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DALE OREM: Good evening, and welcome to the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana's Fifteenth anniversary celebration. I am Dale Orem. I served as the Community Foundation's first executive director, and also was a member for many years of the board of directors. All of the preparations that have gone into this evening have allowed me to enjoy reminiscing about my time with the Foundation, which began in 1991.

Back then, it was just me and a loyal staff person, Barb Timberlake, and we spent all of our energy getting out the word about who we were and what we wanted to do. It was an exciting time in our community, filled with much promise, and tonight, we're here to celebrate the

culmination of 15 years of hard work. In 15 years, we've given away more than \$9 million in grants and scholarships. Just that alone is worth celebrating.

What we want to do this evening is give you a clear picture of who the Community Foundation is, where we've come from, what have been our biggest accomplishments and what we have planned for the future. We will be using the power of video to tell our story tonight, thanks to the generosity of the Paul W. Ogle Foundation, which sponsored the video.

Even some of you here tonight may not be aware of all of the things the Community Foundation has done, and we feel it's important for you to know more about us. After all, the more you know about our past, the better you'll understand what the future of our organization, and our community, can be. We hope this evening that our message

will entertain you, but also inspire you. We want you to think about how we can help you meet your charitable goals and dreams. What you'll see tonight is that we are an organization that's about a diversity of purposes. We can do everything from set up endowments for charities to conduct seminars for non-profits to help communities get much-needed early-warning sirens. We see ourselves as partners in making great communities, and we see no limits on how to do that.

LAURA: Dale, you're absolutely right, but I want to add something to your comments. I'm Laura Hansen Dean, and I'm the president and CEO of the Community Foundation. One of the things that we realize about our organization is that yes, indeed, we've accomplished a lot. But we know that we haven't done these things alone. So we think it's appropriate to spend the next few minutes recognizing the

people who have contributed to the Community

Foundation's success in the past 15 years. Some have been directly involved with us, and others simply support our vision and goals for the community. First, we want to recognize all elected officials who are in attendance tonight. Serving in public office is indeed public service, and we want to commend these people for the time and energy they've spent carrying out their duties. We now want to recognize our elected officials. Please stand as I read your name: **NEEDS TO BE VERIFIED AS THEY**

CHECK IN; ROBYN WILL DO THIS

Jeffersonville Mayor Rob Waiz

New Albany Mayor James Garner

President of the New Albany City Council Jeff Gahan

Judge Cecile Blau

Judge Vicki Carmichael

and Judge Terrence Cody, who sits on our board of directors

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE AFTER LIST IS READ

DALE: Another job that involves a lot of time and energy is serving on a board of directors. We want to recognize now all of the past board members of the Community Foundation. We ask that you stand, together, and receive our public thanks for your dedication to our organization.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

LAURA: And of course we wouldn't be here tonight without the hard work of our current board. We ask for those folks to stand now, also to be recognized for their commitment to the Foundation.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

DALE: Community Foundations are all about partnerships with non-profits. Tonight, we want to spend a few minutes also recognizing the worthwhile organizations that have received grants from the Community Foundation at any time in our 15 year history. If you represent an organization that has ever received a grant from the Foundation, please stand.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

DALE: As most of you probably know, the Community Foundation currently works in Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties. But there was a time in our history that we also served Crawford and Scott counties. Both of those counties grew into programs on their own, forming their own separate foundations. We want to thank representatives of those Foundations for attending tonight, and ask that they stand and be recognized for their efforts to continue their

charitable work in those communities. Please stand now if you are with either the Crawford or Scott County Community Foundations.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

LAURA: We want to thank our sponsors of this event, and want to add one more: the Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce. We are delighted to have their support.

DALE: As I said earlier, one of the things that I've truly enjoyed about working with the Community Foundation on putting this evening together is reflecting on our history. In 15 years, we've grown from a concept in the minds of a committed group of community leaders to a real organization with an endowment, a staff of six professionals, a long list of funds and an incredible sense of purpose. We want to take you now to the first portion of our video that will showcase our beginnings and some of

the highlights of activities during those 15 years. Our video tonight was created by Videobred, and we want to thank them for their dedication to excellence in creating this with us. Now, we'll look at some highlights.

VIDEO RUNS APPX. 4-5 MINUTES. LAURA SHOULD SIT ON A CHAIR ON STAGE AT THIS POINT, AND DALE MAY DO SO AS WELL, THOUGH HE WILL BE NEEDED AGAIN AFTER THE VIDEO SHOWS. WHEN VIDEO ENDS, DALE STEPS BACK UP TO THE PODIUM.

DALE: In our 15 year history, there may be no more important project than the early-warning siren project, commonly called the tornado siren project. In Indiana, as we've seen in the past few years, tornados are a very real threat. Just last weekend we got a reminder of how important these sirens are. With the advances that have

been made in weather forecasting in the past 20 years, we're now able to give people a warning that a storm is coming. But without sirens, there isn't an effective way to tell the public to take cover. In 2002, the Community Foundation coordinated an effort to buy and install early-warning sirens in Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties. This is a project that, if it hasn't already, has the potential to save thousands of lives across Southern Indiana. We want to take a minute now to review that project, again through the power of video.

VIDEO RUNS 3 MINUTES

DALE: Before we go on, let's take a minute to applaud the hard work of the people involved in that extremely important project. Would those involved in this project, whether you were on the video or not, please stand?

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

DALE: The next two efforts we want to highlight were not our own doing, but projects and organizations that we have supported through grants. The first of those is a project that I've personally been involved in, Bob Hedge Park. This project is due in large part to the hard work of Larry and Sandy Knott, who live in the Cherry Hill neighborhood in Jeffersonville. The Knotts wanted to refurbish the park into a safe park for children, and wanted to make it inclusive for disabled children as well. It's the kind of project that really hooks you once you talk to the Knotts about it and understand the need for this kind of facility in Southern Indiana. Now, we'll again let the video tell the story.

GO TO VIDEO, APPX. 3 MINUTES

DALE: The Knotts are here tonight **(ROBYN WILL VERIFY AT EVENT)**. I would like to ask them to stand,

along with anyone else who has been involved in this important project. Your hard work needs to be recognized.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

DALE: The third and final project we want to highlight tonight is Providence Self Sufficiency Ministries. If you've spent any time at all with Sister Barbara Zeller, you know what a heart she has for people, young and old alike. She is the driving force behind Providence, an organization that serves the needs of foster children as well as seniors. I could go on, but nobody tells it better than Barbara herself, and we'll now go to the video to let her tell you the story of Providence.

VIDEO RUNS APPX. 3 MINUTES

DALE: Sister Barbara, please stand and be recognized for your efforts with Providence, along with Sister Loretta

Maureen, another key staff person at Providence who helps carry out the organization's vision.

DALE MAY SIT DOWN NOW

LAURA TAKES THE PODIUM AGAIN

LAURA: Besides making grants, another significant effort of the Community Foundation is administering scholarships. The Foundation has a long list of scholarships available for college-bound students. Some of these programs provide significant amounts of money. The Lilly Scholars program provides a full tuition scholarship and pays the cost of any required fees and books for college students attending school in Indiana. The Ogle Scholarship provides \$5,000 annually to students who attend school anywhere of their choosing. For many of these students, these scholarships are the difference between finishing their bachelor's degree or not. It's also an incentive for high

school students to keep up their grades and contribute to their communities. And, for those of us who get the privilege of meeting these young scholars, it's inspiring to know our future is in such good hands.

We want to introduce you tonight to three people who received scholarships through the Community Foundation. One is still in school but already making significant strides in life, and the other two out contributing to society in the working world. Their stories help tell our story as a Foundation. We hope you'll be inspired by them, too. Take a look at this video to get to know a few of the success stories we're happy to boast about.

VIDEO WILL BE LONG THIS TIME, APPX. 10

MINUTES. WHEN THE VIDEO IS COMPLETE,

LAURA TAKES THE STAGE AGAIN.

LAURA: We want to take a minute now to recognize the three outstanding scholarship recipients featured in the video. We appreciate their willingness to allow us to film them and their dedication to their studies. We would like to ask Joe Glover, Laine Hamman and Justin Mosier to stand for a moment.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE.

Now, we'd like to ask anyone else here who has received a scholarship from the Foundation to stand and join them.

Look around the room, folks. These people are our future, and I, for one, am inspired by their presence.

AS AUDIENCE APPLAUDS, DALE COMES BACK TO THE PODIUM. LAURA SITS DOWN.

DALE: As we mentioned earlier, Community Foundations are all about partnerships. One of the organizations that has worked extensively with us over the years is the Walter and

Hazel Bales Foundation. This past year, Walt Bales, who started the Foundation with his wife, Hazel Bales, passed away. Walt and Hazel Bales were significant early supporters of the Community Foundation. They contributed to our organization, time and again, in the early years, when our future was far from certain. Their contributions of both time and money supported many, many other charitable organizations throughout Southern Indiana. We probably can't overstate the impact that the Bales family has had on our community. Many of us at the Community Foundation still feel his loss and wanted to find a way to honor his legacy. We are grateful to have Hazel Bales with us tonight, who wanted to help us celebrate our 15th anniversary by presenting six surprise grants to charities in Clark, Floyd and Harrison County. I'm going to announce the names of the organizations receiving the grants from

the podium. Melissa Harbeson, the new program officer of the Community Foundation, will assist Mrs. Bales in delivering the checks to the recipients at their tables. We'll start with the two Clark County recipients, which are:

Community Kitchen (PAUSE TO ALLOW DELIVERY AFTER EACH NAME)

and Haven House

In Floyd County, the recipients are:

Hispanic Connection

and Brandon's House

In Harrison County, grants are going to:

Comfort House, which is also known as the Southern

Indiana Regional Alliance to Prevent Exploitation

and Harrison County Community Services

DALE: We want to thank Mrs. Bales for her generosity

this evening. We know that these grants will be put to good

use and will be very much appreciated by each organization.

DALE: We've spent a lot of time tonight recognizing people who really matter to the Community Foundation.

Now it's time to recognize the people who put this entire event together. About a year ago, a group of volunteers began meeting to discuss how exactly to celebrate this important milestone. Rita Shourds, who many of you know has a lot of responsibility these days as the new chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College, agreed to chair the Crystal Jubilee committee. Madame Chancellor, if you would, please stand for a moment and receive our thanks for a job well-done. (WAIT FOR APPLAUSE) Of course, Rita would be the first to tell you that this was a team effort, and indeed it was. Others on the committee are Don Day, Joyce Brown, Kyle Ridout, Laurie Eckart, Bob

Kleehamer, Robyn Davis Sekula and Melanie Douglas. We want to ask all of you to please stand now and be recognized for your efforts. We are especially grateful for the work that Robyn Sekula put into this event, as she wrote much of the text you see in the commemorative booklet and coordinated the production of the video. Our special thanks to Robyn, who is the media consultant for the Foundation, for her work tonight.

LAURA: One of the things you may have noticed tonight is our new logo and colors, and the extremely sharp and colorful look of the publications at your place settings tonight. In 2005, we received a large grant from the Lilly Foundation that is enabling us to re-brand our organization. We started with a new logo, which is the triangle with a star motif, and colors, which are the blue and gold. Stephen Brown of Mind's Eye Creative is responsible for that new,

forward-looking logo and colors. We couldn't be more pleased with his work and diligence. The materials you have before you look so crisp because of his professional expertise and perfectionism. You have much to look forward to, because Steve will be redesigning all of our publications and our Web site later this year. Steve, please stand up and receive our thanks for your incredible work and your talent.

WAIT FOR APPLAUSE

LAURA: Many of you here tonight know our staff and how incredibly important they are to our work. We want to take a moment, though, to introduce them individually to you in case you do not know them personally. Staff, as I read your names, please stand. Shelley Akers is the finance assistant and building manager. Jennifer Humphreys is our asset development officer. Elizabeth Baxter is the finance

officer. Denise Lockett is our executive assistant. Chrissie Lewis is asset development administrative assistant.

Melissa Harbeson is our program officer. Wendy Washko has been helping us out in the office on a temporary basis.

Christine Harbeson is our outgoing program officer. She has taken a position with Interfaith, and is helping us get Melissa up to speed on our many programs throughout the year. We're really grateful to Interfaith for their allowing us to keep her around for a little while. Bo Smith has served as an intern with us and is now our youth philanthropy coordinator. I mentioned Robyn Sekula earlier. She is our media relations consultant. Another consultant who works with us is Jennifer Wilcox, our charitable endowment and excellence specialist. She was hired through a Lilly grant we received earlier this year. You may all be seated now.

Much of the way for our current staff was paved by former staff members who started many of the programs we have today. In particular, we want to recognize John Hartstern, who you've seen in the video tonight, as John served as executive director of the Foundation for nine years. John's work is very much appreciated by many in the community. John, please stand for a moment. **PAUSE BRIEFLY** And now, we'd like to ask any other past staff members to stand and join him and receive our thanks for your hard work.

LAURA: As we draw this evening to a close, I want to take some time to talk to you about where we are headed as a Foundation. As we've told you tonight, we want to be the name that's synonymous with charitable work in Southern Indiana. In 2005, we took leaps and bounds towards that goal. We received three grants from the Indiana Association for United Ways, one for each county we

serve, to tackle a community issue. In Clark County, that's helping more local residents access the earned income tax credit. In Floyd County, it's helping the community become a place where all young people can thrive. In Harrison County, it's tackling the community's skyrocketing meth problem.

We also received two grants from the Lilly Foundation through the Community Alliances to Promote Education.

One of those grants was for the Communities in Schools of Clark County Inc. The other grant is for reading and literacy programs through the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation.

We received another important grant to help us build a permanent source of charitable funds in our community.

We will do this through a two-pronged approach: reaching out to more individuals and families and helping non-

profits build their own endowments. Also through this grant, we are able to provide grant-writing services to charitable organizations at competitive rates. That will help them bring more grant dollars into our communities and help more people.

Also in 2005, we saw the incredible progress of the Jeffersonville Carnegie Library Foundation. This summer, the library will open to the public with an amazing collection of rare books and documents owned by the Remnant Trust, which is moving its collection to the building. We see this project as an educational opportunity, as well as the preservation of a significant historic building in Jeffersonville, and a project that has an economic impact on the community. We're looking forward to showing you the results of that group's hard work and are proud to be affiliated with them.

We're also looking forward to continuing our cooperative relationship with the new One Southern Indiana group, which will be a new entity coming to fruition this year. We are participating in an advisory role with the new organization to help address community needs and solve community problems.

As we see it, these are exactly the kinds of things we should be doing. We want to have a year just like 2005 every year. We want to help non-profits harness the power of grants.

Yet, we're at a crossroads as an organization. In the coming months, we will begin to think about what it will take to help us continue as an organization. We know we need to grow our unrestricted endowment, and that's something we'll be discussing. We feel that the Community

Foundation has done great things in its first 15 years, and at

20 years, and 25 years, we want the results we report to you to far surpass what we've talked about tonight.

We want you to leave here tonight thinking about how far we've come, and how, as an organization, we can go further. What do you need from us? What would you like to see us do? And, most importantly, what kind of charitable dreams do you have?

We want to hear from you. If you have ideas for charitable efforts and aren't sure where to turn, start with us. Let us help you pinpoint the needs in our communities.

As we see it, the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana's goal is to create great communities. We know we can't do this without you. In the coming months, call us or come and see us to talk about how we can work together to solve problems still lingering in our communities.

In 20 years, let's celebrate how this night was the launching pad for another five years of success. In 25 years, let us have a meal together and discuss how much things have changed around us, for the better.

In 30 years, let us not even remember what Southern Indiana was like before the Community Foundation came along.

And in 50 years, let our children think about how proud they are of our generation for creating this path for their success.

I want to leave you tonight with a favorite quote of mine that hangs on my office wall by Margaret Mead. I think it sums up perfectly our history and our future as an organization. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Thank you all for coming. We appreciate each and every one of you. Good night.