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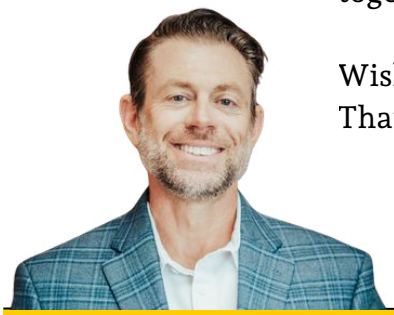
Dear friends and community partners,

In this season of gratitude, we have much to be grateful for. Our community continues to come together in profound ways, demonstrating the power of generosity, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the place we call home.

At Madison County Community Foundation, we have the privilege of witnessing the many ways people invest in one another and in the future of our community. Each act of generosity, no matter the size, contributes to lasting positive change.

As we approach the end of the year, I invite you to reflect on what you are grateful for and consider how your year-end giving might make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, both today and for generations to come.

Thank you for your partnership, your generosity, and your belief in what is possible for Madison County. We have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to together.



Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ben Davis

Ben Davis, President

INTEGRITY COMMUNITY IMPACT INCLUSION LEGACY

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IMPACT STORY

THE ELEOS CENTER

Your Generosity Provides Essential Needs to Our Community

For someone experiencing homelessness, everyday necessities can become challenging to find. Finding a place to sleep, accessing a shower, or getting clean clothes can feel out of reach. Yet, securing these necessities is often the crucial first step toward renewed opportunity and hope.

The Eleos Center in Anderson understands that meeting basic needs is more than providing immediate relief. It's about restoring dignity, building relationships, and helping families and individuals find a path forward.

Through a $10,000 Impact Madison Grant from the Madison County Community Foundation, The Eleos Center strengthened its hygiene and basic needs services for individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability throughout Madison County.

Grant funding helped support the replacement of two heavily used industrial washers and two dryers that had reached the end of their lives, ensuring continued access to these services.

During the reporting period, The Eleos Center provided 3,255 shower and laundry service visits, serving 1,717 men and 1,538 women. Access to a shower and clean clothing can make an incredible difference, helping individuals feel confident attending job interviews, medical appointments, and housing opportunities. The organization also distributed nearly 1,000 clothing vouchers to help individuals obtain the appropriate clothing for work and home life. During the winter months, the Eleos Center supplied approximately 75% of the materials needed for the Madison County Warming Center, including over 100 blankets and hundreds of pairs of hand and foot warmers.





Read More

> *This is a safe place for anybody who is unhoused to try to get their dignity back.*
>
> -Richard Harvey, Outreach Coordinator-

Strategic Goal Connection: INVEST through grantmaking

Fund Spotlight



Red, White, & Blue
Star Veteran Fund

Honoring Veterans Through a Legacy of Support

Each Veterans Day, we pause to honor the men and women who have served our country, recognizing their courage and sacrifice. Honoring their service extends beyond a single day of remembrance. It is also reflected in how we care for veterans and military families within our own communities throughout the year.

For members of American Legion Post 117, that commitment inspired an opportunity to make a lasting difference in Madison County. Recognizing the ongoing and evolving needs of local veterans and their families, Post 117 established the Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund at the Madison County Community Foundation.

This endowed Field of Interest Fund will support programs and services benefiting veterans and military families throughout Madison County, including Gold Star and Red Star families. Through grants to organizations and initiatives serving this community, the fund will help turn gratitude into meaningful, ongoing support.

The vision behind the fund is simple: those who have served our country, and the families who have shared in their sacrifices, deserve to know that their community stands with them.



American Legion Post 117 offers a reminder that honoring service is more than remembering the past. It is also an investment in the well-being of those who have served and a commitment to ensuring that their sacrifices are remembered for generations to come.

As we honor our veterans, there is no better time to turn gratitude into action. Consider making a gift to the Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund and become part of a lasting legacy of support for Madison County's veterans and military families.

Give Now

NEW November 2026

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH

ACS Resilience Fund

The renewal of the Anderson Community Schools (ACS) Operating Referendum was narrowly defeated on November 3, 2026, resulting in a projected $2.9 million annual budget shortfall beginning in 2027. In response, many community members have expressed a desire to support ACS students, educators, and schools. To provide a meaningful avenue for that support, the Anderson Education Foundation (AEF) and the Madison County Community Foundation (MCCF) have partnered to establish the ACS Resilience Fund. This campaign offers individuals, businesses, and community partners an opportunity to come together and help ease the financial challenges facing ACS. While charitable contributions cannot fully replace referendum funding, every gift represents a community investment to preserve programming that strengthens students, educators, and educational opportunities to invest in Anderson's future.



Strategic Goal:

Grow our portfolio of funds

Notable Donations

$183,924

$50,000
Operation Love Ministries, Inc. Endowment Fund

$46,425
Women's Endowment Fund

$25,000
Christian Center Agency Endowment

$19,371
Ed Bollman Endowed Scholarship Fund

$8,210
Elwood Education Foundation Pass-through Fund

$6,806
Frederick's Friends Fund

$5,300
Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund

$5,100
The F.C. Tucker/Prosperity Madison County Housing Assistance Endowment

$5,000
Gateway Association Endowment

$3,375
Various Unrestricted Funds

$3,156
ACS Resilience Fund

$2,500
The Madison-Grant Alumni Association Endowment Fund

$2,396
Various Special Project Funds

$1,285
Various Designated, Donor Advised, Field of Interest & Scholarship Funds

Thank you for your generosity

Connections on Tap

RSVP

A CASUAL NONPROFIT MEETUP TO RECONNECT AND RECHARGE

hosted by Madison County Community Foundation

Creatures of habit BREWING CO.
1031 Meridian Street, Anderson

Tuesday, December 1
3-5 pm



Enjoy relaxed conversation and complimentary appetizers and beverages, including plenty of NA options.

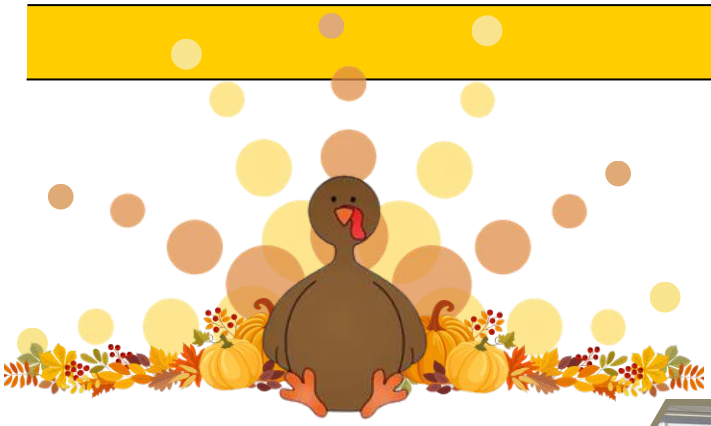
2027 MadisonCounty Nonprofit Summit

January 28, 2027
Flagship Enterprise Center



Rooted *in purpose.*
Growing *what's next.*

Register



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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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