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PUBLIC LIFE FOUNDATION OF OWENSBORO







Introduction

In 2012, our 16th year, the Public Life Foundation of Owensboro (PLFO) continued to inform, engage and involve citizens in public issues that face our community, region, state and nation.

From downtown redevelopment to land use, public health to fiscal responsibility, PLFO helped citizens conceptualize, organize, finance and sustain a wide range of worthy initiatives.

2013 will be an exciting year of transition as we expand grantmaking to support youth and education causes.

A summary of our 2012 activities:



Information

Issue Briefs/Discussion Guides:

- "A Nation in Debt: How Can We Pay the Bills?" (National Issues Forum)
- "What to do with the state office building property?"
- "Proposed strip mine in Daviess County"
- "Weight of the Nation" (HBO)

Articles:

- Zeroing in on Owensboro's next big thing
- When should the people have a say?
- Logsdon Center will serve nonprofits, foster grass roots action
- PRIDE symposium points to importance of gateways, first impressions
- Showcase connects citizens to economic development efforts
- Community health plan involved hundreds
- Strip mining opponents mobilize
- The collective wisdom of the people
- Owensboro Area World Affairs Council connects Owensboro to the world









- Do we need stricter voter identification laws?
- Public deliberation and our community "wish list"
- Recent air quality rankings, health implications
- Family Court advocates still pushing
- Pursue civic engagement to generate public knowledge, not public input
- Citizens examine the obesity epidemic
- City faces important decisions on power generation
- Excerpts from Al Cross presentation on politics and the media
- Dental Clinic meets pressing needs
- AmericaSPEAKS founder heads new institute

Videotape Interviews:

Local advocates/activists share their experience, offer tips

Film:

"carbon nation," Peter Byck

Lecture:

 Al Cross, University of Kentucky Institute of Rural Journalism and Community Issues, Courier-Journal columnist – partnered with the Owensboro Women's Network

Blog:

 AmericaSPEAKS Blog, post on the outcomes from Owensboro's "We the People" Town Meetings

Deliberation

Public Dialogue:

- "A Nation in Debt: How Can We Pay the Bills?" (National Issues Forum)
- "What to do about the state office building property?"
- "Enhancing our new community entrance" a PRIDE symposium
- "Weight of the Nation" examining the obesity epidemic through 36 public viewings and discussions (HBO discussion guide)

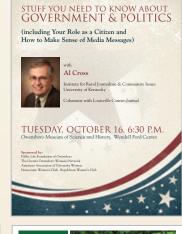


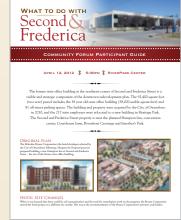














Action

Project/Program/Organizational Support:

- "We the People" Leadership Council
- Business and Industry Showcase Series (Region Of Opportunity Team)
- Interagency Task Force
- Citizens for Good Government
- Community scholarship initiative
- Community Dental Clinic
- Ron Logsdon Community Center (nonprofit resource center)
- Goodfellows Club

Networking and Collaboration:

- Lawrence and Augusta Hager Educational Foundation
- Kentucky Youth Advocates (Blueprint Committee, Benefits Access Initiative and Race Matters)
- Friedell Committee on Health System Transformation
- Kentucky Voices for Health
- Owensboro Medical Health System
- Green River District Health
- Kentucky Grantmakers
- Kentucky Philanthropy Initiative
- Healthy Horizons
- Owensboro Neighborhood Alliances

Financial support:

- AmericaSPEAKS
- Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club
- Community Campus
- Foundation for DCPS
- Girls Inc.
- H L Neblett Community Center
- Kentucky Campus Compact (voter registration/turnout)
- Kentucky Philanthropy Initiative
- Kiwanis Club (Logsdon memorial)
- **NAACP**
- Owensboro Human Relations Commission
- Owensboro Area World Affairs Council
- Regional Alliance for Education
- Ron Logsdon Community Center (nonprofit resource center)

Administration

Foundation Assets

As of December 31, 2012 foundation assets totaled \$7.5 million

Structure and Classification

The foundation is a private, family foundation, established by John and Marjorie Hager. The Foundation is an operating foundation as opposed to a grantmaking foundation. However, in 2013, the Foundation plans to expand its grantmaking activities.

Operating Budget

In 2012, the Foundation devoted \$366,820 to its programs, projects, operating overhead and staff.

Staff

Rodney Berry • President

Kathy Strobel • Office Manager and Board Secretary

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