

# HEALTH FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE (HFL)

2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN



## MISSION

La Porte County residents are healthy and well.

## VALUES

- **Collaboration:** We work together with our partners in the spirit of community.
- **Clarity:** We seek to understand our community and partners and prioritize clear communication about our intentions.
- **Effectiveness:** We are focused on processes and strategies to achieve a healthier community.

## HFL'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MODEL

### Attainable Housing

People in La Porte County live in safe, stable, quality housing affordable for their household.

### Healthy Eating Active Living

People in La Porte County eat healthy foods and are physically active.

### Mental Health & Substance Use

People in La Porte County experience positive mental health and live free from substance use.

### Healthy Community Fund

Health and wellness needs that may/may not align with focus areas

#### ROLES

Collaborator, Convener,  
Strategist, Advocate

#### APPROACH

Improvement, Systems Change,  
Strategic Grantmaking

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## OVERVIEW AND PROCESS

In September 2024, HFL engaged Intentional Philanthropy to develop a new three-year strategic plan for the foundation. Over the course of five months, Intentional Philanthropy engaged HFL's board, staff, and community stakeholders in a process to evaluate the foundation's strengths, understand the most critical health needs of the community, and identify the values, passions, and philanthropic approach driving the foundation's desire for impact. In November 2024, the board and staff gathered to explore these areas and chart a course for the future.

Themes emerged from discussions with community stakeholders, HFL board, and staff: the foundation should collaborate more effectively with partners; find more ways to be informed by diverse sectors of the community while also sharing more about HFL's intentions and activity; and pursue grant investments with grantee partners to change lives in La Porte County.

## KEY FINDINGS

The data gathered from internal and external stakeholders was synthesized to map HFL's assets and greatest strengths; the most critical health needs in La Porte County; and the Foundation's values, approach, and interests.

Of note were HFL's permanent endowment and grantmaking budget and the board's desire to operate strategically within a systems change or improvement approach over the next decade. Critical community needs that rose to the surface throughout the strategic planning process included drug addiction, mental health, housing and housing quality, and nutrition and exercise. All of this informs HFL's new community investment model.