

News Release



Community Foundation
of Morgan County, Inc.

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Lilly Endowment to Match Support of Morgan County Community Projects

Morgan County, IND. - Inspired by Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT), an initiative of Lilly Endowment Inc., donors to the [Community Foundation of Morgan County](#) (CFMC) are supporting nearly 30 community programs and projects. Those contributions will be eligible for \$1 million in matching funds from Lilly Endowment.

“Many non-profits must launch a capital campaign to raise this kind of money, but Lilly Endowment has given us the opportunity to raise \$2 million and extend the funds to community programs and projects affecting even more Morgan County residents,” said Ed Kominowski, executive director of CFMC.

\$1-for-\$1 match

Gifts to unrestricted endowment funds of CFMC will be matched \$1-for-\$1. Last year the CFMC granted nearly \$28,000, and through this matching grant program hopes to raise enough funds to increase this amount in the years to come. These grants have provided non-profit organizations that serve Morgan County residents additional support each year.

The mission of the Community Foundation of Morgan County is to connect donors and their charitable giving with evolving community needs in order to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations through impact grant making. This matching grant from Lilly Endowment ensures that this mission remains a reality far into the future.

\$0.50-for-\$1 match

Lilly Endowment also will match \$0.50 on the dollar for any donation made toward the Community Foundation's operations, which support day-to-day expenses, improvements and upgrades to CFMC's ongoing work. Additionally, any new or existing endowments held at the CFMC will receive the \$0.50 match on the dollar. Examples of these funds include the Indiana Hearing Health Foundation, the Barbara B. Jordan YMCA and the Morgan County Historical Preservation Society, among many others.

“This matching grant allows the board of directors of the Community Foundation to lower the minimum to establish an endowed fund at the CFMC from \$20,000 to \$10,000,” said Chris Branson, president of the CFMC board of directors. “This transformational opportunity will allow us to build a sustainable community, and we want everyone to be included in this outpouring of Lilly Endowment's generosity.”

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Finally, the community programs and projects listed below have been approved for a \$0.50 match on the dollar from Lilly Endowment:

Churches in Mission Fund	Morgan County Coalition for Literacy Fund
Coaches and Friends for the Military Fund	Morgan County Disaster Relief Fund
Elo Family Philanthropic Fund	Morgan County Farmers Market
Healthier Morgan County Initiative - Operating Fund	Morgan County Park & Recreation
Healthier Morgan County Initiative - NARCAN	Morgan County Project Lifesaver Fund
Healthier Morgan County Initiative Success 2 Grant Fund	Morgan County EMS Association Fund
Horseshoes of Hope Fund	Morgan County Fallen Officers Fund
Indiana Hearing Health Foundation Fund	Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District Fund
Knobstone Hiking Trail Association Fund - Operating Fund	Mt. Olive Manufacturing Elementary School Experimental Learning Fund
League of Miracles of Morgan County Fund	Quality of Life of Morgan County Fund
Martinsville Youth Center	Ready Set Quit Tobacco Coalition Fund
Morgan County Autism Foundation Fund	St. Thomas More Free Clinic
Morgan County Bridges Out of Poverty Fund	Vets 4 Vets

The matching period for gifts made under phase six of Lilly Endowment's GIFT initiative ends March 31, 2016. For more information visit our website, CFMOnline.org.

How to Donate

To make a donation online, go to CFMOnline.org and click the 'Donate Now' button, or click the Lilly Endowment Matching Grant button to the left of your screen for detailed information. Alternatively, you may wish to mail a check to: Community Foundation of Morgan County, 56 N. Main St., IN 46151. *Please designate the fund to which you would like your donation to be placed on the memo line of your check.*

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About the Community Foundation of Morgan County

Founded in 2000, through the merging of the Mooresville Community Foundation and the Morgan County Community Foundation, The Community Foundation of Morgan County is a public tax-exempt non-profit foundation.

With the CFMC and Kendrick operations, plus two important scholarships from the Lilly Endowment, the staff of five helps to distribute approximately \$1 million in grants each year, with nearly \$1 million in additional scholarship distributions each year. Management and investment of funds is a key function of the community foundation and the public records show the CFMC investments, after fees, grew by more than 20% last year.

It is the goal of the Community Foundation of Morgan County to enable people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about. Donors can establish charitable funds through the foundation and support major initiatives which improve the Morgan County community. The CFMC currently manages approximately 180 funds.

About Lilly Endowment

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family -- J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli -- through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

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