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Closing Retreat

REMINDER—
Leadership Johnson County will close to office from May 31—July 31.
We hope all our LJC Alumni have a safe and fun summer. We look forward to hearing from you in August!

Thank you to our Closing Retreat & Graduation Underwriters—Johnson County REMC and Johnson Memorial Health

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Cultivating and developing informed and involved citizens working to make our community better.

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LJC Alumni in the News

- Congratulations to Endress+Hauser who was recently named the Salute Large Business winner at the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce annual awards luncheon. Pictured below are LJC alumni Brandyn Ferguson ('11) and Amanda Parkhurst ('10).

- Congratulations to Maribeth Alspach ('05) who was recently awarded the Sagamore of the Wasbash by State Representative Woody Burton and Governor Mike Pence. The award is one of the most esteemed honors the Governor of Indiana can bestow and is presented to those who have rendered a distinguished service to the state. “Maribeth has spent her life serving the people of New Whiteland,” said Rep. Burton. “I am privileged to have the opportunity to honor her dedication to the community.” Congratulations Maribeth!!

- Congratulations to Mike Combs ('07) for his recent appointment to Vice President for the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

- LJC Graduates Dan ('12) and Tauria Catlin ('13) have organized a weekly Thursday night bike ride leaving from Middle Davids Candels. Report at 5:50 p.m., roll at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome!
The very first large-scale disaster that I ever saw in person was the Oklahoma City Bombing in April of 1995. It is difficult to believe that more than 17 years have passed since I started working with the Red Cross. In those ensuing years I have responded to some of the most memorable disasters and terrible tragedies that our country has seen.

I am passionate about the time I devote to the Red Cross and, by extension, to the American people. It may be selfish, but there is nothing more satisfying than being able to help someone in their time of need. Every time I am called in the middle of the night and asked to travel within hours to a town or city that has been touched by tragedy, I know that I go as a representative of my friends, family and co-workers. I bring their compassion and love to people who have suffered overwhelming losses.

Needless to say, seeing the devastation in Moore, Oklahoma this week, brought back many memories. It has been hard to see the town I stayed in so many years ago when I responded to the OKC Bombing, a Greenwood-like suburb, mangled by Mother Nature.

Because I have spent so many years as a Red Cross volunteer, many people turn to me to find out how to help, in this case the residents of Moore. Here are a few things that I have learned over dozens of disasters:

1. First and foremost, make sure that you and your family are prepared in case something like this happens in our neck of the woods. Load the free Red Cross Tornado App on your smart phone now. Really, do it right now, it is available for both Android and iPhone. Make sure that every single family member has it on their smart phone. It will alert you when severe weather or a tornado is imminent and it may save your life.

2. Pack a disaster kit for you and your loved ones, especially elderly family members. Ideas for what to pack can be found at http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit

3. If you are going to make a donation, cash is hands down the best way to help. I have sadly witnessed tons (not hyperbole) of clothing, food and other items being destroyed because they were sent to areas where there was no way to sort, clean, store or distribute the items that were sent. It actually creates a secondary disaster as towns that are already overwhelmed try to deal with the situation, sometimes to the detriment of their citizens. It is also a huge waste—items that could have done so much good in Johnson County, for example, end up being lost forever.

4. If you make a cash donation, stick with well-known charities that have a good rating with www.CharityNavigator.com. It is really common for new charities to spring up after a disaster event, but they simply won't have the track record or financial checks and balances in place to be able to use your cash donation in the very most efficient manner. As an example, the Red Cross uses 92 cents of every dollar donated for services, that is a very high bar and few charities, especially new ones, can meet that standard.

I would be remiss if I ended this article without telling you how you can support the work that I and my fellow Red Cross volunteers do. If you would like to make a donation to the Red Cross you can do so quickly by texting REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation or by going online to RedCross.org to make a donation of any size.

Thank you for your support and compassion. Whether you make a donation, send warm thoughts or simply make sure your family is prepared, you make a difference in our community.
Congratulations to each of the five LJC project groups for their outstanding work this year. The projects reached out to different facets of our community and worked together to improve Johnson County. For more information, feel free to stop by the LJC office to review the year end binders!

**Tree of Life—Tree Dedication Program:** Collaborated with the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department to implement a comprehensive program allowing citizens, corporations and organizations to dedicate trees for the betterment of our community’s public grounds. *Pictured below.*

**Favorite Food Fair:**
Hosted a one-day event allowing non-profit organizations to sell food items and promote their services. This event enabled each participant to reach a wider audience for financial support and service opportunities. *Pictured below.*

**Play It Forward:** The goal of this project was to give students tools they can use to make positive decisions when faced with difficult situations along with places to turn to for positive support. Team members performed skits at Indian Creek Middle School showing students different outcomes depending on the decisions they made. *Pictured above.*

**Restoring Guideposts to our Past:** The mission of RGP was to restore several of Johnson County’s historical markers and increase visibility within the community. The group refurbished seven markers in the greatest need throughout the county. *Pictured above.*

**Speak Up!** Group raised awareness of the current concerns, challenges, and goals of the youth of Johnson County by working with school districts to survey students and share results with schools and youth programs so they may better meet these needs and expectations of the students. *No photo available.*
LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY ALUMNI GIVING
 HELPS US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!

As a non-profit organization, fundraising is what enables LJC to keep offering quality programming at an affordable cost for leaders within our community. Alumni giving is helpful in terms of dollars, but additionally the percentage of alumni giving helps the organization in applying for grants and sponsorships. We are so thankful that our alumni are engaged and dedicated to helping us further our mission. Below is a breakdown of the giving percentages per class. **THANK YOU** for an outstanding response! We raised the total percentage of alumni giving to 31%!!

Congratulations to the **Class of 2012—The “Best” Class.** They led the rest of the classes with a giving percentage of 53% and therefore get to claim the status of Best Class for one year. Great work and enjoy your Mallow Run party. Who will win next year...

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Leadership Johnson County recently celebrated the graduation of our 35 member class of 2013 at an annual awards dinner and celebration. During the evening LJC also presented two community leadership awards to a person or partner who goes above and beyond to help the organization, and to an individual who displays servant leadership through their work or volunteering. Please help me in congratulating our very deserving recipients of the 2013 Community Partner Award and the Diane Black Servant Leader Award.

Leadership Johnson County announced **John and Mary Price** as our 2013 Community Partner Award Winners. Mr. and Mrs. Price have served as monetary donors for numerous LJC events, including the annual Wine Tasting and the Give Back Gals Golf Outing. Additionally, the couple has opened doors by serving on the development committee and helping to tell the LJC story since 2002. Mr. Price helped with the East West Corridor Community Project in 2002 and he is a regular speaker at the LJC Government Day. For these reasons and many more, the LJC Board of Directors would like to congratulate and thank John and Mary Price for their unwavering support of LJC.

Leadership Johnson County awarded the 2013 Diane Black Servant Leader Award to Habitat for Humanity Executive Director, **Lee Ann Wilbur**. This award is given to an LJC graduate who exemplifies servant leadership and is currently involved in a community project/activity or program impacting the citizens of Johnson County. Ms. Wilbur exemplifies servant leadership through her direction of the Johnson County Habitat for Humanity, an organization that works to raise funds and build homes for families who otherwise could not afford them. Ms. Wilbur has been involved with numerous other community and civic organizations and committees. She is a current member of the Leadership Johnson County Board of Trustees and also sits on the Board of Directors for Johnson County REMC as the Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Wilbur has dedicated her career to helping others and LJC is pleased to recognize her for her dedication to our community through this award.
Franklin Farmers’ Market—Downtown Franklin
When: Saturday, May 11th, 2013—Saturday, October 5th, 2013
Corner of W. Jefferson Street & S. Jackson Street from 8—11 a.m.
What: Join Discover Downtown Franklin as they host a variety of vendors
featuring fruits, vegetables, flowers, art, honey, eggs, meats, jellies
& jams, lawn decoration, jewelry, hot pepper sauces and more!
Cost: Free—For more information contact Megan Hart at 346-1258 or
email DiscoverFranklin@yahoo.com

Strawberries on the Square—Johnson County Courthouse
When: Friday, May 24th, 2013 from 11 a.m. until sold out!
Courthouse Square
What: Join Discover Downtown Franklin as they host the 9th annual
Strawberries on the Square. Activities happening throughout the
day and night!
Cost: Volunteers will serve cake, ice cream, fresh strawberries, whipped
cream and a bottle of water for $5.00.

Wine & Canvas—66 Water Street Arts Café
When: Friday, May 31, 2013. Two times available—2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
What: Create your own masterpiece with instruction from Kira Brant of
The Art of Kira Studios while you enjoy a glass of wine courtesy of
Mallow Run Winery.
Cost: 35$ per person. Registration deadline is May 28th. To register or
for more information, please call April Wyatt at 317-738-8749 or
awyatt@franklincollege.edu

Women’s Summer Breast Health Event—St. Thomas Clinic
When: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
What: Breast Cancer Screenings
Cost: Clinical breast exams are free to women with or without insurance.
Mammograms can be scheduled the evening of the event. Call
317-535-6057 for appointment, walk-ins welcome.

Smoke on the Square—Downtown Franklin
When: Friday, June 28th & Saturday, June 29th from 11 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
What: Join Discover Downtown Franklin as they host the 3rd annual
Smoke on the Square BBQ competition. Events throughout the day
and night including live music, kids activities, BBQ and food
vendors on the courthouse square.
Cost: Free admission, items for sale vary in cost.

PAY IT FORWARD JOHNSON COUNTY—The Legends Golf Club
When: September 12, 2013. Registration at 11:00 a.m., Shotgun start at
12:30 p.m., Dinner/Awards Celebration at 5:30 p.m.
What: PAY IT FORWARD JOHNSON COUNTY is an annual golf fundraising
event made possible by the generosity of The Legends Golf Club.
Proceeds from the event are divided equally among Johnson County
not-for-profits. Benefiting charity organizations are chosen
from applicants in a drawing in July.
Cost: 18 Hole Foursome: $460 (includes dinner for 4)
18 Hole Individual: $115 (includes dinner for 4)
Sign-Up or Register to be a Sponsor at payitforwardjc.com

Thank you to our outgoing Board Members

LJC cannot express in words the gratitude we have for our
outstanding Board of Directors. Please help us in thanking the
following dedicated LJC Alumni who gave us their time and
talent and service. They will be greatly missed!

Jennifer Bryant
Jennifer Bryant is a 2003 LJC graduate. She started by serving on the former Alumni
Association Board and then moved to the LJC Board of Trustees — where she has served for
six years. She has held various positions including: Development Chair, Wine Tasting
Event Chair, Vice President, President, and she currently serves as the Past President.

Brandi Foster
Brandi Foster is a graduate of the LJC Class of 2006. She has served the LJC Board for six
years. During her time with the Board, Brandi has been instrumental in improving the
quality of the LJC Annual Report. Brandi has served on the Executive Committee and has
chaired the Marketing/Communications Committee for multiple years.

Barry Richmond
Barry Richmond has served the LJC Board for six years and is a graduate of the LJC Class of
2007. He has served as Nominations and Selections Chair, Development Co-Chair, and
has been key in growing the LJC Wine Event to its current capacity. Barry was a recipient of the Diane Black Servant Leader Award in 2011.

Loren Snyder
Loren Snyder has been a LJC Board Member for three years. He graduated from the Class of 2010. He has served on the Executive
Committee and as Chair of the Alumni Relations Committee. Loren helped develop the “Class Liaison” program that is being rolled out now and was an important part of the Alumni Engagement Task Force for the
LJC Strategic Planning process.