

# 2011 Blue Ribbon Campaign

## Help Your OCCF Help Our Communities

Your Owen County Community Foundation is a completely local charity that is committed to helping our communities become better places to live, grow, and work. The staff and volunteer board of directors work hard to raise charitable donations to add to our 93 permanent funds that provide grants and scholarships right here in Owen County.

### So, why give to OCCF and the Blue Ribbon Campaign?

Because we have a community foundation here in our county, our communities have benefitted from over \$8 million in grants – just because community leaders decided to start our OCCF in 1994. OCCF is the best place to help the most people. Because we touch the community in so many ways, we know where the needs are greatest. Every dollar you can spare means that we are one step closer to creating a better life – for *all* of us. It takes all of us pulling together our resources, time, and talents to improve our communities.

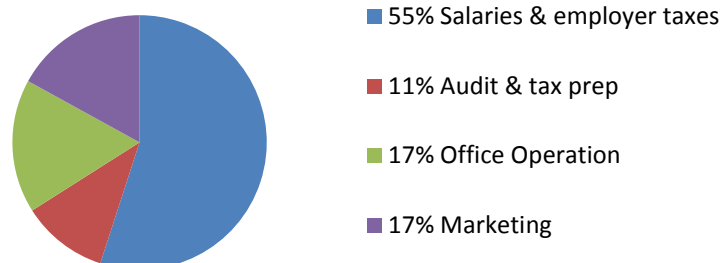
Your OCCF works hard to ensure we find the projects that will most efficiently provide proven solutions to local challenges and that will allow objective measurements of success. We want our donors to know that their charitable gifts are making the maximum impact in Owen County.

I know that you probably receive appeals on a regular basis from charitable organizations asking for donations. I'm sure you wish you had the capacity to give to all worthy causes. It's no secret that when times are tough, opening your wallet every time you're asked just isn't an option for everyone. And in the struggle to make the decision between so many wonderful causes, the check often goes unwritten.

Because of your past involvement with OCCF, you know that we are in a unique position when it comes to Owen County. Rather than having a single cause or focus, we partner with a wide variety of nonprofits. While their services vary, one thing is certain: they are all focused on making a positive difference for Owen County residents in need.

We operate just like any business – we have bills to pay. Our annual budget of \$173,000 covers:

### Expenses



Our one percent (1%) annual fee provides revenue of around \$40,000, so we need help from our friends and neighbors to raise the difference.

Won't you join me and be part of the **Blue Ribbon Campaign?**

*Your Community Thanks You!*