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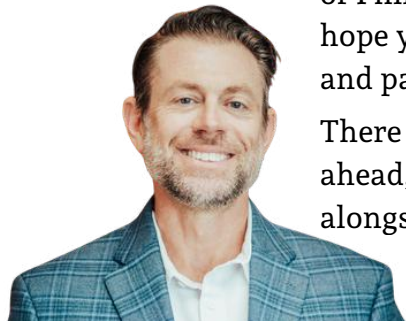
Summer may change our pace, but throughout Madison County, the work of giving, serving, and strengthening our community continues. As families begin looking toward another school year and we turn our attention toward fall, I am especially grateful for the people and organizations who continue showing up for one another in every season.

This month, we are proud to introduce the recipients of our Elevate Madison Grants, an important step in our strategic goal to invest through grantmaking in ways that create meaningful, lasting change. We are honored to invest alongside these organizations as they address some of our community's most pressing needs.

Momentum also continues through Multiply Madison and Madison Forever, and we are incredibly close to reaching an important campaign goal. Reaching this milestone will allow us to move toward even more of the opportunities and vision ahead, and we are grateful for every person who has helped bring us this far.

We are also looking forward to our Celebration of Philanthropy, with registration now open. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the generosity and partnerships that make this work possible.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead, and we are grateful to be doing this work alongside all of you.



Ben Davis

Ben Davis, President



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Unrestricted Match Momentum



Unrestricted funds are the cornerstone of Madison Forever and receive the highest match because they give our community the greatest flexibility and strength. These endowed gifts allow Madison County Community Foundation to respond to emerging needs, invest where impact is greatest, and steward resources in ways that serve both today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities



Bees pollinate far beyond a single flower, strengthening the entire ecosystem. That is why unrestricted giving receives the highest match. When these endowed funds are invested, resources can flow where they are needed most, multiplying impact across programs, priorities, and generations, ensuring the whole hive continues to thrive.



GOAL
\$907,537.50

To receive match
\$1,815,075



Help Complete the Match

Support the changing needs and greatest opportunities in Madison County through gifts to the Impact Madison Fund.



Give to the Impact
Madison Fund



INVESTING IN LASTING POSITIVE CHANGE



Your generosity helps families build lasting stability and a stronger future through home ownership

For many working families, a safe and stable place to live has not always come with the opportunity to build something lasting. Even with steady employment, careful planning, and commitment to creating a better future, the path to homeownership can remain difficult to reach.

Through Habitat for Humanity, families are not simply receiving the keys to a house. They are opening a door to greater stability, new possibilities, and a foundation that can continue to benefit their children for years to come.

A grant from the Women in Philanthropy fund through the Madison County Community helped contribute to life change through home ownership for a local single mother and her two children in 2025.

As the family stepped into a home of their own through Habitat for Humanity, all three were filled with overwhelming joy.

As a first-time homeowner, this mother gained more a place for her and her family to live. She gained a foundation from which she and her children can build. She gained hope and a future.

The home itself carries special meaning. It was completed as a Women Build project, bringing women together to raise funds and help construct a home for a local mother and her children.

Their work continues to make a lasting impact on the family, but the experience also remains meaningful to the women who participated. Along the way, they learned valuable skills, worked together as a team, and gained the pride of knowing they helped build a home.



[Read More](#)

Strategic Goal Connection: INVEST through grantmaking

2026 Elevate Madison Grant Recipients

Eleven organizations. One shared commitment to lasting change.

01) Alternatives Incorporated of Madison County

Helping survivors build financial independence through coaching, education, and matched savings.

02) Heartland Community Action Program

Helping single mothers pursue education, stability, and long-term economic independence.

03) Ivy Tech Foundation-Anderson

Expanding hands-on STEM learning and career exploration for Madison County students.

04) Habitat for Humanity of Madison County

Supporting critical home repairs, aging in place, and stronger neighborhoods.

05) Gateway Association, Inc.

Increasing access to quality childcare through scholarships and family support.

06) Operation Love Ministries

Helping families build financial stability through coaching and practical assistance.

07) LifeSmart Youth

Expanding health, relationship, and mental-wellness education for local students.

08) Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana

Strengthening food access through schools, mobile markets, and community partnerships.

09) The Salvation Army Anderson Corps

Helping families move toward self-sufficiency through coaching, savings, and goal-based support.

10) TeenWorks

Preparing teens for future success through paid employment and career development.

11) East Side Church of God, Inc.

Expanding affordable, enriching out-of-school care for Madison County families.



[Learn more about Elevate Madison grants and the recipients](#)



Elevate Madison is designed to support current needs while building long-term opportunity and resilience. Over a three year period, we are investing **\$1,000,000** highlighting three of the most fundamental Social Determinants of Health:

- Economic Stability
- Education Access & Quality
- Neighborhood & Built Environment

This framework helps us respond to urgent needs today while intentionally investing toward long-term solutions.

ELEVATE MADISON IS A
THREE YEAR INVESTMENT

1

GRANT SIZE:
up to
\$25,000
ESTIMATED
GRANTS:
10-12

2

GRANT SIZE:
up to
\$50,000
ESTIMATED
GRANTS:
6-7

3

GRANT SIZE:
up to
\$100,000
ESTIMATED
GRANTS:
3

EVERYONE'S ECONOMY Economic Stability



Supporting pathways to financial security so individuals, families, and communities can thrive.

HEALTHY MIND AND BODY
Neighborhood & Built Environment



Creating environments that support physical health, mental well-being, and connected communities.

LIFELONG LEARNING Education Access & Quality



Expanding access to quality learning opportunities at every stage of life.

Elevate Madison grants support our strategic plan objectives to address core community needs through targeted grant-making and to support long-term, mission-aligned initiatives

Fund Spotlight

THE IMPACT MADISON FUND

and the MCCF family of named
unrestricted funds



Every impact story begins with a simple act of generosity.

Each month, we have the privilege of sharing stories of lives being changed across Madison County. One month, it is a teenager discovering confidence through a first job. Another, it is a mother finding safety and hope for herself and her children. Another, it is a senior realizing that "adventure has no age limit" as they experience something they never imagined possible.

While every story is different, many of them have something in common. They began with someone who chose to invest in Madison County without knowing exactly where the need would be. That is the purpose of the Impact Madison Fund and our family of unrestricted funds. Unlike gifts designated for a single organization or purpose, unrestricted funds give the Foundation the flexibility to respond to emerging needs, invest in innovative ideas, and support opportunities that have the potential to strengthen our entire community. Sometimes that means helping launch a new initiative. Sometimes it means responding quickly when unexpected challenges arise. Sometimes it means saying yes to an idea that simply has the power to change lives.

As you read this month's announcement of the 2026 Elevate Grant recipients, you are seeing unrestricted philanthropy in action. These transformational investments are possible because donors have trusted the Foundation to listen, learn, and steward resources where they can make the greatest impact.

Over the past year, you've met people whose lives have been changed through those investments. A TeenWorks participant discovered a "spark of self-belief" and realized, *"I now know I'm worthy. I can do something."* At The Well, women are finding healing through what its leaders simply call *"loving women back to life."* Seniors across Madison County are building friendships, exploring new places, and proving that *"adventure has no age limit."* Different organizations. Different missions. One community moving forward together.

These stories are only a glimpse of what unrestricted giving makes possible. There are needs we can already see, opportunities just beginning to emerge, and challenges we cannot yet predict. The Impact Madison Fund exists so that, together, we are ready for all of them.

Your generosity doesn't just support one organization. It strengthens an entire community, one story at a time.



Gifts to Impact Madison Fund Matched 3:1



[Give Now](#)

NEW

July 2026

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH

Bennett Endowed Scholarship

The Bennett Endowed Scholarship provides financial support to a Madison County student pursuing a degree in criminal justice at a college or university in Indiana. As an endowed scholarship, the fund creates a permanent source of support, helping students pursue their educational and career goals for generations to come.

Stacy's Fund Endowment

Stacy's Fund was established to honor the memory of LHS School Counselor Stacy Boles, whose compassion, kindness, and unwavering commitment to students left a lasting impact on Frankton-Lapel Community Schools. This endowed fund provides financial assistance to students with demonstrated need at Frankton and Lapel Community Schools, helping remove barriers to learning by supporting educational opportunities, essential resources, and experiences that promote student success and well-being.



Steve and Cindy Pugsley Fund for Central Christian Church

The Steve and Cindy Pugsley Fund for Central Christian Church provides lasting support for the mission and ministries of Central Christian Church through annual distributions. As an endowed fund, it creates a permanent source of funding that the church may use to meet current ministry needs or reinvest to help grow the fund and increase its impact for future generations.



NEW LEGACY COMMITMENTS

The World Awaits Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established by Jill McKinney through a planned legacy gift

Artful Futures Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established by Bradley McKinney through a planned legacy gift.

Notable Donations

\$144,152

\$64,550

Various Unrestricted Funds

\$44,163

Various Designated Funds

\$11,920

Stacy's Fund

\$7500

Various Agency Funds

\$6480

Various Scholarship Funds

\$5350

Various Donor Advised Funds

\$2790

Various Special Project Funds

\$1399

Various Field of Interest Funds



AN EVENING CELEBRATING
GENEROSITY,
COMMUNITY, AND
LASTING IMPACT

CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

MADISON COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

TUESDAY **22** SEPTEMBER
2026

Gather with us

HONORING GENEROSITY

Celebrate the generosity that continues
to strengthen Madison County.

INVESTING IN TOMORROW

Celebrate the presentation of **Elevate Madison grants**,
part of a three-year initiative investing more than
\$1 million in our county.

STRENGTHENING HOME

Celebrate the unique character of Madison County's
hometowns and a shared vision for ensuring they
continue to thrive for generations to come.

9.22.2026 | 6:30 PM
THE HARRISON
19 MAGNOLIA DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, INDIANA
COCKTAIL HOUR AT 5:30

*Be part of what
generosity makes possible*



[Register Now](#)



Fall Community Impact Grant Application is Now Open



Fall Impact Grant Application
Closes: August 14

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application Opens Soon

Visit our website for updated
information and to start application
process on August 15.



Rooted
in purpose.

Growing
what's next.



We are beginning to plan the 2027 Nonprofit Summit and related opportunities for nonprofit learning, connection, and collaboration.

Your input will help us better understand the needs, priorities, and opportunities facing nonprofit leaders in Madison County. .



OUR VISION

We envision Madison County as a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive.

OUR MISSION

Investing in lasting positive change to elevate and strengthen Madison County.

OUR VALUES

Integrity
Community
Impact
Inclusion
Legacy



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