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of Jackson County

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2022 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

To promote philanthropy in Jackson County

The Foundation is a community-focused organization dedicated to:

- Building visionary partnerships with donors and local service organizations.
- Trustworthy stewardship of gifts.
- Providing funds to enhance the quality of life across Jackson County.
- Being a catalyst for positive change in the community.

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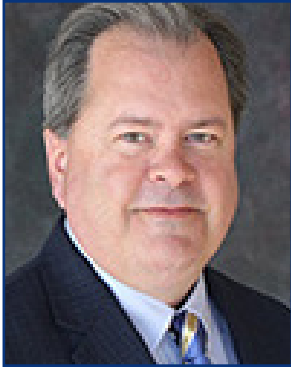
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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSON COUNTY

A MESSAGE TO
OUR COMMUNITY



Bruce Wynn, Board Chair



Danel L. Davis, President & CEO

Year brings gifts, delivers impact

Donors give \$932,000 to Foundation in 2022

Six hundred individual donors stepped up during a time of down markets and an inflationary economy to provide more than \$900,000 in new gifts to benefit the work of the Community Foundation of Jackson County during 2022.

Gifts totaled \$932,676.71, up from \$849,113.94 in 2021. The Foundation awarded nearly \$900,000 in grants and scholarships, meaning we have awarded more than \$11 million into the community since our inception in 1992.

Those gifts and the work of the Foundation helped provide leadership and impact throughout Jackson County during 2022.

The Foundation's support helped lead to the opening of the Jackson County K-9 Control Center at Brownstown during the fall. *See the story on page 8.*

The Foundation's efforts helped support Child Care Network to gain final approval for its 100-seat child-care center in downtown Seymour on December 20. The center conducted a ribbon cutting on January 11, 2023, and opened for business five days later. The Foundation's support also helped Child Care Network receive a \$200,000 American Rescue Act Plan grant from the City of Seymour, which helped push final remodeling and purchase of furnishings across the finish line. Relationships and cooperative efforts are essential to our work and to a well-functioning community. *See the story on page 12.*

The Foundation's support of the South Central Indiana Talent Region helped bring READI grant projects for approval by the Indiana Economic Development Corp. and move toward construction and realization. Those projects include programming expansions at the Jackson County Learning Center and Seymour High School's Ag Center, a sewer utility for Uniontown, a project at Schneck Medical Center and overnight cabins at Chateau de Pique.

The Foundation's support of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Expansion project helped bring a week of events to Seymour, highlighting the history of Freeman Field and attracting thousands of visitors to the Freeman Army Air Field Museum. This work also generated gifts to support the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment, which will help fund and leverage other grants to support a continuing educational program revolving around the Tuskegee

Airmen experience in our community and the civil rights movement. *See the story on page 28.*

The Foundation paid out \$899,595.12 in grants during 2022. That included \$115,479.90 in scholarships and \$784,115.42 in other grants. Those other grants included \$275,805.10 through grants paid in the spring from agency funds and other designated endowments during 2022. These grants provide operating dollars that help agencies such as Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Child Care Network, the Humane Society of Jackson County, Community Provisions of Jackson County and others.

You, too, can help these agencies and others by making gifts to their funds, boosting the annual grant payout in perpetuity.

Eleven new funds were started in 2022, including one new community fund that will help finance the Fall Grant cycle. That's great news for the community, generating more Fall Grant dollars moving forward.

Speaking of that, for the first time, the Foundation awarded more than \$100,000 through the Fall Grant cycle in 2022, a result of striving to increase giving – and granting – through what we call community or unrestricted funds. A 5 percent grant rate – the third in three years – helped push grant dollars past that \$100,000 mark as well. Our grant rate is capped at 5 percent by regulation and our policy.

Trish Butt, chair of the Foundation's Grant Committee, said the increase in grant dollars through the Fall Grant process shows the efforts of the Foundation's focus in recent years on building endowments aimed at community funds. *See the story on page 16.*

Community funds, also known as unrestricted dollars, provide grant money for a myriad of needs across Jackson County. In 2022, the Foundation approved 16 grants totaling \$103,677 through the Fall Grant cycle. *See the story on page 19.*

Recipients of those grants include organizations such as Anchor House, the Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, Driftwood Township Volunteer Fire Department, Girls Inc. of Jackson County, the Jackson County History Center, Turning Point and others.

Foundation Treasurer Mike Fleetwood says he is convinced that the increase in giving to the Foundation in recent years is a reflection of the community responding to the good work being funded through the Foundation. We think that was seen in the giving to the Foundation over the past three years, and certainly in 2022. In a year that brought uncertainty because of the stock markets and inflation, our donors responded, making more than \$900,000 in new gifts to the Foundation. We appreciate our donors and those agencies and organizations that benefit from those gifts. Yes, despite the downturn in markets, 2022 was another successful, blessed year for the Foundation and those benefiting from the generosity of our donors and as a result of leadership provided by the Foundation.

Again, we thank you.

Sincerely,



Bruce Wynn
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President & CEO

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Jackson County
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Meat packers from around Indiana gather at a state meeting in September 2022 in the Conference Center at the Foundation. The room finds itself in regular use, allowing local, regional and state nonprofits and governmental units to convene meetings. For information about making use of the space, call the Foundation office at 812-523-4483. Nonprofits may use the room at no charge. Otherwise, the Foundation requests a donation. You can learn more about the space online at www.cfjacksoncounty.org.

Types of Funds

Community Funds

Funds from an unrestricted endowment are spent at the discretion of the Foundation, but are typically used to fund the Fall Grant cycle.

Scholarships

Financial aid provided to high school graduates.

Field of Interest Endowments

Field of interest funds support specific areas of interest, for example youth, homelessness, performing arts, or a specific geographical area.

Designated Endowments

Designated funds support a specific organization or activity.

Agency Funds

Agency funds provide yearly support for a specific nonprofit agency.

Donor-Advised Funds

Donor-Advised funds are established by donors who wish to actively participate in the grant-making process. Individuals who establish a donor-advised fund recommend charitable projects or organizations they want to support.

Non-Endowed Funds

Non-endowed funds are any of the above funds that have not met the funding criteria for an endowment, or the donor needs to keep the funds more flexible.

About the Foundation:

- The Community Foundation of Jackson County was established in 1992 and made its first grants in 1994.
- Since then, the Foundation has approved grants and scholarships totaling more than \$11 million.
- Our assets now total more than \$18 million.
- The Foundation administered 268 funds as of Dec. 31, 2022.
- For information about how you can make a donation to any of the funds administered by the Foundation or how you might start a new fund, call Dan Davis, President & CEO, at 812-523-4483, or send an email to president@cfjacksoncounty.org

Dog shelter opens Grassroots effort makes canine shelter a reality

Years of collecting pennies and soliciting much larger gifts, a grassroots effort to construct a countywide canine shelter in Brownstown culminated with the opening of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department K9 Control Center in September 2022.

Much of the money used to finance the building's construction came in the form of gifts small and large and all amounts in between. The fund, started in April 2015, collected \$302,744.22 in gifts and grants from its inception through the end of 2022.

The fund remains active at the Foundation, and supporters can continue to make tax-deductible gifts to help with ongoing operating costs of the shelter.

In addition to \$286,611.76 in direct gifts, the fund also received a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation used as match dollars (yielding \$10,000 in new gifts), \$7,750 in grants from three funds administered by the Foundation (the Janet L. & Gary F. Myers Charitable Fund, the Dennis & Nancy Sterling Fund and the Schneider Nursery, Inc. Unrestricted Community Fund) and \$12,000 in grants from the Owen-Carr Township Community Fund that is also administered by the Foundation.

"We continue to be amazed at how this grassroots campaign was able to raise this much money," Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said. "We hope many of these donors will continue to support the county and the shelter in the future now that it is open."

Grant Committee Chair Trish Butt added the Foundation has been "pleased to be involved with this project and to lend our credibility and our history of fiduciary responsibility to its success."

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department K-9 Control Center took in 58 dogs from the time of opening September 7 through the end of the year, Andy Wayman said. The center saw 13 of those dogs placed in foster care and 28 returned to their owners. Eighteen dogs were adopted.

Inmates at the jail are helping care for the dogs on weekends and as needed, Wayman said.

Using inmates to handle the dogs is expected to net at least three positive outcomes – keeping down operating



How To Help

Tax-deductible gifts to the Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund can be made to the Community Foundation.

Checks may be sent to the Foundation at Post Office Box 1231, Seymour, IN 47274, or dropped off at our office, 107 Community Drive, Seymour. Gifts may also be made through our website at cfjacksoncounty.org – click on the DONATE NOW button.

For information about how you can make a donation to the Canine Shelter Fund or any of the other funds administered by the Foundation, call 812-523-4483 or send an email to Dan Davis at president@cfjacksoncounty.org.

costs, building job skills and interpersonal skills for those inmates assigned to the shelter and finding new homes for the dogs, Sheriff Rick Meyer said.

Meyer and Wayman encourage people to follow the center on Facebook to check for missing dogs. They also ask that supporters of the program continue to support it financially, by making gifts to the Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund.



PRESIDENT'S GRANTS

The President's Grants are available at any time during the year for needs that may arise outside of the annual granting cycle. These grants are awarded at the discretion of the President of The Community Foundation of Jackson County.

In 2022 a President's Grant was made available to the Jackson County Learning Center to provide copies of "The Power of Your Attitude" and "The Power of Positive Thinking" to students in High School Equivalency classes at the Learning Center.

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

Owen-Carr Township Community Fund

Carr Township Volunteer Fire Dept. - \$11,975

Clearspring Baptist Church - \$2,000

Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$1,600

HOPE Medora Goes Pink - \$2,498

Leadership Jackson County - \$1,200

Medora Brick Plant & Historical Sites - \$5,175

Medora Community Schools - \$5,000

Medora Police Department - \$1,000

Norman Station Conservation Club - \$5,000

Owen Township Volunteer Fire Dept. - \$3,565

Weddleville Cemetery Association - \$8,000

Jackson County Youth Foundation

Anchor House - \$1,000

Community Diner - \$1,000

Leadership Jackson County - \$500



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Bollinger Family Endowment

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$900
Community Provisions, Inc. - \$1,000
First Presbyterian Church - \$4,669
Jackson County United Way - \$3,900

Crothersville Community Schools Fund

Crothersville Community Scholarship Fund - \$1,700

W. Andrew Denny and Carol Denny Fund

Community Foundation of Jackson County - \$724

Jackson County Sertoma Club Endowment

Jackson County Sertoma Scholarship Fund - \$2,445

Francis “Pat” & Dorothy M. Myers Fund

Jackson County Sertoma Club - \$500
Distinguished Young Women of Jackson County - \$250

Janet L. and Gary F. Myers Charitable Fund

Community Foundation of Jackson County - \$100
Doctors Without Borders - \$500
Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$250
Hillsdale College - \$500
Jackson County Sertoma Club - \$250
Judicial Watch - \$1,000
Larry McDonald Band Fund - \$200
Peace Lutheran Church - \$12,000
Schneck Foundation - \$250
Seymour Museum Center - \$250
World Vision - \$200

Rust Companies Foundation

Pastoral Leadership Institute - \$10,000

Jim Schneider Memorial Fund

Anchor House - \$1,250
Clarity of Central Indiana - \$500
Community Provisions, Inc. - \$1,250
Cross Life Ministries - \$2,500
Jackson County Clothing Center - \$1,250
Trinity Lutheran High School - \$4,000
Zion Lutheran School - \$1,250

Orville and Mary Schnitker Memorial Endowment

Servants at Work, Inc. - \$1,500
St. Paul Lutheran Church - \$1,000

Seymour Noon Lions Club Donor Advised Fund

Child Care Network, Inc. - \$350
READ Jackson County - \$127

Dennis and Nancy Sterling Fund

Anchor House - \$500
BNL Music Booster Club - \$450
Clarity of Central Indiana - \$1,800
Immanuel Lutheran Church - \$12,000
Jackson County Sheriff’s Department - \$850
Matthew 25 Street Ministries - \$500
Mercy Rescue & Adoption, Inc. - \$350
Phi Beta Psi Sorority - \$1,000
Red Sky Rescue - \$350
Special Olympics Jackson County - \$350
Town of Brownstown - \$2,000
Warrior Bags - \$350
White River Humane Society - \$350
YWAM Tyler - \$2,500

Dave and Ann Windley Fund

Columbus Indiana Philharmonic - \$250
Community Fairbanks - \$250
Compassion & Choices - \$250
Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$1,000
Jackson County United Way - \$2,000
Seymour Museum Center - \$250
Southern Indiana Center for the Arts - \$500
Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment - \$1,000



Koo Yuen of the Koo and Patricia Yuen Foundation speaks at the October 2022 dedication of the Tuskegee Airmen statues at Freeman Field in Seymour. Yuen thanked donors such as the Dave and Ann Windley Fund, a donor-advised fund administered by the Community Foundation of Jackson County, for gifts that made the statues become a reality. Yuen also spoke of the airmen’s bravery and dignity while preparing to fight for freedom and their country during World War II.

DESIGNATED AND AGENCY GRANTS

Jessica Barkman/Girls Inc. Athletic Scholarship Fund

Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$1,924

Clarice Beineke Fund

Developmental Services, Inc. - \$2,471

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County Endowment Fund

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County - \$426

Ernest N. Birge Boy Scout Fund

Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America - \$3,363

Ellis E. Bland and Marjorie J. Wright House Bland Endowment

Brownstown Central High School \$7,268

Don and Emmylou Bollinger Endowed Scholarship Fund

DePauw University - \$6,574

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour Endowments

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour \$31,263

Branaman Family Endowment for Jackson County Community Theatre

Jackson County Community Theatre \$529

John Britton Seymour High School Baseball Fund

Seymour Community Schools - \$1,397

Brownstown Christian Church Endowment Fund

Brownstown Christian Church - \$4,454

Brownstown Presbyterian Church Fund

Brownstown Presbyterian Church \$2,311

Tracy Bullard Memorial Endowment

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$1,617

Marie Burgess Memorial 4-H Sewing Award Fund

Jackson County 4-H Council - \$598

Child Care Network, Inc. Endowment

Child Care Network, Inc. - \$499

Child Care Network Child-Care Center Endowment

Child Care Network Child-Care Center \$14,452

Katie Collman Playground Fund

Crothersville Community Schools \$387

Community Kids Net Endowment

Brownstown Elementary School - \$923
Brownstown Central Middle School \$923

Community Provisions of Jackson County, Inc. Endowment

Community Provisions of Jackson County, Inc. - \$299

The John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Endowment

The John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Operating Fund - \$2,273

Crothersville Jr/Sr High School Vocational/Technical Fund

Crothersville Community Schools \$335

Jody Deckard Workforce Development Endowment Fund

Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. - \$3,069

Mary Ellen Easterday Education Support Fund for St. Ambrose School

St. Ambrose School - \$1,528

Lee S. Ertel Memorial 4-H Endowment

Jackson County 4-H Club Committee \$894

Les Gilkey Music Fund

Seymour Community Schools - \$516

Girls Inc. Endowment

Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$315

Girls Inc. of Jackson County Fund

Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$8,588

Nick Greemann First Presbyterian Church Endowment

First Presbyterian Church - \$618

C. B. Hess 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund

Indiana 4-H Foundation - \$4,000

Edward H. Howard and Dorothy E. Howard Boys & Girls Club of Seymour Fund

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$5,276

Humane Society of Jackson County Endowment

Humane Society of Jackson County \$541

Immanuel United Church of Christ Cemetery Fund

Crothersville Cemetery Board - \$5,790

Immanuel United Church of Christ Children's Fund

Uspiritus - \$1,445
Crossroad Child & Family Services \$1,444

Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Community Endowment

Immanuel United Church of Christ Community Fund - \$1,694

Jackson County History Center Fund

Jackson County History Center - \$754

Jackson County Learning Center Endowment

Jackson County Learning Center Capital Projects Fund - \$10,098

Jackson County Public Library Fund

Jackson County Public Library - \$1,322

Jackson County Sertoma Hearing Aid Endowment

Jackson County Hearing Aid Fund for School Age Children - \$923

Jackson County United Fund, Inc. Endowment

Jackson County United Way - \$7,718

Delbert D. Kilgas and Marlis Kilgas Endowment

Community Foundation Operating Fund - \$2,787

Mail Masters, Indiana University Southeast Endowment Fund

Indiana University Southeast - \$924

Grants at work

In June 2022, work continued at a steady and sometimes furious pace on the Child Care Network project to convert the former Central Christian Church building into a much-needed child-care center in downtown Seymour. At right, painters prepare the exterior for a paint job. By the end of December 2022, the project was ready for its final inspections and approval for opening in January 2023. This project was funded in great part with a \$1.8 million Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII Large-Scale Opportunity Grant awarded to the Community Foundation of Jackson County. That included \$1 million for rehabbing and furnishing the center, \$530,000 as stipends for low-income families using the center, and endowed \$270,000 at the Foundation to provide operating funds for the center in perpetuity. Your gifts to the fund can help grow that annual grant. For information, call 812-523-4483.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSON COUNTY

DESIGNATED AND AGENCY GRANTS

Nita Mousa YoJack Fund

Leadership Jackson County - \$545

Thomas M. and Mary Louise Nolting Endowment

Community Foundation Operating Fund \$429

Owen-Carr Twp. Community Endowment

Owen-Carr Twp. Community Fund - \$4,025

The Point Endowment

The Point Ministry Fund - \$281

Frederick M. and Karen L. Pollert/Immanuel Lutheran School Endowment Fund

Immanuel Lutheran School - \$1,682

Reddington Christian Church Endowment

Reddington Christian Church - \$268

Grant Alan Reedy Athletic Training Endowment

Brownstown Central Community Schools \$2,801

Carl and Marie Rucker Endowment Fund

Leader Dogs for the Blind - \$7,719

Pleasant Hill Cemetery - \$3,882

Whites Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery - \$3,885

Seymour Industrial Association Fund

Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. - \$4,250

SIHO Schneck Foundation Endowment

Schneck Foundation - \$1,727

Southern Indiana Center for the Arts Fund

Southern Indiana Center for the Arts - \$708

St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Endowment

St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Capital Projects Fund - \$6,129

State Bank of Medora Scholarship Fund

Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship Fund - \$997

Ken and Cindy Stella, Indiana University Endowment Fund

Indiana University Foundation - \$7,978

Dennis and Nancy Sterling/Brownstown Community Schools Fund

Brownstown Central Community Schools \$1,747

Larry and Joanne Sunbury Endowment Fund

Community Foundation Operating Fund \$3,245

T & W Corporation Junior Golf Endowment

Indiana Golf Foundation - \$917

Terkhorn Lutheran Central School Endowment Fund

Lutheran Central School - \$2,680

Terkhorn Memorial Endowment Fund

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church \$3,094

Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment

Trinity Lutheran Church - \$10,046

Trinity Lutheran Church Organ and Music Fund

Trinity Lutheran Church - \$5,981

Trinity Lutheran High School Endowment

Trinity Lutheran High School - \$14,688

Mary Vehslage Seymour Museum Fund

Seymour Museum Center - \$360

F. Walter Voss and Tom G. Voss Boys & Girls Club of Seymour Fund

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$5,216

C.W. "Bud" Walther Learning Center Endowment

Jackson County Education Coalition \$1,971

Bessie J. White Endowment Fund

Cana United Methodist Church - \$2,269

Zion Lutheran Church Endowment

Zion Lutheran Church - \$7,694

Zion Lutheran Church Education Fund

Zion Lutheran Church - \$837

Zion Lutheran Church Foundation Music and Education Fund

Zion Lutheran Church - \$2,035

Foundation welcomes new board members

Directors provide important service to community



Jill Glover



Trina Tracy



David Waskom

Members of nonprofit boards of directors play important and valuable roles for area organizations such as Jackson County United Way, the Girls Inc. of Seymour and, of course, the Community Foundation of Jackson County.

Three area residents joined the Foundation Board of Directors as three veteran members completed their final terms in April 2022.

Joining the Foundation Board were Jill Glover, Trina Tracy and David Waskom. Leaving the Board after serving it for 10 years were Susan Bevers, Andy Royalty and Ron Sibert.

“The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Jackson County was pleased to welcome our new members,” said Bruce Wynn, the Foundation’s new chair of the Board of Directors. “We are honored that they are willing to share their time and talents with the Community Foundation and that they see the value of the Foundation for all citizens of Jackson County.”

Members of the Board of Directors help the Foundation in many ways, from sharing its story with the community to participating in the grant and scholarship review processes.

The Foundation looks forward to putting the new Board members – Glover, Tracy and Waskom – to work. Each brings their own personalities, expectations

and experiences to the Board of Directors along with a shared interest in serving the community. Each has some familiarity with the Foundation and its work.

“I have seen how beneficial the Community Foundation is in Jackson County and I would love to be a part of serving and also getting to know more people and organizations throughout Jackson County,” Glover said. She is employed with her family business, Schneider Nursery, and has been involved with the Purdue Extension Board, Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Indiana Nurserymen and Landscape Association. She joined the Foundation’s Grant Committee.

This is Tracy’s second time to serve with the Foundation’s Board of Directors. She said she feels even more prepared and ready to get to work.

“I feel like I am at a point in life that I can contribute more time, experience and money than the first time around,” Tracy said. She is a financial advisor with JCB Investment Services. Tracy joined the Scholarship Committee.

Waskom said he is eager to become involved with what he called the “important work of the Foundation,” contending it will be a great opportunity to give back to the community. He is a Leadership Jackson County graduate and a former board member of the Seymour Youth League.

Waskom is the chief financial officer with Premier Ag and joined the Foundation’s Finance & Investment Committee.

Representing all of Jackson County on the Board of Directors is important to the Foundation’s mission and work. Our bylaws reflect that commitment. They map out representation from all corners of the county and communities in between.

“The Foundation strives to reach all across Jackson County, and the Board of Directors is vital to our continued success in helping the community,” Royalty said. “The expertise and knowledge of each director is fundamental to continue to provide for citizens of Jackson County for generations to come.”

Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said the outgoing board members will be missed.

“Susan, Andy and Ron helped us meet our missions,” Davis said. “They have all been tireless in their work with our Grant, Governance, Executive, Development and Scholarship committees. They have been instrumental in sharing the story of work with others in the community and building interest in that work. We appreciate that they will continue to share our story as the Foundation continues to grow better tomorrows.”

CLASSROOM EDUCATION GRANTS

Crothersville Grant Nails It

Starting a project to build wooden nail boxes, Linda Myers could tell her students were scared to use the power tools. A few weeks later, they were asking if they had to do it. Soon afterward, they were saying, “Can we get out there and do some more?”

Myers, the agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at Crothersville Junior-Senior High School, was surprised to learn the students did not have experience with power tools and even some hand tools. The more they used them, though, the less intimidating and more comfortable it became. “The biggest thing is I just wanted them to know that they can do it,” she said of the project in the fundamentals of ag class.

The project came about after Myers received a grant from Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. and a Classroom Education Grant from the Community Foundation of Jackson County. Those grants, and money from the school’s vocational account, allowed her to buy basic battery-operated power tools, hand tools, carpentry tools and supplies, like sandpaper, clamps, screws, stain and lumber.

The Classroom Education Grant awarded to Myers was one of 14 totaling \$3,168.66 approved during the 2021-2022 school year. Applications for the grants generally open in September with a deadline in the first week of November each year. Grants are awarded in November.

In the Fundamentals of Ag class, there’s a section called ag mechanization, where Myers can teach construction, welding, small engines, concrete or electrical. “I thought it was more feasible to do something in construction,” she said. “The primary purpose of this is not to build a nail box. The primary purpose is for them to learn everyday skills ... and I want them to be comfortable using a power tool. I want them to be self-sufficient. I want them to not be afraid.”

So why nail boxes?

“This is my dad’s plans, and I made this as a freshman in ag class,” Myers said while holding a sheet of paper with her father Bob Myers’ hand-drawn sketch of a 16-by-10-inch nail box. He taught at Brownstown Central High School. The Premier Companies/Bob Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Foundation is named in his honor, by the way.

Through this project, students learned how to use the power tools and how to build the exterior of a nail box. Once they had four sides cut, they worked on the handle. Math was among the lessons involved because they had to figure the circumference of the handle, determine the half-way point and make angles by reading the plan.



Crothersville eighth-grader Hali Burton paints her nail box gray. ~Tribune photo



Crothersville eighth-graders work on making their own nail boxes. ~Tribune photo

“There were so many things that they learned besides just making a nail box,” Myers said.

Eighth-grader Zoe Bowman said when her family goes camping, she will put plastic forks and spoons in her nail box. She said she didn’t know how to build anything and hadn’t used power tools before this project, but now, she likes using a drill and sandpaper. “It’s more experience for the future,” she said. “My parents want me to make other stuff now that I know how to do that.”

Fellow eighth-grader Hali Burton painted her nail box gray to match her room at home, and she plans to put plants in it. “It’s fun to use tools,” she said, noting she would next like to build a bookshelf using the skills she learned with this project. “I’m able to do it on my own instead of asking for help.”

Twenty students — eighth-graders, freshmen and sophomores — were part of the project.



Crothersville eighth-grader Zoey Prince measures pieces of wood for a nail box project. ~Tribune photo

2022-2023 Classroom Education Grants

Tonya Fee - Brownstown Elementary School was provided funds for fidget release and brain break toys for 1st-grade students.

Beth Shelton - Brownstown Elementary School was provided funds for owl pellet kits and whiteboard clipboards for 3rd-grade students.

Abbigail Young - Brownstown Elementary School was provided funds for KnockOut Games for 1st-grade students.

Marty Young - Brownstown Elementary School was provided funds for Ozobot Evo Robotics Kits for Kindergarten through 5th-grade students.

Connie Hoskins - Crothersville Jr/Sr High School was provided funds to purchase new books for the library.

Tracy Karnes - Crothersville Jr/Sr High School was provided funds for ukulele kits for music classes.

Linda Myers - Crothersville Jr/ Sr High School was provided funds for a hydroponic nutrient calibration tester for 8th/9th-grade students.

Matthew Otte - Crothersville Jr/ Sr High School was provided funds to implement a pickleball program for physical education classes.

Alex Zaring - Immanuel Lutheran School was provided funds for STEM bins for 2nd-grade students.

Nickie Isaacs - Lutheran Central School was provided funds for keyboards and drumsticks for 5th through 8th-grade classes.

Leah Young - Medora Jr/Sr High School was provided funds for 9th-grade biology class to make a 3D model of a cell.

Robin Perry - Seymour High School was provided funds for 9th through 12th-grade business education students to create “Owl City” to learn business concepts.

Graciela Sovern - Seymour High School was provided funds for 9th through 12th-grade newcomers from abroad to study Indiana history through field trips.

Bryan Schroer - Trinity Lutheran High School was provided funds to purchase microscopes for 9th through 12th-grade Agricultural Science classes.

Katie Tormoehlen - Zion Lutheran School was provided funds for math games, magnetic charts, and word building blocks for 1st-grade students.

Fall Grants fight hunger, fire, poverty

Grants from the Community Foundation of Jackson County's Fall Grant cycle in 2022 provided funds to fight hunger, fight fires and promote education and public safety. The 16 grants approved by the Board of Directors in October totaled \$103,677, the most ever funded through the Fall Grant cycle.

Those grants included two that will help fight food insecurity across Jackson County: Anchor House, Jackson County's homeless shelter that also operates a food pantry, received \$15,000 to provide funds to offer food and additional services to residents across Jackson County, and Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana Inc. received \$7,500 for its school-based pantry program for Jackson County schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

"Anchor House has experienced an unprecedented increase in food-insecure community members seeking to take advantage of our dignified, personal shopping model at the food bank," Executive Director Megan Cherry said. "This funding will help us meet the operational needs of the pantry and expand our growing partnerships with organizations that offer wraparound services, including LifeLine phones, Medicare benefits assistance and connections to nursing and WIC assistance."

Anchor House now operates two homeless shelters in addition to the food pantry, which serves about 400 households monthly. The Foundation also provided Impact Grant dollars to Anchor House in



Volunteers help load food for distribution at the Anchor House pantry. Anchor House received a \$15,000 Fall Grant in 2022 to help fund the pantry and other services to residents across Jackson County.

2022 for work aimed at helping people get out of or off the cusp of poverty as well as operating costs at its new shelter on Dupont Drive.

Haley Nagila said the grant to Gleaners will help provide food for at least 130 families each month from the school-based pantry, providing about 50,000 meals to Jackson County residents.

"For all age groups, food insecurity is linked to a higher likelihood of contracting chronic illnesses such as depression, heart disease and diabetes," Nagila said. "Food insecure households incur added healthcare expenses to address these symptoms, making financial independence even more difficult to achieve."

Gleaners strives to relieve those pressures.

Fighting fires

Two other grants will help local fire departments improve their services to the communities they serve: Driftwood Township Volunteer Fire Department received a \$12,000

grant to help build a new firehouse in Vallonia, and Seymour Fire Department received \$6,200 to provide funds for communication headsets.

The current firehouse in Vallonia was built in 1956 and is jammed packed with equipment, Fire Chief Clint Wolka said. Newer fire trucks, he added, are too large for the station.

"This new fire station will benefit the whole community for the next 50 years by housing our future fire trucks and equipment," Wolka said. "Our station is full and we need more room for equipment."

Lt. Kaleb McKinney with Seymour Fire Department said the communication headsets should bolster communications en route to emergency scenes and while working an emergency scene.

"The headsets will also provide hearing protection to our firefighters in addition to improving communications," he added.

Engaging in education

Educational and public safety figured into five of the 16 Fall Grants approved in 2022.

- The ARC of Jackson County received an \$11,000 grant for its Arc Advocacy Program.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana received a \$3,250 grant for a mentoring program in Jackson County.
- Boys & Girls Club of Seymour received a \$7,313 grant for a new Latino Literacy Project.
- Girls Inc. of Jackson County received a \$1,000 grant for the Friendly PEERsuasion Program delivered in schools across Jackson County.
- And Turning Point Domestic Violence Services received a \$5,500 grant to provide primary prevention education in Jackson County middle and high schools.

The Boys & Girls Club of Seymour hopes to increase the accessibility to bilingual reading materials to Jackson County families, grow the number of Hispanic youth attending the club and increase the number of children enrolled in the Indiana Kids Academic Success Program, thus increasing their reading proficiency, said Lara Wheeler, director of resource development at the club.

The program targets families in poverty and immigrant families struggling to learn a new language. They also hope to assist adults in need of skills to help find employment or improve their educational attainment.

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Seymour firefighters test new communications head gear inside their fire truck. Seymour Fire Department received a \$6,200 Fall Grant in 2022 to purchase communication headsets designed to improve firefighter safety and improve communications both while running to emergency scenes as well as while responding while on the scene.

2022 Fall Grants

- American Red Cross Southeast Indiana Chapter:** \$1,500 to provide funds for Home Fire Relief for Jackson County.
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- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana:** \$3,250 to provide funds for the mentoring program in Jackson County.
- Boys & Girls Club of Seymour:** \$7,313 to provide funds for a Latino Literacy Project.
- Community Agency Building:** \$9,933 to provide funds for new HVAC units.
- Developmental Services:** \$8,369 to provide funds to replace tables and chairs at the Jackson County Day Services location.
- Driftwood Township Volunteer Fire Department:** \$12,000 to provide funds for a new fire station.
- Girls Inc. of Jackson County:** \$1,000 to provide funds for the Friendly PEERsuasion Program.
- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana Inc.:** \$7,500 to provide funds for the School-Based Pantry Program for Jackson County schools during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Jackson County History Center:** \$6,112 to provide matching funds for an awarded Indiana Historical Society grant of \$40,750, which will provide funds to tuck point the inside and outside of the Ball Museum and to seal the concrete floor.
- Jackson County United Way:** \$2,000 to provide funds for a Jackson County Youth United Leader Summit.
- Servants at Work Inc.:** \$4,500 to provide funds to build ramps for clients living in Jackson County.
- Seymour Fire Department:** \$6,200 to provide funds for apparatus communication headsets.
- Seymour Museum Center:** \$2,500 to provide funds to install a furnace enclosure and storage closet.
- Turning Point Domestic Violence Services:** \$5,500 for primary prevention education in Jackson County middle and high schools.



Driftwood Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Clint Wolka, left, accepts a 2022 Fall Grant check for \$12,000 from Donald Schnitker, a member of the Community Foundation of Jackson County Board of Directors and Grant Committee. The department will use the grant toward construction of a new firehouse in Vallonia. The new building should be completed sometime during 2023.

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“Independent research from cities and rural communities throughout the nation prove that a family literacy solution may be the best way to impact multiple generations,” Wheeler said. “Ultimately, schools, communities and the economic health of the nation are beneficiaries of a strong family literacy initiative.”

Turning Point will target Jackson County high school students in presenting its prevention education programs as a result of its Fall Grant. The program includes information about dating violence.

“The short-term goal is to promote healthy relationships with youth and community members, as well as to help professionals who are likely to be the first to interact with survivors of domestic violence be more effective in their service provision,” said Abigail Jones, Turning Point’s community engagement manager.

The agency works with middle and high school students and collaborates with other youth-serving organizations, at community events and with professional organizations.

An ultimate goal is building resiliency in youth, individuals who will be the next generation, Jones added.

The program is delivered to students enrolled in

Brownstown, Crothersville, Medora and Seymour schools.

Facilities assistance

Three agencies will benefit from grants that will help improve and protect their facilities. One helped leverage additional funding.

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- Community Agency Building received a \$9,933 grant for new HVAC units.
- And Seymour Museum Center received a \$2,500 grant to install a furnace enclosure and storage closet.

The Grant Committee includes nine members of the Foundation Board of Directors: Trish Butt, Eric Fish, Monica Hartung, Connie Hernandez, Jill Glover, Andrew Nehrt, Donald Schnitker, Ann Windley and Tony Wesner, along with two community volunteers, Dean Dringenburg and Andy Royalty.

Community funds power impact

Eclipsing the \$100,000 mark in grants awarded through the Fall Grant cycle is the payoff of a push by the Community Foundation of Jackson County to increase our community endowments.

“We are now truly seeing the dividends of that this year,” President & CEO Dan Davis said. “In 2014, the Foundation approved \$32,536 in Fall Grants. That number was \$38,195 just five years ago, and this year we hit \$103,000 – the first time to surpass \$100,000. That growth has come through conversations with potential donors and long-time donors, explaining the importance, value and versatility of community funds, enabling the Foundation to respond to emerging needs.”

As those conversations continue, the Foundation hopes to see the amount available for the Fall Grant cycle continue to grow into 2023 and 2024, Grant Committee Chair Trish Butt said.

“There are seven new community funds set to make their first grants to the Fall Grant pot during 2023,” Butt added. “We are grateful that donors are listening and responding to the stories about the difference and the impact that grants from community funds can and do make all across Jackson County.”

Those seven new funds Butt mentioned were established in 2021. They include: The J.B. & Carrie Hackman Community Fund; the Jackson Lodge #146 F&AM Endowment; the Donald J. Klaes Community Endowment, the Bob Poynter GM Community Fund; the Cathy & Grant Schneider Community Endowment; the Helen & Bill Swain Community Endowment; and the Jim Schneider Community Endowment.

Carrie and J.B. Hackman are eager to see what the grant dollars from their new fund will help finance during the 2023 Fall Grant cycle. The J.B. & Carrie Hackman Community Fund is expected to generate \$1,014 in grant funds its first time out.

“Carrie and I have been fortunate

Community Funds at the Foundation

Aisin U.S.A. Mfg., Inc. Endowment	Jackson County Community Endowment	Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment
John & Kay Beatty Community Endowment	Jackson County Unrestricted Endowment	Schneider Nursery Community Endowment
The Donn Bishop Memorial Endowment	Jackson Lodge #146 F & AM Endowment	Cathy and Grant Schneider Community Endowment
Bob Poynter GM Community Fund	Donald J. Klaes Community Endowment	Jim Schneider Community Endowment
The Don Bollinger Memorial Fund	The Thomas J. Lantz/ Montgomery, Elsner & Pardieck Community Endowment	Seymour Oktoberfest Community Endowment
Michael and Ardith Fleetwood Unrestricted Endowment	The Mary Evelyn Mellencamp Memorial Fund	SIHO Insurance Services Community Endowment
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 655 Community Fund	The Nehrt Family Community Endowment	Mark & Sue Smith Community Endowment
J.B. and Carrie Hackman Community Fund	Virginia G. Otto Endowment Fund	Larry and Joanne Sunbury Community Endowment
Bob and Kate Hall Endowment	Potts Family Endowment	Helen and Bill Swain Community Endowment
Irwin Union Bank & Trust Co. Fund		Sarah M. Waldkoetter Community Fund

enough to be able to give back to our community,” J.B. Hackman said. “Ideally, we have always wanted the majority of our contributions to remain local. It is rewarding for us to make a difference that we can visualize. With this in mind, I reached out to Dan to discuss options a couple years ago and he highly recommended participating in a community fund. Dan and the Community Foundation have been great to work with and it gives us peace of mind to know that our efforts and contributions are being utilized within our community.”

Community funds are not the only funds to generate grant dollars for the Fall Grant cycle, however. Earnings from most of the Foundation’s field of interest funds also feed into that pot of grant dollars. The Foundation is also seeing some advisors of some donor-advised funds recommend grants to help extend what is available for Fall Grants. The Orville and Mary Schnitker Memorial Endowment is one of those.

“As the advisor of my parents’ donor-advised fund, I like to look at the grant applications to see which ones would fit the criteria of what my sisters and I have set to use these funds for,” Donald Schnitker said. “By doing this it extends the funds available for the community grants hopefully to make a greater impact within our community.”

The number of endowed community funds has increased in recent years. Entering 2015, the year the Foundation decided to focus on such funds, we had 13. At the end of 2022, the number had grown to 29. Those 16 newest community funds had a total balance of \$1,094,289 on Dec. 31, 2022. Community funds now make up 12 percent of our funds and account for 20 percent of our fund assets.

“They really are making an impact, and we appreciate that our donors are seeing their importance and versatility in responding to community needs,” Foundation Board of Directors Chairman Bruce Wynn said.

ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

Agency

The Jessica Barkman/Girls Inc. Athletic Scholarship Fund	Girls Inc. of Jackson County Fund
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County Endowment Fund	Jackson County History Center Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, Inc. Endowments	Jackson County Public Library Fund
Brooklawn Child & Family Services Endowment Fund	Trinity Lutheran High School Endowment
Child Care Network, Inc. Endowment	Turning Point Domestic Violence Services Endowment Fund
Community Provisions of Jackson County, Inc. Endowment	Mary Vehslage Seymour Museum Fund
Developmental Services, Inc. Endowment Fund	Workforce Development Endowment Fund

Non-Endowed Funds

Brownstown Band Boosters Uniform Fund	Marilyn Mellencamp Scholarship for the Arts
Brownstown Central Turf Project Fund	Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge Fund
Brownstown Fund for the Arts	Janet L. and Gary F. Myers Charitable Fund
John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Operating Fund	Owen-Carr Township Community Fund
Crothersville Community Scholarship Fund	The Point Ministry Fund
Laikyn Field Memorial Fund	Gary E. Plumer Memorial Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Immanuel United Church of Christ Community Fund	Margie Redmon Fund
Jackson County Bicentennial Fund	Rust Companies Foundation
Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund	Seymour Firefighters Local 577 Scholarship Fund
Jackson County Hearing Aid Fund for School Age Children	Seymour High School Wall of Fame Fund
Jackson County Learning Center Capital Projects Fund	Sparksville Park Fund
Jackson County Sertoma Christmas Miracle Fund	St. Andrew United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund
Jackson County Veterinary Scholarship Fund	St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Capital Projects Fund
Marvin and Mary Klaes Memorial Adult Scholarship Fund	Dennis and Nancy Sterling Fund
E. Morton and Julia R. Lester Memorial Scholarship Fund	Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund
Duane Martin Vocational Scholarship Fund	Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Education and Maintenance Fund
Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship Fund	Daniel A. Walters and Susan Wolf-Walters Fund
	Adria Ann Waskom Memorial Fund

ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

Designated		
Clarice Beineke Fund	Immanuel United Church of Christ Children's Fund	Grant Alan Reedy Athletic Training Endowment
Ernest N. Birge Boy Scout Fund	Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Cemetery Fund	Carl and Marie Rucker Endowment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader Dogs for the Blind • Pleasant Hill Cemetery • Whites Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery
Ellis E. Bland & Marjorie J. Wriighthouse Bland Endowment	Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Community Endowment	Seymour Industrial Association Fund
Board of Directors Endowment	The Jackson County Bank Administrative Endowment Fund	SIHO Schneck Foundation Endowment
Don and Emmylou Bollinger Endowed Scholarship	Jackson County Economic Development Fund	Southern Indiana Center for the Arts Fund
Branaman Family Endowment for Jackson County Community Theatre	Jackson County Learning Center Endowment	State Bank of Medora Scholarship Fund
John Britton Seymour High School Baseball Fund	Jackson County Sertoma Christmas Miracle Endowment	Ken and Cindy Stella, Indiana University Endowment Fund
Brownstown Christian Church Endowment	Jackson County Sertoma Club Hearing Aid Endowment	Dennis and Nancy Sterling/Brownstown Community Schools Endowment
Brownstown Presbyterian Church Fund	Jackson County United Fund, Inc. Endowment	Larry and Joanne Sunbury Endowment
Tracy Bullard Memorial Endowment	Delbert D. Kilgas & Marlis Kilgas Endowment	St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Endowment
Marie Burgess Memorial 4-H Sewing Award Fund	Donald J. Klaes Classroom Education Grant Endowment	T & W Corporation Junior Golf Endowment
Child Care Network Child-Care Center Endowment	Mail Masters, Indiana University Southeast Endowment Fund	Terkhorn Lutheran Central School Endowment Fund
Katie Collman Playground Fund	Larry McDonald Band Fund	Terkhorn Memorial Endowment Fund
Community Kids Net Endowment	Nita Mousa YoJack Fund	Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment
John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Endowment	Edmund and Verna Murray Industrial Development Fund	Trinity Lutheran Church Organ and Music Fund
Crothersville Jr/Sr High School Vocational/ Technical Fund	Thomas M. and Mary Louise Nolting Endowment	The Tuesday Club Library Endowment
Lee S. Ertel Memorial 4-H Endowment	Owen-Carr Township Community Endowment	Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment
Mary Ellen Easterday Education Support Fund for St. Ambrose School	Jane & Dick Parman Health Endowment	The F. Walter Voss and Tom G. Voss Boys and Girls Club of Seymour Fund
Freeman Army Airfield Museum Endowment	The Point Endowment	C.W. "Bud" Walther Learning Center Endowment
Girls Inc. Endowment	Frederick M. and Karen L. Pollert/Immanuel Lutheran School Endowment	Don Waltz First Baptist Church Endowment
Les Gilkey Music Fund	Reddington Christian Church Endowment	Bessie J. White Endowment Fund
Nick Greemann First Presbyterian Church Endowment		Zion Lutheran Church Endowment
C.B. Hess 4-H Memorial Scholarship		Zion Lutheran Church Education Fund
Edward H. Howard and Dorothy E. Howard Boys & Girls Club of Seymour		Zion Lutheran Church Foundation Music and Education Fund
Humane Society of Jackson County		

ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

**Community
(unresrestricted)**

Aisin U.S.A. Mfg., Inc.
Endowment

John & Kay Beatty
Community Endowment

The Donn Bishop Memorial
Endowment

Bob Poynter GM
Community Fund

The Don Bollinger
Memorial Fund

Michael and Ardith
Fleetwood Unrestricted
Endowment

Fraternal Order of Eagles
Aerie 655 Community Fund

J.B. and Carrie Hackman
Community Fund

Bob and Kate Hall
Endowment

Irwin Union Bank & Trust
Co. Fund

Jackson County
Community Endowment

Jackson County
Unrestricted Endowment

Jackson Lodge #146 F &
AM Endowment

Donald J. Klaes
Community Endowment

The Thomas J. Lantz/
Montgomery, Elsner &
Pardieck Community
Endowment

The Mary Evelyn
Mellencamp Memorial Fund

The Nehrt Family
Community Endowment

Virginia G. Otto Endowment
Fund

Potts Family Endowment

Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Alpha
Beta Chapter Endowment

Schneider Nursery
Community Endowment

Cathy and Grant Schneider
Community Endowment

Jim Schneider Community
Endowment

Seymour Oktoberfest
Community Endowment

SIHO Insurance Services
Community Endowment

Mark & Sue Smith
Community Endowment

Larry and Joanne Sunbury
Community Endowment

Helen and Bill Swain
Community Endowment

Sarah M. Waldkoetter
Community Fund

Donor Advised

Bender Lumber Co., Inc. Fund

Tom and Dana Bollinger Family
Endowment

Tom and Harriet Conner Fund

Crothersville Community Schools
Fund

W. Andrew Denny and Carol Denny
Fund

The Hoevener Endowment Fund

Jackson County Sertoma Club
Endowment

Chris Johnson Memorial Endowment

Carl and Doris Kovener Endowment

David R. Lange Memorial Fund

Everett V. and Maria Moritz Fund

The Francis "Pat" & Dorothy M.
Myers Fund

Orville and Mary Schnitker Memorial
Endowment

Seymour Noon Lions Club Donor
Advised Fund

Nancy Hoevener Stewart and Rick
Stewart Endowment

Hobert Thompson Memorial Fund

Dave and Ann Windley Fund

Field of Interest

The Brownstown Foundation

The Cartwright Endowment for the
Arts

Carl Hemmer Memorial Fund

Jackson County Youth Foundation

Donald J. Klaes Music & the
Performing Arts Fund

Nippon Steel Pipe America Inc.
Charitable Endowment for Education

Seymour Schools-Elementary Schools
Fund

Seymour Schools-Seymour Middle
School Fund

Seymour Schools-Seymour High School
Fund

Seymour Schools-Athletic Department
Fund

Seymour Schools-Fine Arts Fund

The Shelter Fund

Granger H. and Ruth M. Smith Drug
Abuse Prevention Fund

Tri Kappa Endowment

ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

Scholarships

Gina Shepard Ballard Scholarship	Ken A. Miller Memorial Scholarship	William B. Sharp Scholarship
Bateman Engineering Scholarship	Julie A. Moore Scholarship	SHS Class of 1972 Scholarship
Louis and Judy Bobb Scholarship	Nippon Steel Pipe America Inc. Scholarship	Stuckwisch Educational Scholarship
Branaman Family Scholarship	The Bob and Eileen Prather Memorial Scholarship	Omer and Jean Terkhorn Scholarship
Dr. & Mrs. R. Todd Bergman Scholarship	Premier Companies / Bob Myers Memorial Scholarship	James Ralph Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Marc Owen Chandler Memorial Scholarship	John E. and Ruth A. Reedy Scholarship	James Temple Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Clodfelter Family Scholarship	Charles and Eileen Roeger Scholarship	Jasper N. Thompson Memorial Scholarship
The Laura Culp Memorial Scholarship	The Royalty Scholarship Endowment	Dr. Charles Trumbo Endowment
Richard "Dick" Elmore Scholarship	Brian T. Rudolph Memorial Nursing Scholarship	J. David Vandivier/Dicksons Scholarship
Madge and Jack Fountain Scholarship	Walter & Cora Schleuser - Clark & Ruth Thompson Scholarship	The Kenneth N. and Helen Warbritton Memorial Scholarship
Frische Family Endowment	George Schneider Scholarship	Kenneth S. Warbritton Scholarship
George Gossman Family Scholarship	The Seymour American Legion Post 89 Achievement Scholarship	Richard West Memorial/Mr. & Mrs. Ruel West/ Dr. & Mrs. Donald Cummings Scholarship
Tom and Juanita Groub Scholarship	Marietta Louise and Erwin August Henry Surenkamp Scholarship	Ann Windley Leadership Jackson County Scholarship
Connie Bowling Hehman Teacher Scholarship	Marcella Trumbo Seymour Alumni Scholarship	Charles Frederick Wolter Memorial Scholarship
Immanuel United Church of Christ Scholarship	Seymour Kiwanis Club Scholarship	C. Sidney Zabel Scholarship
Jackson County Community Scholarship		
Jackson County FFA Scholarship		
Jay C Food Stores Scholarship		
The Klaes Memorial Scholarship		
The Elmer and Ida Lacey Scholarship		
Orville and Laura Lubker/Purdue University Scholarship		
Ruby and Floyd W. Martin Scholarship		
Harold "Teep" and Oguerita McKinney Scholarship		
Jane E. Meyer Nurse Practitioner Scholarship		



LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program began in 1997. It was created to "raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and increase awareness of the potential of Indiana's community foundations to improve the quality of life of the state's residents." The Community Foundation of Jackson County currently has 4 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars attending Indiana colleges. The program provides full tuition, fees, and a stipend for books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study, full time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



Grant Elliott
2022 Lilly Endowment Community
Scholarship Recipient

Current Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Grant Elliott
2022
Hanover College
Ellie Cornn
2021
Butler University

Trey Hackman
2020
Purdue University
Sam Schmidt
2019
Hanover College

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars Alumni

Robert Levi Bays	Jason Fish	Evan Hill	Nathan Press	Elizabeth Sunbury
Jami Bennett	Marc Fountain	Anna May Huff	Jordan Raynor	Caitlin Thomas
Samuel Borcharding	Luke Gallion	Allison Klinge	Madison Reynolds	Jaclyn Tormoehlen
Josh Brewster	Amy Gibson	Stephanie Mellenbruch	Andrew Rudge	Rachael Voss
Andrew Brock	Karissa Glenn	Kyle Minton	Joseph Rust	Cameron Wiethoff
Lauren Carr	Jacquelyn Hackman	Luke Onken	Braden Sciarra	
Samuel Durham	Kerry Hackman	Abby Peters	Tara Smith	
Caitlin Fife	Jacob Henley	Adam Peters	Jordyn Stuart	

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Klaes Memorial Scholarship

Saint Ambrose Catholic School

Bentley Crouch

Patricio Guzman

Royalty Scholarship

Trinity Lutheran High School

Luke Coomler

Siddha Hall

Olivia Schwipps

Gina Shepard Ballard

Scholarship

Emily Singleton

Bateman Engineering

Scholarship

Clayton Greenawalt

Dr. and Mrs. R. Todd Bergman

Scholarship

Kayla Goecker

Louis and Judy Bobb

Scholarship

Audrey Wiggam

Don and Emmylou Bollinger

Scholarship

Carson Carpenter

Branaman Family Scholarship

Claire Poulton

Marc Owen Chandler Memorial

Scholarship

Lillian Kelly

Crothersville Community

Scholarship

Haley Williams

Laura Culp Memorial

Scholarship

Alisha Busby

Madge and Jack Fountain

Scholarship

Emily Mann

Frische Family Scholarship

Delaney Cummings

George Gossman Family

Scholarship

Sydney Kellermeier

Connie Bowling Hehman

Teacher Scholarship

Payton Ault

Immanuel United Church of Christ Scholarship

Blake Smith

Jackson County Community Scholarship

Chelsea Luedeman

Jackson County Veterinary Scholarship

Kelley Sharp

Trinity Valencia

Jay C Food Stores Scholarship

Karley Gillis

Daniela Olmedo

Kirsten Raisor

Marvin and Mary Klaes Memorial Adult Scholarship

Laura Gambrel

Elmer and Ida Lacey Scholarship

Kathleen Frazier

Kaylyn Holman

Kiarra Lakins

E. Morton and Julia R. Lester Memorial Scholarship

Alexus Morris

Orville and Laura Lubker/ Purdue University Scholarship

Morgan Branaman

Duane Martin Vocational Scholarship

Xavier Williams

Ruby and Floyd W. Martin Scholarship

Mallory Moore

Carina Munoz

Grace Schrader

Harold "Teep" and Oguerita McKinney Scholarship

Savannah Wineinger

Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship

Victoria Murphyn

Savannah Wineinger

Marilyn Mellencamp Scholarship for the Arts

Stevie Sedam



Payton Ault



Andrea Bair



Eliana Baker



Zoe Barnsfather



Madalyn Baurle



Morgan
Branaman



Peyton Brock



Addison
Bumbleburg



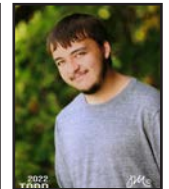
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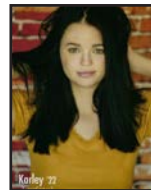
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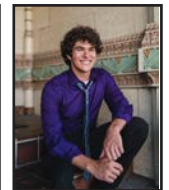
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Farmers Breakfast spotlights ag economy Green Team wins competition

The annual Farmers Breakfast took a break in 2021 because of the pandemic but returned on an early February morning in 2022.

A crowd of about 85 folks shared a hearty breakfast, neighborhood news among themselves and a farm forecast from Purdue Extension Economist Michael Langmeier. He is a professor and extension economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics and serves as associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Langmeier expressed optimism about farming production for 2022, despite higher input costs for fuel and fertilizer. He expected yields to be better than 2020 but not as great as the 2021 harvest and its results.

Seymour attorney Denise Connell with Lorenzo, Bevers, Braman and Connell shared information about how the community's farmers can give even more back to the community through the Community Foundation and its work.

She said the COVID-19 pandemic helped people realize how farmers are genuinely essential workers.

“As an essential business, I think none of you farmers took a day off during this whole COVID epidemic,” she said. “You went to work every day because you had to. The fact that you were essential was probably one of the first times that people actually realized what that word meant because it was important that you guys were in the field doing what you're doing, putting food on the table and keeping this country running.”

Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said more than \$10,000 in grain was gifted and sold through the 2020-2021 Gift of Grain program that allows farmers to donate some of their grain. That grain is then sold

by a grain elevator for the Foundation to go toward any projects, funds, scholarships or endowments that a farmer chooses.

The Foundation also holds the Head to Head Green vs. Red contest each year where tractor enthusiasts can donate to the organization in exchange for votes toward their favorite equipment line. The Green Team won the 2020-2021 contest with 63% of the vote.

The farm sector is an important part of the Jackson County community, and the Foundation supports those involved with farming through funds such as the Premier Companies/Bob Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund and the C.B. Hess 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Joining the Foundation and Purdue Extension Jackson County as sponsors of the Farmers Breakfast this year are a number of area businesses and service providers involved with the farming community. They include Premier Ag and Rose Acre Farms, which underwrite the cost of the buffet meal, allowing farmers to enjoy the breakfast at no cost.

Other sponsors included The Andersons, Aquatic Control, B&W Agri-Products, Beacon Ag, Beatty Insurance, Blue & Co., Bob Poynter GMC, Brownstown Veterinary Clinic, CPC, Darlage Custom Meats, Donaldson Capital Management,



For information about the Gift of Grain program, or its companion program, Giving a Gift of Livestock, contact the Community Foundation of Jackson County at 812-523-4483, or send an email to president@cfjacksoncounty.org. We'll be happy to work with you as you harvest your crops and sow the seeds to help us grow better tomorrows. Gifts of grain may be made at any time of the year.

Edward Jones, Farm Bureau Insurance, First Financial Bank, German American Bank, Grindlay & Grindlay and Hackman Show Feeds.

Also serving as sponsors were the Ivy Tech Foundation, JCBank, Jackson County Co-Op Credit Union, Jackson County Insurance Agency, Jackson County Tire, Jacobi Sales, Kova Farm Supply, Lorenzo, Bevers, Braman and Connell, Montgomery Elsner & Pardieck, Old National Bank, Newkirk Crop Insurance, The Peoples Bank, and Royalty Companies.

Other sponsors were Schneck Medical Center, Seymour Animal Hospital, State Bank of Medora, Surface Insurance, Tampico Grain, The Tribune, Vision Financial Group, Wischmeier Trucking and Wright Implement.

The Foundation appreciates our sponsors' support of the local farming community, which provides valuable jobs and income to area residents, as well as the support that they offer to the Foundation and our community.

Grants fund Tuskegee Airmen and civil rights education program

The struggle for equal treatment of black cadets revolving around the segregated officers clubs at Freeman Army Airfield during World War II provided the impetus for a new fund created at the Community Foundation of Jackson County.

The Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment was created with an \$8,000 grant, one of 19 approved during the Foundation's annual competitive grant program. It has since received an \$8,000 matching grant through the Jackson County Visitor Center impact grant program.

The new fund will help provide grants for an educational program centered on the Tuskegee Airmen and the civil rights movement as well as provide grants for maintenance of the Tuskegee Airmen memorial expansion unveiled in October 2022 at Seymour Municipal Airport.

"We are excited about the educational work that the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment will help fund," Trish Butt of Brownstown said. Butt is chair of the Foundation's Grant Committee. "It will not only focus on what happened with the Tuskegee Airmen at the time they were stationed here but will also follow the civil rights movement afterward. This educational piece along with the expanded Airmen memorial should have a strong, positive impact for our community."

The Freeman Field Mutiny is the term used to describe the events surrounding a group of black officers, part of



Author Bryan Patrick Avery tells how his grandfather, Harold J. Beaulieu Sr., hid a camera in a shoebox to make sure there was photographic evidence of the 1945 Freeman Field Mutiny, how it changed history and how it can serve as an example for people to do what is right during the Tuskegee Airmen statues dedication in October 2022.

the 477th Bombardment Group, who protested against the segregated officers club at Freeman Field when they arrived for training in 1945.

"In small groups of just a few officers at a time, they began entering the white 'instructor' club, 36 of them getting arrested in the process," Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum reports. "The next night the same tactic played out again, with another 25 arrested." The club was then closed, with more than 100 officers writing to the Army Inspector General seeking an investigation into their arrests.

"The complaint specifically noted the inherent hypocrisy of U.S. racial policies in the context of the struggles of World War II, stating: 'The continuance of this policy can hardly be reconciled with the world wide struggle for freedom for which we are asked, and are willing, to lay down our lives,'" according to the Smithsonian.

Eventually, the 101 officers arrested in the aftermath were ordered released by President Harry Truman. Three faced a courts martial.

The Mutiny led to drastic change for the time, including the eventual integration of airbase facilities and the integration of the entire U.S.



The 101 African American officers arrested as a result of the Freeman Field Mutiny about to be transported to Goodman Field, Kentucky. This image was taken with a hidden camera by Master Sergeant Harold J. Beaulieu Sr. His grandson, Bryan Patrick Avery, said the photo was mailed to a newspaper in Pittsburgh and later published.

military. In 1995, the U.S. Air Force exonerated those who had been arrested, finally removing reprimand letters from the records of those charged and expunging the one conviction that resulted from the incident.

Community partners in the educational programming revolving around the Tuskegee Airmen memorial include the Freeman Army Airfield Museum and the Jackson County Public Library.

“This seed money and other donations it might help attract can create opportunities for better understanding of the Freeman Field Mutiny as well as interesting related topics,” Tim Molinari of Seymour said. He spearheaded the campaign to erect two statues representing the Tuskegee Airmen who trained at Freeman Army Airfield during World War II.

The project doesn’t end there, however.

“Periodically, notable speakers, movies and authors can be brought to our community to present compelling topics and presentations for not only our young people but for the older population too,” Molinari said of the educational program. “This would become a natural progression from awareness -- the memorial -- to greater enlightenment.”

Organizers unveiled the statues and expanded memorial in October 2022 and welcomed the Rise Above traveling program to the airport. The mobile theater focuses on the short film “Rise Above,” which tells the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and obstacles they overcame as black pilots to train, fly and fight for their country. Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said the promise of the educational project appealed to the

organization’s Grant Committee and Board of Directors.

“We support the goal of informing and reminding people that progress in overcoming racism – here and elsewhere – doesn’t just happen,” Davis said. “Overcoming those circumstances is made by people with strong convictions, an abundance of courage and the willingness to stand up to wrong, just as the Tuskegee Airmen who stood up to the segregation they encountered did while fighting for our country’s freedom. Their voices – their actions – still need to be heard and celebrated.”

The new fund has also received additional gifts from other donors such as Dave and Ann Windley and Karen Mellencamp Davis, and a grant from the John and Kay Beatty Community Endowment.

This grant is not the first grant provided by the Foundation toward the current Tuskegee Airmen memorial project. The Foundation approved a \$5,000 grant in the 2019 Fall Grant cycle toward the memorial’s cost. It also provided a grant of \$1,000 in 2014 to help fund creation of the initial Tuskegee Airmen memorial, which sits next to the main terminal building at Freeman Municipal Airport.

Be a part

Want to help fund future programming? Tax-deductible donations to the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment can be made by sending a check to the Community Foundation of Jackson County, Post Office Box 1231, Seymour, IN 47274, or by donating online at the Foundation’s website, cfjacksoncounty.org. For information, call the Foundation at 812-523-4483.



Freeman Army Air Field Museum volunteer Tom Oktovec meets with Medora students, leading a discussion about the Tuskegee Airmen’s experiences at Freeman Field during World War II.



Alice Laskowski and fellow classmates from the Seymour High School Class of 1972 present a grant check to Seymour Community Schools Superintendent Brandon Harpe before a basketball game in November 2022. The grant will be used to buy an animated sign at Seymour High School. The Class of 1972 also created an endowed scholarship fund at the Foundation, the SHS Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund. Gifts to the scholarship fund may be made by contacting the Foundation, 812-523-4483. Checks may be mailed to the Foundation, P.O. Box 1231, Seymour, IN 47274. Donations may also be made online at cfjacksoncounty.org.

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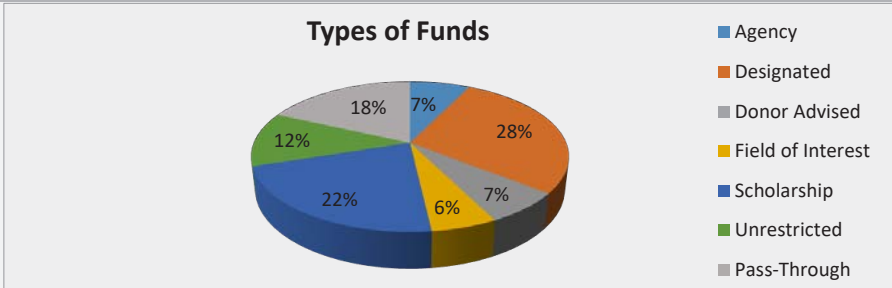
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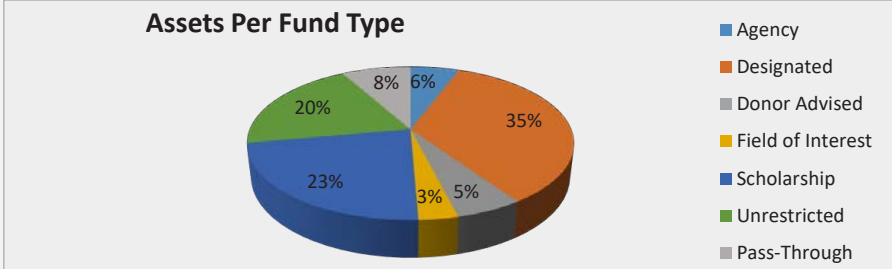
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Type of Fund	Number
Agency	18
Designated	70
Donor Advised	17
Field of Interest	14
Scholarship	54
Unrestricted	29
Pass-Through	45
Total Funds	247



Agency	\$ 1,056,281
Designated	\$ 6,364,929
Donor Advised	\$ 1,027,026
Field of Interest	\$ 601,849
Scholarship	\$ 4,184,565
Unrestricted	\$ 3,608,251
Pass-Through	\$ 1,492,180
Total Assets	\$ 18,335,082

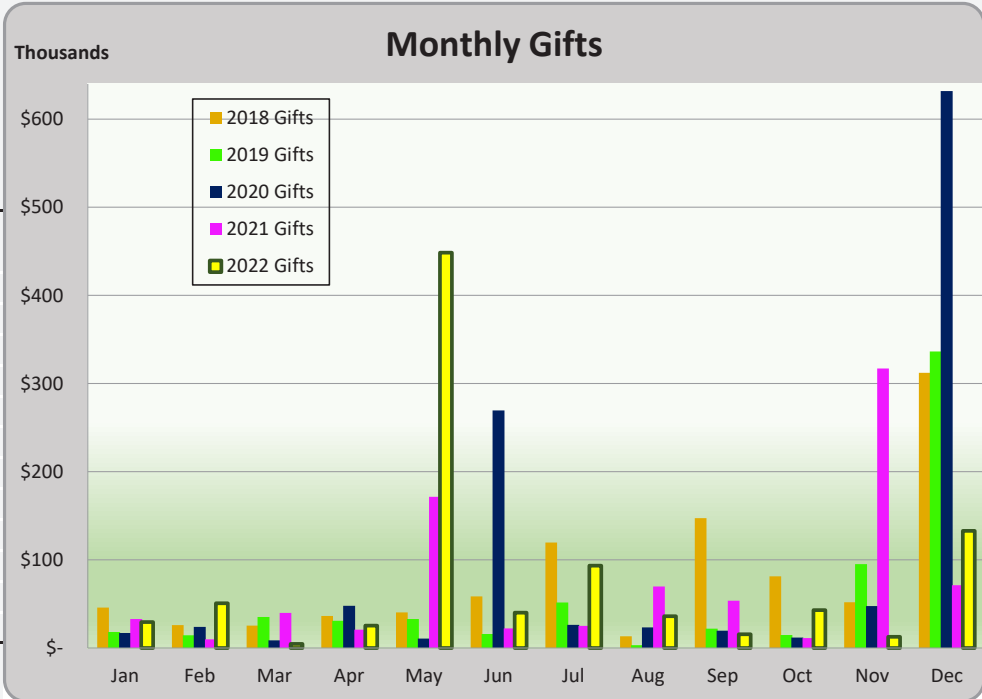


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Jan	\$ 29,315.86
Feb	\$ 50,717.00
Mar	\$ 4,665.30
Apr	\$ 25,538.89
May	\$ 448,595.68
Jun	\$ 40,175.72
Jul	\$ 93,372.99
Aug	\$ 36,120.20
Sep	\$ 15,700.00
Oct	\$ 42,926.36
Nov	\$ 12,641.12
Dec	\$ 132,907.59
TOTAL GIFTS	\$ 932,676.71

Largest Gift 2021	\$185,096.00		
Largest Gift 2022	\$375,000.00		
Scholarship Awards:	\$108,200.00	2021	2022
All Other Grants:	\$1,469,232.00	\$1,577,432.00	\$899,595.32

2021 Gifts	
Jan	\$ 32,887.62
Feb	\$ 9,703.50
Mar	\$ 39,924.00
Apr	\$ 20,703.04
May	\$ 171,552.10
Jun	\$ 22,368.00
Jul	\$ 25,204.45
Aug	\$ 69,674.00
Sep	\$ 53,522.98
Oct	\$ 11,163.73
Nov	\$ 317,224.15
Dec	\$ 71,206.77
TOTAL GIFTS	\$ 845,134.34



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