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Founding Board Member Buzzy Dobbins Passes



We are saddened to share the passing of another board member, Innes “Buzzy” Dobbins, on April 28, 2024. Buzzy was a founding member of the Scott County Community Foundation, having served from 1997 to 2001. He and his wife, Janie, created the Dobbins Family Fund in 2000. As a donor-advised fund, this allowed them to support their favorite charities. Through the years, this fund has been able to provide grants to the Boy Scouts of America, Preservation Alliance Inc., Scott County Family YMCA, and in recent years the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. For many years one of Buzzy’s fondest activities was to visit the Museum to reminisce over the running of the many cars that are on display.

Buzzy was a machinist for the Kentucky Air National Guard. He worked for Broadway Chevrolet, then later the Chevrolet Division of General Motors driving a Show and Display Truck across the U.S., and working as an Area Service Manager in Kentucky and Tennessee. He bought his own Chevrolet dealership in 1970 in Scottsburg, sold it in 1982, and retired from Dobbins Chevrolet and Olds but continued to own Dobbins Used Cars.

Buzzy started the Car Dealer Program for Indiana University for the football coaches and donated over 300 cars to the football coaching staff over the course of 40 years. He also had a great love of Midgets, Sprint cars and Silver Crown cars, as well as Indianapolis Motor Speedway race cars. He attended the Indianapolis 500 from 1949 at the age of 9 1/2 until 2023 without missing a race for 74 years. His dream that kept him going through chemo and radiation was to be able to attend his 75th race this past May.

Chevrolet Corvettes were his passion, as well as street rods and saving old Chevrolet trucks and automobiles, and he collected several over the years.

Buzzy was also the past President of the Kiwanis Club, and served on numerous other boards. As Chair of our Nominating Committee and an early board member, he was instrumental in building our organization through implementation of bylaws, selection of board leadership, and crucial governance tasks that young organizations face.

Buzzy was quietly a supporter of many friends, and generous to organizations and never wanted recognition that would have come from his numerous gifts and donations. His friends meant the world to him and he always had time to go to lunch and “talk.” The love of his life was his wife, Janie, who he proposed to the day after open heart surgery in a Jewish Hospital bed. They were married June 21, 1997. He is survived by his beloved wife, stepchildren, grandchildren, and special friends.

We are thankful for the contributions that Buzzy gave to the Scott County community.

Over \$153k Awarded in Community Grants Program



We were excited to award over \$153,000 in grants to several local agencies during our 2024 Community Grants Program! The agencies were formally honored at a grants breakfast.

The organizations, the purpose of the request and amount awarded are:

- Align Southern Indiana: operations for the 5-county initiative which works to align resources, address needs and produce sustainable solutions, \$2,500;
- Bree's Blessings: operational support for their mission of providing gifts of art and music to children battling cancer, \$3,000;
- CASA of Scott County: operational support for advocates to support abused and neglected children, \$20,616.04;
- CEASe of Scott County, Certified Prevention Specialist, \$4,375;
- Gleaners Food Bank: provide school-based pantry program at Austin and Scottsburg high schools, \$6,000;
- LifeSmart Youth: provide human growth and development curriculum to Austin elementary and middle school students, \$5,000;
- New Creation Ministries: operational support for the agency, which provides assistance to individuals who are facing life-controlling situations, \$6,000;
- Oard Springs Community Center: preservation at the former one-room schoolhouse, \$3,100;
- Preservation Alliance, Inc.: operational support for Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, \$5,000;
- Scott County Emergency Management Agency: purchase drones for search and rescue operations, \$11,640;
- Scott County Family YMCA: provide assistance for children in need who attend summer and school break camps, \$5,000;

- Scott County Partnership: AmeriCorps match for Clearinghouse, \$10,000;
- Scott County Partnership: program match for Covering Kids and Families health insurance navigator, \$10,000;
- Scottsburg Elementary School: Minds-in-Motion equipment and training, \$1,559.64;
- Still Water Individual and Family Therapy Services: therapy sessions for clients with financial need, \$10,000;
- Turning Point Church: transportation expenses for homeless persons to access services, \$1,500.

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund provided funding for the grant to Turning Point Church. The Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund provided part of the funding for the grant to the Clearinghouse. The Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund the funding for Bree's Blessings. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund provided part of the funding to New Creation Ministries. Through these families' memberships in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from their family funds are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The grants were also made possible from the Borden Family Community Granting Fund, the Boswell Family Fund, Phillip Dold Sr. Memorial Fund, Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, the Garten Foundation, Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Dustin and Derek Jones Memorial Fund, Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Fund, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Unrestricted Fund, Dan and Mary Lou Slattery Fund, Wesbanco Fund, William Frasier Wetzel Memorial Fund, Yellow Rose of Nancy R. Laird Memorial Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and Community Enrichment Fund.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$48,121 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives through a Youth Resources Coordinator. These include LifeSkills and guidance activities at Austin and Scottsburg elementary and middle schools, coordinate youth summer feeding program, coordinate other educational programs including Reality Stores, Career Clusters and fairs at both Austin and Scottsburg high schools.

"Congratulations to all of the grant recipients!" said Grants Committee Chair Ryan Payne. "I am looking forward seeing the difference they all make in Scott County. I am very thankful to be a small part of the Community Foundation and continuing to help make Scott County a better place to live."

As a reminder, gifts to our unrestricted funds are currently being matched \$2 for every \$1 donated through a matching grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment Inc.! You may donate online through our website, mail a check or stop in the office. Other creative methods of giving include gifts of stock and IRA charitable rollover distributions. Contact us for details!

Over \$280k Awarded in Scholarships During Ceremonies

Students continuing their pursuit of higher education were honored with scholarships during this year's awards ceremonies. 2024 recipients include:

- Jaxon Barnett, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Allen and Lea Barnett. He received \$5,400 from the Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Purdue University to major in psychology.
- Kellan Carter, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Tony and Carrie Carter. He received \$7,500 from the Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Purdue University to major in kinesiology.
- Kati Craig, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Matt and Farah Craig. She received \$2,450 from the Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship, and \$500 from the Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridge-water Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of Indianapolis to major in sports management.
- Brayden Furnish, graduate of Austin High School. He is the son of Tiffany Luedeman. He received the Arthur Gene Mayer Memorial Scholarship, worth \$1,200. He will attend Indiana University - Columbus to major in business.
- Skylar Herald, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Scott and Reba Herald. She received \$9,500 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of Kentucky to major in Communications Science and Disorders (pre-med).
- Alexis Madden, graduate of Austin High School. She is the daughter of Sylvia Madden. She received \$7,500 from the Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of Louisville to major in nursing.
- Kelsey Marshall received \$3,000 from the Pilot Club Life-line/Mary Allen and Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship. She is attending Frontier University for her Master of Science in Nursing. She resides in Scottsburg.
- Sydney Mayer, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Shawn and Jennifer Mayer. She received \$3,000 from the Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Lawrence Technological University to major in interior architecture and design.
- Ashley Rice, graduate of Austin High School. She is the daughter of Tammy Williams and Landon Rice. She received \$2,450 from the Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship and \$550 from the Lilly Scholars Endowment Fund. She plans to attend Hanover College to major in data science.
- Hailey Schafer, graduate of Scottsburg High School. Hailey was named our 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient in December. The value of her scholarship is \$180,288. Hailey is the daughter of Steve and Deana Schaf-er and plans to attend the University of Evansville to major in biochemistry/pre-med.
- Kendra Shuler, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Cherie Shuler. She received \$6,000 from the Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Grace College to major in sonography.
- Leah Shuler, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Cherie Shuler. She received \$5,000 from the Eppy-Shields Memorial Scholarship, \$500 from the Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship, and \$500 from the Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Grace Col-lege to major in elementary education.
- Meredith Slaton, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of Marc and Shawna Slaton. She received \$20,250 from the Carter-Waldkoetter Nursing Scholarship. She will attend the University of Evansville to major in nurs-ing.
- Emma Spaulding, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of David and Kandace Spaulding. She received \$12,000 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of Evansville to major in chemistry (pre-med).
- Logan Steier, graduate of Scottsburg High School. He is the son of Terry and Crista Steier of Memphis. He received \$1,200 from the Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship. He plans to attend Purdue University to major in engineering.
- Sophia Voiles, graduate of Scottsburg High School. She is the daughter of AJ and Dawn Voiles. She received \$10,500 from the Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship, \$550 from the Lilly Scholars Endowment Fund, \$500 from the Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship, and \$500 from the Robert Comer Memorial Scholarship. She plans to attend Grace College to major in actuarial science.





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First Grant Awarded from the SHS Alumni Association Education Fund



Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe presented a check for \$7,000 to Scottsburg Alumni Association President Marsha Miller Smith. The grant was awarded from the SHS Alumni Association Education Fund and was used for scholarships for graduating seniors. This is the first grant awarded from the fund, which was created in 2016 and has grown tremendously since then through the support of alumni.