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YOUTH COUNCIL HONORS 9 FOR THEIR “GOLDEN DEEDS”



For more than a decade, the OCCF Youth Council has recognized those who go above and beyond to improve our community. Through actions both private and public, these people are quietly making a difference. This year nine individuals were nominated by Youth Council members and honored for their “golden deeds” on behalf of Orange County. Here is a brief look at the contributions made by these nine philanthropists.

Chad Goldman, a teacher at Springs Valley, is both a coach

and the sponsor for a number of school activities. Perhaps even more, Chad has also volunteered as a tutor, a board member, and with Goody B's teen center fundraisers, Frog Watch, Youth League, Nature Club, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Hoosier Youth Academy Mentorship.

Darren Kerns, also a teacher at Springs Valley, is senior class sponsor. He started the SVHS chapter of Business Professionals of America and is a trustee at Fairview Baptist Church. He

volunteers at local food pantries and helped start one at North Harrison.

Pastor Jason Lindsey of Love Never Fails United Christian Church, was instrumental in creating and implementing the Hope Alive and Kind Companions programs, offering recovery programs and support groups, prison ministry, counseling and youth outreach. He also offers tutoring, homelessness prevention and street outreach, and a chaplaincy response team.

Elizabeth Lowe, a long-time 4-H leader and a graduate of the Orange County Service Council's Leadership Program, is the e-learning coordinator at Orleans and sponsors a number of school-based organizations.

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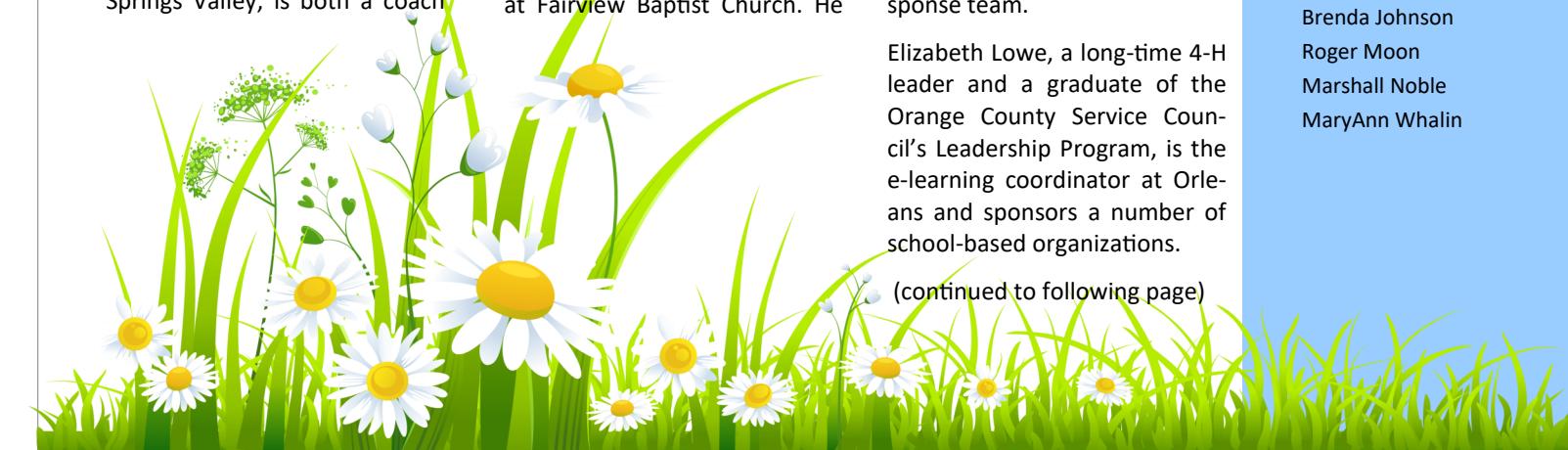
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GOLDEN DEEDS (continued)

Phil Mininger was chosen for his years of selfless giving to Habitat for Humanity. A former OCCF Philanthropist of the Year, Phil served as pastor for the local Mennonite Fellowship and as a carpenter. He has served as Habitat's Construction Manager for more than 20 years.

Samantha Prow has managed West Baden JayC for six years, providing donations to local fundraising efforts and making home deliveries during the pandemic. She takes it upon herself to locate food items for those with special dietary needs. An active member of Lions Club, she has spearheaded a number of charitable projects throughout her community.

Brandy Terrell is one of those people who seem to be able to take care of anything. While acting as board chair for Thrive Orange County and Team OC, she also volunteers with Youth First, the Orange County Youth Advocacy Committee. She is council chair of Region 9 Prevention Council and sits on the Orange County Client Consultation Board, County Extension Board, and the 2022 Beanstock Festival Board.

Barry Wininger joined the French Lick Fire Department in 1978, and is a lifetime member. He was named Chief in 1981 and held that post until his retirement in 2000. He organized the Orange County Firefighters Association and served as its first chair, also co-chairing the Enhanced 911 Committee for implementing 911 service in Orange County. For 15 years, Barry served on the French Lick Town Council. During that tenure, he was President of the French Lick Redevelopment Commission, Secretary/Treasurer of the French Lick Town Hall Building Corporation, and Vice-President of the Springs Valley Regional Water District. His numerous other efforts include the French Lick Masonic Lodge and the Virgil I. Griscom boyhood home.

Maria Wishart is a youth leader at her church, as well as a Sunday School

teacher, music leader, and the leader of a teacher training course and the women's organization. For 20 years, Maria has served as high school Drama Director, and as Tri-Hi-Y service club sponsor for 15 years. She was a 10-year member and board member of the Association of Varied Arts in Crawford County, served as board member and volunteer for Orange County Players, and volunteered as liaison for Peacock Children's Theater. In 2008 she was named Crawford County Philanthropist of the Year.

Though limited by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021, the Youth Council has provided the Golden Deeds Awards Program on an annual basis since 2011. Golden Deeds honorees are nominated by Youth Council members based on their contributions to the community and the people of Orange County.

The OCCF Youth Council consists of members from all three county schools, grades 8-12. During the school year they meet monthly and have at least one service project per meeting...giving items such as food, hats and gloves, socks, toys, and birthday boxes to local schools and charitable organizations.

But there's more. The Youth Council also teaches philanthropy to fourth graders in local schools, as well as maintains an unrestricted endowment from which they make grants each year.

For more information about the OCCF Youth Council, contact our Program Associate, Destany Pingle, by phone at 812-723-4150 .

2022 PAYOUT

Despite the economic turmoil of the past couple of years, the Foundation is pleased to have offered a payout of nearly \$300,000 this year.

The annual payout is based on a number of considerations, including the economic environment and the factors driving it. A percentage of each fund's 12-quarter (3 year) rolling average balance is offered for payout each year, with the actual percentage determined by the Board of Directors following the annual audit and careful analysis by the Finance Committee.

Payouts are utilized for a number of causes, including non-profit support, scholarships, unrestricted support to local organizations through donor-advised funds and various grant cycles.

The current grant cycle opened in early March and closes April 1. Following the deadline, the OCCF Grants Committee will review applications and bring its selection recommendations to the full Board of Directors. Pending approval from the Directors, the grant checks will be issued upon receipt of grant agreements from those selected.

Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has provided nearly \$9 million in grants and scholarship support to Orange County's organizations, agencies, and young people.

For more information regarding grants or scholarships from OCCF, get in touch with Destany Pingle, our Program Associate, at 812-723-4150 or email her at:

dpingle@orangecountycommunityfoundation.org.



Foundation updates...

While every time of year is a busy one for the Foundation, the beginning of a new year is always the most hectic. With payout analysis and payments, scholarships and grant application processes, selections of scholarship and grant recipients, the staff stays busy enough. But when combined with all the regular programs, projects, and administrative duties still necessary, your community foundation resembles a beehive filled with activity!

Throughout the first quarter, staff members participated in a number of special activities in addition to the normal processes the first quarter brings. Webinars and meetings designed to update and inform were attended, notably through the IU Center for Rural Engagement, Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, and various state and federal agencies.

In March Executive Director Dedrick accompanied four board members to their first "Boot Camp" experience, a day-long training session designed to prepare board members for their responsibilities and teach them how a community foundation works. The same month, Program Associate Destany Pingle spoke with the senior classes in each of the county's three school systems about the scholarship application and selection processes. To round out the month, Dedrick and Board President Miles Flynn further attended a training event for board presidents and executive directors hosted by Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis.

Grant cycles from the Youth Council Unrestricted Fund and the Foundation's numerous unrestricted funds opened in March, as did scholarship applications. Coming up later this year are cycles from the Simmons Unrestricted Fund and the Tegarden Unrestricted Fund, as well as the Sol Strauss Supporting Organization. Keep watching our Facebook page and website at occf-in.org to stay informed on that information.

For more information about your community foundation and what we do, visit our website at occf-in.org.

COMMUNITY MOURNS PASSING OF MATT HENDERSON

In January, Orange County was shocked at the untimely passing of Matt Henderson, a loved and respected member of Orange County government and our community.

Matt grew up in Orleans playing baseball and driving four-wheelers. At 13 years of age, he started working at Kirby Hardware; and while attending high school he played golf.

An ardent lover of math, he didn't believe in using a calculator. When his hopes of becoming a math teacher didn't become reality, he went to work at the Henderson family four-generation business, Henderson's Heating and Air. Several years later he worked for Walker Mechanical, then began a career at Hussung Mechanical, where he worked until his passing.

A dedicated family man, Matt and his wife Catherine parented two children. He lived to see two grandchildren born, and enjoyed boating, traveling, and spending time with his entire family.

Active in Masonic Lodge, his church, and as an advisory member of UA Local 502, Matt also gave his time as a volunteer, particularly for Running Start at Throop Elementary.

His infectious smile, his sense of humor, his giving spirit, and his love of his community made Orange County a better place for having Matt Henderson a part of it.

Matt's parting words to anyone he spoke with were, "Glad you got to see me." Yes, Matt, we are indeed glad we got to see you; and you will be missed.

Those wishing to honor Matt are welcome to give to the Matt Henderson Scholarship Fund or to the Running Start program in his memory.

Memorial gifts made to funds at the Foundation are acknowledged to the family of the loved one, provided names and addresses are provided for that purpose. Donors receive tax receipt

