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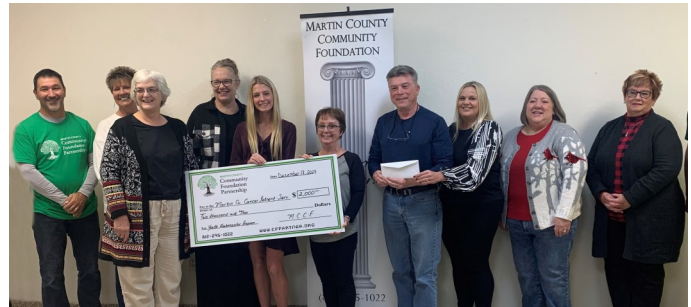
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Spring 2024

\$100,000 in Grants Awarded

MCCF awarded over \$100,000 in grants to eight local organizations in December. Recipients are shown clockwise starting at the top right:

- Loogootee Musical, *A New Background*
- Loogootee Methodist Church, *Martin County Toy Store*
- Martin County 4-H Club Council, Inc., *Poultry Program Improvements*
- Martin County Cancer Patient Services, *Youth Ambassador Program*
- Loogootee Pickleball, Inc., *Loogootee 4-Court Pickleball Complex*
- Martin County Humane Society, *Shelter Upgrades & TNR*
- Crane Town Hall, *Bus Stop Shelter for Children of Crane*
- Lions Baseball & Softball, *Lions Field Improvements*



Supporting Our Teachers

Our teachers are nurturing and educating tomorrow's workforce and leadership. They champion this important responsibility every day. The Classroom Grant program was created to support teachers in this vital role and to help them provide students with enriching educational opportunities.

Teachers apply for small grants, up to \$500, for classroom projects that would reinforce their classroom lessons and engage students in a creative way.

In the 2023 Classroom Grant Cycle, MCCF awarded \$9,000 in grants to twenty-one teachers.

Classroom Grant Recipients and Projects:

- Marci Arthur, Storm Kits
- Lindsay Burch, Do You Want to Build a Snowman?
- Adalyn Hollihan, Teaching Students to Cook
- Ashton Kahle, Classroom Calculators
- Katie Kidwell, It's Cool to be Calm!
- Tara Lengacher, Accelerated Reader
- Ashley Roach, Engaging Literacy Circles with Chapter Books
- Jenna Rupska, Art Supplies
- Shannon Wagler, Science of Reading Small Groups for First Grade
- Jayleigh Wagoner, Soft Start
- Joel Weitkamp, New Cymbals
- Kenady Bratton, The Playbook of Reading
- Lindsey Douglas, Exploring Math Through Hands-On Learning
- Kari Goodman, Just One More Chapter
- Megan Hawkins, Fabrication and Technology Learning
- Mimi Hawkins, 2nd Grade Hands-On Weather Project Based Learning
- Heidi Hoffman, Indoor Golf is Tee-rific!
- Cassie Phillips, Literacy in Science
- Rebecca Rollins, Wondrous Opportunities with Weather
- Amanda Turpin, I Escaped! Survival School PBL Unit



Join us in supporting our teachers.

If you would like to help us support our teachers, please consider making a gift to the Martin County Community Foundation Education Fund.

Gifts made payable to MCCF can be mailed to PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421. Please be sure to indicate it is for the MCCF Education Fund.



YOU CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST

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

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2023 Philanthropists of the Year

In November, the MCCF Board honored Bill and Lisa Bauer for their strong support of Martin County by recognizing them as the 2023 Philanthropists of the Year. Bill and Lisa were born and raised in Shoals where they are now business owners. They are members of the Church of the Cross where they volunteer in multiple capacities. The Bauers organized the Catfish Festival Queen Crowning for many years, they serve on several committees in the county, and donate to numerous worthy causes. Martin County is a better place because the Bauers live here.



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In 2023 we granted

\$946,605

to help our community flourish.

Thank you to all our donors.

We couldn't have done it without your support.



Giving
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Board Member Spotlight — Kristi Ausbrooks

What does the Community Foundation mean to you?

I often think of the Martin County Community Foundation as the nonprofit that exists to support all the other nonprofits. The Foundation creates a unique avenue for donors to be generous towards the community now and in the future as needs change.

Why did you choose to serve on the Community Foundation Board?

I was chosen as a Lilly Scholar in 1999. I vividly remember receiving that good news and knowing the Community Foundation had something to do with it. That scholarship allowed me to graduate from Purdue debt free, which positively affected many life opportunities after that. Serving on the board brings the Foundation full circle for me. I am honored to participate on the MCCF board as it allows a front row seat to the generosity of donors and all the good work being done by students, volunteers, and nonprofits across our community. We take very seriously our duty to steward well the resources donors have entrusted to MCCF.

What is your philosophy on giving?

Our family's philosophy on giving is simple. We have been blessed in many ways and by many people, and we want to share those blessings with others. We strive to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure when and where we can make an impact.

Tell us a little bit about you.

Currently I am on staff at our church, which allows me to serve our community in a special way. My husband, Josh, and I enjoy watching our four kids grow and develop their own passions from our little slice of Martin County farmland. A few of my favorite things are ice cream, cows, and walks, and a great day combines all three at the same time!



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. MCCF has applied for a \$750,000 GIFT VIII Matching Grant. Through this grant, your gift to any unrestricted endowment held by the Martin 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 MCCF and mailed to PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421 or made online on our website, www.cfpartner.org.

A full list of MCCF'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.