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Let's Chat

2025 marks The Community Foundation's 40th year serving Muncie and Delaware County. On this milestone anniversary, it's a great time to reflect on the

bold visions of our early leaders and donors. Early action created a road map we follow today as we continue to serve the community boldly.

In this issue of Legacy, you'll learn about the planning and research of the Founding Committee of The Community Foundation and how it set us on a path to where we are today. We also share an example of partnership through the story of the Kirk and Deb Mace Memorial Foundation, whose grantmaking runs through a donor-advised fund at The Community Foundation.

Today, the community is benefiting from thoughtful founders and donors like you. Thank you for your continued trust and support. Join us as we continue to *build tomorrow, today!*

Marcy Minton
President & CEO

From Founding to Forward-Thinking How Planning Committees Shape Community Impact



Appeal to the Great Spirit

Bold Vision Then

In 1984, a small group of visionary leaders gathered around a bold idea: **Could Muncie and Delaware County sustain a community foundation that would serve generations to come?**

The answer, they believed, was yes—but not without careful planning, deep listening, and a commitment to shared values. The Founding Committee, to investigate the inception of a community foundation, spent more than a

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year researching best practices, conducting a feasibility study, and engaging the community. Their work laid the foundation—literally and figuratively—for what would become The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County.

Their legacy lives on in the Foundation's enduring values: to be relevant, representative, and responsive to the needs of our community—today, tomorrow, and always.

Members of the Founding Committee

<i>Stefan Anderson, Chair</i>	<i>Robert Holt</i>	<i>Alan Simmons</i>
<i>Doug Bakken</i>	<i>Thomas Kinghorn</i>	<i>Van Smith</i>
<i>Edmund Ball</i>	<i>Richard Ringoen</i>	<i>David Sursa</i>
<i>Ted Brown</i>	<i>Charles Rothhaar</i>	<i>Sherman Zeigler</i>
	<i>Edgar Seward</i>	

Bold Vision Now

Fast forward nearly four decades, and another group of community leaders came together with a similarly bold vision. This time, the challenge was different but no less important: **How can we ensure that our nonprofit sector—so vital to the wellbeing of our community—is healthy, well-supported, and sustainable?**

In 2021, a steering committee of six partners convened over eight months to answer that question. They brought expertise, did their homework, and—most importantly—listened to the voices of local nonprofit leaders.

Their conclusion was clear: Strong nonprofits build strong communities. And to be strong, nonprofits need dedicated support, strategic resources, and space to grow.

The result of their work is the Nonprofit Support Network, an organization designed to strengthen the capacity of nonprofit organizations across Muncie and Delaware County.

Just as the Foundation's founding committee envisioned a better future through philanthropy, the Nonprofit Support Network steering committee envisioned a better future through partnership. Both groups believed in the power of people coming together to create lasting change.

Their stories—then and now—remind us that bold visions don't just happen. They are built, step by step, by people who care deeply about this place and its future.

Values in Action: Carrying Forward Kirk and Deb's Vision

Kirk and Deb Mace spent their lives serving Muncie—Kirk as a police sergeant, Deb as an investigator. Their legacy of compassion and community care lives on through the Kirk and Deb Mace Memorial Foundation Fund, established in 2023 in partnership with The Community Foundation.

Close friends Dr. Jeff and Sue Bird helped launch the fund to honor the Maces' memory and values. "We wanted to make sure their legacy wouldn't fade," said Jeff. "The Foundation helps us focus on community engagement while they manage the investments and grantmaking."

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The fund has already awarded over \$40,000 to local nonprofits and continues to grow through volunteer-led events like a golf tournament, motorcycle ride,

and dance. It supports causes the Maces loved—like Little Red Door and Heroes & Helpers—and aims to build a \$1 million endowment.



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For those considering how to make a lasting impact, the Kirk and Deb Mace Memorial Foundation Fund shows how a bold vision—paired with the right partner—can create a legacy.

Second Quarter Community Grants \$450K Awarded to Community Organizations



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Community Grants provide nonprofit organizations serving Muncie and Delaware County with the opportunity to apply for funding to support their work. Grants are awarded to address the broad needs of Muncie and Delaware County. The Board of Directors of The Community Foundation approved 24 Community Grants totaling \$455,550 during the second quarter of 2025.

Animal Rescue Fund

Cardinal Greenway

Classroom Connections of ECI

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District

East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra

EcoREHAB of Muncie

Heart of Indiana United Way

Innovation Connector

Isaiah 117 House

Ivy Tech Foundation

JobSource

Kesem at Ball State

Motivate Our Minds

Muncie Arts and Culture Council

Muncie Children's Museum

Muncie Downtown Development Partnership

Muncie Sports Commission

Recovery Café Muncie

Shafer Leadership Academy

Strong Cemetery Association

TeenWorks

Urban Light Community Development Corporation

Women Support Girls; Women Support Each Other

Yorktown Farmers Marketplace/Grow Market

Community Grants have been awarded from the Unrestricted Fund of The Community Foundation and the following:

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Fund, Jeff and Beth Lang Fund, Liberty Perry Selma Town Endowment Fund, John and Katherine Littler Fund, Maxon Foundation Fund, Mid-West Metal Products Fund, Keith and Elaine Miller Fund, Bill and Nancy Mitchell Living Well in Delaware County Fund, Morris Youth Fund, Mutual Legacy Fund, MutualBank Charitable Foundation Fund, Old National Bank Fund, Ontario Systems – Wil Davis and Ron Fauquher Fund, Larry and Barbara Ottinger Fund, Jim and Mary Rosema Fund, Shafer/Muncie Power Products Legacy Fund, Kent Shuff and Steve Fennimore Fund, Jeanne and John Smith Unrestricted Fund, Casey and Jennifer Stanley Fund, Robert and Janet Stratton Fund, Charles and Claudia Sursa Unrestricted Endowment Fund, David and Mary Jane Sursa Fund, Gary and Amy Thomas Fund, Joseph and Janet Wilson Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Faye Wingate Fund, and Town of Yorktown Endowment Fund





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The following individuals were remembered or honored through gifts to The Community Foundation from February 1st to June 30th, 2025.

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