



MCCF Impact Monthly

Dear Community Friends and Partners,

It has been a month of celebration and excitement at the Foundation. We were honored to host gatherings for donors, community partners, and nonprofit leaders to announce the success of our 2:1 matching campaign through Lilly Endowment, Inc. and unveil our new strategic plan. Both represent major milestones for our community and are highlighted in this month's newsletter.

These moments remind us why we do this work: to meet the needs of Madison County today while shaping a thriving future. As we look ahead, we are focused on goals that will guide us over the next three years. These priorities will keep us grounded in our mission while challenging us to think bigger about what's possible for Madison County.

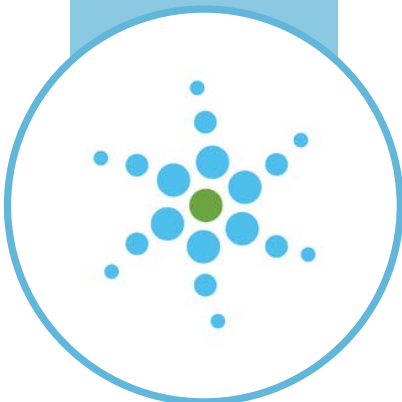
Thank you for joining us as we partner to strengthen our community. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish. For good, forever. Together.

Ben Davis

-Ben Davis, President



INVESTING IN
LASTING
POSITIVE
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ELEVATE AND
STRENGTHEN
MADISON
COUNTY



↓ In this newsletter you will find:

Board Member Spotlight, Campaign and Strategic Plan overviews, Impact Story of the Month, New Fund and Donation Overview, Nonprofit Summit Save the Date, and more!

BOARD MEMBER

Spotlight

TERRY TRUITT

When Terry Truitt moved from Alabama to Madison County in 1995, it was meant to be just a career move, but it quickly became so much more. “This community became home for my family,” Terry shares. “All three of my children graduated from Madison County high schools and went on to graduate from Indiana colleges. Madison County has proven to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Now, through my role with MCCF, I am excited to help ensure it remains an even better place for my children and for their children.”

Terry first learned about MCCF while serving as Dean of the Falls School of Business at Anderson University, where he saw firsthand how MCCF scholarships helped local students complete their education and step into their futures with confidence.



Terry joined the board in 2024 and continues to witness the Foundation’s impact in action, whether through education initiatives, arts partnerships, or nonprofit capacity building. Terry also says that “the Lilly GIFT VIII campaign has highlighted how strategic fundraising and matching can multiply local generosity into transformative outcomes.”

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MCCF is not just a grantmaker... it is a long-term partner in the health of Madison County. The Foundation’s ability to steward endowed funds ensures that today’s gifts will serve future needs. Every Hoosier knows you do not eat your seed corn... you protect it and nurture it so that you can harvest a future crop in the times to come. MCCF’s work is very much the same. By protecting and growing the resources entrusted to it, the Foundation makes certain that future generations will reap the benefits.

-Terry Truitt-

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Whether as a donor, a partner, or beneficiary, there is a role for everyone in helping strengthen the legacy we are building together.

-Terry Truitt-

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GENEROSITY MEETS PURPOSE

CAMPAIGN GOAL EXCEEDED!



Our 2:1 matching campaign, made possible through the Lilly Endowment, has exceeded all expectations.

From longtime donors to first-time fundholders, Changemakers throughout Madison County played a role in shaping this success. Thanks to this collective effort, we have welcomed 28 new named unrestricted funds that will strengthen our ability to respond to emerging needs and invest in bold ideas.

Our mission is to invest in positive change to elevate and strengthen Madison County. This campaign embodies all of that and more. It reflects the kind of forward-thinking generosity that will leave a legacy for years to come.

**Read the Story of the
2:1 Matching Campaign**

- By the Numbers
- Donors
- New Funds
- Campaign Highlights



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2028

VISION

We envision Madison County as a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive.

MISSION

Investing in lasting positive change to elevate and strengthen Madison County.

Our strategic plan represents the voices, hopes, and vision of our entire community. Over the past year, we engaged in a thoughtful and collaborative process to shape a plan that will guide our work in the years ahead.

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VALUES

We are guided by the following core values:



Integrity

We steward resources with transparency, honesty, and accountability.



Community

We believe in the strength and potential of Madison County and our leadership role in uniting people for the common good.



Impact

We invest in lasting change through thoughtful grantmaking, community leadership, and strategic partnerships.



Inclusion

We honor the diverse voices and experiences that shape our community and seek equitable opportunities for all.



Legacy

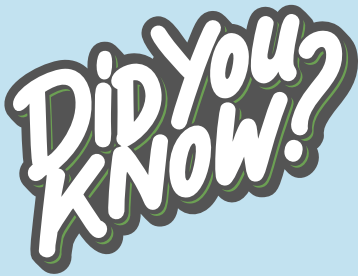
We help donors create enduring legacies that reflect their values and benefit future generations.

NEW FUNDS THIS MONTH



Elwood Education Foundation Fund

The Elwood Education Foundation fund was created to support the academic mission of the Elwood Community School system by providing resources to enrich and expand educational opportunities for students through teacher grants, opportunity funds, and scholarship opportunities within the Elwood Community Schools.



You can set up a payment plan to contribute an amount of your choice to any of the funds held at the Foundation or to start a named fund of your own.

Contact spatton@madisonccf.org for more information

MCCF Funds

Total: \$18,095

\$5,000

given to Anderson Education Foundation Fund

\$5,000

given to Lance Gayle Endowment Fund

\$2,845

given to Operating Fund

\$2200

given to Hecht Family Fund

\$2050

given to Chris Hatzell Memorial Scholarship

\$1000

given to Anderson XI Chapter of Kappa, Kappa, Kappa Endowed Scholarship Fund

Notable Donations in September

Thank You
for your
generosity

SEP 2025

IMPACT STORY

ANDERSON STEM MOBILE
IVY TECH FOUNDATION

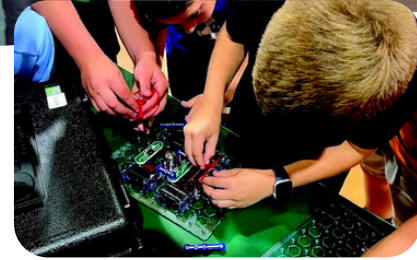
Your generosity encourages students to embrace problem-solving and become future innovators.

"I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for bringing your Mobile STEM Lab to us. I heard so many wonderful things from staff and students about their experiences. It's clear that the activities you provided made a lasting impact on our students."

-Sonia Caldwell, Eastside Elementary Principal-

When the Ivy Tech Foundation launched its Anderson STEM Mobile program, the goal was simple: bridge gaps in enrollment, preparedness, and interest in STEM fields for students who might not otherwise have access. The program has faced some challenges as the demand for these programs often outweighs the resources.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Madison County Community Foundation, Anderson STEM Mobile served an estimated 7,000 kindergarten through 8th grade students in Madison County.



Becky Walls serves as the Mobile STEM Lab Director and has seen the impact of the program first hand. "While at Anderson Intermediate, we were also able to have the Special Needs and Intense Behavior students visit us. They left a huge impact on me, which I will remember for many years to come. They all had such enthusiasm and were truly excited to interact with us. One student was so engaged with one of our VEX Robots (whom we call Robert the Robot) that he was chasing him around the room on hands and knees. His joy was contagious."

By providing STEM Education in Madison County, students from racial minorities and low socioeconomic statuses are provided a pathway to high-demand, high-wage careers. students succeed in various careers.



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MADISON COUNTY

2026 NONPROFIT
SUMMIT



**BUZZING WITH
POSSIBILITY:**

CONNECTING
CHANGEMAKERS
FOR GREATER IMPACT

**SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 29, 2026**

MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON

Welcome

Rev. Libby Davis Manning
Development Advisor



Madison County Community Foundation is pleased to share that Rev. Libby Davis Manning will be working alongside our team as Development Advisor. Libby and her family reside in Lapel. She holds a B.A. from Davidson College, an M.Div. from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership at Indiana University's School of Philanthropy. Her work with the Madison County Community Foundation will include helping agencies build their designated endowment funds, which is among our four new strategic goals for 2025-28.

Libby shares, "Teihard de Chardin said, 'The future belongs to those who give the next generation a reason to hope.' It is an honor to use my gifts to advance MCCF's support of future generations in Madison County."



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