



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**2023 Annual Report**





# Letter from Leadership

As we reflect on the past year, we take great pride in seeing how the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) has continued to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and communities across Putnam County. From supporting education and mental health initiatives to promoting environmental preservation and increasing access to youth programs, PCCF has driven meaningful change.

One of the most rewarding aspects of our work is witnessing the ripple effect of philanthropy. Every grant awarded, initiative launched, and partnership forged creates a chain reaction of positive outcomes that extend far beyond any initial investment. This collective impact is a testament to the need for collaboration and the strength of our community uniting to meet our largest challenges.

In the following pages, you will find stories highlighting the transformative power of philanthropy. We hope you, too, feel proud of how your philanthropic investments are serving our communities. These pages serve as a reminder of the importance of PCCF’s mission and the difference we can make when we work together.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, staff, and community partners, like you. Your dedication, generosity, and passion are the driving force behind everything we do, and we are profoundly grateful for your continued commitment to enriching life and strengthening community.

As we look ahead to another great year, let us carry forward the momentum of this past year. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

With gratitude,

*Marianne J. Savage*

Marianne Savage  
Board President

*Neysa Meyer*

Neysa Meyer  
Executive Director



Cover Art: Courtesy of PCCF grantees Central Indiana Land Trust Inc., Main Street Greencastle, Putnam Parks and Pathways, Cloverdale Elementary School

# About the Foundation

The Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to administer endowments in perpetuity, award grants, and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County, Indiana. PCCF administers 360 funds and endowments supporting a variety of charitable activities and has awarded over \$23 million in grants and scholarships since inception.

PCCF holds, invests, and administers a collection of separate funds valued at \$45.7 million, established to meet the philanthropic goals of donors and the needs of Putnam County. It is a vehicle through which contributions of all sizes can be built over time into a substantial pool of money to achieve public good for Putnam County. The income from this pool is awarded in the form of grants to meet community needs and aspirations both now and in the future.



## PCCF By the Numbers in 2023

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
**\$45.7 MILLION**



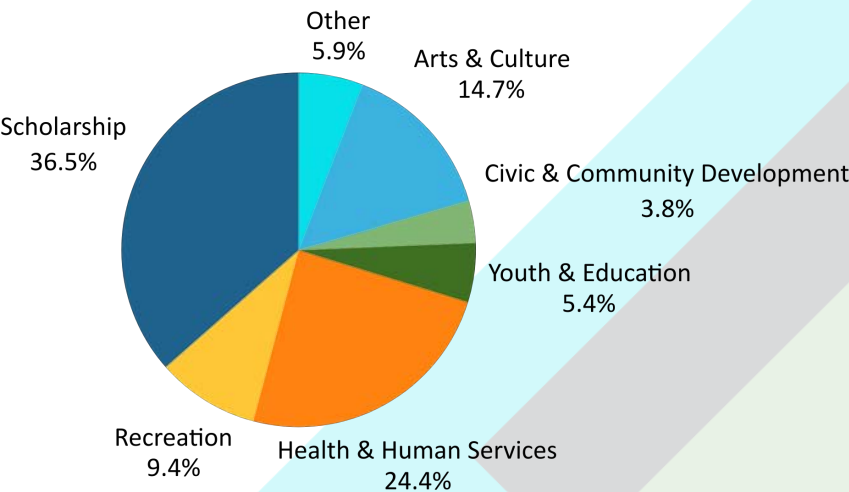
**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**\$1.4 MILLION**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**\$4.8 MILLION**



## GRANT AREAS OF IMPACT



## Dive deeper into the Annual Report.

Scan the QR code to find more details including the 2023 Donor Honor Roll, a list of scholarship recipients and more on our website at [pcfoundation.org/2023AnnualReport](https://pcfoundation.org/2023AnnualReport).





# Creating a Legacy

## Remembering Ellie Ypma

Ellie Ypma passed away in January 2023, leaving nearly \$5 million to the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) through her estate - the largest single donation in the foundation's history.

Ellie and her husband, Ed, both had long careers with DePauw University, where Ellie held various roles for nearly 40 years before retiring as the University's registrar in 2005. They valued education and enjoyed international travel, a hobby Ellie continued even after Ed's passing in 2008.

In her retirement, Ellie remained very active in the Greencastle community. She volunteered for several local organizations and programs including the After School Reading Program at Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church, the Putnam County Museum and PCCF, where she served as Board president from 2013-2014 and saw first-hand the impact of local philanthropy and the power of endowment.

PCCF has been honored to provide a variety of philanthropic vehicles for Ellie and Ed's local giving over the last several decades, working alongside Ellie to ensure that her estate planning would create a lasting impact.

A year after her passing, we already see her legacy at work in many ways. A portion of her estate gifts were designated to specific causes and organizations including the establishment of the Ypma Greencastle Community Center Fund. In addition to her designated gifts, Ellie left an unprecedented gift for the Administrative Endowment, supporting PCCF's operations and a significant amount in unrestricted funds, entrusting our Board of Directors to direct funding in ways that will be most meaningful.

We are grateful for Ellie's thoughtful estate planning and her continued spirit of philanthropy. Our community will see the impact of her generosity for generations to come, and our organization will continue to thrive thanks in part to Ellie's legacy.



## A Living Legacy

In 1974, Mary Bretscher moved to Putnam County to teach swim classes at DePauw University, where she started the women's swim team which she would coach until 2012. There she met her husband, Paul, who stayed in Greencastle following his graduate studies at DePauw to coach the Greencastle High School swim team. Together, they coached a community swim team for nearly 20 years.

When it came time to retire and consider how they might give back to their community, it was an obvious choice for the Bretschers to support swimming opportunities for local youth.

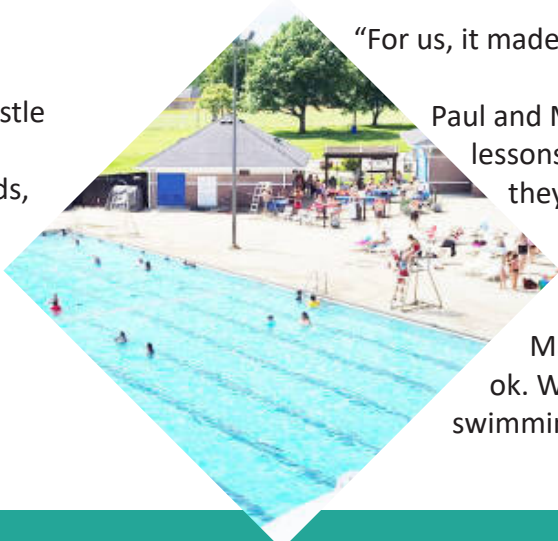
In recent years, the Greencastle Aquatic Center struggled to recruit staff to provide swimming lessons to children. After learning that part of the problem was increasing salaries to recruit lifeguards, Paul and Mary worried that this would make swimming lessons more expensive and less accessible for families. At a time when the national rates of drowning incidents were increasing, the Bretschers wanted to ensure that all Putnam County children had affordable access to life-saving skills through swimming lessons.

To subsidize the cost of lessons for families in Putnam County, Paul and Mary established the Greencastle Aquatic Center-Bretscher Learn to Swim Fund in 2023. With their philanthropic support, families can register their children for swimming lessons at the Greencastle Aquatic Center for just \$25.



"For us, it made sense to give back to the community," said Mary.

Paul and Mary hope the support provided by their fund will provide more than swimming lessons. They hope children will find the fun of swimming just like they did as children and as they continue to experience in their retirement.



"Neither of our mothers knew how to swim but saw value in being sure we learned at a young age. It's proven to be a life-long skill that we've enjoyed all our lives," said Mary. "We may never know the impact our fund may have in a child's life and that's ok. We hope that children can learn life-saving swimming skills and find the same love of swimming that we have."

## Spirit of Philanthropy Award

The 2023 Spirit of Philanthropy Award was awarded to Sue Murray, past president of the Board of Directors and former Mayor of Greencastle. Sue has spent the last three decades in countless volunteer and public service roles including serving as Senior Warden of the St. Andrews Vestry and volunteering with the Putnam County Mental Health Association, the Putnam County Youth Development Committee, Main Street Greencastle, and Putnam County Comprehensive Services.

Sue received the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2015. She previously worked as Director of Social Services for Putnam County Hospital, and she served on the Board of Public Works and Safety and as a member of the Greencastle City Council. She also presided over the creation of 15 significant economic development projects which resulted in more than \$212 million invested in the community and more than 1,000 new jobs as Mayor of Greencastle.

After serving on the PCCF Board of Directors from 2002 to 2007, Sue was named an Honorary Board Member in 2008. She served on the Grants Committee and was instrumental in launching the Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Initiative during her time as Board President. Her leadership at PCCF and in Putnam County has been an invaluable asset to the community.





*“You’ve found that rare place where traffic sounds don’t intrude, though you might hear a distant train whistle. Broken only by a little-used gravel road, these 570 acres in western Putnam County offer safe harbor to countless animals. This is a place where many special native plants can flourish in a thriving ecosystem. At last count, Fern Station hosted at least eleven species of ferns, but its wonders keep unfolding. We’ve barely begun to discover its riches.”*

- Cliff Chapman, President of CILTI

## Welcome to Fern Station

In 2023, the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) granted the Central Indiana Land Trust Inc. (CILTI) \$50,000 to leverage millions more dollars to ensure Fern Station’s preservation. CILTI is a nonprofit conservation organization with a 32-year history of protecting and restoring natural areas in Central Indiana based on a strategic conservation plan to target areas of highest ecological value.

Protecting Fern Station preserves the environment’s health, ensures flood control and clean drinking water and provides a unique opportunity for public recreation.

Longtime Putnam County residents call the area Bruner Hollow, after the family who lived there for generations. When the property came to CILTI’s attention in 2008, Joe McCurdy had purchased it. The nature-loving entrepreneur has worked with CILTI many times to protect land in Parke County.

Walking through the forest in 2008, Cliff Chapman, President of CILTI, recognized it as a special place which would make a perfect nature preserve. Fifteen years later, it is now protected in perpetuity.

Fern Station was the largest single land purchase in CILTI’s history, in both size and dollars, and it came together in an incredibly short time. In addition to significant philanthropic support, including the grant from PCCF, it also took an innovative state funding program and an enthusiastic response from donors. In June 2023, CILTI publicly announced its preservation efforts alongside Governor Eric Holcomb and many of the project’s funders (pictured below). As the state’s first and largest Next Level Conservation Trust project to date, Fern Station’s protection was historic.



Photos courtesy of Central Indiana Land Trust Inc.

## Community Grants

The PCCF Board of Directors guides the organization’s grantmaking priorities and strategies to ensure grant funds can leverage the greatest good. Their guidance informs the work of the Grants Committee which oversees the Community Grants program, a competitive funding program which seeks to meet community needs through broad, flexible grantmaking.

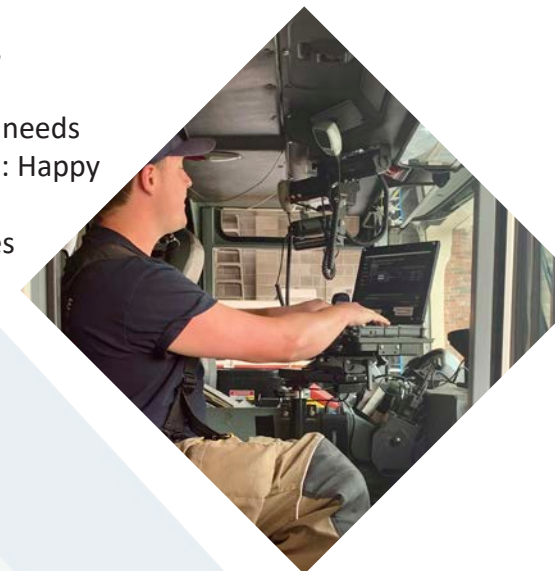
Grants awarded through the Community Grants program are funded by PCCF’s unrestricted funds, endowments designed for the general benefit of the community. The Committee reviews grant applications from eligible organizations and recommends grant awards to the Board of Directors for approval.

In 2023, PCCF awarded nearly \$230,000 through the Community Grants program to the following organizations:

- Beyond Homeless, Inc.: Support for Emergency Shelter
- Central Indiana Land Trust Inc.: Support for Save Fern Station campaign
- Cloverdale Town Park: Basketball court renovation
- DePauw University: Support for music festival for the Putnam County community
- Family Support Services of West Central Indiana: Support for Domestic Violence Prevention program
- Gleaners Food Bank: Establish school-based food pantries at North Putnam and Cloverdale
- Greencastle Community School Corporation: Mental health support for Greencastle schools
- Greencastle Fire Department: Upgrade technology for fire apparatus
- Greencastle Youth Softball Association: Upgrade facilities
- Putnam County Center for Women’s Ministries: Support for building needs
- Putnam County Coalition for Education and the Creative (The Castle): Happy Teacher Revolution mental health initiative
- Putnam County Food Pantry Coalition: Support for local food pantries
- Putnam County Playhouse: Complete staging lighting updates
- Russellville Volunteer Fire Department: Outfit emergency vehicles with medical equipment

### Grants Committee

Dakota Everts (Chair), Jane Alcorn, Jeff Boggess, Narda Cotton, Allison Creekmore, Linda Gjesvold, Jane Huges, David Knott, Austin Malayer, Carolyn Mann, Deborah Steffy, Ben Wilkerson

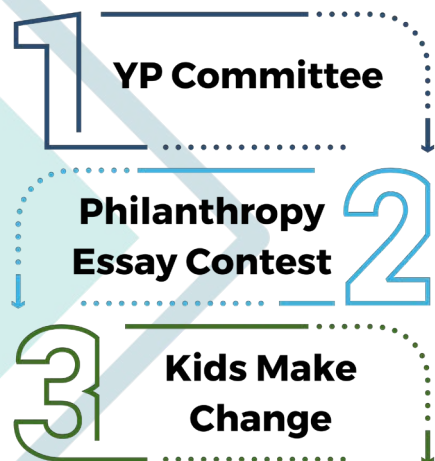




# Preparing the Next Generation of Philanthropists

## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative is a program of the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) which hopes to cultivate young philanthropists who will follow the learned traditions of giving and serving their community throughout their lives. This initiative includes three programs for elementary through high school students:



- 1 YP Committee**  
Youth Philanthropy Committee: offering philanthropic education and experience to high school students from across the county.
- 2 Philanthropy Essay Contest**  
Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest: challenging seventh grade students to learn about a philanthropist they know and admire.
- 3 Kids Make Change**  
Kids Make Change: teaching second grade students the basics of philanthropy - sharing their time, talent and treasure to help others.

Since 2006, the Youth Philanthropy Committee has provided nearly \$50,000 in grants to youth-led community projects in Putnam County. In 2024, the Youth Philanthropy Committee will take responsibility for running the new Kids Make Change program, providing hands-on education to the next group of philanthropic leaders.



2023 Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest Winner, Alivia Moore of North Putnam Middle School



Students at Bainbridge Elementary counting coins as part of the Kids Make Change program



Youth Philanthropy Committee volunteers at Greencastle's Trick-or-Treat on the Square event

**Youth Philanthropy Committee**  
Chase Abdon, Aiden Beadles, Corey Branigan, Penny Cummings, Evalyn Green, Brock Heavin, Isaac Hertenstein, Caroline Hodge, Madelyn Landry, Emily Mann, Gunner Roach, Gabrielle Simonson, Lilly Stanley, Olivia Stewart, Ruby Sullivan  
Vivian Whitaker (Adult Chair), Jane Huge, David Knott, Jill McCammack

## Family Philanthropy

Some family traditions are too important not to be passed down. For Gwen and Thom Morris, philanthropy has always been a family business. From planning Touch-A-Trucks benefiting Imagination Library of Putnam County, to the joy of three generations working Non-Food Pantry distribution together at St. Andrew's, or finishing up an Eagle Scout project on a cold November afternoon, service and giving to others are at the root of what the Morris and Ensley families enjoy doing – together.



Gwen and Thom deeply understand the power of philanthropy. As members of PCCF's Founders Club they wanted to ensure their family's legacy of generosity and service by establishing the Morris-Ensley Family Advised Fund. The inspiration for this particular fund was the family's many passions, from education to music and athletics to addressing community needs.

"We've always looked at this community like a larger family. All the things we value most are right here," said Gwen, a lifelong educator and PCCF Honorary Board Member. "Establishing this fund at PCCF not only allows us to give back to so many of the causes that are near and dear to our family, but it also allows us to engage the next generation. We have always found hope in the future, especially in the things that matter to our children and grandchildren."

Today, all three generations of the Morris and Ensley families – Thom and Gwen, daughter Cathryn and husband Jim, and grandchildren Boyd and Elyse – can support projects they are each most passionate about, as all six are founders of the Morris-Ensley Family Advised Fund.



Together, they can decide how to direct the fund's annual disbursement, allowing each of them to actively participate in their family's philanthropic decisions and dream about future community impact.

**“We’ve always looked at this community like a larger family.”**

## Learn more about funds at PCCF.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the types of funds we offer and to find a list of existing funds to support on our website at [pcfoundation.org](http://pcfoundation.org).





# Supporting Students

## Hoosier Heartland State Bank Scholarship



In 2023, Hoosier Heartland State Bank (HHSB) established a scholarship fund to award a four-year, renewable scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 total award) at North Putnam High School.

HHSB is first and foremost a community bank. For over 100 years, HHSB has been helping individuals and families in West Central Indiana reach their personal and financial goals. Local philanthropy is

an inherent part of their work, and they have awarded over \$2 million in philanthropic dollars over the last ten years.

This is evident in their mission to redefine what it means to be a community bank by:

- Giving back 10% of their annual income to local communities
- Giving their time and talents to the communities they serve
- Devoting themselves to the success of their clients

HHSB is a long-time supporter of PCCF and is a current Community Partner. For them, however, true partnership means working together for the betterment of the community.

“We believe that being a community partner, promoting volunteering, and giving back can set an example of what we want our communities to look like. Setting that example to our youth is so very important,” said Brad Monts, President and CEO of HHSB. “We believe that our youth are the future of our communities and supporting them through financial education as well as scholarships is our way of giving back.”

## 2024 Lilly Scholar

Congratulations to the 2024 Putnam County Lilly Scholar, Gabrielle Simonson!



Gabbi is a senior at North Putnam High School and is the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Simonson. Gabbi excels in and out of the classroom, earning a spot in North Putnam’s top ten students in her class. She serves as FFA Chapter President and as the District VII FFA Vice President. She is also a member of the varsity golf team, student council, National Honor Society, Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Committee, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Putnam County 4-H Dog Club.



Since 2020, Gabbi has volunteered as part of the Zoo Teen Program at the Indianapolis Zoo where she has had the opportunity to explore her passion for conservation and education. She hopes to turn her love for animals into a career after studying biology and zoology at Ball State University.

### Lilly Selection Committee

Jenna Lanham (Chair), Jane Alcorn, Janelle Cole, David Gellman, Mary Gould, Troyanna Jefferson, Brad McClure, Dave Murray, Nathan Scott, Pam Steele

## Paying it Forward

Rural Indiana has long struggled to keep young people local. For Madison Pershing, this was never true.

Madison grew up in Greencastle and graduated from Greencastle High School in 2017. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington where she studied nonprofit management, eventually graduating from IU Indianapolis. Before college, Madison set some very specific goals for herself: travel a lot, graduate early and carry no student loans after college. All of which she accomplished with the help of her community.

She became a world traveler like many others in her family, after visiting Poland with one of her classes and later Ireland alongside her husband through a study abroad opportunity. She finished her bachelor’s degree a semester early and within six months had paid off her college loans. This was thanks, in part, to the generous Putnam County donors who have contributed to the Lyon Family Scholarship over the last two decades.

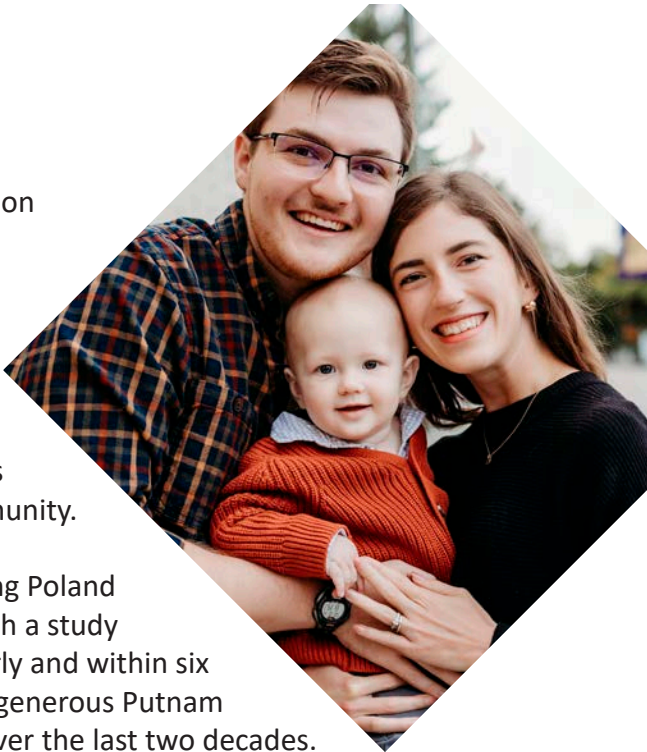
Since its establishment in 2003, the Lyon Family Scholarship, founded by the late Rob Lyon and the Lyon Family Foundation, has provided nearly \$1 million in significant, renewable scholarships to Putnam County students like Madison.

Rob grew up in Greencastle and envisioned his scholarship fund increasing the educational attainment and per capita income of Putnam County residents. He hoped to encourage students to develop valuable skills before returning home to Putnam County with an education and access to a higher paying job.

“This scholarship fully covered my tuition each year at IU. I get teary eyed just writing this because the Lyon Family Scholarship made a huge difference in my life,” said Madison. “It’s a large reason why I decided to come back to Greencastle to work and grow my family. I’ve really been blessed by this community and will make it my life mission to give back as much as I can and in any way possible. Thank you to the Lyon Family and the Putnam County Community Foundation for entrusting me with this gift. It changed my life.”

For the past two years, Madison has worked at Area 30 Career Center as the Director of Student Services. She has also returned to school to pursue a master’s degree in school counseling. Although different from her initial plans of working for a nonprofit organization, it is the perfect fit for her - and it’s a path that carries out Rob Lyon’s legacy even further.

“I’m able to help students in Putnam County discover their passions and connect them with opportunities to explore different career pathways. It is immensely fulfilling,” said Madison. “What’s truly special is that I once walked these halls as an Area 30 student in the teacher education program. Those were some of my most cherished educational moments, and now, I’m thrilled to pay it forward and help current students experience those same opportunities.”



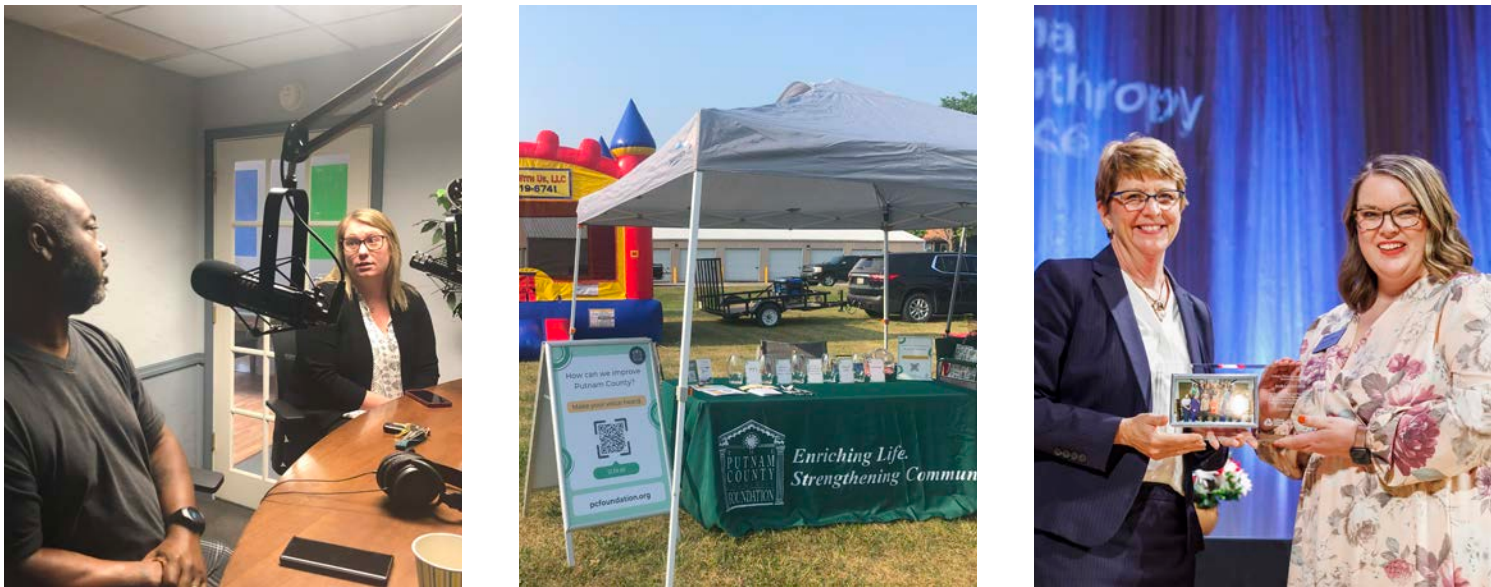
### Scholarship & Education Attainment Committee

Kate Knaul (Chair), Jay Alcorn, Jackie Eitel, Rachel Goss, Dave Murray, Janet O’Hair, Jeff Raab, Anthony Tillman, Dianna Whitlock, Alan Zerkel



# Engaging the Community

From professional development opportunities to service projects and from elementary schools to the 4-H Fair parade, the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) spent countless hours out and about in the community in 2023.



Left: Neysa Meyer discussing PCCF’s partnership with Main Street Greencastle on air at WREB; Center: PCCF-sponsored Kids Day at the Cloverdale Farmers Market; Right: Sarah Stone graduating from the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance Mutz Philanthropic Leadership Institute



Left: PCCF Board member Amanda Laney presenting a “Way to Go” grant to Greencastle Presbyterian’s SAWs program; Top Center: Jenny Neureiter graduating from Putnam County Leadership Academy; Bottom Center: PCCF staff and board members participating in an Indiana Philanthropy Alliance event; Center: PCCF-sponsored Fall Cookout at Myers’ Market; Top Right: Youth Philanthropy volunteers hanging holiday lights at Robe-Ann Park; Bottom Right: PCCF staff and Youth Philanthropy volunteers at the 2023 Putnam County 4-H Fair parade

**Philanthropic Development Committee**  
Stacey Hartman (Chair), Tosh Everson, Mary Beth Kaiser, Amanda Laney, Ami Pennington, Andrew Ranck, Mike Richmond

# Community Needs Assessment

In 2023, PCCF committed to leading a unique Community Needs Assessment to identify and prioritize needs and assets in Putnam County, unite organizations and resources, and create solutions that produce significant and lasting results. In planning the Community Needs Assessment, PCCF deliberately sought broad and inclusive input from various stakeholders and residents throughout Putnam County.

PCCF conducted 16 one-on-one interviews, facilitated five focus groups, administered a county wide survey, and held a community session as part of the year-long Community Needs Assessment. Each phase of the Community Needs Assessment provided a different perspective on the existing resources and the most pressing concerns of communities across Putnam County.



## What we heard...

**16** STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS    **5** FOCUS GROUPS    **1,206** SURVEY RESPONSES

### Top-Reported Issues

- 50%** Addiction and Illegal Drug Use
- 37%** Inadequate Mental Health Treatment Options & Resources
- 37%** Inadequate Job Opportunities to Make a Living Wage
- 37%** Lack of Affordable and/or Diverse Housing Options & Resources
- 28%** Limited Access to Quality Healthcare Options

“It can be very disheartening to work with individuals struggling with addiction and not have the community resources to support them.”

“Our industry needs experts but without appropriate housing, it’s challenging to recruit new talent to our county.”

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Community Needs Assessment and to read the full report at [pcfoundation.org/CommunityNeedsAssessment](https://pcfoundation.org/CommunityNeedsAssessment).





# Putnam County Community Foundation Team



Left to Right: Julie Thompson, Jenny Neureiter, Neysa Meyer, Sarah Stone, Dean Gambill

PCCF is committed to fulfilling our mission with the support of our volunteer leaders and our team of employees.

Our team strives to positively influence the community, display friendliness and professionalism, and make a measurable difference to all who encounter PCCF.

PCCF is governed by a volunteer board of elected and appointed trustees who are representative of the community and recognized for their involvement in civic affairs. Each board member gives generously of their time, talent, and treasure to further PCCF’s mission.

## 2023 Board of Directors



Marianne Savage  
President



Kyle Beasley  
Vice President



Scott Bieniek  
Treasurer



Kate Knaul  
Secretary



Jay Alcorn



Dakota Everts



Mary Gould



Stacey Hartman



Jane Huge



Jennifer Jackson



Amanda Laney



Jenna Lanham



Austin Malayer



Cynthia Mattox



David Murray



Anthony Tillman



Dianna Whitlock

**Governance & Nominations Committee**  
Jennifer Jackson (Chair), Phil Gick, Karen Heavin, Jenna Lanham, Greg Linton, Vivian Whitaker

# 2023 Financial Report



Thank you to the incredible Community Partners like Tri-County Bank who invest in PCCF and in Putnam County! Find a complete list of PCCF’s 2024 Community Partners on the back cover.

<b>As of December 31, 2023</b>	
Number of active funds	360
Number of donors served in 2023	770

<b>Since Inception in 1985</b>	
Cumulative contributions	\$45,179,538
Cumulative grants & scholarships	\$23,056,949
Cumulative number of donors served	8,741
Average annual returns MGP net	10%

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$1,665,452
Pledges and Other Receivables	\$0
Prepaid Expenses	\$34,603
Investment (Fair Market Value)	\$43,542,976
Property and Equipment (Net)	\$372,613
Property Held for Sale	\$2,720
Beneficial Interest in Charitable Remainder Trusts	\$98,315
Beneficial Interest in Life Insurance	\$13,519
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$45,730,198</b>

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$5,523
Grants Payable	\$250,500
Scholarships Payable	\$2,675
Accrued Wages	\$40,832
Gift Annuities Payable	\$44,180
Long-Term Debt	\$73,923
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$417,633</b>

<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$45,312,565</b>
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## FINANCIAL ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	
Contributions, pledges, sponsorships, grants	\$4,857,118
Investment Returns	\$5,706,615
Building and other income	\$2,730
CRT and gift annuity change in value	(\$159,972)
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,406,491</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants, scholarships, projects (paid)	\$1,402,047
Program related expenses	\$180,512
Administrative expenses	\$338,284
Fundraising expenses	\$130,044
Investment fees	\$129,396
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,180,283</b>

<b>BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$37,519,335</b>
<b>END OF YEAR TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$45,730,198</b>

The Putnam County Community Foundation is certified by Community Foundations National Standards as meeting ethical and operational standards at both state and national levels, and obtains an external audit every year. Copies of the audit report including financial statements are available upon request.



**Finance Committee**  
Scott Bieniek (Chair), Kyle Beasley, Tiffany Deer, Mary Gould, Paul Jedele, Cynthia Mattox, Laura Monnett



# Recognizing PCCF Donors

PCCF donors have contributed over \$45,179,538 since 1985. These contributions fuel PCCF’s grantmaking, guide our community leadership, and impact the lives of generations of Putnam County residents. We are grateful for their continued generosity.

## Foundation Philanthropists

### Cumulative gifts of \$1 million and above

Aura May Durham  
Wilma Hadley  
Lilly Endowment, Inc.  
Lyon Family Foundation  
Mary Louise Miller  
Edward and Eleanor Ypma

Putnam County Public Library  
Michael and Phyllis Rokicki  
Malcolm Romine  
Austin Sprague  
Robert and Pamela Steele  
Margaret Stoner  
Al and Joan Tucker  
Dr. Thomas and Lynn Webb  
Bernadine Webster  
Darrell and Cynthia Wiatt  
Howard and Mildred Williams

## Endowment Philanthropists

### Cumulative gifts of \$500,000 - \$999,999

Citizens Advisory Council for Industrial Development

## Landmark Philanthropists

### Cumulative gifts of \$250,000 - \$499,999

Alpha Gamma Delta - Eta Alumnae Chapter  
Cloverdale Community Dollars for Scholars  
Putnam County Health Careers Foundation  
Putnam County Museum, Inc.  
United Way of Putnam County, Inc.  
Orville and Frances Webb  
YMCA of the Wabash Valley, Inc.

## Estate Philanthropists

### Cumulative gifts of \$100,000 - \$249,999

John J. and Elizabeth Baughman  
Deborah Billmire  
Robert and Eleanor Bills  
Robert and Barbara Bowen  
Edward and Barbara Brookshire  
Buzzi Unicem Inc.  
Sherman and Maria Chancellor  
City of Greencastle  
First Baptist Church  
Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church  
Ralph and Sally Gray  
Greencastle/Putnam County Development Center, Inc.  
Mark and Jeanette Hammer  
Henry Kolling  
Mary Allison Children’s Trust  
Brent and Cozette McColgin  
Catherine McCord  
Mary Moore  
George and Elizabeth Murphey  
Putnam County Board of Realtors  
Putnam County Comprehensive Services, Inc.

## Legacy Philanthropists

### Cumulative gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999

Robert Allen  
David and Lynn Bohmer  
James Cobb  
Jack and Shirley Dalton  
Kenneth and Jacquelyn Eitel  
Robert and Sharon Evans  
Robert and Vera May Farber  
First National Bank  
Forest Hill Cemetery  
Linda Gjesvold  
George and Marilyn Gough  
Thomas and Elizabeth Graffis  
Greencastle Alumni Dollars for Scholars, Inc.  
Harold and Thelma Hardman  
Hendricks Regional Health  
Mary Ellen Huggard  
Humane Society of Putnam County, Inc.  
R. Neil and Michele Irwin  
Robert and Jamie Jedele  
Jim Luzar and Ella Ingram  
William and Joy Marley  
Martha Lee Robinson Trust  
Mickey Meehan  
Ann Michael  
David and Sue Murray  
North Salem State Bank  
Ray and Elaine Peck  
James and Emily Poor  
Murray and Sara Pride  
Putnam County Hospital  
Bob Rice  
Julia Romine  
Jeff and Denise Sigworth  
John and Marilyn Sturgeon  
United Way of Central Indiana  
John and Rea Zeiner

Cumulative gifts as of December 31, 2023.

## Funds Established in 2023

In 2023, 9 new funds were established with the Putnam County Community Foundation. Thank you to the generous donors whose philanthropic vision will benefit Putnam County for generations to come.

Ellie Ypma Administrative Endowment  
For the Love of Trees Endowment  
Greencastle Aquatic Center-Bretscher Learn to Swim Fund  
Hammer Family Advised Fund  
Hoosier Heartland State Bank Scholarship  
Morris-Ensley Family Advised Endowment  
Robert P. Sedlack Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Rusk Family Nursing Scholarship  
Ypma Greencastle Community Center Endowment

### For the Love of Trees Endowment



Photo courtesy Banner Graphic.

Bob and Joanne Haymaker wanted to continue the momentum to maintain Greencastle’s tree canopy. Trees help support the health and beauty of the entire community. They hoped by creating this fund the city will continue to plant native trees in its parks, streets and beauty areas.

### Robert P. Sedlack Memorial Scholarship Endowment



In an effort to continue to share Robert Sedlack’s influence and support, his friends came together to create a scholarship fund after ALS claimed his life at the young age of 47. The spirit of this scholarship is to remember Robert and to pass on his encouragement for young leaders, particularly in the arts, to achieve their dreams.

## Learn more online.

Scan the QR code to find more details including the 2023 Donor Honor Roll, a list of scholarship recipients and more on our website at [pcfoundation.org/2023AnnualReport](https://pcfoundation.org/2023AnnualReport).





# GIFT VIII Challenge

Invest in Putnam County and see your impact GROW with a \$2 to \$1 match!

In October 2023, Lilly Endowment Inc. launched the eighth phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative, allocating up to \$210 million to help Indiana community foundations strengthen the quality of life in the towns, cities and counties they serve. The GIFT initiative is based upon Lilly Endowment's longstanding belief that community foundations are uniquely positioned to play central roles in building the prosperity of communities throughout Indiana.

Through this GIFT phase (GIFT VIII) Lilly Endowment invited the Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) and other eligible Indiana community foundations to participate in three funding opportunities designed to help them grow their financial resources to enhance their effectiveness and promote long-term viability; further strengthen their abilities to lead on important community priorities; encourage board engagement; and support and develop strategic efforts to enhance quality of life in their communities.

The grant opportunities include:

- **Matching Fund Grants**, which will enable community foundations to develop unrestricted assets, implement projects and programs that address community needs, and build their internal capacity. Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$135.3 million for this opportunity.
- **Community Leadership Grants**, which will enable community foundations to continue to seek input from a diverse range of community stakeholders and, if desired, request funding to develop and implement large-scale action plans that address high-priority challenges and opportunities in their communities. Additionally, community foundations can choose to work collaboratively to address shared priorities by submitting a joint/regional proposal. Community Leadership Grants will be available in a two-phase process: a non-competitive planning phase and a competitive implementation phase. Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$65.5 million for this opportunity.
- **Board Engagement Grants**, which will encourage board members of community foundations to make financial contributions to their foundations. Each community foundation demonstrating 100 percent board member giving will receive a \$100,000 unrestricted grant. Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$9.2 million for this opportunity.

GIFT is a series of statewide initiatives and programs that began in 1990 to help establish and strengthen community foundations in Indiana and build their capacity to support the needs of their local communities. GIFT has helped community foundations build unrestricted endowments and fund special projects and has inspired others to give through challenge grants. GIFT also has encouraged community foundations to develop their leadership capacity so they can better understand and address the needs and aspirations of all the residents of their counties.

When GIFT began there were fewer than 12 community foundations in Indiana, including PCCF, and the total value of the assets of those foundations, excluding the assets of the longstanding Indianapolis Foundation, was \$30 million. Today there are community foundations serving each of Indiana's 92 counties. At the end of 2022, Indiana community foundations held assets of over \$4.5 billion.

## Community Impact Funds

The GIFT VIII matching grant funds allow Indiana community foundations to:

- Grow their financial resources to promote long-term viability and sustainability;
- Further strengthen their leadership capabilities; and
- Develop and implement strategic programs, projects, and initiatives that enhance their communities' quality of life.

With this in mind, PCCF has made changes to our named unrestricted funds. These flexible, discretionary funds will now be called Community Impact funds to better exemplify their purpose. However, these funds will continue to function as they have before.

While resources remain available, gifts made to a new or existing Community Impact fund which provides PCCF's grantmaking dollars will be matched \$2 for every \$1 given before December 31, 2025.

### ***Is a Community Impact fund a good fit for me?***

Many donors who want to leave a lasting legacy choose to establish a Community Impact fund. These donors are passionate about giving back to Putnam County and ensuring they leave a mark of their own on future generations. Their generous gifts are invested alongside other Community Impact funds, and their earnings fuel PCCF's grants programs. Donors who establish a Community Impact fund may choose to continue to give to their fund throughout their lifetime or create a planned gift as part of their estate.

During the GIFT VIII matching grant period, the minimum gift to open a new Community Impact fund is \$5,000 (usually \$12,500). The initial gift can come in the form of cash, stocks or other investments, qualified minimum distribution from your IRA, or the sale proceeds of real estate or grain. One or more individuals or families may establish a fund together to reach the minimum gift amount.

**Make a gift to a Community Impact fund to earn a \$2 to \$1 match and watch your gift grow for Putnam County!**

**\$1 + \$2 = \$3**

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