How to Start a Fund

1. Contact us to discuss your charitable or estate planning goals
   We are equipped to help you customize a charitable plan specific to your interests

2. Decide the type and purpose of your fund
   By articulating your fund’s type and purpose you leave us with a roadmap to follow out your charitable plan

3. Determine when and how much to give
   Whether now or in the future, we accommodate for gifts of any size, at any time

4. Name your fund
   You can name the fund in your or your family’s name, as a memorial for a loved one or as an anonymous gift

5. Sign a fund agreement
   We will start carrying out your charitable goals in perpetuity and provide you with regular updates

Meet the Five Endowments Created in 2016

Victory Noll Center Endowment Fund
   Created in 2001 by the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, the Victory Noll Center is a place for all people to discover and develop their capacity for God’s Mission through retreats, workshops, education days, and on-going formation programs. Recently, the Center began the process of becoming its own nonprofit separate from the Sisters and while looking at future operational needs, the Center’s Director Sue Wilhelm stated “an endowment just made sense.” The Center’s hope is that the growth of their endowment will allow for an expanded staff that can continue to provide excellent programming and collaboration with community partners.

Roanoke Beautification Foundation Fund
   Established in 1992, the Roanoke Beautification Foundation has overseen a dramatic revitalization of the Roanoke downtown area. Using funds raised through their annual Rolling into Roanoke event, the Beautification Foundation created this endowment to help them continue their mission of building and/or maintaining the public common areas within Roanoke in order to preserve the town’s unique and historic character.

Tri Kappa Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship Fund
   For many years, Tri Kappa has been awarding the Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship to Huntington County residents seeking to further their education with the goal of becoming a teacher. The scholarship is a fitting tribute to Laura’s life as a Huntington County elementary school teacher and active member of Tri Kappa. After receiving an unexpected donation, Tri Kappa created this endowed scholarship to forever memorialize Laura and her countless contributions to our community.

Jeff Stonebraker Memorial Scholarship & Stephanie Pyle Memorial Scholarship Funds
   Near the end of 2016, Dean and Anne Stonebraker of Huntington created two memorial scholarships in the names of their children, Jeff and Stephanie.

   Jeff resided in Jeffersonville, IN with his wife, Paula, and stepson, Tyler before he passed away unexpectedly at the age of 58 in April of 2016. He was the Chief Public Defender of Clark County and was recognized for his outstanding work in the legal representation of the indigent by receiving the Gideon Award in 2003. Jeff’s scholarship will be awarded to a Huntington County resident attending his alma mater, Indiana University, with a preference for those majoring in business.

   Stephanie was a well-known community leader and volunteer in Huntington. For her many involvements, she was recognized as Huntington County Citizen of the Year in 1992 and Chief of the Flint Springs Tribe in 2001. The Foundation also administers the Stephanie Pyle “Spirit of the Community” Fund which awards grants to charitable organizations within our county. She too passed away unexpectedly at the age of 45 in February of 2005. Her scholarship will benefit Huntington County residents attending her alma mater, Huntington University, with a preference for those majoring in business.
Herb & Corinne Scheiber Memorial Community Fund
For thirty years, lifelong Huntington County residents Herb and Corinne Scheiber co-owned Custom Craft, a local trophy shop on LaFontaine St. in Huntington. Corinne loved socializing with all of their visitors while Herb entertained them with never-ending jokes and pranks. Known for its annual summer flower display and interior Christmas decorations, visitors to the shop rarely left without smiles on their faces.

After Herb passed away in December of 2014 & Corinne in July of 2015, the Scheiber family came to the Community Foundation looking for a way to continue the charitable nature of their parents. Using memorial donations from family and community members, the Scheiber family created the Herb & Corinne Scheiber Memorial Community Fund which now provides over $2,000 annually to nonprofit organizations serving Huntington County. With this permanent endowment, it is safe to say Herb and Corinne will always be in the business of creating smiles.

First Federal Savings Bank Community Fund
During First Federal Savings Bank’s 100th anniversary celebration in 2012, CEO and President, Michael Zahn described his institution as “a community bank with a dedicated staff that understands the importance of civic responsibility.” With a culture centered around community service, First Federal created their Community Impact Fund in 2002, as a response to the Foundation’s GIFT V Initiative, a $1 for $1 matching program sponsored by the Lilly Endowment. During GIFT V, First Federal led the charge by challenging all Huntington County banks to match their contribution of $5,000. The challenge was a catalyst behind $42,000 being added to the Foundation’s Community Impact Fund.

Thirteen years later, First Federal jumped at the chance to help the Foundation complete GIFT VI, the most recent $1 for $1 Lilly Endowment matching program. In GIFT VI, First Federal supplied the final $26,000 to complete the available match. Currently over $2,500 in annual grants made from the First Federal Savings Bank Community Fund go to classroom education projects in all of our Huntington County schools.

Grants in Action
Huntington County Community Learning Center
A shining example of community collaboration, the Huntington County Community Learning Center (LC) was officially dedicated last September after years of planning and fundraising. With support from local governments, businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations like the Foundation, the LC is now a one-stop shop for citizens wanting to assess their current skills, acquire new skills, and find employment resources.

The Foundation began its relationship with the LC in the fall of 2013 through a $65,000 Make a Difference grant made possible by the Foundation’s collection of Community Impact Funds. The grant provided the LC with nearly all of the necessary furnishings and equipment including desks, chairs, computers, and monitors. One year later, the Foundation had the unique opportunity to double-down on its support by endorsing the LC as one of the Foundation’s top community projects during the Lilly Endowment GIFT VI Initiative. By raising an additional $100,000 through the Foundation, the LC received a $50,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to help complete the 7,500 square foot expansion of the former Huntington County Community Schools Corporation Vocational Center.

Since opening the LC, high school student enrollment in career and technical education courses has increased 30%. In addition, Ivy Tech started offering adult academic courses and WorkOne is onsite to help with job placements and workshops.

For LC Director Tiffanney Drummond the message is simple: “Regardless as to where you are in life, the LC wants to support you in your educational pursuits. From a high school equivalency diploma, to college academic courses and from high school dual credit industry certification courses, to short term certification training for adults, the LC is here to serve you and the community.”
15 Huntington County Classrooms Receive $4,126 in Classroom Education Grants

Mary Beth Crider & Cheryl Simms  
Crestview Middle School  $379.31  
With the purchase of building supplies, these sixth grade science classrooms will complete a series of collaborative, hands-on engineering challenges. Through these lessons, students will learn the processes that scientists and engineers go through when designing new structures.

Liesl Haupert  
Crestview Middle School  $482.20  
Nearly 300 students will learn the basics of stained glass cutting, assembling, soldering and finishing with the purchase of necessary safety glasses, soldering irons, pliers, and glass cutters made possible by the First Federal Savings Bank Community Fund.

Teri Fuller-O’Brien & Joe Haft  
Huntington North High School  $749.52  
With this grant, approximately 80 students will be exposed to the craft of book and paper making by creating five different types, styles, and sizes of books with a variety of paper inside each book. A multicultural art history aspect will be included with this project.

Dennis Wiegmann, John Stoffel & Diana Sowers  
Flint Springs Elementary School  $750.00  
The creation of a coding station using Ozobots will give these fifth grade classrooms the chance to integrate science and other academic areas into their math instruction. Funding made possible by the First Federal Saving Bank Community Fund.

C. Hixson, J. Keller, K. Tilley & K. Waldman  
Lincoln Elementary School  $726.00  
These first grade teachers plan to ignite their male students desire to read through the addition of books tailored to interest young boys. Books such as Football, Cars, and Vehicles will help build the male students self-confidence and aid in developing their independent reading skills.

Julie Purdy  
Lincoln Elementary School  $288.49  
The addition of guided math activities to the problem solving station of this fifth grade classroom fills the need for practical activities to boost students’ problem solving and strategy skills.

Marta Waldfogel & Cari Whicker  
Riverview Middle School  $750.00  
Inspired by Riverview’s 2016-2017 theme of GRIT, students will cultivate their own blend of perseverance and passion needed to achieve long term goals by reading texts specific to GRIT. Funding made possible by First Federal Savings Bank Community Fund.

Grants in Action

Flint Springs Garden & Nature Club

Three years ago, the outdoor courtyard at Flint Springs Elementary School had become overgrown and was in desperate need of some time and attention. Simultaneously, students wanted to start a school wide gardening project. That’s when fifth grade teacher John Stoffel had a big idea. After receiving permission from Flint Springs Principal Aimee Lunsford, Stoffel and his students took on the task of transforming the courtyard into an outdoor learning area housing both a traditional vegetable garden and a native Indiana flower garden.

After receiving their first Foundation Classroom Education grant in the fall of 2014, the Flint Springs Garden & Nature Club got to work. Teaming up with our local Ace Hardware, the Club was able to secure garden hoses, work gloves, shovels, spades, rakes, hoes, pruners, brooms, a wheelbarrow, and a rain barrel all within their $750 grant budget. With the necessary tools in hand, the Club started the process of pulling weeds, removing rock, bringing in topsoil, and planting several fall vegetables in the spring of 2015. They also went on regular hands-on nature hikes to the woods and marshland behind the school finding frogs, snakes, and native Indiana plants.

At the same time, another big project was underway. The courtyard and 1,000 square feet of ground next to the playground was being primed to become a certified Monarch Waystation under the Monarch Watch conservation program at Kansas University. These areas needed various milkweed varieties to attract monarch caterpillars and native flowers for the adult butterflies. After receiving certification, students began to collect caterpillars during Club and even during their own recess time. In 2015, forty-two caterpillars were harvested, reared inside (continued on next page)
(Continued from previous page) classrooms, the library, and the main office and released back into nature.

During that same semester in 2015, the Club received their second Foundation Classroom Education grant to meet two objectives: finish off the native Indiana flower garden in the courtyard and provide butterfly specific mesh cages for each classroom.

After the success of establishing container gardening tables and vegetable plots, the Club tackled the native Indiana flower garden. In May of 2016, Martha Ferguson of Riverview Nursery in Spencerville, IN delivered the plants and stuck around to help the Club members plant them properly. The garden was specifically designed with plants that bloom during the school season and that attract wildlife such as hummingbirds and butterflies.

The purchase of better quality mesh cages allowed each classroom to have a greater chance of success when rearing their caterpillars. Club members were the primary caretakers of each classroom caterpillar, collecting fresh milkweed, sanitizing cages, and replacing any old milkweed. Members also collected data on each caterpillar in order to come up with best practices for future rearing. Students thought up with different hypotheses and analyzed the data using a variety of graphs. In total, sixty-seven monarch butterflies were released in 2016.

We think Stoffel said it best in a recent HCCSC newsletter by saying, “I hope students continue to be aware of their surroundings, ask questions, do research, and choose to take care of some part of their community, be it a caterpillar, a piece of the earth, or a neighbor.”

You can receive current updates on the Flint Springs Garden & Nature Club by liking them on Facebook.