



Dear friends and community partners,

As we lean into the energy of spring, we find ourselves looking ahead with anticipation to all that the summer and fall will bring. Our focus remains steady on the goals outlined in our strategic plan and the continued momentum of the Madison Forever campaign, both of which are guiding meaningful progress across our work.

Behind the scenes, our grants committees have been hard at work, carefully advancing both our spring Impact Grants and Elevate Madison grant opportunities. At the same time, our board and staff are strengthening internal processes to ensure we are well positioned to support the growing opportunities before us.

This issue holds special significance as we celebrate the strength of women in Madison County as philanthropists and changemakers. This year's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon broke records, marking an exciting milestone and reflecting the power of collective generosity. It is a moment worth celebrating and one that is launching us forward into the future with renewed energy and purpose



Thank you for being part of this work and for helping to build a stronger, more vibrant Madison County.

Ben Davis, President



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Fund Spotlight

Women's Endowment Fund: A Legacy Built Over Time

Since the Women in Philanthropy endowment was established in 2005, women across Madison County have come together year after year to invest in something greater than themselves.

What began with individual gifts, many small and all meaningful, has grown into a collective force for good. Each contribution has added to a story that continues to unfold.

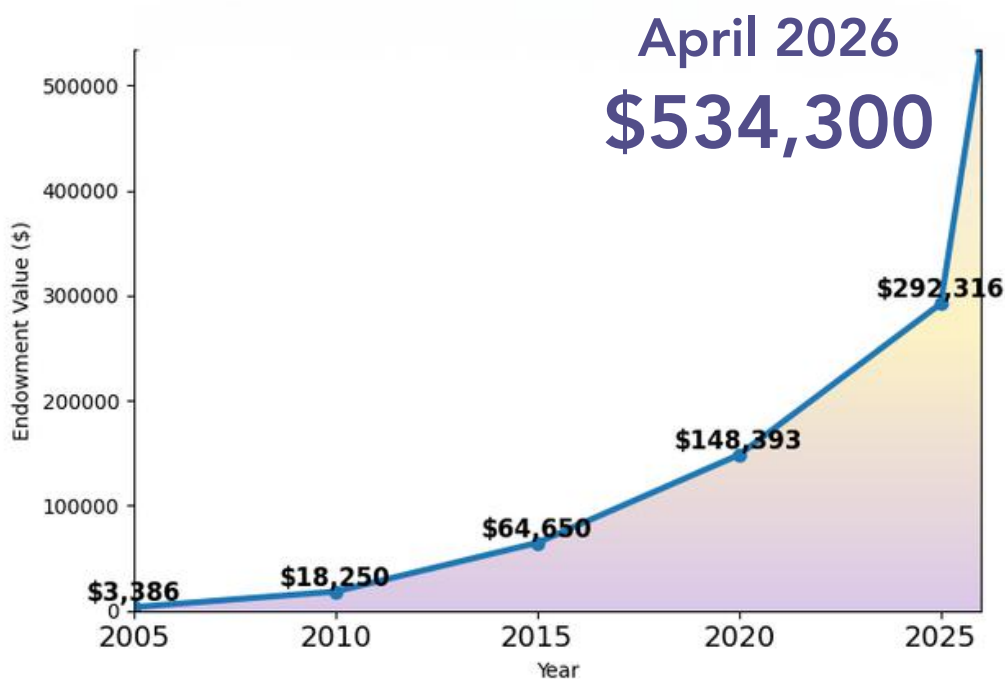
This impact has never been about one moment. It has been built steadily and faithfully over time.

In recent years, that story has continued to grow. More women are engaging in this work, new voices are being welcomed, and participation through the annual luncheon has expanded.

With the support of sponsors and a growing community of givers, grantmaking has increased, allowing for larger and more transformative investments in organizations serving women and children.

What was once a beginning is now building momentum.

From \$3,386 in
2005 to
over \$500,000
today



WHAT HAS BEEN BUILT OVER TIME IS CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITY

April Campaign Spotlight

Growing the Women's Endowment



2:1 GOAL
MATCH **\$1,000,000**

As part of the Madison Forever campaign, Field of Interest funds are eligible for a 2:1 match. We are using this opportunity to grow the Women's Endowment and expand what is possible for women and children in Madison County.

Our goal is to reach \$1,000,000, increasing annual grantmaking to \$40,000. When the campaign began, that required \$232,892 in new gifts. Thanks to early generosity, we are already well on our way, with \$149,000 remaining to reach this milestone.

\$149,000 Remaining

Every gift moves us closer, and every dollar is multiplied through this match.

As this work continues to grow, so does the opportunity to be part of it. The Legacy Collective offers a way for women to come together through shared generosity, building lasting impact while strengthening connection across our community.

**Join the Legacy Collective today
and your gift will be tripled!**



Give to the Women's
Endowment



A single bee produces just 1/12 of a tablespoon of honey in her lifetime. Within the hive, that small contribution becomes something abundant.

In the same way, each gift to the Women's Endowment is multiplied. Through the 2:1 match, what you give grows and expands the impact we can create together.

39%



INVESTING IN LASTING POSITIVE CHANGE



The Hope of the Hive

Annual Women in Philanthropy Luncheon Highlights



192
attendees

“ What a joy and gift it was to sit in that room and take it all in.
-Joy Beghtel- ”



“ That kind of mutual encouragement felt so timely, and it's just what we all needed in these times!
-Abigail Caress- ”

\$37,500
granted



8
Organizations
Supported

“ The entire experience—the energy and the atmosphere you leave with—is truly amazing.
-Bev Sams- ”



A Record Year for Women in Philanthropy

Gathering and Connection

Women from across Madison County gathered to connect, learn, and give together.

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It was just what my soul needed today - positivity and encouragement. I'm grateful to have the relationships and connections with such notable women.

-Steph Mellinger-

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Grant Finalists and Voting

Three organizations shared their work, inviting participants to learn and take part in the decision making process.



The Hive in Action

Each table stepped into the role of a grant committee, engaging in thoughtful conversation and shared decision making.



Celebration and Impact

We celebrated leadership, honored impact, and awarded a record amount in grants..



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I am thankful to be included with this group of dedicated, caring and kind women.

-Ruthie Smith-

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It was just what my soul needed to be reinvigorated with the connections and the network that have been developed over decades!

-JB Shelton-

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[Luncheon Photos](#)

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IMPACT STORY

THE HIVE IN ACTION



Your generosity provided \$37,500 in grants to eight organizations serving women and children in Madison County.

Because of you, the room was filled with more than conversation. It was filled with purpose.

Through your giving, along with sponsorships and matches, Women in Philanthropy awarded a record amount in grants this year at the annual luncheon.

While \$30,000 was awarded to our three finalists, Aspire Indiana Health Kids Talk, Bloom Madison County, and Operation Love Ministries, an additional \$7,500 was set aside for a collective giving experience called *The Hive in Action*.

During the luncheon, each table was entrusted with a portion of funding and invited to step into the role of a grant committee. As conversations unfolded, women leaned in, listened closely, and considered the real needs and stories represented in each initiative. Together, they worked to determine how their table's funding would be distributed.

The process invited thoughtful discussion and shared decision making. It offered a closer look at the complexity of giving and the responsibility that comes with it, while also creating space for connection and learning.

Through this experience, five additional organizations received funding:

- Anderson First Church of the Nazarene Community Center
- Anderson Housing Authority
- Anderson Heartland Scholar House
- Pete's Pantry
- TeenWorks



What happened in that room was more than an exercise. It was a glimpse of what is possible when women come together, not just to give, but to listen, to learn, and to act.



[Read More](#)

NEW

April 2026

Thank You
for your
generosity

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH

Beghtel Family Fund

The Beghtel Family Fund is established to cultivate a sense of purpose, connection and well-being within Madison County. The Beghtel family aims to support and improve the lives of our cherished neighbors in Madison County for generations to come.

Harris Family Fund

The Harris Family Fund provides support for programs and services supporting Health & Human Services in Madison County.

Lapel Hometown Fund

The Lapel Hometown Fund provides support for agencies and programs located within or primarily serving the Town of Lapel and/or Stony Creek Township & Human Services in Madison County.

Rev. Benjamin Santiago Youth Empowerment Fund: Marvelous Mondays

This fund honors the life and legacy of Rev. Benjamin Santiago, whose powerful story of transformation continues to inspire hope and purpose in others. Supporting Marvelous Mondays, a ministry of Sherman Street Church of God, this fund helps create a safe, encouraging space where K-12 students can build meaningful relationships, learn Christian values, and grow into confident, positive leaders, strengthening our community for generations to come.

Rev. Benjamin Santiago Youth Empowerment Fund: Project H.O.P.E.

Supporting Project H.O.P.E., a program of the Madison County Sheriff's Chaplaincy, this fund invests in mentoring and guiding at-risk youth, offering encouragement, direction, and hope while helping shape stronger futures for our community.



You can set up a payment plan to contribute an amount of your choice to any of the funds held at the Foundation or to start a named fund of your own.

Contact
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for more information



\$ 238,556

\$75,000

Various Alexandria Endowment funds

\$71,509

Women's Endowment Fund

\$25,000

Endowment Agency Fund

\$12,745

Combat Ministries Agency
Endowment Fund

\$10,000

Paramount Heritage Foundation fund

\$8160

Edgewood Pool Fund

\$7000

The F.C. Tucker/Prosperity Madison
County Housing Assistance Endowment

\$5150

Women in Philanthropy
Unrestricted Fund

\$5000

Beghtel Family Fund

\$5000

Lapel Hometown Fund

\$3150

Harris Family Fund

\$3000

Zachary J. Novak Memorial
Scholarship Fund

\$2000

Elwood Education Foundation

\$2000

Best Class Ever - Leadership Academy of
Madison County Endowment Fund

\$1500

Betty Pierce Scholarship Fund

\$1342

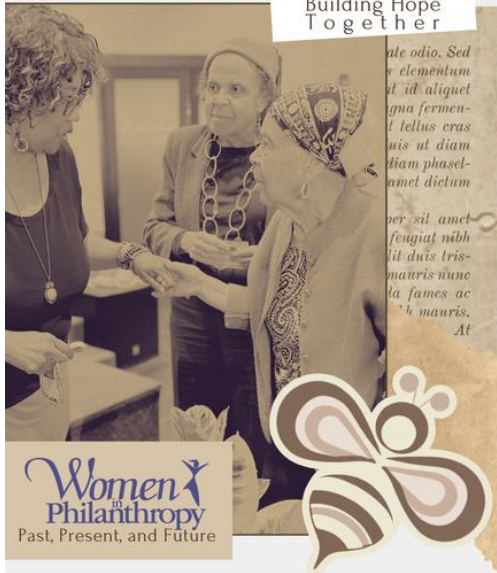
Various named and designated funds

\$1000

Mangas Trust

Legacy

Building Hope Together



We invite you to explore *Legacy: Building Hope Together*, a digital collection that captures the story, impact, and future of Women in Philanthropy.

Within its pages, you will find the history of the Women's Endowment, stories of impact from across our community, and a growing list of women who are helping shape what comes next.

 Legacy Magazine



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