

## EARLYCHRISTMAS: 33 organizations awarded \$333,855 from Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County

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— Without the help of the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, patrons would likely have to stand for events around the outdoor arena at next year's 4-H Fair.

But a section of old wooden seats will soon be taken down in favor of a new set of metal bleachers after the 4-H Corporation received a \$20,000 grant Wednesday from the Horseshoe Foundation. The bleachers mark the third set paid for by the Foundation.

"Wow," said longtime 4-H Board member Kathy Redden. "We couldn't do it without them."

Redden said the grant will be paired with other donated money and labor to purchase the concrete for the bleachers to sit on.

"We still have the back section that needs to go," Redden said. "But we can only do what we can."

Christmas also came early to 32 other organizations and schools Wednesday at the Purdue Technology Center in New Albany where the grants ceremony took place. This marked the 10th anniversary that the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County has received gifts from Horseshoe Southern Indiana, formerly Caesars. In 10 years, the casino has given the Foundation \$33.9 million. On Wednesday, \$333,855 was given out.

"This is a great way for the Foundation to celebrate a decade of commitment to the community," said Jerry Finn, executive director of the Horseshoe Foundation. The Floyd County 4-H Corp. was just one of five organizations to receive \$20,000 grants Wednesday. The other four included the Floyd County Maternal and Child Health Center to provide funding to offset costs to provide prenatal services to residents of Floyd County; Habitat for Humanity, to fund construction of a new home; Beta Sigma Pi, to purchase defibrillators and cabinets for New Albany-Floyd County public and private schools; and Greenville Elementary School, to improve playground improvements to bring it into compliance with ADA requirements.

"This is one of my personal favorite events of the year," said Foundation Board President Mark Seabrook.

"It's exciting to support these wonderful organizations that do so much for Floyd County."

The Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County was established by Horseshoe Southern Indiana in partnership with Floyd County and New Albany officials. It was established as a way to provide an additional funding source to non-profit organizations, educational institutions and governmental agencies to benefit Floyd County residents. In the last 10 years, the Foundation has awarded \$18.9 million to non-profit organizations in Floyd County.

The deadline for the spring grant cycle is March 31. Organizations receiving grants Wednesday are not eligible for spring grants.

The following is a list of grant recipients:

- Challenger Baseball Team, \$1,285, to provide a sport and team experience for individuals with disabilities.
- Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services, Inc., \$2,420 to fund teen pregnancy prevention program in elementary schools.
- St. Marks UMC, \$2,500, to provide undergarments, blankets and gently used clothing for free to needy individuals.
- LifeSpan Resources, Inc., \$2,538, to fund transportation assistance for elderly and disabled residents.
- Hoosier Hills Aids Coalition, \$4,000, to help subsidize HIV/AIDS clients in Floyd and Clark counties with basic needs.
- St. Paul's Episcopal, \$4,992, to fund capital improvements enabling Art on the Parish Green Art & Music

Festival to include more local artists and musicians.

- The Healing Place, Inc., \$5,000 to fund shelter and recovery program which provides homeless alcoholics and addicts assistance with shelter, food, detox and transitional care services.
- The Center for Women and Families, \$5,825, to improve safety at the facility with security cameras.
- Harrison Education & Literacy Program, \$6,100, to fund Freedom 101 training in the Floyd County Jail to reduce recidivism.
- Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, \$6,200, to purchase a SaebFlex kit.
- Southern Indiana Asset Building Coalition, \$7,875, to provide financial education, counseling and mentoring to 30 financially vulnerable Floyd County residents.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, \$8,000, to fund Scribner Middle School mentoring program.
- EDGE Outreach, \$8,000, to purchase equipment to aid in more effective vision screenings for residents
- Down Syndrome Support Association of So. Indiana, \$8,250, to purchase a 15 passenger van to transport children and adults with Down Syndrome to DSSASI programs and events.
- Brandon's House, \$10,000, to provide 400 hours of Master's level counseling to teens and their families.
- Gilda's Club, \$10,000, to build community between families and individuals who have been touched by cancer.
- Hispanic Ministry of New Albany, \$10,000, to fund computers and software for immigration training for community nurse.
- Christian Formation Ministries, \$10,000, to fund a re-entry program for offenders released from the Floyd County Jail.
- Floyd County Token Club, \$10,000, to fund building upgrades.
- Holy Family Catholic School, \$10,000, to purchase security equipment to ensure safety to the students.
- Louisville Zoo Foundation, \$10,000, to provide funding for Zoo Kids to enable 625 children to attend the zoo and to fund the Glacier Run exhibit.
- Personal Counseling Services, \$10,000, to provide psychiatric evaluations and medication management for those who have no insurance or Indiana Medicaid.
- Junior Achievement, \$10,000, to teach economics of life to Floyd County youth.
- Highlander Youth Recreation, \$10,900, to replace fencing and the backstop on a Little League baseball field.
- Guerin, Inc., \$12,500, to fund therapeutic equipment for the spa area at The Villas of Guerin Woods.
- Knights of Columbus 1221, \$15,000, to fund building improvements and a new sign.
- Paul W. Ogle Center, \$15,000, to provide free admission for Floyd County school children to attend professional and educational arts performances.
- New Directions Housing Corp., \$17,500, to fund Repair Affair which will help repair homes for up to 30 elderly or disabled low income homeowners.
- Floyd County Maternal and Child Health Center, \$20,000, to provide prenatal services.
- Floyd County 4-H Corp., \$20,000, for new metal bleachers.
- Habitat for Humanity, \$20,000, to help fund construction of a new home.
- Beta Sigma Pi, \$20,000, to purchase defibrillators and cabinets for New Albany-Floyd County public and private schools.
- Greenville Elementary, \$20,000, to fund improvements to an existing play structure and to bring it into ADA compliance.

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