

A Gift of Grain

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FOUNDATION FORUM

FALL 2024



VERMILLION COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024

NOVEMBER 15 – National Philanthropy Day® is both an official day and a grassroots movement. Every year since 1986, when President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed November 15th as National Philanthropy Day®, communities across the globe have celebrated by hosting events to recognize activities of donors, volunteers, foundations, leaders, corporations, and others engaged in philanthropy (“the love of humankind”).

DECEMBER 3 – Giving Tuesday, often stylized as #GivingTuesday for purposes of hashtag activism, refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It is a movement to create a national day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. Giving Tuesday was started in 2012 as a response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season (Black Friday and Cyber Monday).

DECEMBER 31 – Last day to make year-end gifts for 2024 tax purposes. Start planning now!

2025

JANUARY 1 – The online application process for all Foundation scholarships begins. For details go to: www.wicf-inc.org.

MARCH 1 – Deadline for all Foundation scholarships.

If you are sponsoring/hosting an event that benefits one of the 100 endowment funds managed by the Foundation, please contact us. We would LOVE to help promote the event. Send your event information to: info@wicf-inc.org.



FROM THE CEO'S DESK

As the year draws to a close, we're filled with gratitude for the continued support and generosity of the communities we serve. The holiday season is a time of reflection and renewal, inspiring us to think about how we can make a positive impact on those around us.

At the Vermillion County Community Foundation, we are deeply committed to serving our communities in innovative and essential ways. Your ongoing support promotes our mission and encourages us to address the unique needs of Vermillion County.

Looking back on 2024, we are humbled by the incredible achievements made possible by your contributions. Your generosity has allowed us to initiate and sustain critical projects, from educational advancements to vital community outreach initiatives. Together, we have made a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

As we anticipate a new year, we are eager to explore the opportunities that lie ahead. Your continued support will be instrumental in helping us build upon our successes and create a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Vermillion County Community Foundation. Your generosity ensures the prosperity and well-being of our community for generations to come.

Best Regards,

"Helping People to Improve Our Community"

Dale A. White
Chief Executive Officer

Matching Gift Opportunity

Now is the perfect time to make a lasting impact on your community by donating to an unrestricted fund or starting your own through the Vermillion County Community Foundation. Until December 31, 2025, your contribution can go even further thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Gift VIII Match Initiative. Donations to a Vermillion County Unrestricted Fund will be matched \$2 for every \$1 you give. This means a \$100 donation becomes \$300!

Unrestricted Funds are crucial because they support various important community projects. These range from education and health programs to economic growth, parks and recreation, senior and youth initiatives, school projects, and more.

We have set a goal to raise \$375,000 by December 31, 2025. If we reach this goal, the Lilly Endowment will award us an additional \$750,000 to continue improving our community.



Get involved today and help fund projects that will benefit your hometown for years to come!

GRANTS AWARDED

Several nonprofit and charitable organizations shared in grants from the Vermillion County Community Foundation. Grant monies are made available by donations from caring individuals who want to make a difference by improving the quality of life of others.

Parke-Vermillion Retired Teachers Association - \$750 to provide 160 Vermillion County kindergarten students with a book to take home and to add additional books to classroom libraries



Parke-Vermillion Retired Teachers Association

(Left to right) Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Cynthia Cammack, Volunteer - Parke-Vermillion Retired Teachers Association; Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation



Clinton Little League (Left to right) Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Erik Bohle, Safety Officer - Clinton Little League; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Brenda Vorek, Secretary - Clinton Little League; Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation

North Vermillion Jr High Softball - \$2,000 to purchase new equipment, including helmets, balls, practice gear, bats, and catcher's equipment



North Vermillion Jr High Softball

(Left to right) Mary Margaret Rhees, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Tori Kilgore, Assistant Coach - North Vermillion Jr High Softball; Ardie Kilgore, Coach - North Vermillion Jr High Softball; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation

Newport American Legion Post 184 - \$7,000 to aid in tuckpointing the side of their building for stability reinforcement and a mural project



Newport American Legion Post 184

(Left to right) Mark Wilson, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kay Hicks, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Angela Kinderman, Post Commander - Newport American Legion Post 184; Lori Porter, Membership Chairman - Newport American Legion Post 184; Jeff Clark, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation

Clinton Little League - \$1,300 to replace the bleachers at the baseball fields at Sportland Park

Marilyn's Village - \$35,000

Vermillion County Community Foundation, along with Covington, Attica, and Southeast Fountain Community Foundations, combined resources for operational expenses at Marilyn's Village, an adult disability service



Marilyn's Village (Left to right) ; Front Row - Amy, Troy, Justin, Megan, Hayden - Villagers at Marilyn's Village
 Middle Row: Trish Edwards, Program Coordinator - Marilyn's Village; Chelsea, Villager - Marilyn's Village; Kelly Taylor, Support Staff - Marilyn's Village; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Western Indiana Community Foundation; Raquel Stultz, Board Member - Covington Community Foundation; Renee McGrady, Board Member - Southeast Fountain Community Foundation
 Back Row: Taylor Powell, Board Member - Covington Community Foundation; Ryan Sowers, Founder and Director - Marilyn's Village; Kenny, Villager - Marilyn's Village

City of Clinton - \$3,000 for new playground equipment at Sportland Park



City of Clinton (Left to right) Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Jack Gilfoy, Mayor - Vermillion County; Dean Strohm, Member - Clinton City Council; JT Walker, Member - Clinton City Council

Clinton Wrestling Club - \$4,000 to purchase a new wrestling mat



Clinton Wrestling Club
 (Left to right) Front row: Brentley Fisher & Jake Payton, Wrestlers - Clinton Wrestling Club
 Back row: Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Mickey Fisher, Coach - Clinton Wrestling Club; Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Jason Payton, Coach - Clinton Wrestling Club

South Vermillion High School - \$500 for a new pottery wheel in the Art Department at South Vermillion High School



South Vermillion High School (Left to right) Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Karalyn Skinner, Principal - South Vermillion High School; Amy Goins, Art Teacher - South Vermillion High School

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Ernie Pyle Museum - \$10,000 for site enhancements at the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum site in Dana, Indiana, including new restrooms, statues, and gardens



Ernie Pyle Museum (Left to right) Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Merry Addison, Board Member - Friends of Ernie Pyle; Becky Holbert, Secretary - Friends of Ernie Pyle; Doug Hess, Vice President - Friends of Ernie Pyle

Vermillion Trails Alliance - \$1,000 for the Over the River and Through the Woods community event and 5K that begins at Reeder Park in Montezuma and ends in Hillsdale



Vermillion Trails Alliance (Left to right) Thomas Hardesty, Volunteer - Vermillion Trails Alliance; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation

Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society (Wabash River Run) - \$2,000 for Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society's Wabash River Run, an event to raise money for the care of the animals at the Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society



Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society (Wabash River Run) (Left to right) Tim Yocum, Volunteer - Wabash River Run; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Bart Mooney, Volunteer - Wabash River Run; Brenda Furry, Volunteer - Wabash River Run

Clinton First United Methodist Church - \$2,000 for the Backpack Program, which provides weekend meals to children in need in Vermillion County



Clinton First United Methodist Church (Left to right) Peggy Strobel, Volunteer - Clinton First United Methodist Church; Yale Yager, Volunteer - Clinton First United Methodist Church; Ed Shew, President - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Orthanna Yager, Volunteer - Clinton First United Methodist Church; Phyllis Marsolf, Volunteer - Clinton First United Methodist Church

Vermillion-Parke Health Coalition - \$324 to support the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, an event to bring awareness and understanding regarding the impact of poverty on food insecurity in Vermillion and Parke Counties

Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation - \$2,500 to support a pollinator project in Vermillion and Parke Counties aiming to enhance local ecosystems and agricultural practices by incorporating native plants that provide essential food and shelter for bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators



Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation (Left to right) Mark Wilson, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Taylor Marshall, Director of Marketing and Communications - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Kim Eaton, Director of Community Engagement - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Eric Shideler, Conservation Director - Vermillion County Soil and Water Conservation

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA  

The Community Foundation continues to expand and you can find us on a variety of social media platforms. You can find us online at our traditional website at: www.wicf-inc.org.

Our website provides details on all Foundation locations, including contact information, recent grants and grant guideline information, scholarship recipients, a listing of over 300 endowment funds to benefit your community, and much, much more!

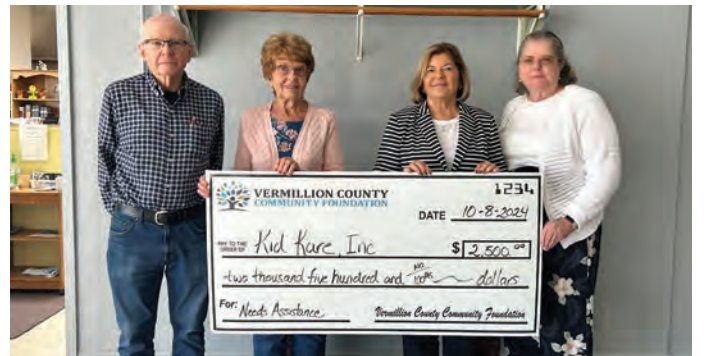
In addition, you can also find us on Facebook and Instagram. Look for us directly on Facebook at www.facebook.com/theVCCF, and follow us on Instagram @Vermillioncofcf.

4-H Council Vermillion County - \$10,000 for furnace replacement in the Vermillion County 4-H Community Building located in the Cayuga Park



4-H Council Vermillion County (Left to right)
 Front Row - Phynn Smith and Hadleigh Griffin
 Middle Row - Ammy Stambaugh, Callie Jones, Matthew Howard, Morgan Lutz, Cassie Smith, Heather Reininga, Kim Eaton
 Back Row - Heather Ball, Kendi Jenkins, Nikki Royer, Kayden Willhite, Liam Heber, Autumn Ellis, Emily Sorg and Molly Thomann

Kid Kare Project - \$2,500 to meet the needs of children throughout the school year, including clothing, school supplies, yearbooks, school photos, support for sports and extracurricular activities, and addressing food insecurity



Kid Kare Project (Left to right) Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Mary Ann Shannon, Office Secretary - Kid Kare; Nancy Reed, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Mary Margaret Rhees, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation

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GRANTS AWARDED *(continued from page 7)*

Victory Baptist Church - \$750 to provide Thanksgiving meals to members of the community



Victory Baptist Church (Left to right)

Kay Hicks, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Glenn McLain, Member and Coordinator of the Clinton Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Victory Baptist Church; Nancy Reed, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation; Larry Lynn, Board Member - Vermillion County Community Foundation

These grants have been made available by the Community Fund (unless indicated otherwise) of Vermillion County Community Foundation. The Community Fund is made available by Vermillion County area citizens who want to help worthwhile projects and programs succeed. Many donations also come in from former area citizens who have moved away, found success, and now want to give back to their hometown communities. It is because of the generosity of people like these that community grants are made available.

Donations to the Community Fund can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to *Vermillion County Community Foundation, ATTN: Community Fund, P.O. Box 532 / 259 Vine St., Clinton, IN 47842-0532.*

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

LEGACY GIFTS

We gratefully recognize the following individuals who have remembered the *Vermillion County Community Foundation* with a bequest from their estate or who have indicated that the Foundation has been named as a future beneficiary of their estate. The special community benefactors have enriched the lives of others through their concern for the charitable needs of the community. If you have included the Foundation in your estate plan, please consider becoming a member of our *Legacy Society*. We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to pay tribute to your thoughtfulness.

- James Patrick (“Pat”) Aikman
- Michael & Mary Margaret Rhees
- Raymond & Margaret Armstrong
- Jean Rieches
- Marguerite Butt
- Peter & Anne Yurchak
- Marvin & Carol High

HOW CAN YOU BENEFIT?

It’s easy to find out. Simply write, call, or email us and we’ll be happy to answer any of your questions about the Charitable IRA Rollover, gifts of stock or life insurance, the Legacy Society, or other planned giving options.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We'd like to know you better, and we want you to know us, too.

Our Board of Directors is deeply committed to the vision of stimulating philanthropy to build a better community. They generously contribute their time and talents to ensure that the Community Foundation grows and prospers so that Vermillion County can benefit, forever.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Shew – President
Oren “Doc” Sutherlin – Vice President
Nancy Reed – Secretary
Larry Lynn – Treasurer
Jeff Clark
Kay Hicks
Hannah Hoover
Mary Margaret Rhees
Mark Wilson

STAFF

Dale White – Chief Executive Officer
Nikki Chevront – Director of Finance
Kim Eaton – Director of Community Engagement
(Grants & Scholarships)
Taylor Marshall – Director of Marketing & Communications
Laura Hacquet – Office Assistant



**VERMILLION COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

“Helping People Improve Our Community”



Explore Vermillion County, a new website (www.explorevermillioncounty.org) launched by the Vermillion County Community Foundation, offers visitors an immersive and inspiring look into what awaits them on a Vermillion County visit. Visits to the site will make it easier than ever for travelers to discover activities, events, places to eat, drink, and stay overnight in Vermillion County.

Check it out and let us know your thoughts!

NEW FUNDS

The endowment funds listed below have recently been established by local organizations, businesses, and/or caring citizens. Any individual, business, or organization can establish a fund and/or contribute to an existing fund at any time.

Donations made to these endowment funds are invested and a portion of the earnings is used to award grants to community organizations and/or to award scholarships to students for their post-high school education. Donations can be made in a variety of forms including gifts of cash, stock, real estate, life insurance, and charitable bequests.

Endowment funds can be established in honor or memory of loved ones for as little as \$1,000. Payouts (“distributions”) from endowment funds begin when the fund has reached \$10,000 in cumulative donations and has been invested for one full calendar year.

Here is a listing of the most recent endowment funds established through the *Vermillion County Community Foundation*.

DON AND JANE COONCE FAMILY FUND

Jane Coonce, the widow of the late **Donald J. “Speed” Coonce**, has established a new endowment fund to support innovative and creative problem-solving projects that have the potential to make a significant long-term impact in the Vermillion County community.

The projects may be in a wide variety of areas including, but not limited to, education, health and wellness, and economic improvement, community leadership development, park and recreation ventures, child and youth services, senior citizen endeavors, school-based initiatives, visitors and tourism promotion, and others.

Donations to this fund will be matched \$2:\$1.

Contributions to the Don and Jane Coonce Family Fund are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Vermillion County Community Foundation, ATTN: Don and Jane Coonce Family Fund, PO Box 532, Clinton, IN 47842.*





JACK AND MARGUERITE FENOGLIO COMMUNITY FUND

Jack and Marguerite Fenoglio have created the Jack and Marguerite Fenoglio Community Fund to benefit Vermillion County. Jack, a retired engineer, spent over 28 years with the Anaconda/ARCO/Alcan aluminum plant and helped start Specialty Blanks in Terre Haute. Marguerite taught at Central Elementary School and worked at the Clinton Public Library.

Both have been active in community service for decades, including leadership in Scouts, the Presbyterian Church, and the Little Italy Festival. Jack also played a key role in local economic development and currently serves on the Finance Committee of the Western Indiana Community Foundation. Their new fund reflects their dedication to supporting Clinton's future growth.

Donations to this fund will be matched \$2:\$1.

Donations to the Jack and Marguerite Fenoglio Community Fund may be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to *Vermillion County Community Foundation, ATTN: Jack and Marguerite Fenoglio Community Fund, PO Box 532, Clinton, IN 47842.*

MARTIN JACOB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Vermillion County Community Foundation has recently established the Martin Jacob Scholarship Fund through a transfer of funds from a private foundation. This scholarship is open to graduates from accredited high schools in Vermillion, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, or Fountain counties in Indiana, as well as Vermilion County, Illinois.

Eligible applicants must be pursuing a two- or four-year degree at an accredited college or university and be the child or grandchild of an individual who is currently serving on active duty or has been honorably discharged from any branch of the United States military, including the National Guard.



Contributions in memory of Martin Jacob are tax deductible and can be made online at www.wicf-inc.org or mailed to: *Vermillion County Community Foundation, ATTN: Martin Jacob Scholarship Fund, PO Box 532, Clinton, IN 47842.*

GRANT GUIDELINES

GRANT FOCUS

Vermillion County Community Foundation focuses on local needs within the geographical boundaries of Vermillion County with consideration given to the areas of health, charitable service, education, cultural affairs, and community improvement.

All endowment funds, which stipulate in the fund agreement the areas to be supported from the income earned on the fund assets, will be honored regardless of location of the grant recipient.

GRANT REVIEW

The Board of Directors will review each grant request in preparation for its regular board meeting. Grant applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year. Applicants will be notified immediately following the Board of Directors' decision.

The Vermillion County Community Foundation is especially interested in learning of plans for:

- Start-up costs for new programs
- One-time projects or needs
- Capital needs beyond an applicant's capabilities

The Vermillion County Community Foundation will not consider:

- Individuals, except for scholarships
- Organizations for political or religious purposes
- Support for regular operating budgets
- Contributions to endowments
- Long-term funding
- Post-event situations
- Apparel such as school/sport uniforms

Starting in 2025, there will be updates to our grant application process. These changes aim to streamline applications and improve how we support our community. Stay informed by visiting our website, www.wicf-inc.org, where we'll post detailed updates and important deadlines. We encourage all grant applicants to check back regularly to ensure a smooth transition and stay up to date with the new guidelines.



2024 Awards & Scholarships

AWARDS

Faculty Award in Memory of Luella Hopkins

This scholarship is open to all North Vermillion High School seniors. Preference is given to those going into the teaching profession.

Recipient: Lauren Ellis

Vermillion County Lilly Scholarship Finalist Award

Provides a scholarship to students selected as finalists for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. (Vermillion County only.)

Recipients: Jenna Andrews, Ethan Cook, Baylee Crabtree, Corbin Gibson, Aaron Kersey, Ethan Sears, Layla Strubberg, Mya Taylor, Autumn Vore, Alexis Wilhoite

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bill Werremeyer Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship provided to one South Vermillion High School Senior attending a two- or four-year university and pursuing a degree or career in business or building trades.

Recipient: Zachery Hess

Braeden Hollowell Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to North Vermillion High School students who have participated in athletics and demonstrates good moral character and leadership qualities.

Recipients: Baylee Crabtree, Lauren Ellis, Wyatt Walters, Landon Wesch

Cameron Chevront Memorial Scholarship

Applicant(s) must be a Senior student at North Vermillion High School, Westville, Illinois, High School, or a Wabash River Conference high school. Students pursuing a field of study or career in the trades and technical career pathway are strongly encouraged to apply. Trade or technical pathways may include, but are not limited to, aviation, machining, dental, CNA, electrical, welding, medical, plumbing, robotics, construction, and the like.

Recipients: Luke Barney, Brennan Burnett, Kylie Bush, Baylee Crabtree, Katelyn Callahan, Alexi Delp, Maddisson Edwards, Lauren Ellis, Olivia Hutchins, Ettie Myers, Lacey Peewler, Brayden Prickett, Zach Russell, Cade Schaumburg, Tryce Setser, Kali Stambaugh, Layla Strubberg, Wyatt Walters, Landon Wesch, Jerome White, Drew Wichtowski, Alexis Wilhoite, Ashton Wright

Carl Swinford Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduates of South Vermillion or North Vermillion High School pursuing a college major or career in any agriculture related field.

Recipient: Alexis Wilhoite

Carol Shew Nursing Scholarship

For graduates of South Vermillion High School pursuing a career in nursing and/or human medicine.

Recipient: Ryan Trainer

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CDH Scholarship

For North Vermillion High School students who plan to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited vocational, technical, trade school, or an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Recipients: Baylee Crabtree, Alexis Wilhoite

Charles Todd Wagoner Scholarship

Applicant(s) must be a graduate of North Vermillion High School or a home-schooled student pursuing a college major or career in any art related field as a full-time student.

Recipient: Lauren Ellis

Class of 1933 Boyd-Lahti Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all South Vermillion High School seniors pursuing a degree in education. Priority is given to those exhibiting financial need.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Class of 1978 Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a South Vermillion High School senior accepted to a two- or four-year program at an accredited college or university.

Recipient: Madison Hines

Clinton Lions Club Scholarship

Scholarship is open to South Vermillion High School seniors who are residents of Vermillion County and live in the South Vermillion school district.

Recipient: Corbin Gibson

Contri Family ISU Scholarship

South Vermillion High School applicants must have at least a 3.5 GPA and been involved in community service and extracurricular activities. Active involvement in 4-H and an agricultural background is preferred.

Recipient: Lucas Bush

Dallas Ponder Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a student with a parent or grandparent who is currently a member of the Indiana Charolais Association (ICA) or is a member of the Indiana Junior Charolais Association (IJCA).

Recipient: Kendrick Crowder (Hauser Jr-Sr High School)

Don Bonomo Memorial Optimist Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all South Vermillion High School seniors pursuing a degree in Business or Education at an Indiana college.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Dr. William Somerville Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a senior student from a Wabash River Conference School who is in the process of completing the second year of the Veterinary Science Program through the Wabash River Career and Technical Education (WRCTE) Co-Operative.

Recipient: Allison Dawson

E. P. Zell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all South Vermillion High School seniors who will attending an accredited four-year course of study at an Indiana college or university.

Recipient: Corbin Gibson

George K. Domeika Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a South Vermillion High School senior planning to obtain a degree in engineering or technology.

Recipient: Zachery Hess

Harold & Jean Rieches Scholarship

Provides scholarships to graduates of South Vermillion High School pursuing a career in Accounting or Business.

Recipients: Lucas Bush, Carter Wood

Hegarty Family Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a North Vermillion High School senior who lives in Vermillion County and is pursuing further education; consideration is given to S.A.T. scores and class rank.

Recipient: Landon Wesch, Alexis Wilhoite

Herman & Coriene White Family Technology Scholarship

Scholarship provided to a South Vermillion High School senior pursuing further education with the goal of a career in a trade or technical field.

Recipients: Zachery Hess, Isaiah Youhas

Herman & Coriene White Memorial Business Scholarship

Scholarship provided to a South Vermillion High School Senior senior pursuing further education; consideration is given to career goals, achievements, and demonstration of leadership.

Recipients: Dominick Hanson, Kenley Minor

IEA Construction and Engineering Scholarship

Provided to an American or Canadian dependent of an IEA employee, enrolled full-time at a four-year college or university with a 2.8 GPA or higher and planning on obtaining a degree in construction.

Recipient: Carter Wood

Kirk Gentrup Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to senior athletes at North Vermillion High School or the Wabash River Conference who demonstrate upstanding moral character.

Recipients: Baylee Crabtree, Lauren Ellis, Karma Kingery, Adyson Smith, Kali Stambaugh, Layla Strubberg, Wyatt Walters, Landon Wesch

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Provides one full-tuition scholarship to a graduate of a Vermillion County accredited high school.

Recipient: Cash Jones

Margaret Bates Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to applicants from South Vermillion High School pursuing a degree in education at an Indiana college or university, with a 3.0 GPA or better.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Mary Patrick Ralph Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a North Vermillion Senior wishing to continue their education. Consideration is given to community service and community achievement, as well as 4-H involvement.

Recipient: Wyatt Walters

Melinda Baratto Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a South Vermillion High School applicant pursuing a degree in health sciences.

Recipient: Lauren Wilboyte

Mike Costello Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior at South Vermillion High School who participated in athletics and is pursuing a degree in education at Indiana State University.

Recipient: Zachery Hess

Paula J. Morrison Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is provided to a Southmont High School senior attending an Indiana college or university for education.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Peter J. Marietta Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a North or South Vermillion High School senior planning to enter pre-law course of study or obtain a degree in mathematics.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Ray S. Shew Memorial Math Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a South Vermillion High School senior planning to pursue a four-year degree in math or a math-related field.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Richard H. Newport Memorial Scholarship

Provides a scholarship to a South Vermillion senior in the top 20% of their class and have been reasonably active in his/her church and show evidence of work ethic, ambition, compassion and respect for others, integrity, and respect for authority.

Recipient: Ayden Moore

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Shirley Moore Scholarship

This scholarship is provided to a North Vermillion High School senior planning to study education and demonstrating a positive impact in school and community.

Recipient: Alexis Wilhoite

Susie McLain Scholarship

Scholarship is open to all North Vermillion High School seniors from Eugene Township pursuing a career in education (especially elementary education). The applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Recipient: No applicants met criteria

Vermillion County Farm Bureau Scholarship

This scholarship can be awarded to any Vermillion County resident pursuing further education at a college or trade school, given they have at least one year of membership at Farm Bureau.

Recipients: Braylee Brown, Brookelyn Brown, Nathan Mock, Layla Strubberg

Wildcat Scholarship

The recipient has attended South Vermillion High School for four years, maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA; the applicant is also accepted and is a full-time student at a two- or four-year college or university.

Recipients: Lucas Bush, Isabella Pate

William, Johanna, & Mark Wilson Family Scholarship

Provides a 4-year renewable scholarship to graduates of South Vermillion and North Vermillion High School.

Recipients: Baylee Crabtree, Aaron Kersey

William & Nellie Hendrix Scholarship

Established in 2021, this scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated strong academic performance and exhibits a financial need.

Recipient: Mya Taylor

Yale & Orthanna Yager Scholarship

For graduates of South Vermillion High School with a 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale and receiving an academic honor diploma or equivalent.

Recipient: Torie Williams



A Gift of Grain

A UNIQUE AND IMPACTFUL WAY TO GIVE

For farmers, a gift of grain offers a meaningful and tax-efficient way to support charitable causes. Instead of selling grain and donating the proceeds, farmers can donate the grain itself directly to a charity. This simple yet powerful gesture provides several key benefits.

TAX ADVANTAGES

When farmers donate grain, they can avoid including the sale in their income, potentially reducing their federal, state, and self-employment taxes. This means more of the donation goes to the charity, while the farmer benefits from a lower taxable income. Since the grain is donated before it's sold, the farmer can also deduct expenses related to growing the crop, such as seed, fertilizer, and irrigation.

MAKING A BIG IMPACT

Donating grain instead of cash allows farmers to give more generously. For charities, the grain can be sold, providing vital funds for their mission. Whether supporting local food banks, educational programs, or community development projects, the gift of grain can make a significant difference.

SIMPLIFIED PROCESS

The process is straightforward: the farmer transfers ownership of the grain to the charity before it's sold. The charity then sells the grain and uses the proceeds to support its programs. Farmers should work with their tax advisors and local grain elevators to ensure the transaction is handled properly.

A LEGACY OF GIVING

Beyond the financial benefits, a gift of grain reflects the spirit of farming—nurturing growth, supporting the community, and leaving a legacy of generosity. By donating grain, farmers can contribute to causes they care about while also preserving their financial well-being.

Consider making a gift of grain this season. It's a unique way to give back and make a lasting impact on your community.

For more information, contact Dale White at (765) 793-0702, ext. 4, or at dwhite@wicf-inc.org.

Note: This information is not tax or legal advice; consult your financial advisors before implementing any gift.

YEAR-END GIVING

Every year, many Americans devote their time and resources to causes and charities they care about. As you plan your year-end gifts for 2024, there are some special thoughts to keep in mind.

CASH GIFTS CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY

Gifts of cash remain a common way to give whether by mailing a check or donating online. Cash gifts made before December 31 can provide tax savings if you itemize.

This year you can deduct cash gifts up to 60% of your adjusted gross income.

NONCASH GIFTS MAY OFFER TAX SAVINGS

Each year, Americans give billions of dollars in forms other than cash. The most popular way to make a noncash gift is with stock and other publicly traded securities, such as mutual funds.

If you give appreciated stock or other securities held more than one year to qualified charities, you avoid capital gains tax on the profits and can also claim an income tax deduction if you itemize.

Other property, such as real estate, cryptocurrency, jewelry, art, collectibles, patents and copyrights, can be donated for charitable purposes. Special rules apply to these types of gifts, so check with us or your advisors for more information.

RETIREMENT PLANS: GIVE NOW OR LATER

Most working adults take part in one or more retirement plans, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or individual retirement account (IRA). These funds can be a sensible source for charitable gifts.

A current giving option allows IRA owners 70½ or older to make qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) of up to \$105,000 in 2024; couples with separate IRAs can give up to \$210,000.

QCDs are not taxed, making them favorable for those who do not anticipate itemizing their income tax deductions.

CONSIDER OTHER “POCKETS” THIS YEAR

▶ **Insurance Policies** – Many people have life insurance policies that are no longer needed for their original purpose. You can make a meaningful gift now by giving that “obsolete” policy to charity. The cash value of the policy will qualify for a tax deduction.

▶ **Other Financial Accounts** – In most states, you can name a charity as a beneficiary for various brokerage, financial, and bank accounts.

GIVING THROUGH YOUR LONG-RANGE PLANS

You can make charitable gifts through your will, living trust or other estate plans after taking care of your loved ones. When including us in your plans, it is important to use our full legal name.

LEARN MORE

We hope this information will be helpful to you as you consider the best ways to fulfill your philanthropic plans this year. If we can provide more detailed information to you or your advisors, please contact us.

MEMORIAL GIVING

Memorial gifts provide a way for families and friends to remember their loved ones. *Honor gifts* are a way to celebrate a life, an anniversary, a birthday, or to simply say “thank you” for special things they have done for the donors or others.

We will acknowledge your gift to the appropriate family on the day it is received. The amount will not be mentioned. You will also receive an acknowledgment of your gift. We received the following Memorial and Tribute gifts from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024. The name of the person being memorialized or honored is in **bold**.

MEMORIALS

Sue Allison

Travis, Ashley & Lincoln Hay
Chad & Dara Payne
Cody Payne
Nancy Payne
Matt, Mandy, Kensley &
Kadon Sansouci

David Arrasmith

Mark & April Switzer

Joan Jones Bogetto

Carol Sanquenetti

Raymond Bush

Fountain Chapter 204 OES

John Cheesewright

Jim Collier

Cameron Cheuvront

Anonymous
Lois Cheuvront
Ty & Nikki Cheuvront
Blake Dollier
Kim Eaton
Bob & Laura Hacquet
Jordyn Hoar
Adlee Hunt
Zeb, Cara, Ava & Hazel Jumps
Dennis & Carla Naylor

Patrick & Jennifer Scott
Jeremy & Heather Tryon
Dale & Valerie White
Kevin & Mickie Wilmot
Agave Azul Restaurant-Covington
INDOT Crawfordsville District
Professional Glass Company, Inc.
Vermillion County
Community Foundation

Philip Chilton

Carol Sanquenetti

Carla Coletti

Rusty & Martha Rippy

Don “Speed” Coonce

Jane Coonce
Rexi Downs
Carol Everhart
Marvin & Mary Milligan
David & Karen Smith
Dean & Virginia Strohm
Clinton Lions Club

Robert Craft

Dale & Valerie White

Irma Crist

Marcia Boles
Sharon Godsil

Randy & Kay Hicks

Ryan & Stephanie Hicks
Tom & Jan McGurk
John & Karen Olsen
Richard Wilcoxon Family
Hicks Crum Farms, LLC

Max Garner

Steve & Judi Paloncy

Kirk Gentrup

Jeffrey & Candace Baer
Dale & Mary Conrad
William Cook
Jane Coonce
Michael & Nancy Crowder
Pat & Diana Crowder
Corey & Meredith Cumbow
Dean & Sheila Dunham
Terry & Connie Farrell
Tom & Sandee Frey
Ron Gebbink
Ken & Rhonda Gentrup
Erroll & Debra Harding
Randy & Kay Hicks
Karl Hughes
Charles Kasper
Jeff & Beverly Keyes
Scott Leigh
Mike Mendel

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MEMORIAL GIVING *(continued from page 19)*

Kirk Gentrup (continued)

Dennis & Carol Smith
Helen Whited
BT Service Co., LLC & DBA
Northside Pub
Cayuga Christian Church
Cayuga Grain, Inc.
Clark Chevrolet
Furry, Inc., The Machine Shop
Glory Daze Antiques & Uniques
Inter Grain Specialty Products, LLC
North Vermillion Community
School Corporation
Spyglass Investment Management
Vermillion County
Community Foundation

Braeden Hollowell

Clint Bush
Ty & Nikki Chevront
Dale & Mary Conrad
Pat & Diana Crowder
Tom & Sandee Frey
Erroll & Debra Harding
Randy & Kay Hicks
Jeff & Beverly Keyes
John & Debra Nickle
Lacy Pasquale
John & Denise Patton
David & Jennifer Sumoski
Doc & Brenda Sutherlin
Danny & Eleanor Wesch
Todd & Kim Wickens
Adam Scott Insurance, LLC
ALO Property Management
Brownsburg Dental Group, PC
Chiromed Plus, LLC
Clark Chevrolet
Clinton Lions Club
Crown Hill Dentistry

Fountain Chapter 204 OES
Furry, Inc., The Machine Shop
Greater Horizons
Gregory & Appel Insurance
International Paper
Keith Little Farms, Inc.
North Vermillion Community
School Corporation
Pools of Fun, Inc.
Steerpoint Marketing, Inc.
Sunset Funeral Home
Taylor's Trends-Taylor King
Terminix Services, Inc.
Vermillion County
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Patricia Laymon

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Steve & Judi Paloncy

E. Stanley & Vera Shew

Ed & Elizabeth Shew
Tommy & Julia Short

Vera Shew

Anonymous
Ashe & Anne Archer
Harris & Rosemary Avery
Gene & Karen Baxter
Kathi Burch
Bob & Nancy Contri
William & Karen Hartman
Randy & Kay Hicks
Bob & Ellen (Shew) Holland
Michael & Joan Lunsford
Larry & Carol Lynn

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Letisa McKenzie
Tom & Sandy Milligan
Domenic & Terri Nepote
Pearl Nesbitt
Mark & Julia Pelham
Thomas & Rhonda Reed
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Emilee Schopmeyer
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Ed & Elizabeth Shew
Mark & Lori Shew
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Dean & Virginia Strohm
Vickie Swinford
Holly Thomas
Kerry & Mary Beth Walsh
Dale & Valerie White
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Yale & Orthanna Yager

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Gayle Hardison
Mark Morley
Robert Nowling
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Bruce & Marcia Stengel
John Franklin Swaim
Craig Tucker



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Lora Walsh
Larry & Connie Williams
West Central Veterinary Services

Virgil Sweet
Daniel Coberley

Carl Swinford
Don & Marianna Anglin
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Vickie Swinford
Darrin Tucker

Barbara Trgovich
Steve & Judi Paloncy

Jeannette Wallace
Carol Sanquenetti

Bill Woodard
Mark & April Switzer

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Scott & Erika Sauer

**Trevor, Owen, Lynley &
Raygan Hicks**
Duane & Penny Snyder

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DONORS & CONTRIBUTORS

In partnership with our donors (individuals, businesses, corporations, churches, service organizations, and civic clubs), the Community Foundation awards several thousand dollars in grants each year to a broad range of charitable organizations in our community. This support is provided through a variety of endowment and pass-through funds including: arts, culture, historic preservation, faith, parks and recreation, land protection, education and scholarships, health and human services, children and youth, seniors, and more.

We received support from the following donors and contributors from October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024.

Larry & Merry Addison
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Jeff Clark
Jane Counce
Rexi Downs
Jean Dunsmore
Jack & Marguerite Fenoglio
David Francis
Ellen George
Ben & Alyson Hanson
Max Hendrix

Randy & Kay Hicks
Tom & Margi Knotts
Larry & Carol Lynn
Mike & Mary Margaret Rhees
Jean Rieches
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Steven & Christine Smith
Oren & Brenda Sutherlin
Vickie Swinford
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First Christian Church-Clinton
Friends of Ernie Pyle
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Vermillion County Farm Bureau, Inc.
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Vermillion County Community Foundation truly appreciates every gift received from our generous donors. If we neglected to mention your contribution for the time period listed, please accept our sincere apologies for the oversight.



National Standards Accreditation Affirms Our Commitment to Excellence

Vermillion County Community Foundation, through its relationship with the Western Indiana Community Foundation, is accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®. This accreditation, signified by the seal shown here, indicates that the Vermillion County Community Foundation meets the highest standards for philanthropic excellence.



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“This is a significant accomplishment,” said Dale White, CEO. “When people trust Vermillion County Community Foundation with a charitable bequest, to establish a fund, or make a donation, they do it knowing that we have met rigorous standards for donor services, investment management, grantmaking, and administration.”

We’ve always worked hard to do good, right here in Vermillion County, and we’ll continue to work with you to achieve your charitable goals. National standards ensure that we have policies in place for financial stability and longevity, affirming our continued commitment to our donors, grantees, and community. In short: we are a proven place to give.

The process of earning National Standards accreditation is arduous. The program requires community foundations to document policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. Our documentation was reviewed by a community foundation expert from a panel appointed by the Community Foundations National Standards Board, a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations in Arlington, Virginia.

“The National Standards accreditation says this house is in order,” said Ed Shew, Board President. “It is an excellent validation of the work we do on behalf of our donors and our community.”

With your help, Vermillion County Community Foundation has become a more effective partner for impacting the causes you care about. Thanks for working with us.

The Community Foundation was first accredited with National Standards in 2006.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Vermillion County Community Foundation manages a variety of endowment and pass-through funds for the benefit of its citizens. Listed below are just a few of the nearly 350 funds under our management. To see a full listing visit our website at: www.wicf-inc.org.

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTES

A gift to any fund at the Foundation can be made in memory of someone or in honor of an achievement, a birthday, anniversary or accomplishment.

Online Donations

Your online donations through our website are a convenient, secure, and fast way to give.

Checks or Cash

Simply use the tear-off form on this page to make your donation to any of the funds below or to any of our other charitable funds with which you might be familiar.

COMMUNITY FUND

This is the largest grant-making fund at the Community Foundation. Grants are made from this fund to support worthwhile projects, programs, and nonprofit organizations. See pages 4-8 for a listing of grants made in the past few months.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Donations to these funds are invested and a portion of the earnings are used for awarding scholarships to students from North Vermillion and South Vermillion High Schools.



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Preferred phone number: (_____)_____

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\$_____ (other amount)

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