

- 2010 Woman Philanthropist of the Year and Emerging Philanthropist Honored at Women in Philanthropy Event

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## Martha Lambdin is Woman Philanthropist of the Year

Martha Lambdin of Paoli will be honored as 2010 Woman Philanthropist of the Year at the annual Women in Philanthropy event on October 2.

Lambdin's face is easily recognized around Orange County's Relay for Life event, mainly because she has been the driving force behind that effort and its staunchest supporter.

No newcomer to philanthropy, Martha has been volunteering her time since she was a teenager. At the age of 19 she was recognized for starting a model 4-H club, then went on to initiate the annual 4-H cat show and to serve on the planning committee that created the Orange County fairgrounds.

She has served her church in a number of ways, including the

establishment and management of a play school, serving as youth leader, and serving on numerous committees.



Martha Lambdin, 2010 Woman Philanthropist of the Year for Orange County

But Martha's latest endeavor may well be the most meaningful to Orange County. For the past

three years, she has served as chairman of fund-raising for the Good Samaritans, a local group that provides monetary assistance to families facing economic catastrophe due to medical expenses. Under Martha's direction, the organization has raised more than \$23,000 toward the Good Samaritans' efforts in helping Orange County residents face the ordeal of prolonged illness or accident recovery.

Martha credits her family and friends for inspiring within her the spirit of helpfulness. Losing her father when she was only 14, Martha experienced an outpouring of love and support from friends, family and neighbors. Her life, and the lives of her husband and daughter, Mindy, have been built around assisting people in need.

## April Kneieriem Named Emerging Philanthropist

April Kneieriem, organizer of the annual Matthew 5:16 Day event, will be honored as Orange County's 2010 Emerging Philanthropist at the annual Women in Philanthropy event on October 2.

Involved in her church since childhood, April feels it is important to show good deeds, as noted in Matthew 5:16. "Work

with enthusiasm," she says, "as though you were working for the Lord."

Her event has inspired hundreds of church members throughout Orange County to help out with "good deeds" on Matthew 5:16 Day for the past two years, painting, cleaning, planting, and sharing time and talents with those in need.

April and her husband, David, are parents to an 18-month-old daughter, Madelyn.



April Kneieriem, 2010 Emerging Philanthropist for Orange County

# Let's Make a Greener Orange



Chris Leininger of the French Lick Resort discussed county-wide clean-up efforts with John Maier of OC Recycling and Co Commissioner Jim Springer

The Orange County Community Foundation is leading the way toward a cleaner, greener Orange County!

With the assistance of Ball State University's Bowen Center for Public Affairs and the Indiana Humanities Council, as well as a number of groups throughout Orange County, we've hosted a number of community meetings regarding the issue of county-wide clean-up.

At the first community meet-

ing, held this past May, more than 40 interested individuals and representatives of various organizations came together to discuss the problem of clean-up. At the follow-up meeting in July, many of those same people re-convened to brainstorm ideas for reaching the goal of a cleaner Orange County.

All of us can help achieve that goal, however. Cleaning up yards, fixing up homes, planning flowers, trees, or shrubs, planting vegetable gardens,

recycling, keeping litter off highways and side roads, keeping river and other waterways clean and sanitary, properly disposing of used tires, appliances, and furniture...taking pride in our home's natural beauty.

The season of green may be passing, but the need for green grows stronger every day. Join in the effort...take pride in KEEPING ORANGE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL!!

## Come Network with us!

The Foundation now has a weekly blog, located on the web at [www.orangecountycf.blogspot.com](http://www.orangecountycf.blogspot.com). You can access the current blog, or look through the archives for past blogs that you might have missed. You can even comment on the blogs and let us know how you feel about the subject, content, etc.

We're also on Facebook, and update almost daily to keep you abreast of all things community foundation! And our Facebook feed also runs through Twitter. No reason now for anyone to miss out on the events, happenings, and excitement of Orange County philanthropy!

*"Communication is the real work of leadership."*

Nitin Nohria

## Women in Philanthropy

On October 2, five counties will share the honor of recognizing each of their own Woman Philanthropist and Emerging Philanthropist of the Year.

Each year the community foundations of

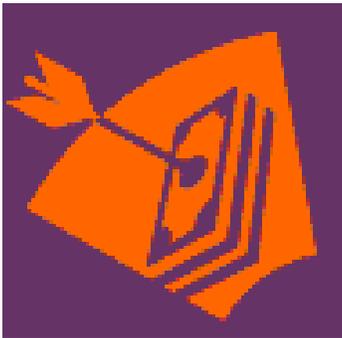
Orange, Harrison, Washington and Crawford counties and the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana join forces to host Women in Philanthropy, an event which recognizes women who have, in extraordinary ways, given of their time, talent and treasures for the benefit of their fellow man.

Sponsored in part by the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, Indiana, the event is held at Horseshoe Southern Indiana and features both video montages of each honoree, as well as speeches from each of the five Woman Philanthropists of the Year.



Debbie Turner, 2009 Woman Philanthropist of the Year, at that year's event.

# Alumni Helps SVEF Raise Matching Funds



Members of several Springs Valley High School graduating classes have helped raise more than \$15,000 for the Springs Valley Education Foun-

**SVEF raises more than \$15,000 this year**

ation's annual drive. Again this year, the Springs Valley School Board has agreed to match funds raised by the group for its endowment fund held at Orange County Community Foundation, thereby doubling efforts made on behalf of education for the students of Springs Valley schools.

To date, more than 220 people and organizations have given to SVEF's endowment fund, with classes from

1937 to 2023 represented. Thus far, the greatest total has come from members of the graduating class of 1979, followed by the class of 1963. In addition to the classes being represented, many teachers and "friends" have contributed, as well.

Last year the goal was \$25,000; and that goal was exceeded and matched up to \$25,000 by the Springs Valley School Board. This year has fallen somewhat short, no doubt due to a poor economy; but support for the SVEF and its goals remains strong, even in these trying times.

*"The Jared Hammack Memorial Scholarship pays tribute to the young man's spirit of love, giving, vitality and adventure."*

## Jared Hammack Fund Grows with Softball Tournament

The triumphant life and tragic passing of Jared Hammack was memorialized by his parents in a perpetual scholarship fund for Orleans High School graduates.

In July, supporters of the Hammacks' efforts to honor the life of their much-loved and remarkable son hosted a softball tournament in Orleans to raise funds to enhance the contributions already made in

Jared's memory.

Organized by Kristin (Robinson) Bye, new guidance counselor at Orleans High School, the event was extremely well attended and a great success, raising more than \$6,300 to provide scholarship funding for countless future graduates of Orleans High School. Criteria for the scholarship includes participation in at least one sport activity, as well as

a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Jared Hammack was an outstanding athlete, a devout Christian, and an exemplary student. But more than that, he will forever be remembered as a kind and loving person; and the Jared Hammack Memorial Scholarship pays eternal tribute to his spirit of love, giving, vitality and adventure.

## Good Samaritans Provide Family Fun and Great Food!

For the third time in as many years, the Good Samaritans of Orange County hosted an event of food and family fun in August to raise funds for its work throughout the county.

Pork barbecue dinners prepared by Tillie Drake and Robert Lowe were provided, along with entertainment by Grandview Junction, Peter

Webb and Jessie Smith, Nicole Bridgewater, David and Joanne Woodsmall, and Melinda Sketo. Meals and entertainment were free, with goodwill offerings accepted.

Items for a silent auction included a Play Station 2, Ray-Ban sunglasses, an overnight stay at the French Lick Resort, Paoli Peaks packages, and much, much more.

The annual event was chaired by Martha Lambdin, the 2010 Woman Philanthropist of the Year, and raised nearly \$10,000 for Orange County families facing catastrophic medical costs.



Good Samaritan fund-raiser provided great food and family fun to raise funds for families in medical crises.



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