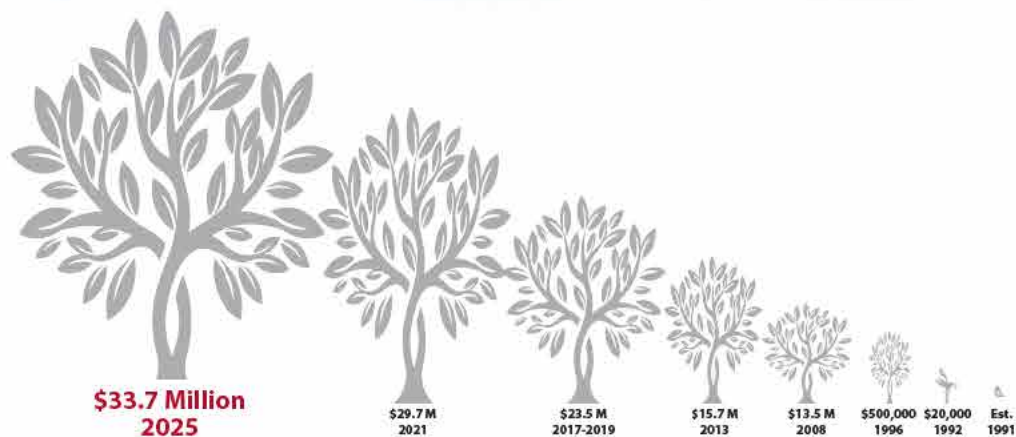




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Color Guard and Honor Flight #46 (2024)
Jim Howerton, Bruce Reidenbach,
Dave Scheumann, and Carl Stevens*
*ACCF Scholarship Committee Member



Vacation Bible School
Berne Clock Tower



Decatur Sculpture Tour
Exhibit installation



American Legion, Post 468, Berne (2020)
Art Booth, Erik Caffey, Dennis Friday,
Ron Bollenbacher, Bob Ralston.
Grant: The 'Grunt Project'



Carol's Drive, Golf Outing
Annual fundraiser for Carol Hackman Scholarship Fund



Don Wood Foundation Scholars
NonTraditional OnTrack and Post graduates

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2024-2025
ACCF
Annual Report

LOOKING INTO
2026...



The Adams County Community Foundation celebrates

35

ACCF anniversary (1991-2026)

June 10, 2026 the ACCF will celebrate 35 years since
the signing of the Certificate of Incorporation (State of Indiana).

250

USA anniversary (1776-2026)

July 4, 2026 each state will celebrate 250 years since
the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
(see pgs. 2, 5, 6, 7 for more information)





ACCF: 35th anniversary: June 10, 2026 (1991-2026)

In 1990, when Lilly Endowment Inc. began the establishment of community foundations in Indiana, 22 new foundations shared with Adams County the 'start date' of 1991. These are: Carroll, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Gibson, Johnson, Knox, Jefferson, LaGrange, Madison, Marshall, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Perry, Pike, Posey, Rush, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Wabash, Warrick. While 16 counties had a foundation prior to 1990, after the encouragement and support of Lilly Endowment, there is currently a community foundation representation in all 92 counties in Indiana.

USA: 250th anniversary: July 4, 2026 (1776-2026)

The first 13 colonies became states in July 1776 when they agreed to the United States Declaration of Independence. Each of those 13 agreed to the first U.S. constitution, called the Articles of Confederation, which formed the first Union of States between 1777 and 1781. The original 13 states, which declared independence from British rule, were: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, North Carolina.

In Indiana, flags will fly and a series of activities and events to celebrate this anniversary will be available as the date draws closer.

In 2026, the United States commemorates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This commemoration will also explore Indiana's role in the nation's history, from the actions leading to the revolutionary period until today.

From 13 Stars to 50

We honor every official U.S. flag - from the original 13-star Betsy Ross created flag to today's 50-star banner. Each version marks a moment in American history:

- 15 stars - War of 1812
- 20 stars - Post-expansion
- 33-35 stars - Civil War era
- 48 stars - World War II
- 49 stars - Alaska joins
- 50 stars - All 50 states today



Every flag tells a story of freedom, change, and resilience.



The Betsey Ross flag

The Betsey Ross flag created an early design for the flag of the United States, which has 13 red and white stripes and 13 stars arranged in a circle. The flag creation stems from the legend that a Philadelphia upholsterer, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Ross, designed and produced this flag.



The Star Spangled Banner:

This flag became the Official United States Flag on May 1, 1795, with 15 stars.



2018 Color Guard
American Legion, Post #43



2022 Color Guard
American Legion, Post #43

The United States of America citizens owe a huge debt to the brave men and women who fought for our independence, freedom and liberties.

The ACCF and our community celebrate and support our military for their service to our country and our communities. Some serve our community with time, some with talent, and some with treasures. Some with all three. Thank you is an understanding to these impressive men and women.

Honor a Veteran

Place an ornament on the Tree of Valor as a tribute or in memory of a loved one.

These are in varying amounts of:
\$10 / \$25 / \$50 / \$100



Contact the ACCF (260) 724-3939 for details.

Scholarship (158 Funds)

Tiffany **Abner** Memorial Scholar. Fund
Adams Central Scholar. Foundation (ACSF) Fd
ACSF/Hakes, Martin, Wolpert Scholar. Fund
ACSF/ Ronald W. Myers Mem. Scholar. Fund
ACSF/ Don & Louise Ray Scholar. Fund
ACSF/ Dave & Maxine Ringger Scholar. Fund
ACSF/ CWR Schwartz Scholar. Fund
ACSF/ Glen & Rowena Stucky Scholar. Fund
Adams Central Scholar. Foundation Fund
AHAIN, Cheryl Luth Memorial Scholar. Fund
AHAIN, Ralph Biggs Scholarship Fund
American Legion, Post #43 Scholar. Fund
American Legion, Post #468 (Berne) Scholar. Fd
Craig and Sue Anderson Scholar. Fund
Brittany Raymond Arnold Mem. Scholar. Fund
Mandy Jo Arnold Mem. Scholar. Fund
Dixie Harvey-Arven Memorial Scholar. Fund
Mike Baker Memorial Scholar. Fund
David and Carol Bailey Vocational Scholar. Fd
Phil & Carolyn Barger Scholar. Fund
Barkley-Pettibone Scholar. Fund
Kenneth and Mary Beer Scholar. Fund
Ralph Biggs Memorial Scholar. Fund
Bird-Walther Music Scholar. Fund
Herman Bixler Memorial Scholar. Fund
Richard Bleeker / Am. Legion Scholar. Fund
John and Kay Boch Scholar. Fund
Pauline Borders Mem Scholar. Fund
Kevin & Becky Bowman Scholar. Fund
Bracey Healthcare Scholarship Fund
Eleanor J. Bressler Memorial Scholar. Fund
Charlie & Jean (Porter) Brune Eng. Scholar. Fd
C. T. J.* Foundation Scholarship Fund
**Connor Britte, Trevor Ortiz, Jordan Fuelling*
Earl & Alta May Caston Memorial Scholar. Fund
(Adams Co.) Coon Hunters Scholar. Fund
Jack Dailey Memorial Scholar. Fund
Jim Daniels Memorial Scholar. Fund
DDS, Decatur Dental Services Scholar. Fund
DECA Scholar. Fund
Decatur Optimist Club Scholar. Fund
Decatur Volunteer Fire Dept. Scholar. Fund
Evelyn Dettler-Franklin Memorial Scholar. Fund
Fern Dierkes Memorial Nursing Scholar. Fund
Carolyn Donaghy Memorial Scholar. Fund
Gregory Drake Memorial Scholar. Fund
Thomas Neal Dull Memorial Baseball Scholar. Fd
Trooper Cory Elson Scholar. Fund
Encore Scholarship Fund
(in memory: Chester Langenberger)
Ebony Fawcett Memorial Scholarship Fund
FCC Scholarship Fund
Hubert and Leona (Trump) Feasel Scholar. Fd
Dick & Katie Fields Scholar. Fund
Fleming-Williamson Scholar. Fund
Don & Helen Forst Memorial Scholar. Fund
Fruechte Farms Scholar. Fund
Jordan D. Fuelling Scholar. Fund
John Geimer Memorial Scholar. Fund
Geneva Proud Scholar. Fund
Todd Gerke Scholar. Fund
James 'Butch' Gilbert Scholar. Fund
Katelyn Gilbert Scholar. Fund
Rita Girard Memorial Music Scholar. Fund
Rick Girod Memorial Scholar. Fund
Ron & Sue Girod Scholar. Fund
Ruth Gottschalk Scholar. Fund
Carol Hackman Scholar. Fund
Chelsea Kay Hart Memorial Scholar. Fund
Lyncoln Ann Hess Memorial Scholar. Fund
Mary Jo Hoffman Memorial Scholar. Fund
Hoosier Pattern Scholar. Fund
Meghan A. Hormann Music Scholar. Fund
Adams County Hospital Aux. Scholar. Fund
Jayden James Memorial Scholar. Fund
Earl & Pam Johnson NT/ OT Scholar. Fund
Junior Achievement Scholar. Fund
Robert and Faye Keuneke Scholarship Fund
Kipfer Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund
Ruth Koos Scholarship Fund
Loren & Mildred Kruetzman Scholarship Fund
Dr. H. S. Lee and Family Scholar. Fund
Lehman Family / EXCEL! Scholar. Fund
Lehman Feed Mill Scholar. Fund
Derryl Lehman Memorial Scholar. Fund
Doyle & Anna Lehman Family Scholar. Fund
Jessica A. Lehman Memorial Scholar. Fund
Waldo & Stuart Lehman Scholar. Fund
John Lingenfelter Memorial Scholar. Fund
Harold & Dora Ann Long Mem. Scholar. Fund
Michael Lose Scholar. Fund
LHNS/ Lutheran Hosp. Nursing Scholar. Fund
Dee Macke Memorial Scholar. Fund
Masters Heating and Air Vocational Scholar. Fund
Scott Mathys Memorial Scholar. Fund
Robert and Patti McCabe (End.) Scholar. Fund
Robert and Patti McCabe (PT) Scholar. Fund
Kenneth & Geraldine McConnell Memorial Sch. Fd
McDonald Education Scholar. Fund
Christiana 'Tina' Mere Memorial Scholar. Fund
Mark P. Merkel / 4-H Scholar. Fund
Meshberger Brothers Scholar. Fund
Amy Meyer Memorial Scholar. Fund
Michaud Family Memorial Scholar. Fund
Eric Richard Mies Travel & Adventure Scholar. Fund
Miller Land Survey / MLS Engineering Scholar. Fund
Bryan James Miller Memorial Scholar. Fund
Clete and Bette Miller Memorial St. Joe Scholar. Fund
Rosanne Miller Memorial Scholar. Fund
Peter Minnick Memorial Scholar. Fund
William & Eleanor Morris Memorial Scholar. Fund
Carey 'Tater' Moser Scholar. Fund
R.D. Myers / Mayme Long Myers Scholar. Fund
Richard 'Rick' Myers Soccer Scholar. Fund
Daniel Niblick Memorial Scholar. Fund
Gale & Donna Nidlinger Scholar. Fund
Nut Tree / Reading Scholar. Fund
Kevin C. O'Shaughnessey Scholar. Fund
Judge Myles F. & Beulah Parrish Memorial Scholar. Fd
Psalms 1 Scholar. Fund
(in memory of Roy & Beverly Ehrsam)

Historical Funds

Donald **Ray** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Lillee "Lee" Pottier and Jean **Ray** Nursing Sch. Fd
 Sally **Reynolds** Education Scholar. Fund
 Alice R. **Rhoades** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Margaret S. **Rhoades** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Trena **Roe** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Benjamin **Roehs** Nursery Scholar. Fund
 James **Rumple** Memorial Vocational Scholar. Fund
 Sandy **Sailsbery** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Dennis and Sylvia **Scheumann** Scholar. Fund
 Ted **Schwartz** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Alfred and Myrtle **Seffernick** Memorial Scholar. Fd
 Betty Jean Jones-**Seffernick** Memorial Scholar. Fd
Selking International Scholar. Fund
 Clayton **Shuck** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 John and Lou Karch-**Sink** Scholar. Fund
 John **Sipe** Family Scholarship Fund
Smith Bros./Nick Taylor Scholar. Fund
 Medford and Shirley **Smith** Scholar. Fund
 Fredrick J. and Harriet J. **Soldner** Scholar. Fund
 Elizabeth 'Liz' **Souder** Memorial Scholar. Fund
South Adams (endowed) Scholar. Fund
South Adams (PT) Scholar. Fund
 Phyllis **Speicher** Scholar. Fund
 Dr. Ken **Springer** Scholar. Fund
 Richard 'Hap' **Springer** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Sarah **Steuery** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Mark **Stevens** Memorial Baseball Scholar. Fund
 Alexa **Summersett** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Spc. Nicholas **Taylor** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 James **Teeter** Scholar. Fund
 David & Betty **Terveer** Memorial BB Scholar. Fund
 David & Betty **Terveer** St. Joe Scholar. Fund
 Carol S. **Thieme** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Kim **Tomlin** Servants Heart Scholar. Fund
 Kenneth & Eula **Van Emon** Scholar. Fund
 Dean and Cindy **Wass** Scholar. Fund
 Catherine **Weidler** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Emily C. **Wilder** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Don **Wood**, Ignite Your Future Scholarship
 Officer Jerry **Wyss** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Kelly J. **Zeser** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Glen and Phyllis **Zimmerman** Scholar. Fund
 (The) **Z Fund**, Paul **Zurcher** Memorial Scholar. Fund
 Helen Schroll **Zwick** Memorial Scholar. Fund



St. Joseph School 5K
Grant: Adams County Challenge 5K



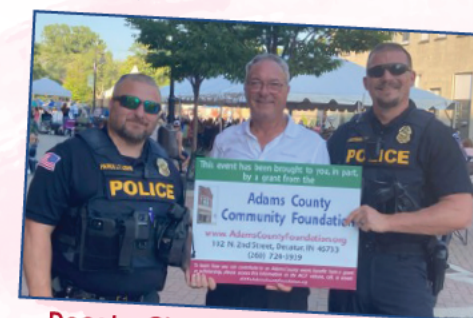
Berne Public Library
Grant: 1000 Books before Kindergarten



Purdue Extension 4-H
Grant: Dog Trailer for Equipment Storage



Decatur Sculpture Tour: 2025 DST Artists
Grant: Unveiling Festival



Decatur Chamber Concert Series
Grant: Security



Community Harvest Food Bank
Grant: Food Supplies and Transportation

We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. Please call the ACCF at (260) 724-3939 so we can make any corrections

New & Historical Funds

2024-25: New Endowed Funds (Sept. 2024-25)

AWS Foundation Fund
Charlie and Jean **Brune** AC Scholarship Fund
Paul **Gunsett** Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathy **Heckler**-Clark Belmont Fund
Jim and Judy **Howenstine** AW Crisis Center Fund
Eric and Meg **Mendez** DST Award Fund
Gerald "Jerry" and Wanda **Selking** C.E. Fund

2024-25: New Pass-Through Funds

Dale **Manis** Scholarship PT Fund
Ray Gill **Morgenstern** Workshop PT Fund
Paul **Ruble** Memorial Scholarship PT Fund

ACCF Historical Funds

Field of Interest (10 Funds)

ACCF / Angel Funds: 10 Funds:
Arthritis, Cancer, Dementia/Alzheimer's, Diabetes,
Heart, Kidney, Hospice, Lung, Parkinsons
(In Memory: David Lengerich)
Children's Fund (In Memory: Dick Johnson)
(Bryan) **Miller** / (Lindsey) **Arnold** Relief Fund

Donor Advised (12 Funds)

Anonymous Donor D-A Fund
Andy and Bernadine **Appelman** D-A Fund
(Kevan/Heather) **Biggs** Family D-A Foundation Fund
John and Wanda **Brown** D-A Fund
Mark and Connie **Bulmahn** Family D-A Fund
David and Christina **Coats** D-A Fund
David and Sandy **Collier** & Family D-A Fund
Allen **Fleming** Family D-A Fund
Jim and Ruth **Heckman** D-A Fund
Terry and Anita **Myers** D-A Fund
Glendening-Sprowl D-A Fund
Ben **Kemp** Memorial D-A Fund
Susan and Larry **Zurcher** D-A Fund

Community Enrich (C. E.) / Unrestricted (65 Funds)

Barb and Corey **Affolder** C. E. Fund
Anonymous C. E. Fund
Ron and Susie **Ballard** C. E. Fund
Banks:
1st Bank of Berne C. E. Fund
1st Merchants / Decatur Bank Heritage Fund
Bank of Geneva Heritage Fund
Mike **Basham** C. E. Fund
Berne **Ready** Mix C. E. Fund
Dennis and Melanie **Bieberich** C. E. Fund
Ralph **Biggs** Memorial C. E. Fund
Frank and Marlene **Bittner** Memorial C. E. Fund
James **Briggs**, Jr. Family Heritage Fund
Blair and Deborah **Brown** C. E. Fund
Charlie and Jean (Porter) **Brune** C. E. Fund
Mark and Connie **Bulmahn** & Family C. E. Fund
Dr. Freeman **Burkhalter** Heritage Fund
Robert Eugene and Sandra **Butcher** C. E. Fund
Kevin and Becky **Cochran** C. E. Fund
David and Sandra **Collier** C. E. Fund
Doyle and Sara Lu **Collier** C. E. Fund
Richard and Helen **Conrad** C. E. Fund
(Adams Co.) **Coon** **Hunters** C. E. Fund
Tyler and Ronda **Cowans** Family C. E. Fund

*"The greatness of a community is most
accurately measured by the
compassionate actions of its members"*



Adams Central students
Grant: Health and Wellness Class



Unfailing Love Clinic
Grant: Medical Supplies



South Adams Trails
Grant: Trail Surfacing

Designated (88 Funds)
ACCF Community Enrichment Des. Fund
ACRES Land Trust - Nature Preserve Des. Fund
Adams Central School Des. Fund
Adams County **Economic** Dev. Corp. Des. Fund
Adams County **Strong** Designated Des. Fund
Adams Memorial Hospital - Oncology Des. Fund
Adams Public Lib System (APLS) Geneva Book Des. Fund
APLS / Friends of the Decatur Library Des. Fund
AGAPE Respite Care Des. Fund
Carl and Mary **Baker** Des. Fund (see: Cemetery: St. Joe)
Baxter-Marbach APLS-Children's Library Des. Fund
Dr. and Mrs. Charles **Beall** Historical Society Des. Fund
Dr. and Mrs. Charles **Beall** Limberlost Des. Fund
Boys and Girls Club of Adams County Des. Fund
Boy Scout Campership Des. Fund
Blair and Deborah **Brown** Educators Des. Fund
Cancer Services of Adams County Des. Fund
Community Harvest Food Bank, Adams County
Adams County **Council on Aging** Des. Fund
Adams/Wells **Crisis Center** Des. Fund

Cemeteries:

Decatur Cemetery (Decatur Association)
Decatur / St. Joseph Cemetery (Omior Family)
St. Joseph Cemetery (Baker Family)
St. Mary's/Presentation Cem. (Moran Family)
Decatur's 175th / 200th Anniversary Des. Fund
Decatur Community Des. Funds
Decatur Community / Greater Decatur Des. Fund
Decatur Sculpture Tour DST/NA Arts Council Des. Fund
Disaster Relief Pass-Through (LTRO) Des. Fund
First Presbyterian Church Charity Des. Fund
(Four-H) **4-H Education** Des. Fund
Friends of the Decatur Library APLS Des. Fund
Friends of the Limberlost Des. Fund
Geneva Town Horticulture Des. Fund
Dina Starr **Girod** Missions (Lighthouse Ch.) Des. Fund
Helen **Haubold** Memorial Music Des. Fund
Richard and Mary **Hertel** St. Marys Soup Kitch. (FW) Des. Fund
Richard and Mary **Hertel**, Pres. Cemetery (Geneva) Des. Fund
Adams County **Historical Society** Des. Fund
David L. **Houck**: Cops for Kids Des. Fund
David L. **Houck**: 'Make a Wish' for Kids Des. Fund
David L. **Houck**: Toys and Teddy Bears Des. Fund*
*for child-patients in the Adams Memorial Hospital
Indiana State Museum / Stratton-Porter Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Support Cancer Patients Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Church of God Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Samaritan's Purse Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Women's Programs Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Youth Patients Des. Fund
Earl and Pam **Johnson** Youth for Christ Des. Fund
Bill and Carolyn **Lehman** Des. Fund
Clarence and Viona **Lengerich** Memorial Des. Fund
Hubert **Lengerich** (St. Marys, St. Joseph) Des. Fund
Friends of the **Limberlost** Des. Fund
James E. **Luginbill** Swiss Heritage Des. Fund
Kevin **McBarnes** NA Athletic Des. Fund
Kevin **McBarnes** St. Joe Athletic Des. Fund
James **Moran** Memorial Cemetery Des. Fund
William and Eleanor **Morris**, APLS, Geneva Fund
Richard 'Rick' **Myers** Memorial Des. Fund
North Adams Autism Des. Fund
North Adams School Athletic Des. Fund
North Adams School Des. Fund
Omior Family Trust / St. Mary's Des. Fund
Philharmonic Society of Adams County Des. Fund
Jim and Ruth **Price** Grace First Comm. Church Des. Fund
Purdue Extension / 4-H Des. Fund
Carl **Risch** Zion Lutheran School / Church Des. Fund
Saint Joseph School Des. Fund
Saint Joseph Tuition / Education (Fall Fest) Des. Fund
Saint Marys / Presentation Church Des. Fund
Sheriffs Reserves Des. Fund
South Adams Precision Machining Fundraiser Des. Fund
South Adams School Athletic Des. Fund
South Adams Precision Machining Fundraiser Des. Fund
SAAC / Substance Abuse Awareness Council Des. Fund*
*In honor of Judge James Heilmann
Swiss Heritage / Swiss Heritage Society Des. Fund
Betty **Walters**, APLS, Decatur Branch
Wellman Family St. Marys Des. Fund
Wellman Family Holy Trinity (Portland) Des. Fund
Wellman Family Hope Clinic Des. Fund
Wellman Family Adams/Wells Crisis Center Des. Fund
Donald **Wood**, Friends of, Des. Fund
Carl **Yoder** Friends of Limberlost Des. Fund
Carl **Yoder** Swiss Heritage Village Des. Fund
Youth for Christ (Adams/Jay/Wells) Des. Fund
Phyllis **Zehr** Stogdill Des. Fund

To Our Community,

In 2026, the ACCF will recognize 35 years of service to Adams County residents. This celebration will coincide with America's 250th Anniversary. The ACCF is proud to share these celebrations.

In 2026, the ACCF will celebrate our Adams County residents with:

- 300+ individually named funds
- 1000+ contributors providing support to our communities
- \$1.2M awarded in grants, scholarships, and allocations which will provide:
 - 400+ scholarships for promising Adams County college students
 - 90+ grants to nonprofit organizations serving Adams County residents

ACCF is pleased to celebrate our nation's anniversary and our community foundation's service to our community.

Please watch for community celebrations as we move closer to June and July 2026.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Most Sincerely,

Coni Mayer
ACCF Executive Director



Adams Central: Charlie and Jean Brune
Engineering Scholarship
Jean and Charlie Brune with Aidan Isch



North Adams: Dale Manis
Memorial Scholarship
Abby & Brady, Halle, and Cheryl Manis
with scholar William Baker



South Adams: Megan Hormann Scholarship
Randy and Kayleen Hormann
with scholar Kamilah Wright

First Time / Special Scholarship Awards

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS AN INVESTMENT
INTO OUR FUTURE!



North Adams: Paul Gunsett
Memorial Scholarship
Emily, Daniel, Patrick, and Amy Gunsett
with scholar Anna Ruble



North Adams: Don Wood Foundation,
Ignite Your Future Scholarship
Noah Dyer and Breanna Feasel



North Adams: Paul Ruble Memorial Scholarship
Luke, Samuel, Lori, and Anna Ruble
with scholar Katie Mills



South Adams: 2025 Lilly Endowment Scholar
Lou Koning, ACCF Scholarship Committee
member with scholar Julia Arnold, and her
parents, Emily and Jason Arnold.

In each option listed, you can make a tax-deductible contribution that allows you to support your chosen interest.

What type of Fund at the Adams County Community Foundation is Right For You?

The ACCF offers several options for charitable giving. Some families like to be anonymous, some like to have a loved one remembered.

Whatever the charitable gifting you wish to experience, the ACCF can guide you to fulfill your intentions. Call the ACCF for a no obligation appointment.

Endowed Fund: For GOOD, For EVER.

Endowed Funds are forever-giving funds. Invested 60% stocks / 40% bonds with 10% variance. Only a portion of the earnings are used for the distribution.

Pass Through Fund: For GOOD, For A WHILE.

Pass through funds are temporary funds. The money comes into the ACCF and the fund is spent down to zero.

Legacy Fund: For GOOD, For The FUTURE.

This fund is established through the estate planning in the donor's final will. With the donor's permission, it is helpful for the ACCF to learn of this directive prior to the maturity of the will, so the donor's wishes and details are followed. (continued on page 8)

2025 Scholarship Awards

Adams Central: 94 awards to 38 students

N.A./Bellmont: 161 awards to 57 students

South Adams: 103 awards to 28 students

AWS Foundation Fund Serving Universal Design (Est. 2025)

Universal Design is defined as the development of environments, products and communications for all with no exception. Anthony Wayne Services (AWS) Foundation helps people live as independently as possible. AWSF helps people feel respected and included in their communities. AWS promotes each person as 'immense potential' and works hard every day to help people reach their potential in Education, Employment, Transportation, Promoting Social Enrichment, Early Diagnosis & Systems Navigation, and Housing.



Charlie and Jean Brune Fund Serving AC Students (Est. 2024)

In 2014, Charlie and Jean (Porter) Brune established a scholarship fund for Belmont engineering students to honor their three sons (all valedictorians at Belmont). In 2024, Charlie and Jean shared that their grandchildren attend Adams Central, and they wished to expand this community-gifting to include Adams Central high school students. Each year, the engineering major with the highest GPA will be the recipient of the Brune Engineering Scholarship.

Paul Gunsett Fund Serving NA Students (Est. 2024)

Paul (April 2, 1969 - January 6, 2023)

Paul was a long-time Belmont teacher and a coach at heart. He was well known for his wrestling achievements throughout Indiana. As a 1988 Belmont graduate, he achieved a BS in Physical Education from Purdue University attending on a wrestling scholarship. As a tribute to Paul, with the support of the Belmont Wrestling Club fundraisers and his family, this scholarship will be an annual memorial for this amazing coach and teacher.



Kathy Heckler-Clark Fund Serving Belmont Performing Arts (Est. 2024)

Retired Historical Museum (Indianapolis) employee and supporter of the arts, Kathy Heckler was a 1977 Belmont graduate. She was a Brave Generation and drama group member and was the first recipient of the Reid and Evelyn Erikson Memorial Theatre Scholarship. This fund was established to help with the financial needs of the Belmont music and the performing arts departments. Kathy reports this annual grant will continue to support her interest in the arts.

Jim and Judy Howenstine Fund Serving Adams Wells Crisis Center (Est. 2024)

Jim (June 28, 1943 - April 6, 2014) / Judy (July 12, 1943 - April 17, 2024)

Jim and Judy (Casper) Howenstine started the True Value store (formally Coast to Coast) in 1972, and grew the company to three locations (Decatur, Wabash, and Huntington). Jim and Judy lived in Decatur for 31 years and had three children and four grandchildren. They were exemplary community leaders and served in countless capacities on community projects, served on numerous committees, and mentored many professionals and volunteers. They made our community better.



Eric and Meg Mendez Fund Serving Decatur Sculpture Tour / DST (Est. 2025)

Dr. Lawrence and Kate Weidman, foundation contributors.

Larry reported that they had been close to the Mendez family for over two decades. Eric and Meg Mendez are the parents of two long-standing DST artists, Greg and Alex. Greg introduced Larry to public art and encouraged him to submit a carving for the first DST gallery (2012). This fund will be an annual tribute to the Mendez family, public art, and fund the DST Best of Show Award.

Gerald "Jerry" and Wanda Selking Fund Serving Adams County Communities (Est. 2024)

In 2024, married for 56 years, Jerry and Wanda have been lifelong parishioners of the St. Marys Catholic Church. Jerry retired from Selking International Trucks and was past president of Selking International Trucks and German Mutual Insurance Company. Wanda retired from Decatur Dental Services. Jerry and Wanda report they are proud parents of two children and five grandchildren. They feel blessed that they are able to support this community.



"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

- The Adams County Community Foundation, Inc. (ACCF) is a local nonprofit organization (501c3) that connects residents with causes they care about through coordinated investments and grant making.
- Generous people come together and solve local challenges facing Adams County, leaving a long-term impact and legacy in the community.
- Louise Ray, ACCF Board President, reports that by working as an advocate for the nonprofit sector and connecting residents and organizations across the county, ACCF enables a larger impact beyond what one individual nonprofit or donor can accomplish.

"Our obligation is to serve our donors and residents. We endeavor to do this with professional, personal, ethical, and compassionate service."



Louise Ray,
President,
Executive Member



Dean Fuelling,
Vice President,
Executive Member



Andrew Briggs,
Treasurer,
Executive Member



Ken Ketzler,
Secretary,
Executive Member



Kathi Drake,
Asst. Secretary,
Executive Member



Becky Cochran,
Operative Member



Cody Cramer,
Operative Member



Greg Fleming,
Operative Member



Adam Miller,
Operative Member



Mark Jahn,
Advisory Member



Cathy Stucky,
Advisory Member



Audra Snyder,
Advisory Member



Susan Zurcher,
Advisory Member

The Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) Board of Directors is made up of a group of professionals who represent a variety of skilled backgrounds and areas of Adams County, Indiana. These community leaders meet regularly to review the on-going governance of the Adams County Community Foundation.



Coni Mayer,
Executive Director
1999 - present



Deb Cook,
Scholarship Admin.
2004 - present



Erin Galloway,
Grants Admin.
2017 - present



Nancee Linn,
Office Admin.
2017 - present



Kristen Reynolds,
Development
Admin.
2024 - present

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Vicky Koning
Jodi Mawhorr
Susan Sefton
*Susan Zurcher

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*Kathi Drake, exe. comm.
*Lou Koning, exe. comm.
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Christy Baker
Jackie Bard
*Cody Cramer
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*Becky Cochran, Co-Chair
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*Dean Fuelling
*Mark Jahn

*indicates ACCF BoD member

ACCF Financials 2024

Adams County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliates

COMBINED AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,749,440
Investments	28,944,168
Property and equipment	
Building	448,447
Furniture and equipment	95,675
Less accumulated depreciation	544,122
	242,218
	301,904
Total assets	\$ 31,995,512
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,949
Grants payable	3,237
Annuity reserves	61,713
Agency funds	426,436
Total liabilities	502,335
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	2,944,200
With donor restrictions	28,548,977
Total net assets	\$ 31,493,177
Total liability & net assets	\$ 31,995,512



For the full 2024 Audited Report or the 2024 990s, please refer to Guidestar: Adams County Community Foundation, Decatur, Indiana. Or email the ACCF to request these copies: accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org

- The ACCF is positioned to become the leading force for expanding philanthropy in our region.
- The ACCF Board of Directors (BoD) is critical to the ACCF's ability to achieve its mission. BoD members hold the organization in trust, and in their roles, make decisions and take action with the organization's mission and goals in the forefront.

What type of Fund at the Adams County Community Foundation is Right For You?

Funds/ types:

Designated Funds: This indicates that the donor has a specific purpose set for the distribution generated from this fund.

Scholarship: This fund's distribution will always be used for a scholarship... typically (but not always) for college students.

Field of Interest: This fund serves a 'general' audience. For example, the 10 Angel Funds: Cancer, Arthritis, Heart, Diabetes, Hospice, Lung, Dementia/Alzheimer, Kidney, Parkinson's and Children's. This distribution is for Adams Co. residents with these illnesses.

Donor-Advised: This fund serves at the interest of the donor. Though the distribution must go to a nonprofit organization, it may change each year based upon the decision of the donor(s).

Unrestricted: The distribution from this fund is at the discretion of the ACCF Board of Directors (typically for a nonprofit organization that, when possible, serves the interest of the donor). Match: This type of fund comes with an ACCF \$1 for \$1 match for new funds (max \$10,000). (Certain restrictions apply)

Legacy: This fund will be established upon the activation of the donor's bequest in his/her will.

Questions?

Please call the Adams County Community Foundation (260) 724-3939

The Adams County Community Foundation recognizes over 200 high school students with scholarships each year.

ACCF processes over 400 awards each year with financial assistance provided for Adams County residents. If you are interested in learning how to establish a fund in the ACCF, please call for a no-obligation appointment.



*2025 Seniors
Adams Central
JETS*

*2025 Seniors
South Adams
Starfires*



2025 Seniors NA / Belmont Braves



John Sipe Family Fund Serving AC Students (Est. 2024)

John (June 1, 1951 - October 31, 2021)

John was a 1969 graduate of Adams Central High School and a member of the Grace Bible Church (Berne). He was a lifetime dairy farmer and owned and operated John Sipe Trucking. John was a respected coach of Adams Central girls softball, basketball, volleyball, and track. This scholarship to an Adams Central student is a tribute to the many gifts of time and talent John shared with our community.



Pass-Through Temporary Funds



Ray Gill Fund Serving the Morgenstern Workshop, Berne, Est. 2024

Ray (July 12, 1935 - February 23, 2024)

Ray served on the Adams County Community Foundation board. Ray did many secretive acts of kindness in our community. Many will never realize that he was the 'Santa and/or the Saint' that helped them.



Dale Manis Fund Serving NA Students, Est. 2024

Dale (April 22, 1969 - January 13, 2025)

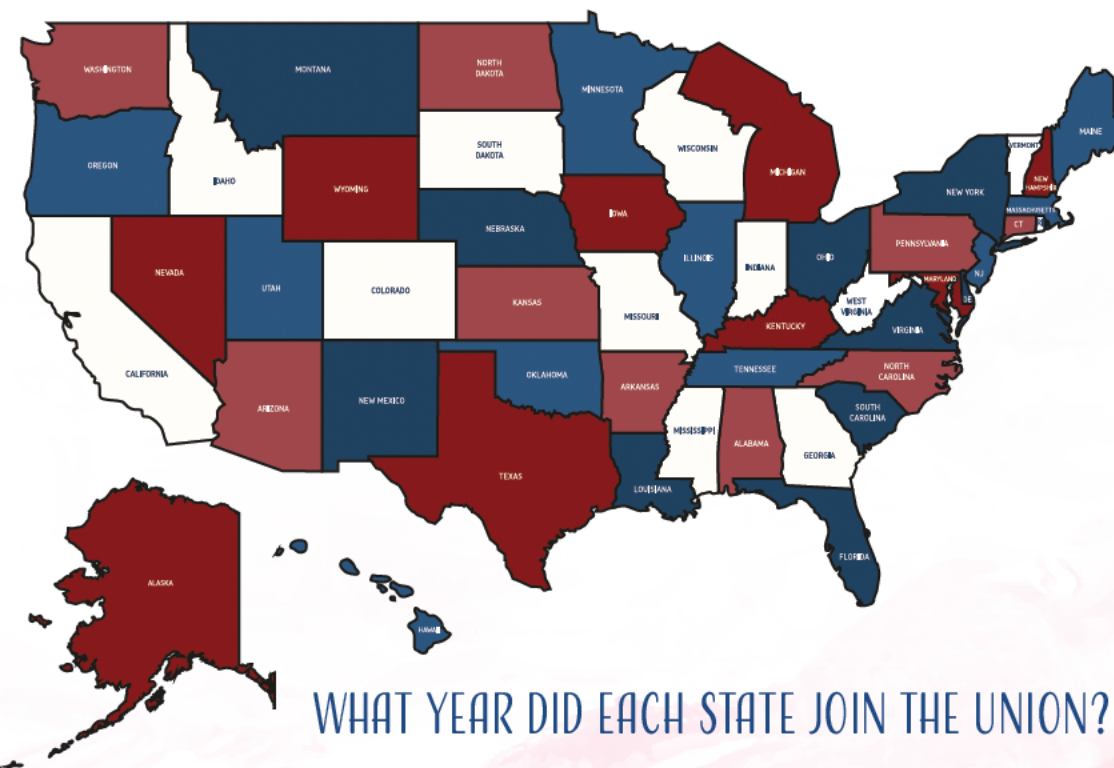
Dale, 55, a loving husband and father, was a long-time and respected leader in the school system and sports. Family, friends, and students prompted this fund. Dale was a fantastic teacher and mentor to countless students.



Paul Ruble Fund Serving NA Students, Est. 2024

Paul (September 16, 1979 - November 2, 2024)

Paul, 45, as an engineer, chose to become self-employed with his business, RV Farm & Trail in 2020; but he was best known as 'coach'. The successful scholar will have experience in sports (soccer, wrestling, basketball, volleyball).



WHAT YEAR DID EACH STATE JOIN THE UNION?

1. Delaware	1787	11. New York	1788	21. Illinois	1818
2. Pennsylvania	1787	12. North Carolina	1789	22. Alabama	1819
3. New Jersey	1787	13. Rhode Island	1790	23. Maine	1820
4. Georgia	1788	14. Vermont	1791	24. Missouri	1821
5. Connecticut	1788	15. Kentucky	1792	25. Arkansas	1836
6. Massachusetts	1788	16. Tennessee	1796	26. Michigan	1837
7. Maryland	1788	17. Ohio	1803	27. Florida	1845
8. South Carolina	1788	18. Louisiana	1812	28. Texas	1845
9. New Hampshire	1788	19. Indiana	1816	29. Iowa	1846
10. Virginia	1788	20. Mississippi	1817	30. Wisconsin	1848
				31. California	1850
				32. Minnesota	1858
				33. Oregon	1859
				34. Kansas	1861
				35. West Virginia	1863
				36. Nevada	1864
				37. Nebraska	1867
				38. Colorado	1876
				39. North Dakota	1889
				40. South Dakota	1889
				41. Montana	1889
				42. Washington	1889
				43. Idaho	1890
				44. Wyoming	1890
				45. Utah	1896
				46. Oklahoma	1907
				47. New Mexico	1912
				48. Arizona	1912
				49. Alaska	1959
				50. Hawaii	1959

1991

\$0.00

In 1991, the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) has a fledgling start. The dedicated Board members pass the hat to pay the rent, utility bills, and organize the legal work necessary for IRS to obtain 501c3 status.

\$4.3 M

The ACCF Board of Directors hires a full time E.D., Coni Mayer, who is with the ACCF today.

1999



2001

\$8.3 M

The Adams County Community Foundation gets a new home. ACCF moves to 102 N. 2nd Street, Decatur, IN 46733, where it is today.



\$12.5 M

2006

The 8th Grade Literacy Scholarship (established 2000) awards the 1,000th award. The ACCF presents awards to nearly 200 students with scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 in awards.

\$18 M

2015

BoD Annual Meeting (February), the BoD recognizes a milestone: \$18 M. The ACCF awards the fifth impact grant(s) of \$10,000 awarded: \$5,000 each to the Pennsy Station and Historical Society. Nearly 350 students are recognized with scholarships totaling over \$275,000 in awards. Over \$80,000 in grants are awarded to more than 80 nonprofit requests.

2011

\$12 M

The ACCF has three scholarship cycles and four grant cycles. Over 250 students are recognized with scholarships totaling over \$150,000. \$60,000+ in grants: Nearly 80 nonprofits requests are fully or partially funded with grants from the ACCF.

2016

\$18 M

2015-2016: 40 New Funds \$400,000 in scholarship for 400+ awards. \$100,000 in grants to 80+ requests.



\$29.7 M

Storm damage allows a new look for the ACCF building

2021-2022

2025

\$33.7 M

The ACCF announces a new look to the website!


www.adamscountyfoundation.org

\$1.2 M

1998

Lilly Endowment offers a generous match program at the time the John and Kay Boch Supporting Organization enters the ACCF. This gives the ACCF the momentum needed to become self-sustaining.



1997

\$500,000

The first part time staff member is hired. Eleanor Morris, E.D. (executive director) gets the ACCF paperwork legally and professionally organized. The ACCF is in a single room in the Adams County Service Complex in Decatur.



\$6.6 M

With a contribution from Phil Barger, well known businessman, this provides a generous Lilly match. This grant sponsors the acquisition of the building the renovations, purchase of equipment and furnishings.

2000

\$11 M 2004

The ACCF awards over 50 scholarships totaling over \$50,000 in awards.

\$13.5 M

2008

2008/2009: Stock market stumbles. Unemployment is in double digits. The ACCF Board of Directors, Grants and Scholarship Committees stay the course and respond to the needs of the community by maintaining scholarships for students and grants to nonprofit organizations.

2013

\$15.7 M

Nearly 300 students are recognized with scholarships totaling nearly \$200,000 in awards. \$70,000+ in grants: Nearly 80 nonprofits requests are fully or partially funded with grants from the ACCF.

\$20.5M

2018

ACCF meets the challenge of the Lilly Endowment GIFT, Phase VII. The Board of Directors invests this generous grant funding into the ACCF to begin renovation of the 2nd floor to accommodate the growth of the Foundation.

2014

\$17.7 M

Lilly Endowment offers a very generous matching program. The ACCF adds over 40 new funds. Over 300 students are recognized with scholarships totaling over \$250,000 in awards and nearly \$80,000 in grants

2019-2020

\$23.5 M

COVID 19 global pandemic challenges our communities. The ACCF collaborates with local nonprofit organizations that serve our residents with grant opportunities for individuals, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations serving Adams County residents

2024

\$31.9 M

The ACCF celebrates reaching 30M! With this milestone, the BoD introduced the new ACCF logo.



"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." - Cynthia Ozick



Honor Flight, Military Veterans to Washington D.C.
ACCF's grant was one of 16 from community foundations in Northeast Indiana that paid for Honor Flight #49. This was 84 veterans and 84 guardians. (2024)



Susan and Adam Miller, current BoD member, with military veteran, Jim Price, former BoD member, preparing to depart with the Honor Flight. (2019 Honor Flight #31)



Linda Powers with guardian, daughter, Mary Davis at the monument dedicated to women in the military. (Honor Flight #49)



Ernie Steiner with guardian, son, Adam Steiner at the monument dedicated to Indiana residents in the military. (Honor Flight #49)



Von Jones and Joe Hedrick while on Honor Flight #49



Veterans Memorial (Berne)



First monument in the USA dedicated to peace