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Did you know the Foundation has a Nonprofit Directory for Steuben County?

Visit www.steubenfoundation.org to check out the new Nonprofit Directory with over 30 organizations listed. Each listing includes the organization's mission, contact information, and needs whether it be volunteers, money, or supplies. Updates are always being made to ensure the most current and accurate information is listed, so check back often!

Consumer Alert

When making charitable donations, please be very cautious when using a "service" that encourages you to give

Hello !

Thanks to Our Donors

The Community Foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals, families, and organizations for their generous donations in the month of December. Your support is greatly appreciated!

DONORS

Donations can be made online through the Donate Now button (in the side column to the left), mailed to 1701 N Wayne Street, Angola, IN, 46703, or brought into the office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael David Holcomb, II Memorial IT Scholarship Fund Established

The Steuben County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a new Scholarship fund.

Started by the parents and twin brother of Michael D. Holcomb, II, this scholarship seeks to provide support to a Prairie Heights graduating senior or alumni who is pursuing a degree in Information Technology.

Michael D. Holcomb II and his twin brother Travis Holcomb graduated from Prairie Heights schools in 1994 where they had attended all 13 years of

through them. Most charitable contributions can be made directly to the charity. Simply contact an organization when preparing your gift to ensure that you may send the proceeds directly to their organization.

At minimum, if choosing to use a giving "service" check the company out thoroughly via their website, customer testimonials/complaints and/or the Better Business Bureau.



Scholarship Information

The Community Foundation website has been updated for the 2012/2013 scholarship application season. Please click on the link below to view the site for information and applications. Please note that students can now save application forms to their computer for ease in completing.

Scholarship Information

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship-Deadline has passed.

General Scholarship applications are due Friday, March 15, 2013

Please contact [Lisa Caudill](#) Scholarship Manager, for questions or assistance.



their school careers. Michael went to study Information Technology at Purdue University and eventually obtained his certification in Project Management where his love of people and his technological skills combined to

make a fulfilling career.

Tragically, at the age of 36, Michael lost his life while riding one of his beloved motorcycles in a hit and run accident in downtown Indianapolis. His family felt that establishing a scholarship would be a wonderful legacy for Michael's life-long passion for learning.

Prairie Heights seniors or any alumni of Prairie Heights High School may apply by the deadline of March 15, 2013. [Application](#)

Ralph Taylor Conservation Fund Offers New Competitive Grants

The "Ralph Taylor Conservation Fund" is pleased to offer three \$500.00 grants to 501 (c)(3) public charities or school systems in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties. This grant program intends to distribute funds to school teachers and other instructors interested in introducing outdoor recreation and conservation to young people who have limited or no experience with natural resource opportunities.



This fund was established in 2003 in recognition of Ralph Taylor's dedicated service of more than 30 years as an Indiana Conservation Officer with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. It is designed as a lasting and meaningful tribute to his dedication and passion to conserve our natural resources for the benefit of outdoor recreational activities.

Grants will be available for projects that support learning activities and enhance

established classroom curricula and academic standards or support extracurricular organizations and clubs.

Eligible projects should engage middle school or high school aged students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife and natural habitats and their conservation. These learning experiences should support science and other academic concepts being taught in the classroom. The approved grant activities should be completed between April 1st and November 30th, 2013.

For additional details on how to apply please see complete press

Community Room Available for Non-Profit Organizations

The Steuben County Community Foundation offers local nonprofit organizations the opportunity to meet at our facility. Designed to function as a community meeting place, the Community Room is versatile enough to accommodate most small to medium sized gatherings with seating for up to 30 people, and may accommodate up to 50 if your organization chooses to bring in extra seating. The board room is available at management's sole discretion.

To make reservations, please call the Foundation office at 260-665-6656.

For guidelines for usage and additional details [read...](#)

Steuben County Community Foundation Annual Report

The Steuben County Community Foundation's Annual Report is available online. Click on the link to learn more about our mission, our supporters and those we serve.

[Annual Report](#)

Foundation Receives Favorable Audit Report

The Steuben County Community Foundation has been notified by accounting firm Baden, Gage & Schroeder that it has received a favorable report on the recent annual audit covering the time period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. To view the full audit report please [click here](#).

release [here](#).

Let's Swing for Breast Cancer Fund Makes Gift to the Steuben County Cancer Association

The Let's Swing For Breast Cancer Board has generously transferred remaining assets in their fund to the Steuben County Cancer Association Fund held at the Steuben County Community Foundation in the amount of \$21,631.86.



Established in 1999, a dedicated group of people raised money for breast cancer awareness through their annual golf outing. Several years ago, the committee disbanded, and the two remaining board members elected to pay their assets forward.

The Steuben County Cancer Association was selected as the recipient because it meets the intent of the group of supporting ideas and programs that address the needs of persons at risk of, diagnosed with, living with or having recovered from breast cancer. It was also important that the money be used to benefit patients and families in Steuben County who are suffering from cancer.

Grants Awarded

The Grants Committee awarded the following grants which were approved by the Board of Directors, at their last meeting.

\$2,500 for SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth)- provide training for foster parents in Steuben County.

\$7,300 to Steuben County Council on Aging- technology upgrades for their office.

\$2,500 to Agape Childcare Ministry- purchase of Montessori materials.

\$3,000- Angola Kids League- to help with the purchase of a lawn tractor.

FIST Students Bake for the Military

This month, the Steuben County Community Foundation's FIST youth pod tested their baking skills to make some delicious cookies for our troops.

The students gathered in the Community Center kitchen located in the old high school to prepare the baked goods. Both boys and girls

Calendar:

Saturday, February 9, 2013- Trine University Black and White Gala. [For more information](#)

Friday, March 1, 2013- Angola Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon and Expo. For more information and to make reservations call 260-665-3512.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013- United Way Day of Caring. For details see unitedwaysteuben.org.

United Way Community Calendar

For information on what's taking place in the non profit community, or to schedule an event, check out this useful site at www.unitedwaysteuben.org



The Steuben County Community Foundation now has a Notary Public on staff. Should you have the need for a Notary, please see Sandy Ferrell, Office Manager, Mon.- Fri, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m



participated fully, and of course enjoyed sampling a few of the finished product!



The treats are being packaged and shipped in care of Chief Petty Officer William Ferrell who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy in Naples, Italy. Once the cookies arrive, they will be shared with all personnel.

Good Work FISTers!!!!



IRA Rollover Charitable Deductions extended

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (H.R. 8) extended the IRA charitable rollover through December 31, 2013. The provision permits tax-free distributions to an eligible charity from an IRA held by someone age 70½ or older of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per taxable year. The provision includes two transition rules to allow donors to make 2012

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contributions. First, the extension allows individuals who received an IRA distribution in December 2012 to elect to count that distribution (or a portion thereof) as a 2012 IRA charitable rollover if the individual transfers the amount in cash before February 1, 2013, to an eligible charity.

Additionally, the extension allows donors to make distributions directly to eligible charities before February 1, 2013, and elect to have such distributions treated as qualified charitable distributions in 2012. This change may be of particular benefit to donors who would like to take advantage of the rollover in both 2012 and 2013.

The Steuben County Community Foundation has experience assisting donors with this type of donation and is happy to help. Please call 260-665-6656 or email jdanic@steubenfoundation.org for more information.

Thank you!

Volunteer opportunities are always available.
Please contact us if you have an interest in serving on a committee or in another capacity.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the Steuben
County Community Foundation