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A newsletter from the Perry County Community Foundation

## Welcome...

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My first year as director of the Perry County Community Foundation has been filled with joy and pride. You see, I grew up



in Perry County. My childhood memories are filled with images of playing softball and being with friends, swimming at German Ridge or Saddle Lake, fishing on Poison Creek, cutting wood at Mammaw and Pappaw Seibert's house in Gerald and riding on top of the combine at Uncle Gordon's farm in Bristow while harvesting soybeans.

These memories remind me of how growing up in a small community has made me a better person. I moved away for a while, but Perry County has always been "home." I re-

member when I lived in Indy, I would always tell my friends there that I was going "home" for the weekend to visit family. It's amazing how sometimes you come full circle in your life. I'm now living back "home" and have the most amazing and uplifting job. I get to give back to my "home" everyday. I get to help make our community a better place to live.

One of my goals as director of the Community Foundation is to inspire other people to make Perry County a better place. I can think of no better way to do this than by sharing with you the great things that are being done in Perry County through the Community Foundation. I have always heard that smiles are contagious. I hope good works are, too.

I hope you enjoy learning about all the good things that are happening in Perry County . . . because CommunityMatters!

Sincerely,

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Forever.  
For Perry County.**

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# Perry County Power of Youth

The Perry County Community Foundation and United Way of Perry County have partnered to bring a new and exciting program to Perry County. It's called "Perry County Power of Youth," and its aim is to promote philanthropy among today's young people.

A council has been formed to bring sophomores, juniors and seniors from all three area high schools together with adult facilitators from each school, the United Way, the Perry County Community Foundation, youth-serving agencies, and the community.

Members of the council are currently developing monthly sessions focused on youth volunteerism, leadership development, marketing, fundraising, and grantmaking.

At the end of the year, students will design and carry out

a grantmaking activity to fund a local project.

The Perry County Community Foundation has established a fund the council will use to support current grantmaking initiatives, as well as an endowed fund as a permanent resource to support the program.

"Our mission is to develop philanthropic values in youth through education, leadership and participation in local philanthropic activities," says Sally Houzanme, director of the Community Foundation. "Engaging youth in philanthropy prepares young people to be active, lifelong community citizens. Youth-driven philanthropy is beneficial for both the youth and the community."

In fact, studies show that young people who volunteer just one hour a week are 50-percent less likely to abuse drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes or to engage in destructive behaviors; and youth who volunteer are more likely to do well in school, graduate, vote and be philanthropic. Communities benefit because teenagers volunteer 1.3 billion hours annually, which means teenage service is worth \$34.3 billion to the U.S. economy each year.

If you would like more information about Perry County Power of Youth or about how you can help the youth of our community, call Sally Houzanme at 812.547.3176 or email [sallyh@perrycommunityfoundation.org](mailto:sallyh@perrycommunityfoundation.org). You may also send a tax deductible donation to Perry County Power of Youth, c/o Perry County Community Foundation, PO Box 13, Tell City, IN 47586. 📍

## Online Giving 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

We are now accepting contributions online. Visit us at [www.perrycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.perrycommunityfoundation.org) to learn more.

## Saving Money the Easy Way

These days it seems everyone is trying to be frugal. For Harold and Sharon, saving is a way of life. They have always been careful with money, but are glad other people seem to be, too. Today, as always, they know saving money is not so much about holding on to it as it is about spending it wisely.

One of the wisest things Sharon and Harold ever did was fund a charitable gift annuity. A gift annuity is a contract between a nonprofit organization and a donor. The donor makes a gift to the organization and in return receives a lifetime of payments at a fixed rate. The rates are as high as 9.5% and are based on the donor's age when the gift is made. Sharon and Harold love their gift annuity so much they are considering doing another.

They take great comfort in knowing their payments will never change (no matter what the market does) and will be there for as long as either lives. Being the careful spenders they are, they are also familiar with the income tax and capital gain benefits available when they fund a gift annuity. Best of all, after a lifetime of payments to them any remaining assets go directly to the mission of the organization.

If you find yourself saving more and spending less, you will want to look into the great benefits of a charitable gift annuity. Contact us at 547-3176 or [sallyh@perrycommunityfoundation.org](mailto:sallyh@perrycommunityfoundation.org) for more information. 📍

