

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT
Dan Whipple

VICE PRESIDENT
Dan Young

SECRETARY
Clara Thompson

TREASURER
Melaney Sargent

Jerry Abbott
Matt Ayers
Keith Brock
David Durell
Phyllis Gladden
Alice McColgin
Terri McCoy
Stanley Metzger
Bob Porter
Jennifer Swenson

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Barbara Baker
Bart Beal
Kathy Pingel Brelage
Greg Everling
Dr. Rose Anne Grasty
Steve Hall
Janie Hardin
Jack Lawson
Steve Matthews
Dori Brauman Moore
Joe Mulholland
Betty Niles
Charlie Rodgers
Mike Schaefer
Trudy Tharp
Cindy Whicker
Rhonda Wiles
Judy Wyeth

STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Janet Haley

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Susan Rozzi

FINANCIAL COORDINATOR
Heather Lynch

Sharing the Vision

connecting caring people with causes that matter

DECEMBER 2009

ISSUE 38

PAGE 01

Tis the Season to Celebrate!!

This time of year encourages us to reflect a bit on our year. The Community Foundation is extremely thankful for our donors and friends who have helped us this year to continue to make a difference in Hendricks County.

The Community Foundation has over 170 funds each with a specific charitable purpose. Continue reading and learn about a few of our funds and what they have recently accomplished.

SCI Hope Fund

This fund was established by John and Tamie Wassen and their good friends, Jim and Skip Tennancour. John Wassen suffered a serious fall in August, 2007, resulting in a C4-C5 spinal cord injury which left him paralyzed from the chest down. John spent months at Methodist Hospital and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana undergoing extensive physical, occupational, and recreational therapy. After a long, emotional journey, John came home in December, 2007. John continues to work daily on therapy at home with

hopes of regaining some use of his arms. He lives with his wife, Tamie, and two daughters, Alex and Sami, in Brownsburg.

John's experience inspired him, his wife, Tamie, and their friends, Jim and Skip Tennancour to help others suffering from spinal cord injuries. In 2008, they started the SCI Hope Fund at the Community Foundation to



Back from left: Skip Tennancour, Jim Tennancour, Tamie Wassen; Front: John Wassen

provide financial assistance to individuals and families in need. To date, the SCI Hope Fund has granted nearly \$14,000 to other spinal cord injury patients.

The goal of this Fund is to help with medical expenses, therapy equipment, and

accessibility needs. John's hope is to help as many people as possible until the day comes when research finds a cure for spinal cord injuries. The 1st Annual SCI Hope Fund Celebration Event will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Visit www.scihope.org to learn more.

Jonnie's Goodguys Fund

Jonnie's Goodguys Fund raises money and awareness for various causes by running in events throughout the country. The fund was started when Jonathan Miller died of an aortic dissection from undiagnosed Marfan Syndrome in 2005. Jon and his wife, Amy, were registered to run the 2006 Indianapolis 500 One America Mini-Marathon. Jon's friends and family did not want Amy to run alone so they trained and ran along side her as Jonnie's Goodguys, named after his favorite college t-shirt.

Several members decided to make this a way of life, and have since run marathon relays, marathons and half marathons in Indiana, Kansas,

continued on page 2



Hendricks County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CONTENTS

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 01 | Tis the Season | 05 | Will Language |
| 02 | Tis the Season | | Recent Gifts |
| 03 | Annual Support | 06 | Celebration Gifts |
| | New Funds | 07 | Memorial Gifts |
| 04 | Calendar of Events | 08 | Lilly Endowment |
| | Online Giving | | Community Scholarship |