



# CFSCI NEWS

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## ***Community Foundation Will Grant \$145,000 From Their Funds in 2011***

While the weakened economy has had an impact on the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, we are pleased to announce that while there are still some funds that are not able to make grants on their own, the majority of them will be able to in 2011.

The Community Foundation calculates grants each year after the third quarter investment results are received so that organizations that are being awarded the grants will know for budgeting purposes how much of a grant they can expect for the next year. Grants are calculated on a rolling 20 quarter average with the intent that the amount of a grant doesn't vary

dramatically from one year to the next. Grants can not be awarded from a fund if the value of the fund goes below its original dollar value.

Because the Community Foundation's Board of Directors believes that the grants awarded from their funds each year are important to the well being of Switzerland County, the Board decided to use some of their unrestricted money so that all of the funds can award a grant of at least \$200. A total of \$145,000 will be distributed in 2011 to a variety of charitable organizations and to students pursuing their post-secondary educations.

## ***Unrestricted Grants Awarded This Year***

The Community Foundation awarded a total of 18 unrestricted grants this year. These are the grants that organizations must submit a grant request to receive.

Unrestricted grants are made available from the Foundation's Community Funds, which include the Community Foundation Board & Alumni Fund, William & Kathy Day Fund, Switzerland County Community Fund, Switzerland



Totes for Tots and Teens Inc. provides backpacks and school supplies to children taken out of their homes.

County Quality of Life Fund, Vevay Deposit Bank Fund, and the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Fund. Community Funds provide the greatest flexibility in responding to the ever-changing needs of the community and allow the Foundation to respond to grant requests from the community.

For a list of grant recipients, visit the Foundation's website at [www.cfsci.org](http://www.cfsci.org).

## ***Community Foundation Offering Internships***

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. will be offering two internship opportunities next year. These internships are available to full or part-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in an accredited two or four-year Indiana college or university.

At the beginning of the year, a part-time internship will be available for the spring semester and during the summer, the Community Foundation will be looking for someone who is able to work full time. The internships are intended to provide real-life work experience for students wishing to advance their educational and personal development. They will also provide the interns with an opportunity to see the roles community foundations and philanthropy play in our community's quality

of life. The internships will consist of research, data analysis, project assistance, and many other duties.

Funded by a Lilly Endowment Inc. grant, these positions are offered as part of the Community Foundation Internships (CFI) program, which will be administered through the GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) program at the Indiana Grantmakers Alliance. CFI will further the Endowment's efforts to build healthy community foundations and provide high-quality internship opportunities in Indiana.

For additional information regarding the spring and summer internships offered through the Community Foundation, contact Pam Acton at 812-427-9160 or [pacton@cfsci.org](mailto:pacton@cfsci.org).



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## ***Switzerland County EcO15 Launches Education Assistance Program***

Jobs of today require more and more skills than ever before. Technology used in the workplace today means we must constantly be learning new processes. New “21st Century Skills”, like critical thinking and complex problem solving, are becoming requirements for success in the workplace for all workers, not just managers.

The data for Switzerland County, like so many rural communities throughout the United States, reveals a history of below-average educational attainment among our county's residents. EcO15, a CFSCI-partner initiative, is helping to change this situation.

Using the resources of the EcO15 initiative in Southeastern Indiana, Switzerland County residents now have help in facing

the challenges that often occur when deciding to acquire more skills. A new effort to assist every person in our county who wants help is underway, and it's called You Learn...You Earn.

The program allows residents to tell us about their skills, past work experience, and their educational attainment. With this information, You Learn...You Earn can help suggest financial aid resources, colleges that offer programs that may be of interest, and even job openings that are asking for your skills.

Taking advantage of this help, for you or for a friend or family member, takes about three minutes. The easiest way is to visit [www.youlearnyouearn.com](http://www.youlearnyouearn.com) and register on our brand new website. You may also pick up a registration form from the Community Foundation's office.

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## ***Scholarship Applications Now Available***

Scholarship applications are now available on the Community Foundation's website, [www.cfsci.org](http://www.cfsci.org). There are three different applications- the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application, an application for graduating seniors of high school, and an application for those students already attending college or going back to college (called non-traditional). The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application deadline is January 6, 2011, while the other two applications have a deadline of March 9, 2011.

Lilly Endowment Inc. informed the Foundation in late summer that they would be awarding one Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Switzerland County in 2011, as opposed to the two that they awarded in previous years. The decrease is

statewide and is due to the escalation in the cost of college.

The Foundation has approximately 40 scholarships available to students pursuing post-secondary educations. Each scholarship has its own application requirements and criteria, so it's important for students to carefully review the requirements before applying.

The Foundation's scholarships vary in amount and are to be used for tuition and education-related expenses. Anyone interested in applying for Community Foundation scholarships is encouraged to join the Community Foundation's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cfsci](http://www.facebook.com/cfsci)) so that they will receive updates and reminders regarding the scholarships.