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Hendricks County Community Foundation Announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipients

The Hendricks County Community Foundation awarded the 2010 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship to two Hendricks County students at their Annual Dinner last night.

Ashlee Hammer of Brownsburg and Kailey Meadows of Plainfield will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. They were awarded this prestigious scholarship based on significant community service, outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills.

Ashlee is the daughter of David and Sharon Hammer. She attends Brownsburg High School and is active in Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a member of the Marching and Pep Bands and Swim Indy/Brownsburg Swim Club. She has participated in community service projects such as the Brownsburg Relay for Life and tutoring. Ashlee plans to attend Butler University and major in early childhood education.

Kailey is the daughter of Matthew and Shannon Meadows. She attends Plainfield High School and is active in the PRIDE, German and Art Clubs. Kailey has received the Gold Award for Girl Scouts and has helped with the Plainfield Santa Shop and at St. Mark's Food Pantry. Kailey will be attending Butler University and will major in pharmaceutical sciences.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation received 86 scholarship applications from Hendricks County students. After the applications were reviewed, seven students were chosen to be interviewed. From this group, two nominees and an alternate were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipients.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There will be 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation has been working to improve the quality of life in our community since 1996. It manages a \$7 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2009, the Community Foundation awarded over \$350,000 in grants to local organizations and scholarships to students.

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Pictures (from left): Ashlee Hammer of Brownsburg, Janie Hardin of Hendricks County Community Foundation and Kailey Meadows of Plainfield.

