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Thanks to a grant from First Merchants Private Wealth Advisors and the R & H Holloway Trust, we were able to put signage up on the outside of our office, and we are ecstatic! Advanced Signs & Graphics in Muncie, IN designed and installed our sign in late November.

The foundation moved to our current location at 120 W Washington St. Winchester, IN 47394 in 2019. We want the community to know where we are, as we want to be a resource to all. This new sign allows us to now be better seen by all! As a community-focused organization that strives to follow our mission, to bring people and resources together to strengthen the quality of life, both now and in the future, for the residents of Randolph County, and our vision, to improve the quality of life in Randolph County through generosity that lasts for generations, each and every day we work diligently to make our county a great place to be. Having this signage allows us more visibility to the entire county. We welcome you all to stop in and visit with us. See what the Community Foundation is. See what we may be able to do to help you. See what you can do to help us reach our mission and vision.

Thank you Christen Commers Smith for your 10 years of service! Your volunteerism and dedication to our mission, to bring people and resources together to strengthen the quality of life, both now and in the future, for the residents of Randolph County will truly be missed!







Our Annual Thanks4Giving Dinner was held on November 10, 2022 at the Towne Square Community Centre where we celebrated the year with grantees, donors, and friends.

The night was kicked off by a social hour sponsored by EDP Renewables and wine donated by Fred's #1 Package Store, Twenty One Barrels of Bradford, Ohio, and CFRC board members. Appetizers for the social hour were tastefully created by The Grazing Barn.

To start the events of the evening, guests were welcomed by Nick Dunham, Grants and Community Impact Officer. He was followed by board member, Jane Flesher, whom offered a prayer before dinner which was provided by Roots along with the famous Wick's Pies for dessert.

The first spotlight of the night was on Thomas Herold, and his newest fund at the foundation. Thomas opened up a fund to benefit the employees of St. Vincent Randolph Hospital. This fund will provide for educational opportunities to the hospital staff. It is the Herold Healthcare Education Fund. Tom and his late wife Betty are excellent examples of always giving back, encouraging others to be an active part of their communities, and raising their families to serve others.

The next spotlight of the night fell on the IAC Region 5 FY23 grantees. The foundation is the IAC Region 5 Arts Partner providing resources and information for the 11 counties in the Region 5 district.

To follow, Autumn Dixon, Scholarships & Community Development Officer and CFRC Community Advisor, Cathy Stephen Miller discussed and announced the Forum of Funders. The Forum of Funders is an extension of the Cultivating Communities partnership between Randolph County United and the Community Foundation of Randolph County. The initial phases of the Forum will be a three year pilot program, that currently consists of nine organizations or individuals whom have voting rights. To have these rights one must commit \$10,000 a year for three years. Current voting members are; Randolph County United, The Winchester Foundation, Community Foundation of Randolph County, Randolph County Commissioners, Randolph County Council, Chris & Doreen Culy, Reid Health, the City of Union City, and the City of Winchester. The Forum is in the beginning phases and plans to have their first meeting in early 2023.

The night finished out with Nick Dunham & Suzan Dillon Myers presenting checks to our Fall 2022 grant recipients (page 9), EDP Renewables presented the foundation with a large check in honor of their new fund, Riverstart Union Township Endowment Fund (page 8), and a kickoff of exciting opportunities revolving around CFRC's upcoming 30th anniversary (page 3).

Each year we are so gracious to have the opportunity to share with our community the impact we were able to make largely thanks to their generosity, impactful giving, and dedication to the Randolph County Community. Our puzzle truly isn't complete without all of you.



Letter from Lisa



Lisa Jennings, Executive Director



We know you care about Randolph County, and you are making your mark on our community.

The Community Foundation of Randolph County is upon its 30th year of seeking to bring people and resources together to strengthen the quality of life, both now and in the future, for generations to come. To do this, we build relationships with community partners and nonprofit organizations that are making an impact in Randolph County. Already this year alone, more than 35 local nonprofit organizations have benefited from funding from the Community Foundation to meet their missions and do vital work in our community.

Through our grantmaking, we put our mark on the community. Because of donors like you, we are able to grow our grantmaking year over year to \$230,000 last year – in perpetuity. Your gifts are being invested to grow and grant to make a mark on Randolph County always.

As we approach the end of 2022, and look forward to our 30th anniversary, we invite you to make a special gift to the Community Foundation. Your gift to the Community Enrichment Fund of the Community Foundation will support broad community grantmaking to benefit the needs of the community as they change. Take advantage of our 30th year matching incentive of \$1 for \$1 up to \$1,000 per gift to the Community Enrichment Fund. We are honored to have you join us in making a positive mark on our county.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Let us help you make your mark on Randolph County with your gift to any Unrestricted Fund of The Community Foundation.

Anniversary

Bisa Jennings

Current Matching Opportunities:

30th Anniversary Match:

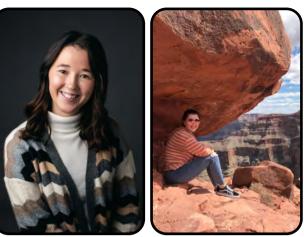
\$1 for \$1 match up to \$1,000 on unrestricted funds First 30 people to donate \$1,000 will receive a donor spotlight.

-donor spotlight can be used to highlight yourself, to honor another, recognize a business, etc.

-If you are in the first 30 people and your donation is made to an unrestricted fund, you will receive both the match and the spotlight!

Operating Endowment Match: \$1 for \$1 match up to \$10,000 to go towards the Community Foundation's Operating Endowment Fund

New Faces at the Foundation



Autumn Dixon, CNP

Autumn is a 2017 graduate of Winchester Community High School. She continued her education at Indiana State University where she graduated in 2021, with her bachelor's degree in Recreation Management and double minors in nonprofit leadership and sustainability. During her time at ISU, Autumn also became credentialed as a certified nonprofit professional (CNP). Prior to joining the foundation, Autumn has worked/volunteered in development, communications and donor services with a number of nonprofits. She wanted to bring her experiences back to Randolph County and help the community where she grew up,

which led her to the Community Foundation. Autumn enjoys spending her free time hiking and camping with her rescue pups, Ruby & Bagel. She also loves Saturday morning farmer's markets, thrift shopping, a game of tennis, and spending time with her family and friends.





Ella Baldwin

Ella Baldwin began training as our incoming Lilly Intern in June and spent the Summer of 2022 working alongside outgoing Lilly Intern, Emily McCoy. She graduated from Winchester Community High School in 2021 and was the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient for that year. She is currently attending Indiana Wesleyan University, where she is a Nursing major and runs cross country & track.

Saying Goodbye Emily McCoy





Emily McCoy has served as our Lilly Intern since May 2020. She graduated from Winchester Community High School in 2019. She then attended Ball State University, where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science (concentration in Pre-Occupational Therapy) in 2021. Emily will begin her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program at Indiana Wesleyan University in September. Once she receives her OTD and is licensed to practice, she plans to return to Randolph County to work in an outpatient therapy setting. Emily enjoys singing, the outdoors, and spending

time with family and friends.

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Faces at the Foundation Spotlight Fanice Powers





Janice Powers was raised in Randolph County, spending her childhood surrounded by many community members as her parents Dallas and Doris Mills established, owned, and operated The Farmland Locker Plant. This early connection to the area contributed to her decision to stay local for a rewarding career in both banking and community involvement. Janice began this journey by joining Peoples Loan & Trust Bank in 1974. During her time in the field, she provided leadership in a variety of roles and departments and played an instrumental part in many bank conversions. To best fulfill her responsibilities, she continued her education by completing classes on topics from banking to coaching and leadership through the Indiana Bankers Association, I.U. Kelley School of Business, and Ball State University. Janice retired in 2020 from the position of Marketing President & Regional Sales Manager at Old National Bank after 46 years in banking. She credits this career with opening the door to many opportunities to contribute her time and vast experience to the county. These endeavors include serving as a board member for LifeStream, Habitat for Humanity, Senior Advisory Council, and Chamber of Commerce (past President); volunteering with the United Way, Second Harvest Food Bank, Cancer Society, 4-H, and Salvation Army; and mentoring students with disabilities at Ball State University.

Janice began her involvement with the Community Foundation of Randolph County in 2014 as a board member. She has since served as a member of the finance committee, Lilly committee, grants committee, scholarship committee, and as treasurer of the board. With her background, finance and grants committees seem extremely intuitive. Janice explained that scholarships and Lilly committees were also obvious options to her. At the bank, she often got to mentor less experienced employees on personal and professional matters; in the same way she hoped to encourage students to follow their dreams in terms of education and career path, fulfilling their individual potentials. Additionally, Janice and her husband, Thom, always had a desire to start a Charitable Fund to assist non-profit organizations and students in Randolph County. They chose to do so in 2015 at CFRC with the Thomas L. & Janice A. Powers Family Charitable Fund. This endowment will continue to grow for the benefit of posterity, with the help of their son Brandon and daughter Kim (husband Greg and son Bodhi). Thank you Janice for all you have done and continue to do for Randolph County!



Promise Indiana Randolph County

Making it easy for families to start a CollegeChoice 529 savings account for future education

This school year, Promise Indiana Randolph County has been able to resume normal operations. We have enrolled third through fifth grade students and have seen a slight increase in enrollment compared to the last two years. In fact, we have one of the highest enrollment numbers in the state!

Our county elementary schools had a successful Kiss The Pig fundraiser which resulted in three school principals having to kiss a pig at our annual Walk Into My Future event. The Walk Into My Future event was once again held at IU East and they do a wonderful job of demonstrating different fields of interest to the thirdgrade students. The children had a wonderful day!!

During October, third-grade Promise Indiana students participated in Champions week. They asked their "champions" to contribute to their 529 accounts. They collected over \$1700 to be deposited into their accounts.

Fourth and fifth-grade Promise Indiana students are currently participating in their Reading-Service Project and are excited to earn money to be contributed into their 529 accounts. They will earn \$5 per hour, up to a maximum of \$75, to be deposited into their account.

Karen Dillow, Promise Coordinator



Women's Fund Brunch & Auction

Fellowship & Dhilanthropy A Dozen Years of Paying It Forward



The annual Women's Fund Brunch & Auction took place on Saturday, August 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Winchester. There were approximately 120 attendees. The event speaker was Pat Riley, who detailed what her journey looked like as she became Judge Riley and eventually became appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals in 1994 by Governor Evan Bayh. Auctioneer Jentry Flesher from Flesher Brothers Auctioneering & Real Estate assisted in the sale of 105 donated items, bringing a profit of nearly \$10,500.00. Membership contributions for the year went toward three grants totaling \$5,486. Grantees for this year include Monroe Central All Pro Dads, Randolph County YMCA Girls on the Run, and The Randolph County YMCA Sharks Swim Team.

The art contest was judged by Tim Wells and the following awards were disbursed. The Grand Prize Award went to Sheryl Thurston for her oil painting "Pink Ladies," the Cherie Isakson Award went to JoAnna Price for her pottery piece "Shore of Paradise," and the Ruth Mills Award went to Grace Bailey for her watercolor painting "The Gentle Giant."

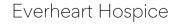


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Donor Spotlight

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Contribution to the Randolph County Promise Community Fund

EDPR, a global leader in the renewable energy sector, began its partnership with CFRC with a \$20,000 contribution to the Randolph County Promise Community Fund, one of the funds used to support the 529 CollegeChoice Promise program for our county.

EDP Renewables Charitable Fund

This fund was established by EDPR to provide general support to community organizations and their activities at the discretion of the CFRC Board of Directors. It was created with an initial contribution of \$125,000 in 2019.

Riverstart Union Township Endowment Fund

This fund was established by EDPR to fund projects and programs that benefit the residents of Union Township for generations to come. Possible projects could include parks and town beautification, athletic leagues, recreational trail improvements, first responder needs, veteran support, festivals & fairs and cultural events, food banks and shelters, and other nonprofits serving the Township. \$20,000 was awarded in Fall 2022, with additional funding opportunities every year. Over the next 15 years, EDPR will contribute a total of \$360,000 to the endowment fund.

Riverstart Union Township Utility Assistance Fund

This fund was established by EDPR to help residents of Union Township facing financial hardship. It is a grant program administered by the Union Township Trustee. Those in need of assistance may receive payment to their utility company for part or all of their bill. EDPR provided a contribution of \$100,000 to start this fund.



Fall 2022 Local Grants

Grants were made possible by these funds held at the foundation; Community Enrichment Fund, Union City Community Fund, Riverstart Union Township Fund, EDP Renewables Charitable Fund, Thomas & Janice Powers Family Charitable Fund, Starr Famiily Fund, Randolph County Hero Fund, Wick's Employee Giving Fund, Chip & Ruth Loney Fund, David & Lisa Jennings Charitable Fund, Rural Randolph Cares Agricultural Fund, Joel & Jane Flesher Family Endowment Fund



Cardinal Greenway, Inc.	Randolph Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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\$6,500 Christmas Light Show	\$5,000 Randolph Central School Corporation
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\$1,000 "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" Productio	_n Union City Community Help Center
Pregnancy Decisions Resources	\$3,000 Finish the walk in freezer
\$5,000 Safe haven baby box	Winchester Main Street
Randolph County 4-H Inc. Future	\$2,000 Expanding the impact of Winchester Main Street
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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2023



This year 54 students were eligible for the LECSP based on a GPA of 3.7 or higher, residency in Randolph County, and attendance at a Randolph County high school. 37 of the 54 eligible applied. Based on applications, ten semi-finalists were selected and celebrated at our Top 10 Banquet. The top ten was then narrowed down to five finalists, in alphabetical order those finalists were; Emma Bosken, Aidan Moystner, Elly O'Connor, Karly Puckett, and Elijah Taylor. The top five were interviewed by our LECSP committee. Application and interview scores were combined to select our 2023 nominee.



Elijah Taylor was announced as the recipient in December. Elijah is the son of Mark and Anne Taylor. He plans to attend Indiana University where he will major in Accounting. Congratulations to Elijah Taylor, the finalists, the semifinalists, and all the students who applied for their accomplishments!

Elijah Taylor 2023 Lilly Recipient











Congratulations!







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