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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

**HOLIDAY OPEN
HOUSE**
December 10, 2025
4-6pm

**2026 SCHOLARSHIPS
APPLICATIONS OPEN**
January 1, 2026

Contact Stephanie Fox
to sign up at
stephanief@jccf.org

Email malloryc@jccf.org
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list.

COMMUNITY AT
HEART

Learn how to support the
*Light the Legacy
Holiday Lighting
Fund*

Because at the core of everything we do,
it's the **love for this community that unites us all.**

Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund

Light the Legacy – A Tradition Worth Preserving

For nearly seven decades, the holiday lights in downtown Franklin have brought joy, wonder, and warmth to the community. From the first twinkling bulbs strung along Main Street to today's dazzling displays, these lights have become a cherished part of Franklin's identity—reminding us that the holidays are about connection, community, and shared memories.

Each year, Discover Downtown Franklin must raise up to \$40,000 to install and maintain the holiday lights. That's a significant investment—one that could otherwise go toward supporting Franklin's downtown businesses and expanding community programs. To ensure this beloved tradition continues without compromise, a Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund has been established at the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF).

This year, your generosity can go twice as far. Discover Downtown Franklin will match the first \$20,000 in contributions to the Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund. With 100% board and staff participation, the organization is leading by example, showing their deep commitment to preserving this holiday tradition.

Your support isn't just lighting up Franklin's downtown. It's lighting up hearts, homes, and holiday memories, ensuring that Franklin continues to shine bright for generations to come.

Join us in lighting the legacy! Donate today to the Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund at the Johnson County Community Foundation.

A gift to the Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund is a gift that lasts forever. The fund's principal is invested permanently, and only the interest earnings are used each year, providing a steady, reliable source of support for Franklin's holiday lights for generations to come.



◀ **Scan to Donate Today!**

Or, send a check to:

ATTN: Holiday Lighting Endowment Fund
Johnson County Community Foundation
398 S. Main Street
Franklin, IN 46131



We can help you plan your giving!

YEAR-END REMINDERS

Qualified Charitable Distribution – If you plan to contribute to a 501(c)(3) organization such as JCCF, we would encourage you to talk with your financial and tax advisors regarding making such a charitable contribution to the charity directly from your IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Such a program could help with year-end tax planning strategies, meeting your RMD requirements, and much more!

Your Donation x3

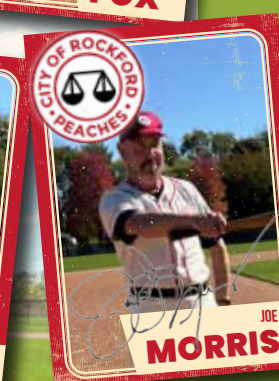
There's never been a better time to join the JCCF Circle of Friends. When you give today, your donation will go three times as far, thanks to a generous 2-to-1 match from Lilly Endowment Inc. Every dollar you contribute will be tripled, directly benefiting the people and programs that make Johnson County thrive. **Circle of Friends** donations support JCCF's Unrestricted Community Impact fund. This fund allows the Foundation to grant to local nonprofits that support innovative programs that improve the quality of life in Johnson County.

For years, the **Circle of Friends** has been instrumental in ensuring lasting, positive change across Johnson County. This match opportunity makes your membership even more meaningful. You can help JCCF strengthen its impact while investing in the future of our community.

Join the **Circle of Friends** today and watch your generosity multiply. Together, we can continue building a brighter, stronger Johnson County one donation at a time.

If interested in joining the Circle of Friends, please contact Stephanie Marten at (317) 738-2213 or stephaniew@jccf.org.

Happy Halloween from the JCCF Staff!



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Impact Stories

FEATURED FUND: Paul E. Joslen Fund

In September, Franklin Parks and Recreation received a one million dollar bequest from the late Paul E. Joslen, who passed away on July 1, 2025, at the age of 100. Because the donation was so substantial, the parks department partnered with the Foundation to establish an endowment that would allow Paul's gift to continue growing over time. The earnings from this endowment will fund annual programming and services at the Active Adult Center for years to come.

In recognition of his extraordinary generosity and lifelong connection to the community, Franklin Parks and Recreation plans to dedicate a room in the new Active Adult Center in Paul's honor.

A World War II Navy veteran, dedicated insurance professional, and passionate community member, Paul lived a full and active life. Whether ballroom dancing, pitching horseshoes, or playing cards at the senior center, he embodied joy, friendship, and service. His thoughtful legacy ensures that others will continue to find the same sense of connection and belonging he cherished so deeply.

Pictured: Paul E. Joslen



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