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GRAY FARMS PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Evansville, Indiana) The Community Foundation Alliance has announced the two recipients of this year's Gray Farms Presidents Scholarship. Beth Graber of Montgomery, Indiana, and Sophie Kloppenburg of Mt. Vernon, Indiana were both awarded \$1,000 scholarships. This annual scholarship is made possible through a fund established by Gray Family heirs and friends to honor the past presidents of the Gray Family business interests. This is the first year for the scholarship with awards totaling \$2,000.

Beth Graber of Montgomery, Indiana will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the University of Southern Indiana in the fall of 2023, where she plans to study accounting. "Growing up, I have always been the girl who loves numbers and one of the few students who enjoyed spending time in math classes. While I used to think these skills were not useful, I now see that I can use my abilities to help people, even though it is with taxes and not with their physical needs. Overall, this job filled with numbers and math will keep my heart full for the years to come." says Graber.

Sophie Kloppenburg of Mt. Vernon, IN will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Columbia University in the fall of 2023, where she plans to study sustainable development and chemistry. "By studying sustainable development with a minor in chemistry, I hope to research and work on expanding the use and accessibility of sustainable aviation fuel. This niche field will help push the transportation side of the aviation industry to carbon neutrality. The sustainable development major beautifully combines the science and sociopolitical aspects that make adjusting systems so complex. A minor in chemistry ensures I can understand and innovate the science behind these processes." says Kloppenburg.

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About the Community Foundation Alliance

The Community Foundation Alliance is comprised of affiliate Community Foundations serving nine counties throughout southwestern Indiana in Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. Through the establishment of endowed funds created by caring donors to benefit community causes, Alliance affiliates work to improve the quality of life in their counties by distributing a portion of funds' earnings to local nonprofit organizations, in the form of annual grants and scholarships.

The Alliance holds more than 1,200 named funds established by individuals, families, businesses, civic groups, and agencies to improve the quality of life in their local communities, with charitable assets of \$127.4 million. During the last fiscal year, grants and scholarships were awarded from all Alliance funds to benefit the programs, projects, and people in the nine affiliate counties totaling more than \$6.1 million.

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