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Dear friends and community partners,

As we enter fall and begin the final months of 2026, I find myself reflecting on just how much this community has accomplished together and looking ahead with excitement for what is still possible.

This month's Celebration of Philanthropy gave us an opportunity to recognize the generosity, service, and partnerships that strengthen Madison County every day. We have seen that same spirit through the incredible response to this summer's flooding, as nonprofits, donors, volunteers, and neighbors stepped forward when our community needed them most.

As we look toward the close of the year, our focus is on finishing strong. We are nearing our unrestricted giving goal through Madison Forever, where every dollar given is matched 3:1, turning each gift into four times the investment in Madison County's future. Reaching this milestone will allow us to fully leverage this extraordinary opportunity and continue moving forward with the initiatives and investments that will strengthen our community for generations to come.



There is still important work ahead, and we are grateful to move forward alongside a community that continues to give, serve, and invest in one another.

Ben Davis, President



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Multiply Madison Unrestricted Giving



GOAL:

\$907,537.50

Fulfilled:
\$792,075.38

To receive
\$1,815,075

Remaining:
\$115,462.12

Help Us Reach the Goal!

Madison Forever is more than a campaign. It is a reflection of who we are and our vision to be a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive.

Unrestricted funds are the cornerstone of Madison Forever, giving MCCF the flexibility to respond to emerging needs, invest where impact is greatest, and meet opportunities we cannot yet anticipate.



Give to the
Impact Madison Fund



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.

INVESTING IN LASTING POSITIVE CHANGE

NEW September 2026

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH

Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund

The Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund is a Field of Interest Fund established to support programs and services benefiting veterans and military families throughout Madison County. Grantmaking from the fund may support organizations and initiatives that address the needs of veterans and their families, including Gold Star and Red Star families, while honoring the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



Through this fund, donors can provide ongoing support for the well-being of Madison County's veteran and military community.

Perkinsville Community Church Endowment Fund

The Perkinsville Community Church Endowment Fund provides lasting support for the maintenance and care of the church building and grounds, helping ensure that this important community and ministry resource remains strong for future generations. As an endowment, the fund creates a permanent source of support that sustains the church's presence, preserves its facilities, and advances its ongoing mission of faith, service, and community connection.

Rev. HL Hunt Memorial Fund for Anderson Madison County Black Chamber of Commerce

The Rev. H.L. Hunt Memorial Fund was established to honor the life and legacy of Rev. H.L. Hunt and his commitment to strengthening opportunities for Black entrepreneurs and businesses in our community. The fund will provide ongoing support to the Anderson Madison County Black Chamber of Commerce and its work to encourage entrepreneurship, business development, and economic opportunity in Anderson and Madison County.



Notable Donations

\$103,286

\$48,002

Flood Aid for Anderson Fund

\$20,000

Anderson Education Foundation Fund

\$10,020

Red, White, & Blue Star Veteran Fund

\$15,368

Impact Madison and various unrestricted funds

\$3,910

Anderson Symphony Orchestra Reserve Fund

\$2,000

Rev. HL Hunt Memorial Fund

\$1,500

Lavonne Lovett Endowment Fund for the Christian Center

\$1,000

The Madison-Grant Alumni Association Endowment Fund

\$535

America 250 Fund

\$429

Edgewood Pool Fund

\$326

Sue Patton
Compassion for Animals Fund

\$196

Various
Designated Funds

Thank You
for your
generosity



Your generosity provided significant relief amidst historic flooding in Madison County

This August, historic flooding hit our community, and local organizations didn't wait for help to arrive. They opened their doors, served meals, distributed essential supplies, and gave displaced residents a place to stay. Thanks to the generosity of our local community, the Madison County Community Foundation was able to provide \$40,000 in emergency grants to local nonprofits, helping them meet the urgent needs of their neighbors during a difficult time.

The grants went to Rangeline Community Center, Firefly Children and Family Alliance – Madison County Family Resource Center, Mercy Table, The Christian Center, Operation Love Ministries, and The Salvation Army of Anderson.



The grants to the six frontline organizations were intended primarily to help replenish resources and address costs created or intensified by the flood response. For some, that meant replacing food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, clothing, and other necessities distributed to families. For others, the impact had extended to their buildings and equipment.

Rangeline Community Center quickly transformed its facility into emergency shelter space for displaced residents and provided housing for individuals affected by the flooding, while also navigating facility and plumbing issues of its own.



The Salvation Army of Anderson operated around the clock for approximately a week during the height of the emergency response, providing shelter, meals and other assistance to residents forced from their homes.



At The Christian Center, increased demand placed significant strain on the laundry facilities at the Eleos Center, where showers, laundry and other basic-needs services were available to those affected by the flood. Multiple dryers stopped working during the response, leaving only one operational. Grant funding will help replace the damaged equipment so those services can continue.



Mercy Table responded immediately after the flooding and became a central point for receiving, sorting, storing, and distributing remaining donations, including approximately 1,800 pounds of clothing, household goods, diapers, bedding, shoes, bottled water, and other essential supplies.

Firefly's Madison County Family Resource Center, Mercy Table, and Operation Love Ministries have also helped families access food, household necessities, hygiene and cleaning supplies, clothing, resource connections, and other essential support throughout the response.



This is one of the reasons unrestricted generosity is so important. When something unexpected happens in our community, flexible charitable resources allow us to respond to what is needed right now. The generosity of donors who have entrusted unrestricted dollars to the Foundation, combined with collaborative grantmaking alongside community partners and resources made possible through Lilly Endowment Inc., strengthens our ability to respond when Madison County needs it most.



Your support and generosity are at the heart of the Foundation's mission to elevate and strengthen Madison County. In times of loss and uncertainty, that mission becomes even more important. Through your giving, we have been able to provide meaningful relief to our community. The Foundation and our community partners will continue to provide Madison County with the support needed to recover, rebuild, and move forward.



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Strategic Goal Connection: INVEST through grantmaking



Celebration of Philanthropy Highlights

Celebrating generosity. Honoring impact. Strengthening Madison County.

“Sometimes generosity allows us to dream about what could be. And sometimes it makes it possible to respond when something happens that we never saw coming. One of the things that has been especially encouraging is the response to unrestricted giving. When people trust the Foundation to understand changing needs and opportunities and put resources where they can make the greatest impact.” - MCFF President, Ben Davis

A centerpiece of the Celebration was the presentation of \$275,000 in Elevate Madison grants to 11 organizations working across MCCF's three priority areas: Everyone's Economy, Lifelong Learning, and Healthy Mind & Body.

The 2026 Elevate Madison grant recipients are:

- Alternatives Incorporated of Madison County
- East Side Church of God, Inc.
- Gateway Association, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity of Madison County
- Heartland Scholar House
- Ivy Tech Foundation – Anderson
- Operation Love Ministries, Inc.
- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana
- LifeSmart Youth
- TeenWorks
- The Salvation Army Anderson Corps



Celebration of Philanthropy Highlights

Representatives connected to Pendleton and South Madison, Elwood, Anderson, and Alexandria shared what makes their communities unique, how residents show up for one another and what they hope could become possible through continued investment.



"Every pocket of Madison County deserves to be included and celebrated. Each community has its own story, personality, traditions and people who care deeply about calling it home." - MCCF Communications Director, Tamara Dreger



Meet Our Fall Intern

Brady Petrie

Meet our second fall intern, Brady Petrie! Brady recently joined the Madison County Community Foundation as a Student Intern, where he will assist with social media strategy, event planning, and Foundation operations. As a Business Communication major at Anderson University (IN), Brady brings meaningful experience in marketing, social media campaigns, and communications to the Foundation.

On campus, Brady works with the Campus Activities Board, where he develops ideas, plans campus events, and supports social media marketing. He also serves as president of the National Communication Association chapter at Anderson University. In Brady's free time, he enjoys acting, singing, and watching the Cincinnati Reds.

Student interns at the Foundation are funded through the Lilly Foundation, Inc. Intern Scholarship Fund. We're excited to welcome Brady to the Madison County Community Foundation and look forward to seeing the impact he makes this fall!



Welcome, Brady!



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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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