

# **Indian Valley Foundation**

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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Indian Valley Foundation is to enhance academic excellence within the Indian Valley School District through support of educational opportunities not funded by traditional sources.

#### Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Indian Valley Foundation office in Gnadenhutten. No meetings are held during the months of June, July and December.

#### 2016 IVF Board of Directors

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## 2016 IVF Scholarship Recipients



At the 5th Annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet in April of 2016, a total of 22 scholarships totaling \$14,800 were awarded to very deserving graduating Indian Valley seniors.

At the Senior Breakfast, an additional scholarship was given in memory of Stacee Dunn Wise a former Indian Valley North Class of 1986 graduate. This scholarship was given by her sister JoDee Dunn McKibben, a graduate of Indian Valley North Class of 1982. The scholarship was given to Morgan Matlick, a student going into the nursing program. This scholarship brought the total scholarships for this year to \$15,300.

Your contributions are what make this happen. Thank you!

**Yes! YOU** can support the work of the Indian Valley Foundation. Check your choice on the back of this Newsletter.

# Catch the VISION!

Consider a gift to the IV Foundation to help our leaders of tomorrow.

#### **UPDATE OF HAPPENINGS FOR Indian Valley Foundation**

The Indian Valley Foundation has become well established. Through 2015, **90** classroom grants, up to **\$250** each, totaling \$18,000 and **77** scholarships totaling \$40,000 have been awarded. Also, each Fall since 2011, grants of **\$1500** were awarded to each of the four district buildings, totaling **\$30,000**. A total of \$168,149 has been raised through 2015 and the Foundation has expended \$154,428.

Established in November 2009, the Indian Valley Foundation is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, all Indian Valley Foundation programs and activities are planned and implemented by volunteers from the community, school district and alumni. New volunteers are welcome!

#### POSITIVE PLANNING

Most of us understand the importance of making a Will, but how many of us have actually sat down and thought about the legacy and the difference we can have on the future and the impact on children who need a helping hand.

Just as an annual checkup with your doctor helps maintain your physical health, regular checkups of your Will, living trust or other Estate Plans can help provide healthy peace of mind.

#### Where to begin...

Everyone who owns property deserves the protection of a comprehensive annual review to reflect any changes in their circle of loved ones, financial circumstances and the nation's tax laws. You can begin your review by deciding who you want to provide for, making a list of your assets, defining your goals and setting out your plans.

#### People and property...

Determine who you want to provide for in your plans: a spouse, children, grandchildren, a sibling or other loved

ones. Some will wish to remember a special friend or the school you attended. When listing your assets, be sure to include your home, vehicles, collections of value, jewelry, bank and investment accounts. Then thoughtfully match your assets to your loved ones.

#### Including charitable gifts...

In addition to distributing your assets to loved ones, an effective Estate Plan can also serve as a creative vehicle through which to make meaningful gifts to favorite charitable causes, such as the Indian Valley Foundation. Your gifts can take the form of a specific dollar amount, a specific property, a percentage of your estate or what's left after first providing for loved ones. Gifts can also be made with a life insurance policy no longer needed for its original purpose or surplus retirement funds that might be heavily taxed if left to heirs.

#### Don't delay...

Balancing your hopes for the future with realistic plans for today can be very satisfying. Contact your attorney today to be sure your assets will be distributed according to your wishes.

Celebrating our past . . . Building our future generations! You can help! Contact the Indian Valley Foundation

#### Classroom Grants & Scholarship Winners Feedback

I would like to thank you for blessing me with a \$1000 scholarship. I greatly appreciate this money. I will use it to pursue a higher education at KSU, where I will be majoring in biology. My end goal is to obtain a career that I can work with animals every day. It is very thoughtful to give out so many scholarships to deserving IV seniors and I am honored to be one to receive. Once again, that you for your dedication to helping IV seniors succeed in life.

Sarah Mattison

IVF,

Thank you so much for the grant money. I am so grateful that you support my classroom. It means so much to me that you care about my students and their learning experiences.

Sincerely, Mrs. Heck

Dear IV Foundation Members & Contributors,

As a recent recipient of a classroom grant, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity. Your financial support will allow my vision of providing students with a variety of meaningful writing activities to become a reality. I am very fortunate to teach in a district that not only supports its students, but also supports the academic endeavors of its teachers.

Sincerely, Angie Couts

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of one of your IVF Scholarships. It will certainly be put to good use as I attend Muskingum University this fall.

Colin Border

Thank you!



"A truly special teacher is very wise, and sees tomorrow in every child's eyes." ~ Author Unknown



#### **TRIBUTES**

Tributes can be designed for any occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, in place of flowers for departed loved ones. Check out the IVF website for more information and to download a form.

Any and all contributions are appreciated!



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