



BLACKFORD COUNTY
Community Foundation

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A Note from Elizabeth

As I look back on the past year, I'm so grateful for everything we accomplished. None of it would have been possible without you.

Thanks to your support, we awarded grants to local organizations, provided scholarships to students and invested in programs and projects that make our community a better place to live.

One of the highlights of the year was our continued work on expanding the Greenway. Thanks to the incredible support of Lilly Endowment, this project is closer to becoming a reality and is something our community will enjoy for years to come. We're on track to break ground in the summer of 2026.

We also wrapped up the year by receiving a \$750,000 Community Support Grant, also from Lilly Endowment, giving us the flexibility to fund community led projects and launch an exciting new "Big Idea" grant opportunity in 2026.

Looking ahead, we're excited about what's next and so thankful to keep doing this work alongside you.

Elizabeth Witt
Executive Director

Thank You

A Year of Meaningful Giving

227 donors made a lasting impact

Whether you gave once or all year long, your generosity helped strengthen our community. We truly couldn't do what we do without you.

A Year of Generosity

\$1,255,675* in total donations

Your support funded programs and created opportunities that will benefit our community now and for years to come.

A Strong Foundation

\$20,360,675 in net assets

We're proud of the solid foundation we've built together. This financial strength allows us to plan ahead, respond when needs arise and continue supporting grants and scholarships for years to come.

Our Impact

124 unique funds

70 endowed funds, 51 non permanent funds and 3 operating funds

These funds support a wide range of projects and organizations. Some meet immediate needs while others build something permanent, ensuring your generosity keeps working for our community long after your gift is made.

*Please note, this figure excludes grants received in the amounts of \$2,478,008 received for the Greenway Expansion through GIFT VIII and \$750,000 for the GIFT IX Community Support Grant. These funds are reflected in the financial statement towards the end of this report.

Memorials and Honorariums

Donations are often made in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special occasion. These gifts are directed to funds that reflect the values and interests of the person being honored, providing a thoughtful and lasting way to celebrate their legacy.

Memorials

Tom Alfrey
Dennis Arcand
Bruce Bade
Lucy Bales
Joyce Bergdoll
Tracy Blakely
Mark Brown
Jerry Brown
Rollin Brown
Becky Cain
Michael Cale
Dave Clamme
Kameron Clamme
Kelsey Clamme
Jeanette Clifford
Teresa Conner
Michael Digman
William Ervin
Judy Everhart
Bernice Fear
Wayne Fuller
John Guyer
Katy Guyer
Sandy Hess
Larry Hile
Don Houser
Martha Howell
Linda Howell
Karen Keplinger
Virginia Kilgore
Bob Koons

Don Ladd
Madeline Lennon
Oreta Ludwig
Helen McCollum
Alyce McGriff
Barry Milholland
Naomi Miller
Sybil Neel
Merrill Nottingham
Jon Oswald
Scott Pokorny
Linda Raymond
Carla Reynolds
Harold Schuhmacher
Jeff Slusser
Brian Smith
David Snyder
Bob Tarter
Jerry Trant
Judy Trees
Larry Tyler
Diana Uhrick-Flannery
Chris Wagner
Judy Washburn

Honorariums

Jim and Lou Kline

Competitive Grants

Our competitive grants provide funding to organizations that benefit residents of Blackford County. These grants are available in February and August and allow organizations to apply for support in a range of areas, from education to community development. We awarded 24 grants to 18 organizations totaling nearly \$130,000.

\$3,000	Alive and Well Classes for 7 th and 8 th Grade Students
\$20,645	Arts Place, Inc. MusicWorks Program
\$735	Blackford County 4-H and Open Fair Mannequins and Display Case
\$5,175	Blackford County Animal Shelter, Inc. Spay and Neuter Clinic
\$2,776	Blackford County Historical Society Digitization of Old Newspapers
\$604	Blackford County Schools Charlotte's Web Production and Books
\$1,344	Blackford County Schools Latchkey Activities
\$2,080	Blackford County Schools Plen-Air Painting Unit
\$2,751	Blackford County Schools Vision Screenings
\$6,000	Blackford County Schools Camp Invention
\$16,093	Blackford County Schools Literacy Curriculum
\$4,420	Blackford Youth Sports Fencing and Safety Improvements
\$1,400	Changemaker Collective Training for Therapists
\$900	City of Hartford City Walking/Bike Trail Signage
\$1,509	City of Hartford City Bicycle Repair Stations
\$6,847	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Free Books for Children
\$2,500	Little Red Door Cancer Agency Rides of Hope and Nutritional Supplements
\$2,500	Montpelier Historical Society Rendezvous on the Reserve
\$6,500	Montpelier Jamboree
\$17,000	Montpelier Parks Board Basketball and Pickleball Courts
\$10,000	Montpelier-Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department Defibrillator
\$2,500	Science Central Science4U Programming
\$1,000	Second Harvest Food Bank Mobile Food Distribution Program
\$10,000	Youth for Christ Program Expenses and Trip Scholarships

Designated Fund Grants

With designated funds, donors can create a lasting gift that supports a specific organization year after year, making a long term impact. 31 grants were awarded to 27 organizations totaling almost \$90,000.

\$325	Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc. East Central Opportunities Endowment
\$1,700	Arts Place, Inc. Jack & Golly Forcum Arts Place/Blackford County Arts Center Endowment
\$2,195	Arts Place, Inc. Arts Place Blackford County Arts Center Endowment
\$3,135	Blackford County Animal Shelter Blackford County Animal Shelter Endowment
\$265	Blackford Youth Soccer League Blackford Youth Soccer League Endowment
\$31,090	Cancer Support for Blackford County* Richard and Ruth Flatter Community Endowment
\$307	Catholic Relief Services - USCC William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$615	Covenant House William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$307	Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$615	Food for the Poor, Inc. William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$615	Gibault Foundation, Inc. William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$615	Habitat for Humanity International William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$31,090	Hartford City Public Library Richard and Ruth Flatter Community Endowment
\$1,110	Imagination Library* Imagination Library Endowment
\$615	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$490	Licking Township Trustee Hartford City Cemetery Designated Endowment
\$615	Mercy Home for Boys and Girls William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$1,125	Montpelier-Harrison Township Cancer Fund
\$485	North Central Indiana Youth for Christ
\$615	Oblate Missions William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$1,150	Oddfellows Cemetery Oddfellows Cemetery Endowment
\$615	Society for the Propagation of the Faith William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$615	St. Francis College William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$225	St. John's Catholic Church T.P. and Helen Reidy Memorial Endowment
\$307	St. John's Catholic Church William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$1,050	St. John's Catholic Church Francis and Winifred Reidy Memorial Endowment
\$615	St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary William and Patricia Schantz Endowment
\$1,510	Women of Worth - Grants* Women of Worth Endowment
\$750	Women of Worth - Operating* Shreves-Poulson Community Endowment
\$635	Woodlawn Cemetery Francis Reynolds Woodlawn Cemetery Endowment
\$3,670	YMCA of Muncie YMCA Endowment

Note on Interfund Transfers*

Some of the designated grants we awarded this year were made through interfund transfers, meaning we moved funds from one fund to another within the Community Foundation. Because these transfers occur within the Community Foundation, they are not recorded as grants in our financial statements.

Donor Advised Fund Grants

Donor advised funds allow donors to recommend how their gift is distributed to organizations they care about. This gives donors the flexibility to support a variety of causes over time. 5 grants were awarded to 5 organizations totaling \$255,000.

Christopher B and Kristie A Jennerjahn Donor Advised Fund Grants

- \$75,000 Father Dyer United Methodist Church
- \$15,000 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- \$125,000 Grace Methodist Church
- \$15,000 Youth for Christ
- \$25,000 Zion Lutheran Church

Women of Worth Grants

Each year, nearly one hundred women in our community donate at least \$25 to become a member of Women of Worth. Half of each donation goes into an endowment fund to support Women of Worth forever, while the other half is pooled into the Women of Worth grants fund. Then, the members vote on which grants benefitting women and children in Blackford County they would most like to support. 3 grants were awarded to 2 organizations totaling \$2,750.

- \$1,000 **Blackford County Schools** Wellness Closet at Blackford Intermediate School
- \$750 **Blackford County Schools** Pre-K Closet at Blackford Preschool Academy
- \$1,000 **Hands of Hope a division of Radiant Health** Barrier Buster Assistance

Impact

Competitive Grants

24 grants to 18 organizations, totaling \$130,000

These are the grants we award through our competitive process each year. Local organizations apply, our committee reviews the requests and funding goes to organizations with projects benefitting our community.

Designated Fund Grants

31 grants to 27 organizations, totaling almost \$90,000

These grants are designated by donors to support specific causes and organizations, ensuring that contributions directly benefit the organizations most important to them.

Donor Advised Fund Grants

5 grants to 5 organizations, totaling \$255,000

Donors recommend grants to organizations they're passionate about, allowing them to stay actively involved in their giving while supporting causes that matter most to them.

Women of Worth Grants

3 grants to 2 organizations, totaling \$2,750

These grants support projects benefitting women and children in Blackford County. Each year, Women of Worth members contribute \$25 or more and then vote on which projects they want their dollars to support.

Total Grants

63 grants to 52 organizations, totaling over \$475,000

In total, we awarded 63 grants to 52 organizations, furthering our commitment to improve quality of life and serve as a catalyst for positive change in Blackford County.

Scholarships

High School Scholarships

We awarded 52 scholarships to 34 students totaling over \$58,000. These scholarships support a wide range of students, from those living in Blackford County, involved in certain school activities or planning to pursue a specific area of study.

Dianna Alfrey Memorial Scholarship Adarius Wingo

Bruce Bade Scholarship Meeka Stalker

Robert Bales Memorial Scholarship Nicholas Ely

Blackford County Community Foundation Scholarships Hailey Brower, Nicholas Ely

Blackford Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Adarius Wingo

Kameron Clamme Memorial Scholarship Allyson Henderson

Kelsey Nichole Clamme Memorial Scholarship Kade Norton

Cline Cooley Nursing Scholarship Kaylee Fields

Mike Collins and Jerald Snyder Hartford City Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship

Kaitlynn Hileman

Delta Theta Tau Scholarship in Memory of Dorothy Gadbury Emma Strait

Lawrence and Irene Dick Memorial Scholarship Maleah Limle

Elks Lodge No. 625 Scholarship Adrianna Hall

David Ford Memorial Scholarship Juan Velasquez

Geezer Memorial Scholarship Catalina Velasquez

Hartford City Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Mike McDougall Cheyanne Rose

Hartford City Rotary Club Scholarship Meeka Stalker

Hartford City Rotary Club Scholarship in Memory of Lloyd Hall Sarah Coons

Hartford City Tri Kappa Associates Scholarship in Memory of Martha Archer and Arlo

Fadely Aubrey Whitesell

Ed and Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship Catherine Wolfe

Jones Family Farms Scholarships Thomas Bolling, Kade Norton

Voyance and Zella Kegerreis Memorial Scholarship Ali Crouse

Travis Keplinger Memorial Scholarship Juan Velasquez

Levy Educational Fund Scholarship Jayden Cox

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Rylee Dunica

Cindy Maddox Memorial Scholarship Emily Jenkins

John and Jane Maddox Family Scholarship Nevaeh Niendorf

Guy and Grace Glancy Mahorney Memorial Scholarship Adarius Wingo

Thomas McGeath and Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarships Kade Norton,

Daethyn Wainwright

Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarship Kelsey McCammon

Montpelier Lions Club Scholarships Emily Ellison, Ashlie Needler*

Montpelier Pony and Saddle Club Scholarship Kelsey McCammon

Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarships Mary Littleton, Christian McConnell, Catalina Velasquez
Jorden Nickols Memorial Scholarship Maleah Limle
Hal and Gretchen Oberholzer Scholarship Emily Jenkins
June Overmeyer Memorial Scholarship Adarius Wingo
Pete Redmond Family Memorial Scholarship Adarius Wingo
Kevin Reichard Memorial Football Scholarship Bryce Stroble*
Frances and Lucille Reidy Memorial Scholarships Nicholas Atkinson, Addison Charnley
Jean Ann Rhodes Memorial Baseball Scholarship Bryce Stroble*
Roth Family Scholarship Sidney Young
Rich Scott Memorial Scholarship Emily Jenkins
William and Patricia Schantz Scholarship Daniel Ludwig
Kim Stump Memorial Scholarship Cohen Walls
Dr. Severino and Karen Sulit Scholarship Cheyanne Rose
Floyd and Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarship Cohen Walls

Current College Student Scholarships

We awarded 8 scholarships to college students who are already pursuing their degrees, totaling \$14,000. These scholarships are for students who have finished high school and are now working toward their college goals.

Erma Bradford Memorial Scholarship Landon Rogers
Richard and Ruth Flatter Memorial Scholarship Riata Rouch
Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarship Cody Cook
Hollander Family Scholarship Ashton Wamsley
Floyd and Betty Huffman Memorial Scholarship Keith Pluimer
Clara Kitterman Memorial Scholarship Lindze Quillen
Donald McAfee Memorial Scholarship Aaron Blackwood
Howard and Helen McCollum Family Scholarship Bre DeCamp

Renewable Scholarships

Renewable scholarships support the same students for their first, second, third and even fourth years of college.

Guy and Grace Glancy Mahorney Memorial Scholarship Cody Cook (2024)
George Mundrake Memorial Scholarship Kelsey Mosley (2023)
William and Patricia Schantz Community Scholarship Una Bowman (2023)

Greenway Expansion

The Greenway is getting ready for its next big step! Thanks to a \$3.1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., we're preparing to expand the trail by 1.32 miles.

This expansion will enhance connectivity among greenspaces, expand recreational opportunities, provide a crucial link to the regional trails system and improve health outcomes through increased access to outdoor spaces.

This project builds on our commitment to revitalizing greenspaces and supporting youth and family activities, a focus that has guided our work since 2019.

We're grateful for our continued partnership with the Blackford County Economic Development Corporation and the City of Hartford City, whose collaboration is making this next phase a reality.

Construction is expected to begin in summer 2026. For updates, follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/BlackfordCoFoundation.

Community Support Grant

At the end of 2025, we received a \$750,000 Community Support Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through the ninth phase of Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT IX). This funding is designed to strengthen the work of community foundations across Indiana and gives us greater flexibility to respond to the needs and opportunities in our community.

Over the past several years, local organizations have consistently shared ideas focused on community development, youth programming and improving quality of life in Blackford County. There has been no shortage of great ideas, but limited unrestricted resources have only allowed us to support portions of projects rather than the full vision. This grant helps change that.

Over the next three years, we will use these funds to support community led projects that have the potential to create visible, lasting impact. A key part of this work will be launching our new "Big Idea" grant cycle, a highly competitive process for larger, transformative projects that address both current challenges and long term opportunities. Minimum request amounts will encourage ambitious, well thought out proposals, while our review process will ensure they're community driven and positioned for success.

This grant also strengthens our ability to lead and collaborate. By aligning resources and working closely with other funders and partners, we can support projects that meet immediate needs and help build a stronger, more connected community for years to come.

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2025 and 2024

ASSETS	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	1,776,365	1,112,659
Accounts receivable	590	
Property and equipment, net	9,187	10,448
Investments, at market	18,294,959	13,941,629
Noncurrent assets		
TOTAL ASSETS	20,081,101	15,064,736
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	-	90
Accrued payroll taxes	2,548	(590)
Right of use liability		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,548	(500)

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

December 31, 2025 and 2024

INCOME	2025	2024
Contributions	3,924,350	2,470,141
Investment income (loss), net	1,887,364	1,162,749
Administrative fees (agency)	4,836	4,719
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	-	-
Other income	2,501	2,472
TOTAL INCOME	5,819,051	3,640,081
EXPENSES		
Grants	444,035	228,115
Scholarships	69,840	80,442
Program expenses	60,613	117,241
Management/general expenses	85,645	90,488
Fundraising expenses	36,235	38,283
	696,368	554,569
Change in net assets	5,122,683	3,085,512
Net assets beginning of year	15,065,236	11,979,724
Net assets at end of year	20,187,920	15,065,236

*2025 figures are unaudited, 2024 audited; when official audit results are available, changes will be recorded at blackfordcofoundation.org/about/financials.

Staff and Board

Board

Kristie Jennerjahn, President
Mitch Glentzer, Vice President
Scott Blakely, Secretary
Missi Jones, Treasurer
Jessica Kitterman
Matt Langdon
Adam Lenz
Mike Ludwig
Karen Mealy
Mark Townsend

Staff

Lilee Lamotte, Administrative Assistant (*until August 2025*)
Barbara Loser, Program Assistant
Wendy Sullivan, Administrative Assistant (*beginning November 2025*)
Elizabeth Witt, Executive Director

Our Commitment to Excellence

The Blackford County Community Foundation is certified as meeting the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, which is the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence.

This certification affirms our commitment to transparency, sound governance, responsible stewardship and meaningful community impact.

THANK **YOU**

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