

# Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship

The Noble County Community Foundation and several community members have created a new scholarship. **The Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship** will be awarded to a Central Noble High School student that meets the following criteria: the student must achieve Honors Theatre status in Central Noble Theatre Company by the end of the first semester of his/her senior year, the student must also write an essay that discusses how theatre has helped him/her through high school and how it will help him/her in the future. A \$500 scholarship will be given each year. This scholarship can be divided into two \$250 scholarships if two applicants are equally qualified.

The scholarship committee is asking community members to remember the amazing teacher, friend and mentor that Cathy was by donating to this scholarship. Cathy taught for 30 years at Central Noble High School. The committee finds that a minimum donation of \$30 (\$1 for every year of teaching) is a fitting tribute.

This scholarship is a tribute to the two things, education and theatre, which

Cathy loved. Every year Cathy was busy in the spring writing letters of recommendation for students trying to get into college. She wanted to help students get into the college of their choice and get money to help pay for it all. Cathy also made it her passion to introduce as many students as possible to professional theatre. Every year students from all three county schools have the ability to travel to Stratford, Ontario, to the Shakespeare festival. Cathy wanted students to be able to have the experience and did everything she could to make it affordable. **Her commitment to the theatre** was evident in the way in which she ran the theatre program at Central Noble. This program was and still is a teaching program. Students are the designers, the crew and the actors. The Central Noble Theatre Company continues with the goal of preparing students for all aspects of theatre. This goal not only helps our students that will continue in theatre at the college level, but it also allows for the program to contain a diverse population of people.



Cathy not only was generous with her words of recommendation but also her money. She donated to scholarships, junior magazine sales and many other fundraising campaigns by the students. While Cathy loved the arts, she did not forget about the athletic world. She could be seen taking tickets at events or working in the concession stand.

Cathy was a 1974 graduate of Goshen College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and a 1986 graduate of the Indiana University Fort Wayne Campus, where she earned a master's degree in Education. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association. Cathy was nominated and received many awards during her teaching career for outstanding service. She received recognition in **Who's Who of American Teachers** in the United States in the top seven percent of the nation and was a repeat winner of the **Teach to Reach** award given by the Dekko Foundation.

Cathy was a member of the College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the **Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship**, please complete the form and mail it to the Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. **Please make your check payable to the Noble County Community Foundation.**

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution to the **Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship.**

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*Jane Bitting, teacher,  
Central Noble High School*



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