I want to help my community by giving through the Huntington County Community Foundation!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of $___________________.

Please apply it to:
- Community Impact Fund (matched $1-for-$1)
- Where the need is greatest
- ______________________ (Specific Fund)

This gift is in  
- honor of: _________________________________
- memory of: _________________________________

Send acknowledgement to: _________________________________

☐ I would prefer my gift to be anonymous.
☐ I have included a gift to the Community Foundation in my Will.

Thank you for your generous donation of your treasure!

Huntington County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750

Lilly $500,000 Match Announcement

It has been over 12 years since the Lilly Endowment last challenged Indiana’s 94 community foundations to raise matching funds for the opportunity to positively impact their respective counties. While the wait has been long, no one is complaining, as Lilly recently announced a Phase VI of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative with a total value at $66 million. Begun nearly 25 years ago, the GIFT initiative was designed to help local Indiana communities develop the philanthropic capacity to address their own challenges and needs.

“The success of Indiana’s community foundations over the intervening years has far exceeded the Endowment’s expectations when GIFT began,” said Ace Yakey, vice president of community development for the Endowment.

The number of community foundations has grown to 94 from about a dozen in 1990, their aggregate value of assets has increased from about $30 million to nearly $2 billion, and they have awarded grants totaling more than $915 million.

Lilly’s Phase VI challenge to HCCF is to raise matching funds that qualify toward their offer of $500,000 (based on county population). One-half of this grant must be dedicated to unrestricted endowment, from which HCCF awards grants to Huntington County teachers and area nonprofits. These donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar from community donors and $2-for-$1 for current board members of the Huntington County Community Foundation. The other half may be utilized to raise matching funds for designated projects within the county and those gifts will be matched 50 cents on the dollar.

Qualifying contributions made to HCCF through March 31, 2016 will serve as matching funds for the GIFT challenge grant.
HCCF Scholarship Program

HCCF scholarships are funds established at the Huntington County Community Foundation through the generosity and forethought of Huntington County citizens just like you. Each named scholarship fulfills a distinct purpose set out by the priorities and motivations of the original donor. Due to the unique nature of our donors, eligibility requirements and monetary amounts vary across all scholarships. Awarded annually, each scholarship represents an enduring legacy to advance the quality of life in our community through post secondary education.

Scholarships By the Numbers

108 total applicants
75% of applicants received a scholarship
$1,185 average scholarship
21 representing colleges & universities
$96,000 total given in scholarships in 2014
35 total scholarship funds
$2,351,789 total value of scholarship funds under management
$900,000+ distributed in scholarships since 2003

Scholarship Distribution Five Year History

Are you interested in starting a scholarship fund?

We can work with you to customize a scholarship fund to meet your specific intentions. All scholarships are unique to the donor, thus creating a lasting legacy of the donor’s impact on our Huntington County communities. Please contact our office at 260.356.8878 to schedule a no-obligation appointment today!

Scholarship Spotlight

Donald E. & Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education Scholarship

Donald E. Scheiber retired as President of Our Sunday Visitor and Noll Printing in 1991. He was a founding member of the then Heritage Fund of Huntington County, now the Huntington County Community Foundation. Don grew up attending Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington and graduated from Huntington Catholic High School in 1945. His late wife Lou Rayne (Stump) grew up in Roanoke and was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Both of their families were very active in their respective parishes.

Don and Lou Rayne wanted to help support Catholic education in Huntington County and decided to establish a permanent fund called The Scheiber Catholic School Fund in 1997 through the Huntington County Community Foundation.

The Schebers saw that college tuition expenses were increasing and saddled college graduates with large amounts of debt. The purpose of the endowment was expanded to include scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors who are members of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Mary parishes in Huntington and Saint Joseph in Roanoke. In addition, the Fund now accepts grant applications from Catholic schools and Catholic charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations.

In 2011 the name of the endowment was changed to the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education and Charity Fund. Don Scheiber stated “The expansion of the purpose of the Fund was done in order to meet the changing needs of the Catholic community within Huntington County now and in the future.” A committee was established to review “blind” scholarship applications and recommend scholarship winners. The same group also reviews grant applications and determines the most worthwhile projects to fund opportunities that will have a positive impact on Huntington County. These recommendations are then sent to the HCCF Scholarship and Grant Committees for approval.

Scheiber continued “We have tried to increase maximum flexibility into our endowment, but even with these changes there is no way to anticipate what the needs in our community will be twenty-five, fifty or more years in the future. That is the advantage of having our endowment at HCCF. We know future community leaders who serve as the Board of Directors will use their best judgment to insure our funds are used as we intended.”

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- Sara Smith
  St. Francis
  $1,000
- Stuart Elmore
  Ball State
  $750
- Kyle Jolas
  Lindenwood
  $500
- Grant Meese
  Indiana
  $500
- Maria Scott
  Indiana
  $2,250
Jessie Earhart of Huntington is the 2014 Huntington County recipient of the four-year, full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Jessie will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in animal science at Purdue with the goal of becoming a doctor of veterinary medicine. She hopes to eventually open her own animal hospital that also contains a rescue shelter. Jessie is the daughter of Jo Ellen and Doug Earhart.

During her four years at HNHS, she participated in Student Council, Viking Voice, Hoosier Girls State, class council, freshmen mentoring, Youth Leadership Academy, Varsity Volleyball, National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America. She was a 10-year member of 4-H, where she served two years as the Club President. In 2011, Earhart was honored with the P.E.T.A. “Compassionate Action” award for the rescue of a dog named “Lilly Bear.” Her community service includes volunteering at Indian Creek Animal Hospital, Crazy Horse Arena and Special Olympics. She was also a member of the first graduating class of Viking New Tech.

Upon receiving this distinguished scholarship, Jessie commented, “The impact that receiving the Lilly Scholarship will have on my academic career is beyond measure since my life goals are impossible to accomplish without a college education and I refuse to accept anything but success.”

Cameron Buzzard of Warren was awarded the Irvin & Loretta Murphy Lilly Finalist Scholarship for earning the distinction as one of three finalists in competition for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

For his efforts, Cameron will receive $1,500 per year for his four years of undergraduate studies.

Cameron graduated from Huntington North High School and is currently enrolled at Trine University majoring in physical therapy and specializing in sports-related injuries. He is the son of Penny and Robert Buzzard. His plans are to earn a doctorate in physical therapy.

During his time at Huntington North, Cameron was a four-year member of the HNHS tennis team and three-year captain. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, class council, peer tutoring, and served as a basketball broadcaster for WVSH Radio.

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana’s community foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state’s residents.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998, Lilly Endowment has remained steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic, and economic well-being of Indiana’s residents.

One student from Huntington County is chosen each year to receive a full tuition scholarship to the Indiana college of their choice along with a $900 annual book stipend.