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Headline: *Everyone Wins as Community Foundation Celebrates Past Year*

Greencastle, IN – June 16, 2010 – Attendees to the Putnam County Community Foundation’s 25th Annual Meeting learned how everyone in the community wins because of the work of the organization and the gifts from its donors, but there were some special winners, as well. Sally Gray received the Spirit of Philanthropy Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the Board Members of the Community Foundation and recognizes outstanding philanthropic achievement within the Putnam County community.

“Sally Gray has been a driving force and key to much success at the Putnam County Museum, but this is only the tip of the iceberg,” said Denise Sigworth, President of the Community Foundation. “She gives her time, talent and treasure while leading others by example and serving as an inspiration to other community donors and activists. We are very pleased to recognize Judge Gray’s accomplishments and contributions with this award.”

Phyllis Rokicki announced details about the Community Foundation’s Envision 2011 \$100,000 grant initiative. Four applications have been received and Grants Committee is evaluating them this summer. The winning proposal will be announced October 2nd, at the Community Foundation’s 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Marjorie Secrest described a new endowment at the Community Foundation for the benefit of the Greencastle High School Band and how this will help the band purchase instruments, equipment and provide aid for students who cannot afford to participate.

Tom Graffis described the Community Foundation’s Legacy Society and why he is a member. The Legacy Society is a group of people who have chosen to give to a new or existing endowment through their estate planning. Denise Sigworth recognized the scholarship winners in attendance and explained the importance of their award and how much each scholarship means to the donors who made it possible.

Steve Setchell was awarded Honorary Board Membership at the Community Foundation and was recognized for his six years of board membership and leadership as Chairman of the Grants Committee, as well as other groups during his tenure.

Dinner attendees were given the opportunity to purchase a box of homemade chocolate donated by Treasures on the Square that gave them a 1 in 150 chance to win a diamond necklace donated by Mason Jewelers, a LCD television from Shuee and Sons, a set of Vera Bradley handbags and accessories donated by Denise Sigworth, and steak dinner for two at Treasures On The Square. Ron Price won the diamond necklace, Stu Fabe won the television, Vicki Timm won the Vera Bradley set, and April Peterson won the steak dinners.

Event sponsors were North Salem State Bank and Dustin Rumpel Shelter Insurance. Grace Aker, harpist, was sponsored by Wabash Capital, and the floral centerpieces were donated by Eitel’s Flowers and Gifts. “We are grateful to our partners in philanthropy who helped make this evening so unique,” said Sigworth.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a public charity established in 1985 to serve donors, award grants, and conduct community development to enrich the quality of life in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 200 funds and has issued more than \$7 million in grants and scholarships since inception. For more information about the Community Foundation, call 765.653.4978 or visit www.pcfoundation.org.