

*The* COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
of Jackson County

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*Together, we grow tomorrows*

*2021 Annual Report*

April 2022



A woman in a white headscarf and a young man in a white shirt and brown shawl, both looking upwards, with a blue lantern on the ground.

### **Work with the Foundation to...**

- Have the spirit and intent of your charitable wishes honored
- Give to remember or honor someone else
- Receive maximum tax deduction and saving allowed by law
- Accomplish charitable objectives in a variety of ways:
  - \* Gift of stock, life insurance, property, etc.
  - \* Mention the Foundation in your will
  - \* Establish a fund to create an endowment and leave a permanent legacy
  - \* Contribute to existing funds

### **Look to the Foundation for...**

- Personal attention and in-depth knowledge when trying to find the best fit for your charitable priorities, financial goals and personal preferences
- Help establishing, managing and administering a charitable fund
- Help identifying areas of greatest and unmet needs within the community
- Help furthering your education through our scholarships
- Information on services from other non-profits that receive grants from or have endowment funds with the Foundation
- Meeting space for your business or nonprofit

*The Community Foundation supports the arts and entertainment with grants to organizations such as the Jackson County Community Theater, ACTS (Actors Community Theater of Seymour), and Southern Indiana Center for the Arts.*

## 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 change in the community.

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The Community Foundation of Jackson County has received accreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®. This accreditation, signified by the Seal shown here, indicates that the Foundation meets the highest standards for philanthropic excellence. We have met rigorous standards for donor services, investment management, grantmaking and administration. The Foundation is also a member and supporter of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance.



*Champion. Support. Connect.*

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSON COUNTY

## A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY



Andy Royalty, Board Chair



Dan Davis, President & CEO

### **Gifts, investment returns strong Enables grant rate to maintain 5% payout for 2022**

Despite a slow start, 2021 investment earnings closed strong to benefit the work of the Community Foundation of Jackson County and our partner agencies. Coupled with strong giving from donors, it was another successful year.

The organization's investment portfolio closed the year at \$17.69 million, reflecting a 19.3 percent gain for the year and the highest year-end close on record. The fourth-quarter produced a gain of 10.3 percent, powered in great part by a 5.4 percent increase in December.

That was the first reporting period where the Foundation's portfolio topped \$17 million after toying with it in October and November.

Gifts to the Foundation totaled \$849,113.94 in 2021. Individual gifts during the year totaled 553, up from the 384 posted in 2020 amid the uncertainty and angst of COVID-19 and coming more in line with recent non-pandemic years. The Foundation paid out more than \$1.5 million in grants during 2021, up from \$638,000 in 2020. Grants provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. through the GIFT VII Large-Scale Grant Opportunity accounts for a great part of that increase as construction work progressed on Child Care Network's child-care center.

Fifteen new funds were started in 2021, including six new community funds that will help finance the Fall Grant cycle. That's great news for the community, generating more Fall Grant dollars moving forward, year after year, forever.

That combination of giving and strong returns account in part for the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Jackson County approving a 5 percent grant rate for endowed funds it administers for 2022. This is the third year in a row that the Board has approved a 5 percent grant rate, the maximum allowed by regulations and the organization's spending policy.

Our investment performance over the last three years and our community needs merit the full 5 percent

again. Part of that need is a realization that while the Foundation did have another blessed year in 2021, many nonprofits in our community and elsewhere did not as the lingering COVID-19 pandemic made some donors hesitant to give at a time when the need for services from those nonprofits increased because of the pandemic.

The grant rate is anticipated to result in nearly \$700,000 in overall granting dollars, up from \$589,767 in 2021. That includes just shy of \$100,000 in unrestricted dollars for the Fall Grant cycle. That increase is a clear sign of our increasing assets, both as a result of increased giving and of good investment performance.

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. Community funds, also known as unrestricted dollars, provide grant money for a myriad of needs across Jackson County. Last year, the Foundation approved 19 grants totaling more than \$93,000 through the Fall Grant cycle.

Recipients of those grants include organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, Girls Inc. of Jackson County, the Jackson County History Center, Jackson County Public Library, a number of area churches and schools and other organizations. Read more about them on Page 27.

Foundation Treasurer Mike Fleetwood said 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 our grants.

We think that was seen in the giving to the Foundation in 2020 and again in 2021. In a year that brought great uncertainty because of the pandemic and a turbulent national mood, our donors responded, making more than \$800,000 in new gifts to the Foundation in 2021 and more than \$1.1 million in 2020. We appreciate our donors and those agencies who benefit from those gifts.

Again, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Andy Royalty  
Chair, Board of Directors



Dan Davis  
President & CEO



#### **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 \$10 million.
- Our assets now total more than \$17 million.
- The Foundation administered 230 funds as of Dec. 31, 2021.
- 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](mailto:president@cfjacksoncounty.org)

### **Board of Directors**

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### **Staff**

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### **Board Members Emeritus**

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### **Community Volunteers**

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### **Past Board Members**

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## Types of Funds

### **Unrestricted Endowments (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.



## Foundation welcomes new board members

### Directors provide important service to community



Dr. Eric Fish

Members of nonprofit boards of directors play important and valuable roles for area organizations such as the Girls Inc. of Jackson County, Community Provisions 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 2021.

Joining the Foundation Board were Dr. Eric Fish of Washington Township, Nate Tormoehlen of Seymour and Donald Schnitker of Hamilton Township. Leaving the Board after serving it for 10 years were Priscilla Wischmeier of Seymour, Gary Meyer of Washington Township and Darrell Persinger of Medora.

“The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Jackson County is pleased to welcome our new members,” said Susan Bevers, who is chair of the Governance Committee. “We are honored that they are willing to give their time and talents to 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 our story with the community to participating in the grant and scholarship review processes.

The Foundation looks forward to putting the new Board members – Fish,



Nate Tormoehlen

Schnitker and Tormoehlen – to work. Each brings their own personalities, expectations and experiences to the Board of Directors along with a shared interest in serving our community. All three have some familiarity with the Foundation and our work.

Schnitker said he was looking forward to continuing his community service through working with the Foundation as his time commitments to other organizations drew to a close.

“I was looking for another worthwhile organization to contribute to after leaving some other responsibilities,” he said. The Cortland farmer retired as the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief in December.

Recognizing the work of the Foundation and how it fits with his goals interested Tormoehlen in serving on the Board of Directors.

“I want to help facilitate long-term sustainable change in our community,” he said. Tormoehlen, a partner at Beatty Insurance, has served on the boards of the United Way and Seymour Chamber and currently sits on the Jackson County Education Coalition board and the Seymour Redevelopment Commission.

Fish said he is eager to “continue the great work the Foundation does for our community.” He is the president and chief executive officer at Schneck Medical Center and is involved with the boards of directors for Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. and the



Donald Schnitker

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour.

Representing all of Jackson County on our Board of Directors is important to our mission and important to the Foundation and its Board of Directors. When the Foundation was created in 1992, those founding directors made it clear that the organization would serve all of Jackson County, not just Brownstown or Seymour.

Our bylaws reflect that commitment. They map out representation from all corners of the county and communities in between. Selection of board members ensures that goal, Board Chair Andy Royalty said.

“The Foundation strives to reach all corners of Jackson County, and the Board of Directors is vital to our continued success in helping the community,” Royalty added. “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.

“Priscilla, Gary and Darrell helped us meet our mission,” Davis said. “They have been instrumental in sharing the story of our 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.”



## 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.



### **Community Agency Building, Inc.**

Funds were provided to the Community Agency Building to purchase and install a KnoxBox access box.



### **Seymour High School**

Funds were provided to Seymour High School to help pay the fee for Chris Herren to talk with students about opioid addiction.

## FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

### **Owen-Carr Township Community Fund**

Carr Township Conservation Club - \$5,000  
Carr Township Volunteer Fire Dept. - \$4,810  
Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$1,200  
HOPE Medora Goes Pink - \$1,810.13  
Jackson County History Center - \$1,000  
Jackson County Dog Shelter Committee - \$7,500  
Leadership Jackson County - \$1,200  
Medora Brick Plant & Historical Sites - \$11,800  
Medora Pentecostal Church - \$2,000  
Medora Police Department - \$12,000  
Mental Health America Jackson County - \$2,000  
Norman Station Conservation Club - \$5,000  
Town of Medora - \$1,400

### **Jackson County Youth Foundation**

Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$1,000  
Leadership Jackson County - \$500  
Mental Health America of Jackson County - \$1,000



Volunteer Terry Davidson leads a table discussion with YoJack students in 2021.

## DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

### **Bollinger Family Endowment**

Anchor House, Inc. - \$2,000  
Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$800  
Community Provisions, Inc. - \$1,000  
First Presbyterian Church - \$2,494  
Jackson County United Way - \$3,700

### **W. Andrew Denny and Carol Denny Fund**

Trinity Lutheran High School - \$691

### **Jackson County Sertoma Club Endowment**

Jackson County Sertoma Scholarship Fund - \$2,262

### **Everett V. and Maria Moritz Fund**

Seymour Museum Center - \$1,337  
Mary Vehslage Seymour Museum Fund - \$1,000

### **Francis "Pat" & Dorothy M. Myers Fund**

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$500  
Distinguished Young Women of Jackson County - \$250

### **Janet L. and Gary F. Myers Charitable Fund**

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour - \$3,500  
CrossLife Ministries - \$500  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 108 - \$500  
Girls Inc. of Jackson County - \$250  
Indiana Golf Foundation - \$250  
Larry McDonald Band Fund - \$250  
Peace Lutheran Church - \$12,000  
Schneck Foundation - \$250  
Seymour Main Street - \$250  
Seymour Museum Center - \$500  
Trinity Lutheran High School - \$200

### **Jim Schneider Memorial Fund**

Anchor House - \$750  
Community Provisions, Inc. - \$750  
Cross Life Ministries - \$3,250  
Jackson County Clothing Center - \$500  
Trinity Lutheran High School - \$4,000  
Zion Lutheran School - \$750

### **Orville and Mary Schnitker Memorial Endowment**

Cross Life Ministries - \$1,000  
Jackson County Public Library - \$1,000

### **Seymour Noon Lions Club Donor Advised Fund**

Child Care Network, Inc. - \$300  
Jackson County Public Library - \$155

### **SHS Class of 1970**

Seymour Community Schools - \$21,939.14

### **Dennis and Nancy Sterling Fund**

Anchor House - \$2,000  
Clarity of South Central Indiana - \$2,650  
Freetown Apostolic Pentecostal Church - \$1,000  
HOPE Medora Goes Pink - \$500  
Humane Society of Jackson County - \$500  
Immanuel Lutheran Church - \$30,500  
Make-A-Wish Foundation - \$500  
Matthew 25 Street Ministries - \$1,000  
Mercy Rescue & Adoption, Inc. - \$500  
Redeemer Lutheran Church - \$500  
Red Sky Rescue - \$500  
Warrior Bags - \$1,000  
White River Humane Society - \$500  
WildCare Inc. - \$500

### **Dave and Ann Windley Fund**

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



Members of Boys & Girls Club of Seymour participate in a craft activity.

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DESIGNATED AND AGENCY GRANTS

<p><b>Jessica Barkman/Girls Inc. Athletic Scholarship Fund</b> Girls Inc. of Jackson County \$1,840</p> <p><b>Clarice Beineke Fund</b> Developmental Services, Inc. \$2,366</p> <p><b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County Endowment Fund</b> Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County \$402</p> <p><b>Ernest N. Birge Boy Scout Fund</b> Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America \$348</p> <p><b>Ellis E. Bland and Marjorie J. Wrighthouse Bland Endowment</b> Brownstown Central High School \$5,366</p> <p><b>Don and Emmylou Bollinger Endowed Scholarship Fund</b> DePauw University \$6,294</p> <p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour Endowments</b> Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour \$29,926</p> <p><b>Branaman Family Endowment for Jackson County Community Theatre</b> Jackson County Community Theatre \$505</p> <p><b>John Britton Seymour High School Baseball Fund</b> Seymour Community Schools \$1,205</p> <p><b>Brownstown Christian Church Endowment Fund</b> Brownstown Christian Church \$3,937</p> <p><b>Brownstown Presbyterian Church Fund</b> Brownstown Presbyterian Church \$2,204</p> <p><b>Tracy Bullard Memorial Endowment</b> Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour \$1,517</p>	<p><b>Marie Burgess Memorial 4-H Sewing Award Fund</b> Jackson County 4-H Council \$569</p> <p><b>Child Care Network, Inc. Endowment</b> Child Care Network, Inc. \$478</p> <p><b>Katie Collman Playground Fund</b> Crothersville Community Schools \$367</p> <p><b>Community Kids Net Endowment</b> Brownstown Elementary School \$845 Brownstown Central Middle School \$845</p> <p><b>Community Provisions of Jackson County, Inc. Endowment</b> Community Provisions of Jackson County, Inc. \$286</p> <p><b>The John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Endowment</b> The John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Operating Fund \$1,893</p> <p><b>Crothersville Jr/Sr High School Vocational/Technical Fund</b> Crothersville Community Schools \$320</p> <p><b>Lee S. Ertel Memorial 4-H Endowment</b> Jackson County 4-H Club Committee \$807</p> <p><b>Les Gilkey Music Fund</b> Seymour Community Schools \$489</p> <p><b>Girls Inc. Endowment</b> Girls Inc. of Jackson County \$302</p> <p><b>Girls Inc. of Jackson County Fund</b> Girls Inc. of Jackson County \$8,222</p>	<p><b>Nick Greemann First Presbyterian Church Endowment</b> First Presbyterian Church \$580</p> <p><b>C. B. Hess 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund</b> Indiana 4-H Foundation \$3,500</p> <p><b>Edward H. Howard and Dorothy E. Howard Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour Fund</b> Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour \$5,050</p> <p><b>Humane Society of Jackson County Endowment</b> Humane Society of Jackson County \$516</p> <p><b>Immanuel United Church of Christ Cemetery Fund</b> Crothersville Cemetery Board \$5,186</p> <p><b>Immanuel United Church of Christ Children's Fund</b> Uspiritus \$1,382 Crossroad Child &amp; Family Services \$1,382</p> <p><b>Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Community Endowment</b> Immanuel Church of Christ Community Fund \$1,585</p> <p><b>Jackson County History Center Fund</b> Jackson County History Center \$722</p> <p><b>Jackson County Learning Center Endowment</b> Jackson County Learning Center Capital Projects Fund \$9,669</p> <p><b>Jackson County Public Library Fund</b> Jackson County Public Library \$1,266</p>
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DESIGNATED AND AGENCY GRANTS

<p><b>Jackson County Sertoma Hearing Aid Endowment</b> Jackson County Hearing Aid Fund for School Age Children \$751</p> <p><b>Jackson County United Fund, Inc. Endowment</b> Jackson County United Way \$7,390</p> <p><b>Delbert D. Kilgas and Marlis Kilgas Endowment</b> Community Foundation Operating Fund \$2,635</p> <p><b>Mail Masters, Indiana University Southeast Endowment Fund</b> Indiana University Southeast \$885</p> <p><b>Nita Mousa YoJack Fund</b> Leadership Jackson County \$520</p> <p><b>Thomas M. and Mary Louise Nolting Endowment</b> Community Foundation Operating Fund \$411</p> <p><b>Owen-Carr Twp. Community Endowment</b> Owen-Carr Twp. Community Fund \$3,625</p> <p><b>The Point Endowment</b> The Point Ministry Fund \$269</p> <p><b>Frederick M. and Karen L. Pollert/Immanuel Lutheran School Endowment Fund</b> Immanuel Lutheran School \$1,610</p> <p><b>Reddington Christian Church Endowment</b> Reddington Christian Church \$257</p> <p><b>Grant Alan Reedy Athletic Training Endowment</b> Brownstown Central Community Schools \$2,643</p>	<p><b>Carl and Marie Rucker Endowment Fund</b> Leader Dogs for the Blind \$7,391</p> <p>Pleasant Hill Cemetery \$3,717</p> <p>Whites Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery \$3,720</p> <p><b>Seymour Industrial Association Fund</b> Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. \$4,069</p> <p><b>SIHO Schneck Foundation Endowment</b> Schneck Foundation \$1,648</p> <p><b>Southern Indiana Center for the Arts Fund</b> Southern Indiana Center for the Arts \$678</p> <p><b>St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Endowment</b> St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Capital Projects Fund \$5,837</p> <p><b>State Bank of Medora Scholarship Fund</b> Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship Fund \$954</p> <p><b>Ken and Cindy Stella, Indiana University Endowment Fund</b> Indiana University Foundation \$7,639</p> <p><b>Dennis and Nancy Sterling/Brownstown Community Schools Fund</b> Brownstown Central Community Schools \$1,673</p> <p><b>Larry and Joanne Sunbury Endowment Fund</b> Community Foundation Operating Fund \$3,015</p>	<p><b>T &amp; W Corporation Junior Golf Endowment</b> Indiana Golf Foundation \$878</p> <p><b>Terkhorn Lutheran Central School Endowment Fund</b> Lutheran Central School \$2,566</p> <p><b>Terkhorn Memorial Endowment Fund</b> St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church \$2,962</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment</b> Trinity Lutheran Church \$9,245</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church Organ and Music Fund</b> Trinity Lutheran Church \$5,555</p> <p><b>Mary Vehslage Seymour Museum Fund</b> Seymour Museum Center \$286</p> <p><b>F. Walter Voss and Tom G. Voss Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour Fund</b> Boys &amp; Girls Club of Seymour \$4,897</p> <p><b>Bessie J. White Endowment Fund</b> Cana United Methodist Church \$2,173</p> <p><b>Workforce Development Endowment Fund</b> Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. \$2,938</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church Endowment</b> Zion Lutheran Church \$7,367</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church Education Fund</b> Zion Lutheran Church \$801</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church Foundation Music and Education Fund</b> Zion Lutheran Church \$1,948</p>
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## Dog shelter moves toward completion

### Opening expected in spring of 2022

Jackson County's building commissioner is optimistic the 45-by-82-foot Jackson County Dog Shelter will be completed during spring 2022 after fundraising for the facility started construction nearly seven years ago.

Conner Barnette said he was chosen to spearhead the completion of the project in November 2021 by the county's three commissioners.

Many components of the dog shelter, located behind the sheriff's department off State Road 250 just east of Brownstown, are completed, Barnette said, including the electrical and plumbing, concrete and flatwork and sidewalks.

Interior work for the shelter is the main priority to finish, he said. That includes the construction of kennels and adding drywall, fiberglass reinforced panels, doors and trim.

Much of the money for building the shelter resulted from a grassroots effort of donations through the Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund, administered by the Community Foundation of Jackson County. Since being established in 2015, the donors from all walks of life have given more than \$268,000 to the fund through December 2021.

A lift station and sanitary sewer will be installed, and Barnette said he's waiting for approval from the town of Brownstown to have the plans for both approved.

In February 2015, the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals approved the dog shelter to be constructed behind the sheriff's department at 150 E. State Road 250. At the time, a Jackson County Dog Shelter committee was overseeing the project, which had been in the works for several years.

Upon completion of the project, inmates from the Jackson County Jail will help with taking care of the dogs held at the shelter.

Construction on the dog shelter began in the fall of 2018 when the project was being overseen by the original Jackson County Dog Shelter committee.



Construction workers pour concrete at the Jackson County Dog Shelter in December 2021.

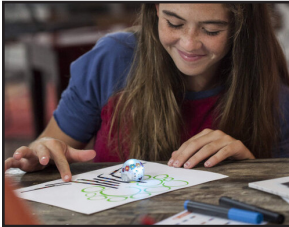
### How to help

Donations to the Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund may be mailed to P.O. Box 1231, Seymour, IN, 47274, dropped off at the Community Foundation of Jackson County's office at 107 Community Drive in Seymour or made online via [cfjacksoncounty.org](http://cfjacksoncounty.org).

Donations are tax-deductible and can be made anonymously.

## CLASSROOM EDUCATION GRANTS

The Classroom Education Grant Program was designed to help bring to the classroom bold creative ideas that budget constraints may make difficult or impossible to implement. Grants of up to \$250 are awarded.



Susie Alstatt from Brownstown Elementary School was provided funds to purchase Ozobot Evo Robotics Kits for her 4th-grade students.



Tammy Robbins from Crothersville Jr/Sr High School was provided funds to purchase a Cricut Explore die cutting machine for her 7th-9th grade English classes.



Rebecca Lanier from Medora High School was provided funds to purchase an under desk pedal exerciser for her 9th-12th grade English students.



Katie Tormoehlen from Zion Lutheran School was provided funds to purchase a Light Table Manipulative Center for her Pre-K students.

**Mary Cobb - Brownstown Elementary School** was provided funds for the Sphero App-Enabled Robot Ball for her 5th grade students.

**Amy Hehman - Brownstown Elementary School** was provided funds to purchase a Fluency and Fitness Mega Bundle for her 2nd grade students.

**Robin Perry - Brownstown Central High School** was provided funds to purchase Principles of Entrepreneurship for her 9th - 10th grade students.

**Kathy Sunbury - Redding Elementary School** was provided funds to purchase foam therapeutic pieces for K - 5th grade students with special needs.

**Tresley Land - Seymour Middle School** was provided funds to purchase kindness “tags” to be passed out to special education students.

**Janell Martin - Seymour High School** was provided funds to purchase equipment to measure and record vital signs for 10th-12th grade students.

**Linda Myers - Crothersville Jr/Sr High School** was provided funds to purchase hand tools for the 8th - 9th grade Agriculture Mechanization classes.

**Logan Oakes - Crothersville Jr/Sr High School** was provided funds to create an “Escape Room” centered around the Underground Railroad for his Social Studies students.

**Diana Ackeret - Zion Lutheran School** was provided funds to purchase puzzles, lacing cards, blocks, magnet tiles and play dough tools to develop fine motor skills in preschoolers.

**Lisa Richart - Sandy Creek Christian Academy** was provided funds to purchase copies of “Thank You, Mr. Falker” the true story of author Patricia Polacco for her 3rd grade students.

## Classroom Education Grant cracks the code

As I begin putting my program report onto paper, or more accurately, a Google Doc, I want to once again thank The Community Foundation of Jackson County for the funds that have allowed me to increase the number of Ozobots I use in my fourth-grade classroom at Brownstown Elementary School. The grant helped me purchase an Ozobot Student Kit, code stickers and lined code tape.

Learning to code by using the Ozobots is part of my computer science curriculum. Ozobot Boot Camp is the first step for my kids to get hands-on experience with Evo – a friendly coding robot. Bot Camp teaches the basics of using and coding an Evo and takes approximately one hour. Seeing their faces when I first introduce Evo reminds me why I became a teacher. Watching their reactions, physically and facially, when they get their hands on Evo for the first time makes me smile, laugh and does my heart good. My kids have the best time learning by doing with Ozobots.

Something I have noticed, with the use of these tiny robots, is my students' reaction when their attempts at creating code doesn't work out the way they thought it would. My kids don't get upset or give up -- they persevere.

Another bonus of using Evo in the classroom is the encouragement of, and often the need for collaboration. Students who normally would not ask for any kind of assistance, when they need it, will reach out to a fellow student for help. With those who do not struggle with drawing code correctly, they will offer to help those who are struggling, becoming the teacher. They encourage each other, no put downs, no criticizing and cheer each other on when that tiny robot does what it was supposed

to do. That is a wonderful thing to see.

The last observation I would like to mention is the fun I see my kids have with Evo. Watching my kids discover on their own anything new about Evo is awesome.

The absolute cutest ability they learn about Evo, early on, is its capability to talk to them. Of course, Ozobot speaks computer and sounds very much like R2D2 from "Star Wars." The first time an Evo speaks to one of my kids because it didn't like the way the code or the line path was drawn is too funny. Evo will stop moving and will make all kinds of noise with lights flashing.

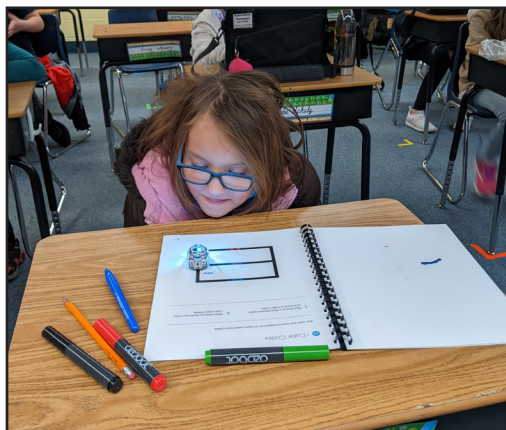
But the best part is when my kids will talk back to the tiny robot. Some of my favorite student comments include: "Hey! You don't need to get so cranky!" "I didn't mean to get the line so wide!" "You don't need to talk to me like that!" The last one is my favorite.

I don't have all the answers, or all of the know-how. I am learning with my kids, and they are aware of that. They

know that technology is not my strong suit, but I continue to do my best to learn, and hopefully that will encourage them, too, to do their best to learn all that they can.

Thank you again for your support.

Susie Alstatt  
Fourth Grade  
Brownstown Elementary School



Tempest McElhiney participates in Ozobot Boot Camp, where students first experience Ozobot Evo. Boot Camp is a basic introduction to how Evo works -- learning to calibrate Evo, learning and practicing drawing codes, learning and practicing drawing paths that connect codes and provides a better understanding of how Evo reads and recognizes the codes. Ozobot Boot Camp is a complete hands-on activity.



## Grant provides Impact

### Impact Grant aids opening of expanded homeless shelter

A \$15,600 Impact Grant from the Community Foundation of Jackson County helped Anchor House Family Assistance Center expand its services early in 2021 to include a new homeless shelter on Seymour's east side just as severe cold weather was forecast. It provided temporary housing for homeless men, women and families to stay until they could find stable employment and housing.

In its first year, the Anchor House East Shelter at 326 Dupont Drive served more than 285 clients and provided 4,645 nights of stay. New staff positions were created, clients were given an opportunity to be interns at the shelter and earn money and a Pathways Program was implemented.

"I think it makes an incredible impact on the community," Executive Director Megan Cherry said. "It's a big blessing to the community to have that as a resource, and I think that it's extremely important to be able to finally not turn someone away."

Anchor House annually does a point in time count, which involves traveling around the county to determine the number of homeless people. The most recent count was memorable.

"The last several years, we've found a few, but this year, we found zero," Cherry said. "I believe that to be because we are housing that population now that was before out in the elements and didn't have that place to go. It has been really nice to have this available to the community."

Opening a second shelter for emergency housing needs was made possible by a \$50,000 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. and Indiana United Ways and financial support from the Community Foundation of



Tyrel Garlinghouse does laundry at the Anchor House East Shelter in Seymour.

Jackson County, Royalty Companies and private donors.

The facility, which can accommodate up to 46 people, opened much earlier than anticipated, Cherry said. "After some discussions, because of the cold weather season that we were in, no one wanted to see anyone out in the elements," she said. "There really wasn't that many other options at that time, so we thought, 'What is the minimum amount we can do to get the doors open to get people out of the cold?'"

Initially, the East Shelter was only open from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. with one staff member working the first eight hours and another one coming in for the final eight.

Money via fundraising and grants allowed staff to be added, and in May 2021, it became a 24-hour facility.

"The Foundation was pleased to be a part of helping get the new shelter open, especially as frigid weather was sweeping into Jackson County, Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said. "This a good example of how our Impact Grant



dollars can do just that – make a big impact, a big difference, in our community."

Impact Funds are financed with earnings from the Jackson County Unrestricted Endowments. Other recent examples of Impact Grants include grants award to help fund the new child-care center being developed by Child Care Network, the Jackson County Canine Shelter, the Seymour Street Scape, Heritage Park in Brownstown and the Joe Jackson Hotel project in Vallonia.

In September, a client internship program was created at Anchor House, and a Pathways Program was implemented. The Foundation is providing grant dollars and support





Clients socialize at the Anchor House East Shelter in Seymour.

for the Pathways Program, as well.

Cherry said the intern program stemmed from a couple of clients at the East Shelter who had really stepped up and were allowed to work there.

"We started to notice that those are the people that have the best rapport with the clients," she said. "We usually identify them once they've started to complete some of the things and we start to see people stand out and take leadership in their rooms, in their dorms, and we pick them up from that and put them in an intern position as a volunteer."

Through volunteering in the pantry, helping with cleaning and assisting staff, some transitioned to a paid internship position.

"So they are actually earning money, they'll save their money with us just like everybody else, but they still continue to work the program like everyone else," Cherry said.

For some, they are trying to get health issues resolved or don't have two forms of identification to have a job, so interning at the shelter allows them to work in the meantime.

Cherry said she modeled it after a program at Wheeler Mission Ministries in Bloomington.

"A lot of them want to give back because they are so grateful to be here, so if we can find interns that want to do that, then it's even better because we can pay them and they enjoy helping people," she said.

Currently, Anchor House has three client interns, and Cherry said they may add a fourth to work at both the East Shelter and the Anchor House facility at 250 S. Vine St.

The Pathways Program is followed by everyone who becomes an Anchor House client.

When a person arrives at the East Shelter, staff members evaluate them for about three days, letting them come down from a crisis mindset

and learn about the requirements of the program.

"If they feel like that's a good fit for them and we feel like they are a good candidate, then we enroll them," Cherry said.

Then they begin the 12-week program that offers assistance in resources, community referrals, life skills education, financial education, nutrition education, parent education for families, a savings program and finding permanent housing.

They spend time in the men's or women's dorm or one of the three family rooms at the East Shelter, and as they move through the program, the Vine Street campus is used as an incentive and they will move into one of the seven apartments there until finding permanent housing.

For some, it takes the full 12 weeks. Others may spend a little less or a little more time at Anchor House.

## Grant assists firefighter, EMT training

As Seymour firefighters arrive on the scene, a woman approaches them saying three people are inside the burning structure.

The firemen immediately jump into action, grabbing tools and pulling out a fire hose before crawling into the smoke-filled building.

Shortly after, two of them carry an adult male from the building. By that time, Jackson County Emergency Medical Services personnel have arrived, and they place the man on a portable stretcher.

The firefighters go right back in and rescue an adult female and a baby, also placing the woman on a stretcher and carrying the baby straight to an ambulance.

Once in the ambulance, paramedics and emergency medical technicians work to save the three people's lives.

While this wasn't a real scenario, it provided valuable training for local first responders.

This was done over three days last week at the fire training facility on G Avenue West in Freeman Field in Seymour.

Being in operation for the past year, Seymour Fire Chief Brad Lucas

said the facility has brought many benefits to his department.

Perhaps the biggest benefit?

"This type of scenario is about as ideal and realistic as you could get," Lucas said of the recent search-and-rescue training.

Before the facility was available, he said firefighters would use a vacant home purchased by Schneck Medical Center to smoke up and do ladder training, but once it was torn down, they didn't have that option. They also could smoke up the firehouse, but that's not ideal, either.

Another option was for firefighters to travel to other cities that have fire training facilities, but Lucas said that meant taking a firetruck out of service and bringing in other firefighters to cover for them.

With Seymour having its own fire training facility, firefighters can do all of their training in a building that's theirs and is available any time.

"The big benefit for us is we've hired so many guys the last two years and we get them out here and get them in some training right away," Lucas said. "The very first thing you teach them is to get

comfortable in their gear, get comfortable with SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), and their No. 1 job is fight a fire, bring out victims, things like that, and we can do that right here."

Lucas said building a fire training facility was on his mind for several years, but the wheels didn't go in motion until three years ago after an ISO audit. The Insurance Services Office creates ratings for fire departments and their surrounding communities to calculate how well-equipped departments are to put out fires in that community.

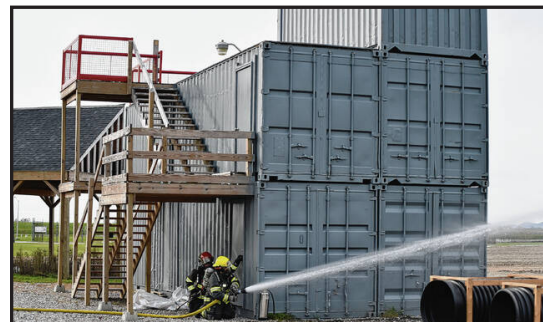
"One of the things that we knew we could do to improve our score was our training, and one of the things to do that is a training facility," Lucas said.

Battalion Chief John Kirby said a certain percentage of firefighters' training has to be at a fixed facility. Now that Seymour has its own, it will gain ISO points. "Before, we just couldn't get those points," he said.

As Lucas started researching fire training facilities, he learned the Indiana Department of Homeland Security had secured 20-foot shipping containers from Naval Support Activity Crane, so he got five of them. Plus, he



The Seymour Fire Department's fire training facility at Freeman Field has been in operation for the past year.



Seymour Firefighter Ryan Sterling turns on the firehose as Lt. Kaleb McKinney stands by to enter the fire training facility during a search-and-rescue training session Nov. 9, 2021.

purchased two 40-foot containers.

Once gravel was put down in the parking lot and the containers were delivered, the interior of the ground-level containers was set up like a house, including holes cut to make doorways and furniture placed throughout. That was functional at the end of the summer in 2020.

“We can make it realistic as a house and smoke it up and go through like you would in a house fire passing through doorways,” Lucas said.

Then the department received a grant from the Community Foundation of Jackson County so the containers could be painted and a railing could be added to reach the upper levels of the stacked containers.

The second story includes a maze known as a confidence course that can be smoked up or blacked out for training scenarios, and the third story has a window set up on the outside that can be used for ladder training.

“One of the (benefits) is being able to ladder a structure and not tear it up,” Kirby said. “Before, we would have to ladder the fire station or ladder a house, and that’s hard on gutters and things like that. You don’t do as much ladder training that way. Now, we can do as much

ladder training as we want, we have the place to do it and we can ladder the building and not tear anything up.”

Kirby said since the facility is already set up, firefighters can go there in a moment’s notice and train.

“We’ve done that where we’ve just said, ‘Go out to the training grounds and ladder this building and do it,’ and we can do the training and be done with it and pack up and come back and we’ll do other stuff,” he said.

The grounds also include a roof prop with four pitches that was built this year.

“Right now, it’s not finished, but when it is, they can put a ladder up to it, put a ladder over the top and have a ladder on the roof and then use a chainsaw to cut a hole in it and we could replace that piece,” Lucas said. “That’s not fully functional yet. At some point, we hope to dig that out, put concrete underneath it, maybe put a storage room and a restroom in there.”

Lucas said the department saved a lot of money by having the firefighters do the work on the facility during their shift, rather than hiring a contractor.

Firefighters also can use the nearby

brick building for training. During the recent search-and-rescue training sessions, rooms were set up like the back of ambulances to treat the patients.

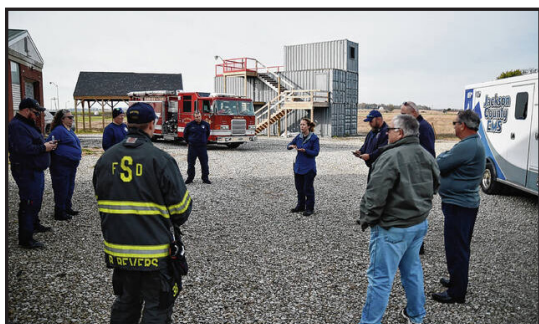
Lucas said the building is owned by Freeman Municipal Airport, and part of it is still used by the Time Turners car club.

This year, he said firefighters are required to have 16 hours of training at the fire training facility.

The search-and-rescue training also gave Seymour firefighters a chance to earn emergency medical services hours, which are required to maintain certifications.

That served a dual purpose as Lucas wanted to set up interagency training after Neti Redelman was hired as the new education coordinator for Jackson County EMS. She led debriefings after each training session. At the same time, the EMS personnel benefited from the training.

“Runs of this magnitude obviously don’t happen often, thankfully, but they do happen, so when they do, it’s good that we have this opportunity to be able to have gone through this training where we have multiple victims in a fire,” said Nate Bryant, executive director of Jackson County EMS.



Neti Redelman, education coordinator for Jackson County Emergency Medical Services, leads a debriefing after a search-and-rescue training session Nov. 9, 2021, at the Seymour Fire Department’s fire training facility at Freeman Field.



Seymour Firefighter Ryan Sterling, left, and Lt. Kaleb McKinney communicate before opening the door to the fire training facility during a search-and-rescue training session Nov. 9, 2021.



## 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	Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship Fund
Brownstown Central Turf Project Fund	Marilyn Mellencamp Scholarship for the Arts
Brownstown Fund for the Arts	Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge Fund
John H. and Thomas W. Conner Antique Print Shop Museum Operating Fund	Janet L. and Gary F. Myers Charitable Fund
Crothersville Community Scholarship Fund	Owen-Carr Township Community Fund
Laikyn Field Memorial Fund	The Point Ministry Fund
Immanuel United Church of Christ Community Fund	Gary E. Plumer Memorial Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Jackson County Bicentennial Fund	Margie Redmon Fund
Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund	Rust Companies Foundation
Jackson County COVID-19 Response Fund	Seymour Firefighters Local 577 Scholarship Fund
Jackson County Hearing Aid Fund for School Age Children	Sparksville Park Fund
Jackson County Learning Center Capital Projects 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	Jim Schneider Memorial Fund
E. Morton and Julia R. Lester Memorial Scholarship Fund	Dennis and Nancy Sterling Fund
Duane Martin Vocational Scholarship Fund	Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund
	Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Education and Maintenance Fund
	Adria Ann Waskom Memorial Fund



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSON COUNTY

### ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

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Clarice Beineke Fund	Humane Society of Jackson County Endowment	Carl and Marie Rucker Endowment
Ernest N. Birge Boy Scout Fund	Immanuel United Church of Christ Children's Fund	• Leader Dogs for the Blind
Ellis E. Bland & Marjorie J. Wriighthouse Bland Endowment	Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Cemetery Fund	• Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Board of Directors Endowment	Immanuel United Church of Christ Vernon Township Community Endowment	• Whites Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery
Don and Emmylou Bollinger Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Jackson County Bank Administrative Endowment Fund	Seymour Industrial Association Fund
Branaman Family Endowment for Jackson County Community Theatre	Jackson County Economic Development Fund	SIHO Schneck Foundation Endowment
John Britton Seymour High School Baseball Fund	Jackson County Learning Center Endowment	Southern Indiana Center for the Arts Fund
Brownstown Christian Church Endowment	Jackson County Sertoma Club Hearing Aid Endowment	State Bank of Medora Scholarship Fund
Brownstown Presbyterian Church Fund	Jackson County United Fund, Inc. Endowment	Ken and Cindy Stella, Indiana University Endowment Fund
Tracy Bullard Memorial Endowment	Delbert D. Kilgas & Marlis Kilgas Endowment	Dennis and Nancy Sterling/Brownstown Community Schools Endowment
Marie Burgess Memorial 4-H Sewing Award Fund	Donald J. Klaes Classroom Education Grant Endowment	Larry and Joanne Sunbury Endowment
Child Care Network Child-Care Center Endowment	Mail Masters, Indiana University Southeast Endowment Fund	St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church Endowment
Katie Collman Playground Fund	Larry McDonald Band Fund	T & W Corporation Junior Golf Endowment
Community Kids Net Endowment	Nita Mousa YoJack Fund	Terkhorn Lutheran Central School Endowment Fund
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Lee S. Ertel Memorial 4-H Endowment	Owen-Carr Township Community Endowment	Trinity Lutheran Church Organ and Music Fund
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Girls Inc. Endowment	Frederick M. and Karen L. Pollert/Immanuel Lutheran School Endowment	Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment
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		Zion Lutheran Church Education Fund
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### Field of Interest

The Brownstown Foundation

The Cartwright Endowment for the  
Arts

Carl Hemmer Memorial Fund

Jackson County Youth Foundation

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Nippon Steel Pipe America Inc.  
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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  
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Tri Kappa Endowment

## ENDOWMENTS AND FUNDS

### Scholarships

Gina Shepard Ballard Scholarship Fund

Bateman Engineering Scholarship Fund

Louis and Judy Bobb Scholarship Fund

Branaman Family Scholarship

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Jay C Food Stores Scholarship Fund

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Jane E. Meyer Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Fund

Ken A. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

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The Bob and Eileen Prather Memorial Scholarship Fund

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John E. and Ruth A. Reedy Scholarship Fund

Charles and Eileen Roeger Scholarship Fund

The Royalty Scholarship Endowment

Brian T. Rudolph Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund

Walter & Cora Schleuser - Clark & Ruth Thompson Scholarship Fund

George Schneider Scholarship Fund

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Marietta Louise and Erwin August Henry Surenkamp Scholarship Fund

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**Ellie Cornn**  
2021 Lilly Endowment Community  
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*Hanover College*  
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## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### **Klaes Memorial Scholarship**

*Saint Ambrose Catholic School*

Zeke Lewis

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### **Dr. and Mrs. R. Todd Bergman Scholarship**

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Grace Skaggs

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Olivia Robinson

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Aaliyah Briner

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### **Immanuel United Church of Christ Scholarship**

Kalynda Hoevener

### **Jackson County Community Scholarship**

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### **Jackson County Veterinary Scholarship**

Kelley Sharp

### **Jay C Food Stores Scholarship**

Evan Baurle

Paige Hawes

Elizabeth Lenart

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### **Elmer and Ida Lacey Scholarship**

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Kathleen Frazier

Makinzee Isley

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Alyssa Perry

### **Orville and Laura Lubker/Purdue University Scholarship**

Chelsey Peters

### **Duane Martin Vocational Scholarship**

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### **Ruby and Floyd W. Martin Scholarship**

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Carina Munoz

### **Harold "Teep" and Oguerita McKinney Scholarship**

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### **Medora High School/Gossman Scholarship**

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Savannah Wineinger

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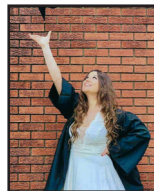
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## Foundation awards 19 Fall Grants

### Tackling poverty among targets of grants

The Community Foundation of Jackson County approved 19 grants through its 2021 Fall Grant cycle.

Two of those grants strive to help the community lift area residents out of or off the cusp of poverty. Another will help feed children enrolled in Jackson County schools. And two others will provide children and family activities at area parks.

The 19 grants awarded through the competitive Fall Grant program totaled \$93,173. In 2019, the Foundation approved 18 such grants totaling \$84,676.

Those grant dollars are spread across Jackson County, said Trish Butt, chair of the Foundation's Grant Committee.

"That is one of our goals as we review grant applications," Butt added. "The Foundation truly is the Community Foundation of Jackson County. Our list of donors reflects that, and so does our list of grant recipients year after year."

The Foundation approved a \$7,500 grant to Anchor House for its efforts with its Pathways program and a \$4,000 grant to the Jackson County United Way for its work with holistic financial stability education

programming and staging of a poverty simulation sometime in 2022.

The Foundation has partnered with the United Way, Anchor House, Human Services Inc. and other agencies in an effort to combat poverty and its impact across Jackson County.

Jackson County United Way aims to move families living in or near poverty into the middle class, in part by helping them learn to become more financially stable.

"Our anticipated outcomes are to break down the communication barriers between poverty and middle class citizens, to form connections between residents, and not only identify the path, but lead families from the 39 percent of Jackson County residents living in poverty down the path of financial stability," Executive Director Maci Baurle said.

Also included in their work are plans to stage a poverty simulation the fall of 2022. That event will continue poverty simulation work started with two presentations in 2019 that were funded with grant dollars from the Foundation and Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII initiative. The simulations attempt to bridge the gap of understanding between those in poverty and those not in poverty.

"The idea is to educate middle and upper class individuals about the realities of poverty, follow up with a debrief about the experience and offer action steps they can pursue to implement change that might benefit their neighbors," Jena Hanks of United Way said.

The work is important, Baurle said, because a "community only thrives if their people are."

The grant to Anchor House will help the community's homeless shelter deliver programming and mentoring aimed at addressing barriers to independence and offer resources to support individuals and families transitioning from the emergency and family homeless shelters into independent living situations for up to six months.



Jim Ott of Iowa leads a poverty convening at Pewter Hall in Brownstown.

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"By providing these resources to clients from intake to post-transition, Anchor House provides more than temporary shelter – it provides continued support to create lasting change and reduce the need for a return to services or homelessness," Anchor House Executive Director Megan Cherry said.

"One criticism of emergency shelter program is the fear that providing temporary emergency housing does little to address long-term, inherent barriers to independence," Cherry added. "Families who are in crisis, after spending a few weeks or months in a program, risk a return to homelessness if they suffer a further setback. The Barriers to Bridges programming addresses the root causes of clients' crises, creates a client-decision-oriented strategy to address those barriers and problem-solving for unforeseen setbacks."

Those new skills should help keep them from stepping back into homelessness, she said.

### Fighting hunger

The Foundation also approved a grant of \$7,500 to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana to help fund its School-Based Pantry program to help students and their families struggling with the issue of food insecurity.



Haley Nagila of Gleaners reported in their grant application that the rate of child food insecurity during the pandemic increased a staggering 40 percent, meaning an additional 630 children were experiencing chronic hunger in Jackson County.

Gleaners has established school-based pantries at Brownstown Central High School, Seymour High School and Medora Junior-Senior High School. All are open to the public.

Anticipated outcomes during the 2021-2022 school year:

- Serve at least 130 duplicated households each month of operation.
- Distribute 50,000 meals to the food insecure in Jackson County.
- And provide 10,000 pounds of produce to the food insecure.

"This program alleviates a significant financial and emotional burden on students and families struggling to budget for monthly food supplies," Nagila said.

The menu items and fresh produce supplied through the school-based pantry program provides a healthy dose of nutrients to promote a healthy lifestyle for clients who often lack access of essential nutrients, she added.

### Supporting parks

The Foundation also approved two grants that will enhance family activities at two of Seymour's parks.

An \$8,000 grant to ARC of Jackson County will help provide handicapped-accessible playground equipment and flooring at Gaiser Park, and a \$7,500 grant to Jackson County Public Library will provide for the installation of a story stroll at Shields Park.

A story stroll includes the placement of pages from a children's book along a public walking path, promoting literacy and positive physical activity while engaging children and their families and caregivers.

A partner in the project, Seymour Community Schools, will provide a Spanish translation of the pages as a volunteer opportunity for high school students, library Director Julia Aker said.

These grants along with the others cover a wide area of impact across Jackson County, Foundation President & CEO Dan Davis said.

"As Trish said, the Foundation's Grant Committee, Board of Directors and staff work hard to ensure that our unrestricted and field of interest earnings provide as large an impact as possible throughout Jackson County," he added.



## Grants approved

The following fall grants were approved by the Community Foundation of Jackson County:

Actors Community Theater of Seymour, \$2,500 for new flats, platforms, outside signage and paint.

Anchor House, \$7,500 for the Barriers to Bridges program.



ARC of Jackson County, \$8,000 for handicap accessible playground equipment and flooring at Gaiser Park in Seymour.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana, \$1,533 for a computer for a new program coordinator in Jackson County.

Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, \$5,196 for junior staff and building workforce readiness.

Community Provisions of Jackson County, \$1,500 for repairs to sidewalk, LED lighting and ventilation system.



Jackson County History Center, \$5,625 as matching funds for an Indiana Historical Society grant of \$37,500.

Englishton Park, \$2,000 for camp tuition for Jackson County youth.

Everyday Connections, \$1,750 for the Social Connections program.

Girls Inc. of Jackson County, \$1,000, for the Friendly PEERSuasion program.

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana Inc., \$7,500, for the School-Based Pantry program for Jackson County schools.

Jackson County Public Library, \$7,500 to build a story stroll in Shields Park.

Jackson County United Way, \$4,000 for holistic financial stability education.

Mental Health America of Jackson County, \$11,299 for mental health initiatives in Jackson County.

Riverview Cemetery, \$4,000 for removal of ash and other old trees.

Seymour Museum Center, \$7,500 for HVAC units at the museum.



Seymour Municipal Airport Authority, \$8,000 to establish an endowment fund, the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Endowment.

Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, \$3,500 to upgrade facility into a traditional art gallery and classroom space.

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, \$3,270, for two laptop computers for Jackson County case managers.

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## Foundation supports READI effort

The Community Foundation of Jackson County continues working with community partners from the Jackson County Industrial Development Corp., the City of Seymour and the Jackson County Board of Commissioners in pursuing READI grants from the State of Indiana and the Indiana Economic Development Corp.

Jackson County is working with officials from Bartholomew and Jennings counties through the South Central Indiana Talent Region. In December 2021 the region received \$30 million in READI grant funding for projects in all three of the counties as well as the Town of Edinburgh in Johnson County. Work continues into 2022 to determine how best to tackle those projects with the available funding and local public and private match dollars.

The South Central Indiana Talent Region READI projects in Jackson County include a Uniontown sewer proposal, a project at the Jackson County Learning Center involving Vincennes University, projects at Seymour High School and its ag center at Freeman Field, an enhancement of services at the Schneck Cancer Center and a tourism project at Chateau Di Pique. Also still in the mix is a workforce housing project proposed for the Seymour area.

The Foundation approved a \$5,000 Impact Grant to help the region complete its READI application for submission to the state, and President & CEO Dan Davis has committed staff resources with his work on the region's Steering Committee. Others on the committee include Jim Plump of Jackson County Industrial Development Corp., Jackson County Commissioner Matt Reedy and Seymour Mayor Matt Nicholson. Jackie Hill of JCIDC has also been heavily involved in the committee's work.

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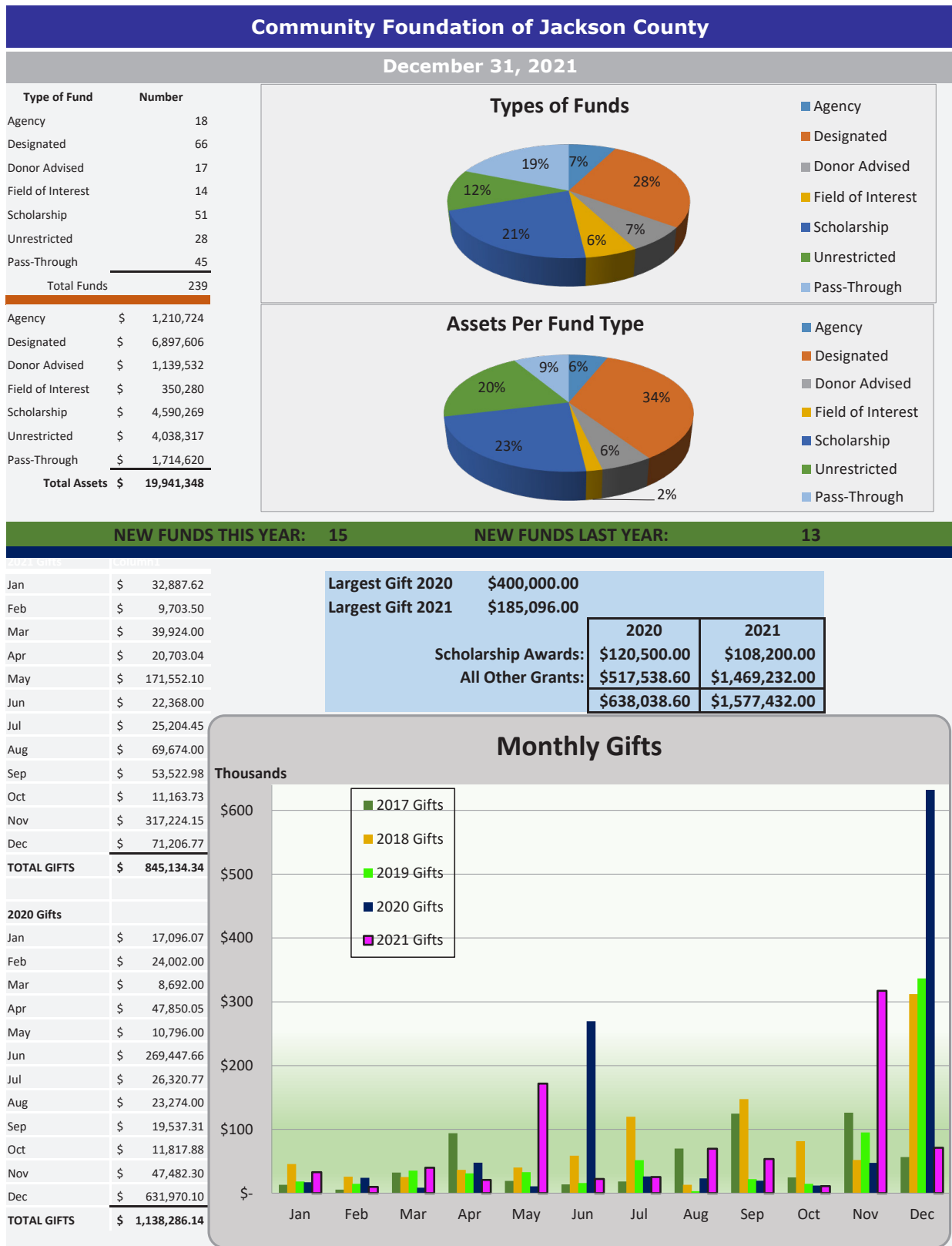
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