

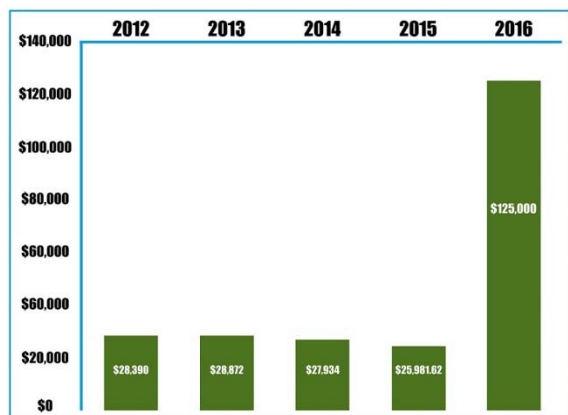
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Lilly Endowment Match Brings \$2 Million Home to Morgan County

MORGAN COUNTY, Ind. – The Community Foundation of Morgan County has announced that \$1 million was raised to match a \$1 million donation from the *Lilly Endowment’s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow* (GIFT) program. More than 1,000 Morgan County residents, businesses and community organizations, as well as donors throughout the region, came together during this 18-month match period to raise funds that will directly impact the quality of life in Morgan County.

“We at the Community Foundation of Morgan County were very pleased to receive one of the million dollar matching grants from the Lilly Endowment, giving us \$2 million to benefit the citizens of this county.” Patty Wood, CFMC Board President stated. “Every year, the grants committee has the hard decision of choosing which grants to fund,” Woods continued. “This gift has helped make the foundation better able to fund the variety of programs and projects available in our county.”

Of the total \$2 million in donations, \$1 million will support two CFMC endowment funds. The *Common Wealth Endowment Fund* provides grants to enrich the lives of Morgan County residents.



Funds granted out by the Community Foundation of Morgan County have historically hovered around the \$30,000 mark, but thanks to the generosity of the Lilly Endowment and many other donors, grants in 2016 will skyrocket to \$125,000 in potential grant funds – more than the total funds granted out since 2012. \$62,500 has been allocated to programming grants, with an equal \$31,250 set aside for both matching grants and capacity grants.

“Impact is defined by the mark you leave, and meeting the \$1 million Lilly Endowment GIFT VI match marks the impact the Community Foundation of Morgan County will continue to have on our Morgan County community for years to come,” said Ed Kominowski, CFMC Executive Director.

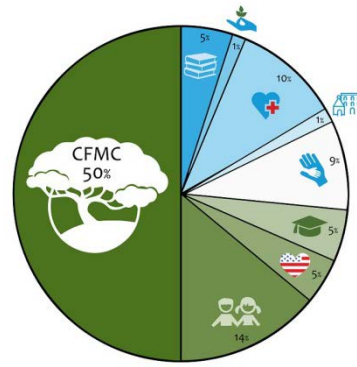
Funds raised through the Lilly Endowment match will also benefit the *Evergreen Endowment Fund*. The increase in funding will help ensure the long-term success of the community foundation’s management and operations.

\$1 Million Dollars Benefitting Morgan County Community Programs and Projects

The Community Foundation of Morgan County manages nearly 200 community based funds that cover a broad spectrum of needs in Morgan County, such as educational services, preventative drug and alcohol abuse programs, historic preservation, youth services, among many others. This wide range of programs is illustrative of the deep commitment so many have to the well-being of those who call Morgan County home. Therefore, the CFMC Board of Directors requested that the Lilly Endowment include twenty-six non-permanent funds that serve the entire community in the \$1 million match, in addition to endowment funds that had originally been included.

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Additionally, with the opportunity to add to the value of their gifts through the Lilly Endowment match, donors created six new endowment funds: Mooresville Kiwanis Curry Overton Memorial Scholarship Fund; Desert Rose Operating Endowment Fund; Habitat for Humanity Operating Endowment Fund; Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Dr. Julia Foster, In Tribute to Jeff Hunsucker; Becky Sonnega Memorial Endowment Fund; and, the Phillip & Carol McAteer Education Endowment Fund.



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As a result, fifty-three funds benefited from \$1 million in donations during the 18-month cycle of the Lilly Endowment match. Funds were distributed between programs that benefitted youth (14%), health related programming (10%), poverty assistance (9%), educational services (5%), scholarships (5%), veteran services (5%), environment and recreational programs (1%), and historic preservation (1%). Of the 1,040 donors who stepped up in support, 219 donated two or more times, often 3 or more times.

Margaret Mead famously said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world...” The level of commitment that was shown in raising these funds exemplifies how true this statement is for those who are proud to call Morgan County home. Kominowski concluded that he believes, “Our community will continue to make a difference in the lives of others, not only through this initiative, but through the support we give to our friends, family and neighbors – we are all better for these actions of charity and philanthropy.”

About the Lilly Endowment’s GIFT Phase VI Program

The Community Foundation of Morgan County was one of 92 Indiana community foundations invited to apply for funding under the Lilly Endowment’s GIFT Phase VI, an 18-month program that concluded March 31, 2016. More than 25 years ago, the Lilly Endowment launched (GIFT), an initiative designed to help Indiana communities be self-reliant in order to shape their own destinies through local control of philanthropic resources.

About the Community Foundation of Morgan County

The mission of the Community Foundation of Morgan County is to connect donors and their charitable giving with our evolving community needs in order to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations through impact grant making. This mission has expanded exponentially with the \$1 million matching grant from the Lilly Endowment. More information on the Community Foundation of Morgan County, as well as its grants cycle is available online at CFMOnline.org. Interested individuals may also call the foundation office toll-free at (855) 280-3095 or by emailing Hannah Sitz, CFMC Program Officer at hsitz@cfmconline.org.

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