

# BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

## 2023-2024 Annual Report

### TOGETHER, WE INVESTED...

The South Madison Community Foundation is a long-term group project. Together, our donors have built a community chest of **\$14.2 million** since 1991. Every year, this investment pays dividends for projects that benefit the people and places of South Madison County. This year alone, we were able to invest **\$463,347** in great causes like those below.

#### ...IN STUDENTS



Preschool learning stations, elementary reading programs, adolescent career exploration and extracurriculars funded by our grants all **make learning fun** while scholarships **lighten the financial burden** of higher education for area families.

#### ...IN PARTNERSHIP

Strategic partnerships with regional peers resulted in deeper understanding of Madison County's **housing** climate and **equity advancement** in East Central Indiana. Collaboration with local governments resulted in our area being chosen for **Thriving Communities** support. In regional work, success follows consistent partnerships.



#### ... IN EACH OTHER

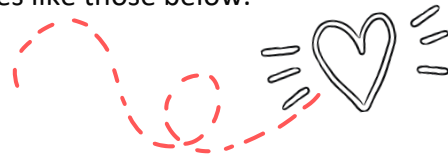
South Madison residents rate their quality of life high, and they cite **community events** as a big part of the reason why. Beyond funding **activities** and the **civic groups** who host them, we created a **community calendar** with hundreds of events!



#### ...IN THE FUTURE

Our unique model of community philanthropy means we **invest** today to **grow** and **grant** tomorrow. Because we've been doing this since 1991, when you're part of the Foundation's work, you're standing on the shoulders of a **group of leaders** who had the vision to create a mechanism for **local philanthropy**.

In this model, today's support creates a brighter future for all who follow.



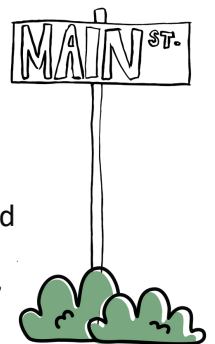
#### ...IN PARKS

Public spaces from one end of South Madison to the other got grant glow-ups for parks, gardens, and preservation. From plants to programs, our parks are something we have in common. Grants to parks benefit every one of us!



#### ...IN OUR HOME

This year brought change you can see to the **Thomas Pendleton House**, our permanent home and hub of civic activity. Using **local contractors**, the c.1835 home has fresh tuckpointing, roof, and gutters. Thanks to preservation grants and technical assistance, it will soon have new windows and doors. Saving a landmark while improving operations? **Win/win!**



### TOGETHER, WE CAN DO EVEN MORE.

From now until the end of 2025, your contributions to the Bright Future fund will be **tripled** through a generous matching grant from Lilly Endowment!

Whether you want to show gratitude for the community that gave you a strong start or to smooth the way for those who follow, **there has never been a better time to give!**



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