



**OCCCF**

OWEN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT & CEO



This past year has reaffirmed for us the deep and abiding commitment our community has for supporting one another. Despite ongoing challenges, we continue to witness the remarkably generous spirit, creativity, and determination that are the hallmarks of our Owen County community.

In the roller coaster economy of 2022, the Owen County Community Foundation remained resolute in **distributing \$127,000 in scholarships** for students to achieve their higher education goals and **\$615,000 in grants** to help 100 nonprofits and charitable projects achieve their purpose and fulfill their mission of addressing local needs. From youth programming to public safety, adult learning to college scholarships, economic disparity to emergency response, and animals to art, we do our work for the 22,000 residents living throughout Owen County. We do it each and every day, for our most vulnerable youth all the way to our beloved senior citizens, right here at home.

**We believe in making a difference and making it right here in Owen County.**

From our robust Board of Directors to our Professional Staff, we believe in solving local needs with local funds and connecting local nonprofits with local donors. We are galvanizing Owen County to give and serve through teamwork and collaboration, building the Owen County of tomorrow.

**We are leading and growing into the future. Come along with us!**

Janet Rummel  
President & CEO

## MISSION

To enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Owen County, now and for generations to come.

## VISION

To be the trustworthy resource for philanthropy by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve our community.

## VALUES

Philanthropy  
Stewardship  
Leadership  
Integrity  
Excellence  
Respect

# OCCF BY THE NUMBERS

*The Power of Giving*

**28 Years Invested in Owen County Communities!**

2,889

Donors

\$15,715,465

Donations &  
Grants Received

75%

Donations Received  
were \$100 or Less

\$10 Million

Grants

Distributed to Owen County  
Organizations

\$1.6 Million

Scholarships

Awarded to Owen County  
Students

\$10.3 Million  
in Assets

\$3 Million  
Awarded to Lilly Scholars

100% dedication  
to Owen County

\$3 Million  
Pre-K - Adult  
Education Grants

\$640,000 grants to MYPath

# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

## DATA-DRIVEN GRANTMAKING

OCCF's grantmaking strategy honors the importance of community members' perspectives (trust-based) alongside hard data (data-driven). Weaving these practices together allows us to better serve Owen County and understand the depth and breadth of our impact. In each annual report, we will continue to provide high-level summaries of the data we used to inform our grantmaking.

### Food Insecurity in Owen County

COVID-19 brought an unexpected economic shock to families across Owen County, with workers suddenly unemployed. Although 2022 saw our county recovering from the pandemic, many Owen County families struggled to cover the increasing costs of basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, transportation, and child care. The local food pantries supported by OCCF reported that need was as high as ever, as was the cost of the food they provide.

#### Hunger and Food Insecurity

Those words seem the same but mean different things.

Hunger is the feeling someone has when they don't have food.

Food insecurity is the consistent lack to food to have a healthy life because of your economic situation.

Food security is a federal measure of a household's ability to provide enough food for every person in the household to have an active, healthy life.

#### Effects of Food Insecurity

Food insecurity can have a wide impact, including:

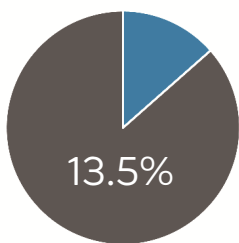
- Causing serious health issues when people have to choose between spending money on food and medicine or healthcare.
- Making it more difficult for a child to learn and grow.
- Leading to difficult decisions like choosing between food and rent, bills, and transportation.

Food insecurity is one way we can measure the risk of hunger.

OWEN COUNTY (2020)

FOOD INSECURE POPULATION: 2,820

FOOD INSECURITY RATE



ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE



25%	Above Other Nutrition Program threshold of 185% poverty
17%	Between 130%-185% poverty
58%	Below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty

AVERAGE MEAL COST  
**\$3.04**

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL  
**\$1,382,000**

Data Source: Feeding America annual Map the Meal Gap study.

## SNAP (Supplemental Food Assistance Program)

Federal aid program administered by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration designed to raise the nutritional level of low income households (also known as “food stamps”). Households must be below 130% of the federal poverty level. Currently, for a family of four, the gross monthly income must be at or below \$3,007.

2022 Owen County SNAP Benefits	
Total food stamps issued	\$414,812
Number of households receiving food stamps	948
Number of food stamp recipients	2,041
Average issuance per household (month)	\$438.13
Average issuance per recipient (month)	\$203.34

Data Source: STATS Indiana FSSA Monthly Reports.

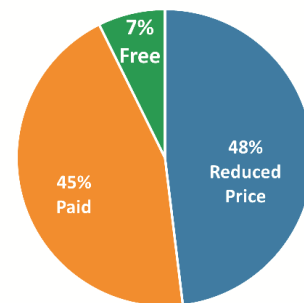
## National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs

Schools provide meals to K-12 grade students, including free or reduced-price meals to students who qualify under the programs’ poverty guidelines, which are adjusted annually for family size and income. Schools receive reimbursement for each meal served that meets program requirements.

Income Eligibility for a Family of Four (gross monthly income)	
Reduced Price Meals (185% of federal poverty guidelines)	\$4,279
Free Meals (130% of federal poverty guidelines)	\$3,007

Data Source: Indiana Department of Education

SPENCER-OWEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY



## Owen County Food Assistance

Hoosier Hills Food Bank distributed 1,277,733 pounds of food to Owen County agencies in 2022.

AGENCY	POUNDS DISTRIBUTED	AGENCY	POUNDS DISTRIBUTED
Area 10 Owen County	888	Indiana Dream Team	21,444
CFSP - Senior Food Boxes	55,864	La Campagne Food Pantry	3,803
Cunot Food Pantry	14,291	Lighthouse Fellowship Church	3,008
Garrard Chapel Food Pantry	837,727	Mark of Discipleship Mission	297,202
Gosport Food Pantry	32,413	Owen Valley Backpack Buddies	5,850

Data Source: Hoosier Hills Food Bank 2022 Annual Report

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Helping Owen County Thrive

*By mobilizing philanthropy for our community, we provide a stable funding source to respond to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.*

OCCF's grants program evolved significantly in 2022, and the new approach allows us to continue to respond to immediate needs while working to address deeper issues in our community. OCCF's Community Investment Grants and Large Impact Grants help local organizations transform innovative ideas into new programs and support organizations coming together to solve community challenges and efforts that help people lead in strong, equitable, and connected ways.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



### NEW FUNDS

- Evan Michael Kelley Memorial Fund
- Kirby Stogsdill Memorial Fund
- Mini Avocados Fund
- Owen County CASA Office Fund
- The Giving Fund

### GRANTS

- Community & Field of Interest Grants = \$435,590
- Donor Advised, Designated, & Agency Endowment Grants = \$143,529
- Scholarships = \$127,068
- Pass-through & Special Project Grants = \$35,943

# Strategic Plan Progress Report

In 2021, the OCCF Board of Directors adopted a five-year Strategic Plan (2022-2026) to support our vision of being the trustworthy resource for philanthropy by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve our community. In 2022, we made significant progress toward each of our Strategic Plan Goals.

**GOAL ONE**




**MARKETING & COMMUNICATION**  
*Share Our Purpose*

Nonprofits, donors, partners, and community are more aware of OCCF's vision, mission, and impact.

New Marketing & Communications Committee	Redesigned website, annual report, & newsletters
OCCF Promotional Video	County-wide postcard mailer

**GOAL TWO**




**DEVELOPMENT & DONOR SERVICES**  
*Increase Assets to Increase Impact*

Promote philanthropy by helping donors meet their charitable goals and meet the community's greatest needs.

New tiered-giving operating campaign: The Giving Tree	251 new donors
\$635,196 in gift & grant income	5 new endowment funds

**GOAL THREE**



**GRANTMAKING**  
*Make Effective & Inspiring Distributions*

Establish a more intentional grant process, linking funding priorities to focused outcomes.

Grant applications moved to online system	Regular pre- and post grant site visits
Revised grant programming focused on investment and impact	\$742,170 distributed to improve our community

**GOAL FOUR**




**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**  
*Serve as a Strategic Community Leader*

Activate and convene resources.

Advisory roles: Owen County CCB; Child Care Committee; Economic Development; Comprehensive Plan	Significant progress on MYPATH trail system
	Owen County nonprofit online database

**GOAL FIVE**



**SUSTAINABILITY**  
*Ensure the Permanence of the Foundation*

Build an energized and financially sustainable business model that aligns with our mission and meets our short and long-term goals.

Increased the diversity and number of committees and board members	New investment advisor & custodian
	Extensive fund audit & policy review

## COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS

The Owen County Community Foundation’s pool of unrestricted and field of interest funds is the engine that drives our competitive grant processes. These grants assist Owen County nonprofit organizations in improving the lives of Owen County citizens.

We are pleased to recognize the following funds, each of which have assets of over \$100,000 and have a combined value of more than \$2,000,000. Total grants from these funds are listed under each.

- D M J Community Fund  
\$14,379
- Hackworthy Family Community Fund  
\$37,497
- Morgan L. Drescher Family Fund  
\$17,427
- Nancy McKay and Richard Wayne Lorenz Family Fund  
\$16,026
- OCCF Community Fund  
\$379,025
- Paul & Ione Fulk Community Fund  
\$84,244
- Wells Family Fund  
\$33,345



Our competitive grants process was made possible thanks to the following community grant funds:

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Bob Babbs Community Fund                                 | Harold & Lois Patterson Fund                     | Ooley Family Fund                           |
| D M J Community Fund                                     | Harry C. & D. Gladys Miller Fund                 | Paul & Ione Fulk Community Fund             |
| DeCoursey Family Fund                                    | Jack Simmerman Community Fund                    | Rogers - Pennington Fund                    |
| Eugene S. Bowen and Robert D. Bowen Fund for Owen County | John T. Gillaspay Memorial Fund                  | SCI REMC RoundUp Fund                       |
| Friedel - Mahrtd Community Fund                          | Misty Chapman Memorial Fund                      | Scully Family Fund                          |
| Glenn T. Burns Fund                                      | Morgan L. Drescher Family Fund                   | Smithville Telephone Company Community Fund |
| Hackworthy Family Community Fund                         | Nancy McKay and Richard Wayne Lorenz Family Fund | Tucker Family Fund                          |
|  | OCCF Community Fund                              | Wells Family Fund                           |

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

- |                                     |  |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Boston Scientific Childcare Fund    | Community Medical Fund                     | Law Enforcement Fund of Owen County   |
| Cancer Support Fund of Owen County  | Doug Dalton Memorial Fund                  | Mini Avocados Fund                    |
| Cataract / Jennings Township Fund   | Fire & Emergency Fund                      | OCCF Support our Schools Fund         |
| Child Abuse Prevention Fund         | Freedom - Franklin Township Community Fund | SCI REMC Disability Fund              |
| Coal City - Jefferson Township Fund | Freeman Charitable Food Fund               | Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund |
|                                     | Gospport Fund                              | Veterans of Owen County Fund          |
|                                     | John King Fund for Owen County             |                                       |





## Crossroads Ranch, Inc.

OCCF awarded \$24,255 to Crossroads Ranch Inc. for the implementation of an equine experiential learning (EEL) program. This program targets at-risk youth but is available to all individuals under the age of 18 in our community. Crossroads Ranch's mission is to help people discover and develop their hidden potential through meaningful experiences with horses. They create structured lessons that put participants in safe, but slightly challenging situations involving a horse. The result is that the participant learns that they are stronger, smarter, and better equipped to handle experiences that life throws at them.

## Large Impact Grant Recipients

### The Owen News Project

The Owen News Project earned a \$10,275 planning grant toward the development of local nonprofit media. The planning grant will allow The Owen News Project Board of Directors to investigate best practices in nonprofit journalism and successful models, expand partnerships, seek additional grant dollars, and develop an implementation plan. A recent study conducted by the Hussman School of Journalism and Media demonstrated that "the people with the least access to local news are often the most vulnerable - the poorest, least educated and most isolated." The Owen News Project seeks to provide an additional source of news, pertinent to Owen County residents, which will be held to the highest journalistic standards of ethics and responsibility and provided at an affordable rate.



# GRANTS

## Community Grant and Field of Interest Funds - \$435,591



**American Legion Post 285**  
Flag poles for Veterans Park  
\$5,055



**Cataract Volunteer Fire Department**  
Water rescue equipment  
\$3,380  
Power tools for fire truck  
\$5,000

**Crossroads Ranch LLC**  
Bunk house capital purchase  
\$1,000  
This is Me! Program and building improvements  
\$24,300

**Families Battling Cancer**  
Financial support  
\$3,441

**Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department**  
Backup generator  
\$7,000

**Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park**  
Equipment for Arts in the Park events  
\$1,000

**Garrard Chapel Food Pantry**  
Conveyor system  
\$5,000  
Food purchases  
\$5,200

**Gosport Food Pantry**  
Food purchases  
\$2,000

**Hoosier Hills Food Bank**  
RUBY truck purchase  
\$5,000

**La Campagne Ministries**  
Operational support  
\$1,000

**Mark of Discipleship Food Pantry**  
Food pantry expansion project  
\$5,100  
Food purchases  
\$9,500

**MYPath Trail System**  
South Main Street project,  
Riverside trail, pollinator garden  
\$143,239

**Owen County Chamber of Commerce & EDC**  
Technology upgrades  
\$1,000  
Town of Spencer broadband study  
\$5,000

**Owen County Extension Homemakers Club**  
Book bags for school reading program  
\$1,000

**Owen County Fair Association**  
Drainage repairs for fairgrounds  
\$4,800

**Owen County Family YMCA**  
Awning for childcare entrance  
\$50  
Childcare security upgrades  
\$5,000

**Owen County Heritage & Culture Center**  
Operating support  
\$1,000



**Owen County Humane Society**  
Website & building upgrades  
\$5,000



**Owen County Preservations, Inc.**  
Tivoli Theatre wifi upgrades  
\$1,000  
Civic Theatre sound system upgrades  
\$5,000

**Owen County Public Library**  
Adult education ELL program support  
\$6,500

**Owen County Wrestling Club**  
Sports equipment  
\$1,000

**Owen News Project**  
Large impact planning grant  
\$10,275

**Owen-Putnam Friends of the Forest**  
Operational support  
\$1,000

**Purdue Extension Owen County**  
Amish and Plain Community training  
\$650  
Willing Workers 4-H Club  
\$1,000  
Parents Forever Program  
\$283

**Spencer First Church of the Nazarene**

*Inventory & supplies for community garden*  
\$1,000

**Spencer Main Street**

*Todd Oliver event support*  
\$1,000



**Spencer-Owen Community Schools**

*Pre-K bus & program support*  
\$49,479  
*Pre-K tuition support*  
\$30,339  
*Gosport Elementary School book vending machine*  
\$5,000  
*Owen Valley Middle School Makerspace*  
\$68,000

**Spencer Pride, Inc.**

*Construction of new programming space*  
\$5,000

**Donor-advised, Designated, and Agency Endowed Funds - \$143,280**

**Allison Family Fund**

*Mark of Discipleship Food Pantry*  
\$1,100

**Anonymous Charitable Gift Annuity**

*Owen County Humane Society*  
\$1,237

**Anonymous Donor Advised Fund**

*Gosport History Museum*  
\$5,000

**Area 10 Agency on Aging Fund**

*Area 10 Agency on Aging*  
\$327

**Bennie J & Joan R Woodruff Methodist Church Fund**

*Spencer United Methodist Church*  
\$1,829

**Bonness Family Fund**

*OCCF Operating support*  
\$3,057



**Carolina Cemetery Fund**

*Carolina Church & Cemetery Association*  
\$527



**David Friedel - Ann Mahrtd Donor Advised Fund**

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana*  
\$500  
*Owen County Preservations, Inc.*  
\$700  
*Spencer Main Street*  
\$200  
*WFIU/IU Foundation*  
\$100  
*Dick (Mr. Dyar) & Sue Dyar Scholarship Fund*  
\$100  
*Spencer Pride Fund*  
\$200  
*OCCF Visionary Fund*  
\$100  
*Owen County Humane Society Fund*  
\$100

*Owen Valley Jr ROTC Fund*  
\$100

**DeCoursey Family Fund**

*MYPATH Fund*  
\$2,793

**Economic Development Fund**

*Owen County Chamber of Commerce & EDC*  
\$319

**Flona Everly Query Memorial Fund**

*Vandalia Community Preservation Association*  
\$1,409



**Gosport History Museum Fund**

*Gosport History Museum*  
\$4,524

**Irene & Arthur Kelley Beech Cemetery Fund**

*Beech Cemetery Association*  
\$860

**Irene & Arthur Kelley Patricksburg Lutheran Cemetery Fund**

*Patricksburg Lutheran Cemetery*  
\$445

**J. Welch Wampler Fund**

*No Grant Awarded*

**Jack R. DeFord Library Fund**

*Owen County Public Library*  
\$1,110

**Jim Vance Owen County YMCA Fund**

*Owen County Family YMCA*  
\$15,258

# GRANTS



**Joani & Ed Staubach Donor  
Advised Fund**  
Indiana Forest Alliance, Inc.  
\$150  
Our Lil' Bit of Heaven Animal  
Rescue & Sanctuary  
\$500  
Owen County Chamber of  
Commerce & EDC  
\$500  
Owen County S.O.U.N.D.S.  
\$500  
Owen-Putnam Friends of the  
Forest  
\$150  
Spencer Main Street  
\$100  
The Sanctuary at Browning Farms  
\$500  
Waycross, Inc.  
\$150  
WFIU/IU Foundation  
\$240  
OCCF Operating Fund  
\$300  
Owen County Humane Society  
Fund  
\$1,000  
Spencer Pride Capital Fund  
\$260



**John Heckman Athletic Fund**  
Owen Valley High School  
Basketball  
\$1,000

**John R. & Elizabeth Rogers Fund**  
MYPath Fund  
\$992

**Lloyd H. & Rosalie E. Lucas 4-H &  
FFA Fund**  
Owen County 4-H Council  
\$265  
Owen Valley FFA  
\$265

**McCormick's Creek State Park  
Fund**  
No Grant Awarded

**MYPath Fund**  
MYPath Trail System  
\$14,881

**O'Connor Family Fund**  
Summerfield Health Care Center  
\$622

**Owen County 4-H Livestock Fund**  
Owen County 4-H Council  
\$412

**Owen County Education Fund**  
Spencer-Owen Community  
Schools Teacher Mini-Grants  
\$8,508

**Owen County Humane Society  
Fund**  
Owen County Humane Society  
\$11,668

**Owen County Ministerial Fund**  
Owen County Christian Programs,  
Inc.  
\$480

**Owen County Preservation Fund**  
No Grant Awarded

**Owen Valley Band Boosters Fund**  
Owen Valley Band & Guard  
Boosters  
\$143

**Owen Valley Jr ROTC Fund**  
Owen Valley Jr ROTC  
\$1,590



**REALTOR Fund**  
Owen County Family YMCA  
\$1,000  
Owen Valley Choir Boosters  
\$1,000

**Riverside Cemetery Fund**  
Riverside Cemetery Association  
\$6,585

**Senior Friends of Owen County  
Fund**  
Senior Friends of Owen County  
\$247

**St. Jude Catholic Church Fund**  
St. Jude Catholic Church  
\$493

**The Giving Fund**  
Franklin Township VFD  
\$500  
Owen Valley High School Choir  
\$100

**Tivoli Theatre Endowment**  
Historic Tivoli Theatre  
\$1,031

**Visionary Fund**  
OCCF Operating Fund  
\$41,309

**William Donald & Maxine Wells  
Fiscus Cemetery Fund**  
Fiscus Cemetery  
\$3,076

**Willie & Pat White Fund**  
Owen County Family YMCA  
\$500

**Winters & Shouse Cemeteries  
Fund**  
Winters Cemetery  
\$194  
Shouse Cemetery  
\$194

# GRANT SPOTLIGHT



## Spencer Pride, Inc.

Spencer Pride, Inc. received a \$5,000 grant, toward the continued restoration of the upstairs of the Pride building, now known as the Golden Discovery Ballroom. This space has taken more than two years to complete and will be used for health screenings, mental health and legal consultations, in addition to a meeting area for support groups and educational programs. The OCCF grant was used as matching funds, allowing Spencer Pride to get an even larger grant award from another source.

## Owen County Chamber of Commerce & EDC

OCCF provided more than \$35,000 in grant funds over the past two years for the Exchange Center for Entrepreneurship. Located in the former Exchange Bank building at the corner of Main and Market and equipped with high speed internet, it will house ten flex spaces, lockers, a conference room, outdoor fiber garden, and more. The Exchange offers a combination of an affordable workspace, strong community partnerships, and critical business advisory services that support entrepreneurs and their businesses.



## Owen County Food Pantries

Serving a record number of families in 2022, Gosport, Garrard Chapel, and Mark of Discipleship Food Pantries received \$27,900 in grant funds from OCCF. Garrard Chapel and Mark of Discipleship began expansion projects, also supported by OCCF, that will house larger quantities of supplies and will allow them to serve the public more efficiently. OCCF awarded a \$5,000 Community Investment Grant to Hoosier Hills Food Bank, which provides food to all of Owen County's food pantries. These funds went toward the purchase of an additional truck for food deliveries.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

**Total Awarded = \$127,068**  
**61 Scholarship Funds**  
**73 Scholarship Awards to**  
**38 Students**

**NEW Geraldine & Wilma Bucklew Educational Scholarship**  
Mackenzie Carver

**NEW Morgan L. Drescher Family Scholarship**  
Logan Bridges

**NEW William Truax Family Scholarship**  
Marina Knieriem

**Babbs Supermarket Scholarship**  
Marissa Taylor



**Bennie J. & Joan R. Woodruff Scholarship**  
Lucas Hendershot

**Braysville Homemakers Scholarship**  
Ryan Woodward

**Burns Family Scholarship**  
Amelia Mercer

**Charles T. Cooper Scholarship**  
Haley Frank

**Charles W. Edwards Scholarship**  
Maleah Kristoff

**Clinton & Louise Abrell Scholarship**  
Breanna Davis

**Coyne Family Scholarship**  
Kenzington Brown

**David Campbell Gray Scholarship**  
James Truax



**Dick (Mr. Dyar) & Sue Dyar Scholarship**  
Cloe Sharpee  
Norah Beeman  
Julianna Hartman

**Dyer Family Scholarship**  
*Four year scholarship awarded to Kaleb Dill in 2021.*

**Educators Philanthropic Investment Chapter (EPIC) Scholarship**  
Marissa Taylor

**Elliott Hickam Memorial Scholarship**  
Marissa Taylor

**Erika Wells Memorial Scholarship**  
Breanna Davis

**Freedom Alumni Scholarship**  
Zackary Hamilton

**Gary McCarter Scholarship**  
Nathan Goss

**George & Nancy Thurston Artistic Scholarship**  
Grace Coryea

**Gosport Alumni Scholarship**  
Olivia Wainscott

**Gosport Lions Club Scholarship**  
Emily Wright

**Ione W. Fulk Scholarship**  
Abigail Herrington

**James P. Root Scholarship**  
Bethlee Von Bokern

**Jefferson Twp/Coal City Alumni Scholarship**  
Haley Frank

**Jeffrey Wayne Johnson Scholarship**  
Victoria Hey

**Jim, Leota, & Kevin Fulk Scholarship**  
*No Scholarship Awarded*

**Jim & Wilma Fulford Scholarship**  
Kyndall Drake

**John Moore Scholarship**  
Zackary Hamilton

**Josephine Brown Owens Scholarship**  
Haley Frank

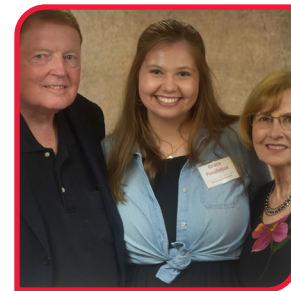
**Judy Hamilton Education Scholarship**  
Victoria Hey

**Lloyd H. & Rosalie E. Lucas Agri-Science Scholarship - 4H**  
David Stone

**Lloyd H. & Rosalie E. Lucas Agri-Science Scholarship - FFA**  
David Stone

**Loretta Heidrick Memorial Scholarship**  
Kayla Kyle

**Lyle & Marion Brighton Scholarship**  
Alexandra Sartelle



**MacMorran Family Scholarship**  
Victoria Hey  
Phillip Meek  
Grace Pendleton  
Emily Stierwalt  
Abigail Herrington  
Maleah Kristoff

**Margaret Marley Pinkston Scholarship**  
Marina Knieriem

**Mearl & LaVerne Brown Scholarship**  
McCartney Wright

**Melvin R. & Margaret A. Hall  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Emily Stierwalt

**Michael D. Manger Scholarship**  
*No Scholarship Awarded*

**Michael Job Vocational  
Scholarship**  
Emily Stierwalt

**Mildred E. Harbison Scholarship**  
Brock Rosenberger

**Monroe, Long & Butts Vocational  
Scholarship**  
Ryan Woodward

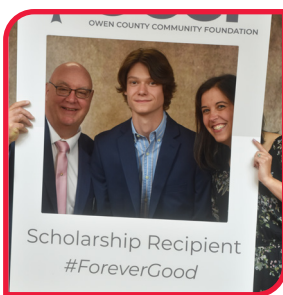
**Myrtle S. Marshall Business  
Scholarship**  
Nathan Goss

**Our Community Bank Scholarship**  
Andrea Wood

**Owen County Farm Bureau  
Scholarship**  
David Stone  
Victoria Worland

**Owen County I.U. Varsity Club  
Scholarship**  
Cloe Sharpee

**Owen Valley Alumni Scholarship**  
*No Scholarship Awarded*



**Owen Valley FFA Scholarship**  
Brock Rosenberger

**Patrickburg Alumni Scholarship**  
Matthew Crum

**PFC Brett Wood Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Brock Rosenberger

**Quincy Alumni Scholarship**  
Zackary Hamilton  
Lily Wallace  
Emily Wright  
McCartney Wright

**Rebecca & William Applegate  
Scholarship**  
Grace Coryea

**Robert & Barbara Stanley Bonness  
Scholarship**  
*No Scholarship Awarded*

**Roma Wilson Scholarship**  
Victoria Hey

**Ronald E. & Carol L. Patterson  
Dillingham Scholarship**  
Andrea Wood  
Ryan Woodward

**Sons of American Legion Joe  
Carmichael Scholarship**  
Zackary Hamilton  
Jaden Padgett



**Spencer Alumni Scholarship**  
Matthew Crum  
Haley Frank

**Tri Kappa Cochrane Royer  
Scholarship**  
Norah Beeman

**Tri Kappa Continuing Education  
Scholarship**  
Allison Staples

**Tri Kappa Lillian Dyar Music  
Scholarship**  
Norah Beeman

**Tri Kappa Vocational Scholarship**  
Ryan Woodward

**Vada Baker Scholarship**  
James Truax



**West & Parrish & Pedigo  
Scholarship**  
Matthew Crum

**Woody & Barry Franklin  
Scholarship**  
*No Scholarship Awarded*

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

76 Applications

38 Recipients

50% of applicants received at  
least one scholarship



## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

First offered in 1998 by Lilly Endowment Inc., the purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to further leverage the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life for the state's residents.

2022 Recipient for Owen County  
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Full Tuition at Purdue University  
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## GRANT TAKES MYPATH TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Hopefully, you were part of the fanfare and excitement last summer when the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that the MyPath Trail System was a recipient of a very-competitive Next Level Trails grant. The \$640,000 state funding, combined with support from the Foundation and other partners, will create a paved, multi-use path along the West Fork of the White River.

At first glance, the trail looks the same as it did before the grant was announced. However, if you look more closely, you might notice a pink ribbon here and there that was placed by the survey crew. You might notice brush has been removed from spots on both sides of Elliston Creek, where the bridge will go. Clearing work along the river reveals a route for the future trail. What you can't see is the work that has been happening with engineering and design.

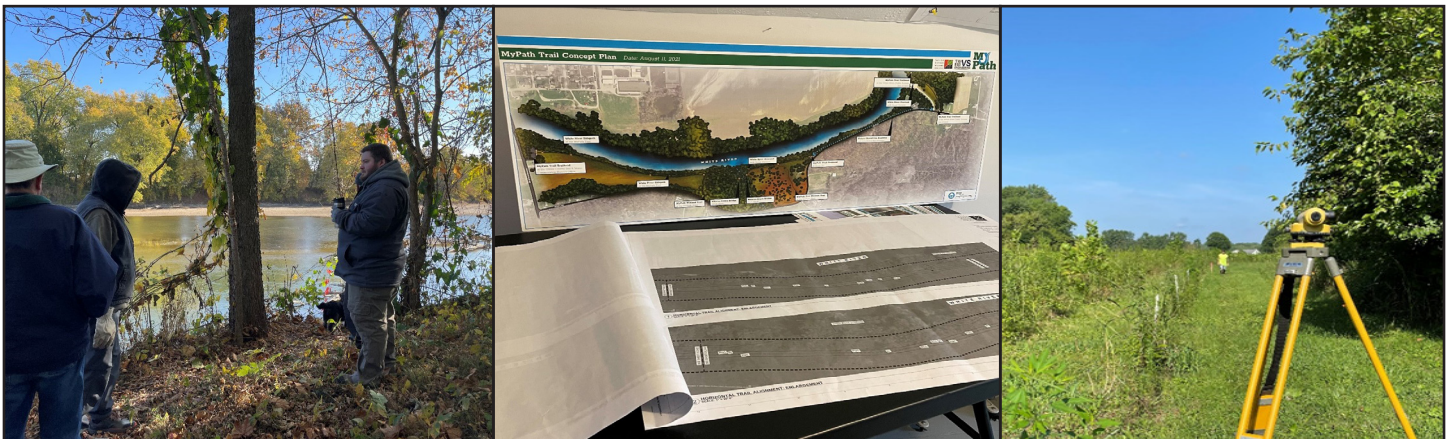


Preliminary design work is beautiful, incorporating a new paved trail while preserving portions of natural trails that have been popular with trail users. In all, the upgraded Riverfront Trail will allow even more people to enjoy Owen County's natural treasures and incorporate the White River better than any other trail in the state.

The engineering plans are in the hands of permitting agencies (DNR, IDEM, Army Corps of Engineers), who must give their approval before construction begins. Once construction is approved, it won't be difficult to see the progress.

These types of multi-use trails have proven transformative in communities around the state. Once a trail for walkers, bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, and more is open along the river, Spencer and Owen County will experience the same recreation, health, and economic benefits that other communities have enjoyed.

In addition to the DNR grant, the Riverfront Trail is blessed by support from the Owen County Community Foundation, the Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District (land), Duke Energy Foundation (design), Smithville Charitable Foundation (signs and bike racks), Owen County Commissioners (bridge), John R. and Elizabeth Rogers Fund (design), DeCoursey Family Fund (design), individual donors, and many, many volunteers (see story this issue).





# NEW MEADOW TO BRING NEW FLOWERS

What do you do with 11 acres of overgrown, abandoned field? If you are the Owen County Community Foundation and the Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District, you transform it into a pathway and a natural education center.

The Owen County Soil & Water District purchased the land along River Road with a grant from the Foundation, and then the MYPATH New Meadow was created thanks to a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. With this property, the MYPATH Trail will continue from Elliston Creek, along the river, to River Road. Nearly in the middle of the meadow, a large pollinator garden will serve our local ecosystem by providing flowers and plants to support local insects and birds. Visitors will be able to visit this garden from River Road and the MYPATH Trail.

To claim our spot for the pollinator garden from invasive plants, then-MYPATH Intern Abby Warthan coordinated a project of mowing and tilling the garden. Then she worked with Owen County Judge Kelsey Hanlon to organize a team of volunteers and resources from the Lilly Foundation Lead Forward grant. A Lilly Scholar herself, Hanlon secured the Lead Forward grant for the New Meadow. In one evening, the Lead Forward volunteers covered the garden with plastic.



Once the plastic had covered the ground long enough to eliminate most of the invasive plants, a team of volunteers, including Lead Forward participants, the Spencer Garden Club, and Friends of MYPATH peeled back the plastic and held a big planting session. In less than two hours, the team of volunteers planted 1,200 pollinator plants from Harriman Farms. Thanks to volunteers who watered the new plants, the garden seems to have survived, though the deer have been nibbling some of the plants.

Special thank you goes to Steve and Mary Jo Fox who spent a lot of time watering plants and mowing the surrounding field. And thanks to the Boston Scientific volunteers who helped weed the garden. And thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Jack Bandy for building three benches around the garden.

## NEW MEADOW HOME TO UNUSUAL TREE

The Willow Oak is an interesting tree in the Red Oak family, with narrow, willow-like leaves. It is not an unusual tree in the southern and eastern United States, but it is unusual in Indiana. We have a nice willow oak cluster in the New Meadow. We hope to place an interpretive sign near the tree.

## MYPATH LEAVES SOUTH MAIN FOOTPRINT



When construction starts on the Riverfront Trail, we might be tempted to turn all our attention to the natural world that MYPath touches. But we don't want to miss the impact of MYPath in town. On our way to the new trail, we will notice the improvements to Spencer South Main Street, the shared sidewalk paths connecting businesses and neighborhoods through Spencer. One benefit of a trail like MYPath is that it provides visitors with access to shopping, dining, and other activities in town.

Thanks to MYPath grants, a new sidewalk, decorative streetlights, banners, and sidewalk markings lead the way through Spencer. This year, new benches will let visitors rest while they consider a sign designating the 1913 high water mark, an interpretive sign about the former

"Colored School" in Spencer, or one of the new point-of-interest signs throughout town. A project by the Spencer Owen County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development identifies distinct neighborhoods in town, connected by MYPath.



These improvements come from generous grants from ROI and Smithville Charitable Trust and the cooperation of the Town of Spencer.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE KEY



A project is truly a community project if volunteers from the community are a part of it. Fortunately, when MYPath needs help, an eager group of volunteers steps forward.

Whether it's a group of students from the Owen Valley JROTC program and local Scouts, or young leaders from Boston Scientific intern group and Lilly Scholars Lead Forward participants, or OCCF Board and Staff, or experienced leaders from Spencer Garden Club and Friends of MYPath, many great volunteers are making MYPath a valuable amenity for Spencer and Owen County. We continue to have opportunities for volunteers to make this a fantastic trail for our community. If you are interested in helping, please contact [mypath@owencountycf.org](mailto:mypath@owencountycf.org).



# THE VISION



Like all great projects, the MYPATH Trail System is built on a solid foundation. A conversation in 2016 between then-Foundation president Mark Rogers, then-YMCA CEO Darryl White, and McCormick’s Creek State Park Property Manager Dwight Brooks started the concept of a safe multi-use path between the Owen County Family YMCA, through Spencer, and into the state park. That dream led to a plan, which has led to multiple community improvements, collaborative partnerships, and hundreds of thousands of grant dollars.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Shared-surface route from the OC Family YMCA to downtown Spencer
- Improved sidewalk, lighting, & signage
- Public restroom facilities
- MYPATH trailhead in Cooper Commons
- Natural surface trail from Soil & Water Conservation office to Elliston Creek
- Creation of the new meadow near River Road



## IN THE WORKS

- Create ADA accessible Riverfront Trail
- Bridge over Elliston Creek
- New neighborhoods requesting to connect to trail
- Finish path to McCormick’s Creek State Park
- Create regional trail connection to Monroe County & beyond
- Historic walking tour of Downtown Spencer

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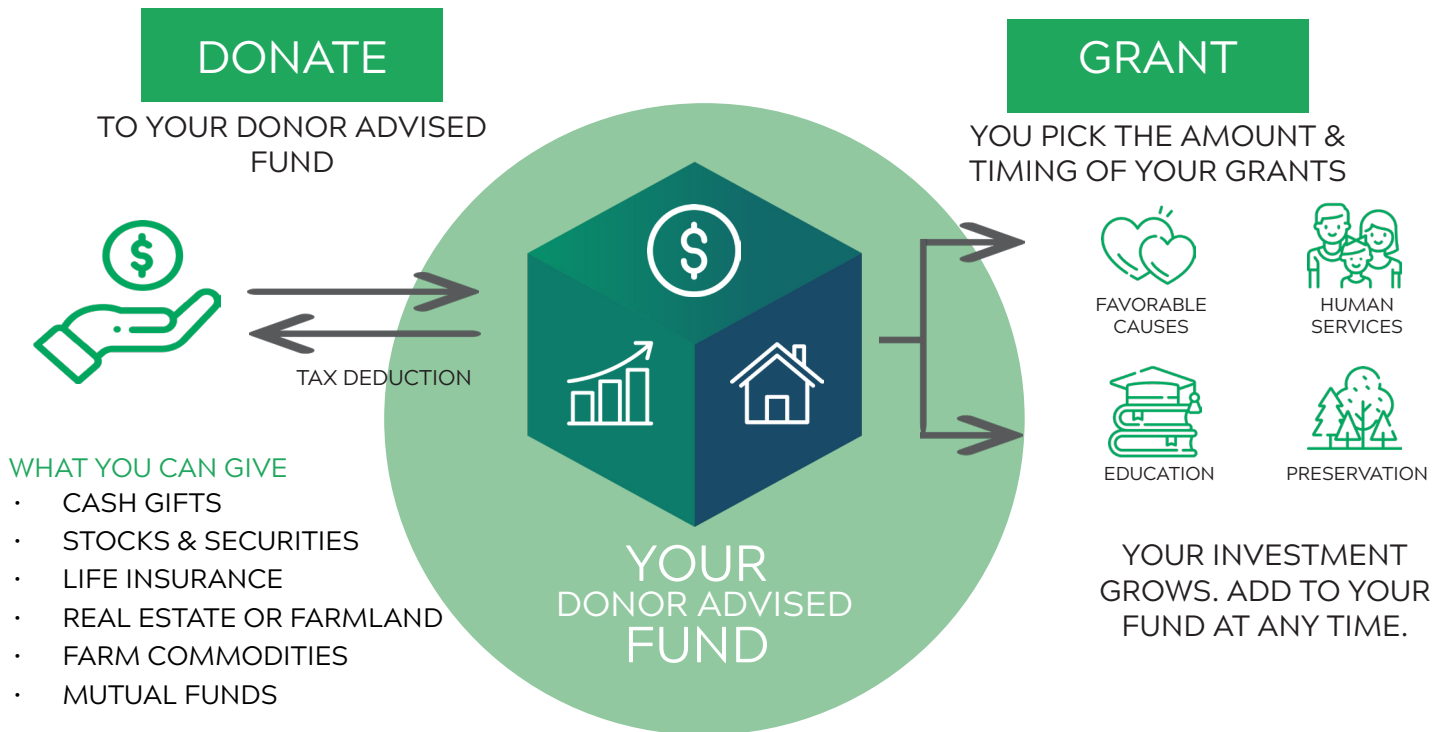
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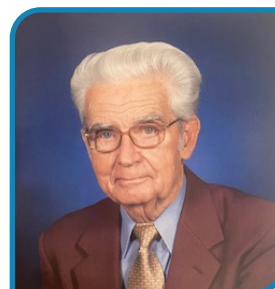
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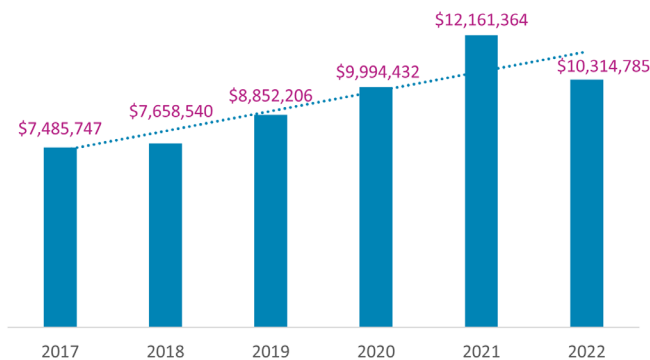
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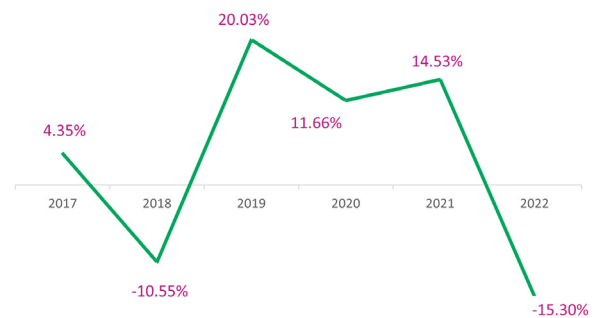
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,750	\$ 388,084
Certificates of deposit	74,638	74,340
Investments	9,955,608	11,604,000
Pledges receivable	35,326	61,781
Property and equipment, net	33,147	33,147
Office lease right of use	188,009	-
Other assets	306	12
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,314,785</b>	<b>\$ 12,161,364</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,385	\$ 3,494
Grants payable	42,606	12,573
Charitable gift annuities payable	50,789	55,615
Custodial funds	135,987	108,118
Office lease right of use	190,738	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>421,505</b>	<b>179,800</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>9,893,280</b>	<b>11,981,564</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,314,785</b>	<b>\$ 12,161,364</b>

\*Beginning in 2022, cash and liquid investments are included in the investment pool total, and per Investment and Spending Policy Statement, most assets are invested.



TOTAL ASSETS



INVESTMENT RETURN

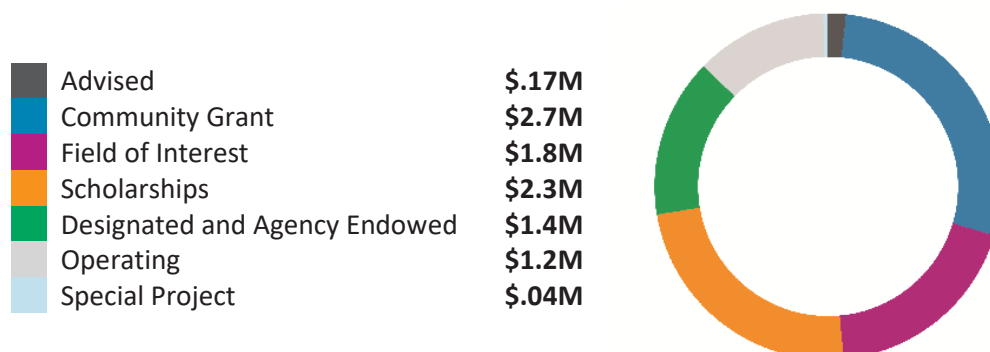
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

	2022	2021
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
Contributions and grants	\$ 633,646	\$ 1,699,168
Investment return, net	(1,554,828)	1,452,922
Change in value of split-interest agreement	396	(47)
Administrative Fees	202,435	200,321
Other income	11,264	19,673
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (707,087)</b>	<b>\$ 3,372,037</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program services	\$ 1,116,752	\$ 905,312
General and administrative	131,479	142,808
Fundraising and development	132,966	136,089
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,381,197</b>	<b>1,184,209</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(2,088,284)</b>	<b>2,187,828</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>11,981,564</b>	<b>9,793,736</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 9,893,280</b>	<b>\$ 11,981,564</b>

## ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



The Community Foundation board, finance committee, and staff ensure rigorous fiscal transparency. The Community Foundation, in its commitment to its mission, vision, and core values, holds itself to the highest standards of stewardship and philanthropy in its effort to improve the quality of life in Owen County.

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