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Special points of interest:

- 2009 Women in Philanthropy Honorees named for Orange County
- New Funds help build a firmer future for Orange County

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2009 Women in Philanthropy

Debbie Turner and Christina Morgan have been named Orange County's 2009 Female Philanthropist of the Year and Emerging Woman Philanthropist, respectively. Both were recognized at a recent Women in Philanthropy event.

Horseshoe Casino of Floyd County hosted the fifth annual Women in Philanthropy luncheon and awards program, "Giving from the Heart", on Saturday, March 14. Honored for their commitment and dedication to their communities were both Female Philanthropists of the Year and Emerging Woman Philanthropists from Crawford, Harrison, Orange, Washington, Clark and Floyd Counties in Indiana.

Community foundations unite to honor the outstanding philanthropic women from their respective counties each year, women who are examples of selfless-



Debbie Turner, 2009's Female Philanthropist of the Year, delivers her address at the recent WIP awards event.



Christina Morgan is the 2009 Emerging Woman Philanthropist representing Orange County.

ness and initiative. The five participating foundations are Community Foundation of Crawford County, Orange County Community Foundation, Harrison County Community Foundation, Washington County Community Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana.

Orange County's Female Philanthropist Debbie Turner began her community involvement here with the Orange County Economic Development Committees, established to investigate potential needs within the county. From that assessment, the Orange County Home Grown initiative was launched and remains a very important asset to the county. As a result of Debbie's involvement and leadership, the organization now offers to Southern Indiana the Lost River Market and Deli, where local farmers and artisans can sell their goods and

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New Funds Benefit Orange County

By the end of its fiscal year on September 30, 2008, the Foundation had already felt the brunt of the current economic downturn, and continues to do so.

Money is in short supply these days for nearly everyone, but that hasn't stopped Orange County's people from giving generously to continue to make Orange County a better place for us all.

Their generosity has translated into a number of new funds, during and since the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

It's amazing to think that, in the shadow of economic depression, these donors have reached into their hearts to found the true meaning of philanthropy—the love of mankind—and responded to that love by providing for Orange County's future.

SMITHVILLE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Made possible by a grant from Smithville Charitable Foundation to provide funding for qualified grantees.

FRIENDS OF TOTS TO TOTS

Established to fund the Tots to Tots program.

ORLEANS CHRISTIAN CHURCH PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND

Provides funding to the church for special needs and projects.

DON AND DOTY CONRAD AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides scholarship monies for Springs Valley High School graduates pursuing a degree in agriculture.

MARGARET HOUSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established at the bequest of Margaret Houston Murray to provide scholarship funds for Paoli High School graduates.

MOORE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created by the Moore family in memory of Sandy Moore Pearson to offer Paoli and Orleans High School graduates scholarship funding for nursing degrees.

FRANK MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Frank Martin by his family and friends.

ORANGE COUNTY CHILD CARE CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Establishes a scholarship open to Orange County residents pursuing a degree in early childhood education.

SUGARMAN TRUST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides scholarship funding for students graduating from Orange County schools.

SMITHVILLE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established to provide funding for scholarships to non-traditional students.

LEONARD AND JANET VAUGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created by Leonard and Janet Vaught to provide scholarship monies for students graduating from Orleans High School.

CHUCK AKERS ATHLETIC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Chuck Akers and provides athletic scholarships to students of Springs Valley High School.

FRED AND ETHEL CROWE EDUCATION AWARD

Designed to provide scholarships to graduates of Paoli High School pursuing a degree in education.

JUSTIN MOON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created in memory of Justin Moon to provide scholarships to Paoli High School graduates attending trade or technical school and pursuing a degree in visual arts.

FRENCH LICK-WEST BADEN MUSEUM FUND

A designated fund established to provide perpetual income to the French Lick-West Baden Museum.

OCCF Youth Council Update



Members of the OCCF Youth Council lead the "Philanthropy Cheer" in a fourth-grade classroom during the monthly education series class.

On a very cold day in December, members of the OCCF Youth Council shivered their way through a bell-ringing session to aid the Salvation Army...just one example of the dedication to philanthropy exhibited by this group of committed teenagers.

These young people have gone the distance for philanthropy—a concept they both study and teach as members of the Youth Council. Following an extensive training program, they spend the year raising funds, assisting non-profit groups, and teaching philanthropy to fourth graders in all

three of the county's school systems.

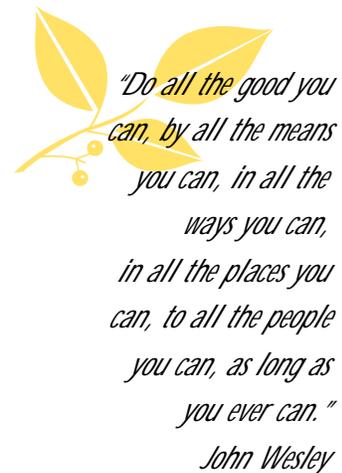
This year has been a busy one for these young people. In addition to the education series, which takes place monthly, they have raised money for Riley Children's Hospital by selling paper basketballs at basketball games and prepared and sent out a mailing for the school systems to promote this year's college fair.

In the past, the Youth Council has participated in grant-making each year from their endowment and pass-thru funds. This year, with the economy in recession and no payouts being made from endowments, the young people have developed and delivered their own direct mail piece to raise funds for a grant cycle.

The year isn't over yet! Currently the young people are planning to assist with the 2009 Cabaret, a fundraiser with Orange County Players. They are also committed to helping with the Dogwood Festival parade in May and a car wash fund-raiser at

Walmart. In the meantime, the monthly education series "The Word for me is Philanthropy" continues throughout the county.

The future of giving is in the hands of young people such as these, and their contributions to the world—both as donors and as volunteers—are greatly anticipated by those who are watching them grow as philanthropists.



SVEF Reaches Matching Funds Maximum

In 2006, the Springs Valley Education Foundation was formed to garner funds for scholarships for graduates of Springs Valley High School. In December of 2008, the school board announced that it would match funds raised by SVEF before December 31, up to \$25,000. Through committed and broad-range ef-

forts, the SVEF met their matching fund maximum before the year end, and have already raised a portion of the \$25,000 to be matched in 2009.

At a recent meeting, SVEF board members were apprised of the results of the "class" competition, where each

graduating class was pitted against all others in a fund-raising frenzy.

For 2008, the top fund-raising class was the class of 2006, followed by FLHS class of 1947, class of 2007, class of 1963, and the class of 1958. Congratulations, SVEF, on a job very well done!



Members of the SVEF board of directors and visitors listen to a representative of the Century 21 scholarship program at a recent meeting.



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wares and where local shoppers can buy wholesome and healthy food items and learn about nutrition. Home Grown also provides two local farmers markets in season, and provides a wide variety of locally-grown food items, crafts, and entertainment.

In addition to her countless hours of work with Home Grown, Debbie also serves as a board member for the Orange County CVB and as a volunteers with the Humane Society.

Christi Morgan, 2009's Emerging Woman Philanthropist for Orange

County, is personally committed to many areas of the community. She has volunteered with the Kiwanis Breakfast, the Lion's Club, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity, also serving as a board member and secretary for the latter. Currently she serves Habitat for Humanity as Orange County director. Very active in her church's youth programs and serving as church secretary and treasurer, Christi also finds time to coach soccer and to mentor students.

The mother of two sons, Christi is involved in Cub Scouts, supporting activities and programs and serving as

a volunteer grant-writer for the local pack.

The 12 honorees awarded at the WIP event are an inspiration to women everywhere, giving beyond expectations and from the heart.



2009 Women in Philanthropy honorees Christi Morgan (left) and Debbie Turner (right) pose with OCCF Executive Director