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Alcoa Foundation grant sponsors clean-up at Vanity Theater

The Vanity Theater is the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation to provide a clean-up weekend.

The theatre is located at 122 Washington St. in downtown Crawfordsville. The theater is the home to the Sugar Creek Players — Crawfordsville Community Theatre.

The clean-up activity is scheduled for 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Oct. 11, and from noon-6 p.m. on Oct. 12. The clean-up will be open to Alcoans, their families and the public. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Tasks and chores include (but are not limited to): sweeping, painting, vacuuming, washing, carpentry, light electrical work, cleaning and rearranging.

The foundation sponsors a grant program referred to as ACTION (Alcoans Coming Together in Our Neighborhoods). The program is designed as a way for Alcoa and its employees to extend their commitment to the community through sweat equity and a monetary contribution.

Alcoa makes the grant in recognition of a group of at least 10 active full-time employees volunteering for at least four hours at a qualified non-profit organization. Every Alcoa location around the world is eligible to request three ACTION grants per year.

ACTION grants are intended to recognize Alcoa employees for coming together and investing their collective time in a day of service that is focused and

conceived by the Alcoans.

It provides employees an opportunity to share their energy, knowledge, kindness and resources in support of key non-profit organizations working in the Areas of Excellence in Alcoa communities.

Alcoan, Frank Cicela, is coordinator of this ACTION event at the Vanity Theater. Frank and his wife, Teresa, regularly attend Sugar Creek Players theater productions with their daughters.

Recently, Elea made her debut performance on the Vanity Stage as a Munchkin in the June production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

As a consequence Frank got involved with set construction for *Oz* and has subsequently helped with *Oliver* and *Little Women* and recently been

elected to the board of directors as secretary.

Cicela said, "As a family and patrons we have enjoyed the arts... and supported them financially. Getting involved first hand as a volunteer has been extremely rewarding! A small community the size of Crawfordsville is really blessed to have such a vibrant community theater."

"Theater is really a playground for the soul — stimulating the senses. The theater program provides an amazing learning environment for kids — teaching: listening, collaboration and cooperation with the end result being productions of the highest caliber!"

Dress up in your work clothes and go to the theater this weekend.