## **Anonymous Donation Benefits RISE**

In December 2016, a donor couple wishing to remain anonymous established the Rise and Shine Fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation. Their \$25,000 contribution was matched \$1 for \$1 through the SCCF's 25th Anniversary Match Campaign. This new \$50,000 permanent endowment will provide annual support to RISE, Inc. for board or staff capacity building as identified by the Executive Director. RISE Executive Director, Denise Kreais, says: "As a nonprofit organization, meeting the needs of the people we serve is always our top priority. Often times, budgets do not allow for the extras that are extremely important to our mission. In order for RISE to continue to grow and provide quality programs to persons with special needs, we must invest to continually improve and sharpen skills in leadership. We want to say "Thank You" to the donors who established this endowment and for recognizing that their generosity will provide a lifetime gift in developing leaders in our industry!"

RISE, Inc, Board of Directors L to R; Connie Sweeney, Mike Ley, Paul Gilbert, Chris Stackhouse, Mike Carper, Tom Sanborn, Jenny Sanborn, Michelle Molargik, and Amy Lewis

