

Year in Review

In 2006, the Community Foundation's Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Youth Philanthropy Committee. This committee, composed of representatives from each of the county's school corporations, 4-H, and adult members, was designed to promote experiences of philanthropy in Putnam County's youth and also promote the foundation of youth adult partnerships in the community. These goals are to be accomplished by rewarding groups of youth and adults with grants for worthwhile projects in our community.

The first year has been extremely productive for the Youth Philanthropy Committee. An organizational structure was established, officers were elected, grant applications and grant cycles were approved, and four committee members attended a statewide Youth Philanthropy Ambassadors orientation. Just recently, the very first grantees were approved by the committee. As the committee looks to the future, plans are in the works for greater publicity of granting opportunities, the creation of strong committee partnerships with schools and other organizations, as well as the establishment of an endowment strictly for youth philanthropy.

The promotion of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy program is essential for the foundation's continued success. Students educated in the ways of philanthropy will be our foundation's leaders of the future. Statistics show that one quarter of youth grant makers have served in leadership roles on foundation boards or other non-profit organizations as adults. Therefore, it is extremely important that the love of giving time, talent and treasure be promoted in today's youth. The formation of youth and adult partnerships in our community is also an important goal. A recent survey of youth in grades 6-12

states that only 20% of young people believe adults in their community value them. By promoting these partnerships both youth and adults will understand the significance of these contributions to the community by young people.

Through the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Committee, future generations of philanthropists are being created in Putnam County. Support for this worthwhile venture is extremely appreciated.

Ashlyn Archer

Youth Philanthropy Committee

Co-Chair

2007-2008 Youth Philanthropy Committee Members:

Ashlyn Archer, Co-Chair	Putnam County 4H
Sue Murray, Co-Chair	Foundation Board of Directors
Jenna Lewis, Secretary	Cloverdale High School
Kristen Schroer, Publicity	Cloverdale High School
Logan Grzesiek, Gifts	Cloverdale High School
Alice Hlidkova, Gifts	DePauw University
Tyler Archer	DePauw University
Shannon Egold	South Putnam High School
Laurie Robertson Hardwick	At-Large Member
Erik Krag	Greencastle High School
Tabitha Arnold	South Putnam High School
Kayleen Human	North Putnam High School
Gwen Morris	Foundation Grants Committee
Darrel Thomas	At-Large Member
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YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE



What is Youth Philanthropy?

A Youth Philanthropy program engages youth in intentional and ongoing giving, serving, fundraising and awarding funds for the good of a community. These programs encourage young people to become involved in philanthropy from a young age, and provide an opportunity for partnerships between youth and adults. Each applicant for a Youth Philanthropy grant must meet these criteria and have both a youth and adult leader. Additionally, applicants should intend to serve their community in areas identified as priorities by the Youth Philanthropy Committee. Not only do Youth Philanthropy programs provide these opportunities, they help to ensure sustainability of community non-profit organizations. Youth who participate in these programs are more likely than others to become leaders in these organizations as adults.



Members of the Youth Philanthropy Committee. Front row, from left: Erik Krag, Courtney Williams, Ashlyn Archer, Sean Rhine. Back row, from left: Sue Murray, Brice Johnson, Tyler Archer, Gwen Morris, Shannon Egold and Laurie Robertson Hardwick.

SPRING 2007 GRANT CYCLE

This past May, the Youth Philanthropy Committee met to distribute funds from the first grant cycle. Four grants were awarded this spring, coming to a total of nearly two thousand dollars.

The first of these four grants went to the *100 Book Club* at Central Elementary. This book club encourages students to read one hundred books over the course of a school year. The money received from the foundation's grant will be used to purchase incentives for participants.



The second grant was awarded to the local Webelos Den. This grant will be used to provide barbecue grills in the shelter houses at Robe Ann Park. The third grant was awarded to Pack 99 Den #9. This scout group will use a foundation grant to plant trees at Robe Ann Park's new corner property to make the site more appealing. The final Youth Philanthropy grant was awarded to Cub Scout Pack 99. This grant will be used to provide financial assistance to scouts who might not be able to afford the activity due to financial need.

These four grants are just the beginning of what is sure to be a growing philanthropic effort by the youth of Putnam County.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY ENDOWMENT

When the foundation's Youth Philanthropy Committee first met in the fall of 2006, it had high goals. One of these goals was to establish an endowment which would help to sustain the Youth Philanthropy program in Putnam County for generations to come. This goal is now close to becoming a reality. The committee recently received a matching award for five thousand dollars to be contributed toward the endowment from Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana. Over the course of the next few months, committee members will be reaching out to youth across the county in pursuit of their financial assistance as well. Anyone can be a part of making this endowment happen for the youth of Putnam County by contributing to the Youth Philanthropy fund.

Interested in Supporting
the Youth Philanthropy Endowment?

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