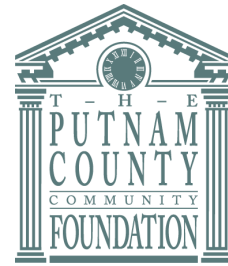


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Spring Grant Awards Made by Community Foundation

Greencastle, IN – June 1, 2018–Putnam County Community Foundation Board Member Jeff Blaydes greeted an early morning crowd of 60 to celebrate the awarding of \$90,316.00 in grants at the 2018 Spring Grant Awards Breakfast. Blaydes gratefully acknowledged the Breakfast sponsor: First National Bank. The Breakfast was catered by Almost Home and held in the Community Room of Area 30 Career Center.

Blaydes, Chair of the Community Foundation’s Grants Committee, thanked donors to unrestricted and field of interest endowments that make grant awards possible. He went on to say that it takes more than donors to make a difference in Putnam County. It takes donors plus the Community Foundation plus local nonprofit grantees to make “A Uniquely Stronger Community.”

Dean Gambill, Director of Community Development, announced the awards from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted and field of interest funds. Gambill explained that three different types of grants are awarded: Endowment Builder Grants, Community Grants and Youth Philanthropy Grants. Each has its own application and requirements.

Those in attendance heard from four organizations who received grants and learned about their projects. Renea Cambron, President of Cloverdale Main Street, told about the projects that the group puts on to enhance life in Cloverdale and how the Endowment Builder grant that they received will help fund those activities and more in the future.

Shana Ritter, Executive Director of Foundation for Autism Resources, informed the group how early intervention pays off greatly in the functionality of persons with autism and in reduced support costs in the future. The Foundation for Autism Resources has helped coordinate over 2,000 hours of Applied Behavior Analysis training for at risk children in Putnam County. They will use their grant to continue providing these services for Putnam County children.

Greencastle/Putnam County Development Center Executive Director, Kristin Clary, highlighted the work of the Development Center. The partnership between the Community Foundation and Development Center has existed for over two decades both financially and in focus. The organizations are also co-located along with the Greater Greencastle Chamber of Commerce which increases communication between the organizations. Workforce development has become a large part of the work of the Development Center to make sure that Putnam County employers are able to find a strong labor pool.

Finally, the gathering heard about Project Cultivate. This project was conceived and executed by Parker Black, a Greencastle High School student. The Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Committee provided a grant to support the musical event held at the Inn at DePauw featuring local musical acts. The purpose of the event was to raise funds to allow all GHS students to receive a hot lunch even if their lunch accounts have fallen into the red. The event raise \$2,100.

The organizations receiving 2018 Spring **Endowment Builder Grants** are:

Cloverdale Main Street \$4,000

To qualify for an Endowment Builder Grant an organization must establish or have an existing endowment with the Community Foundation and submit a fundraising plan to build the endowment. The Community Foundation matches one dollar for every two dollars that the organization raises.

Spring 2018 Community Grants

Cloverdale Community Dollars for Scholars..... \$2,000
Cloverdale Community Housing \$8,516
DePauw University School of Music..... \$15,000
Downs Syndrome Indiana, Inc..... \$350
Family Support Services of West Central Indiana..... \$5,000
Foundation for Autism Resources \$3,500
Gobin Memorial UMC- Transformers..... \$7,000
Humane Society of Putnam County..... \$6,000
Main Street Greencastle \$1,700
PC Youth Development Commission..... \$2,000
Phil the Need Inc..... \$2,500
St. Andrews (PC Non-food Pantry) \$4,000
Roachdale/Franklin Township Public Library..... \$2,500
Town of Cloverdale \$7,500

Six **Youth Philanthropy Grants** were recognized totaling \$2,750.00. These grants are for youth-led community service projects. The 2018 Spring Youth Philanthropy Grant recipients are:

Camp Friend- Anne Marie Williams Project \$400
Camp Friend- Hannah Williams Project..... \$350
GHS- Champions Together..... \$500
Push for a Change- Project Cultivate..... \$500
Putnam 4-H Horse & Pony Club \$500
TZ School- Pollinators Garden \$500

Additionally, one previously awarded multi-year grant was presented.

Greencastle/ Putnam County Development Center\$20,000

For information about applying for an Endowment Builder Grant, a Community Grant, or a Youth Philanthropy Grant, visit www.pcfoundation.org or contact Dean Gambill, 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.