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The Foundation is still matching all donations through September 30 that can be used for a wide variety of grant causes, i.e., to unrestricted funds.

For every \$1 donated, the Foundation will contribute an additional \$2. Your original donation then has three times the impact.

If you have wanted to start a fund in honor of a loved one, now may be the time. The minimum donation for starting a fund is \$5,000. This match opportunity lets you donate \$1,667, receive an additional \$3,333, and so start your \$5,000 fund. Contact the Foundation today for more information.

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Changes to GRANT APPLICATION Process

Note that an applicant MUST submit a preliminary application in consultation with the Executive Director by January 7. Upon approval, a final application will be due February 4.



MANY THANKS TO *a Caring Community*

The Blackford County Community Foundation is once again counting the many blessings that donors have given the community in the past year.

274 separate donors gave at least once in 2020. Those donors have **contributed \$298,898** toward multiple causes.

The Foundation **awarded \$76,320** in 86 scholarships ...

And **awarded \$183,739** in 32 grants and distributions to local nonprofits.



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FIVE LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS JUST ANNOUNCED



Five Blackford High School students were named as finalists for the 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. They are (front from left) Lance Manley, Tyler Brown, Layla Pennington, (top cameos from left) Josie Schie, and Victoria Jackson.

Scholarships for Students Already Studying at a College

The Blackford County Community Foundation awarded seventeen scholarships for 2020-21 to students who are in their second year of college/vocational studies or later. These students are Spencer Blakely, Nathan Brown, Myles Cline, Chloe Coons, Brittaney Dillon, Lauren Hall, J.D. Hoover, Peyton Hurd, Courtney Kreischer, Jessica Manley, Scott McCaffery, Shanda Miller, Nicholas Price, Laura Sills, Rylee Smith, Alisha Watters, and Chloe Whitehurst.

Scholarship Season Starts Now

The Foundation awards almost 70 scholarships to local graduating seniors every year. A typical scholarship awards \$1,000 towards tuition for a student's freshman year. The student may apply for all of these scholarships by filling out one application that can be found at www.blackfordcofoundation.org/scholarships-2/applying-for-a-scholarship/local-scholarships or at the Blackford Junior-Senior High School Guidance office. Applications are due at the Foundation office or the Guidance office by Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Five students have qualified as finalists for the 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Blackford County. The scholarship winner will be publicly announced in late December.

All five finalists are students at Blackford Junior-Senior High School this year. The winner will receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to an Indiana college and an additional \$900 stipend for required books each year. The other four finalists will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Blackford County Community Foundation.

Tyler Brown is the son of Kevin and Mindy Brown. He plans to study electrical engineering at Purdue.

Victoria Jackson is the daughter of Gordon Jackson and Patricia Freeman. She plans to study illustration, fine arts, and business at Indiana University-Kokomo.

Lance Manley is the son of James and Lorna Manley. He will be studying pre-optometry.

Layla Pennington is the daughter of Jacob Pennington and Ashley LaMotte. She will be pursuing a nursing degree.

Josie Schie is the daughter of Jennifer Schie. She plans to study business administration at Ball State.

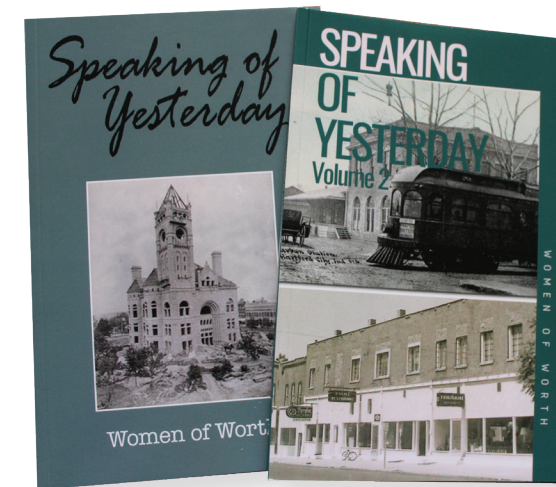
Finalists are chosen on the basis of their academic record, their commitment to volunteer and community service, their extracurricular activities and leadership positions, their outside work experience, their financial need, and their personal goals as presented in an essay and a personal interview with the community selection committee.

These scholarships will be awarded publicly at the senior honors program in May at Blackford Junior-Senior High School.

Looking for Something Interesting to Read These Days?

We have copies of both volumes of *Speaking of Yesterday* available right now, and we would love to share them with you. Each volume is \$5.

To keep you safe, we will mail your copy, or we offer curbside pickup. Just let us know your preference at 765-348-3411 or foundation@blackfordcounty.org.



"Believing all women are worthy, W.O.W. strives to combine our gifts and talents to benefit the women and children of Blackford County."

W.O.W. Grants Awarded

In October, Women of Worth awarded five \$500 grants to local nonprofits serving women and children in Blackford County. This marks the twelfth year the organization has supported such programs.

Blackford County Arts Center will use its grant for the Arts in the Parks program next summer.

Carey Services/Early Head Start will purchase two pieces of playground learning equipment for its Hartford City Early Head Start center.

Community and Family Services will purchase supplies for the Silver Lining opportunity store.

The Hartford City Arts Council will provide music, art, and cultural events in 2021.

The Blackford County 4-H Clubs will build planters for the Nature Play Area.

Grants Awarded to 3 Local Nonprofits

The Blackford County Community Foundation awarded three grants this fall to projects designed to improve opportunities for community children.

Arts Place, Inc. was awarded a \$5,000 grant to help fund an Arts in the Parks program for the summer of 2021. Classes are available in both Montpelier and Hartford City for children 6 through 12 and for families. Children are taught by professional artists and are introduced to art mediums not usually used in schools.

A Community and Family Services's grant will purchase inventory for the Silver Lining opportunity store that operates through the WIC program (Women, Infants, and Children). The store provides items useful for raising young children, such as diapers and toddler beds. Parents pay for items with coupons earned by participating in healthy childrearing practices.

Hartford City Public Library was granted \$7,750 for continuing the improvements to the Nature Play Area. These include electrical work and such features as balance beams, log steps and art panels.

The Foundation will be awarding more grants in March 2021.

W.O.W. CORNER

Members Voted in Droves

Kudos to the Women of Worth in this strange year of the Coronavirus! Though there was no organizational fall luncheon for the first time in the existence of the group, 98 women contributed to this year's grant giving and more than 75% of those members voted. These are women who care.