



## November 2023 Newsletter

Greetings, Friends!

***If you haven't heard already, there is much cause for excitement as Lilly Endowment Inc. recently made a major announcement!***

The Community Foundation of Pulaski County is pleased to announce our intent to apply for a \$750,000 Matching Fund Grant through the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII). This grant is one of three funding opportunities available to us through GIFT VIII for which Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$210 million to support Indiana's community foundations in their efforts to enhance quality of life across the state.

We will be able to use this Matching Fund Grant to further develop our unrestricted endowment, which over time will provide financial resources that enable the community foundation to respond to both present and future community needs. Lilly Endowment will provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to the Community Foundation of Pulaski County's Community Grants and other unrestricted endowment funds during GIFT VIII's matching period, October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

I'm just thrilled to bits to have this wonderful matching opportunity available for Pulaski County – just in time for #GivingTuesday! Speaking of which, this newsletter is chock-full of news and events. I hope you find it interesting and useful – and please feel free to call me, send me an email, or stop by our NEW office, to chat about these items or anything that is on your mind!

Wishing you much peace and joy this season!

In Gratitude,  
Leeann  
Executive Director

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### **Highlights from the 2023 Annual Celebration**

Donors, community leaders, and elected officials and representatives gathered not only to connect, but to celebrate the 26th year of the Community Foundation of Pulaski County. It was a wonderful evening filled with many conversations and opportunities to meet new friends and catch up with familiar faces.

The celebration wrapped up the accomplishments of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII phase, which was successful through the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure of the many people who care about Pulaski County. The program also highlighted the strategic focus of the Community Foundation moving forward, which will focus on increasing access to quality childcare and addressing substance misuse in the community. Lastly, the Community Foundation's new mission statement was revealed:

**We build resources, engage people, and  
inspire generosity to enrich  
lives in Pulaski County, Indiana.**

Together, we are better. Together, we can build strong bridges and support systems. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant community that people take pride in being a part of. Together, we thrive.

*Thank you for your steadfast support!!!*





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## Farms, Succession Planning, & You

Wednesday  
January 24th  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Knights of Columbus  
340 E 50 N  
Winamac

Guest Speaker:  
[Matt Folz, Partner](#)



Have you been thinking about handing your farm business over to the next generation? What about all that land, equipment, equity, even your own retirement? Succession planning for farmers is important, but it's also complicated.

[Dobbs & Folz, LLC](#)

Lunch provided by  
The Winamac  
Corner Delli

That's why the Keller Advisory Group, Inc. and the Community Foundation of Pulaski County have partnered to bring you professional advice. This free event brings Matt Folz, a partner at Dobbs & Folz, LLC, who concentrates his practice in estate planning, business selection, formation, governance, and succession planning. Matt's passion is ensuring that each client's wishes are carried out, and that family-owned businesses prosper now, and well into the future.

Blain Hizer of Keller Advisory Group, Inc. (KAG) will also provide a briefing on the January Farm Report. KAG is known for providing strong insight into the world of Agriculture. Blain will share what KAG's analysis of the report deems as important and will have the most impact on farming operations. Learn more about KAG [here](#).

If the presentation isn't tempting enough, a delicious BBQ lunch will be catered by the Winamac Corner Delli. So, plan to arrive hungry!

Ready to sign up? Register [here](#), or call the Community Foundation at 574-946-0906 to reserve your seat today.

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## **Come Visit Us at the New Office!**



Exciting news! We have most of our boxes unpacked and we are settling in nicely in our new “home.” We even have the fall decorations up!

Feel free to stop in any time for a visit. Parking is available in the west lot (next to the alley) or on the street. Feel free to use either the East or West doors - both are open!

Plans for a spring open house are in the making.

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## **GIVINGTUESDAY is Almost Here!**



**Save the date for November 28!**

This year, #GivingTuesday has an exciting matching opportunity for Community Funds! Details are being finalized, so stay tuned on our social media pages and forthcoming emails for more information.



What are Community Funds? These are “unrestricted” funds that support our grants program. For a list of Community Grants over the years, check out our [recent grants page](#)!

#GivingTuesday gifts can be made online, in person at our new location at 221 North Monticello Street in Winamac, or at Alliance Bank in Francesville on November 28th!

Would you like a #GT short- or long-sleeve shirt? The Community Foundation has some available! Contact Kim in our office at 574-946-0906 for available sizes and pricing.

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## 2024 LECS Finalists



Five students from two area high schools have been named finalists in the Community Foundation of Pulaski County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship process. The finalists are: Alexa Schultz from West Central High School, and Lily Bennett, Bianca Huizar, Maggie Smith, and Kelsey Wegner from Winamac Community High School. Each student is to be commended for earning distinction as a finalist for the prestigious scholarship. The scholarship provides four years of full tuition and required fees and up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment.

The Community Foundation will submit nominations to a committee appointed by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for final selection of the recipient in accordance with the criteria and procedures consistent with applicable law and the overall goals of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program. The recipient selected by the ICI committee will be notified by mid-December of this year.

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## Donor Honor Roll

Contributions made August-October



America's Charities	Plummer Farms Partnership	<i><b>In Honor of</b></i>
Anonymous (3)	Cheryl Podell	Jon Paul Dilts
Kaye Beall	James Richert	Maxine Dilts Houser
Board Members Cheers for Peers	Peach Roth	
Harriet Chapman	Marjorie Sherrill	<i><b>In Memory of</b></i>
Lynn Darda	Jennifer Simmermaker	Sue Alexander
Dan and Virginia Dolezal	John Simmermaker	Beulah Allman
Linda Hooper	Jolie Simmermaker	Betty DeSabatine
Keller Advisory Group	Jordan Simmermaker	Phyllis Goble-Kruger
Jill King	Jim Stradling	Janet Graham
Bob and Lynne Klitzman	Tippecanoe CPA Group LLC	Rose Korner
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