

GIFTS *that keep* GIVING

The time of year when we think about gift giving is quickly approaching. And when it comes to our charitable giving, we want it to be more than just making a donation. We want those gifts to make a difference. This year, we are excited to offer our donors an incredible opportunity to significantly increase the impact of their charitable gifts, and make a real difference in our community. Lilly Endowment INC recently announced the GIFT VIII phase of its GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative.

What does this mean for our donors? **For every \$1 gift made to any MCCF unrestricted fund, Lilly Endowment will provide a \$2 match.** Why unrestricted funds? **Unrestricted funds help secure long-term sustainability.** Building our unrestricted endowment will allow us more flexibility and a greater capacity to address critical needs as they arise in our community.

If you've considered establishing a fund at MCCF, this is the perfect time to do so. **With this match, you can establish an unrestricted named fund for \$1,700, rather than the required \$5,000.** Or, you can contribute any amount to one of our established unrestricted funds. Either way, this matching gift opportunity is a great way to maximize your charitable giving. For details, and a link to a list of our unrestricted funds, visit <https://www.mccf-in.org/gift-viii>

Let us help you make GIFTS that keep GIVING!



2023 Fall Grant Cycle Recipients

An attitude of gratitude was evident during our Fall Grant Awards presentation as 15 grant recipients received awards totaling \$334,003! MCCF Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Taylor, thanked all the nonprofit leaders for the work they do in our community. In addition, fund owners in attendance were recognized and thanked for their support in making these grants possible. Grants were awarded in the following areas of interest: Community Development, Early Childhood Education, Education, Health, Historical, Human Services, and Youth. For a complete list of the awards, and the funds that made them possible, please go to <http://www.mccf-in.org/news>.

MCCF manages over 250 endowed funds, each established by donors with the desire to make Montgomery County a better place to live. Since 1991, over \$29 million in grants and scholarships has been awarded to agencies and students right here in our community.

There's no better way to
Give and Receive
than to make a gift that helps others this time of year.



End of Year Gift Ideas

- Cash Gift
- IRA Distribution
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated Assets

As we unwrap gifts and wrap up another year, this is the time when we think most of others. The familiar saying reminds us it is

Your gift can go a long way toward helping others. This holiday

"better to give than to receive." As the year winds to a close, take time to make sure you have given to yourself by giving to others.

The remaining weeks of the year give you a final opportunity to balance your income and giving for the tax year. When you give a gift to a qualified nonprofit organization, you receive an income tax deduction. Even if your income is less this year than it was last year, you may still want to offset it with a tax deductible contribution.

season, take a moment and consider the gifts you would like to make, and we can help make them happen. Call us if we can be of help to you in your giving.

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Frances Wooden Park Dedication

There was an abundance of smiles and laughter as children explored the newly renovated Frances Wooden Park during the recent dedication. The park is named in honor of Wooden who was Director of the Northside Rec Center for over 35 years and known as an advocate for neighborhood children. The park sits adjacent to the Bethel AME Church, which was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Through funding from the Montgomery County Community Foundation and the City of Crawfordsville, the park underwent a major overhaul during the summer. Newly installed benches act as a historical timeline, with notable dates and facts etched into the bases. Play structures, a shelter, and interactive musical pieces are just a few of the many other improvements made during the renovation.



Thank you for your faithful support, and for allowing us to serve our community through your gifts. We are humbled by your generosity and your faith in the work we do. From all of us at the Montgomery County Community Foundation, we wish all of you and all those you hold dear, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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