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**Headline:** Gearing Up for Share the Dream

Endowments administered by the Putnam County Community Foundation still have time to make their 2009 Share the Dream plans. Each year, the Share the Dream Program gives charitable organizations and individuals a means to help them promote and raise money for causes they hold dear. The Program begins May 1 and lasts until August 31. Three awards will be offered in 2009: \$1,000 for the endowment that raises the most money during the contest period; \$500 for the endowment receiving the most contributions via the Community Foundation's website at [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org); and \$500 for the endowment that has the most first time donors.

Last year's champions, Greencastle High School Alumni Scholarship Endowment and Purdue Club of Putnam County Scholarship Endowment are hoping for another winning year. Steve McMains, President of the Greencastle High School Alumni Association, is pleased by the fact that his group has won the contest for the last five years, with winnings totaling \$6,500. "Share the Dream has provided much needed support for our scholarship program. We start our planning early each year and promote the scholarship in our newsletter and at our alumni dinner. We are grateful for our current alumni, and welcome the involvement of new members." Ron Birt, President of the Purdue Club of Putnam County, said that 2008 was the first time the Purdue Club had won the Share the Dream contest. "We are grateful for the support we received last year and hope to build on that momentum in 2009."

Endowment funds wishing to participate in the Program should register by sending an email to [nshoemaker@pcfoundation.org](mailto:nshoemaker@pcfoundation.org). For additional information or to have a representative from the Community Foundation speak to your group, please contact the Community Foundation office at 765.653.4978.

*The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to administer funds, award grants and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 184 funds for donors supporting a variety of charitable causes. To obtain additional information or to have a representative speak to your group, contact the office at 765.653.4978 or visit the website at [www.pcfoundation.org](http://www.pcfoundation.org).*