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Winter 2011

LCCF matches community donations to benefit families needing assistance

Over \$3000 was added to Shipshewana Ministerial Association funds during the month of November 2010 to meet basic human needs of Shipshewana area residents.

In partnership with Shipshewana Retail Merchants and others in the Shipshewana area, LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) proclaimed November as Shipshewana Ministerial Association Month. This meant that during November any local donations (up to \$1000) was matched by funds from the LCCF Good Samaritan Fund.

The project will help residents of the Shipshewana area facing financial difficulties—challenges such as unpaid utility and heat bills and gas needed to get to job interviews.

The Shipshewana success resulted in January 2011 being named Topeka Ministerial Association Month. The net result for the January project was \$3500.

Conversation has been taking place to determine if LaGrange Ministerial Association will undertake a similar goal in an upcoming month.

These projects align perfectly with LCCF's mission of "inspiring and sustaining generosity, leadership and service in our community," and with the foun-

ation's current focus on aiding existing organizations currently meeting basic human needs.

Citizens throughout the county responded quickly to take advantage of the opportunity to help provide support and encouragement to neighbors in need resulting in a total of nearly \$7,000 collected to assist others.



Shipshewana Lions Club donation was presented by (left to right) Roger Yoder, Nancy Blough and Steve Blough to Loren Heinlen, LaGrange County Community Foundation Program Officer. The Lions joined the effort to assure that the Shipshewana Ministerial Association obtained available matching grant funds from LCCF's Good Samaritan Fund.



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Inspiring & sustaining generosity, leadership & service

“Circle of Love” offers Valentine’s Day greetings with a lasting benefit



In the past “Circle of Love” volunteers met for a day of handcrafting to provide Valentines for the project. Snacks and conversation stimulated creative energy for those willing to share their talents.

During the early years dedicated volunteers met at the foundation office on blustery January mornings to design and hand craft Valentine’s Day cards which were sent out locally and around the country to friends and family members.

In 2011, the sixth year of the “Circle of Love” project, the cards were donated by a committed board member.

Valentines are sent to the donor’s chosen recipients in return for a donation, and card recipients are notified that a gift in his or her honor has been given. Proceeds of the project go to Parkview Foundation to support Francine’s Friends Mobile Mammography Unit which makes scheduled visits to various county locations.

The real impact of the “Circle of Love” is the result. According to Amy Lazoff of Parkview Foundation, in a report provided in 2010, 53 women without insurance coverage or the funds to cover the screening were provided with mammograms the previous year. Lazoff stated the

65% of LaGrange County women visiting the unit needing assistance was a higher percentage than in any other county served by the visiting mammography unit.

At press time a total of \$1,030 has been received through the 2011 Circle of Love. Francine’s Friends will use the funds to assist county women in the coming months.



The Francine’s Friends Mobile Mammography Unit schedules regular visits to various LaGrange County locations. Women without insurance or the means to pay for the screening may receive assistance.

A face of the foundation



LCCF Vice President Steve Scott-Welty believes most people in LaGrange familiar with the community foundation scholarship program. “But, they are of the other good we do,” Scott-Welty said. “For example, our support to groups clothing for those facing financial difficulties over the past two years has been a valuable contribution.”

Steve and Sheri Scott-Welty, owners of Galarina Folk Art in Shipshewana, have a long history with LCCF. Sheri was part of the committee who worked with early executive director Elsie Willard on the Farver School Project. “We learned early on about the good a community foundation can do,” Steve said.

Steve grew up in Elkhart County, graduated from Fairfield High School, and studied fine art at Ball State and Indiana University where he got his degree. He was specifically interested in sculpture and print making and in East Asian studies which proved helpful later in life when he travelled to Japan with artist Will Moses.

The Scott-Welty’s found a market niche in art which fit well in the Shipshewana community and Steve sees LaGrange County as a great place to make a living and maintain a good quality of life. He enjoys running, cross country skiing and wind surfing and is president of LaGrange County Lakes Council.

“The community foundation provides a way to be an advocate for arts and culture, and a way to have input and to contribute to the community,” Steve said. “It is a great way to give back.” He hopes more people will realize that it is not necessary to be wealthy to impact community life—that a community foundation provides a way for people to work together to accomplish goals for the common good.

L.I.F.E. awards over \$7000 in grants



Pictured on the front row are youth pod members (left to right) Victor Stanfill, Jacob Rigelman, Allie Kressie, Winnie Lo and Jordyn Bontreger. Receiving grants (back row, left to right) are: Shelby Miller, Tara McGregor and Emily Foley, Prairie Heights Leo Club; Susan Acree, Mongo Community Association; Mike Metz, LaGrange County Parks Department; Rhonda Bartlett, Mongo Community Association; Sue Keenan, Lakeland Functional Skills Department; and Michelle Myers, LaGrange Community Youth Centers.

LaGrange Independent Foundation for Endowments (LIFE) awarded grants totalling \$7,000 for the first cycle of 2010-11. LIFE is a youth philanthropy group comprised of 20 teens representing grades 8 through 12 from Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview and Howe School. Life is supported by DEKKO and LCCF and adult volunteers.

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Newly retired with extra time?

Special skills or abilities that are not currently being used? Want to make a difference in the lives of others?

Does your service organization need volunteers to help get the job done?

A link on the LCCF home page, www.LCCF.net takes you to a current list of county nonprofit groups looking for individuals willing to donate time and talents for ongoing opportunities and special projects. Contact Loren Heinlen, lheinlen@lccf.net to be included on the list.

LCCF Calendar

Feb. 21

Office closed—President's Day

Feb. 22

**Investment Committee—5 p.m.
Board—6 p.m.**

Feb. 25

LCCF Scholarship Deadline

Mar. 22

Board—6 p.m.

Apr. 1

Investment Committee—noon

April 22

Office closed—Good Friday

April 26

**Executive Committee—5 p.m.
Board—6 p.m.**

May 2

Board—6 p.m.

May 30

Office closed—Memorial Day

June 28

Annual Meeting



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The LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to serve residents of LaGrange County. The foundation assists donors from all walks of life who want to create interest earning funds to improve the community they care about. The foundation currently manages assets of nearly \$9 million and awards grants and scholarships to local non-profit organizations and individuals (scholarships only).

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