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Kendrick Foundation Invests Nearly \$1.3 Million in Grants to Address Priority Community Health Needs

Answering the Surgeon General's Call for Robust, Community-Based Mental and Physical Health Solutions

Morgan County, IN – The Kendrick Foundation has announced almost \$1.3 million in 2025–26 grant funding to advance mental health, substance use prevention and recovery, and physical activity and nutrition in Morgan County—addressing key priorities outlined by the U.S. Surgeon General and responding to both national and local needs. This year's funding includes \$833,102 in competitive grants to 14 nonprofit organizations plus over \$440,000 for the Foundation's ongoing school-based mental health initiative.

"These grants directly address both national health priorities and Morgan County's most urgent needs," said Sara Dungan, J.D., Kendrick Foundation Board President. "By investing in prevention, treatment, and wellbeing, our partners are making measurable progress toward a healthier community."

2025–26 Competitive Grantees

- [Amazing Grace Equine Therapy](#) — \$25,000
- [Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County](#) — \$141,000
- [Catholic Charities Indianapolis](#) — \$125,000
- [Churches in Mission](#) — \$70,620
- [Desert Rose](#) — \$100,000
- [Firefly Children & Family Alliance](#) — \$10,000
- [Martinsville Youth Development Center](#) — \$55,850
- [Morgan County Substance Abuse Council](#) — \$67,000
- [Peace Restored](#) — \$95,800
- [Pioneer Academy for Student Success at Mooresville High School](#) — \$3,400
- [Playworks Indiana](#) — \$6,500
- [Stability First](#) — \$31,722
- [WellSpring](#) — \$39,324
- [YMCA of Morgan County](#) — \$61,886

In addition, [Adult & Child Health](#), [Centerstone](#), and [Youth First](#) received continued support through the Foundation's school-based mental health initiative, expanding local access to care and prevention services.

"Our growing network of grantees answers the Surgeon General's call for robust, community-based solutions to improve both mental and physical health for Morgan County residents," said Keylee Wright, M.A., Kendrick Foundation Executive Director.

This investment builds on the Foundation's leadership with the Morgan County Mental Health Task Force and Better Communities Coalition, which recently hosted the 20th U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams for a community discussion on advancing health through collaboration.

"Mental health, substance use disorder, and healthy lifestyles remain top priorities for the Kendrick Foundation," Wright added. "Together, we're building a coordinated, sustainable system of support for every resident."

The Kendrick Foundation invests in conditions that support the physical and mental health of all Morgan County residents. Learn more at kendrickfoundation.org.