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GIBSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$61,000 IN GRANTS BENEFITING GIBSON COUNTY

Gibson County, Indiana At a November 27 event held at the Patoka United Methodist Church, the Gibson County Community Foundation announced \$61,865 in grant awards to charitable organizations benefiting Gibson County. The grants were made possible by generous donors to 14 different field of interest and unrestricted funds held by the Foundation.

Organizations awarded the grants and their projects and programs were:

\$5,000 to Gibson County Youth Theatre to assist with rights/royalties, material rental fees, orchestration, and programs for the production of *Mama Mia*;

\$4,000 to East Gibson Dollars for Scholars to award scholarships;

\$5,000 to Holly's House, Inc. to support the "Think First & Stay Safe" child abuse program;

\$4,000 to Gibson Southern Scholarships, Inc. to award scholarships;

\$4,000 to Princeton Area Dollars for Scholars, Inc. to award scholarships;

\$5,000 to Tri-State Food Bank for the Gibson County Kids BackPack Program to provide children with healthy and nutritious food to supplement their meals over the weekend when they are away from school;

\$5,000 to Gibson County Habitat for Humanity to assist with subdivision development on Madison Street in Princeton;

\$5,000 to Youth First to assist with the funding of Masters level Social Workers in Gibson County elementary, junior and senior high schools;

\$2,000 to Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana to assist with the funding of two JA Innovation Challenge programs at Gibson Southern High School, and four JA Career Success programs -- two each at Gibson Southern High School and Princeton Community High School;

\$4,294 to The Arc of Gibson County to provide transportation to five Gibson County students with disabilities who are participating in the Project Search school-to-work program at Gibson General Hospital;

\$5,000 to Tulip Tree Health Services of Gibson County, Inc. to expand the Behavioral Health Program in response to opioid addiction crisis and need for timely access to mental health treatment for the underserved;

\$2,000 to Evansville Philharmonic Orchestral Corporation to enable students from Gibson County to attend the March, 2019 Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra Helen M. McKinney Young People's concerts;

\$3,786 to The Salvation Army Princeton to purchase an industrial strength dishwasher; and

\$3,785 to Deaconess Foundation to purchase portable AEDs to be used in Gibson County first responder vehicles.

Additionally, the Foundation reserved \$4,000 to provide a renewable scholarship to a student named as an alternate for the Gibson County Lilly Endowment scholarship.

The fourteen funds providing the grants include the Toyota Fund; Brown Family Fund; German American Bancorp Community Fund for Gibson County; Jack Freudenberg Family Fund; Melvin Oing Memorial Fund; Ann, John and William Eugene Dunn Fund; Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund of Gibson County; Friends of Gibson County Fund; David and Janet Oldham Family Fund; Phillip and Sharen Buyher Fund; Troy and Virginia Land Unrestricted Fund; Gibson Board of Trustees Fund; Bonaparte Family Unrestricted Fund; and the Ray J. (Jerry) Watson and Ruth L. Watson Memorial Fund.

About the Gibson County Community Foundation

The Gibson County Community Foundation is one of 9 county affiliates of the Community Foundation Alliance. The Alliance holds more than 1,200 named funds established by individuals, families, businesses, civic groups, and agencies to improve the quality of life in their local communities, with charitable assets nearing \$100 million. During fiscal year 2017, grants and scholarships awarded from all Alliance funds to benefit the programs, projects, and people in the 9 affiliate counties totaled nearly \$2,366,000. The Alliance provides each affiliate with management, administrative, and development expertise and services, so every local Foundation can focus on promoting philanthropy, building endowment, and making a difference in their community.

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