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Dear friends and community partners,

This month has reminded us, perhaps more than most, what it means to be a community. Less than 24 hours after the passing of our friend and colleague Sue Patton, our Board of Directors was scheduled to meet. We considered cancelling, but ultimately knew it was important to be together. And, truthfully, Sue would have wanted to be there. She loved her work, believed deeply in this Foundation, and gave so much of herself to strengthening it. We grieve her loss while remaining deeply grateful for the relationships she built and the strong financial processes and foundation she helped put in place for the future.

At the same time, historic flooding across our community has called us to respond in another way. Once again, we have witnessed neighbors helping neighbors, organizations working together, and generosity rising to meet tremendous need.

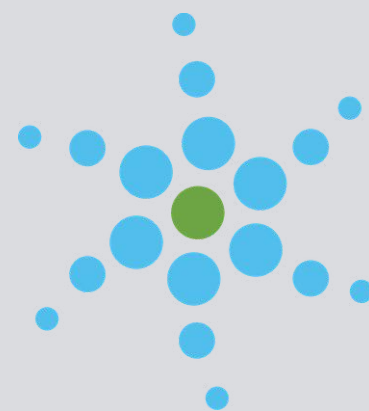
Perhaps there could be no more meaningful time for our upcoming Celebration of Philanthropy. In seasons of celebration and seasons of hardship, we are reminded that our greatest impact happens when we give, serve, respond, and move forward together.

Throughout this issue, you will see those stories unfold. I am profoundly grateful to be part of a community that continues to show up for one another.



Ben Davis

Ben Davis, President



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INTEGRITY COMMUNITY IMPACT INCLUSION LEGACY

August Campaign Spotlight

Generosity Becoming Legacy

Madison Forever is about more than reaching a campaign goal. It is about building permanent resources that will continue strengthening Madison County for generations to come.

This summer, that vision is beginning to take shape in meaningful ways. New endowed funds are being established to honor people, support organizations, and invest in causes that matter deeply to donors and families. Through the Madison Forever matching opportunity, those gifts can go even further, creating greater long-term impact for our community.

We are also helping more people think about what legacy can look like. In August, MCCF gathered with local professional advisors to talk about charitable planning and the many ways individuals can include generosity as part of their long-term financial and estate plans.

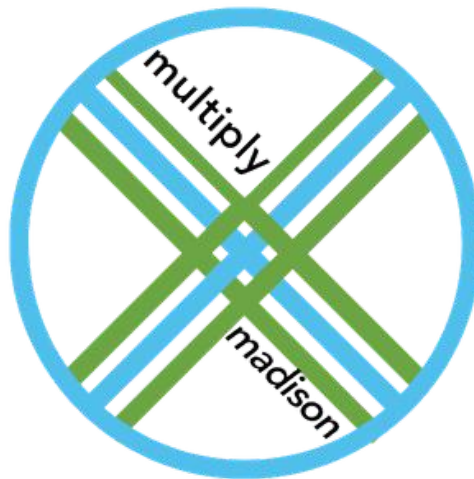
**Support what you
care about. Invest
where you live.**

And there is more ahead. This fall, Madison Forever will expand with new opportunities to support both the causes people care about and the hometowns they love through the Spirit of Madison Funds.

Whether you are considering establishing a fund, honoring someone you love, or simply wondering how the Madison Forever match could multiply your generosity, we would be glad to help you explore what is possible.



[Explore MCCF Funds](#)



In a hive,
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Through the
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INVESTING IN LASTING POSITIVE CHANGE



AUGUST 2026

IMPACT STORY

FRANKTON HERITAGE DAYS



Your generosity helps communities like Frankton preserve the traditions that connect generations while creating opportunities to serve, partner, and give back.

For a small community, traditions have a way of becoming more than dates on a calendar. They become the places where neighbors reconnect, families make memories, and a community celebrates the history and character that make it feel like home.

Frankton Heritage Days brings generations together to experience that sense of connection. Honoring the community's past while creating new memories and traditions that will carry forward. It is a celebration of local pride, shared history, and the people who continue to invest their time and energy into keeping Frankton connected.

Because of you, a community tradition continues to bring people together and the story of Frankton continues to be celebrated, shared, and passed on.

For more than 50 years, Heritage Days has transformed the third weekend of September into a hometown celebration filled with rides, a circus, vendors, activities, and opportunities for families and friends to reconnect. Its longtime phrase, "Where folks get together for old times' sake," still captures what makes the festival special.

Behind the celebration is a volunteer board of only eight to ten people. They spend months preparing for the festival while also balancing careers, families, and everyday responsibilities. But in Frankton, they know they can count on their community. When a need is shared, someone almost always steps forward to help.



[Read More](#)

Strategic Goal Connection: INVEST through grantmaking

Fund Spotlight

Sue Patton

Compassion for Animals Fund

Honoring Sue Patton Through a Legacy of Compassion



For those who had the privilege of knowing Sue Patton, it is difficult to separate the work she did from the way she made people feel. Sue brought warmth, compassion, humor, and a deep sense of care into the Madison County Community Foundation every day.

As MCCF's Director of Finance, Sue was exceptionally good at what she did. She loved numbers, took seriously the responsibility of stewarding the Foundation's resources, and helped ensure that those resources could continue doing good throughout Madison County. But Sue was so much more than her title. She was a trusted coworker, a friend, an advocate, and someone who genuinely cared about the people around her.

Sue believed deeply in love, acceptance, inclusion, and treating every person with dignity. Those values were evident in her relationships, her volunteer work, her love for her family, and the way she approached her work at the Foundation. She listened well, cared deeply, and had a way of making people feel seen and welcomed. That compassion extended to animals as well. Sue was an animal lover, and her beloved cat, Peyton, held a particularly special place in her heart



Following Sue's passing, the Sue Patton Compassion for Animals Fund was established at Madison County Community Foundation as a lasting way to honor a part of Sue that those closest to her knew well. The field of interest fund will support organizations and efforts that care for animals throughout Madison County.

It feels especially fitting that Sue, who spent her career at MCCF helping care for resources that would serve this community far into the future, will now have an endowment bearing her name. Through it, her compassion will continue to reach beyond her lifetime, caring for animals, strengthening the community she loved, and carrying forward a little more of the kindness Sue gave so freely to all of us.

Gifts to Sue's Fund Matched 2:1



[Give Now](#)

Together for long term recovery

Madison County organizations, churches, nonprofits, and community partners continue to respond to the impact of flooding across our communities. We have compiled the resource list to help connect those who have been impacted with assistance, and those who want to help with opportunities to do so.



[Flood Relief Resources](#)



On August 23, **Flood Aid for Anderson** brought the community together through a benefit concert featuring local and international performers, special guests, and opportunities to support those impacted by the historic flooding. A week-long fundraising campaign leading up to the event also helped build momentum and generate support.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and community partners, the fund has raised more than \$180,000 so far and growing. Donations are still being accepted to help Anderson residents and businesses recover and rebuild.



[Donate Now](#)



Flood Relief Assistance

Flood Aid for Anderson is providing limited immediate financial assistance to Anderson households directly impacted by the August 2026 flooding. Stage One assistance is intended to help with urgent, short-term needs as households begin the recovery process

Eligibility is based on your primary residence being located within a verified flood-impacted area. The application is brief and designed to make the process as simple as possible.



[Apply Now](#)

NEW

August 2026

Thank You
for your
generosity

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH

Perkinsville Cemetery Association Endowment Fund

The Perkinsville Cemetery Association Endowment Fund creates a lasting legacy of support for the care and preservation of Perkinsville Cemetery. This fund helps ensure the cemetery remains a well-maintained and respectful resting place, preserving its history and significance for families and the community for generations to come.

East Central Indiana CASA Endowment Fund

The CASA Endowment Fund creates a lasting legacy of support for children in Madison County by ensuring every child involved in the court system has a dedicated advocate. Through the work of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), this fund helps give vulnerable children a voice, promotes their safety and well-being, and strengthens our community for generations to come.



Sue Patton Compassion for Animals Fund

The Sue Patton Compassion for Animals Fund was established in memory of Sue Patton, beloved friend and Director of Finance at Madison County Community Foundation. This field of interest fund honors Sue's legacy by supporting organizations and initiatives that promote animal welfare and improve the lives of animals throughout Madison County.



Flood Aid For Anderson Fund

Flood Aid for Anderson is a community-wide fundraising initiative led by Gary and Darla Sallee, in partnership with the City of Anderson and Anderson Indiana Main Street, and in collaboration with local organizations and community partners.

Created to provide direct financial assistance to Anderson residents and businesses impacted by the historic August flooding, the initiative included a weeklong fundraising campaign and an August 23 benefit concert.

One hundred percent (100%) of proceeds will be distributed directly to Anderson residents and businesses in need.

Notable Donations

\$445,485

\$168,617

Flood Aid for Anderson Fund

\$90,000

Perkinsville Cemetery Association Endowment Fund

\$50,000

Bennett Endowed Scholarship

\$50,000

Nonprofit Flood Relief Efforts

\$25,000

Operation Love Ministries, Inc. Agency Endowment Fund

\$15,000

Anderson Education Foundation Endowment Fund

\$12,500

Ascension St. Vincent Anderson Community Fund

\$10,000

Impact Madison Fund

\$7536

Edgewood Pool Fund

\$7500

Stacy's Fund

\$3144

Various Unrestricted and Designated Funds

\$2703

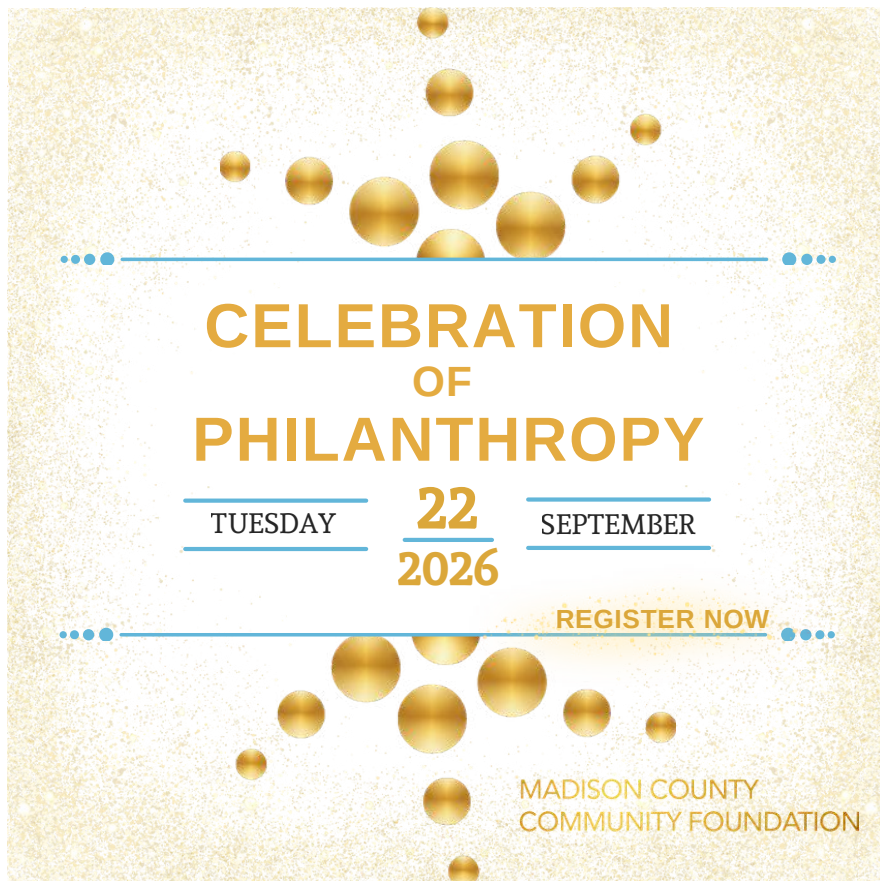
Sue Patton Compassion for Animals Fund

\$1925

Various Field of Interest Funds

\$1560

Elwood Education Foundation Endowment Fund



Gather with us

Join the Madison County Community Foundation as we celebrate the remarkable impact of the people and partners in our community.

**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](#)

Celebrating generosity. Honoring impact. Strengthening Madison County.

The Celebration of Philanthropy is more than an event, It is an opportunity to gather and recognize the generosity, service and commitment that continue to strengthen Madison County.

This year, we will celebrate the donors, nonprofit partners, volunteers and community leaders whose contributions take many different forms but share a common purpose: creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

We'll also reflect on the impact made possible through the Madison County Community Foundation and look ahead to what we can accomplish together in the years to come. We hope you'll join us for an evening of connection, gratitude and celebration as we recognize the people and partnerships helping shape Madison County's future.



Meet Our Fall Intern

Stella Leakey

Stella Leakey recently joined the Madison County Community Foundation as a Student Intern, where she supports marketing and communications, assists with event planning, and provides key administrative support to foundation staff. A Business Administration major at Ball State University, Stella brings a strong background in project management, organization, and leadership.

On campus, Stella's previous experience includes working as a Project Manager for a Ball State agency called the Digital Corps, where she was able to facilitate multiple projects, interact with cross-functional teams, and communicate with a variety of clients across campus. This position allowed her to contribute to her campus in a meaningful way, by helping create student, faculty, and campus-wide resources.

Student interns at the Foundation are funded through the Lily Foundation, Inc. Intern Scholarship Fund. Stella is already contributing to the team at MCCF and we look forward to her impact this fall.



Welcome, Stella!



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Make-A-Will Month
What Will Your Legacy Say?

August is recognized as Make-A-Will Month, offering a timely reminder to take care of something many of us know is important but often put off.

A will is about more than deciding who receives your belongings. It is a way to make your wishes known, provide clarity for the people you love, and be intentional about what you want to carry forward. That can include the causes and communities that have mattered to you.

For many people, generosity is already part of the way they live. Including a charitable gift in an estate plan can allow that generosity to continue into the future. And legacy giving is not only for people with significant wealth. A gift through a will might be a specific amount, a percentage of an estate, or a beneficiary designation on a retirement account or other financial asset.



*Perhaps the most meaningful question is not simple, “What will I leave behind?”
but “What do I want to keep making possible?”*

At the Madison County Community Foundation, that question is at the heart of Madison Legacy. Madison Legacy recognizes individuals who have chosen to include MCCF in their charitable plans. These Madison Legacy Partners share a commitment to lasting positive change in Madison County.

A future gift through MCCF can support a cause you care about, a particular organization or community, an existing fund, or the changing needs of Madison County for generations to come. If you already have a will, August is also a good time to review it and make sure it still reflects your wishes today.

MCCF does not provide legal or financial advice, but if charitable giving is part of the legacy you hope to leave, we would be honored to help you explore what that could look like.

Your legacy is more than what you leave behind. It is what you choose to keep moving forward.



[Explore Legacy Giving](#)

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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