



LCCF Turned 30!

The Lawrence County Community Foundation recently hosted a wonderful evening celebrating thirty years of making a positive impact in Lawrence County. The event was held at the beautifully restored Indiana Limestone Building. Guests attending the dinner enjoyed a delicious meal, bid on local goods, arts, and activities at the silent auction, and were entertained by magician Dwayne Hill.

Brent Maudlin, LCCF Board President, explained how gifts to the Community Foundation benefit the community forever. Gifts are permanently invested; while the principal grows, the earnings are granted into the community year after year. He encouraged everyone to consider including the Community Foundation in their will.

Brent also announced LCCF would be awarding \$30,000 in Surprise Anniversary Grants. Ten \$3,000 grants were awarded over several weeks. The first grant recipient, White River Humane Society, was announced at the dinner.

Jim Buher spoke about LCCF's expertise and experience in responsibly processing complex gifts.

LCCF is poised to continue their strong, beneficial presence in Lawrence County for the next thirty years and beyond.



30th Anniversary Surprise Grants:

1. White River Humane Society
2. Bertha's Mission
3. Little Theatre of Bedford
4. Mitchell Community Public Library
5. Bedford Public Library
6. City of Mitchell Parks and Recreation
7. Friends of Spring Mill State Park
8. Lawrence Co. Cancer Patient Services
9. 630 Recovery Place/Celebrate Recovery
10. Lawrence County Arc. (LARC)



Over \$100,000 in Grants Awarded

LCCF awarded over \$70,000 in Impact Grants to eighteen local agencies in the 2023 Open Grant Cycle. An additional \$8,200 was awarded in Boost Grants to five organizations.

LCCF also issued Challenge Grants totaling \$24,572 to three organizations: City of Mitchell, Lawrence County Horse & Pony Club, and Junior Stars. All three organizations met their match and received their grant.

Brent Maudlin, LCCF Grants Committee Chair, said, "This year, more so than past years, we had a long list of applicants with projects covering one end of the county to the other. The committee was very thoughtful and carefully considered every application. The grant requests surpassed the dollars available, and the committee had to make tough decisions. We know the projects awarded will impact many segments of the community and we're thankful for all the volunteers that will use these grant dollars along with their hard work to grow our community one project at a time."

Impact Grants and Projects:

BNLHS Band & Music Boosters, *And the Beat Goes On*
City of Mitchell, *Memorial Park Basketball Improvements*
Friends of Spring Mill State Park, *Spring Mill Tandem Kayaks*
Hoosier Hills Food Bank, *Supplemental Food 2023*
Hope Resource Center, *Privacy and Security*
Horse & Pony Club (Lawrence Co. 4-H Council), *Expansion of Second Arena*
Junior Stars, *Junior Stars Football Program*
Knights of Columbus, Council 1166 (St. Vincent de Paul Church), *Multi-Sensory Room 2023*
Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services, *Soothing the Pain*
Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District – *Putting Down Roots in the Bedford Tree Nursery*
Mitchell Community Public Library, *Children's Department Early Learning Upgrade*
Mitchell Community Schools, *Bringing Industry 4.0 to Mitchell High School*
Mitchell Community Schools, *MJHS Project Based Learning Community 5K & Food Drive*
Pleasant Run Park, Inc., *Playground Palooza Project*
Salvation Army Lawrence County, *Emergency Assistance Program*
Shawswick Township Trustee, *Gas Monitors*
Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department, *Protect and Preserve*
Springville Community Academy, *Medical Office Restoration*
Springville Community Association, *Come On In*
Superior Steam (Lawrence Co. 4-H Council), *Superior STEAM OSMO Education*
White River Humane Society, *Stop the Cycle and Make a Difference*
Youth First, *Mental Health Supports for Mitchell Students*

Boost Grants and Projects:

Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department, *SCBA Bottles*
Indiana Health Center, Lawrence County, *Serving Lawrence County*
Lawrence County Historical & Genealogical Society, *Preserving Our Past – DMH Collection*
Mitchell Community Schools, *MHS Agriculture/Horticulture Agribusiness*
NLCS Robotics Booster Club, *Robotics*



Pennington Grants for Disadvantaged Elderly

LCCF Awarded \$26,291 in grants to seven non-profit organizations from the Margie Marie Pennington Fund for the Elderly. The awards ranged from \$1,625 to \$7,500. The intent of this year's grants included supplying nutritional supplements for senior cancer patients, providing assistance required to remain in one's home, to assistance with cat adoption.

Margie Pennington bequeathed funds to LCCF for an endowment to assist organizations with programs helping Lawrence County elderly that



are disadvantaged or homeless. Our community is fortunate that there are grant dollars specifically focused on projects benefiting the elderly. This endowment funds worthy projects that may not have been possible otherwise.



Pennington Grants and Projects:

Hoosier Hills Food Bank, *2023 Senior Supplemental Food*

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services, *CAN—Cancer Affecting Nutrition*

Lions Club of Bedford, *BLC Ramp Building Project 2023*

Senior Citizens of Lawrence County, *Senior Well-Being*

Shawswick Township Trustee, *Lawrence County, Giving Elderly Hope Through Pennington Grant 2023*

SICIL (Solutions Center), *Emergency Planning for Independent Living*

White River Humane Society, *You Got a Friend in Me*

Meet Crystal

Crystal Flinn, CFP Grants Coordinator, is the newest member of our team. She is learning the grant and scholarship process.

Crystal grew up in Mitchell and met her husband, Jason, when they were working at Walmart while going to school. Jason is from Bedford where the couple has made their home. They've been married for 25 years and have three children –Isaiah, Jacob, and Sophia.

Family and Faith are very important to Crystal. Isaiah and his wife Mariah live in Bedford which has been a blessing as it enables the family to get together at least once a week.

Crystal has a strong desire to serve the community and that will to serve led her to the Community Foundation.

Crystal shared, "Working for the Community Foundation will be very rewarding, giving me the opportunity to serve the community in a variety of areas. It has already given me the chance to meet many hard working, generous individuals who put their heart into making their community a better place to live."



Getting to Know: Crystal

Favorite Movie: *Pride and Prejudice (Keira Knightley version)*

Hobbies: *camping, kayaking, hiking*

Fun Fact: *Crystal would like to learn to play the guitar and visit ancient ruins in Rome, Jerusalem, and Egypt.*

Lawrence County Horse and Pony Club

The Lawrence County Horse and Pony Club has been growing—they are 60 active members strong. With the growth of the program, it became clear they needed to make some improvements to accommodate all the participants. First on the list was to improve and expand the second horse arena. Of course, a project like this requires funds. In an effort to raise the needed funds, Amber Thorne, Club President, applied for an LCCF grant and was awarded a challenge grant. If the Club raised \$3,500, LCCF would award a grant for \$6,500. The kids were gung ho and quickly got to work raising funds. The challenge was met and the grant awarded.

The grant will provide more room for the riders as the main arena only accommodates 15-18 riders. Once the second arena is completed it will accommodate another 15 riders comfortably. This will help with their summer camp which had 35 campers last summer, double the number who can attend their summer clinic, and speed up horse shows during the fair.



YOU CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST

If you would like to support the Lawrence County Community Foundation with a gift or learn how you can leave your legacy, please contact:
Hope Flores , CFP CEO

Board Member Spotlight

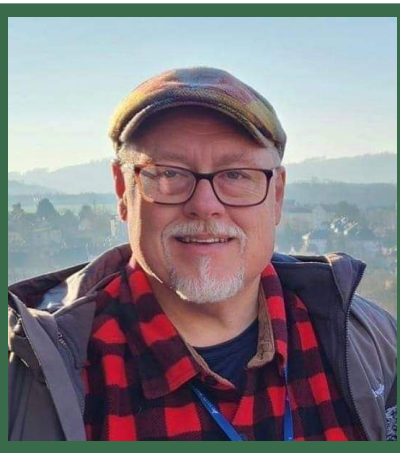
Bill Maegerlein is always fun and always has a story to tell. He grew up in Spencer, graduated from Owen Valley High School, and then attended Ball State University where he majored in Political Science and History. After college, Bill worked at RCA in Bloomington. As most of us have experienced, Bill found there were always problems with computers, and he was inclined to fix them. He decided he liked that and started his own IT company, Certified IT, in Bloomington. After selling the company, he joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor. He loves it; and, his son John works as a financial advisor alongside him. Bill and Tammy, his wife of 25 years, also have a daughter, Emily, who is a nurse and lives in Michigan with her husband.

Getting to Know : Bill

Favorite Movie: *westerns with Cary Grant and /or John Wayne*

Hobbies: *fishing, mostly saltwater*

Fun Fact: *Bill, who was adopted, learned he had a full biological sister through 23 and Me. They've since met and visit fairly regularly.*



In 2012, a friend convinced Bill to buy a smoker and make BBQ. They entered the BBQ contest at Jasper's Strassenfest and came in 25th out of 50. Bill was hooked and has competed in 140 BBQ contests since then. At the Memphis in May World Championship he was perfect in beef and 4th overall in ribs. At the Jack Daniel's World Championship, he came in third overall. Bill's BBQ competition days are winding down. Now, he and Tammy enjoy spending time on Anna Maria Island, Florida.

When Hope approached Bill about becoming involved in LCCF, he thought it would be a good use of his skills. He appreciates the Foundation for the good work it does. "The Foundation has a positive outreach and if there is an avenue or angle in which to help the community, the Foundation will find it," Bill explained.

If you would like to receive a digital newsletter, please contact Judy at 812-279-2215 or judy@cfpartner.org to confirm your correct email address and indicate your preference to receive a digital copy.

Cement City Industries



Mitchell Community Schools received a \$7,310 Impact Grant to help them purchase a laser cutter. With this purchase students are learning digital fabrication skills and have launched their first product line in their student-run

business, Cement City Industries.

This purchase is part of a greater plan to fully develop their manufacturing program into a premier training facility.



Springville Community Association

A dedicated group of Springville residents have been working tirelessly to restore the Springville Gym. Past grants have been put toward stabilizing and capping the gym walls allowing for a new roof. A 2023, \$3,900 Impact grant will purchase doors and a \$5,744 Springville Community Heritage Grant will help purchase fixtures for the restroom.



Heritage funds were established for smaller communities in Lawrence County to help local community groups enhance community projects.

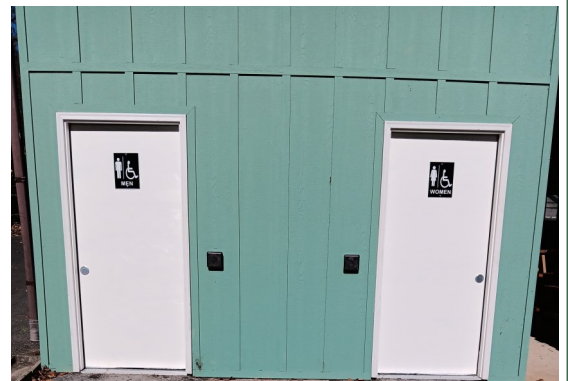
Avoca Park

One component of Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII was a Leadership Project. The first phase of the Leadership Project was to research the strengths and needs of our community. With the assistance of E-Solve Consulting, LCCF held community meetings and surveyed the community to get input on what community members liked about our community and where they thought it could be improved. From the information collected, recreational opportunities emerged as a need in our community.

Marshall Township in particular had a strong need for a community park. LCCF partnered with the Trustee and the Avoca Park Board to enhance the park at the former Avoca Fish Hatchery. For nearly 100 years a 40-acre tract of land in Marshall Township served as a DNR fish hatchery. In 2013, DNR decided to phase out and decommission the hatchery and deed the land to Marshall Township. The Township assessed the state of the park, considered its potential, and developed a plan. LCCF worked with the park to prioritize their plans and awarded a \$124,500 grant to expand the playground and provide handicap accessible restrooms.



What a difference these enhancements have made. The park is quickly becoming a vital part of the community.



Impact Statement

Lawrence County Community Foundation

Total support to the citizens of Lawrence County through 2022 through direct and collaborative granting: **\$19,677,680**

2022 in review

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| Lawrence Co. endowed assets as of 12/31/22 | \$12,410,069 |
| Lawrence Co. grants in 2022..... | \$571,000 |
| CFP assets as of 12/31/22 | \$26,878,351 |
| CFP grants in 2022 | \$1,358,620 |
| CFP grants through 12/31/22 | \$12,608,768 |

Endowment Distributions

Many permanent, designated endowments have been created by generous donors that want to provide support to specific local institutions now and in the future. These endowments, through annual payouts, provide permanent funding and can have a significant impact on a nonprofit institution for years to come.

2022 designated endowment and other targeted distributions totaled \$79,814.

Grant Cycles

Local nonprofit organizations, schools, and governmental agencies are invited to apply for grants through the online grant portal. The Impact and Boost Grant cycle exists for any qualified agency serving our county, the Pennington Grant cycle focuses on elderly, disadvantaged citizens, and a grant cycle is available for area classroom teachers.

Grant cycle distributions totaled \$138,249 in 2022.

COVID Relief

In response to the pandemic, the Community Foundation and its partners came to the aid of area schools and non-profits struggling with new, unprecedented challenges. Support included grants for virtual learning, equipment, cleaning supplies, basic needs such as food and shelter, and PPE.

COVID-related support since 2020 has totaled \$266,001.

Scholarships

Lawrence County Community Foundation is honored to administer the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which has awarded \$3,241,544 through 2022. Many donors have created scholarships as well, with the intent of providing assistance to local students wishing to pursue higher education.

In 2022, scholarship funds awarded \$88,904.

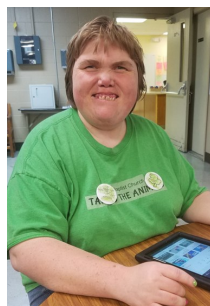
Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT)

Lawrence County Community Foundation has been partnering with Lilly Endowment since 1993 to build our communities through the GIFT initiative. Through direct community grants, challenge grants, and capacity-building grants, Lawrence County Community Foundation has secured **GIFT grants totaling \$4,074,927.**

Collaboration

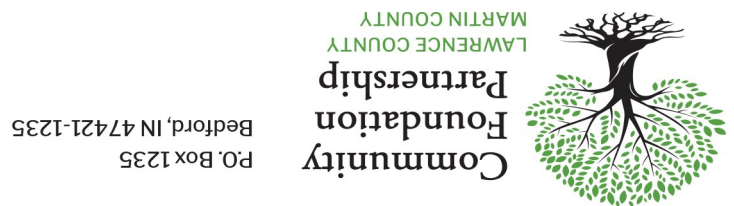
When funding opportunities arise, the Community Foundation collaborates with other funders for even greater impact in our community. Over the years, we have partnered with the following agencies: Duke Energy, General Motors Foundation, IU Health Foundation, United Way, Smithville Charitable Foundation, Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI), OCRA, City of Bedford, and the CAPE partners.

Through collaboration, the Lawrence County Community Foundation has brought \$5,491,910 to Lawrence County.



30 Years of Impact





Triple Your Generosity - Triple Your Impact



Lilly Endowment recently announced Gift VIII (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow, Phase Eight). The GIFT initiative aims to support Indiana's community foundations as they play central roles in supporting and strengthening our communities. LCCF has applied for a \$750,000 GIFT VIII Matching Grant. Through this grant, your gift to any unrestricted endowment held by the Lawrence County Community Foundation will be matched 2 to 1, tripling your gift and your impact on our community. Your \$50 gift becomes \$150; your \$200 gift will become \$600, your \$1,000 gift will become \$3,000. The match period is October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, while grant funds remain.

Gifts to unrestricted endowments are particularly beneficial to the community. Unrestricted endowments fund our general community granting. They are flexible funds that can be used for a wide variety of community needs: education, arts, workforce development, safety, food insecurity, senior citizens, recreation, homelessness, recovery, small communities, youth, animals, and more. Furthermore, this flexibility will provide funds to meet tomorrow's unknown needs as they emerge.

Gifts may be made payable to LCCF and mailed to PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421, or made online on our website, www.cfpartner.org.

A full list of LCCF's unrestricted funds can be found on our website: www.cfpartner.org/funds. For more information on GIFT VIII, visit [GIFT VIII - Lilly Endowment](#) or our website www.cfpartner.org/news.