

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Contact:

Eric Wolfe, Putnam County Community Foundation
 2 South Jackson Street
 Greencastle, IN 46135
 Phone: 765.653.4978
 Email: epeck@pcfoundation.org

Community Foundation Awards More Than \$100,000

Greencastle, IN – June 4, 2010 – An early morning crowd celebrated the Putnam County Community Foundation’s 2010 spring grant awards at the Walden Inn, where it was announced that more than \$100,000 was awarded from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted and field of interest endowments. Elaine Peck, Executive Director, thanked Sturgeon Appraisal Service 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, the Lyon Family, Bob Farber, Mary Louise Miller, Howard Moore, and Old National, the Community Foundation would not be able to have the impact in the community that it does today.” Phyllis Rokicki, 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 nearly \$2 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 2010 Community Grants recipients are:

\$1,000	City of Greencastle Police Department	To purchase car seats for needy families..
\$2,500	Floyd Township Fire and Rescue	To acquire "I am responding" software that helps saves lives by cutting the response time of emergency personnel through the use of a web-based system.
\$1,000	Friends of the Park Associations of Putnam County	To provide ADA compliant picnic tables at shelters within the Greencastle park system.
\$1,000	Heritage Preservation Society	To contract with a consultant to prepare documentation for nomination of three historic districts in Greencastle.
\$1,600	Johnson Nichols Health Clinic	To provide an audioscope and otoscope/ophthalmoscope for the clinic to determine hearing ability and screening for hearing problems.
\$1,500	New Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry	To purchase food for the pantry at New Providence Baptist Church.
\$3,757	Opportunity Housing of Putnam	To acquire a commercial carpet cleaner, utility

	County	trailer and drain cleaner and allow Opportunity Housing to save in operating costs.
\$850	Family Support Services, Inc.	To purchase books for the Healthy Families case workers to give to parents and children.
\$1,000	Putnam County Museum	To create a Community Foundation 25th Anniversary display for the museum.
\$4,000	Rebuilding Together Owen/Putnam	To purchase supplies and equipment for the annual Build Day.
\$5,400	Reelsville/Washington Township V.F.D.	To acquire 10 new pagers and one radio base station.
\$2,500	Summer Enrichment Program at Gobin Memorial U.M.C.	To expand services and provide transportation and staff for special needs children at Central Elementary School who will attend the Summer Enrichment Program this year.
\$16,250	Citizens Advisory Council for Industrial Development	Support economic development efforts in Greencastle and Putnam County
\$50,000	Ivy Tech Community College, Greencastle	Support the building and technology needs of the new Ivy Tech Workforce Development Center in Greencastle.
\$5,000	Knoy Resource Center	Support the programs and administration at the Knoy Resource Center, which increases educational attainment through connecting youth and adult learners to education resources and skills workshops.

One Endowment Builder grants for \$2,000.00 was granted to the Reelsville/Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department. These awards match contributions to a charity's endowment, where the Community Foundation contributes one dollar for every two dollars contributed by the public. That means that this fall's grant created the potential growth for \$6,000 in endowment for the fire department. Eligible organizations for these types of grants include any 501(c)(3) non-profits, churches or units of government. An endowment is an important part of a diversified funding stream necessary for a charitable organization's long-term success.

Youth Philanthropy Grants awarded totaled \$2,000.00. These grants are for youth-led community service projects. The spring 2010 Youth Philanthropy Grant recipients are:

\$500.00	DePauw University Hartman House	To conduct a Hunger Banquet to educate citizens on issues of homelessness and hunger.
\$500.00	First Christian Church, Boy Scouts Troop #99	To plant trees at Big Walnut Sports Park.
\$500.00	Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Girl Scouts Troop #10059	To place mulch under playground equipment at TZ.
\$500.00	Rebuilding Together Owen/Putnam	To purchase supplies and equipment for the annual Build Day.

All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply for grants from the Community Foundation. For more information, contact Eric Wolfe, Community Development Director, 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 200 funds for donors supporting a variety of charitable causes. For more information about the Community Foundation visit www.pcfoundation.org.

###