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## **Fund Established to Restore South Scott Union Church**

After years of sitting empty and slowly decaying, a fund has been established to restore the South Scott Union Church located in Scott Township, 3505 Metz Road, Angola, Indiana. Ron and Rita Deller, life-long residents of Steuben County, established the fund providing financial support for restoration projects as directed by the South Scott Church trustees.

“My grandfather B. Frank Deller gave the ground for the church in 1886,” said Ron Deller. “The church is a house of God and it deserves the respect of a good repair. We look forward to seeing it restored back to its original stature and condition.”

When B. Frank Deller donated the land it was agreed that the church building was to be used freely for the worship of God by any and all Christian denominations and not controlled by any particular sect or church organization. In the event any group attempted to assume full possession over the land, it was to revert to the Deller Family. There have been various religious sects in the church and a few restoration projects over the years, the most recent in 1977. There has been little activity for the past 15 years.

“We appreciate donors like Ron and Rita Deller who see needs in our community and utilize the Community Foundation to address those needs and connect others to the cause,” said Jennifer Danic, President and CEO of the Community Foundation.

The church trustees are cleaning up the grounds and procuring cost estimates of the work to be done starting this Spring. A community meeting is being planned for early April and the public will be invited to provide input and additional support for the project.

The Dellers also established a family donor advised fund at the Community Foundation to provide future support for the South Scott Church project and other charitable causes as advised by the family.

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