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I have heard Dr. John B. Egan describe the Foundation as “a group of testamentary funds.” If you look up this phrase there are enough definitions, according to Google, about *last wills and testamentary trusts* to make your brain spin. I want you to consider this phrase in a different way – no brain spinning required.

If you break apart the word “testamentary” to “testament”, certain wisdom enters the conversation. Each generous dollar that Ralph and Lillian Fendig entrusted to the Foundation is a testament of their life’s work, passion, and speaks to their belief in each person who benefits from their funds each year. Each fund started at the Foundation as a scholarship in the memory of loved one who has passed on too soon is a testament of their days on earth, their character, and their families’ desire to share that love and life story with you. Each donation you invest through the Foundation is a testament of the hours you worked to earn it, the character you hold, and it is a true statement of your belief in your fellow community members.

You share the story of your ethics, and your charity for mankind in every check you write to the Foundation.

You make a statement of hope in your community with every dollar given.

You help let down the anchor of a solid foundation for each nonprofit service organization through each gift.

My staff and I have the privilege of spending each day with filing cabinets full of stories, love, community, hope, char-

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ity, grit, faith, and belief in *us*. Each time we have the privilege of opening another “testamentary gift” it speaks to the importance of what we get to do every day. We love repeating the stories of Wallace Laird, Helen Pennington, Grace Pampel, and Marcia Johnston. We enjoy telling high school seniors applying for scholarships that Mrs. Gladys Johnson was thinking about and believing in them long before they were even born. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson declared a loud statement of hope and faith in students who would pursue the medical field, knowing they would never meet any of them.

Every grant check or scholarship check that leaves my office is a continuation of those testaments. They travel through here and into the organizations that directly serve our community members. The belief that all humans deserve a helping hand is shared in every basket of food handed out through the numerous food pantries in Jasper and Newton counties. The belief that we should care for all of our community from the very youngest to the very wisest is written in each check to Community Services, Step Ahead, and the local daycare center. These are the beliefs you share in each donation you give.

As we come to the close of 2017, what do you want your story to be? What statements of hope, charity, and faith do you want to share with your community? What beliefs do you want to pass on?

Let *your* Jasper & Newton Foundation hold those testaments and help write your story.

NEW FUNDS

SCOTT MADISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was set up to honor the life of Scott L. Madison, of Morocco. Scott was born on Aug. 14, 1961 in Brook, Indiana. He was a lifetime resident of Newton County where he graduated with the Class of 1980 from North Newton High School. On Oct. 17, 1987, in Rensselaer, Scott married Kathy Stath.

He was the owner and operator of Madison Parts and Equipment in Morocco since 2002. Prior to opening his own business, Scott worked at Rouse Welding and Truck Equipment. Scott was very involved in his community and served for 19 ½ years as a Councilman on the Newton County Council. He liked being around cattle and raised them for more than 40 years. Scott enjoyed time spent dirt track racing. Surviving is his loving wife Kathy and their son, George Lee Madison of Morocco.

Kathy and George wanted to honor the life of their beloved husband and father. The following qualifications are part of the scholarship:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Majoring in Ag or Ag Mechanics
- Preference will be given to 4 year Purdue University degree seekers (but not required)
- Member of FFA and 4-H
- Graduate of North Newton, South Newton, or Rensselaer Central School Corporations

Consider your donation to the Scott Madison Memorial Scholarship.

RECOVERING HOPE

Recovering Hope is a group of concerned citizens who have been actively working with local law enforcement in Jasper County and its communities to help diminish the growing drug epidemic in our county. They are working toward the goal of obtaining enough volunteers to become part of the "Angel Initiative Program" which helps addicts who reach out for help by taking any addict who walks into the police station with the remainder of their drug equipment (needles, etc) or drugs and asks for help will NOT be charged. Instead they are walked through the system toward detox and recovery. We will assign them an "angel" who will be their guide through the process. Not in hours or days, but on the spot.

Donations can be made to Recovering Hope at the Jasper Foundation. This group of citizens is raising funds to obtain their 501(c)(3) status and continue their good work of helping those battling addiction by providing low-cost Narcan to families of an addict.

NEWTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING FUND

NCCS has established this fund to help collect matching dollars for a Federal Grant to construct a new building in downtown Morocco to house their operations. If you didn't know, NCCS does a lot for Newton County residents. They provide food through their Food Pantry, educational opportunities, delivering meals, Homemaker Services, and transportation. Please consider your donation to the NCCS Building Fund – to help all of Newton County.

PARKS FOR PEOPLE FUND



The Parks for People Fundraising Campaign is a \$1.5 million effort to fund improvements to Brookside Park, Staddon/Monnett Park and the creation of a new Dog Park located on Bunkum road. The major features of the project will add soccer fields, ball diamonds, a new concession facility, new and improved bathrooms, walking trail and a new park just for dogs. Please consider a donation for the Rensselaer area parks.

SJC FELLOWS PROJECT FUND

SJC Fellows is attempting to keep the Fellows Program alive even during the suspension of operations at Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer. We are accepting donations to keep everyone involved in the program. The current project is unknown until there is a decision as to what happens to the campus. We are going to meet again on August 4, 2018. Hopefully, we will have information about the future of Saint Joseph's College and SJC Fellows. If you are a fellow Puma, or Puma at heart, please consider a gift to this fund.

NEWTON COUNTY READS

Established by the Newton County Public Library to start the Imagination Library Program. In 1995, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, USA. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, she wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income. Your donation to this fund helps support the purchase of books that are directly mailed each month to the families of Newton County. Visit your local library to sign up!

ROBERT & JENNETTE NAGEL ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in 2014 by Rose Jennette Nagel, before her passing, this fund was set up to benefit the Saint Augustine

School and the Jasper County Unrestricted Community Grants Fund. Mrs. Nagel made an estate plan to benefit her fellow Jasper County community members. Please consider following in the footsteps of Mrs. Nagel in adding the Foundation to your estate planning. Our office can help you with the language to add to your documents. You can leave a legacy.

JASPER COUNTY RECOVERY HOUSE

Established by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to provide an opportunity for voluntary drug recovery in Jasper County. The Jasper County Recovery House Board has secured a home location, furniture, and the staffing, through a partnership with Northern Indiana Teen Challenge. This home will first provide care and life-changing recovery for men over the age of 18 – but the hope is that services can expand as well as opportunities for community help too. This partnership opens up Jasper County's access to an extensive support network for addicts and their families. Please consider your gift to this important effort.

"GETTING TO KNOW NEWTON COUNTY" SURVEY

IF YOU LIVE IN NEWTON COUNTY, PLEASE SHARE YOUR VOICE!

The survey results will be used to carefully assess needs and direction for spending and investing in the community through the Newton County Community Foundation.

You can easily complete this survey on a computer, tablet or phone!

You can find it by:

- #1 – visit www.jasperfnd.org
- #2 – Click the "Get Involved" Tab
- #3 – Scroll down the page to the Newton County Survey and click the green button!

