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In its 21st year of leadership, the Putnam County Community Foundation will continue creating positive changes in Putnam County. Murray Pride, a veteran of the Foundation Board and vice president for the last two years, assumed leadership of the Community Foundation on January 1. "I am proud and humbled to have been given the responsibilities of leading this organization. We accomplished so much during the last few years, and we have ambitious plans for the future."

By many measures, 2006 was the one of the best years on record for the Community Foundation.

1. The Foundation's investment portfolio earned nearly \$2 million for the betterment of Putnam County.
2. The Board of Directors set aside \$300,000 for building the capacity of local non-profits.
3. More than \$1 million was entrusted to the Community Foundation's endowment administration services.
4. The Knoy Resource Center in Cloverdale increased 21st Century scholar enrollment by more than 50%.
5. Eleven visionary, local non-profit organizations are building their endowments with matching grant assistance from the Community Foundation.
6. The monthly Learning Series is increasing the skills and knowledge of Putnam County leaders to plan, govern and develop the organizations they lead.
7. The Youth Philanthropy Committee will begin awarding grants totaling \$5,000 in 2007 for charitable projects administered by Putnam County youth.
8. The Community Foundation passed two of three levels of review to become Certified at the State and National levels.

2007 promises to be another eventful year. In addition to continuing to provide personalized and professional services to people who wish to leave a legacy, the Community Foundation will continue the Learning Series, support local non-profits and philanthropic groups to get the results they are looking for, and increase educational achievement of Putnam County Youth. If you have an idea or see a need in Putnam County, come and see us in the Community Foundation office or talk to one of our board

members. We definitely want to hear from you, and there is a good chance that we might be able to help.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to serve donors, award grants, and provide leadership to enrich the quality of life and strengthen community for this and future generations. To obtain more information on charitable giving possibilities, contact Elaine Peck at 866-653-4978 or epeck@pcfoundation.org.