



Kiwanis®
FOUNDATION OF INDIANAPOLIS

FOR EVERY CHILD WHO DREAMS

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.
INSPIRING LEADERSHIP.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT
KIWANIS FOUNDATION
OF INDIANAPOLIS



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt, is smiling and reaching out towards a cluster of colorful bubbles. He is standing in a grassy area with a dense green background of trees and foliage. Numerous other bubbles are floating in the air around him, some in sharp focus and others blurred. The entire image is framed by a thick gold border.

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A YEAR OF IMPACT



EVERY CHILD DESERVES THE CHANCE TO DREAM –
AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THOSE DREAMS.

For 76 years, the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis has worked to ensure that young people in our community have the support, encouragement, and resources they need to succeed:

- In classrooms and on athletic fields,
- Through service projects and leadership programs, and
- In hospitals, community centers, and neighborhoods across Indianapolis.

Through scholarship awards, youth leadership programs, and community partnerships, the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis continues the work of improving the lives of children throughout Central Indiana. The Foundation works closely with members of the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis, providing funding and grants that support programs made possible through the Club's service and volunteer leadership.

Together, Kiwanians and the Foundation are investing in the potential of the next generation — creating opportunities and inspiring young leaders across our community.

This year's work reflects the power of a community that believes in its young people.

Because when we invest in children today, we build stronger communities for tomorrow.

76
years of
supporting
youth in
Central Indiana

SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

The Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis exists to build a stronger community by supporting charitable initiatives and sponsoring service projects that improve the lives of youth throughout the Indianapolis area. Through strategic giving and community partnerships, the Foundation invests in programs and opportunities that promote the well-being, development, and success of young people.

MESSAGES FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

DEAR FRIENDS,

Every child begins with a dream — and the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis exists to help turn those dreams into opportunities.

Thanks to the generosity of Kiwanis members and supporters, the Foundation continues to invest in programs that support young people and strengthen our community.

This year, we expanded the Abe Lincoln Awards, providing more than \$72,000 in scholarships to outstanding high school seniors as they begin their college journeys. We also established a new five-year partnership with Butler University in the selection of the Lawrence E. and Maysel D. East Scholarships in line with the Foundation's longstanding criteria.

Beyond scholarships, the Foundation continues to support youth leadership through Key Clubs at Arsenal Tech, Shortridge, Speedway, and Perry Meridian High Schools, helping students develop leadership skills while serving their communities.

Gleaners Food Bank and The Julian Center were each awarded a \$25,000 Angel Grant to address urgent community needs.

We also partnered with the Indiana High School Athletic Association to coordinate the Girls Basketball State Final Luncheon, and increased the girls MVP scholarship to match the boys award — ensuring student achievements are recognized equally.

None of this work happens without the commitment and generosity of Kiwanis members who believe in investing in the next generation. Thank you for helping ensure that when a child dreams, there is an opportunity waiting.

Mary Bolck
2025 President, Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

\$144K+

invested in community
impact grants supporting
youth programs

\$82K

in scholarships
awarded to Marion
County students

\$24K

invested in Service
Leadership Programs

The Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis continues to bring people together around a shared commitment — improving the lives of children in our community.

What makes Kiwanis special is the dedication of our members — individuals who give their time, energy, and leadership to strengthen our community and support the next generation. As president, I see our members show up in many ways — mentoring students, supporting youth programs, organizing service projects, and celebrating the accomplishments of young people across Indianapolis. I'm grateful for each member who gives their time and energy to help young people pursue their dreams.

Over the past year, the Club has also focused on strengthening how we connect and engage with one another. We introduced a wider variety of meeting options and created an electronic calendar that members can subscribe to, helping ensure everyone stays informed and involved.

We are also deeply grateful for the sponsors and community partners who share our commitment to improving the lives of children in Indianapolis. Their support helps expand the impact of our work and allows us to reach more young people in meaningful ways.

I continue to be inspired by the members who step forward, serve generously, and work together to create opportunities for the next generation.

Thank you for being part of a community committed to ensuring that every child who dreams has the support and encouragement to succeed.



Eric Rowland
2025 President, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis



38

student scholarships
awarded

625

students honored
through youth
recognition events

225+

students engaged in
Service Leadership
Programs

10,000+

hours of service
completed by
student leaders

13

nonprofit organizations
supported through
community grants

LIFTING UP YOUNG LEADERS

RECOGNIZING RESILIENCE. INVESTING IN POTENTIAL.

Every year, the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis celebrates students whose perseverance, leadership, and determination set them apart. Through scholarships and awards, the Foundation not only honors achievement — it also helps open doors for students as they pursue higher education and future careers.

In 2025, **81 students** were nominated for Kiwanis scholarship programs and awards across Marion County. From those nominations, **38 students** received scholarships or awards recognizing their accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom.

These scholarships and awards celebrate academic achievement, athletic leadership, community service, and the resilience of students who have overcome extraordinary challenges.

38

student
scholarships
awarded

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

The Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis and Foundation also celebrate students who demonstrate excellence both on the field and in the classroom. Academic scholarships are awarded to football, boys basketball and girls basketball players in Marion County.

The Outstanding Female Athlete and Colts G.R.E.A.T. Player scholarships recognize competitors who are role models for their teams, schools, and communities. Through these awards, students who lead with integrity, discipline, and character are recognized.



Outstanding Female Athlete

THE ABE LINCOLN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For 50 years, the Abe Lincoln Awards has honored high school seniors who have demonstrated remarkable strength in the face of adversity. These students have overcome illness, family hardship, personal challenges, or other obstacles that might have discouraged others. Instead, they chose determination, resilience, and hope.

In 2025, **21 seniors were honored** as members of the Abe Lincoln Circle of Valor, with **\$72,125 awarded** in scholarships — the largest amount awarded in the program's history.

One of this year's scholars, Matthias Pfister of Ben Davis High School (at right), survived a traumatic brain injury after a serious car accident at age 13. Inspired by the care he received during his recovery, Matthias plans to pursue a career in neurology so he can help other children facing similar challenges.

Stories like Matthias's remind us why these scholarships matter — not only for the opportunities they create today, but for the lives they will impact in the future.

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Basketball Academic All-Stars



Football Academic MVP



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH SERVICE.

For many young people, leadership starts with a simple opportunity — the chance to step forward, help others and discover that their voice and actions can make a difference. Through Service Leadership Programs including **Builders Club**, **Key Club**, and **Circle K**, Kiwanis helps students develop the skills, confidence, and compassion that define great leaders.

In 2025, the Foundation supported leadership development opportunities for more than 225 middle school, high school, and college students.

Together, these students completed more than 10,000 hours of service in their schools and communities.

225+

Students

10K+

Service Hours

100

Years of Key Club



Harshman Middle School Builders Club
canned food drive



Longfellow Middle School
Builders Club

KEY CLUB: A CENTURY OF SERVICE

In 2025, Key Club International celebrated **100 years** of student leadership and service.

The Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis proudly mentors Key Clubs at four local high schools: Arsenal Technical, Perry Meridian, Shortridge, and Speedway. Through service projects, leadership conferences, and community initiatives, these students learn that leadership is not about titles — it's about taking action to help others.

Supported by the Foundation, these students made a significant impact through service and leadership—volunteering with organizations such as Gleaners Food Bank to help prepare tens of thousands of meals for families facing food insecurity; participating in leadership development programs like Key Leader and the District Leadership Conference to build skills for future community leadership; serving in high-level roles within the Indiana District Key Club, including Governor and Lieutenant Governor positions; and attending the Key Club International Convention, where they joined student leaders from around the world in celebrating the organization's 100th anniversary.

As one student shared after attending the Key Leader program:

“I gained new perspectives on being a leader and learned that even small actions can make a big difference.”

These experiences help young people develop not only leadership skills — but a lifelong commitment to service.

Indiana District delegation at Key Club International Centennial Convention

Shortridge and Speedway
Key Clubs at Gleaners



Key Leader participants



Perry Meridian Key Club



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

PARTNERING WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Helping children succeed requires more than one program. It requires strong partnerships with organizations working every day to support families, expand opportunities, and strengthen communities.

Through community grants and partnerships, the Foundation invests in local organizations that address education, health, mentorship, and youth development.

In 2025, the Foundation awarded **13 community grants totaling \$58,860** to nonprofit organizations serving children across Central Indiana. These grants support initiatives ranging from literacy programs and youth mentoring to leadership development and early childhood education.

\$58K+

in grants awarded
to **13 nonprofit
organizations**
serving children

Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis outing



COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

100 BLACK MEN OF INDIANAPOLIS

Providing books for students at IPS James Whitcomb Riley School 43 to strengthen literacy and support classroom reading.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF INDIANAPOLIS

Expanding Operation School Bell to provide new clothing and winter supplies for elementary students living below the poverty line in Wayne Township Schools.

BENJAMIN HARRISON PRESIDENTIAL SITE

Developing an interactive Civics Squared field trip program to help high school students explore leadership, civic responsibility, and U.S. history.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL INDIANA

Expanding mentoring opportunities for youth waiting to be matched with supportive adult mentors.

BRIGHTLANE LEARNING

Launching targeted literacy interventions that helped IPS School 43 achieve the largest third-grade reading improvement in the district.

FOSTER SUCCESS

Supporting the Credit Build program to help foster youth establish financial stability and improve long-term outcomes.

IHSAA FOUNDATION

Activating an officiating curriculum at Southport High School to build leadership skills and address the statewide shortage of licensed youth sports officials.

INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Expanding early childhood music programs that help young learners build creativity, confidence, and social skills.

INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Providing hands-on educational programs and resources for homeschooled youth in a welcoming community learning environment.

INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Funding background check fees to help future educators complete classroom internships in IPS schools.

STARFISH INITIATIVE

Supporting leadership development opportunities for high school scholars through mentoring, workshops, and community engagement.

TANGRAM

Providing scholarships for youth with autism to participate in transition programs focused on financial literacy, social skills, and career exploration.

VERSITI BLOOD CENTER OF INDIANA

Inspiring student leadership and promoting community blood donation through the Leaders for Life program at Shortridge High School.



Operation School Bell with Assistance League of Indianapolis



Tutoring at Brightlane Learning



Officiating 101 at Southport High School

A CENTURY OF PARTNERSHIP WITH RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

For more than 100 years, Kiwanis members have helped shape and support one of the state's most important institutions for children's health — Riley Hospital for Children.

From the earliest days of the hospital's development, Kiwanians championed the vision of a world-class children's hospital dedicated to caring for young patients across the state. Over the past century, Kiwanis members across the state have continued that commitment, raising more than **\$9 million** to support Riley programs and services.

In 2025, the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis continued this legacy by supporting Riley initiatives focused on children's mental health and family support programs, ensuring that care extends beyond medical treatment to the well-being of the whole family.

When a child faces illness or injury, Kiwanis is proud to help ensure that expert care, compassion, and hope are always within reach.

EVENTS THAT POWER OUR MISSION

Throughout the year, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis events supported by the Foundation bring together community leaders, volunteers, and supporters who share a commitment to helping children succeed. These events celebrate student achievement while raising critical funds that support scholarships, grants, and youth leadership programs.

One highlight of the year was the Kiwanis Golf Outing, which raised more than **\$28,000** to amplify the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis and Foundation impact in the community.

Events like these demonstrate what can happen when a community comes together to support young people.

\$28K+

raised by Kiwanis Golf Outing



Kiwanis Miracle Wall at Riley Hospital for Children



Riley Wagon



Golf Outing

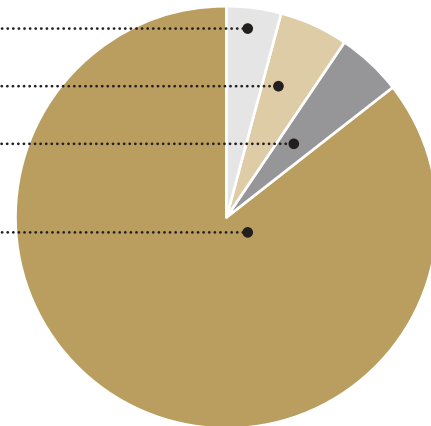
FINANCIALS

FOUNDATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 25,304
Program sponsorships and revenue	\$ 31,016
Fundraising event (net)	\$ 28,193
Endowment and Investment spending policy draws	\$ 497,512
Total Revenue	\$ 582,025

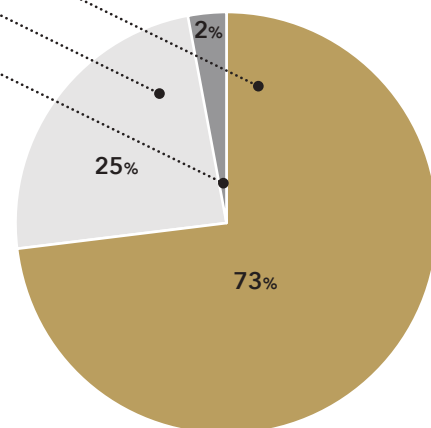
REVENUE



EXPENSES

Program-related expenses	\$ 364,557
Administrative	\$ 123,072
Fundraising	\$ 9,883
Total Expenses	\$ 497,512

EXPENSES



Net surplus before investment earnings \$ 84,513

Interest and Dividends	\$ 260,675
Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$ 1,034,126
Less: draw from investments for operations	\$ (497,512)
Net Surplus	\$ 881,802

Net Assets	\$ 10,573,026
Less: assets reserved for Abe Lincoln scholarship commitments	\$ (102,000)
	\$10,471,026



THE IMPACT CONTINUES

Everything the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis accomplishes is made possible through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners who believe in the potential of every child.

Because of your support, students are discovering their leadership abilities, families are receiving critical services, and young people are gaining opportunities that will shape their futures.

Together, we are helping children dream bigger — creating opportunities and inspiring leadership along the way.

AS YOU READ THE NAMES THAT FOLLOW, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN CONTINUING THIS MISSION AND HELPING ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD WHO DREAMS HAS THE SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED.

2025 DONORS & SPONSORS

IN MEMORY OF

In Memory of Jim Blythe
Sara Blythe

In Memory of Tim Wilcox
Sara Blythe
Jeff Smulyan
Don Steel

\$10,000+

Marbaugh Family
Endowment Fund

\$2,500-\$9,999

Trent Cowles
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S-B Construction Group
Max Schumacher

\$250-\$499

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\$100-\$249

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\$1-\$99

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Basketball Magazine

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**Thank you for
investing in the
next generation.**

LEADERSHIP

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