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## GIVING TUESDAY 2022—THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Despite a sluggish economy and the impending threat of recession, donors came through beautifully for Giving Tuesday, giving from the heart to charitable purposes throughout Orange County and continuing that generosity through year-end.

Various organizations advertised Giving Tuesday (November 29) on social media and in other ways, including the Foundation. With the ease and convenience of giving online, donors were generous in providing support to local charitable efforts through their donations.

We may be a small county, but you all have big hearts. Thank you, Orange County, for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to help others and to *build a better community... together!*

# COLUMNS

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## JACKSON DALTON NAMED 2023 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLAR

Jackson Dalton, a senior at Springs Valley High School, has been named the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Orange County.

The son of Joel and Amanda Dalton, Jackson plans to attend Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to study Mechanical Engineering. “For nearly as long as I can remember, one of my favorite pasttimes has been building. Some of my earliest memories are of erecting Lego sets with my grandfather and completing Tinker Crate projects with my sisters. As I have begun the process of narrowing down the direction I would like my path to take, it has become increasingly obvious to me that I would like to pursue a career in engineering,” Jackson wrote in his Lilly Scholarship application essay.

An active member of both Orange County 4-H and the OCCF Youth Council, Jackson has helped at local holiday markets and collected donations for local charities and school activities. He volunteers with Youth Football Camp, served as model leader for a team that designed and presented an affordable house for a Veterans Living Area, and has helped at

Habitat for Humanity building sites.

While attending high school, Jackson played football and golf, and served as a lifter for the cheer squad. A member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Pep Club, and FFA, he also serves as Senior Class President.

Jackson is the 42nd Lilly Scholar from Orange County; and the opportunity provides full tuition, required fees, and a book stipend for four years of undergraduate study at any eligible Indiana public or private college or university as a full-time student.

Those eligible to apply for the 2023 scholarship were required to have an SAT score of 1200 or higher, rank in the top 25% of their class, and be on track to earn an academic honors diploma. They must be residents of Orange County and attend one of the three county schools, or have attended an Orange County for all four years of high school. Only US citizens are eligible.

The application process for Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is lengthy and arduous. After all personal identifying information is removed, applications are evaluated by the



**Jackson Dalton, 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Orange County.**

OCCF Lilly Scholar Committee based on academic skills, character traits, and involvement in community and school. Financial need is also considered. Once the field is narrowed down, finalists are subjected to timed essays and personal interviews. Once evaluations are complete, candidates’ names and evaluation scores are submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana for final approval of the recipient. Since its inception in 1997, the Lilly Community Scholarship program has provided more than \$486 million in assistance to more than 5,000 students.

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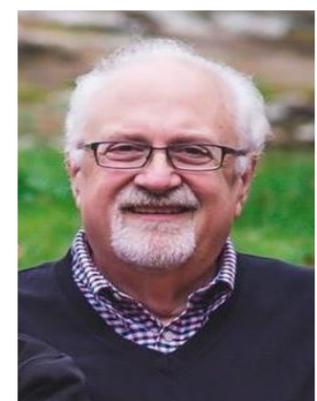
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The OCCF Board of Directors is comprised of 15 committed, dedicated community leaders representing the entire county. Their experience ranges from agriculture to business, from education to administration, and from banking to religion.

Members may serve up to three 3-year terms.



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OCCF YOUTH COUNCIL



This school year was a return to normal for the OCCF Youth Council, and they have had a flurry of activities to fill their school year! These 52 young people from the three county schools work during each school year to learn and to share the joys of philanthropy

They were excited to help with the Boys and Girls Basketball Banquets again this year. Youth Council members set-up, served and cleaned up for each of the two banquets, sponsored for more than 20 years by Judge Larry and Sandy Blanton.



After last year's very successful Trunk or Treat, the group decided to host the event once again; and it was held inside the Orange County Community Center due to inclement weather. That change was for the better, as a steady stream of trick or treaters were entertained by YC members at the various stations. Candy was donated by YC members and OCCF board members, and prizes for Best Costume and Booth were awarded.



Helping at the local holiday markets in Orleans and Valley are always staple events, as well as presentations at each school to seventh graders on National Philanthropy Day in November. Plans are in place for the fourth grade education series during second semester, as well!



Penny Wars was the newest YC project last year, a competition between the fourth and several grade classes at each school in the county. This year it expanded to Coin Wars, and over \$760 was raised to benefit local charities. The fourth grade class at each school brought in the most money, so they will decide where the money their school system raised is donated. Each fourth grade class will also be treated to a cookie party for their win.



For more information about the OCCF Youth Council, call Destany Pingle at 812-723-4150 or email her at [dpingle@orangecountycommunityfoundaton.org](mailto:dpingle@orangecountycommunityfoundaton.org)

If you saw a group of good-looking teenagers ringing bells and singing Christmas carols for the Salvation Army at Walmart, that was probably the Youth Council. Bell-ringing has been one of their service projects for years, as well as their monthly donations. So far this year, youth council members have donated hats and gloves to local elementary schools, items to Blessings Boxes and items for Operation Christmas Child.

*Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!*