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### **SCCF Receives \$212,000 Gift from Former Public School Teacher**

Angola, IN – When Ramona Holsinger passed away on June 13, 2017 at the age of 102, she made a final demonstration of her generosity by gifting her estate to the Steuben County Community Foundation. Ramona’s estate gift of over \$212,000 has established the Ramona Holsinger Physical Education Scholarship fund, a permanently endowed fund at SCCF. Starting in spring 2019, annual earnings from the fund will support students pursuing a career in the field of physical education.

Ramona was born June 1, 1915 in Muncie, Indiana. She attended Ball State University for her bachelor’s degree, and later received her master’s degree through Indiana University. Her passion in life was teaching, and Ramona dedicated over 35 years of her life to educating students in South Bend. For many years, Ramona was a frequent visitor to Steuben County after her parents bought a resort on Hogback Lake. When she retired, she moved to the community full time and became involved in the Steuben County Council on Aging.

In a testament to her passion for teaching, Ramona’s estate gift was advised through a former student who she knew for over 50 years. Retired Angola attorney and longtime friend, Tom Wilson, said “People who knew Ramona all had a good story about her.” Ramona decided to leave her legacy in Steuben County, where she had created her own family in retirement. “Ramona was teaching and loved teaching until the day she died. She loved kids, and being able to pass things onto them was special to her,” shared Mayor Hickman. Steuben County Community Foundation is proud to honor her legacy in administering this scholarship.

Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, Steuben County Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. The Steuben County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization with charitable assets totaling more than \$28 million. Our vision: Serving as a community leader and improving the quality of life by assessing, supporting and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building. Our mission: Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community. For more information on the Foundation, visit its website at [www.steubenfoundation.org](http://www.steubenfoundation.org).