



## GIFT VIII: AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY

The Community Foundation DeKalb County is pleased to announce its intent to apply for a \$750,000 Matching Fund Grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. through its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII) program. This is one of several opportunities made available to community foundations across the state.

The majority of this grant will be used to grow the Foundation's unrestricted endowments. Our largest unrestricted fund is the Community Grantmaking Fund which is used for quarterly grants. We have seen a significant rise in the number of asks and the amount of those asks.

With this grant, Lilly Endowment, Inc. will provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to the Community Grantmaking Fund until December 31, 2025. This is an incredible opportunity to raise significant dollars that, in turn, will go to help the nonprofits and other community initiatives that increase the quality of life in DeKalb County.

Please keep us in mind for a donation this year. We will run our second Spring Fundraiser "Give Where You Live DeKalb" in May. This fundraiser was created in 2023 to raise funds for the Community Grantmaking Fund. In 2023 the board and staff raised funds among themselves to create a \$1:\$1 match. In 2024 and 2025, Lilly Endowment, Inc. will prove a \$2:\$1 match.



### Important 2024 dates:

- Scholarship deadline: January 31
- Voices of Philanthropy Spring Grant deadline: March 15,
- Quarterly Grant deadlines: April 1, July 1, October 1,
- Give Where You Live DeKalb Spring Fundraiser: May 6-10
- 2024 Annual Meeting: August 8
- Giving Tuesday DeKalb: October 1 - November 29
- National Philanthropy Day: November 15

## Fund Spotlight: DeKalb County Community Leadership & Development Fund

The DeKalb County Community Leadership & Development Fund was established in 2022 to provide support for community leadership and community development initiatives in DeKalb County. Some of the initiatives this endowment has supported are the creation of DeKalb LEADS which has gone on to become Fortify LEADS that facilitates an annual leadership program; support for the Mental Health Coalition; support for Transforming Communities, a yearly program that trains NE Indiana nonprofit directors in key areas of leadership and fundraising. For more information on this fund please contact us at [director@cfdekalb.org](mailto:director@cfdekalb.org) or 260-925-0311.

### Q4 Grant Recipients

The Community Foundation of DeKalb County has awarded its 4th quarter grants to 14 organizations for a total of \$53,278. All organizations are either located in or provide services in DeKalb County.

Quarter 4 Grants Awarded:

- [American Red Cross of NE IN](#) - \$5,000 for services in DeKalb County
- [JAM Center](#) - \$3,000 for JAM Connect 2023-2024
- [DeKalb County Eastern CSD](#) (Riverdale Elementary) - \$4,798 for 2023 LETRS Training
- [YWCA NE IN](#) - \$7,500 for services for DeKalb County survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- [DeKalb Humane Society](#) - \$4,480 for outdoor amenities for physical and behavioral rehabilitation
- [Big Brothers Big Sisters of NE IN](#) - \$3,000 2024 site-based School Buddies Youth Mentoring operational support
- [Long Term Care Ombudsman Program of NE IN](#) - \$5,000 for advocacy for patients in long-term care facilities in DeKalb County
- [JA serving East Central DeKalb County](#) - \$2,500 for K-4 elementary programming
- [JA serving Garrett](#) - \$2,500 for K-12 programming
- [The BookStart Fund](#) - \$1,000 for 2023 operational support
- [YMCA of Dekalb County](#) - \$5,000 for Early Learning Program parent engagement and supplies
- [City of Butler](#) - \$5,000 for the 2023 Southside Park rebuild
- [Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children](#) - \$3,000 mental health treatment for child victims of alleged abuse
- [Eckhart Public Library](#) - \$1,500 for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program

### Voices of Philanthropy Fall Grants

The Community Foundation's youth philanthropy pod, DeKalb's Voices of Philanthropy, awarded a total of \$6,721.80 for its 2023 fall grant awards to 9 organizations that serve the DeKalb County community.

- [Warm a Heart Community Outreach](#) - \$500, snacks for Kids' Club
- [Lakewood Park Christian School](#) - \$400, hygiene products for middle and high school students
- [RespectTeam](#) - \$500, DeKalb County Programming 2023-2024
- [Catholic Charities](#) - \$1,000, Holiday Assistance
- [Women's Care Center](#) - \$812.30, Raising Kids with Character Series
- [Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum](#) - \$950, Archival storage materials
- [McMillen Health](#) - \$559.50, Empathy belly & impairment goggles for DeKalb Co.
- [YMCA of DeKalb County](#) - \$1000, Bridge Room food & trip scholarships
- [First United Methodist Church School of Early Learning](#) - \$1000, STEM/Gross motor skills equipment

Voices of Philanthropy looks at grant applications in the Spring and Fall. The Spring 2024 application window is January 15-March 15.



## Giving Tuesday DeKalb 2023

Giving Tuesday DeKalb 2023 set another record for generosity in DeKalb County. Donors contributed more than \$150,000 to local nonprofit endowment funds at the Foundation.

1st place: Inspiration Ministries raised \$20,250, received a \$5,000 unrestricted grant

2nd place: DeKalb County Humane Society raised \$15,800, received a \$3,000 unrestricted grant

3rd place: Auburn Waterloo Trail raised \$12,595, received a \$2,000 unrestricted grant

New categories in 2023

4th place: DeKalb Outdoor Theater raised \$11,350, received a \$1,000 unrestricted grant

5th place: St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. raised \$10,650, received a \$1,000 unrestricted grant

Largest % increase in funds raised: Children First Center raised \$19,650, received a \$3,000 unrestricted grant

### 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient



The Community Foundation DeKalb County is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for DeKalb County – C. Isaac Schweitzer of DeKalb High School. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

Norm Yoder has been a pinnacle member of the DeKalb County community for many years and has served and prospered in it in many forms. He owned his own construction company, and after selling at the age of 50, he looked for new ways to be involved in and serve the community. A few people thought that Mayor would be a good fit. As he says, “A group of people thought I would be a good candidate to be Mayor. They thought more highly of me than I thought of myself at the time, to be honest with you. I’ve always been involved in community projects, cared about the community, and served on the board of works, the library board, and other things, and I thought that’d be kind of interesting. I ran, and 20 years later, here I am.”

Over twenty years and five terms, Norm took on many projects. Two of the most significant in his career were updating and modernizing Auburn’s computer systems and opening Rieke Park on the city’s north end. He has also watched as the Auburn Skate Park, a passionate initiative of his, had finally come to fruition.

Once retired, Norm again looked for a new way to serve his community. His family is no stranger to the nonprofit sector, especially in DeKalb County. His wife, Peggy, served on the Community Foundation board for many years, so with retirement under his belt, Norm decided to take on a brand new challenge to serve DeKalb County, and became a board member for the Community Foundation of DeKalb County.

### Board Spotlight: Norm Yoder





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