

# Area Non-Profits Benefit from Recent Grant Cycles

Two of OCCF's supporting organizations, as well as the OCCF Youth Council, provided local non-profit organizations with grant funding in September.

The Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization, which is funded by casino AGR monies, is dedicated to making county-wide improvements in the areas of human services, the arts, education, youth, recreation, health, animals and the environment. With more than 20 organizations applying, and more than \$309,000 requested, the OCCSO's Board of Directors selected 15 grantees

and provided more than \$170,000 in funding during the Fall cycle.

The Sol Strauss Trust Endowment, established upon the death of its namesake in the early 1960s, provides annual funding for non-profit organizations within Paoli, Indiana. This year's payouts from Sol Strauss included five organizations, and grants amounting to \$3,160.09.

Raising its own funding for an annual grant cycle this year, the OCCF Youth Council has provided \$2,400 in grant funding for Orange County non-profit organizations in 2009.

Funds were raised in a number of ways, including a letter-writing campaign throughout Orange County. The Youth Council, too, is dedicated to making Orange County a better place for everyone here, as well as to philanthropic education—both for its members and for fourth graders in Orange County schools.

For a complete listing of grantees, look on the back page....

## Good Samaritans Cookin'

Since 2005, the Good Samaritans have been providing funds for families facing medical crises throughout Orange County. More than \$16,000 has been granted to 40 families to help defray the cost of medical expenses

incurred due to catastrophic illness or accident.

In August, the Good Samaritans hosted a barbecue at the Paoli United Methodist Church, raising more than \$6,000 toward the worthy and necessary work that

the group does for their fellow Orange Countians.

Be a Good Samaritan yourself! Contributions may be made at any time to the Good Samaritan funds held with Orange County Community Foundation.

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### Special points of interest:

- More than 80% of British people give to charity.
- In Canada, 77% of all people give to charity.
- The US is in fifth place, with 44% giving.

# Investing in the Future of Orange County...

With an eye toward education and the future of Orange County's youth, the Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization began its annual commitment to scholarship incentives for Orange County seniors in 2009.

So far \$1,000 scholarship incentives have been issued to 150 high school students who graduated in 2009—68 from Paoli, 44 from Springs Valley, and 38 from Orleans.

To qualify, a student must provide proof of enrollment in college or trade school, or proof of enlistment in the US military. Any attempt toward making a better future for themselves is rewarded with the incentive, be it a university education, preparation for a trade or art, or service to our country through the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Guard, or Coast Guard.

To date, the following students have been granted the \$1,000 scholarship incentive. We salute these students for their willingness to move forward to the future and to further their education and career opportunities.

## ORLEANS

Katie Bostic	Emily Grace
Whitney Bradley	Serenity Guthrie
Lisa Branstetter	Michael Hoskins
Vicky Burton	Evan Johnson
Megan Busick	Michael Johnson
Nicki Coleman	Kim Kerby
Seth Comello	James Montesano
Skylar Cooper	Cody Moon
Zach Cowan	Emily Mullins
Quentin Craig	Brodee Nicholson
Ariel Daugherty	Ashley Parks
Leah Daugherty	Megan Polaski
Ryan Daugherty	Logan Ray
Amanda Edwards	Meghan Stanley
Haley Elliott	Ryan Swayer
Nick Fleenor	Sara Talbert
Jovan Frank	Olivia Tolbert
James Freeman	Oscar Warren
Heidi Gerkin	



## SPRINGS VALLEY

Jaron Alexander	Clayton Johnson
Kyle Apple	Matthew Jones
Darcie Barnes	Michelle Justice
Brea D Bledsoe	Mercades Lagenour
Haley Bowling	Jason Lancaster
Calvin Brace	Kyle Land
Amanda Bundy	Adam Lowe
Olivia Busick	Heather Lowe
Michael Collins	Jared Meehan
Kacie Cooke	Lucius Olson-Merritt
Marina Courtright	Logan Partenheimer
Michelle Cox	Megan Pendley
Patrick Deel	Alexander Pierce
Beth Elkins	Andrea Pinnick
Brittany Emmons	Allison Ragsdale
Megan Evans	John Renner
Melanie Evans	Lashelle Roberts
Skyler Gadau	Keana Self
Morgan Godden	Kaylee Shipman
Zechariah Harger	Dirk Tomlinson
Thomas Harner	Dylan Warner
Dustin Ingle	Kaitlin Wilson

## PAOLI

Victoria Apple	Jerry Jones
Logan Ash	Kayla Jones
Casey Baker	Allison Keehn
Destiny Beaty	Chantelle Kelley
Floyd Benedicto	Kristin Key
Alysha Bishop	Dean Kingston
C. Blankenbaker	Alicia Long
Jenna Bosley	Shannon Manship
S. Bradbury	Vanessa Manship
Sharea Bradshaw	Hannah McClure
Chelsea Brinegar	Olivia Miley
John Burkhardt	Summer Nail
Sara Bruner	Andrew Owen
David Busick	Chanc Pearson
Gabriela Calzada	Tasha Pierce
Charlie Cole	William Porter
Haley Cole	Amanda Roach
Autumn Duke	Lauren Scott
Laken Eastridge	Nathaniel Smith
Aaron Eubank	Tyse' Smith
Megan Foster	Jeffrey Smitley
Josi Freed	Nathaniel Stamp
Lindsey Gardner	Daniel Starr
Kenneth Grabner	Jessica Strahan
Stephen Grabner	Elizabeth Thomas
Jacob Grimes	James Toliver
Kelsey Grimes	Olivia Vessels
Ashley Hall	Kali Walls
Jamie Hamilton	Benjamin Warren
Timothy Hardin	Justin Warren
Bryanna Hess	Laura Watson
David Howell	Victoria Westrich
Amanda Hutson	Ethan White
Brandon Jones	Breanna York

"All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."

Aristotle

# Golden Deeds are Rewarded

Ten individuals committed to volunteer service were honored by the OCCF Youth Council at its second annual Golden Deeds event in August.

The Golden Deeds program was established to recognize and acknowledge the generosity and service of people throughout Orange County. The individuals, chosen from nominations made by Orange County citizens, serve as inspirations and examples to us all of the power of philanthropy...the giving of time, talent, and treasure for the good of our fellow man.

From environmental activities to firefighters and mentors, this year's group of honorees have provided varied and invaluable services to many in Orange County.

With great pleasure, Youth Council President, Natasha Carr, handed each

new Golden Deeds honoree his or her trophy, each of which featured a golden shooting star. Other Youth Council members joined Natasha on stage to welcome each recipient was his or her name was announced.

The catered event was held at the Paoli Presbyterian Church. Generous sponsorships were provided by Reynolds, Inc., Hall Brothers Transportation, and Cindy's Cuts and Curly's of Orleans, and Harmon & Petty Optometrists, Indiana Natural Gas, Tom Motsinger State Farm Insurance, and Waynick Insurance Company of Paoli.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Larry Hollan, who provided a brief biography of each recipient, and reviewed each honoree's history of volunteer service.

## 2009 GOLDEN DEEDS

### HONOREES

John Duncan

Benji Farris

Larry Gillen

Kate Jones

Glenda Lamb

Ralph Purkhiser

Roger Purkhiser

Sean Stevens

Helen Vasquez

Maxine Winingar



2009 Golden Deeds Honorees with OCCF Youth Council members



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## 2009 Fall Grant Recipients

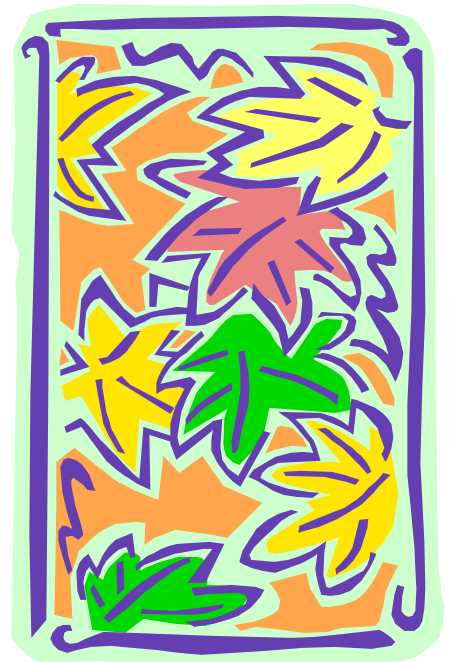
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COMMISSIONERS  
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION  
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American Red Cross  
GFWC West Baden Research Club  
Hoosier Hills PACT  
Lord's Vineyard  
Orange County (Courthouse)  
Orange County 4-H Clubs Assn  
Orange County FACT  
Orange County Healthy Living  
Paoli Senior Center  
Paoli Public Library  
Lynd School House  
Springs Valley Food Pantry  
West Baden Historical Society  
Orange County Humane Society  
Orange Co. Environmental Mgmt.  
Orange Co Habitat for Humanity

SOL STRAUSS TRUST  
ENDOWMENT SUPPORTING  
ORGANIZATION

\$3,160.09  
Paoli Youth Football League  
Throop Elementary School  
Paoli Ministerial Association  
Psi Iota Xi Sorority (RIF)  
Throop Elementary School Nurse

OCCF YOUTH COUNCIL  
\$2,400.00  
First Chance Center  
Orange County Humane Society  
Southern Indiana Community  
Health Care  
GFWC West Baden Research Club



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