

## FOR "THE COLUMN" ON MONDAY'S BUSINESS PAGE

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### **Headline:** \$10 million on its way to Putnam County!

Beginning this week, federal economic stimulus checks are being mailed to eligible persons who have filed their taxes or other necessary forms. People who have no tax filing requirement, but have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income, should file a Form 1040A by October 15 to receive the economic stimulus payment. Qualifying income includes any combination of earned income, nontaxable combat pay as well as certain payments from Social Security, Veterans Affairs and Railroad Retirement. Each family that files will receive at least \$600. These payments are projected to provide Putnam County with an influx of more than \$10 million. Here's my challenge to you: **Don't blow it! Invest it!**

First, consider investing 10% or more in your church or favorite local charity. This one time opportunity could transform our community. For example, if every family attending Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church gave \$60 (10% of \$600), the church would have more than \$13,000 for church projects. If every family in Greencastle gave \$60, we would have \$246,000 for a Community and Recreation Center. If every family in Putnam County gave 10%, the community would have nearly \$1 million!

Next, think about your family, your children, your grandchildren. Your future. Our future. And then put your money to its highest and best use.

- Invest in your education
- Invest in your children's education
- Invest in your home
- Invest in your business
- Invest for your retirement

If you have questions about your payment, there are IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers open during the week to provide assistance. To find an IRS office, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "Contact IRS," then "Contact Your Local IRS Office." Or call (800) 906-9887 to find a volunteer tax assistance site.

*For information about different local charities, contact the Putnam County Community Foundation. The Community Foundation is in touch with most local charities and administers 174 funds supporting a*

*variety of charities and initiatives from which you may choose. The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to serve donors, award grants and provide leadership to enrich life and strengthen community in Putnam County. To obtain more information contact: Elaine Peck at 866.653.4978 or visit the website at [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org).*