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Community Foundation Awards Over \$176,000

Greencastle, IN – June 5, 2009 – An early morning crowd celebrated the Putnam County Community Foundation’s 2009 spring grant awards at the Area 30 Career Center, where it was announced that more than \$176,000 would be awarded from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted endowments. Elaine Peck, Executive Director, thanked Scobee Well Drilling for sponsoring the event and recognized individuals and organizations who have given unrestricted gifts to the Community Foundation, making these grants possible. “Without individuals and organizations such as Dave and Lynn Bohmer, Art Evans, and Old National, the Community Foundation would not be able to have the impact in the community that it does.” Steve Setchell, Chair of the Community Foundation’s grants committee also thanked donors to the unrestricted endowment, noting that due to their generosity, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$1.8 million in unrestricted grants since inception.

Each year the Community Foundation awards grants in the spring and fall for charitable projects that improve the lives of Putnam County citizens. Three different types of grants are awarded: Community Grants, Endowment Builder Grants and Youth Philanthropy Grants. Each has its own application and requirements.

The spring 2009 Community Grants recipients are:

\$16,250	Citizen’s Advisory Council for Industrial Development (CACFID)	Support economic development activities in Putnam County.
\$1,000	College Mentors for Kids	Provide after school mentoring programs. This grant was made possible by the Dr. Robert Farber Endowment for Education.
\$1,000	Family Support Services, Inc.	Hire an organizational consultant for strategic planning.
\$4,500	The Family, Youth and Community Development Program, Inc. (FYCDP)	Provide 6 computer work stations, educational software, some new furniture and musical instruments for the community center. This grant was made possible in part by the Bohmer Family Fund.
\$600	The Greencastle Civic League	Purchase farmer's market marketing materials.
\$4,000	Johnson Nichols Health Clinic	Provide pharmaceuticals for needy Putnam County clients. This grant was made possible by the Lyon Family Fund.
\$2,000	New Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry	Purchase food for needy Putnam County families. This grant was made possible by the Old National Fund.

\$1,000	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Non-food Pantry	Purchase non-food pantry items for the monthly distribution. This grant was made possible by the Art Evans Family Fund.
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Prior year grant commitments to be paid in 2009 include:

\$100,000	Ivy Tech Community College	Meet building and technology needs of the new Greencastle Campus.
\$5,000	Knoy Resource Center	Support the programs and administration of the Knoy Resource Center, which increases educational attainment through connecting youth and adult learners to educational resources and skills workshops.
\$25,000	Putnam County Cancer Center	Support operations and services of the Cancer Center and help build an endowment for the long term sustainability of the Center.
\$10,000	Putnam County Rural Transit	Provide affordable public transportation services in Putnam County

Endowment Builder grants totaled \$5,000.00. These awards match contributions to a charity's endowment, where the Community Foundation contributes one dollar for every two dollars contributed by the public. Eligible organizations include any 501(c)(3) non-profit, church or unit of government. An endowment is an important part of a diversified funding stream necessary for a charitable organization's long-term success. Friends of the Library, received a grant of \$5,000, which could give them a \$15,000 endowment.

Youth Philanthropy Grants awarded totaled \$1,000.00. These grants are for youth-led community service projects up to \$500.00 each. The spring 2009 Youth Philanthropy Grant recipients are:

\$500.00	Putnam County Public Library	Assist a DePauw student and Hartman Center Intern to teach stained glass art classes at the library.
\$500.00	Hope's Way	Assist an Eagle Scout to construct a potting shed at Hope's Way where handicapped children can plant flowers

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. For more information about the Community Foundation grants programs or to inquire about a grant application, please contact Eric Wolfe at 765-653-4978 or visit www.pcfoundation.org.