COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of HUNTINGTON COUNTY

Annual Report

2025









OUR MISSION

We connect people & resources to address local challenges & opportunities



OUR VISION

We aspire to be the preferred hub for those seeking to improve the quality of life in Huntington County

OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS

- Community Leadership
- Impact Investing
- Donor Engagement
- Grantmaking



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of HUNTINGTON COUNTY

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Valued Community,

This past year has shown us the importance of preparation. Much of our work happens before it is widely known. Behind the scenes this creates the foundation to respond when challenges arise and opportunities appear.

We prepare by building relationships and creating space for collaboration. By connecting people and resources around a shared vision for Huntington County, we are helping every town, neighborhood and resident thrive.

We prepare by working with individuals and families as they turn generosity into sustainable impact. The creation of 14 new funds shows the deep commitment people have to Huntington County's future. Each fund represents a story and a resource for future opportunities.

We prepare by listening to the needs and ideas of our residents and organizations. Whether addressing an urgent challenge or investing in a long-term solution, we work together to find the resources to meet the moment.

We prepare by investing our resources in creative ways. Our investment in our local construction trades program shows how we can support workforce training and housing needs while preserving capital for future impact.

And we prepare by dreaming of the endless possibilities right here at home. The investment in Huntington's riverfront, shared for the first time in this report, is the culmination of years of planning and shared commitment to creating vibrant places where people can gather, connect and build memories for generations.

In 2025, the Community Foundation grew by $8.5 million while awarding more than $1.5 million in grant and scholarship support. Behind these numbers are donors leaving a legacy of giving, nonprofits expanding their programming, students pursuing their dreams and communities building positive momentum.

This report is an opportunity to recognize the donors, board members, volunteers, partners and community members who have helped prepare the way. Your time, talent and treasure make this work possible. Thank you!

Matt Ditzler, Executive Director

2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

177
Scholarships Awarded

$486,587
Total Scholarship Dollars Awarded

395
Grants Awarded

$1,151,562
Total Grant Dollars Awarded

25%
Asset Growth

$37,442,312
Total Assets

THE DREAM TEAM



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COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

The Foundation is proud to collaborate with several community partners, organizations and individuals to uphold our mission. None of this work happens alone—we are grateful for the partnerships and people that help us strive for a stronger future.

In collaboration with the Huntington County Commissioners, the Foundation was thrilled to announce the launch of **THRIVE35**, a countywide collaboration designed to bring together people, partnerships and resources around a shared vision for Huntington County's future.

MISSION To support partners, ideas and investments to help every corner of Huntington County thrive.

VISION Named for the number on every county license plate, it represents a collective commitment to help all 35 thrive: every town, every neighborhood, every resident.



ERIK LONG, DIRECTOR OF THRIVE35 leads the collaboration by coordinating day-to-day operations and supporting partner engagement across the strategic pillars.

STRATEGIC PILLARS

- Community Infrastructure & Development
- Partnerships & Community Alignment
- Quality of Life & Community Identity
- Economic Vitality & Innovation
- Leadership & Talent Growth

SPROUT BY 5 EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION



MISSION To create positive early childhood experiences through community collaboration.

KEY PILLARS

- Addressing childcare needs by increasing capacity, quality, affordability and accessibility
- Prioritizing building a strong foundation of health and safety for our youngest community members
- Supporting school readiness by defining what it means to be ready to learn
- Recognizing the importance of childcare in driving economic development and ensuring Huntington County thrives
- Fostering community growth, knowing a thriving early childhood sector is essential for long-term success

HUNTINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Community Leadership Program is comprised of 15 local leaders representing various industries. The cohort meets monthly to learn about leadership principles including interpersonal communication, team building, conflict management, cultural awareness, personality strengths, effective meetings and more.

The Foundation is proud to invest in these local leaders by collaborating with Purdue Extension Huntington County and steering committee members from Huntington University, Sprout by 5, TWO-EE's Winery, Bowen Health and Bippus State Bank.



MAJOR PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

RIVERFRONT REIMAGINED

Transforming Huntington's riverfront into a vibrant destination for all.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Q A WE HAVE ANSWERS!

Riverfront Q&A Blog

SCAN ME

The Community Foundation is thrilled to announce its most significant project yet – a transformational riverfront that will create spaces for community connection and recreation for generations to come. In December 2024, the Foundation announced it had received a **GIFT VIII Community Leadership Implementation Grant** from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help bring the City of Huntingon's **Downtown Master Plan** to life. Now the Foundation is excited to share conceptual renderings of a new public gathering space adjacent to the Little River at the downtown intersection of East State and Warren.

Design renderings imagine a welcoming public space that connects downtown Huntington to the Little River. The planned features will create a place for community events, outings with family and friends, quiet moments near the water and a new way to experience Huntington's downtown. This redevelopment effort reflects the work of many people and organizations including residents who shared their ideas, City leaders who invested in long term planning, community partners who helped shape the vision and Lilly Endowment Inc. whose support made implementation possible. The Community Foundation is honored to help bring these partners together and move a shared community vision forward.

THE RIVERFRONT TERRACE *is envisioned as the signature gathering space along the Little River. With flexible seating, bench swings, tiered limestone seating and a lower deck near the water, this area is designed to bring residents closer to the river.*



JONES PETRIE RAFINSKI



THE PROMENADE *is designed as a central pedestrian corridor that helps connect downtown with the Little River. With specialty paving, landscaping and flexible open space, it is envisioned to support the park's various gathering spaces and future programming opportunities.*





THE LIVING ROOM *is planned as an active outdoor plaza where people can relax, play and spend time together. Early concepts include outdoor games, colorful seating, shade trees and overhead lighting, creating a comfortable space for all ages day or night.*

COVERED GATHERING SPACE & PUBLIC RESTROOMS *are designed to support longer visits, family use and a variety of programming events. The building adds a practical amenity and valued addition to the overall park experience.*

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

This project reflects a direct response to community feedback gathered during the City's Downtown Master Planning process which included workshops, surveys, mobile displays, steering committee meetings and online engagement.

The riverfront project was designed to address the following **Key Objectives** identified in the Downtown Master Plan.

- **CENTRAL GATHERING SPACE**
- **ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC RESTROOMS**
- **RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING**
- **RESTORED & ACTIVATED RIVERBANK**
- **FLEXIBLE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Your financial support can accelerate future park phases, including a boardwalk, walking trail and kayak launch! To learn more, please reach out to our team.

NEW 14 FUNDS 2025 FUND FEATURES



Erik & Heather Larr Community Fund

Erik & Heather are proud to call Huntington home and have eagerly witnessed growth in Huntington County, which influenced their desire to help the community continue in that positive direction. The unrestricted fund will support charitable organizations, projects and initiatives through the Foundation's grant cycles.

Roy & Mary Holthaus Scholarship Fund

The Roy & Mary Holthaus Scholarship Fund was established by family members to honor the couple's passion for Catholic education. The fund exists to support Huntington County residents by providing annual scholarships for Huntington Catholic School students and families.





Fire 54 Fund

The fund serves to honor the legacy of John Brewer, retired Lieutenant from the City of Huntington Fire Department, by supporting vocational education in fire/rescue, agriculture and skilled trades, along with fire prevention and community safety initiatives. The fund was established by John and Jessica Brewer, and its name was inspired by John's badge number, 54, worn proudly throughout his 27 years of service.

Vera & Lydia Wolfe Community Fund

Vera (13) and Lydia (11) were inspired to use their savings from a successful potholder business to establish a fund that gives back to local nonprofits improving quality of life in Huntington. Each month, the girls chose a different organization to receive their potholder proceeds. After closing their shop, they decided to use their remaining funds to establish a Community Fund to keep their spirit of giving back alive forever. Their story is the perfect example that giving back can begin at any age!



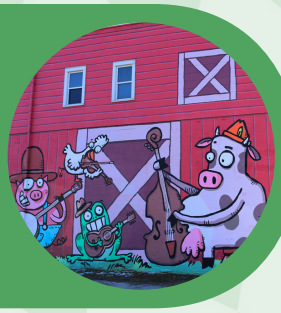


Jean & Charles Nelson Community Fund

Jean and Charles are passionate about supporting efforts that enhance, aid and provide for entities in the Huntington community as they work to achieve goals for the benefit of the greater good. They have greatly enjoyed their years in Huntington, both professionally and through charitable endeavors, and are pleased to know their giving will help continue efforts to ensure the community prospers.

Andrews Hometown Endowment Fund

With successful Hometown Funds established in Warren and Markle, the Foundation was eager to expand this impactful program into Andrews in 2025. Special thanks to valued donors, Tim and Donna Deal, whose generosity and initial contribution launched the creation of the fund. The fund serves to support projects, initiatives and community events within the Andrews community.



2025 FUND FEATURES

NEW 14 FUNDS

Joe & Debbie Wiley Family Community Fund



As long-time Huntington residents, Joe and Debbie established the fund to provide support and resources to worthy causes for generations to come. The fund will support local charitable organizations, projects and initiatives through the Foundation's yearly grant cycles.



Timothy & Donna Deal Community Fund

Tim and Donna share a passion for serving Huntington County and helping community members thrive and prosper. They are dedicated to shaping the future for their family, heritage and community. Together, they chose to establish an unrestricted fund as it provides an opportunity to adapt to ever-changing needs and best help local organizations and community members forever.

Matt & Karissa Ditzler Family Community Fund



Matt and Karissa are passionate about investing in the local community and hope to instill those values in their children. They chose to establish an unrestricted fund as this type of giving adapts to the community's needs for generations to come. Matt and Karissa consider Huntington County their home and could not imagine living and raising their family anywhere else.



Faith in the Future Community Fund

Charles and Kim Chapman are passionate about giving back to the community and providing support for children and people in need. They firmly believe community is important and support from citizens is vital for the future. This belief inspired them to establish an unrestricted fund that provides support to the community both today and in the future.

Rachel & John Nelson Family Community Fund

John and Rachel created the fund with a desire to provide grants for the good of the community, as they are passionate about investing in Huntington County. "We appreciate the opportunities we were given as we grew up, raised a family and worked in Huntington County," expressed John Nelson. "Now we want to give back in our own way with an entity that we trust and respect."



Will YOU be next?

With several fund options to choose from, the Foundation may be the perfect fit for your giving. Our team is honored to work alongside generous donors to help them give back to worthy causes in our community. We would love to connect! Visit huntingtonccf.org/give to learn more and start your journey today.

IMPACT INVESTING

CONSTRUCTION TRADES PROGRAM



The Foundation eagerly announced a new five-year Impact Investment in partnership with the Huntington County Community School Corporation. Through this investment, the Foundation will collaborate with the Learning Center's Construction Trades Program in the purchasing, renovating and selling of one local home each school year.



Impact Investments allow the Foundation to invest its funds in local projects that generate both financial return and measurable community benefit. In this case, the investment supports innovative student learning experiences while also revitalizing local housing. After each home is sold, the Foundation is repaid for its costs which allows the funds to be reinvested in the program for years to come. This repayment model helps the Construction Program move towards financial independence and long-term sustainability.



"This Impact Investment has allowed the program to build a strong foundation for its own future. Students are able to practice industry-relevant skills, gain confidence in their abilities and better prepare for careers in the skilled trades. This investment is not just in our program, but rather an investment in our students' futures and the future of our local workforce." Tiffanney Drummond, HNHS LC Principal

BEFORE & AFTER

Thanks to a partnership with Bowen Health, students were able to renovate one home during the 2025-2026 school year. Check out the transformation in this newly remodeled home!













THANK YOU TO VALUED PARTNERS

BOWEN HEALTH

HUNTINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECAP

$486,587
Scholarship Dollars Awarded



177
Scholarships Awarded

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



DOUGLAS & VIRGINIA WARE

"Ginny and I came from families which were first-generation college graduates. My parents were teachers who placed an extremely high value on college education. We believe providing funding for advanced education is of the highest priority.

Our inspiration for providing scholarships for HNHS students is because without the support of the teachers, coaches and community of Huntington, my path to being able to provide scholarships would not have been possible. We hope recipients are very grateful and proud of receiving the scholarships, as it's an acknowledgement of their character, hard work and success they have achieved so far in their young lives. My wife and I are very fortunate to be able to provide these scholarships and feel a sense of purpose by giving back to future generations so they can improve their lives with the support needed to succeed. Helping others advance their education is something that will last forever."

DOUGLAS & VIRGINIA WARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHTS



DOUGLAS CANNIZZARO | PFW | ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"These scholarships give me a head start to the rest of my life. I thank all of the Huntington community from the bottom of my heart for this life-changing gift."



HANNAH HAUPERT | BALL STATE | BIOLOGY / PRE-DENTISTRY

"Scholarships have reminded me that I am surrounded by a community of supportive individuals. I am so thankful for donors who are generous enough to help me and others achieve our dreams."



TYLER GATES | WESLEY SEMINARY | MASTERS IN MINISTRY

"Scholarships have deeply shaped the ability to pursue my calling. These gifts have lifted a significant burden, making it possible to step into graduate studies with peace and confidence."

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLAR



LYNNSEY DEGITZ

Lynnsey is a 2026 HNHS graduate with plans to attend Trine University to pursue a degree in civil engineering with a minor in environmental science.

"This scholarship will make a world of difference in allowing me to pursue my college and career goals. With this opportunity, I will continue serving within my career with the goal of improving the communities around me." - Lynnsey

"Lynnsey distinguished herself through her unwavering commitment to community, supported by her integrity and leadership – qualities that exemplify the spirit of a Lilly Scholar." - Heather Larr, Foundation Board Member & 2003 Lilly Scholar

FEELIN' FUNDED! >>>

VIEW ALL GRANT PROJECTS AT HUNTINGTONCCF.ORG/GRANTS

The Foundation is thrilled to feature several outstanding projects that received funding through 2025 Grant Cycles. Through General Grants, Classroom Education Grants, Hometown Grants, Accessibility Grants, Substance Abuse & Recovery Grants and Immediate Needs Grants, these recipients are making a difference in Huntington County both today and for generations to come.





GENERAL GRANT CYCLE I

RECIPIENTS: 8 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $32,762

The Foundation offers two General Grant Cycles each year to support local charitable organizations with projects that enhance quality of life for all in Huntington County.

PATHFINDER SERVICES: TOOLKITS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Funding covered start-up costs of an impactful project, Toolkits for Students with Disabilities, aimed at assisting students with disabilities in their journey towards independence. The project equipped 18 teenagers and young adults with essential life skills through hands-on home repair training. Classes are taught through Pathfinder's Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS) program, which helps students still enrolled in school explore career and educational options beyond high school.

BRODY'S TESTIMONY

"My favorite tool in the bag is the hammer. I want to hang pictures in my own house. It saves me money and I can be my own handyman." Brody's goal is to be a janitor at Huntington County Community Schools.

KEEGIN'S TESTIMONY

Keegin may be non-speaking and have use of only one hand, but he shows incredible focus and determination. His excitement was clear when he learned how to use a clamp to secure his project—a moment that showed his capability and his pride in accomplishing the task on his own. Keegin's goal is to work in a sports stadium.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

I did not want this to be a one-and-done lesson—I wanted it to be part of their high school experience. Over time, students will practice and master each tool, allowing them to take their toolkits home feeling confident and capable. I have watched their confidence grow as they have developed practical, real-world skills that promote independence.

KYAN SMALLWOOD, PATHFINDER SERVICES TRANSITION SPECIALIST



GRANT CYCLE II

RECIPIENTS: 11 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $62,771



HUNTINGTON THEATRE GUILD: ACT II: THEATRE EQUIPMENT

Funding covered necessary equipment including blackout curtains, lighting systems, backdrop stands, stage risers, wireless mics, platform materials, room dividers and clothing racks for costumes. Huntington Theatre Guild: Act II seeks to enhance the experience for performers and audiences as they foster an environment that supports inspiration and entertainment.

PROVIDING FOR PASSION

This funding has enabled us to reach a wider audience and elevate the quality of our theatrical productions, making our work more engaging and accessible to the community. We are committed to encouraging younger generations to explore the arts, discover their creativity and connect with new and meaningful communities through theatre. As the Director of Broadway & Beyond, which serves students ages 7-15, being able to share that we now have access to additional microphones has been incredibly rewarding. Seeing their excitement for new equipment and enhanced opportunities motivates me to work even harder on their behalf, as their passion for performing is truly inspiring.

ALICIA BARON, HUNTINGTON THEATRE GUILD: ACT II BOARD PRESIDENT





FEELIN' FUNDED

CLASSROOM EDUCATION GRANTS



RECIPIENTS: 20 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $15,149

These grants allow teachers and administrators to implement a project in their classroom that is innovative, designed to stimulate learning and helps the educator meet state standards.

HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: MAKING MUSIC WITH HAND CHIMES

Funding expanded music opportunities for students of all abilities and skill levels, by providing a set of hand chimes for classroom use. Within its first year, the newly formed handbell choir has tripled in size, giving many students a place to belong and thrive. Playing music together helps support students' emotional well-being, build neural pathways and create a sense of belonging.

BELLS AND BELONGING

Last year I started a handbell choir with borrowed bells from the handbell choir at our church. The students cheered when they heard we got our own bells. Now every student has the chance to play. After hearing us perform, other schools have even expressed interest in starting a bell choir. The choir has become a family where everyone belongs and is working toward the same goal—making music. One of my favorite moments happened with one of my students with physical challenges. She was able to hold the bell, but had difficulty ringing it independently. She persisted and the moment she figured it out, the joy on her face was priceless!

JEANNE PAFF, HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER







CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL: YEARBOOK CAMERA

The grant provided the Yearbook Club with a digital camera, allowing students to document school life creatively and professionally while enhancing media literacy, artistic skills and critical thinking.

SAY CHEESE!

Before having the digital camera, yearbook club members did not have the ability to take photographs on their own. We wanted them to be able to take ownership of their work by photographing activities and events for the school yearbook. Club members have been excited to gather students together for pictures, and the students are excited about having their pictures taken by friends. This funding means so much to us because we are able to capture memories for years to come.

ABBY PRESSLER, CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

HUNTINGTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL: GELLI PRINTMAKING

Funding helped in the development of comprehensive curriculum for Gelli Printmaking. This educates students on new printmaking techniques, provides access to high-quality materials and fosters creativity.

INSPIRED TO CREATE

The students truly love working with this medium and are drawn to it. When it's time to pull the print off the Gel Plate, students gather around, drum roll and watch to see if it's going to turn out—they call it "The BIG Reveal." Other students have seen my class working with the Gel Print medium and said "I want to do that! What class is that?" With this technique, students can create a piece they are proud of. When students feel a sense of self-worth, that's an accomplishment.

TARYN COBBS, HUNTINGTON NORTH ART TEACHER



FEELIN' FUNDED HOMETOWN GRANTS

Hometown Grants support projects, initiatives and community events within Warren, Markle, Andrews and Roanoke. Each program is overseen by a committee of local community members.

WARREN





WARREN HEALTH & FITNESS: SNOW MACHINE

Funding covered costs for a snow machine that provides snow for the Knight-Bergman Center Hill during the winter months. With use of the snow machine, community members and visitors alike are encouraged to enjoy the beloved tradition of sledding all winter long in the heart of downtown Warren.

"THIS IS A MEMORY MAKER!

So many families have memories of going sledding on the hill with friends and family, and we want to see this continue. The snow machine aligns with our vision of helping others stay active and healthy and have fun while doing so.

MIKE HAGGERTY, WARREN HEALTH & FITNESS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WARREN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: THE LITTLE REBEL STORE

First Baptist Church of Warren and Salamonie Elementary School launched The Little Rebel Store in 2023 with the goal of supplying new shoes, clothing and hygiene items to students completely free of charge. During the 2024-25 school year, the store assisted 72 students and provided 949 clothing items, 50 pairs of shoes and 204 hygiene items.

"A WINTER COAT ROOTED IN CARE

Our mission is rooted in the belief that every child deserves to feel safe, confident and supported. Something as simple as a new pair of shoes or access to hygiene items can make a meaningful difference in how a child feels about themselves. After receiving a new winter coat, a young student proudly showed it off to her teachers and classmates, excited and confident as she shared her joy. This became a powerful moment of dignity, belonging and care."

ASHTON OUSLEY, WARREN FIRST BAPTIST ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT





ANDREWS

HUNTINGTON AREA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION (HARTA): ANDREWS TRAILHEAD



Funding supported the development of an Andrews Trailhead. The trailhead will bring attention to Andrews as a strategic location for residents and visitors alike while providing trail goers with easy access to their location and key points of interest. HARTA collaborates with the City of Huntington, the Town of Roanoke and the Town of Andrews to construct these trailheads and provide visible promotion of our communities and area businesses.

"TOGETHER THROUGH TRAILS

The Andrews Trailhead represents another step in connecting our county and community. The kiosk brings attention to Huntington area trails and bike routes which connect each of Huntington's communities. We would not have been able to purchase the centerpiece of the project without this grant."

JODI COBLENTZ, HARTA

FEELIN' FUNDED HOMETOWN GRANTS

MARKLE

BROXONBERRY: COMMUNITY GARDEN TOOL SHED

Funding supported costs for a tool shed and essential tools for the Markle Community Garden. The garden is an impactful initiative made possible through community collaboration. The convenient tool shed ensures the garden is well-kept and organized, benefiting Markle for years to come.



CULTIVATING ACCESS & CONVENIENCE

> The first time I saw one of the participants going to the shed, I knew that had made their lives just a bit easier. It may not seem like a big deal, but it represents convenience and accessibility. It allows those who cannot afford or have room for gardening tools, to access them and enjoy gardening.

AMBER BROXON, BROXONBERRY REPRESENTATIVE



MARKLE PARK BOARD: WALKWAY PARK EQUIPMENT

Grant funding supported installation costs for brand-new playground equipment at the beloved Walkway Park. The playground provides a safe and fun environment for families to make countless memories together.

BUILT ON CONNECTION

> The inspiration behind this project was to give our local children a safe place to play. Our next goal is to add activities for adults to enjoy while their children are playing. Receiving this grant shows the immense community support we have in our area.

JOHN MARKLEY, MARKLE PARK BOARD

ROANOKE

The Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of the Roanoke Hometown Endowment Fund, newly established with a generous contribution from First Federal Savings Bank. The Foundation looks forward to expanding the impactful Hometown program into Roanoke during 2026.

The fund will support projects, initiatives and community events within the Roanoke community forever. As the fund becomes established, donations will be matched $1 for $1 until the fund reaches $50,000. Interested in making a lasting impact in Roanoke by contributing toward the fund? Donate by heading to huntingtonccf.org/donate





INVESTING IN IMPACT

> First Federal Savings Bank is proud to partner with the Community Foundation by providing the founding donation to the Roanoke Hometown Endowment Fund. As a community bank with over 100 years in Huntington County, our goal, to support the communities we serve, remains constant.

MIKE ZAHN, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT/CEO

FEELIN' FUNDED

ACCESSIBILITY GRANT CYCLE I

RECIPIENTS: 7 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $30,881

In collaboration with WindSwell Foundation (formerly AWS Foundation) and Pathfinder Services, these grants provide funding for any project that will provide more inclusivity to all in Huntington County.



SALAMONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Funding supported the Parent Teacher Organization of Salamonie School's (REPS) efforts to install ADA-accessible playground equipment. As a hub for students and families, the grant assisted Salamonie's efforts of creating a play space with accessible opportunities for children of all abilities, promoting inclusivity and equal play.



PLAY WITHOUT LIMITS

> Not only did the playground improve accessibility, but it has also strengthened ties to our community, provided several educational benefits and set a precedent for future projects and initiatives. The upgraded playground has proven to benefit both the students and the entire community of Warren. By opening it to the public after school hours, the playground has become a place where families can connect and children can play, further strengthening community ties while promoting a sense of inclusivity.
>
> **LEAH LONG, SALAMONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRST GRADE TEACHER**



CYCLE II

RECIPIENTS: 4 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $28,970







BROWN FAMILY: ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK & PATIO

Funding covered installation costs of a new sidewalk and patio for the Brown Family, allowing their daughter, Penny, with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, to safely access and play in the family's backyard. The family enjoys the outdoors as they often garden, cook out and play outside. However, Penny was previously unable to access their beautiful backyard in her wheelchair, limiting her ability to independently move and play outside. Thanks to the grant, Penny is now able to maintain her mobility, keep her independence and have access to all backyard activities.

BACKYARD BUBBLES

> Receiving this funding meant the world to us. It allows my daughter to be able to play independently and change activities when she wants to without having to wait for someone to help her. Once the patio and sidewalk were completed and dry, Penny wanted to be out there every day. Her favorite activity is playing with our bubble machine—wheeling through the bubbles and popping them. Seeing her just enjoying being outside and playing like a five-year-old should be able to do—well, there are just no words to express how much joy it brings us.
>
> **JESSI BROWN, PENNY'S MOTHER**

FEELIN' FUNDED

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & RECOVERY GRANT



RECIPIENTS: 6 | TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS: $135,000

In collaboration with the City of Huntington, County Commissioners, the Town of Warren and the County Health Department, this grant is dedicated to combating substance abuse.



NEW LIFE MINISTRIES: LIFE HOUSES

Funding supported one month of services at New Life Ministries' transitional Men's and Women's Life House programs, ensuring safe housing through utilities, food, staffing, maintenance and essential supplies. The grant also helped provide structured classes and mentorship that support adults on their journey toward stability, personal growth and healthy living.

During 2025, the Women's Life House welcomed 32 new women, and the Men's Life House welcomed 37 new men. Individuals entered the home for various reasons and everyone's story is unique. New Life Ministries' dedicated team walks alongside them as they move towards living a life independent of the Life House programs.

LIFE HOUSE TRANSFORMATION: MAKAYLA'S STORY

"Makayla is a recent graduate of the Women's Life House and her graduation occurred during this grant cycle. Despite past challenges, she came into the program with a large motivation to make a change in her life—the drive to get her daughter back. While in the program, she maintained employment, saved money, completed the required classes, attended church and achieved personal goals. The day she graduated, Makayla not only celebrated starting her new life and moving into her own home, but she officially regained custody of her daughter!"

SAVANNAH MARLOW, NEW LIFE MINISTRIES OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT

These grants provide funding for charitable organizations when an unforeseen need arises that requires immediate support.

WARREN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: I-69 SIGN

During a strong storm, high winds destroyed the I-69 Visit Warren northbound billboard at Exit 273, a key gateway into the Town of Warren and an important source of visibility for local businesses. Funding allowed the Chamber to replace the damaged billboard and upgrade sign materials, improving durability and helping ensure a long-term community presence.



IMMEDIATE IMPACT

"Receiving this funding showed the importance of strong community partnerships and the ability to respond quickly when unexpected needs arise. The project reinforces Warren's presence along a major interstate corridor, supporting long-term economic activity and community awareness. By maintaining consistent messaging and visibility, it benefits local businesses, strengthens first impressions for visitors and reflects thoughtful stewardship of community resources."

TAMMY ZEHNER, 2025 CHAMBER PRESIDENT

2025 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS



ASSETS

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$6,218,264	$1,889,154
Investments	$30,528,950	$26,907,441
Property & Equipment	$70,003	$77,347
Other Assets		
Accrued Interest Receivable	$10,146	$332
Loan Receivable	$232,205	$15,000
Real Estate Held for Resale	$64,827	—
Other Investments	$327,407	—
Total Assets	$37,451,802	$28,889,274









LIABILITIES & EQUITY

	2025	2024
Liabilities		
Grants & Scholarships Payable	$131,138	$160,067
Accounts Payables	$3,679	$1,854
Accrued & Withheld Payroll Expenses	$14,142	$12,209
Agency Payables	$3,071,401	$2,787,674
Total Liabilities	$3,220,360	$2,961,804
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	$10,419,529	$9,138,730
With Donor Restrictions	$23,811,913	$16,788,740
Total Net Assets	$34,231,442	$25,927,470
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$37,451,802	$28,889,274









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As we reflect on a successful and memorable year, we say **THANK YOU!** Huntington County is stronger thanks to dedicated individuals creating a positive impact both now and forever. To every passionate donor, board member, volunteer, local partner and community member—thank you, we could not accomplish our mission without **YOU!**

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FUND OPTIONS

- ADVISED FUND
- ADVISED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FUND
- COMMITTEE-ADVISED SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- DISCRETIONARY / COMMUNITY FUND
- DISCRETIONARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- FIELD OF INTEREST FUND
- DESIGNATED FUND

GIVING OPTIONS

- CASH GIFTS
- CRYPTOCURRENCY
- APPRECIATED PROPERTY
- BEQUESTS
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS
- LIFE INCOME GIFTS
- LIFE INSURANCE

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