

# THE BRIEF

## 35th Anniversary Edition

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE  
WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS DUE  
MAY 31, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP  
RECEPTION  
JUNE 10, 2026

35TH ANNIVERSARY  
OPEN HOUSE  
JUNE 15, 2026  
4-6PM

MENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAMMING GRANT  
CYCLE OPENS  
JULY 6, 2026

DEADLINE:  
JULY 30 BY 4PM

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our e-newsletter list.



Sandy Daniels, then Executive Director, and  
Bud Herron, then Board Chair, speak at the first  
Starlight Express Gala launched in 1995 to raise  
funds for the Foundation's operating fund

# Starlight Express Gala 2005

ENTERTAINMENT:  
Sheryl Feyen Trio

GUEST  
CELEBRITY  
EMCEE  
Rafael  
Sanchez,  
WRTV Channel 6

Music  
Dinner  
Silent &  
Live Auction  
Swap & Shop

## All Aboard For The 11th Annual Gala Benefiting The Johnson County Community Foundation

When: Saturday, October 29, 2005  
Where: Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center- Greenwood  
Time: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm  
Admission: \$100 per person or \$750/table of eight  
Black Tie Optional  
By reservation only-call 738-2213  
"Seating is limited, get on board"

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Check Out This 2005 Newspaper Ad  
for JCCF's Starlight Express Gala

## A Look Back



### Dean Abplanalp, Former Board Member (2005-2014), Former Development Committee

One of my favorite memories from my time at the Foundation was leading the effort to renovate our current home/office. The building has a rich history. It began as a family residence, later became a series of restaurants, and eventually sat vacant for years, falling into disrepair. It was in need of significant revitalization. I had the privilege of spearheading the fundraising campaign for the remodel. The property was acquired in 2001, and the Foundation moved in the following year. That transformation, and establishing our offices in such a meaningful space, helped elevate the Foundation's presence and credibility in the community.

In 2008, when the stock market declined, the Foundation was not sustaining a stable baseline and faced the challenge of restructuring its funds. Through the vision of a board member, the creation of the Circle of Friends program, and the success of our gala, we were able to rebuild and strengthen our financial footing. Today, the Foundation is proud to be a thriving and resilient organization.

What truly sets the Foundation apart, however, is its people. Over the years, it has benefited from exceptional leadership, individuals like Sandy Daniels, Gail Richards, and Kim Kasting, along with a deeply committed board. The Foundation understands the importance of making a strong first impression. Its staff and board members consistently create a welcoming environment for donors while upholding the highest standards of fiscal responsibility.

### Dan Nicoson, Current Board Member (2019-Present), Current Development Committee

During my time on the Board, several moments stand out as especially meaningful. I've appreciated learning about the Foundation's early beginnings and the vision of its founding members. I've also appreciated witnessing the dedication of long-serving leaders, including Mike Jarvis upon his recent retirement. It has been exciting to see the organization's continued growth of increased assets and a growing base of donors. I am also grateful to be a part of the national accreditation process and the 2024 Board actions to update policies and procedures to maintain best practices. The Foundation's longstanding partnership with Lilly Endowment, particularly through the GIFT VII, GIFT VIII, GIFT IX initiatives, has also played a significant role in expanding its impact. Additionally, the transition to new leadership and the expansion of staff have positioned the organization for continued success.



## Total Assets Through The Years



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
AT THE EVENT!

# Eat. Thank. Toast.

Join Us As We  
Celebrate 35  
Years of Giving!

June 15th, 2026  
4:00-6:00pm  
@ the Foundation



## Our House Fun Facts

- ▶ The home was built in 1903 by Walter and Louise Aikens.
- ▶ Walter Aikens was the founder and publisher of the now gone Franklin Evening Star.
- ▶ The house was later passed down to their daughter, Esther Aikens.
- ▶ Esther married Robert Todd in 1921, and during their ownership, the home became known as the Todd House.
- ▶ The main dining hall holds historical significance being the site of Esther Aikens' wedding in November 1921.
- ▶ In the late 1970s, the property transitioned into a restaurant known as The Manor House Restaurant.
- ▶ It was purchased at public auction by Carl and Beatrice Payton for \$60,000 (sources suggest either 1977 or 1979).
- ▶ The Manor House Restaurant officially opened in 1982.
- ▶ By 1992, the property became Heiskell's Country Manor Restaurant.
- ▶ It was later purchased in June 1996 by Denny and Jennifer Perry.
- ▶ In July 1999, Heiskell's Country Manor closed suddenly under mysterious circumstances.
- ▶ The restaurant appeared to have been left untouched. Tables were still set at the time of closure.
- ▶ While Tom and Patricia Kegley owned the building, Denny and Angela Perry (Denny's 2nd wife) operated the restaurant.
- ▶ On December 27, 2001, the Johnson County Community Foundation acquired the house.
- ▶ In 2002, frozen pies from the restaurant—dating back to its 1999 closure—were discovered still in a refrigerator.
- ▶ Today, the house retains its original hardwood floors, complete with the original nails still intact.

2011

\$15,830,330

2016

\$24,771,685

2021

\$40,847,662

Present

\$69,035,407

As of 3/25/26



**Gail Richards, Former President & CEO (2009-2023)**

During my tenure as President and CEO of the Foundation, the Board and I made the decision to establish an Emergency Fund in response to COVID-19. This initiative was designed to support local nonprofits as they faced unprecedented challenges, including widespread shutdowns and unanticipated expenses. Most of these costs the organization had not planned for.

During this same period, we also provided funding to the Humane Society of Johnson County to expand its pet food pantry. Many individuals who were laid off or furloughed struggled to afford basic necessities, including pet food. This support helped ensure that families could continue caring for their pets. This was an important source of comfort and stability during a highly uncertain time.

While not a traditional food pantry, the program played a vital role in meeting the needs of both residents and their animals. It was deeply rewarding to support our community in such a meaningful way during a time of great need.

**Lyman Snyder, Former Board Member (1994-2004), Former Development Committee**

My connection to the Foundation dates back to its earliest days, when it rented its first office from me for just \$150 a month on Jefferson Street in downtown Franklin. Not long after, in 1994, Board President Bud Herron invited me to join the board. This decision marked the beginning of a deeply meaningful journey.

One of my favorite milestones was the Foundation's purchase of its current home. At the time, it stood as one of the most prominent residences in Franklin, and I've always believed it to be a welcoming space and perfect fit for the community foundation.

Over the years, I've taken great pride in sharing the Foundation's story and helping connect new donors to its mission. While my own charitable interests include organizations like the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Franklin Symphonic Council, St. Thomas Clinic, and local food pantries, I consistently encourage donors to dedicate a portion of their giving to the Foundation's unrestricted community impact fund. This flexibility ensures the Foundation can respond when unexpected needs arise, such as during the 2008 flood in Franklin when the Foundation provided critical support exactly when it was needed most.



**Anne Young, Former Board Member (2004-2012, 2022-2025), Former Scholarship Committee, Current Grants Committee**

In 2024, the Foundation had the privilege of surprising 10 local organizations with capital and capacity-building matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000. One of the most memorable moments was visiting the Humane Society of Johnson County. They believed we were there for a site visit to evaluate a major grant request, but instead, we presented them with a \$250,000 check! The room quickly filled with excitement and emotion with joyful tears from both their team and ours. It was an incredibly rewarding experience to witness firsthand the impact of that support.

Another highlight of my time with the Foundation was serving as Chairman of the JCCF Scholarship Committee. I had the honor of calling students to share the news that they had been selected as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. While JCCF awards over half a million dollars in scholarships each year, the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is especially significant, covering full tuition, books, and room and board at any college or university in Indiana. With only three recipients selected annually, it is a truly life-changing opportunity for the students and their families.



**2012 Staff Photo**

Pictured left to right: Gail Richards (President & CEO), Kyle Linville (Intern), Kim Kasting (VP of Development), Martha Mahoney (Special Events/Office Coordinator), Carmen Olson (Finance Coordinator), Stephanie Fox (Program Officer, Grants & Scholarships)

**Watch a Video About Present Day JCCF ▶**





JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# 30x30 Club

\$30,000 BY 2030

The Johnson County Community Foundation invites you to join the newly launched 30x30 Club! Through Lilly Endowment's GIFT IX Initiative, your generosity goes even further. With a \$2-for-\$1 match, your \$10,000 commitment grows into a \$30,000 legacy of lasting community impact. **By pledging \$2,000 per year through June 2030, you will build your own \$30,000 named unrestricted endowed fund that supports the causes you care about here in Johnson County.**

**Let's make our 35th anniversary unforgettable by welcoming 35 founding members into the 30x30 Club!**

## Why Join the 30x30 Club?

- ▶ **Triple Your Impact:** Every \$1 you contribute receives a \$2 match through the GIFT IX Initiative, tripling the power of your giving.
- ▶ **Create a Lasting Legacy:** Your fund becomes a permanent source of support for the people, programs, and places that make Johnson County strong.
- ▶ **Give Smart — Save Smart:** Beginning in 2026, new standard deduction tax incentives will make charitable giving even more advantageous. Planning your gift now allows your generosity to work harder for both you and your community.
- ▶ **Flexible Giving Options:** Pledge a minimum of \$2,000 annually through June 2030, with the flexibility to give annually, quarterly, or monthly.



**If interested in joining our 30x30 Club, please contact Stephanie Marten, VP of Development, at [stephaniew@jccf.org](mailto:stephaniew@jccf.org) or (317) 738-2213.**

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Did you know Evan Meade, our Board Chair, received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in 2012?

JCCF'S 6TH ANNUAL

**GOLF  
OUTING**

OCTOBER 1, 2026  
HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

**Edward Jones**

To sponsor or sign up for the JCCF Golf Outing, please contact Stephanie Marten at [stephaniew@jccf.org](mailto:stephaniew@jccf.org).