. These were her friends and they all believed in what they were doing.

I also remember loading up my red wagon each spring with Girl Scout cookies and going to each neighbor's home. They all bought at least one box of cookies. I felt I was doing my part for the Girl Scouts.

My mom set a good example by volunteering her time and talents to help friends and neighbors. I have carried her example with me throughout my life.

In today's world, we may still live in neighborhoods, but things have changed. We're lucky if we even know our next door neighbor. Today, we have non-profit organizations helping to take care of needs in the community. Therefore, we're not directly connected to the needs of the community.

The Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. has many friends who believe in Morgan County. Because some of our friends have become disconnected, I have begun setting up personal meetings with them to discuss needs in Morgan County from their perspective.

Some of you feel very strongly about education; some of you feel strongly about our environment; and some of you feel strongly about health issues. I would love to discuss what you feel is important for Morgan County. That's how we can stay connected and how our foundation can best help address needs in Morgan County.

That's what the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. is all about: "Investing in Our Quality of Life." Please call me at (317) 831-1232 so we can talk about your ideas for investing in the future of Morgan County.

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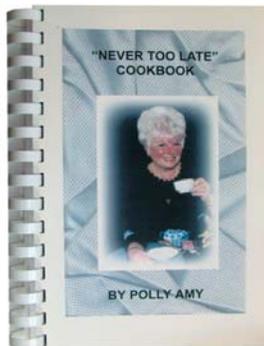
"I hate to think about the people who would have missed out on her care if she hadn't gone back to school," Polly said. "There is a great need for scholarships to help people of this age."

Polly saw the impact her friend had, and she created her scholarship for Morgan County residents age 30 or over returning to school to pursue a GED, associate's, bachelor's or graduate degree.

Polly chose to change lives through the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. because community foundations allow charitable plans to continue in perpetuity. Contributions made to endowment funds such as The Never Too Late Scholarship Endowment are never spent; instead, the money is prudently invested to grow and produce earnings. Distributions can be made from the earnings.

Polly has worked with the CFMC since its creation by a merger in 2000. "It's been one of the best experiences of my life," Polly said. "The people have been great."

Polly also started her endowment in a special way. Together with friends in Morgan County, Polly creat-



Sales from Polly Amy's "Never Too Late Cookbook," now out of print, raised funds to start a CFMC scholarship.

ed the "Never Too Late Cookbook," which was sold in Morgan County businesses. After paying for the printing herself, the book raised \$10,000 for the fund.

Polly has been blessed by the stories of the recipients of her scholarship over the years. Mary Campbell, 51, received the Never Too Late Scholarship for two years. Mary and her husband have seven children and have fostered over 30 children over the years in their home. As her children grew, Mary realized she wanted to prepare herself for a future career.

"I was feeling so guilty knowing that my son was going to college and I wanted to spend money on me," Mary said. "This scholarship was God's way of saying, 'Go for it.'" Mary is now at Ivy Tech studying nursing. She dreams of eventually working in an emergency room.

If you are interested in helping people like Mary achieve their goals by creating a scholarship endowment, or if you would like to contribute to an existing scholarship fund, please contact the CFMC locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.

Read an extended version of Polly's story on the CFMC Web site at www.cfmconline.org.

The Kendrick Foundation, Inc.

2007 Grant Cycles

In July, the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. approved 27 health-related grants to local non-profit organizations totaling \$956,795. For more information on the second 2007 grant cycle, visit the Kendrick Web site at www.kendrickfoundation.org.

- A&A Volunteer Fire Department: \$1,805
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Morgan County: \$12,500 and \$17,500
- Center for Behavioral Health: \$11,000
- Churches in Mission: \$20,000
- Community Service Center of Morgan County: \$70,874
- Desert Rose Foundation: \$27,040
- Family Service Center of Central Indiana: \$25,000
- First Presbyterian Church: \$75,000
- Grace Church: \$50,325
- Green Township Fire and Rescue: \$3,420
- Hemophilia of Indiana: \$2,500
- Jackson Center for Conductive Education: \$35,000
- Joint Replacement Surgeons Foundation: \$30,000
- Madison Township Fire Department: \$22,748
- Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation: \$18,855
- Morgan County Pathways to Learning: \$150,000
- Morgan Hospital & Medical Center: \$6,000
- Morgan Hospital & Medical Center Foundation: \$26,400
- North Madison PTO: \$35,000
- Operation Walk: \$70,000
- Riley Children's Foundation: \$5,000
- St. Francis Healthcare Foundation: \$40,118 and \$100,000
- St. Francis Hospital-Mooresville: \$35,710
- St. Thomas More Free Clinic: \$62,000
- Youth as Resources of Central Indiana: \$3,000



You Can Help

For local non-profit organizations, time is one of the most precious gifts we can receive. There are also special office items we need.

Please contact us if you are interested in the following volunteer positions or have items to donate. More information is available on the CFMC Web site at www.cfmconline.org.

- Office Receptionist and General As-Needed Volunteers: Our office is in need of volunteer receptionists and general as-needed volunteers to answer phones, greet guests and do light office work such as filing, shredding, or copying as needed.

- Desk Needed: One gently used, large steel desk is needed for the CFMC office.



Top Left: Danielle Strohmeier, summer intern; Top Right: Sarah Ball; Bottom: Mooresville High School volunteers Sarah Ball, Dillon Jones, Justin Wampner, Chris Pickett, and Brad Medford

Local Students Lend a Hand at CFMC

When Mooresville resident Danielle Strohmeier ended her first year at DePauw University, she looked for a meaningful summer internship.

As a sophomore studying political science, Danielle decided to intern at the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

“I chose to volunteer my time with the Community Foundation of Morgan County because I knew how wide-spread it was,” Danielle said. “By helping here, I felt like I was helping all over the county.”

Danielle completed over 280 hours of volunteer work at the foundation this summer. “Danielle was a pleasure to work with,” said Lisa Trusty, program officer. “She truly has a heart for non-profit causes and put all of her energy into every project at the foundation.”

More students connected with the CFMC through United Way’s Day of Caring on August 24. Five Mooresville High School agriculture students volunteered their time to landscape around the Academy Building and beautify the grounds.

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