



ORANGE COUNTY
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Have you ever wondered just what the executive director of a community foundation does?

Well, here are just a few of the things our director is currently involved with, in addition to the Foundation's regular business of fund management and grant and scholarship programs.

- ⇒ Orange County Housing Task Force
- ⇒ Assistance to local non-profit organizations with such diverse activities as fund-raising, equipment donations, and selection of leadership
- ⇒ Talent retention and attraction to Orange County
- ⇒ Youth programs and grant opportunities for local youth organizations
- ⇒ Main Street efforts, workforce initiatives, historical preservation programs
- ⇒ Brookings Institute and IPA presentations for Lost River Market's farm-to-table programs
- ⇒ Meetings with IU Center for Rural Engagement, Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Radius, Duke Energy, and regional executive directors
- ⇒ Participation in selection of Ivy Tech Chancellor
- ⇒ Assisted in the planning and programming for Orange County Service Council Leadership Program
- ⇒ Attraction of cultural events and programs to Orange County
- ⇒ Assisted with the establishment of a supporting organization for a local foundation
- ⇒ Meeting with donors regarding new funds, changes in fund agreements
- ⇒ And more...

COLUMNS

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GOLDEN DEEDS

Ten local people were honored by the OCCF Youth Council in March for their Golden Deeds of caring and sharing. This year's recipients were Steve Allen, Jolynne Cruz, Amber Dorsam, James (Jimmy) Ellis, Harley Gilbert, Elle Humbert, Julie Isom, Chris Jones, Tammy Noble, and Sarah Windhorst (posthumously). Special awards were given to the Foundation's Executive Director, Imojean Dedrick, and her husband Dave for the many years of service they have provided to the Orange County community.

Golden Deeds is a an annual program the Youth Council has made possible since 2009 (with the exception of COVID years) to recognize and honor those special people in Orange County who go above and beyond to serve their fellow man. Services rendered by honorees over the years have spanned everything from cooking and delivering meals to serving on local boards and committees to providing programs and services to local citizens.



OCCF Executive Director Imojean Dedrick and her husband, Dave Dedrick (with daughter Sarah Hall and grandchildren Tanner and Sadie Hall), were presented special honors for their community work.



Recipients of the 2023 Golden Deeds Awards pose with the 2022-2023 OCCF Youth Council members.

NOTES IN BRIEF:

From the funds held by the Foundation, more than \$363,000 was made available for payout in 2023. This includes more than \$55,000 in scholarship assistance to Orange County's graduating seniors and non-traditional students.

Following an audit by an outside firm of CPAs each year, the Foundation offers payouts from each of the eligible endowment funds, which provides grant funding to numerous charitable programs and projects benefitting the people of Orange County.

In February the Foundation offered orientation for new board members, with all new members attending. At this learning session, new members are apprised of the "nuts and bolts" of the Foundation's operations, as well as its mission and vision. This better prepares the board members to make accurate, informed decisions regarding the Foundation, its practices and its focus.

Last Fall, the Foundation applied for and was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Downing Trust of Indianapolis on behalf of Lost River Market and Deli, in order that the organization may continue enhancing its special programs... such as the community kitchen, grower education, advancement of the distribution of local foods, and more.

In its second year is the Rural Food Access grant the Foundation applied for an received on behalf of the local backpacks programs, which provide nutrition over the weekend for at-risk children. Of the \$20,000 grant, less than \$1,500 remains—the reset having been distributed to the organizations for enhancement and advancement of their programs in Orange County's three school systems.

With the retirement of Executive Director Imojean Dedrick on the horizon, the OCCF Board of Directors Selection Committee has been busy receiving applications and interviewing candidates for that position. It is hoped that a new Executive Director will come onboard in July, so that person can learn from Imojean over a 6-month period.



Program Associate Destany Pingle (l.) and Executive Director Imojean Dedrick (r.) recently visited local schools to tell seniors about the 2023 community scholarship program and application process.

Applications for both community scholarships and grants were open during the month of March. During April, the Grants and Scholarships Committees will review applications and make decisions on which requests to bring before the Board of Directors for approval. Chosen recipients will be notified following the April meeting of the Board.

The OCCF Youth Council has, as always, been busy since the group began the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to hosting the Golden Deeds program in February, they have been sharing the spirit and processes of philanthropy to fourth grade classes in the county school systems, creating birthday boxes for local food pantries, fund-raising through their annual letter appeal, and sponsoring "Coin Wars" between the fourth and seventh grade classes at Orleans, Paoli, and Springs Valley schools. The group recently met to determine grant selections from their endowment's 2023 payout. Those selections will be brought before the Board of Directors in April for approval, and announced in early May.

As this newsletter is being edited, preparations are under way for the Youth Council's first-ever Community Easter Egg Hunt, being held at the 4-H Fairgrounds on April 1. The members are collecting plastic eggs, as well as candies and toys to fill them with.

Funds for Orange County

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Alexander Art Award
Anita Bradford Art
Arminta Sue Magner
Billy Drury Memorial
Bradley, Henderson, Humphreys and Puckett
C.B. Stout Memorial
Charles & Violet Galloway
Cpl John D. Cook
Clarice White Bridgewater Davis-Metz
Delta Chapter Tri Kappa
Donald and Dody Conrad
Donnie Kee III Memorial
Donnie Martin Memorial
Dr. E.T. Uyesugi Memorial
Dr. Robert J. Cloud Citizenship Award
Dr. Vic Combs Memorial
FLHS Alumni Association
George & Evelyn Sorrells
IU Health Paoli Hospital
James A. Babcock
James M. Thompson
Janet & Leonard Vaught
Jared Hammack
Jesse F. Pease
Joseph Crowder
Justin Moon
Justin Mullis
Keith Howard
Kelly Tow
Kenneth & Madge Newlin
Kerry Royce Wyatt
Laura Balsmeyer
Leon and Eva Johnson
Leon & Mary Newlin Lewis
Louis and Winnora Allen
Mark Sisco
Margaret Houston
Mary Beth Cornwell
Matthew Henderson
Maud Anna Ham
Maurice and Evelyn Tow
Memories of Our Mothers
Moore Family in Memory of Sandra Moore
Morgan Marie Apple
Neva Fleming
Newlin-Stout
OC Child Care Co-op
OC Community

Orleans Classroom Teachers Association
Orleans School Found.
P.H. Rynehart
PHS Alumni Association
Paoli Meridian Lions Club
Ray Gardner
Rosetta Mae Atkinson
Russell O. Doan
Russell and Reba Farlow
Ruth Farlow Uyesugi
Simmons Designated
SCF Non-Traditional
SV United Methodist Ch.
Stephanie Babcock and Bailey Carty
Sugarman Trust
Syria Christian Church
Dr. Terry Nofziger
USS Chimaera
Star Trek Club

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Brown Family
Red and Versa Burke
C.J. and Catlin Fleenor
Add and Mabel Gray
William & Connie Jenkins
OCCF "Share the Love"
OCCF Youth Council
Don Simmons
Tegarden
Mike and Jan VanEmon
Duke Energy
Fred Sensing Youth
Hoosier Hills Credit Union
DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS
Clements Family
Hollis Denbo
James Farlow and Mabel Miller
F. Wendell Gooch and Helen M. Gooch
Luke & Donna Mosemann
Paoli, Inc.
Nice-Riester
Smithville Charitable Foundation

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Backpacks of Blessings
Chuck Akers Athletic
Dallas Tyler
David K. Ross for OCCFYC
Delta Chapter Tri Kappa
First Chance Center
First Presbyterian Church of Paoli
Fred and Ethel Crowe Education Award
FL-WB Museum
Friends of the Paoli Public Library
Friends of Tots to Tots
Good Samaritans
Hackney-Ferguson Fund
IU Health Paoli Hospital
Irvin and Melba Mefford
Kelly Tow Melton Public Library
OCCF, Inc. Operating
OC 4-H Clubs Assn., Inc.
OC Chapter D.A.R.
OC Habitat for Humanity
OC Historical Society
OC Humane Society
Orange County Players
Orleans Christian Church
Orleans School Corp.
Orleans Public Library
Paoli Christian Church
Paoli Mennonite Fellowship (Missions)
Paoli Mennonite Fellowship (Operations)
Paoli School Corporation
Running Start (Paoli)
S.H.O.C.
Simmons Fund for Old Union Cemetery
SICHC, Inc.
SV School Corporation
SV Education Foundation
Throop Elementary PTO
Virginia Combs Literacy
William and Mildred Hoke
Kearby and Walters
Wonder Valley Christian Assembly

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Add and Mabel Gray
Backpacks of Blessings
Blackhawk Blessings
Bulldog Backpacks
Charlie's Angels
French Lick Artisans
FL-WB Museum
FLR Associate Assistance
Friends of Paoli Library
Good Samaritan
Nofziger Family
OCCF, Inc. Operating
OCCF Youth Council
OCCF, Inc. Scholarships
OC Crisis Response
OC Cancer Patient Services
OC Service Council
OC Spelling Bee
Orleans Running Start
Paoli, Inc.
Paoli Pals
Paoli Park Playground Project
Paoli Running Start
Rick Magill Memorial
Clothe-a-Child
Schmidt Family Fund
SV Adopt-A-Classroom
SV Blessings Box
SV Community Christmas
SV Pet Services
SV Running Start
Team Orange County
Team Peace
Throop Elementary
Jubilee Christmas
Throop Elementary PTO
Throop Elementary
Sixth Grades
Town of Paoli
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
OCCF, Inc. Education Fund/CAPE
Orange County Child Care Co-Op FOI