

# Lilly Scholar Update, Spring 2009



I would like to thank the Benton Community Foundation for selecting me as a 2005 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Receiving this award was extremely beneficial to me during my time at Purdue University and I will be forever grateful.

Throughout my career as a Boilermaker, I was very active in three organizations: Dairy Club, Purdue Young Farmers, and Alpha Zeta, an honorary agricultural fraternity. I held an office in the Dairy Club all four years, and I recently finished my term as president. PYF is a division of the Indiana Young Farmers Association, and I look forward to remaining an active member for many years to come. I have a lifetime membership to Alpha Zeta as well, and will stay involved until my time is no longer needed.

On May 16, 2009, I will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with a focus in Animal Agribusiness. This summer I will be interning with Milk Promotion Services of Indiana. In August, I plan to return to Purdue University where I will attend graduate school working towards a Master's degree in Extension Education while also earning my Teaching License in Agriculture Education.

**Lindsay Nobbe**  
Lilly Endowment Community Scholar 2005



My time at Butler was a very exciting and challenging experience. I entered the University as a business exploratory major and finished with a Spanish minor and Finance major. As a Finance major, I was able to participate in the Johnson and Johnson case competition, helped manage \$1 million of the Butler endowment stock portfolio, and placed second in the CFA regional investment challenge. As a Spanish minor, I

participated in a 3-week Spanish immersion program in Guadalajara, Mexico. I became a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honors society, the Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honors society, the Phi Kappa Phi liberal arts honors society, and the Blue Key honors society. I was named one of the Top 100 Butler students my junior and senior years and as one of the Top 10 Butler women my senior year. I was named to the dean's list all eight semesters and finished with a 4.0 GPA.

Besides focusing on school, I cheered for the football, volleyball, and basketball teams all four years. I volunteered at various events through cheerleading, as a member of Alpha Phi, and in the Indianapolis community. Starting June 1, I will be working full time at the Midwest ISO as a credit analyst, residing in Indianapolis. In the future, I would like to further my education by pursuing a Masters of Business Administration or a Law degree.

Had I not received the Lilly Scholarship, I would not be the person I am today. I am thankful for my experiences at Butler helping me to develop intellectually, philanthropically, and socially. I hope to one day give back to the community that provided me with the extraordinary opportunity to grow and succeed as a Butler Bulldog.

**Janell Callahan**  
Lilly Endowment Community Scholar 2006

## Benton County 4-H Fund

If you grew up in the Midwest the smell of cotton candy, lights of a carnival and the sound of a barn full of livestock bring back fond memories of the County Fair.

While the projects may have evolved and practices changed over the last 107 years, 4-H remains focused on developing the head, hands, heart and health of youth all over the United States. Here in Indiana one in six residents have participated in 4-H during their childhood!

To ensure that this tradition continues here in our backyard, the Benton County 4-H Council recently created the Benton County 4-H Fund with the Community Foundation. Earnings from the permanently endowed fund will be used to support the 4-H program each and every year for as long as 4-H exists in our community.

Former 4-H'ers and proud supporters of the program are invited to support Benton County 4-H through contributions to the Fund. Gifts can be made at any time; tributes are a meaningful way to remember a loved one who has passed or celebrate a milestone in someone's life.



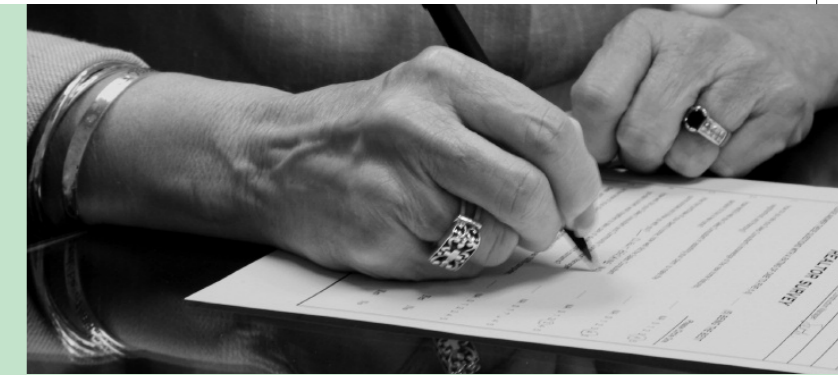
## Donor's Corner: Need a Will?

It is estimated that roughly 70% of Americans die without a will. The reasons for neglecting to make a will are many. Some don't want to think about the inevitable. Others believe they are not wealthy enough or old enough to need a will. Yet, wills should be thought of as a celebration of life, a means for peace of mind, and as a way of expressing concern for others. If you have a spouse or children, have any property you wish to pass on, or want to continue charitable contributions, you need a will.

Anyone who has had a family member die without a will and has had to go through the probate process can tell you about the complications. You need a will to support remaining loved ones and lessen their burdens.

It is a service of the community foundation to encourage community members to prepare wills and to help with charitable bequests. "We know that wills are important. We also know it is a perfect way for people to continue their generosity to the community," said Ashley Bice, Executive Director.

Some people have supported their churches, alma mater, or



other charities for decades. Those institutions and organizations come to rely on such generosity and need the support to continue their good works. Making a will and including a charitable bequest is one way to ensure that support continues in some way.

The community foundation has sample charitable bequest language, which individuals and lawyers can use to make their wishes known. "We also work with you to help determine exactly what you would like to do for your favorite charities or interests. We can even help if you know that you want to do something but don't know what yet," said Bice.

For more information or assistance with a charitable bequest, call the Community Foundation today at 765.884.8022

## Oxford HomeTown Competitiveness Program Update



To ensure the long-term success of the many programs being created through the HTC Program, it is our duty to secure long-term funding sources from the community. In most instances, funding for these types of programs will be generated through charitable gifts from individuals and businesses.

The two goals of the Charitable Assets Pillar are:

- 1) To promote and encourage charitable giving in our community.
- 2) To build a permanent endowment that will support the programs of HTC for generations to come.

With that in mind, the volunteers on this pillar have created a Professional Advisor Guidebook in conjunction with Benton Community Foundation. This tool for attorneys, accountant, financial advisors and others provides a brief overview of how the Community Foundation works, along with descriptions of the various types of planned giving instruments. Currently being distributed to the professionals in our community, the goal is that as advisors are more comfortable with planned giving and the Community Foundation charitable gifts from their clients will increase.

In addition, the committee has established the Oxford Pacesetters Fund within the Community Foundation. Established to provide funding for activities that support the principles of HTC, the goal is to eventually grow the fund to a size substantial enough to be endowed and provide eternal support to the Oxford community. Special thanks to NIPSCO and Warren County REMC for providing the initial gifts to establish the fund. A special campaign will be developed in the future to raise gifts for the Pacesetters Fund.

Finally, the committee is in the early stages of planning a campaign on the importance of wills. It is our intention to educate the general public on the need for planning your estate and provide a low cost means of creating a simple will. Look for more details in the upcoming months.

The Charitable Giving Pillar of the HTC Program is chaired by Oxford area resident Ashley Bice, who also serves as Executive Director of Benton Community Foundation. If you would like a Guidebook presented to your Professional Advisors, are interested in building the Oxford Pacesetters Fund or have any other questions regarding our work, please contact Ashley at the Community Foundation.

## Memorial Contributions

Benton Community Foundation is pleased to recognize the following individuals on behalf of our generous donors.

### We Remember...

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Leo Beebe     | Janiece Lathrop |
| Caleb Dimmich     | Melody Murphy   |
| Margaret McGinnis | Doris Roe       |
| Feathers          | Joe and Connie  |
| Marilyn Fischbach | Widmer          |
| Dorothy Higgins   |                 |

### We Honor...

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| Mrs. Asher          | Lani Jones          |
| Mrs. Bird           | Kelsey Jones        |
| Jae Ann Brier       | Kendyl Kirts        |
| Daphne Budreau      | Beth Klinker        |
| Amanda Cecil        | Jacob Kuckartz      |
| Jack and Lois Cripe | Bill Leburg         |
| Natalie Elliott     | Pam Messner         |
| Mrs. Fieburg        | Nicole Nelson       |
| Edie Fisher         | Mary Ellen Phillips |
| Kathy Freeman       | Cheryl Portteus     |
| Mary Gardner        | Corey Robb          |
| Jean Glotzbach      | Kyle Rule           |
| Carolyn Herre       | Chad Widmer         |
| Leonard Herre       | Paul Widmer         |
| Kelly Jessie        |                     |

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# Celebration

Spring 2009

## Board of Directors

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## Community Foundation Presents Helping Hands Awards Night



Area non-profits joined the Foundation at Prairie Crossing Elementary on April 21st to honor community volunteers for all the work, time and effort they donate to help improve our county. The Community Foundation was proud to recognize nineteen outstanding individuals from our community. Volunteers recognized were: Ina Anstett, Peggy Barnard, Thelma Benner, Karen Berry, Mary Brock, Lori Budreau, Brain Burge, Bob Datzman, Tony Davison, Jean Glotzbach, Sam Huenefeldt, Kendyl Kirts, Karen Klemme, Vic Lauerman, Terry Musser, Dave Pitstick, David Shurr, Miles Sparenberg, and June Villinski. Out of the 19 nominated volunteers, the Foundation had the hard task of choosing one outstanding adult volunteer and one outstanding youth volunteer. These two volunteers were honored and their organizations each received a \$500 grant from the Foundation.

Dedicated to the Boswell-Grant Township Volunteer Fire Department for 31 years, our top adult volunteer of 2009 was Tony Davison. "Tony has held many different positions over the years and he has always gone above and beyond the call of duty," says fire chief Rod Gillen. "He has also been a member of the Indiana National Guard for 34 years."

Kendyl Kirts of Otterbein has been involved with BCF Community Activism Awareness Project for four years. As this year's top youth volunteer, Kendyl has shown great leadership and dedication to both school and community projects.

Started by the Foundation, Helping Hands is a program set up to recognize and thank area volunteers for all they do. Donating time and talent, our area volunteers help improve the community as a whole and serve as amazing role models for others.



2009 Helping Hands Nominees

## Investors Club

BCF sends special thanks to the businesses and individuals who have made a commitment to financially support our organization over the next three years.

- Alliance Bank
- Barce & Reece P.C.
- Demeter LP
- The Farmers and Merchants Bank
- Fowler State Bank
- The Destin Haas Family & Norma Wallpe
- Hoosier Associates
- Jack McGinnis
- Rick & Kristi Mickle
- David & Marie Rowe
- Senesac, Inc.
- Roger & Laurel Strasburger
- Doug & Jeannine Sturgeon
- Town of Fowler

## Foundation Welcomes Purdue Professor for Economic Overview

The current economic recession certainly has everyone worried about their financial well-being. On Monday, March 16th Purdue Professor Dr. Charlene Sullivan presented an informative Economic Overview at Benton Central. Dr. Sullivan touched on current unemployment, the new economic stimulus plan, along with information on taxes and savings.



Dr. Sullivan had many informative facts on hand during her presentation, including...

- The Feds predict GDP growth in 2010 and 2011.
- Indiana's unemployment rate is higher than the national average primarily because of our large manufacturing base.
- The U.S. is expected to lose 2.8 million more jobs in 2009.
- Taxes are as low as they will be in our lifetime.
- The economy won't get going until people start spending money again.

All areas of Dr. Sullivan's Overview helped reinforce the importance of being well informed and understanding what is happening in our ever changing economy. Our hope here at the BCF is that all members of the community will continually strive to stay informed and to make the Benton community grow even in times like these.

## Holiday Giving Program

*The Holiday Giving Program provided ten area organizations an extra gift under the tree this past holiday season. Over thirty Giving Certificates filled area stockings and generated special gifts that will undoubtedly help area organizations in these tough times.*

### Organizations receiving special Holiday Giving proceeds were:

- BCF Community Activism Awareness Project
- Benton County Historical Society
- Dollars for Scholars
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Fowler Baptist Community Food Pantry
- Fowler Theater-Prairie Preservation Guild
- Marilyn Fischbach Reading and Writing Fund
- Oxford-Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department
- Sacred Heart School Trust

**We are now on Facebook! Look for information and updates on BCF activities.**

# Community Foundation Awards 2009 Educational Scholarships

The Benton Community Foundation is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients. A total of thirty scholarships were awarded to outstanding Benton Central Seniors this spring totalling \$145,000. **The Benton Community Foundation would like to recognize these scholarship recipients and wish the entire graduating Class of 2009 the best of luck in all their future plans.**



**Mitchell Borgman**  
Elizabeth Davis-Ellis  
Scholarship



**Alyshia Harvey**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Hoosier Hero Scholarship  
Caleb Dimmich  
Memorial Scholarship



**Kendyl Kirts**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Hoosier Hero Scholarship



**Ethan Myers**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Fowler Women's Club  
Scholarship



**Aubrey Brutus**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Benton Central Class of  
1975 Scholarship



**Lindsey Keiser**  
Lilly Endowment  
Community Scholar



**Jenna Lee**  
Margaret McGinnis Feathers  
Scholarship



**Mallory Nelson**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Academic Scholarship



**Nicholas Clark**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Russell Krebs Memorial  
Scholarship



**Chad Kepner**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Fowler State Bank  
Scholarship



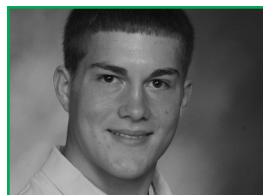
**Miranda McCormack**  
Lilly Endowment  
Community Scholar  
Council for Academic  
Excellence Scholarship



**Samuel Power**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Hoosier Hero Scholarship



**Katherine Girardier**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Academic Scholarship



**Travis Kepner**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Academic Scholarship



**Katie Micon**  
Fitzgerald Family  
Scholarship



**Heather Sarles**  
Dollars for Scholars  
Hoosier Hero Scholarship

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# Community Foundation Awards 2009 Educational Scholarships, continued...



**Sara Schellenberger**  
Elizabeth Davis-Ellis  
Vocational Scholarship  
Joe and Connie Widmer  
Memorial Scholarship



**Emily Sheetz**  
Dollars for Scholars  
B.C.S.C. Employees  
Scholarship



**Miles Sparenberg**  
Elizabeth Davis-Ellis  
Scholarship



**Kelsey Vestal**  
Fitzgerald Family  
Scholarship



**Tyler Schluttenhofer**  
Dollars for Scholars  
B.C.S.C. Board Scholarship



**Olivia Sheetz**  
Dollars for Scholars  
B.C.S.C. Employees  
Scholarship



**Dustin Stewart**  
Dollars for Scholars Hoosier  
Hero Scholarship



**Alysha Wetli**  
Elizabeth Davis-Ellis  
Scholarship



**Taylor Schoen**  
Caleb Dimmich  
Memorial  
Scholarship



**Kayla Shoaf**  
Pay It Forward Scholarship



**Abbie Tolen**  
Benton County Public  
Library-Ella Grant Lawson  
Scholarship

# Congratulations Class of 2009!