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SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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From the CEO's Desk

Fostering Growth: A Look at Our Achievements Together

Over the past six months, your generosity has profoundly shaped our community. With your support, we've provided critical funds to nonprofits, empowered students with scholarships, and spearheaded leadership initiatives. Additionally, the creation of new endowment funds ensures a long-lasting legacy for future generations.

Strengthening Our Community through Targeted Grants

Your contributions have fueled grants that uplift local nonprofit organizations and communitydriven projects. These funds have gone toward programs addressing key community needs, ranging from youth engagement and educational opportunities to vital social services. Together, we've amplified their ability to make a transformative impact on countless lives.

(For more details, see pages 6 -9.)

Opening Doors to Higher Education through Scholarships

Thanks to your unwavering support, bright and deserving students now have access to the resources they need to pursue their dreams. Each scholarship you've helped provide is not only a step forward for an individual, but a leap toward a brighter and more prosperous community.

(Visit www.wicf-inc.org/scholarships to see this year's recipients.)

Guiding the Future with Leadership Initiatives

Our efforts in community leadership have been pivotal in identifying and addressing pressing needs. Through surveys and forums, we've gathered valuable insights from local voices, enabling us to tailor our strategies and maximize our collective impact.

Laying the Foundation for Tomorrow: Endowment Funds

Endowment funds are the backbone of sustained community support. Because of your generosity, we've successfully launched 12 new funds, designed to provide perpetual support for key initiatives.

(Turn to pages 11 - 15 for highlights on these impactful new funds.)

A Heartfelt Thank You for Joining Us

Your incredible generosity continues to pave the way for meaningful change in our community. Together, we're building a brighter, stronger future, one step at a time. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey—we can't wait to see what we'll accomplish next!

All my best,

Dale White

Dale A. White Chief Executive Officer

"Helping People Improve Our Community"





Meet Your Board of Directors, Finance Committee Members, and Foundation Staff

We'd like to know you better, and we want you to know us, too.

Our Board of Directors is deeply committed to the vision of stimulating philanthropy to build a better community. They generously contribute their time and talents to ensure that the Community Foundation grows and prospers so that Fountain County can benefit, forever.

Attica Community Foundation

- President -Cindy Mason Vice-President -Kyle Mandeville* Secretary -Nate Rosswurm
- Carmie Berghoff Marsha Brown Elizabeth Cunningham Ann Harrison Bob Maus

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Director of Community Engagement (Grants & Scholarships) Kim Eaton

Director of Marketing & Communications Taylor Marshall

Office Assistant Laura Hacquet

Individuals with an asterisk (*) beside their name also serve on the Finance Committee. Additional Finance Committee Members include Dale Brown, Jack Fenoglio, Lou Fenoglio, Amy Hay, and Rick Morgan



Explore Fountain County, a website (www.explorefountaincounty.org) launched by the Western Indiana Community Foundation, offers visitors an immersive and inspiring look into what awaits them on a Fountain County visit. Visits to the site will make it easier than ever for travelers to discover activities, events, places to eat, drink, and stay overnight in Fountain County.

Scholarship News

This year, we'll be distributing nearly **\$475,000 in scholarships** to about **175 students** across our communities.

These scholarships come from more than **130 different funds**, each one created by donors who want to make a difference. Awards vary in size—from **\$500** to **full tuition and fees**—and no two scholarships are exactly the same.



Fountain County Lilly Scholar 2025 – Adalyn Small Attica High School

Some focus on:

- Financial need
- Community service or volunteer work
- Specific career or study goals
- High academic achievement (GPA)

Most are designed for graduating high school seniors, but we also offer scholarships for students who are already in college.



To see a listing of this year's recipients visit our website at www.wicf-inc.org.

Thinking About Starting a Scholarship? We Can Help!

Are you—or someone in your family—thinking about starting a scholarship fund? Whether it's to honor a loved one, support a cause, or invest in the future of your community, WICF offers full-service support to help you make it happen.

We'll guide you through:

- Choosing your scholarship criteria
- · Promoting it to students
- · Following all legal guidelines
- Sharing helpful financial aid info with families

And we handle all the behind-the-scenes work:

- Application management and processing
- Reviewing applications and selecting winners
- Notifying applicants
- Sending out award payments
- Managing renewals
- Tracking student progress
- Promoting your scholarship each year
- · Investing funds to help them grow over time

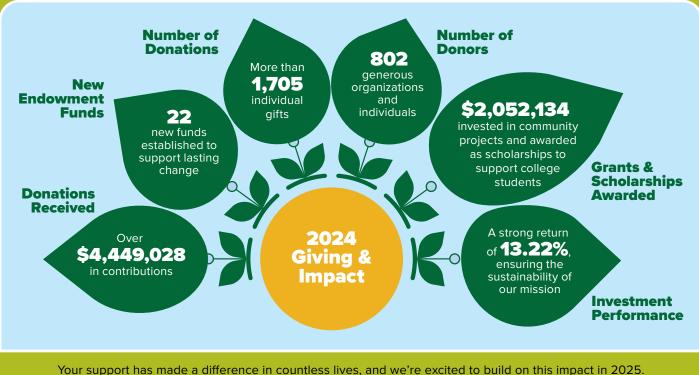
Want to Learn More?

If you're a student, donor, or just curious about scholarships in our area, we'd love to talk. Call us at **(765) 793-0702** to set up a free consultation—no pressure, just helpful info.



Financials At A Glance

As we reflect on 2024, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity and support of our donors and partners. Together, we accomplished incredible milestones:



Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to Help People to Improve Our Community!

Did you know that the following were the Foundation's investments returns for the following 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10 year periods?

Year-to Date (3/31/2025): .03%

- > 1-Year (2024): 13.22%
- > 3-Year (2022-2024): 6.98%
- > 5-Year (2020-2024): 9.82%
- > 7-Year (2018-2024): 9.11%
- 10-Year (2015-2024): 8.55%



The Foundation focuses on protecting the original donations it receives so they can support the community for years to come. Most donations (except pass-through funds) are invested, and the earnings from those investments are given out each year as grants to charities, scholarships for students, or other causes chosen by the donor.

Many donors set up special funds called Unrestricted or Community Funds. These funds allow the Foundation to decide how to use the earnings to best support local needs. Right now, the Foundation manages more than 58 of these funds (out of 375 total), and they generate over \$600,000 each year for community projects.

Want to make a difference that lasts? Visit our website at www.wicf-inc.org or call (765) 793-0702 to learn how you can leave a lasting legacy in your community.

Nonprofit Groups Share in Grants from Community Foundations

Several nonprofit and charitable groups shared in grants from the Attica, Covington and Southeast Fountain Community Foundations, all affiliates of the Western Indiana Community Foundation. Grant monies are made available by donations from caring individuals who want to make a difference by improving the quality of life for others.

The latest recipients are:

Community Action Program of Western Indiana - \$3,400 to help families obtain the resources they need to provide a safe environment for their children based on the Home Safety Checklist



Community Action Program of Western Indiana – Left to right: Natasha Owen, Fountain County Early Head Start Family Advocate -Community Action Program of Western Indiana; Elly Benjamin, Fountain County Early Head Start Home Visitor - Community Action Program of Western Indiana; Toni McGowen, Early Head Start Family Services Specialist - Community Action Program of Western Indiana; Doc Sutherlin, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement -Western Indiana Community Foundation

Southeast Fountain School Corporation - \$3,000 to provide personalized academic jackets and chevrons to Fountain Central High School honor students at the Fall Academic Awards Night



Southeast Fountain School Corporation – Left to right: Renee McGrady, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Sheena Blankenship, Administrative Assistant - Fountain Central High School; Cheryl Yager, Guidance Secretary - Fountain Central High School **Veedersburg Friends of the Library - \$1,865** for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Mount Hope Cemetery - \$9,815 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department - \$15,000

The Southeast Fountain and Covington Community Foundations have approved a \$15,000 grant to the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department to aid in constructing a new fire station.



Fire Chief - Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department; Cody Crowder, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Cheryl Carlson, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Toni Myers, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation

Fountain County Old Guard 2395 - \$4,000 for a digital sign that will be used to advertise community events



Fountain County Old Guard 2395 – Left to right: Jeremy Claypool, Post Commander - Fountain County Old Guard 2395; Craig Stalter, Auxiliary President - Fountain County Old Guard 2395; Judy Hegg, Auxiliary Treasurer - Fountain County Old Guard 2395; Nancy Wagner, Fundraiser Coordinator - Fountain County Old Guard 2395; Bob Cates, Post Quartermaster - Fountain County Old Guard 2395

Hillsboro Christian Academy - \$1,500 for iPads that students can use for testing and learning purposes



Hillsboro Christian Academy – Left to right: Valerie Vanaman, Administrative Teacher - Hillsboro Christian Academy; Stephanie Gleason, Administrative Secretary - Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Western Indiana Community Foundation

Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene - \$600 to provide Covington residents age 60 and older with two nutritious and affordable meals each weekend from January through March 2025



Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene – Left to right: Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Western Indiana Community Foundation; Adam Vanaman, Youth Pastor - Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene



Attica Elementary School – Left to right: Vanessa Terrell-Stafford, 4th grade ELA teacher - Attica Elementary School; Sarah Riley, 5th grade ELA teacher - Attica Elementary School; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Western Indiana Community Foundation

Attica Elementary School - \$3,000 for their reading incentive program, which awards students from kindergarten through fifth grade for meeting their personal reading goals every nine weeks

Covington Buddy Bags - \$877 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Gideons International - \$1,485 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Covington Elementary School - \$2,490 to allow 1st and 2nd grade Covington students to take a field trip to The Harmony Theatre (Formerly Myers Dinner Theatre) for a live performance of Charlotte's Web



Covington Elementary School – Left to right: Emily Jackson, 1st grade teacher - Covington Elementary School; Lisa Hauck, 1st grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Andrea Ragsdale, 1st grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Carrie Sowers, 2nd grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Carla Everett, 2nd grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Sarah Dickerson, 2nd grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Sarah Dickerson, 2nd grade teacher -Covington Elementary School; Sarah Dickerson, 2nd grade teacher -

Fountain Central High School After Prom - \$2,500 to purchase inflatables for After Prom at Fountain Central High School



Fountain Central High School After Prom – Left to right: Irene Norman, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Renee McGrady, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Casey Hoagland, Committee Member - Fountain Central High School After Prom

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Grants from Community Foundations (Continued from page 7)

Town of Pine Village - \$3,290 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Fountain Central High School - \$2,000 for the Class Cup competition, rewarding Fountain Central students for participating in events and activities, with the top class earning a trip to Indiana Beach



Fountain Central High School – I Left to right: Irene Norman, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Renee McGrady, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Phil Shabi, Principal - Fountain Central High School; Jake Wolfe, Assistant Principal - Fountain Central High School

Lower Mound Cemetery Association - \$1,398 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Covington High School - \$2,500 for new equipment for the golf team



Covington High School – Left to right: (Front Row) Members of the Covington Golf Team - Logan Hauck, Thomas Britt, Luke Holycross, Dylan McClain (Back Row) - Cam Davis, Cole Witsman, Andrew Wright, Jaxon Keller, Brett Holycross Not Pictured - Urban Roarks, Austin Stein, Henry Tanner, Kody Baker

North Vermillion School Corporation - \$2,000

Covington and Vermillion County Community Foundations combined resources to support 14 students from five area high schools as they compete in VEX RC High School Division robotics competitions, covering tools, equipment, registration, and travel.



North Vermillion School Corporation –Left to right: (Front row) -Paxton Rudisel, Titus Hammer, Ian Farley, Kayne Acton, Cody Waggle, Alexander Larson - Students from the Wabash River Career and Technical Education (WRCTE) Engineering and Automation Class (Back row) - Brody Goodrich, Andrew Thom, Owen Hazelwood, Grissom Cope, Andrew Maquet, Cotton Cordova, Students -Wabash River Career and Technical Education (WRCTE) Engineering and Automation Class

Fountain County ARC - \$1,871 for annual distribution (payout) for its endowment fund

Veedersburg First Church of Christ - **\$8,590** from the Charles and Kathryn Howard Fund of the Southeast Fountain Community Foundation was awarded to restore the historic stained glass windows at the Veedersburg First Church of Christ



Veedersburg First Church of Christ – Left to right: Cheryl Carlson, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Debra Morrett, Deborah Mills, Robin Curry, Window Restoration Committee -Veedersburg First Church of Christ

Covington Easter Egg Hunt - \$1,500 for supplies associated with the annual Covington Easter Egg Hunt



Covington Easter Egg Hunt –Left to right: Quinn Lewandowski, 2024 Miss Sparkler; Madison Payne, 2024 Miss 4th of July; Remi Strawser, 2024 Miss Firecracker

Veedersburg Revitalization Association - \$7,500 to develop a conceptual plan for Veedersburg Hub Park



Veedersburg Revitalization Association – Left to right: Lettie Keller; Madison Scott, Member - Veedersburg Revitalization Association; Kim Kalweit, President - Veedersburg Revitalization Association; Doug Wallace, Member - Veedersburg Revitalization Association; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Western Indiana Community Foundation; Cheryl Carlson, Board Member -Southeast Fountain Community Foundation

Attica Main Street - \$5,000 for supplies associated with the 5th annual Dancing in the Streets Family Festival taking place on June 27th



Attica Main Street – Left to right: Marsha Brown, Board Member -Attica Community Foundation; Cindy Mason, President - Attica Community Foundation; Lexxi Haddock, President - Attica Main Street

Food Pantries - \$30,000 from the Charles and Rosemarie Haas Fund of the Southeast Fountain Community Foundation was contributed to the Sugar Creek Resource Center (\$10,000), the Veedersburg Food Pantry (\$10,000), and the Covington Food Pantry (\$10,000) for the holiday season



Veedersburg Food Pantry – Left to right: (Front Row) Donna Stockdale, Dale Keeling, Beverly Keeling, Richard Florey, Tina Florey -Volunteers for the Veedersburg Food Pantry (Back Row) Cheryl Carlson, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Irene Norman, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; Kathy Gillespie, Julie Miller, Debbie Richey, Don Richey, Virgel Moss, Lowell Stockdale, Cheryl Harshbarger, Martha Carter - Volunteers for the Veedersburg Food Pantry



Covington Food Pantry – Left to right: Geoff Hybarger, Volunteer -Covington Food Pantry; Taylor Marshall, Director of Marketing and Communications - Western Indiana Community Foundation



Sugar Creek Resource Center – Left to right: Natalie Newnum, Special Education Teacher - Parke Heritage Middle School; Irene Norman & Toni Myers, Board Members - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation; AJ Thompson & Leland Bowling - Students - Parke Heritage Middle School; Jean Ann Craycraft, Director - Sugar Creek Resource Center

New Grant Guidelines

The WICF Board of Directors plays a vital role in ensuring the Foundation's grants have the greatest possible impact on our community. Most grants are funded through Unrestricted Funds, which address a wide range of community needs. Depending on the grant size, applications are reviewed monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. Each application undergoes thorough evaluation and research by the respective Board and WICF staff. It is important to note that each affiliate within WICF maintains its own funds for grantmaking.

To better serve our community and ensure a fair and efficient review of grant requests, we have transitioned our 2025 grant application and review process to a structured three-tiered grant cycle process. This involves new grant applications and review processes.

The new grant cycles are:

Rapid Response Grants

(Grants less than \$2,500)

- > Applications are reviewed monthly.
- Applications Due: 15th of each month
- ▶ Review Period: Month following the application deadline
- Notification of Award: Same month as review

Impact Grants

(Grants \$2,500-\$7,500)

- > Applications are reviewed quarterly.
- ► Applications Due: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15
- Review Period: February, May, August, November
- ▶ Notification of Award: March, June, September, December

*We recommend a conversation with staff to discuss your project before submitting your application if applying for a grant between \$2,500-\$7,500.

Legacy Grants

(Grants \$7,501+)

- > Applications are reviewed semi-annually.
- ▶ Submit a letter of intent by: February 15, August 15
- ▶ Applications Due: April 15, October 15
- Review Period: May, November
- Notification of Award: June, December

*Submit a letter of intent.

*A presentation to the Board of Directors of the respective Foundation affiliate and staff is required.





New Funds

The endowment funds listed below have recently been established by local organizations, businesses, and/or caring citizens. Any individual, business, or organization can establish a fund and/or contribute to an existing fund at any time.

Donations made to these endowment funds are invested and a portion of the earnings is used to award grants to community organizations and/or to award scholarships to students for their post-high school education. Donations can be made in a variety of forms including gifts of cash, stock, real estate, life insurance, and charitable bequests.

Endowment funds can be established in honor or memory of loved ones for as little as \$1,000. Payouts ("distributions") from endowment funds begin when the fund has reached \$10,000 in cumulative donations and has been invested for one full calendar year.

Here is a listing of the most recent endowment funds established though the Western Indiana Community Foundation.

Robin and Peg Montgomery Scholarship Fund

Robin and Peg Montgomery have established the **Robin and Peg Montgomery Scholarship Fund** through the Southeast Fountain Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Western Indiana Community Foundation. This scholarship will benefit eligible Fountain Central High School students residing in Jackson and Richland Township.

Robin and Peg Montgomery have a special connection to Fountain County. Robin graduated from Richland High School in 1964, and Peg was part of Fountain Central High School's very first graduating class. Though their careers took them beyond Indiana, they've stayed close to their roots, owning property in Jackson Township and cherishing the lasting relationships that they share with family and friends in the area.



Contributions to the Robin & Peg Montgomery Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Southeast Fountain Community Foundation, ATTN: Robin & Peg Montgomery Scholarship Fund, PO Box 95, Veedersburg, IN 47987.



Steve and Karen Milligan Fund

Steve and Karen Milligan established the **Steve and Karen Milligan Fund** through the Attica Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Western Indiana Community Foundation. This fund will provide ongoing support to the Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center.

Steve, a lifelong resident of Warren County, farmed for 50 years, while Karen dedicated 40 years to teaching at Attica Elementary School. Together, they are active community members, volunteering at the ASK Food Pantry and mobile food trucks. Steve also served on the Warren County 4-H Council, and Karen is involved with groups such as Tri Kappa, Friends of the WPLLX, and the St. Francis Xavier Ladies' Guild. Her current role as president of the Senior Center Board inspired the couple to establish this fund to enhance the lives of seniors in their community for years to come.

Some of the activities the fund will help cover may include but are not limited to the center's day-to-day operations, including personnel costs, administrative expenses, and facility maintenance. It may also provide funding for programs such as exercise classes, card games, bingo, educational sessions on senior issues, and group outings, ensuring the center remains a valuable resource for the community.

Contributions to the Steve and Karen Milligan Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Attica Community Foundation, ATTN: Steve and Karen Milligan Fund, PO Box 161, Attica, IN 47918.*

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New Funds

Help-A-Teacher Fund

The Attica Consolidated School Corporation, in partnership with the Attica Community Foundation, is thrilled to announce the **Help-A-Teacher Fund**, a new initiative to support classroom teachers in the district.

This fund helps alleviate the financial challenges educators face when purchasing supplies out of pocket. Teachers can use the funds for essential items like books, paper, writing tools, arts and crafts materials, online resources, cleaning supplies, and more! Fund allocation will be overseen by



the Superintendent of the Attica Consolidated School Corporation, in partnership with school principals and teachers, ensuring resources are used effectively to meet classroom needs.

Contributions to the Help-A-Teacher Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Attica Community Foundation, ATTN: Help-A-Teacher, PO Box 161, Attica, IN 47918.



Fountain County Historic Preservation Fund

In partnership with the Western Indiana Community Foundation, the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana has established the **Fountain County Historic Preservation Fund** in honor of John Shepard Cottrell (1938-2021), a native of Fountain County.

This fund will support the preservation of historically significant buildings, landscapes, and artifacts across the county, ensuring that our cultural heritage is protected for future generations.

John Cottrell, a nationally recognized interior designer, restored local landmarks like the Attica Presbyterian Church (the "Old Church at Cottrell Village") and the Norman and Maria Brown House, which became the heart of Cottrell Village, a community event space. His legacy lives on through the Indiana Landmarks organization, which now oversees the preservation of these sites.

The fund will prioritize supporting the upkeep of the Old Church at Cottrell Village as long as it is maintained by Fountain County Landmarks.

Contributions to Fountain County Historic Preservation Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Western Indiana Community Foundation, ATTN: Fountain County Historic Preservation Fund, PO Box 175, Covington, IN 47932.

Attica Student Meal Assistance Fund

The Attica Consolidated School Corporation, in partnership with the Attica Community Foundation, has established the

Attica Student Meal Assistance Fund to help alleviate unpaid meal balances for students.

This fund is designed to eliminate barriers to accessing nutritious meals at school, ensuring that no student feels stigmatized or distracted due to an inability to afford breakfast or lunch. The fund promotes fairness, respect, and a supportive learning environment for all students.



Contributions to the Attica Student Meal Assistance Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Attica Community Foundation, ATTN: Attica Student Meal Assistance Fund, PO Box 161, Attica, IN 47918.

Duane and Phyllis Woodrow Scholarship Fund

The **Duane and Phyllis Woodrow Scholarship Fund** was established to honor the legacy of two lifelong Fountain County residents whose unwavering commitment to family, faith, and community has left a lasting impact. Duane, a dedicated farmer and youth sports advocate, and Phyllis, a beloved teacher and active community volunteer, built a life rooted in service and kindness. This scholarship celebrates their outstanding character and provides a way for their family to give back to the community for generations to come.

Awarded annually to a Fountain Central High School senior, the scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate hard work, faith, community involvement, and a positive impact on others—values that have defined Duane and Phyllis's lives. Applicants must reside in Fountain County, maintain strong academic performance, and submit



letters of recommendation highlighting their character and contributions. Through this scholarship, the Woodrow family continues to inspire young people to achieve greatness and serve their community with integrity.

Contributions to the Duane and Phyllis Woodrow Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Southeast Fountain Community Foundation, ATTN: Duane and Phyllis Woodrow Scholarship Fund, PO Box 95, Veedersburg, IN 47987.

Attica Community Scholarship Fund

The **Attica Community Scholarship Fund** was established for a worthy student from Attica High School. The applicant(s) must be a resident within the Attica School Corporation District for twenty-four months prior to the application date. The applicant(s) must be accepted as a full-time (minimum 12 hours) student at any two or four-year public or private college or university technical/trade school or community college located in the United States.



One scholarship will be awarded a year. Selection is based on the following criteria: academic performance, school activities and/or work, volunteerism, letters of reference, responses to essay questions, and financial need.

Contributions to the Attica Community Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Attica Community Foundation*, *ATTN: Attica Community Scholarship Fund*, *PO Box 161*, *Attica*, *IN 47918*.



Mark. Susan, and Matthew Milach Unrestricted Fund

The family of the late Mark, Susan (Bossaer), and Matthew Milach have established an endowment fund through the Covington Community Foundation to benefit the Covington area. Mark, a former band director at Covington Schools, and Susan, a dedicated nurse and community volunteer, both made lasting contributions to their community. Their son, Matthew, continued their legacy of service and dedication. Donations to this fund will honor their memory and support impactful initiatives in Covington, with a portion of the invested earnings annually assisting the community.

Contributions in memory of Mark, Susan, and Matthew Milach are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf.org or mailed to: *Covington Community Foundation, ATTN: Mark, Susan, and Matthew Milach Unrestricted Fund, PO Box 175, Covington, IN 47932.*

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New Funds

Attica Firefighters Fund

The Attica Fire Department has established a permanent endowment fund through the Attica Community Foundation to provide long-term support for its fire and rescue services. This fund will help ensure the department has the resources it needs to continue protecting and serving the community well into the future.

Support from the fund may assist with a variety of needs, such as public safety services, community education, and volunteer firefighter training. It can also help with regular operating costs like facility expenses, staff

development, and outreach efforts. Additionally, the fund may be used to launch new programs or cover capital expenses, including equipment purchases and facility upgrades.

This endowment offers a lasting way for individuals and organizations to support the vital work of the Attica Fire Department and invest in the safety and well-being of the community for generations to come.

Contributions to the Attica Firefighters Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Attica Community Foundation, ATTN: Attica Firefighters Fund, PO Box 161, Attica, IN 47918.*

Attica High School Class of 1973 Unrestricted Fund

The classmates of Attica High School's Class of 1973 have established a lasting fund to celebrate their class and ensure its legacy is remembered for generations. This fund also serves as a meaningful way to honor and memorialize classmates who are no longer with us, preserving their memory in a lasting way. Right now, donations to this fund are being matched \$2: \$1 through June 30, 2025.

Every year, the Attica Community Foundation will use the earnings from this fund to award grants that benefit the Attica community.

Contributions to the Attica High School Class of 1973 Unrestricted Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Attica Community Foundation, ATTN: Attica High School Class of 1973 Unrestricted Fund, PO Box 161, Attica, IN 47918.*

Bob and Roberta Cunningham Scholarship Fund

The **Bob** and **Roberta Cunningham Scholarship Fund** was created to support deserving students graduating from Covington High School. Eligible applicants must be seniors at Covington High School and residents of either Fountain or Warren County, Indiana.

Applicants must also be accepted as full-time students at a two-year or four-year public college or university within the United States. Preference will be given to students majoring in Entrepreneurship or those planning to pursue a career as a small business owner.

One scholarship is awarded annually, with the first scholarship awarded in 2026. Selection is based on several factors, including community and volunteer service activities, letters of reference, financial need, school and work activities, and academics/GPA/class rank.

Contributions to the Bob and Roberta Cunningham Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf.org or mailed to: *Covington Community Foundation, ATTN: Bob and Roberta Cunningham Scholarship Fund, PO Box 175, Covington, IN 47932.*









Robert & Phyllis DeSutter Unrestricted Fund

The **Robert & Phyllis DeSutter Unrestricted Fund** has been established through the Western Indiana Community Foundation to benefit the Southeast Fountain area.

Robert, a WWII veteran and farmer, and Phyllis, a longtime teacher, were residents of Richland Township and deeply involved in the community. This fund will honor their legacy by supporting impactful projects in the Southeast Fountain community for years to come. Donations are invested, with a portion of the earnings going toward innovative local initiatives.

Contributions for the Robert & Phyllis DeSutter Unrestricted Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: Southeast Fountain Community Foundation, ATTN: Robert & Phyllis DeSutter Unrestricted Fund, PO Box 95, Veedersburg, IN 47987.



Now is the perfect time to support the future of Attica!

Thanks to the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Gift VIII Match Initiative, every donation made to an Attica Unrestricted Fund through the Western Indiana Community Foundation will be matched \$2 for every \$1 you give—but only until June 30, 2025. That means a \$100 donation becomes \$300 to help fund projects in Attica.

Unrestricted Funds are incredibly important. They allow the community to respond to the most pressing local needs, from education and health programs to parks and recreation, youth and senior initiatives, economic development, and more. These funds help make great things happen—now and for future generations.

Our goal is to raise \$125,000 by the deadline. Your gift, big or small, can make a lasting impact.

Whether you want to give the Attica Unrestricted Fund or start your own fund, we're here to help you make it happen.



Scan the QR code to give back!

Your donation stays local, supporting future community projects and grantmaking efforts in the Attica community.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Legacy Gifts

We gratefully recognize the following individuals who have remembered the Community Foundation with a bequest from their estate or who have indicated that the Foundation has been named as a future beneficiary of their estate. The special community benefactors have enriched the lives of others through their concern for the charitable needs of the community. If you have included the Foundation in your estate plan, please consider becoming a member of our Legacy Society. We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to pay tribute to your thoughtfulness.

Juanita "Sue" Allison Lori Bever Bagley Deborah Barnhart Merrill Brown Nancy Bourne Tom Carney Don & Peggy Clark

Jim & Wanda Clawson Evan Cork Dr. Roger Duncan Dr. James Fenters Warner & Carol Freese Jean Paul "Frenchie" Gondrum Vincent & Mildred Grogg Linda Holycross Erwin & Ann Johannes Edward A. Larson, Jr. Carter & Olive Martin Charles Remele Bob & Melinda Shepherd Randall G. Shoaf John Stoup Frances Wallace Margaret Bogart Walters Dale & Valerie White Mariah & Sean Zabriskie

How Can You Benefit?

It's easy to find out. Simply write, call, or email us and we'll be happy to answer any of your questions about the IRA Charitable Rollover, gifts of stock, the Legacy Society, or advantages of other planned giving options.

Planning for the Future: What You Need to Know About Estate Planning

Ever wondered what happens to your stuff—like your money, house, or even your favorite baseball card collection—after you're gone? That's where estate planning comes in. It may sound like something only adults or super-rich people worry about, but it's really just a smart way for anyone to make sure their things go where they want them to.

Let's break it down into some simple questions and answers.

Q: What is estate planning, anyway?

A: Estate planning is all about making a plan for your money, your property, and your personal belongings—both now and in the future. It also lets you choose who should get what when you're no longer around. It's kind of like making a treasure map, but instead of finding gold, people find what you've left behind for them.

Q: What happens if someone doesn't make an estate plan?

- A: If you don't make a plan, the government will decide for you. Sounds a little scary, right? Without your input, the state:
 - Can't choose the right guardian for your kids.
 - Doesn't know who needs help the most.
 - Won't give anything to your favorite charity or friends outside the family.

So, it's way better to make your own plan!

Q: How do you even start an estate plan?

- **A:** It all starts with the 4 P's:
 - 1. **People** Make a list of the people you care about and want to help. This could include family, friends, or even a favorite charity.
 - 2 Property Write down what you own: money, a house, a car, jewelry, insurance policies, and so on.
 - 3. **Plans** Think about how you want to share your things. Who needs what? What would make the biggest difference in their life?
 - 4. Planners Talk to the adults who can help you get it all organized—like a lawyer, financial advisor, or accountant.

Q: Can I include donations to charities in my estate plan?

- **A:** Yes, you can! You might want to help your church, school, or a cause you care about. You can do this after your family is taken care of. There are many ways to give, like:
 - Leaving a gift in your will.
 - Donating from a retirement plan or life insurance.
 - Creating a trust that helps others even after you're gone.

Q: Can I make a gift while I'm still alive and get something back?

A: Absolutely! With certain types of gifts, you can:

- · Get regular payments (kind of like a paycheck).
- Enjoy tax savings.
- Help your favorite cause at the same time.

These gifts are a smart way to do something kind for others and benefit yourself, too.

Why It Matters

You might not need an estate plan just yet—but it's never too early to understand how important it is. One day, you'll have things worth protecting and people or causes you care about. Having a plan in place helps make sure everything goes where you want it to.

When you're ready, there are professionals who can help you (and your family) build a plan that makes a difference.

Want to talk more about how giving can be part of your plan? We'd be happy to help you, and your advisors create a legacy you can be proud of.

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Unrestricted Funds give community members a way to support basic needs and enhance the quality of life in their hometown. You make a gift to the Community Foundation with no suggestion or preference as to which organization the grants are to be made. These are the largest grant-making funds at each of the Community Foundations. Grants are made from these funds to support worthwhile projects, programs, and nonprofit organizations within each Foundation's geographic territory.

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds are similar to Unrestricted Funds, except the individual has specified an area (history, education, arts, etc.) in which grants will be given.

Designated Funds

Designated Funds support one or more specific charitable organizations selected by an individual when they create a new fund and benefit specific charitable organizations by the donor. With a Designated Fund, you can support organizations that are important to you for generations.

Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds benefit Fountain County students pursuing higher education. As a scholarship fund holder, you will set the focus of the scholarship and application parameters. WICF will handle all the paperwork necessary to comply with federal regulations and issue scholarship checks.

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