

27 Important Estate Documents to Store Together

Whether or not you're a natural born organizer, here is a simple list of the documents every person should gather together to make sure all estate information is at hand when they pass away. By planning ahead you will help to avoid the chaos that comes from struggling to pull things together under stress.

The Essentials

- Will
- Letter of Instruction
- Trust Documents
- Financial Power of Attorney

Marriage and Divorce

- Marriage License
- Divorce Papers
- Military Documents (DD214)

Health Care Confidential

- Personal and Family Medical History
- Durable Health Care Power of Attorney
- Authorization to Release Health Care information
- Living Will
- Do-Not-Resuscitate Order

Life Insurance and Retirement

- Life Insurance Policies
- Individual Retirement Accounts
- 401 (k) Accounts
- Pension Documents
- Annuity Contracts

Proof of Ownership

- Housing, Land and Cemetary Deeds
- Escrow Mortgage Accounts
- Proof of Loans Made and Debts Owed
- Vehicle Titles
- Stock Certificates, Savings Bonds, and Brokerage Accounts
- Partnership and Corporate Operating Agreements
- Tax Returns

Bank Accounts/Social Media

- List of Bank Accounts
- List of all User Names and Passwords
- List of Safe-Deposit Boxes

From Saabira Chaudhuri's 7/2/2011 Wall Street Journal article.

WCCF Excelling in National Standards

The Whitley County Community Foundation has once again met the highest national philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability. A designation given by the Council on Foundations, the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations are philanthropy's most rigorous benchmarks and serve as a blueprint for internal and external operational excellence.

In order to receive confirmation, the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program requires community foundations to complete a highly intensive process of documenting policies for donor services, investment management, grant making and administration.

"The National Standards reconfirmation demonstrates The Community Foundation's



commitment to transparency, sound fiscal management and responsibility," says September McConnell, WCCF executive

director. "The National Standards seal signifies we are delivering on our promise to be a trusted steward of long-term assets for the region. When partnering with us to support their philanthropy, donors can be assured we are a smart, solid investment."♥



Charitable Giving Made EASY

One of the goals of the Whitley County Community Foundation is to help a wide variety of donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

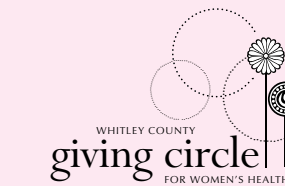
Recently the Foundation added the options of donating via PayPal or E-check to increase the level of convince for future donors. By visiting our website and following the given links donors are provided an easy one-stop shop for their charitable giving needs.

By clicking on the E-check link the donor is taken to the

Online Payment Portal where they will have the option to sign in to make a payment, view payment history or manage payment accounts. If the donor would prefer not to make an account they have the option to "make a quick payment" without signing in by clicking on the quick donation button.

For people who would prefer to make donations using a credit card, the Foundation offers Paypal to make online giving safe and easy for our donors. Upon receiving notice of a contribution from Paypal, The Foundation will acknowledge the tax deductible contribution with a letter to the donor.

Both options are available through our website, www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org under the "Making Donations" tab. For questions or assistance please call Vanessa Bills, Business Director at 260-244-5224 ext. 102.



there's no better way to honor national breast cancer awareness month . . . than to raise voices and make a difference.

The Community Foundation's Giving Circle for Women's Health is doing just that! The organization has announced that for the ninth consecutive year, certificates for free mammograms are available to Whitley County women who do not have insurance and would not otherwise be able to afford the vital screenings.

"On October 2nd, the Churubusco Jr./Sr. High School Girls Volleyball Team played a "pink" game to raise funds for the Giving Circle and create awareness of the importance of mammograms. Over the past few years we've had wonderful collaborations with local high school teams and are pleased to have worked with the Churubusco Volleyball team this fall," said September McConnell, executive director of the Community Foundation. She also noted the importance of sharing information about mammograms and breast cancer with high school girls. "We know that every once in a while one of those students will go home and remind a mother, aunt or grandmother to schedule their annual exam."

Any Whitley County resident interested in receiving a free mammogram gift certificate should contact Chelsey Barrell, Administrative Assistant of the Community Foundation at 260-244-5224. Local physicians will also have a limited number of certificates to make available to patients in need.

According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, in the United States, the rate of new cases of breast cancer has been increasing by a little over one percent a year since the 1940s. In the 1980s, the rate of new cases rose markedly (likely due to increased screening) and has since begun to level off. Look for the hard-to-miss pink ribbon on the front lawn of the Community Foundation where it serves as a reminder for women over 40, about

the importance of scheduling a yearly mammogram.

In addition to the Free Mammogram Program, the Giving Circle also partners with the American Cancer Society to offer a program called Look Good...Feel Better, for Whitley County women who are battling cancer. Look Good...Feel Better is dedicated to teaching female cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during cancer treatments. The free program provides participants with a variety of cosmetic products as well as education materials. The next session is scheduled for the evening of Monday,



Photo courtesy of Mark Parker, Columbia City Post & Mail. Front Row: Emma Frericks, Lacey Pulley, Chandler Blake, Gabby Jones, Shylyn Clouse Back Row: Alisha Farner, Cortney Luttmann, Olivia Huelsenbeck, Danielle Pippenger, Alyssa Anderson, Caylee Knafel, Elaine Horn, Molly Green

October 29 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City (next to CCHS). Participants are encouraged to bring a friend. To sign up for Look Good Feel Better, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345. ♥



Raising Charitable Children

Children today are bombarded with social media messages about having the right kind of clothes in their closets and the trendiest must-have technologies at their finger tips. As parents, mentors, family, and friends it is our job to convey a different message, that life is about more than just material things.

Here at the Whitley County Community Foundation, we believe that it's never too early to start teaching children about the spirit of philanthropy. Stumped on ways to get started? Here are a few easy ideas:

1) Donate clothing – Go through clothing and pull out a few items that are in good condition but have not been worn for a while. Children can gather a few old toys as well. When you slide those items into a collection box for Good Will, remind your child that the donation will help provide for a child in need.

2) Help the Elderly – Pick up sticks in a neighbor's yard, wash Grandpa's car or plant flowers for Grandma. By doing things for the elderly that they have trouble doing for themselves, you'll be instilling the character trait of thoughtfulness in your youngsters.

3) Remember the Pets! – A visit to the local Humane Society to drop off cleaning supplies such as paper towels or soap will remind children that compassion extends to our furry, four legged friends as well.

4) Charity Jar – Don't throw away that empty mayonnaise jar! Instead, put a slit in the top and turn it into your family's charity jar. Encourage kids to share a small portion of their allowance or add spare change. As the jar fills, the family can discuss charitable causes that could benefit from the donation they are building. Save a dolphin, buy warm mittens for cold little hands or contribute to a cancer charity.

Looking for a good cause?

The Foundation has a wide range of resources available to help find organizations in our community that would be happy to receive your support. Stop by our offices and have your child bring his or her donation, they can direct us where to send it and we'll take their picture for a future newsletter. Nothing makes us happier than showing off Whitley County's charitable kids!



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17TH ANNUAL

Heart of Gold Awards

Continuing a seventeen year tradition, the Whitley County Community Foundation will host the annual Heart of Gold Awards in celebration of the people in our community who give of themselves to make life a little better for others.

Whitley County is a great place to live and work thanks to the many thoughtful people who call it home. Your neighbors, friends and co-workers may be among those who deserve to be recognized. Any person living in Whitley County, regardless of age, who enhances another's life is eligible to be nominated.

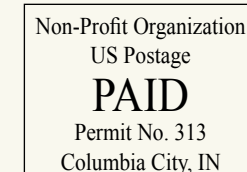
All nominees will receive a heart-shaped medallion inscribed with their name. Three overall winners will each have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the Whitley County charity or

service organization of his/her choice, which works to enhance our community.

When considering overall winners, the Heart of Gold Committee will take into account whether the nominee identified a need and filled it; recognized an opportunity and acted upon it; shared his/her time and energy for the sake of others; overcame unusual challenges to serve others; rendered a service which changed a life; worked to create positive change; inspired others to volunteer; or performed an exceptional act of kindness.

A festive reception honoring nominees and revealing the identity of their nominators will take place on Thursday evening, November 8th from 7-8:30 pm at the Eagles Nest Event Center in Columbia City.

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<i>It is the mission of the Whitley County Community Foundation to champion the spirit of philanthropy and generate permanent endowments. We will assess and address local needs and direct funding to best meet community aspirations.</i>	Laurie Steill, <i>President</i> Rob Marr, <i>Vice President</i> Sharlene Berkshire, <i>Secretary</i>	Dale Duncan Greg Fahl Rhonda Jones John Lefever Rob Marr Aileen Meier Harold Norman Bill Overdeer David Smith John Whiteleather	September McConnell, <i>Executive Director</i> Vanessa Bills, <i>Business Director</i> John Slavich, <i>Program Officer</i> Chelsey Barrell <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Terry Moyer, <i>Passages, Special Projects</i> Sarah Horn, <i>ICE Student</i>
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WHAT GIVES

News, Issues and Events Shaping Philanthropy at the Whitley County Community Foundation

Robert and Nancy Tucker Scholarship Fund

The Robert and Nancy Tucker Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by Rhonda (Tucker) Jones and Rene (Tucker) Leithem to honor the lives of their parents.

Nancy grew up on the family farm south of Churubusco with her parents Fred and Olga Buesching and siblings Ken (Janne) Buesching of

Arcola, Bonnie (Al) Gore of Warsaw, Marlene Augenstein of Fort Wayne, and Don (Colleen) Buesching of Noblesville. She attended Concordia High School and received her nursing degree from Lutheran School of Nursing. Complete with "flying nun hat", she trained at Lutheran Hospital and helped establish the first kidney dialysis unit in Fort Wayne. While she worked in many departments, she fell in love with Emergency Medicine. Her career spanned over 40 years with the majority spent at Riverview Hospital ER (Noblesville, IN).

Bob grew up in the blue ridge mountains and enjoyed fishing for rainbow trout, picking up arrowheads behind Harvey's plow, singing in the church choir, playing the trombone, battling the occasional rattler, and filling his lunch box with rocks to save himself from the school bully. With parents, Paul and Helen Tucker and brother, Wayne (Charlotte, NC), the family moved around to follow his father's job. He attended 10 Elementary Schools, 6 Junior Highs, and 4 high schools, until graduating from Lockport High School (Lockport,



IL). Bob continued hitchhiking through life with his Elvis sideburns and guitar; putting himself through various mid-western colleges and graduated from the University of Evansville. He met the love of his life, Nancy Buesching, in Ft Wayne, IN and they married in December, 1962. They were

blessed with two spunky children Rhonda (and Todd Jones of rural Pierceton, IN) and Rene' (and Joseph Leithem of Hamilton, IN) whom he spoiled rotten with amazing homemade Halloween costumes, hiking in state parks, beach stays, and fabulous international vacations.

The family endured heartbreak when Nancy passed away on April 13, 2012. That loss was still fresh when Bob died just three months later on July 8, 2012. To honor his memory and love of music as well as Nancy's passion for nursing, the family has created the Tucker-Buesching Scholarship. Bob and Nancy left a legacy of love to their children and grandchildren. It is the family's desire to see their legacy preserved through this annual scholarship for Whitley County nursing and music students.

This scholarship is for a graduating senior in Whitley County planning on studying nursing or music at a two or four year public or private institution of higher learning. The application deadline for submission is April 15, 2012. ♥