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Community Foundation Awards Grants

The Grants Committee of the Marshall County Community Foundation awarded the first round of grants for the year 2010 during a press conference held April 8, 2010 here in Plymouth, Indiana.

General Endowment Fund Grants:

The general endowment of the Marshall County Community Foundation now exceeds \$3 million dollars. This enables the Foundation to award grants in excess of \$100,000.00 on an annual basis. On April 8, 2010 \$48,785.00 was awarded to the following eleven organizations in Marshall County:

Bourbon Public Library	Purchase TV, DVD, Projector & Laptop for use in the meeting room.	\$ 1,814.00
Bremen Kiwanis Club	Purchase Timing Chips for the Bremen Kids Triathlon Event.	\$ 1,000.00
Bremen Public Schools	Purchase a portable defibrillator.	\$ 2,205.00
Community Hospital of Bremen	Purchase a portable patient lift system and Hovemat.	\$ 8,330.00
Heart and Hands	Help with annual operating expenses.	\$ 11,736.00
Plymouth Community Youth Orchestra	Provide orchestra instruction for Plymouth students.	\$ 2,400.00
Potawatomi Park	Purchase 26 picnic tables and 2 large grills for new pavilion.	\$ 8,400.00
Real Services, Inc.	Provide funding for the Adult Guardianship Program.	\$ 7,000.00

Rebuilding Together Marshall County	Purchase a portable handicap ramp.	\$ 3,000.00
Bremen Lego Robotics Team	Help underwrite team travel expenses to 2010 1 st Lego International Championship in Taiwan	\$ 400.00
Leadership Marshall County	A continuing grant to help fund Leadership Marshall County program.	\$ 2,500.00

Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr. Grants:

The Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr. Fund was established to provide funding for environmental, educational or recreational projects directly related to Lake Maxinkuckee. \$9,760.00 was awarded to the following three organizations in the Culver/Lake Maxinkuckee area:

Lake Maxinkuckee Association	To help purchase a patrol car.	\$ 2,000.00
Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council	Provide funding for e-coli testing at the Kline Wetlands and Conservation area	\$ 2,000.00
Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council	Funding to hire Aquatic Controls to search for Hydrilla.	\$ 5,760.00

Grant committee members include Louise Mason, Chair of Bourbon, James Erwin of Plymouth, Kay Finlay of Culver, Tammy Houin of Plymouth, Scott Jennings of Tippecanoe, Patti Kitch of Bourbon, Carolyn Kline of Culver, Robert Pickell of Plymouth, Sarah Smith of Plymouth, Jim Weirick of Culver and Susan Wagner of Plymouth. Sylvia Bieghler of Plymouth, Dean Byers of Plymouth and Susie Reinholt of Plymouth serve as advisors to the committee. Grants are awarded to support health and human services, youth, arts, civic and scientific endeavors, education, environmental and prevention of cruelty to animals and children as allowed by the IRS regulations.

General Endowment Fund grant applications are due February 1st and August 1st each year. Ralph C. Vonnegut Fund applications are due February 1st. Applications and more information may be obtained by calling the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 or visiting their website at www.marshallcountycf.org.