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## Steuben County Community Foundation

May, 2011



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We appreciate your continued support and interest in the Steuben County Community Foundation. In order to improve our newsletter, we have created a short survey to gather feedback. If you could take just a couple of minutes to let us know your thoughts we would greatly appreciate it.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

## Thank You to Our Generous Donors

The Community Foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals, families, and organizations for their generous donations in the month of April. Your support is greatly appreciated! This list does not include donations to the Fouever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship.

[April Donors...](#)

### **2011 Board of Directors**

#### *Chair*

*Kim Tubergen*

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*Hope Korte*

*Ellen Bisson  
Jim Burns  
Phil Meyer*

## Fouever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship

*Chuck Nedele  
Kevin Stoy  
Carl Swift  
Marla Toigo  
Jan Williams  
Randy White*

## **Staff**

*President/CEO  
Oren Skinner*

*Program Officer  
Bill Stockberger*

*Scholarship Associate  
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*Administrative Assistant  
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*Intern  
Shannon Armstrong*

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## **Quick Links**

The Steuben County Community Foundation was given the privilege of assisting the Bauer, Roe, Weaver and Zimmer families in establishing The Fourever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship in memory of their sons, Alexx, Matt, Evan and Riley. The scholarship has received overwhelming support from friends, family and community members both near and far.

The Community Foundation is continuing to work with the families to establish criteria for the scholarship. As details become available, they will appear in upcoming newsletters.

If you wish to make a donation to the scholarship, you may send a check payable to the Steuben County Community Foundation to 1701 N. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703 or you may make an online donation by clicking on the Donate Now link below.



For a list of donations made to the scholarship in the month of April, click [Fourever Friends April Donations.....](#)

## **Grants Awarded**

One goal of the Steuben County Community Foundation is to tend to the current needs of the community. One way this is done is through grant giving. The following grants were approved at May's Board Meeting.

**Lutheran Outdoor Ministries - \$1,500** - The grant will fund a one day event in which local volunteers prepare meals for needy families.

**Junior Achievement of Steuben County - \$2,000** - The money will go to the J.A. Economics program held at Angola High School and Hamilton Middle School.

**Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana (CSNI) - \$2,000** - The grant will support the Advocates and Clients Services Program.

**Steuben County Literacy Coalition - \$3,500** - This money will assist the Achieving Better Communities Program which equips parents of pre-school aged children with the resources to help their child succeed in kindergarten.

**Community Anti-Violence Program - \$5,000** - The funds will go to supporting the Family Ties program which aids in bringing safety to families in which there is domestic violence.



**We appreciate your feedback! Take our 2011 Newsletter Survey by clicking here.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, June 16, 2011 - Steuben County Community Foundation Annual Meeting Timbers Casual Dining 8:30 a.m. Founding Board Members will be honored. Public Welcome**

**Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, 2011 - Balloons Aloft-Tri-State Steuben County Municipal Airport. [angolaballoonsaloft.com](http://angolaballoonsaloft.com)**

**Friday, September 9, 2011 SCCF Annual Fundraiser- Margaritaville- Glendarin Hills Golf Course. 6:30 p.m. Music provided by *Island Vibe*.**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011 Oaken Bucket 5K Run/2M Walk Sowles Bay Yacht Club, Lake James. [Registration Form...](#)**

**PEERS - \$6,000** - The money will aid in a Prairie Heights mentoring program.

## President and CEO Retires

***Dr. Oren Skinner retires as President and CEO of Community Foundation***



Dr. Oren Skinner

For the past nine years I have had the great opportunity to be associated with the Steuben County Community Foundation as a Board Member, Development Officer, and for the past two years as the President and C.E.O. Being a part of a growing vibrant organization whose mission is to connect donors who care with needs that matter to our community and a vision to serve as a community leader and improve the quality of life by assessing, supporting and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building has been exceedingly rewarding.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year I will be retiring from my position and leaving the Steuben County Community Foundation. It has been a pleasure to serve for and with so many individuals who have worked at the Foundation and have been volunteers assisting in meeting the ever-changing needs of Steuben County. I thank my predecessor, Sharon Stroh for introducing me to and mentoring me in the world of philanthropy, to our staff who have worked many hard hours together as a team to assure our success, to our board members who have supported us as staff and given many valuable hours to the organization and the community, and to all the other adult and youth volunteers and our donors that have given of their time, talent and treasure.



## ***Volunteers Needed***

We are in the early stages of forming two committees to assist us in the areas of:

- **Quality Child Care Initiatives**
- **Technology & Marketing**

If you have an interest in serving in an advisory capacity on either of these committees, please contact us at 260-665-6656 or via this [link](#). Additional details will follow.

The numerous cooperative ventures with all of the non-profit organizations that serve Steuben County have helped the many people who have been in need over the past years since our beginning in 1992. Through the benevolence of our many donors, the Steuben County Community Foundation has been able to direct millions of dollars back to all segments of our community. The Foundation exists for our community and will continue to grow and prosper due to the philanthropic nature of our patrons.

Thank you to all of those people in Steuben County that have touched my life and best wishes to the Foundation for continued success.

## **Welcome Shannon Armstrong**

We have a new intern here at the Foundation, Shannon Armstrong. Shannon is a Junior at Trine University where she is studying Business Management. Having grown up in Steuben County she loves the lakes and small town feel the area has. This combined with her passion f

or non profit organizations makes her feel right at home with the Foundation. Shannon also is the Chair of the [Steuben County Relay For Life](#) event this year. Being so busy she has little free time, but when she has a few moments they are spent with friends, family, and travels. Welcome Shannon!



Shannon is replacing Joe Biedenweg who graduated from Trine University this month and is now working in marketing for Vestil Manufacturing. Good luck Joe!

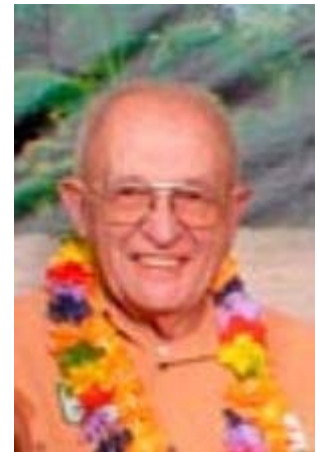
## **Board Member Spotlight**



## Carl Swift

Carl Swift has been involved with the Steuben County Community Foundation for over twelve years. Carl is finishing up his ninth year as a member of the board and will be going off the board this year. Carl has been an active member of the scholarship committee and the Lilly Scholarship Committee and has served many years on the Grants Committee. Carl was asked by Jim Stock, an outgoing SCCF Board Member if he would be willing to represent the Hamilton Community on the Board.

Carl served in the Army during World War II and upon returning after the war completed his degree in education. Carl moved away from Hamilton and during his career in education served as a teacher, coach, building administrator and superintendent of schools in several different school districts in Indiana. After many years away, upon retiring from the school administration and serving as Dean of Ivy Tech at Muncie, Anderson and Marion, he and his wife Joan returned to Hamilton.



Carl feels honored to have been on the board of the foundation and helping to contribute to its success. He feels that the Foundation is meeting lots of the critical needs of the Steuben County Community and through our unrestricted grants to human service organizations, has helped many people that are in need of assistance. Carl enjoys the association with fellow board and committee members from communities in all parts of our county and being able to stay in contact and

be aware of what is going on throughout the county.

If Carl could wave a magic wand and make the Foundation however he wanted, he would have more money available in our unrestricted funds so that we could make grants whenever and wherever in the county to meet the ever changing needs. He would like the Foundation to continue to be active and increase our presence throughout the county.

Carl feels that the greatest accomplishments that have happened to the Foundation since he has been on the Board are the relocation to a new building with high visibility and having one of the finest, community oriented, active staff. Carl is very proud of our F.I.S.T. youth philanthropy group and the number of scholarships that we award each year.

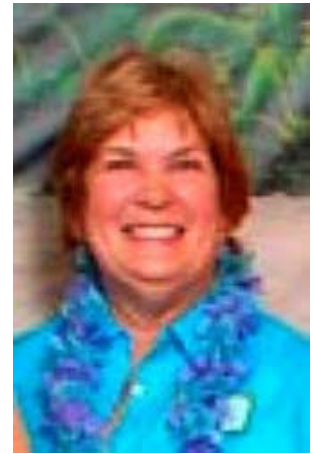
Carl will be missed on the board, but his continued involvement on the Grants Committee will be greatly appreciated.

## Jan Williams

Jan Williams has been involved with the Steuben County Community Foundation for over four years. Her first involvement was through the Scholarship Committee and the annual Margaritaville fundraiser. Jan served as past chair of the Margaritaville event and is an active member of both the Scholarship Committee and the Arts and Humanities Committee.

Jan feels that the FIST youth group, a philanthropic organization of the Foundation, is a wonderful program for the youth of our county. She believes that students in the program are given an opportunity to learn about giving back to their community. It plants seeds that may remain with them their entire life. Her wish is that FIST could be available to more students that are interested and willing to give of their time and their talents.

If Jan could wave a magic wand and make the Foundation however she wanted, she would wish for more scholarship monies for the many students hoping to attend college. At this time many families are finding it difficult to pay for a college education. It would be great to give that



opportunity to more deserving students.

Jan is proud that the Steuben County Community Foundation, working with the parents, created the "Fouever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship Fund." She feels that it has brought our community closer together and will keep the memory of Alexx, Evan, Matt and Riley forever. She is also proud to be a part of establishing the "101 Lakes Bike Ride" which is a fundraiser for the Arts and Humanities Scholarship Fund. The bike ride was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and is in its second year. The scholarship fundraiser is planned to be an annual event.

Jan is married to Galen Williams and together they moved to Angola in 1976 to establish a dental practice. They have two children, Peter living with his wife in Carmel, Indiana, and expecting their first child and Anna, a senior at Angola High School, who is planning to attend Purdue University in the fall. Jan works for Galen and is also involved in dental health programs in the schools, nursery schools, and nursing homes. She also is a member of Psi Iota Xi sorority and a volunteer at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

**Sincerely,**

Steuben County Community Foundation