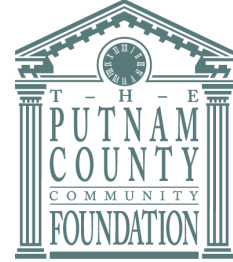


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Headline: Share the Dream Ends with Excitement

The Putnam County Community Foundation announced the winners of the 2011 Share the Dream Contest. The Putnam County Fairgrounds Endowment earned the title for the most money donated. The Greencastle High School Alumni Association Scholarship acquired both the most new donors and the highest number of online gifts. There was a very close race for the most new donors, and the Asbury Endowment for the Arts came in a close second. This year marks the eighth consecutive year that Greencastle High School Alumni Association Scholarship has won a Share the Dream contest. The Putnam County Fairgrounds Endowment participated for the first time this year – and won!

Grace Hudson, Financial Services Officer of the Community Foundation reported that the last few weeks of the contest were very exciting. “Toward the end of August, Jason Asbury and Johnny Carson were calling me every day to inquire about the gifts we had received.” Ms. Hudson also reported that Share the Dream was growing. “This year the number of new donors and online gifts doubled, and the total amount donated was more than twice last year’s total.”

The Community Foundation’s Share the Dream Program gives charitable organizations and individuals another tool to help raise money for their endowments along with an opportunity to recognize special people in the **Banner Graphic**. Three awards were given to endowments in 2011: \$1,000 for most money raised; \$500 for most online contributions via the Community Foundation’s website at www.pcfoundation.org; and \$500 for most first time donors. “We are very pleased with the enthusiasm we had this year,” said Elaine Peck, Executive Director of the Putnam County Community Foundation. “We plan to do some new things next year to keep the program fresh and the excitement building.”

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to serve donors, award grants and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 225 funds and endowments for donors supporting a variety of charities. To have a representative from the Community Foundation speak to your group, please contact the office at 765.653.4978 or visit the website at www.pcfoundation.org.