

# BRANCHING OUT

Newsletter from the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

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## CFMC Appraisal Fair April 10

The annual Morgan County treasure hunt is set to begin. Find your grandmother's China dishes, your family heirloom painting and grab the antique watch from your drawer. It's time to learn their value at the fourth annual Morgan County Antique Appraisal Fair on April 10.

This fundraiser for the Community Foundation of Morgan County will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. at Grace Church, 4172 E. Allison Road, Camby. The church is located near the corner of State Road 67 and Allison Road in Mooresville.

Five professional appraisers will provide one-on-one consultations. For a fee of only \$25, patrons can learn the approximate value of one to three antique items.

"Many local residents find interesting items to bring to the event each year, and it has become a tradition to attend," said Susan Haynes, co-chair of the 2010 fair.



Over 300 items were appraised at last year's Morgan County Antique Appraisal Fair. You can join the fun by bringing one to three items to Grace Church on April 10 for a verbal appraisal for \$25.

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## A CFMC Riddle You Can Help Us Solve



Executive Director  
Tom Zoss

A riddle: what is big and growing yet smaller than before?

The answer to this riddle explains why the upcoming Antique Appraisal Fair is so important to your community foundation.

The Community Foundation of Morgan County is bigger than ever before. Contributions we receive for scholarships and grants are growing, and are especially impressive in this tough economy. We have become one of the largest charities in the area thanks completely to the donors who

are taking care of our own right here at home. That is part of the answer to the riddle's question about what is growing.

So, what is getting smaller? The answer is our operating budget. Because the growth in donations has brought in mostly restricted money, those donations don't cover the CFMC's operating expenses.

Because of frugal operations, we are cutting what we spend on professional fees, insurance, salaries, and the important expenses we must expend to maintain our "best practices" enterprise.

For an administrator this is truly a riddle. We are growing, but must do more and more work with diminishing resources. That is why

we are being more assertive about asking for a portion of your giving to be designated for operating expenses.

Please help us solve the problem of how to do more work with less resources. One way is to make a contribution to our Evergreen Fund. Another is to attend the Antique Appraisal Fair, which raises money for our operations.

Thanks so much for your support and assistance as we grow in service to Morgan County.

Thomas Zoss  
CFMC Executive Director

# Matching and Arts Grants Awarded Worth \$31,227

Each Mooresville and Martinsville kindergarten student will be a star in their own book this spring, thanks in part to two matching grants from the Community Foundation of Morgan County. Overall, \$23,642 in matching grants and \$7,585 in arts grants were awarded by the foundation last October to 22 organizations.

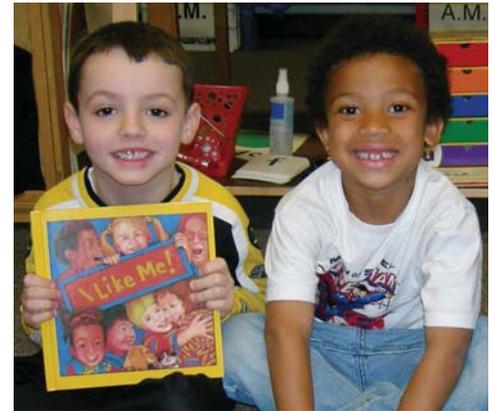
The Martinsville Rotary Club and the Mooresville/Decatur Rotary Club are both sponsoring the "I Like Me!" book program for over 750 kindergartners. Each student will receive an "I Like Me!" hardcover book, which includes a story that features the child's name, the names of two friends, and other personalizations.

Teachers will also receive a guidebook with 12

weeks worth of corresponding lesson plans, classroom activities, and discussion topics.

"For many students, the 'I Like Me!' book may be the first book in their personal home library," said Diane Huerkamp, member of the Mooresville/Decatur Rotary Club. "If we provide at least one tool to combat illiteracy, progress is being made."

The application cycle for CFMC Matching and Arts Grants opens in the summer, with applications being due in early September. For more information on grants from the foundation, contact the CFMC office at (317) 831-1232 or visit the foundation Web site online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org).



Children in Martinsville and Mooresville will receive "I Like Me!" books helped by CFMC grants.

## Community Foundation of Morgan County Matching Grants 2009

Organization	Project	Award Amount
Barbara B. Jordan YMCA	Increase Youth Physical Activity at After School Programs	\$1,100
CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions	Client Assistance Fund	\$2,000
Damar Services, Inc.	Friends In Aktion Club	\$1,000
Desert Rose Foundation, Inc.	Display Holders	\$ 500
Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County	House in Martinsville	\$1,500
Hall Civic Association	PR and Marketing	\$1,600
Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America	Volunteer Training Initiative	\$1,000
Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation	SMART Board Technology	\$3,000
Mooresville/Decatur Rotary Club	"I Like Me!" Books for Kindergarten Students	\$1,332
Mooresville Public Library	Pathway to Knowledge "Grounds for Learning"	\$1,500
Mooresville Revitalization Group	Community and Visitor Display Board	\$1,000
Morgantown Senior Citizens Center	Community Kitchen Supplies	\$ 470
Northwood Elementary School	Improvements to Playground Equipment	\$4,000
Rotary Club of Martinsville	"I Like Me!" Books for Kindergarten Students	\$1,640
Tri Kappa Sorority	Kappa Cares for Kids Project	\$1,000
Churches in Mission	Construction Work	\$1,000
	<b>Total Matching Grants:</b>	<b>\$23,642</b>

## Community Foundation of Morgan County Arts Grants 2009

Organization	Project	Award Amount
Bloomington Chamber Singers	Christmas Choral Program in Martinsville	\$2,000
Coordinated Aging Services for Morgan County	Dinner and Entertainment for Clients	\$1,000
Hall Civic Association	Microphones for Hall Civic Players	\$1,000
Mooresville Public Library	Youth Art Project with Clay	\$ 800
Mooresville Revitalization Group	Victorian Christmas	\$ 900
Morgan County Public Library	The Art of Song Writing	\$ 250
Morgan County Public Library	Art with Simple Shapes and Symbols	\$ 135
Morgan County Community Concerts Association	Live Music Concert to Local School	\$ 500
Rediscover Historic Martinsville	Downtown Concert Series	\$1,000
	<b>Total Arts Grants:</b>	<b>\$7,585</b>



# Women Learn More Than Finances at Conference

Although they signed up for seminars on health insurance, investments, and wills, women who attended the second “Women in Control™” conference in October also learned inspiring life lessons.

Over 75 women gathered at Liberty Christian Church for the Community Foundation of Morgan County’s “Financial Boot Camp.”

Participants enjoyed breakfast and lunch, attended two workshops of their choice led by women professionals, and heard from keynote speaker Anne Ryder.

Known locally for her television anchor position on NBC affiliate WTHR, Ryder has been a journalist for more than 25 years.

Nationally, she is known for being the only American reporter to be granted a sit-down interview with Mother Teresa. It was Mother Teresa’s final interview before her death.

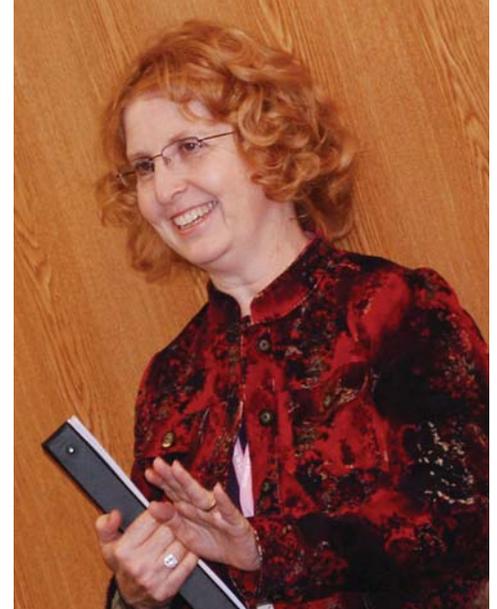
Women in the audience both laughed and cried as Ryder shared stories of individuals she had interviewed over the years.

Ryder shared that Mother Teresa said “Calcutta is everywhere, if you have the eyes to see it.”

After the tragic loss of her son in a miscarriage, she changed her fast-paced life. She left her successful news anchor position to spend more time with her husband and daughter and pursue freelance writing and reporting.



Left: Attendee Amy Marine poses with Hoosier journalist Anne Ryder after the Women in Control conference in October. Right: Pamela Siddons of Siddons Law Office teaches a session on wills.



“Anne’s story made me want to change the way I live life every day,” said participant Amy Marine. “She inspired me to live life with love through my relationships with other people I come in contact with each day.”

The foundation chooses to serve women through these educational events because the board and staff believe in the power of Mor-

gan County women as philanthropists. An education in financial aspects through Women in Control empowers women to set up financial plans that will care for them and leave a legacy for their community for years to come.

For more information or to view photos from past events, visit the CFMC Web site online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org).

# CFMC Board of Directors for 2010 Announced

The Community Foundation of Morgan County Board of Directors began the year with a new slate of directors and officers representing Morgan County.

Officers for 2010 are Dale DePoy, president; Erin Pipkin, vice president; Jim Johnson, treasurer; and Karen Yeager, secretary. Shelley Voelz will continue to serve on the Executive Committee and board as past president.

“I am happy to serve as president of the board of directors because of the good work the community foundation accomplishes in Morgan County,” DePoy said. “My personal goal is to help the foundation continue to increase its capacity to better serve residents of Morgan County.”

Signe Nicholson and Lily Lawson join the

board as new directors this year. Nicholson has been a member of the CFMC Finance Committee since 2005.

Continuing their terms of office on the board are: Jim Brack, Chris Branson, Dale DePoy, Doug Garrison, Jim Johnson, Bill Meredith, Erin Pipkin, Ruth Rusie, Brian Stremming, Shelley Voelz, Judy Williams, and Karen Yeager.

In December, the CFMC held its annual board of directors holiday dinner and meeting at the Foxcliff Manor House. Retiring directors Susan Haynes and Chris Wheeler were honored for their service.

There are still opportunities to serve with the foundation this year. Individuals interested in volunteering are invited to consider member-

ship on one of the foundation’s committees. The scholarship, marketing and public relations, grants, finance, and asset development committees all accept members from the community.

“Committee membership is an excellent starting point to learn about the foundation and its operations,” said Tom Zoss, executive director.

“Many individuals move forward from the committees into a future position on the board of directors,” he said.

Interested individuals should contact Zoss at the Community Foundation of Morgan County at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958. More information is also available online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org).



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## Investing in Our Quality of Life

# Morgan County Antique Appraisal Fair April 10

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A new feature of this year's event will be the "Antique Showcase." Several times each hour, appraisers who see a special item will share information about an antique and its possible value with the crowd.

Individuals who wish to attend the event as spectators and do not have anything to be appraised can pay a \$5 donation to observe the event. Couples and family members attending together to have items appraised only need to pay the appraisal fee of \$25.

Items pre-dating 1700, autographs or documents requiring authentication, and modern jewelry cannot be appraised. Due to the fragility of the items brought to the event, children under 9 years of age cannot be admitted.

Funds raised from the event benefit the operations of the Community Foundation of Morgan County. More information is available by contacting the foundation at (317) 831-1232 or online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org).



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Saturday, April 10 from 2 to 6 p.m.  
Grace Church, Camby  
\$25 for one to three items  
\$5 for spectators with no appraisal

For more information:  
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