

BRANCHING OUT

Newsletter from the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

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Scholarships Top \$500,000 in '08



The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. is proud to announce that the foundation will help to distribute over \$500,000 in scholarships to Morgan County residents in the new year.

The foundation distributes support from several sources. There are approximately 30 scholarships from funds and endowments that comprise the CFMC Scholarship Program. The CFMC also administers the local Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, in cooperation with the Independent Colleges of Indiana. The foundation is also honored to administer the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. Scholarships.

No two scholarships are alike and each scholarship has its own distinct selection criteria, such as financial need, special interest/intended study or GPA requirements. Education criteria vary, as well, and some scholarships target graduating seniors, while some are available to students currently enrolled in college, and some are available to individuals over 30 returning to school.



Last year, twenty-four Kendrick Foundation, Inc. Scholarships were awarded to students studying health care. These scholarships are worth up to \$10,000 per person.

Two full, four-year scholarships are awarded each year through the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program to Morgan County residents who will be first-time college students attending any public or private school in Indiana. *Continued page 2*

We Thank You Some Thoughts as the Year Ends

I joined the CFMC early this year and the end of the year is a good time for me to look back and take stock of this year's progress. We are being more assertive in telling our story as we try to harness and nurture the spirit of philanthropy among people and organizations who can help their friends and neighbors.

There are many good people in our communities, which is good because there are also more and more needy people in Morgan County. Maybe you could call our work "matchmaking" because we try to help those who want to help to find those who could use the help.

Donations: Timing and Size

There is no bad time to support our work, but some people save their decisions about giving until the end of the year when they take stock and spread good cheer. The Community Foundation of Morgan County can be a good target for your giving because we have many options. A gift here can support health care, or scholarships, or the arts, or many other endeavors. An unrestricted gift will help support the CFMC office itself, helping us to pay the overhead that is required to maintain



Executive Director

Tom Zoss

As a qualified public charity, the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. can help donors to open a new endowment or fund for a special purpose they have in mind, or perhaps choose from several charitable fund options for their gift. Donor Advised Funds do not qualify for tax-free IRA transfers.

Please do not forget to consider adding the Community Foundation to your will, or trust, or as a beneficiary on your pension, retirement account or insurance policy.

It is not too late for you to make a lasting difference. Interested individuals may receive more information by contacting me, Tom Zoss, executive director, locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.

a professionally-managed office.

There is no donation too small. Donations this year have come in denominations of \$1 or \$25, and they've also come in some rather large numbers. Each donation is very important to making a difference in Morgan County.

Remember Us in Your Plans

Are You 70-1/2 With an IRA?

This is for people who have over-funded their IRA. Until the end of 2007 you may have an option of transferring IRA assets directly to a charity so the transfer is not included in the IRA owner's income and is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes. You can make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 per year. Nothing is lost to taxes, instead of a possible loss of up to 75 percent to taxes.

Call Julie Dailey, Director of Development at (317) 831-1232.

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Scholarship applicants for 2008 will find the Scholarship Central Web site to be easy to use. It's located online at www.cfmconline.org/scholarships. Visitors can simply click on their education category (high school, private school or home school category, or non-traditional/post high school category) to be directed to a page which lists all scholarships for which they might apply.

The foundation has also tried to spread the word in new ways, using billboards and mailing postcards to all senior high school students in Morgan County. The foundation's goal is to help spread the word about available scholarships to every student and family that might be interested.

Applications are available online at www.cfmconline.org/scholarships, in Morgan County High School guidance offices, and by contacting the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

Application deadlines vary by scholarship and are in January and March.

For questions, please contact Lisa Trusty, program officer, locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.



Morgan County SCHOLARSHIP CENTRAL

2008 Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. Scholarship Calendar 2007

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| November 15 | CFMC Scholarship Cycle begins; Applications live on Web site: www.cfmconline.org/scholarships and www.kendrickfoundation.org |
| December 10 | Morgan County Scholarship Fair from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Martinsville High School cafeteria
Open to all Morgan County seniors and adults |
| December 11 | Free CFMC Seminar – “How to Apply for Scholarships” from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Morgan County Public Library, 110 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville
Please register at www.cfmconline.org/scholarships |
| December 13 | Free CFMC Seminar – “How to Apply for Scholarships” from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville
Please register at www.cfmconline.org/scholarships |

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| January 3 | CFMC Scholarship Form Help and Review Session #1 from 5 to 8 p.m.
CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |
| January 11 | Deadline: Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Applications
Due by 4 p.m. at the CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |
| January 24 | CFMC Scholarship Form Help and Review Session #2 from 5 to 8 p.m.
CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |
| January 31 | Deadline: Kendrick Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Applications
Due by 4 p.m. at the CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |
| February 28 | CFMC Scholarship Form Help and Review Session #3 from 5 to 8 p.m.
CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |
| March 7 | Deadline: CFMC Scholarship Program Applications for High School Senior Morgan County Residents and for Non-Traditional/Post High School Morgan County Residents
Due by 4 p.m. at the CFMC Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville |



Left: Tonja Robertson, President of Spay Neuter Indiana Pets, Inc. (SNIP) carries a cat to a special recovery room on the SNIP Spay/Neuter Day Nov. 28. Right: Cats rest after surgery, tucked under a special warming blanket.

Sixteen Groups Receive Funding for a Variety of Projects

CFMC Local Grants Total \$33,081

The funds totaling \$33,081 from the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.'s 2007 grant cycle are already spreading across the county through local projects. On Nov. 28, Spay Neuter Indiana Pets, Inc. began its feline spay/neuter project, funded in part by a CFMC Matching Grant. The organization traveled with "The Neuter Scooter" to Mooresville where it offered low cost spay/neuter services.

According to Spay Neuter Indiana Pets, Inc., there are approximately 18,429 owned cats and at least 7,373 feral cats in Morgan County.

"Overpopulation of cats, and dogs as well, causes a heavy burden on a community in several areas," said Tonja Robertson, president of Spay Neuter Indiana Pets, Inc. "The costs of catching, housing, feeding and in a majority of cases eventually euthanizing, is enormous."

Ten CFMC Matching Grants and seven CFMC Arts Grants were given, totaling \$25,450 and \$7,631, respectively.

Kari Palma, music teacher of Smith and Central elementary schools, will purchase over 40 instruments this school year with which students can perform African, Caribbean and Cuban music thanks to a CFMC Arts Grant.

"Music is the soundtrack of our lives," Palma said. "What better way to teach our children how to channel their emotions, thoughts and creativity than

through the positive experience of making music, together, in community with one another."

Other CFMC Arts Grants recipients include Mooresville Public Library, Morgan County Public Library, Academy of Hoosier Heritage, Coordinated Aging Services for Morgan County, Mooresville Revitalization Group and Eminence Lions Club.

Other CFMC Matching Grants recipients include Damar Services, Inc.; Morgantown Youth Sports; Morgantown Senior Citizens Center; Community Service Center of Morgan County, Inc. (dba WellSpring); Youth Connections; Boys and Girls Clubs of Morgan County; United Way of Central Indiana Morgan County; and Mooresville Revitalization Group.

More information, including a complete list of projects and amounts awarded, is available in the News section of the CFMC Web site at www.cfmconline.org.

The CFMC Matching and Arts Grants are made possible through the foundation's Commonwealth Fund. Although many projects will be completed thanks to CFMC grants, over \$100,000 in grant funds were requested and the needs continue to grow.

If you are interested in helping Morgan County non-profits achieve more of their goals in years to come by donating to the Commonwealth Fund, please contact the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.



The Kendrick Foundation, Inc.

Second Grant Cycle

Although the Kendrick Foundation, Inc. awarded nearly \$1 million in local health-related grants last July, a second grant cycle was opened for 2007.

Letters of Intent, the first step of the Kendrick grant application process, were due in October. The Kendrick Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors approved 49 organizations who were eligible to submit a full grant application.

Grants will be awarded in coming weeks, to be completed between Jan. 15 and Sept. 15, 2008.

2008 Board of Directors

The Kendrick Foundation, Inc. would like to thank retiring board member Dr. Stephen Luther for all his service over the years. The foundation staff and board wish him the very best.

The 2008 Kendrick Board of Directors will be: Norman Connell, President and Chairman; James Harris, Secretary; Dr. Michael Berend; Mae Cooper; John Ehrhart; and Shelley Voelz.

For more information on the Kendrick Foundation, Inc., visit the organization's new Web site at www.kendrickfoundation.org. You may also contact the foundation in care of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.



Top Left: Diane Huerkamp and Tom Zoss; Top Right: David Ross and Dale DePoy; Bottom Left: Ruth Rusie and Wendell Thaler; Bottom Right: Darrell Brown, Lisa Trusty and Doug Allen

Fund Holders Honored, New Director Welcomed

Many good works have happened through the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. this year, in part with the help of our generous fund holders.

On October 25, the CFMC Board of Directors hosted a reception to honor fund holders and introduce them to Tom Zoss, the foundation's executive director since April. Fund holders, board of directors members, committee members and staff gathered in the foundation's office at the Academy Building in Mooresville.

The foundation manages endowment and non-permanent funds for a variety of non-profit organizations, causes and scholarships. Endowment funds can start with as little as \$500, with distribution beginning when the fund reaches \$5,000. Non-permanent funds can be created at any starting level.

For more information on establishing an endowment or non-permanent fund, contact Tom Zoss locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.

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