

## FFB hands out \$129K from charitable trusts to community groups

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Participation by youths in the West Terre Haute Little League was made easier through a financial gift received Wednesday.

“With donations like this, we can keep registration prices low so we can serve more kids,” board member Marty Marrs said after receiving a check from the First Financial Bank charitable trust distributions. Funds will also be used to improve the West Terre Haute sports facilities used by about 400 boys and girls.

Fifty-eight area not-for-profit organizations receive funds totaling \$129,021.55 from trusts established by Oscar Baur, Frederick R. Benson, Mary Smith Young and Sheldon Swope. All four were prominent Terre Haute citizens who established trusts through their wills at First Financial Bank to provide the annual charitable gifts.

First Financial Corp. also announced its 2015 contribution to the United Way of the Wabash Valley at \$78,431.52 in corporate and employee pledges.

Steve Martin, FFB’s vice president of trust services, commended the trust founders with providing the “gasoline that gets the engine running” for the many organizations who provide valuable services in the community.

“The heavy lifting is done by you and all your volunteers,” Martin said in thanking the organizations for their efforts.

Britton Riley, executive director of the American Red Cross Wabash Valley Chapter, said the funds will be used for local disaster response and relief, which primarily assists local residents who experience home fires, tornado damage and flooding.

Susan Baley of the Swope Art Museum said the funds received will match other funding to install replacement windows on the third floor of the museum building on South Seventh Street.

Distributions were also made to the following organizations at a morning reception at the First Financial Conference Center:

Alternatives for Living and Learning Inc., Art Spaces, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Vigo County Inc., Catholic Charities of Terre Haute, Covenant Cooperative Ministry, Crossroads of America Council-Boy Scouts of America, 14th and Chestnut Community Center, Families By Choice, FSA Counseling Center, Friends of Historic Allen Chapel, Friends of the Arboretum Inc., Gibault Inc., Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Hamilton Center Inc., Happiness Bag Inc. and Ivy Tech Foundation Inc.

Also: Junior Achievement of the Wabash Valley Inc., Light House Mission Inc., McMillan Adult Day Service, Mental Health America of Vigo County, Mosaic, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Saint Joseph University Parish, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Senior Education Ministries, Sisters of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Special Olympics Indiana, Swope Art Museum Inc., Terre Haute Area Meals on Wheels Inc., Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club, Terre Haute Children's Museum, Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra and Terre Haute Women's Club Inc..

Also: The League of Terre Haute, The Maple Center Inc., The Salvation Army, The WILL Center, Trees Inc., Union Hospital Foundation Inc., United Child Care Center, Vigo County CASA, Vigo County Education Foundation, Vigo County Historical Society, Vigo County YMCA, Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Wabash Valley, Wabash Activity Center, Wabash Valley Breast Cancer Survivors Inc., Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Wabash Valley Family Sports Center, Wabash Valley Goodwill Industries, Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity, Wabash Valley Health Center Inc., Western Indiana Community Action Agency Inc., West Terre Haute Little League and West Vigo Community Center.