Fall-Winter 2024



Celebrating Veterans & the Holidays on the Courthouse Square Monument Lighting

If you visited the Randolph County Courthouse during the holiday season last year, you hopefully had the opportunity to view the lighted Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the northeast corner of the square. Thanks to the efforts of Winchester Main Street -- and a grant during the Fall 2023 cycle funded via the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund, the Chris & Doreen Culy Family Charitable Fund, the Randolph County Heroes Fund, and the Wick's Employees Giving Fund -- Randolph County now has a new holiday tradition for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Courthouse Maintenance Endowment Fund

The 1875 Randolph County Courthouse Preservation and Enhancement Fund can be used for the preservation, improvement, enhancement, and maintenance of our historic courthouse as well as other historical elements on the courthouse square.

Letter from Lisa

Dear Community Friends and Partners,

This is a time of year when many of us are preparing for time with family — including the dinner table conversations. Sometimes benign, sometimes controversial, always interesting! I would challenge and encourage you to include a dinner table conversation about philanthropy.

What causes are important to all of you? Have all family members made their estate wishes clear to the others? What impact could you make together, if you made it a priority to give back? What are you grateful for as a family, that could become part of your community legacy?

You'll be hearing a lot from us at CFRC about family philanthropy over the next year or so, including tips to facilitate heartfelt conversations with your loved ones. The right approach can help show that you care and encourage the sharing of important family values and traditions -- starting with GRATITUDE.



Lisa Jennings, Executive Directo



Donate \$1 And We Will Multiply It!



How To Donate?

- Return the enclosed envelope with your donation, or
- Donate online at randolphcountyfoundation.org/donate or use the QR code.

~For more info about Gift VIII, contact Grant (gcox@randolphcountyfoundation.org)
or Lisa (ljennings@randolphcountyfoundation.org)



Donor Spotlight



Frances Woods

Frances Woods was born in Farmland, Indiana on March 21, 1926. She graduated from Lincoln High School and attended Sinclair College, Ball State University, and Indiana University East. Frances retired from Union Trust Bank after 25 years of service. She also worked in real estate for several years, and also helped to manage, as well as worked on, the family farm.

Frances was a charter member of Ad-a-Link Club, a group of graduates from Lincoln High School. She attended Peaceful Valley Friends Church in Lynn and was a member of the Peaceful Valley Ladies Aid.

Thanks to a generous estate gift from Frances, the Frances I. Woods Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at each of the five Randolph County high schools each year. To qualify for this multi-year scholarship, the recipients must have demonstrated good character as well as good citizenship, participated in extracurricular activities or community activities, and graduated with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

INTERESTED IN LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON RANDOLPH COUNTY THROUGH AN ESTATE GIFT?

If you are new to the ideas and terminology of wills, bequests, and similar estate planning topics, we encourage you to review free informational materials available on our website (www.randolphcountyfoundation.org/planning-for-the-future/).

If you have reached the stage of naming the Community Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Lisa to share your plans, which can help to ensure that the Community Foundation is prepared to fulfill your wishes after you are gone.













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The Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. seeks to bring people and resources together to strengthen the quality of life, both now and in the future, for the residents of Randolph County.



Your Acorn Fund will need to reach a minimum of \$10,000 within five years before it can become an endowed grant-making fund within the Community Foundation of Randolph County. Your contributions, multiplied by good investment, will reach these goals in a surprisingly short period of time.



Thanks to an ingenious Community Foundation of Randolph County giving plan, the rest of us now can build up charitable endowment funds that support annual charitable grants and have extraordinary long-term impacts.

 The purpose of your fund •The number and amount of grants you wish

need to consider:

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When setting your endowment goal, you will

Your own financial situation.

An Acorn Fund helps you harness the power of financial markets to multiply the value of your contributions over time. All you have to do is make regular contributions and take a charitable tax deduction for them. Investing even small amounts regularly will build an endowment that grows dramatically.

Decide on contributions. You can invest as little as \$500 per quarter or \$2,000 per year. The more you give, the faster you will reach your goal and the larger your annual tax deduction.

When your Acorn Fund "matures" it becomes a permanent charitable fund within the Community Foundation of Randolph County and makes annual grants for the purposes you specify.

You can add to your fund at any time, even after it has become a Community Foundation of Randolph County endowed fund and has started making grants.

And here's the best part: it never stops! Every year, generation after generation, the causes you care about will receive support from your fund - the Acorn you plant today!

The Community Foundation of Randolph will place your Acorn Fund contributions in a non-risk bearing account where it will earn interest.

The first step toward growing your charitable legacy is to pick up the phone and call the Community Foundation of Randolph County at 765-584-9077. We will be glad to answer your questions about the Acorn Funds and how it can help you make a positive difference in the life of our community.



Annual Thanks for Giving Dinner

On Thursday, November 14th, the Community Foundation gathered with our donors and other community partners to celebrate another successful year of bringing people and resources together to improve the lives of Randolph County residents.

In addition to updates on Randolph County Promise, Rebuilding Randolph and the Randolph County Relief Fund, and our GIFT VIII initiatives, we recognized our recent grantees. The Fall 2024 Local Grants are listed below, while the Indiana Arts Commission Region 5 FY25 grant recipients are listed at the bottom of page 6.



<u>Fall 2</u>024 Local Grants

American Red Cross

\$5,000 | Disaster services in Randolph Co.

Community Christmas Corporation

\$4,500 | Christmas light show

Community Help Center

\$5,000 | New warehouse

Dylan Williams Forever An All Star Foundation

\$1,375 | Bleacher project at Dylan Williams Memorial Park

Fountain Park Cemetery Association

\$3,000 | Restoration of exterior fence

Historic Farmland USA

\$2,500 | Upgrades to windows at Farmland Community Building

Huntsville Community Center

\$3,000 | Repair projects at the Center

Jay-Randolph Developmental Services

\$1,000 | Outdoor furnishings at residential sites

Lynn Friends Church

\$2,700 | Randolph Southern Snack Packs

PAWS Animal Rescue & Shelter

\$3,000 | Interior gates, windscreen, and security sensors

Phi Delta Kappa Foundation

\$2,000 | Coats for Kids

Randolph Central School Corp.

\$5,000 | Mental health project

Randolph Co. 4-H Future Needs Com.

\$3,400 | Improvement projects including rabbit, poultry, and goat barns

Town of Losantville

\$10,000 | HVAC for Community Building \

Town of Modoc

\$6,328.49 | Modernization of FD equipment

Winchester Area Churches &

Community Food Pantry

\$3,810 | We've Got Milk! program

Youth Opportunity Center

\$5,000 | Family Preservation Concrete Assistance for Randolph Co. residents

Youth Service Bureau of Jay County

\$2,500 | Supplies for the BASE program





Thank you to our











Randolph County Heroes Fund R





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Nominating a Hero

With a minimum gift of \$1,000, anyone can nominate a person (living or deceased), business, or community organization for the designation of a Randolph County Hero. The money goes into an unrestricted fund, which the Community Foundation uses to do and support great things in Randolph County for years to come. Gifts made to endowed, unrestricted funds, such as the Randolph County Heroes Fund, will be matched \$2 dollars for every \$1 dollar donated through December 31, 2025, or while matching funds last.







Indiana Arts Commission Region 5 FY25 Grantees

Arts Organization Support (AOS) Grantees

- Anderson Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc.
- Anderson Young Ballet Theatre, Inc.
- Art Association of Henry County
- Art Association of Randolph County
- Arts Place, Inc.
- Hoosier Shakes, Inc.
- Marion Community School of the Arts
- Masterworks Chorale, Inc.
- **Muncie Arts and Culture Council**

- Muncie Civic Theatre Association
- Orchestra Indiana
- **Richmond Art Museum**
- Richmond Civic Theatre
- Richmond Symphony Orchestra
- The Quilters Hall of Fame
- Young Symphony Orchestras of East Central **Indiana**

Arts Project Support (APS) Grantees

- Anderson Museum of Art
- Ball State Univ. Fdn. (for Ball State Public Media)
- Bloom Madison County
- Central Indiana Powwow Inc
- Chanticleer String Quartet
- Cornerstone Center for the Arts
- East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra
- **East Central Neighborhood Assoc.**
- Hagerstown Nettle Creek Players, Inc.
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- Richmond Jazz Orchestra, Inc.
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- **South Madison Community Foundation**
- Whitewater Valley Arts Association

Master Trails Plan



GIFT VIII PLANNING GRANT: TRAILS MASTER PLAN

THE MASTER PLAN IS COMPLETE!

Thank you to all who have contributed to this project.

A trails master plan is a report that provides recommendations for trail routes connecting points of interest through the county. Within the report, you'll find sections that include the data gathered during inventory and analysis, maps of the proposed trails, cost estimates, funding, and implementation strategies. The full report can be found on our website (www.randolphcountyfoundation.org/randolph-county-trails-master-plan/).

This is a community driven project, and a trail committee was formed as a county-wide trail network was identified as an important quality of life issue in Randolph County.

"A future, county-wide trail network would connect Randolph County's numerous tourism and recreation destinations. But rather than use one or more of the vacant or abandoned rail corridors, community leaders offer that enhancements along some of the county's existing road network as a viable option for establishing a county-wide trail network, over time."

- Randolph Co. Comprehensive Plan 2018

In 2024, The Community Foundation of Randolph County received a \$50,000 planning grant as part of the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s initiative, Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII). With the grant, the Community Foundation partnered with engineering firm Butler Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) to develop a Randolph County Trails Master Plan. This is building upon the efforts of the Trails Committee formed through the Cultivating Community initiatives.

The process of creating the Trails Master Plan included an initial meeting, data collection on existing and planned projects, stakeholder meetings, an online public survey, a public open house and workshop, and a final plan presentation. The creation of the Trails Master Plan will support various entities within the county as they seek additional funding to enhance the network of trails available to residents and visitors of Randolph County.

"This GIFT VIII planning grant will allow us to continue the momentum that has been created by the Trails Committee established through the Cultivating Community initiative, which is a partnership between RCU, the Community Foundation, and Indiana Communities Institute," said Lisa Jennings, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Randolph County.

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Women's Fund









Everything was just peachy as the Women's Fund of Randolph County hosted its annual Brunch and Auction on Saturday, August 10, 2024. With more than 100 people in attendance, the "Life's A Peach"-themed event provided an opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship as the Women's Fund celebrated its 14th year of enhancing the futures of women and children in Randolph County.

The attendees were treated to a brunch buffet, catered by Roots Catering and Events, and enjoyed plenty of opportunity to socialize. The featured speaker for this year's event was local business owner Cheryl Fisher. A lifelong resident of Winchester, the owner of Matchett & Ward Insurance shared stories covering the breadth of her experiences from teenage motherhood through her years of working for businesses on the courthouse square to her recent marriage to Rick Fisher. Throughout her stories, Ms. Fisher connected how, despite the bruises that life might cause, anyone can be picked up from the ground to be useful and productive similar to the life of a peach.

This year's Auction and Brunch had proceeds in excess of \$11,000. "We were blessed with a beautiful Saturday to come together and savor the sweetness of community in action," stated Jessi Clark, chair of the Women's Fund Steering Committee. "Working together we turned a fruitful theme into a bountiful success to nourish the hearts and hopes of children and families in our community."

2024 Brunch Sponsors

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2024 Women's Fund of Randolph County Grant Recipients
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Randolph County Law Enforcement Youth Leadership Camp -- 2024 Camp
Randolph County YMCA -- Girls on the Run
Secret Families of Randolph County -- 2024 In-kind Bags

2024 Women's Fund of Randolph County Ort Contest Winners
Grand Prize: JoAnna Price, "Ocean Breeze"
Cherie Isakson Art Award: Joy Murphy, "GIMME-A-CUPCAKE NOW"
Ruth Mills Art Award: Della Massey, "Chillaxing"

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Rebuilding Randolph



The evening of March 14, 2024, a tornado tore through our community, and the following morning the Community Foundation received a call from Mayor Bob McCoy with a request. There were people that wanted to help and donate, and we were leaned on to assist with coordinating relief efforts and donations. At that time, we had no idea the gravity of what we were wading into, but willing to help, we stepped in with the creation of the Randolph County Relief Fund.

A week later, a meeting to introduce Randolph County to long-term recovery efforts took place in the Commissioner's Room. For many of us, we learned for the first time about long-term disaster recovery. It was a daunting task. But volunteers stepped up, roles were assigned, and the work began.

What did that mean for us at the Community Foundation? For us, it was a heartbreaking and moving experience. We saw so much hurt and devastation in our county, while also seeing many donations come pouring in. People in our community giving what they could; people living outside our community that have roots in Randolph County pouring back into the community that brought them up; strangers unconnected to our community at all sending anonymous donations just wanting to help. We at the Foundation saw the hearts and generosity of so many people. If you haven't heard it from us already, this is a sincere "thank you" to all of you that have given.

From individuals, families, businesses, and grant opportunities, the Randolph County Relief Fund has raised over \$500,000. These funds are being and will continue to be used to assist those uninsured and underinsured that were impacted by the tornado. What it looks like now is an effort you may have seen called Rebuilding Randolph. A Long-Term Recovery Team of volunteers, covering a vast arena of needs, stepped up shortly after the disaster and continues to work.

Here's a brief explanation of how the process works: those impacted were encouraged to either call the hotline or send a message on the Rebuilding Randolph website notifying they needed assistance. A case manager, one of the volunteers, is then assigned to their case, walking through the process with them from beginning to end. Case managers work with them, identifying the needs of the individual or family, determining what will get covered by insurance and what will not, and eventually identifying needs that are unmet. These unmet needs are where the donations to the Randolph County Relief Fund come in, filling the gap and assisting in these areas.

While significant progress has been made, the road to recovery is still long. Insurance companies for some cases are dragging their feet, leaving the long-term recovery team unclear of what the unmet needs will be. Despite being denied FEMA funding, the resilience and strength of our community have continued to shine through in these challenging times. We have been deeply humbled by the outpouring of support from across the county, state, and country, and by the countless volunteers in the immediate aftermath and in the months that followed. As we continue forward in these efforts, let's remember the power of compassion and the importance of community. By working together, we can overcome these hardships and emerge stronger than ever.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2025

This year, 64 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. 39 of the 64 eligible applied. Based on applications, ten semi-finalists (pictured) were selected and celebrated at our Top 10 Banquet. Those were then narrowed to five finalists, which, in alphabetical order, were: Emily Cockerill, Sophia Donnelly, Asher Moystner, Addison Puckett, and Addison Thornburg. The top five were interviewed by our LECSP committee. Application and interview scores were combined to select our 2025 nominee.

Addison Puckett was announced as the recipient in December. Addison is the daughter of Mandy Tucker and Curtis Puckett. She currently plans to attend either Indiana Wesleyan University, Ball State University, or Indiana University to study nursing.

Congratulations to Addison, our finalists, our semi-finalists, and all the students who applied for their accomplishments!



<u>Congratulations!</u>



Emily Cockerill

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