Whether or not you’re a natural born organizer, here is a simple list of the documents every person should gather together to make sure all estate information is at hand when they pass away. By planning ahead you will help to avoid the chaos that can happen when a family is going through the loss of a loved one. The National Standards for Community Foundations, a highly intensive process of documenting policies and procedures for donor services, investment management, grant making and administration, demonstrate The Community Foundation’s commitment to transparency, sound fiscal management and responsibility, “says September McConnell, WCCF executive director. "The National Standards seal signifies we are delivering on our promise to be a trusted steward of long-term assets for the region. When partnering with us to support their philanthropy, donors can be assured we are a smart, solid investment.

One of the goals of the Whitley County Community Foundation is to help a wide variety of donors fulfill their philanthropic interests. Recently the Foundation added the option of donating via PayPal or E-check to increase the level of convenience for future donors. By visiting our website and following the given links donors are provided an easy one-stop shop for their charitable giving needs. By clicking on the E-check link the donor is taken to the PayPal or E-check site to increase the level of convenience for future donors. For people who would prefer to make donations using a credit card, the Foundation offers PayPal or E-check to increase the level of convenience for future donors. For questions or assistance please call Vanessa Bills, Business Director at 260-244-5224 ext. 102. Both options are available through our website, www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org. For people who would prefer to make donations using a credit card, the Foundation offers PayPal or E-check for future donations. By visiting our website and following the given links donors are provided an easy one-stop shop for their charitable giving needs. By clicking on the E-check link the donor is taken to the Online Payment Portal where they will have the option to sign in to make a payment, view payment history or manage payment accounts. If the donor wishes to make an account they have the option to "make a quick payment" without signing in by clicking on the quick donation button. For those who would prefer to make donations using a credit card, the Foundation offers PayPal to provide an online giving site and easy for our donors. Upon receiving notice of a contribution from PayPal, The Foundation will acknowledge the tax deductible contribution with a letter to the donor.

From Sarah Chandrasekar 7/2/2011 Fort Wayne News-Sentinel
Continuing a seventeen year tradition, the Whitley County Community Foundation will host the annual Heart of Gold Awards in celebration of the outstanding efforts of the people in our community who give of themselves to make our little community a little better for others.

Whitley County is a great place to live and work due in large part to the many thoughtful people who call it home. Your neighbors, friends and coworkers may or may not be among those who deserve to be recognized. Any person living in Whitley County, regardless of age, who enhances another’s life is eligible to be nominated.

All nominees will receive a heart-shaped medal inscribed with their name. Three overall winners will each have the opportunity to direct a $1,000 grant to the Whitley County charity or service organization of their/her choice, which works to enhance our community.

When considering overall winners, the Heart of Gold Committee will take into account whether the nominee identified a need and filled it; recognized an opportunity and acted upon it; Share his/her time and energy for the sake of others; rendered a service which changed a life; worked to create positive change; inspired others to volunteer; or performed an exceptional act of kindness.

For more information, you can contact your local banks, the Goshen Chamber of Commerce, or Dearborn Savings Bank. For more information about the Heart of Gold Awards, please contact Laurie Steill, President, at lsteill@whitleycountycf.org.