



COMPASSION IN ACTION

Community Impact Investment Fund

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**COMPASSION—
TREATING PEOPLE
WITH RESPECT,
EMPATHY AND
KINDNESS—IS ONE
OF IU HEALTH'S
CORE VALUES.**

The five stories in this annual report share a common theme: true compassion is transformative. It has the ability to lift people out of difficult situations, change the trajectory of lives, the fate of families and the future of communities.

When we invest in organizations that lead with compassion, we can help them maximize the change they create in their communities. They can open new locations so homeless youth can access the resources they need, people with disabilities can gain workforce training and men struggling with addiction can focus on their recovery. They can connect refugee populations to primary care, mental health services and nutritious food. They can ensure that fathers make a family-sustaining wage.

These social and environmental factors—**employment, affordable housing, food security and education**—play a crucial role in the health outcomes of Hoosiers. We hope these stories inspire you as much as they've inspired us.

\$6,100,417

In Review

2024

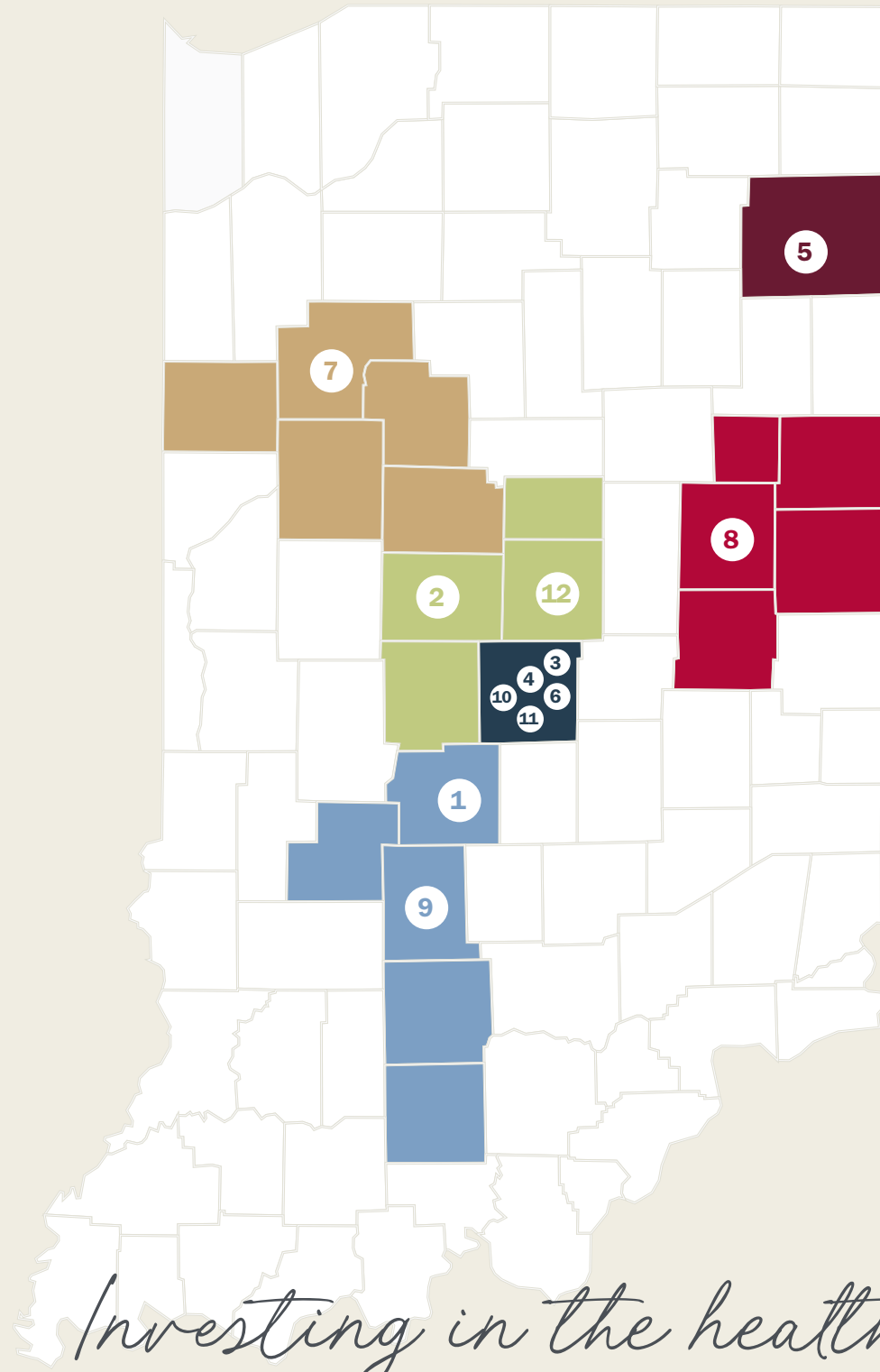
12
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\$6,100,417
awarded

In 2024, the IU Health Community Impact Investment (CII) Fund, administered by IU Health Foundation, awarded 12 grants totaling \$6,100,417 to organizations throughout the state of Indiana to address key social and environmental factors that impact people's health outcomes.

Since the fund was created in 2018, more than \$41.6 million in CII Fund grants have been awarded and IU Health Foundation has secured an additional \$3.5 million in donations to support the contributions from IU Health.

*Investing in the health
of our communities*





Get to know

THE 2024 GRANTEES

12 grants totaling \$6,100,417
are improving the health and wellbeing
of Hoosiers across the state—and
transforming communities in the process.

IU HEALTH COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND

1

Beacon, Inc.

\$650,000 over two years

for building renovations, including permanent, supportive housing, an emergency overnight shelter and resource center with co-located services from other community partners for individuals with substance use disorder and severe mental illness in Monroe County.

2

Boys & Girls Club of Tipton County

\$250,000 over two years

to develop and pilot a targeted program curriculum which utilizes local community businesses to provide mentorship and virtual reality simulations, fostering workplace readiness for high school students to help them plan for their future and pursue meaningful careers.

3

Edna Martin Christian Center

\$750,000 over three years

to renovate 37 Place, a community hub serving residents of the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood in Indianapolis. This will allow Edna Martin Christian Center and other nonprofits more space to offer key programs and services designed to help strengthen the community, making it a safer place to live.

4

Englewood Community Development Corporation

\$375,000 over three years

to lend support to culturally rooted congregations in the 46203 ZIP code, as well as train congregations to use their cultural assets to improve health in their communities. Englewood Community Development Corporation will collaborate with the Southside US Colored Troop Coalition on this project.

5

Healthier Moms & Babies

\$630,000 over three years

to address infant and maternal mortality in southeast Fort Wayne, helping launch the Healthier Moms & Babies Doula Collective, a program that provides doula training along with entrepreneurship training and mentorship. Partnerships with other community organizations will offer housing, financial literacy training and postpartum support via peer groups and mentorship.

6

Indy Public Safety Foundation

\$630,000 over two years

to launch the Indy Peace Mobile Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response team, which will bring resources, support and hope to disconnected and disinvested communities most impacted by gun violence. This initiative will build upon the successes of the Indy Peace program as part of the City of Indianapolis's Gun Violence Reduction Strategy.

7

Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region

\$250,000 over two years

to purchase and renovate a bus for mobile mental health screenings, provide a working space for youth therapists and counselors, and implement wellness programming to destigmatize mental health and teach life skills at schools in Tippecanoe and the surrounding counties.



8

Nextech Org, Inc.

\$365,417 over three years

to provide internships in technology to teens in the Muncie area, introducing them to postsecondary options and setting them up for career success. This project will be conducted in partnership with TeenWorks.

9

Pantry 279

\$250,000 over three years

to purchase equipment to increase services and variety of foods for patrons in Monroe and nearby counties during food delivery and pickup.

10

Peace Learning Center

\$700,000 over three years

to lead a community collaboration to divert youth away from the traditional juvenile justice system into one of case management, mental health services and restorative practices by building upstream diversion programs in community centers and schools in Marion County.

11

Phalen Leadership Academy

\$750,000 over two years

to build the Cowdrey Community Center, providing a safe space for recreational activities and community gatherings. Located at 42nd Street and Mitthoeffer Road in Indianapolis, activities will be tailored to address community needs, improving overall quality of life for residents and breaking down barriers that have hindered progress.

12

Watch Us Farm

\$500,000 over three years

to support job and vocational training, as well as holistic support services for those with intellectual disabilities, critically addressing community issues, including high unemployment, limited access to job training and social isolation among this community. The project will take place in Boone County.



TRUE COMPASSION



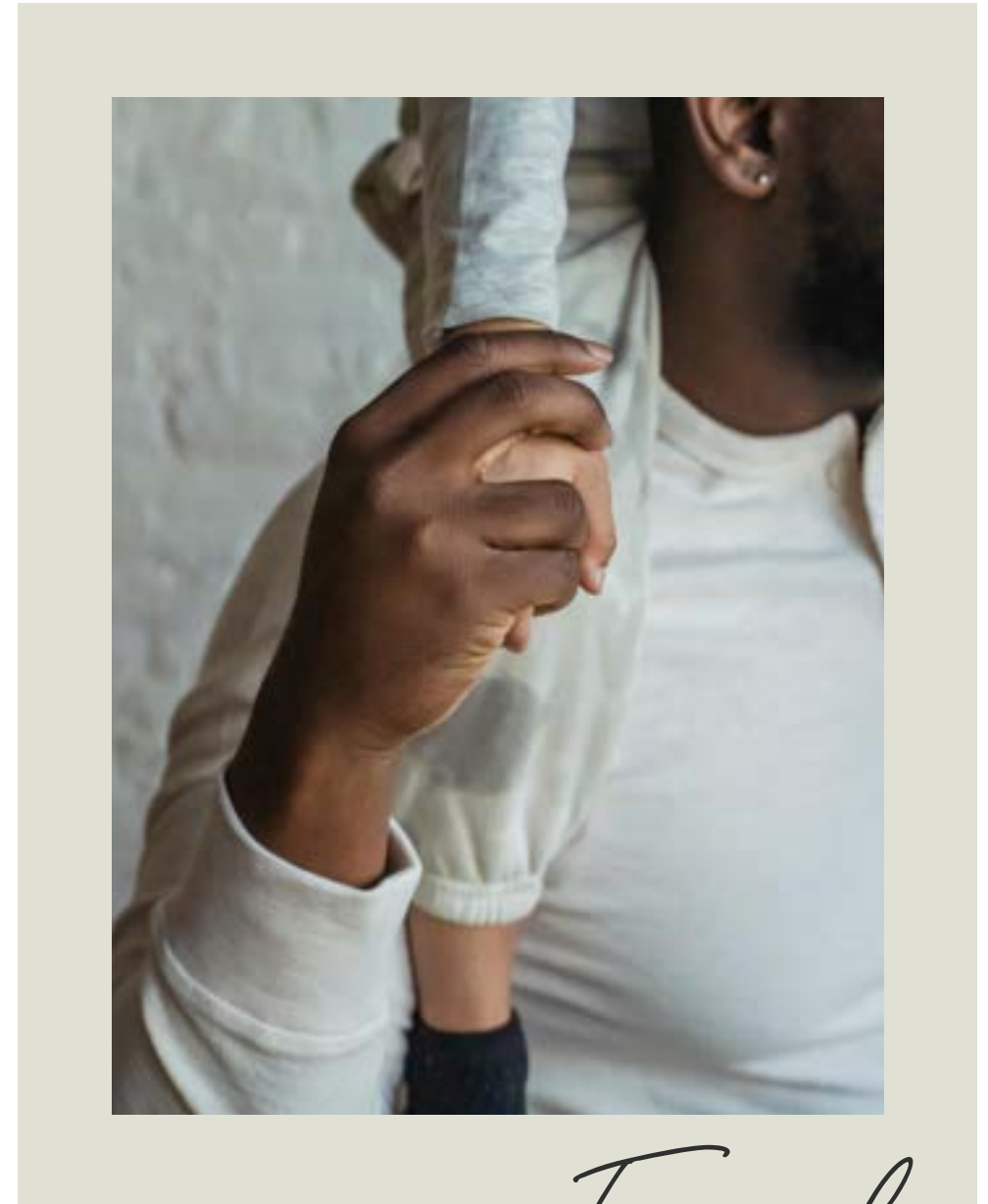
IS TRANSFORMATIVE

STRONGER FAMILIES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

Fathers and Families is helping
men become better people, parents,
partners and providers

“I was a dad at 16,” said Larry Smith. “I grew up
at 34th and Emerson in Indianapolis. I didn’t know
that the Fathers and Families Center existed. After I
found out, I volunteered–off and on–for about 17 years.”

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Family

Smith is now president and CEO of Fathers and Families Center (FFC), a nonprofit organization which gives men the resources, guidance and support they need to be great parents. The Center has served more than 25,000 men over the course of its 32-year history, providing employment and career services, mentorship, training certifications and “Strong Fathers,” a three-week workshop offered to participants at no cost that is changing the lives of Indianapolis area men and their families.

In 2023, Fathers and Families secured a three-year, \$750,000-dollar grant from the IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund to help grow the Strong Fathers program and the resources offered therein. “We have one cohort of men each month and 12 total over the course of the year,” Smith said. “When I joined FFC in 2022, we had five to seven men in each cohort. Now it’s closer to 25 to 30. It’s gone so well the last couple of years that we’ve literally outgrown our building.”

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FATHER IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

This is a central question the Strong Fathers curriculum helps men answer. “The definition of ‘father’ is evolving,” Smith said. “Most of the men we serve, like me, grew up in a home where the father was not there – at least full-time. Also, most of the men we serve have never been married. We teach them everything from how to parent to the importance of earning a wage to sustain a family.”

In the Strong Fathers class, students chart a path to personal improvement, family stability and financial sustainability. Each 15-session cohort provides hands-on learning opportunities addressing what Fathers and Families calls the “Four Ps”: the Person, Parent, Partner and Provider.

Over the course of three weeks, students:

- Receive instruction on mental hygiene, healthy lifestyles and sound financial management
- Are eligible for 25 hours of job readiness training
- Can access one-on-one support with job search strategies, application/resume preparation and interview techniques

Every student receives a weekly stipend to participate in the program, as well as gas cards or bus passes to ensure that they can attend each session. Once they graduate, Fathers and Families offers support for students’ basic needs like utilities, rent, food and clothing.



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“The average income of the men when they get to us is \$11,000 annually,” Smith said. “The jobs that they’re eligible for once they graduate range from \$18 to \$25 an hour. If they go through an apprenticeship or skilled trades training, they can earn three or four times that much. For the men who’ve not graduated from high school and want their GED, we pay for that. Last year we had 19 men earn their GED on us.”

As a result of the IU Health CII Fund grant, Fathers and Families offered its first construction skills course in March 2024, from which eight men graduated. Since then, 66 have earned their National Center for Construction and Education Research credential and OSHA-10 card, positioning them for well-paying entry level jobs in the construction trades.

Our mission is to equip fathers and empower families so that children thrive. When a father is involved in the life of his children, they're less likely to do drugs, they have higher self-esteem, earn better grades and are less likely to be in gangs. We directly affect that."

Larry Smith, president and CEO

THE POWER OF A SUIT

"On graduation day, we give all the men a suit," Smith said. "Just to be in a suit changes their demeanor."

During the ceremony, Fathers and Families recognizes fathers from the community and provides opportunities for program ambassadors and alumni to tell their stories of how the program helped them. Finally, the graduates are tasked with giving a presentation which aims to solve a community problem. The presentations range from how to fix potholes to how to reduce youth violence.

"Graduation never gets old," Smith said. "There are so many people who come up to me, proud and smiling, and say, 'Larry, I've never graduated from anything.'"

Smith has seen the positive effect these men have on their families and communities once they graduate. "Our mission is to equip fathers and empower families so that children thrive," Smith noted. "When a father is involved in the life of his children, they're less likely to do drugs, they have higher self-esteem, earn better grades and are less likely to be in gangs. We directly affect that."

THE FUTURE OF FATHERS AND FAMILIES

Fathers and Families Center has built upon the support of the IU Health CII Fund and other partner organizations, securing additional funding that has enabled them to sign a lease for a new physical space, conduct a feasibility study for a future capital campaign and continue to expand their programming into the future.



A two-time all-American Track and Field athlete during his time at Williams College, Smith describes himself as a very competitive person. "My motto when I was competing was 'Second place is the first loser,'" Smith said, laughing. "My vision is for us to be a national organization. I want us to go from local to statewide to regional to national."

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FATHERS AND FAMILIES CENTER, VISIT [FFCINDIANA.ORG](https://ffcindiana.org)

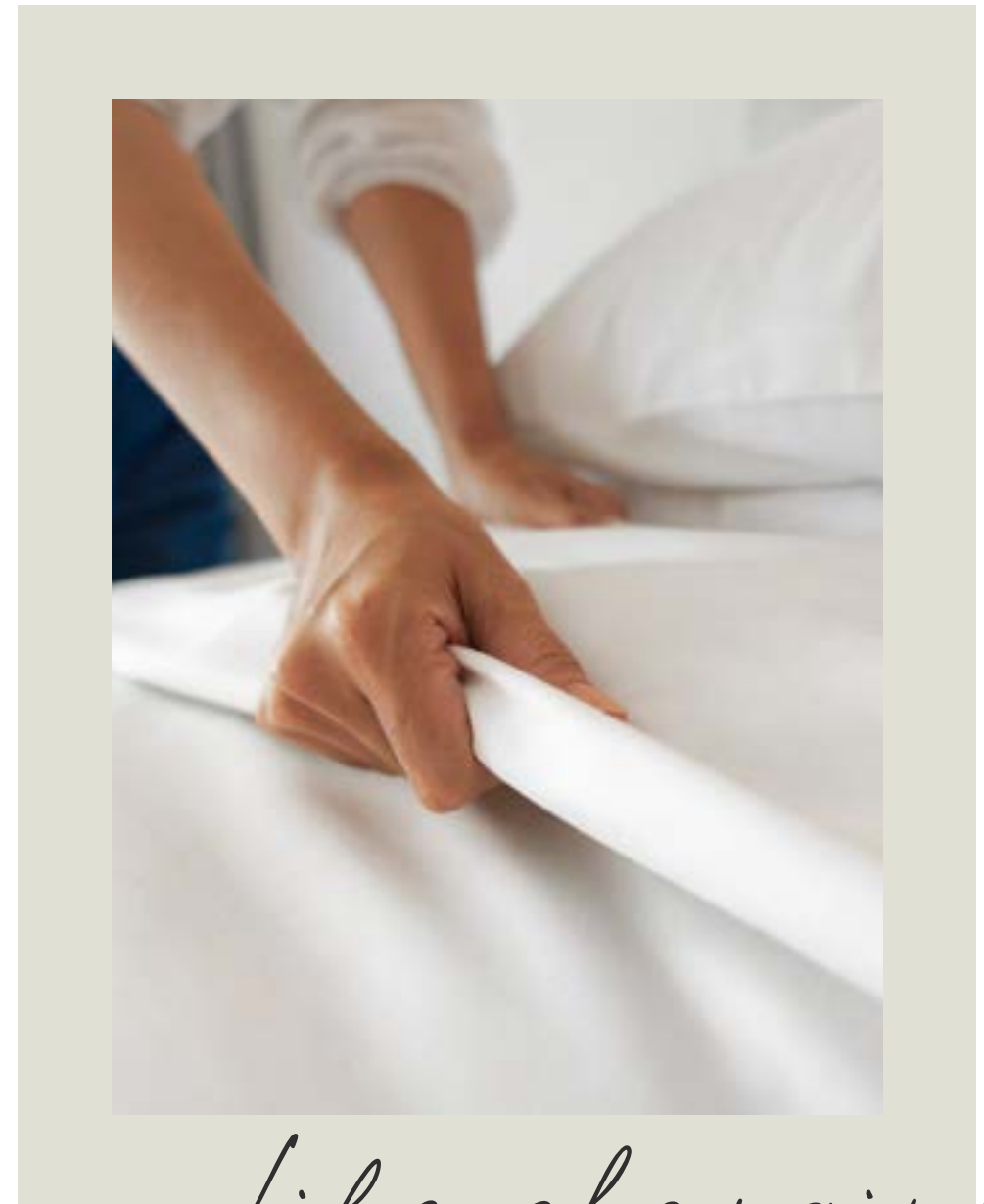
OPENING DOORS TO THE GOOD LIFE

The Arc of Indiana's Erskine Green Training Institute new location at Riley Hospital for Children helps prepare more individuals with disabilities for the workforce

"What is the good life?" asked Megan Stevenson, director of The Arc of Indiana's Erskine Green Training Institute.

"What does that look like for you and your family?"

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Life-changing

The answer for many people with disabilities begins with meaningful employment. “When people with disabilities can’t find employment, many develop mental health challenges,” Stevenson said. “When they’re employed, they establish a social network at work; they have money, which allows them to do more. Employment is the door to the good life.”

The Arc of Indiana’s Erskine Green Training Institute (EGTI) has been opening doors for people with disabilities since its founding in 2016 in Muncie. Through partnerships with the Courtyard Marriott and IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, EGTI offers post-secondary vocational training in hospitality, food service, healthcare and inventory distribution. Students live onsite and participate in 10- or 12-week training programs.

Over the past decade, 353 students have graduated from EGTI and 80 percent are employed—more than four times the average employment rate (19 percent) for individuals with disabilities.

In 2023, Stevenson and her colleagues saw an opportunity to expand their groundbreaking program at a second site: Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

BRINGING EGTI TO THE CIRCLE CITY—AND TO MORE STUDENTS

“Our students were coming from all over the state to Muncie to live for up to 12 weeks,” Stevenson said. “We’ve had students from 60 different counties. But there are some individuals who already had a house or an apartment, or maybe they’re married. Traveling to and living in Muncie is not ideal for them.”

EGTI has secured employment for graduates at IU Health sites across the state since its founding. Their vision: to open a commuter-style campus at Riley Hospital that would enable EGTI to serve a wider range of students with a non-residential vocational training option.

In 2023, The Arc of Indiana Foundation secured a three-year, \$487,500 grant from the IU Health Community Impact Investment (CII) Fund to launch their new program at Riley Hospital.

“These programs take a lot of time and effort to establish,” Stevenson said. “Relationships are really key.”

The first year and-a-half of the grant has been spent hiring and training instructors and support staff, building relationships with Riley Hospital team members and marketing the program to prospective students.



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“The CII Fund grant has allowed us to dream up this new concept that we think can be replicable and scalable in different health care environments where we think it can have great impact,” Stevenson noted.

A LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

EGTI at Riley Hospital offers four nine- or eleven-week training sessions per year for individuals with disabilities. Students learn soft skills and community access strategies before diving into the job training in their chosen area—environmental services, nutrition services and inventory distribution. To provide the best educational environment possible, EGTI maintains a 5:1 student-to-instructor ratio, and every instructor holds a special education degree and training in the vocational area they’re teaching.

THE ARC OF INDIANA FOUNDATION

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Alex Parker, director of development

In addition to providing close attention to students during their training sessions, instructors assist students before, during and after their time at EGTI as they transition into the workforce. By the end of the grant term in 2026, the goal is to equip 85 to 105 graduates with the skills they need to secure employment and live "The Good Life."

Alex Parker, director of development at The Arc of Indiana Foundation, experienced the transformative power of the EGTI firsthand when his brother graduated from the program.

"It's a great experience and experiment in trust to let go of a family member who you've supported in a lot of different ways," Parker said. "You're helping them grow and helping yourself grow. As challenging as it is, the independence, confidence and skills gained by graduates as they come out of the program are exponentially more impactful for their families and for their understanding of what's possible for our students. That's the impact that's hard to share in stats for our program but it's a universal experience."

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A SELF- SUSTAINING AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SOLUTION

The Refugee Health Collaborative is meeting the needs of a burgeoning Burmese community in Allen County

Allen County, Indiana, has an estimated Burmese population of over 10,000, one of the largest in the United States. Many are refugees who fled an oppressive regime in Myanmar in search of a better life for themselves and their children.

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Community

“Refugee” is a status assigned by the U.S. government to individuals for whom it is unsafe to be in their homeland. They are vetted by government officials and admitted into the U.S., where they’re given access to a resettlement agency, a stipend and other resources.

Many refugees suffer from physical and emotional trauma as a result of what they’ve endured in their home countries. In addition, they encounter linguistic and cultural barriers that make finding healthcare and mental health services incredibly difficult.

CONVENING THE PARTNERS

The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation (SJCHF) has been serving the Burmese population in Allen County since 2003, administering grants and convening partners to establish support networks for the community and its distinctive needs.

When IU Health physician Dr. Cho Mar Aung, herself a Burmese refugee, was set to open a practice in Allen County, IU Health approached SJCHF to better understand what wraparound services would be most beneficial to ensure that refugees could resettle comfortably into the community.

“Our goal is for people to come and have a great quality of life and be an important part of the community,” said Meg Distler, executive director of the St. Joseph County Community Health Foundation. “We want people to soar.”

IDENTIFYING THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED

With the help of a \$1 million grant from the IU Health (CII) Community Impact Investment Fund, SJCHF launched The Refugee Health Collaborative, a partnership that involves the IU Health Primary Care Office of Dr. Cho Mar Aung, Amani Family Services, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, International House, and the Double Up IN SNAP Matching program in Allen County.

Based on the Refugee Health Collaborative’s deep experience in serving the Burmese population in Allen County, the organizations identified four clear objectives that would improve the quality of life for this population:

- Increase access to primary care and culturally competent wellness services
- Increase access to mental health services
- Improve food security
- Enhance community engagement

THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL COMPETENCE

There’s a reason that “culturally competent” is included in the first objective. “It’s so important when you’re providing a service that you can speak someone’s language, know their culture and know how they interpret health,” said Jackie Martinez, SJCHF community impact director.

From providing rides to and from medical appointments to helping patients navigate the healthcare system, Refugee Health Collaborative is getting as many Burmese community members involved as liaisons in the process as possible. Not only does this approach help refugees feel comfortable, it also ensures that the support system they’re creating is sustainable into the future.



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community members have benefitted from health and wellness services provided by The Refugee Health Collaborative.



It’s igniting that power within them so that they can say, “There’s space for me to give back to my culture and be a role model.”

“When we think of case management, we often use the word ‘accompaniment,’” Martinez said. “It’s walking alongside them and providing support that’s so much more than just leading people to resources.”

For Martinez, it’s a project that hits close to home. “I’m from Venezuela,” Martinez said. “Some of the services that the Refugee Health Collaborative is providing are the same services that our family needed and used when we arrived in the U.S.”

RESULTS

Just halfway through the three-year IU Health CII Fund grant, Refugee Health Collaborative has made significant progress in connecting Burmese refugees to health and wellness services in Allen County:

- 171 participants have benefited from refugee relocation services provided by Catholic Charities
- 159 participants have received mental health screenings administered by Amani Family Services
- 142 patients have accessed primary care
- 79 community members have benefited from transportation, childcare and other services offered by International House
- 6 participants have been supported directly with scholarships to be trained as medical interpreters by the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

THE REFUGEE HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

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Meg Distler, executive director
St. Joseph County Community Health Foundation

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN ALLEN COUNTY AND BEYOND

In addition to helping fund mental health counseling services, primary care and assistance with accessing benefits, the IU Health CII Fund grant has helped support The Refugee Health Collaborative's objective to address food insecurity within the Burmese population.

"Many Burmese have a more vegetable-rich diet," Distler said, "and are used to consuming vegetables that don't grow natively in Indiana." These vegetables include sour leaf, water spinach, bitter melon, radishes and an array of squashes. SJCHF has been instrumental in supporting partners that make locally grown, culturally appropriate produce available at area farmers markets.

With the IU Health CII Fund grant, Distler and her team have been able to make the produce even more affordable for refugee families.

SJCHF manages the Double Up program in Allen County, which helps low-income families by doubling their buying power on nutrition-rich fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. When Burmese refugees use their SNAP/EBT card at a participating market, the program matches their produce purchases dollar-for-dollar, for up to \$20 per day. This enables refugees to access up to \$40 worth of fruits and vegetables for half the price.



"Having this additional money from the IU Health CII Fund has really created more robust farmers markets," Distler said. "People drive from a wide range of places for some of the vegetables grown here. I really believe that the strength of the Burmese farmers who are now growing and selling many of these vegetables are opening doors for many others in the state who are benefitting from these markets."

"Nobody had built these pathways for community connection before," Distler noted. "With this grant, there's now a working collecting of people and organizations who have been able to build referral processes that were not there before. The biggest part of sustaining efforts like these is that there's now a network and the Burmese are using resources that enhance their ability to become healthier, more self-sufficient, and contributing members of the community."

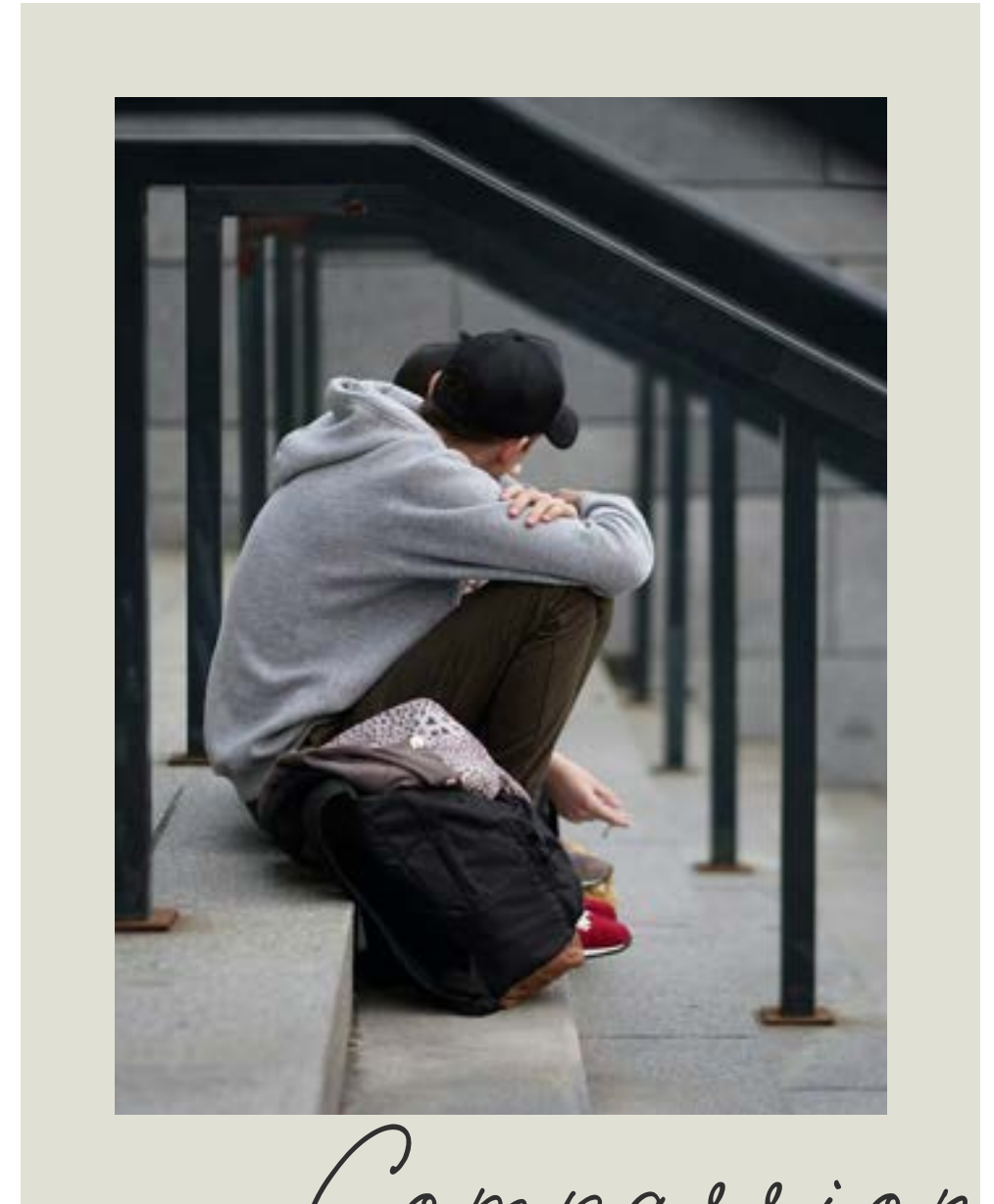
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FIGHTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS WITH COMPASSION AND ACCEPTANCE

Outreach Indiana opens new program center for homeless youth on the West Side of Indianapolis

At 20, Heaven Stevens was sleeping on a mat in a gym-turned shelter, guarded and wary of others. That changed when she found Outreach Indiana, an organization that specializes in serving and meeting the unique needs of youth facing homelessness.

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Compassion

What started as a simple visit to an Outreach Program Center to do laundry turned into life-changing support: help securing food stamps, Medicaid and, ultimately, stable housing. When Stevens signed the lease on her first apartment, Outreach celebrated with her, providing essentials to make it feel like home.

"I'm so thankful for the people at Outreach who never gave up on me," Stevens said. "They gave me chances when I didn't deserve them and helped me see I could succeed."

A LARGELY INVISIBLE STRUGGLE

An estimated 8,100 youth face homelessness annually in Marion County - yet their struggle often goes unseen, unfolding in abandoned buildings or on the couches of friends.

"One of the biggest challenges is finding them," said Kevin Robb, chief development officer at Outreach Indiana. "You look at chronic homelessness in the adult population: You see them downtown. You see the tent camps. Our youth are a little cagier. Even adult shelters aren't safe for youth. They're wise beyond their years and a resilient bunch. If we can help them in any little way that we can, hopefully we can prevent chronic homelessness."

Outreach Indiana has been providing support services and resources for youth experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis since 1996. It started with serving peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the homeless youth of Broad Ripple out of the trunk of a car. Outreach has grown into a 29-person operation running four program centers throughout Indianapolis.

THE FOURTH PROGRAM CENTER IS BORN

In 2023, Outreach Indiana received a three-year, \$718,000 grant from the IU Health (CII) Community Impact Investment Fund to geographically expand their support services and resources for youth experiencing homelessness to the Haughville neighborhood of Indianapolis.

The IU Health CII Fund grant has enabled Outreach to build community in the Haughville neighborhood, establish partnerships with service providers and local schools, and hire qualified staff to ensure their fourth program center is as successful as their first three. "The Near Westside is very different from the Near Eastside," Robb said. "We think hard before going into a new space. We have to make sure we're invited in by all the organizations we've engaged with in the community."



1,029

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HOLISTIC SUPPORT

Outreach's West Side program center at 602 N Berwick Ave opened in May 2025. Program centers provide everything from hot meals, showers and laundry to clothing, hygiene items, access to a computer lab and peer support.

In addition, Outreach offers the ARCH (Advocacy, Relationship, and Coaching in High Schools) program, connecting homeless youth - referred by school counselors - with 1:1 coaching, group peer experiences and so much more.

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Kevin Robb, chief development officer

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What began with serving PB&Js to the homeless youth of Broad Ripple out of the trunk of a car has grown into a 29-person operation running four program centers throughout Indianapolis.

"We recently celebrated our senior graduates of the ARCH program," Robb stated. "There were lots of tears at graduation. Every graduate gets a \$100 gift card and other essentials that have been donated. Of our 20 graduates, 12 are making post-secondary plans. They walked away with a lot of stuff and a lot of love."

Outreach Indiana impacted the lives of 1,029 youth in 2024 alone, providing:

- 7,488 meals
- 2,351 group program sessions
- 566 completed housing assessments
- 190 jobs for youth

With the launch of their West Side program center, Outreach's impact will only continue to grow, making positive strides in breaking cycles of generational poverty across Indianapolis.

But Robb is quick to credit the youth themselves—a sentiment shared by the entire team at Outreach Indiana. "We're not here to fix things," Robb said. "We're here to walk alongside. We're not the hero of the story, the youth are."

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUTREACH INDIANA AT [OUTREACHINDIANA.ORG](https://outreachindiana.org).



THE HOUSE THAT HOPE BUILT

Stability First opens Foundations House to address substance abuse disorder in Morgan County

Chris Stevens struggled for over 15 years with heroin abuse.

"I was in and out of rehabs," Stevens said. "I came to grips with death. I thought, 'Whatever happens, happens.

I mean, I'm no significant part of anything.'"

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Hope



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The complete renovation of Stability First's Foundations House—a 16-bed recovery residence for men—was completed in December 2024.

Stevens decided to give sobriety one last chance. He entered recovery at Harbor Light Center in Indianapolis, where he found sobriety—and the power of faith.

“My life is never going to be perfect,” Stevens said. “But I know that anything life has to throw at me, I can go to the Lord in prayer, and He strengthens me. I don’t run from adversity. Now, with His help, I go headfirst into it.”

Stevens went headfirst into helping others as well, leading a Bible study and 12-step program at the Morgan County Jail. “Not too long ago I had a guy released,” Stevens remembered. “He had all the right tools, but he had nowhere to go. As a result, he went back to the trap house, went right back to what he knew. The Foundations House is giving people like him a safe place to put the work in—so their families can be united, so they can grow closer to the Lord. They can see a transformation from hopeless to hopeful.”

Stevens now serves as Director of Foundations House, a men’s recovery facility opened by Stability First in Morgan County.

CALLED TO SERVE IN MORGAN COUNTY

Stability First was founded in 2015 by a local pastor and several concerned community members in Morgan County to provide hope and healing for those facing hardship and addiction. One year later, the ministry opened Magdalene House, a 16-bed facility for women.

Since 2016, Magdalene House has served close to 800 women and offered over 48,000 nights of shelter. In addition to housing, Stability First provides:

- Job training and mentoring through the Maggie Bag Center
- Community-based substance abuse recovery group meetings
- Individually based guidance that includes assisting with enrollment with the HIP program, ensuring access to a primary care physician and identifying and managing chronic conditions
- Follow-up support services for former shelter residents

For years, Stability First sought to add a second facility to serve men in their community. The timing of the IU Health (CII) Community Impact Investment Fund grant seemed like it was sent from above. “We are Christ-centered,” said Robin Wonnell, executive director of Stability First. “There’s a lot to do in our county, but not everything is in our lane. We believe that God has put us in this lane.”

In 2023, Stability First received a three-year, \$539,000 grant from the IU Health CII Fund to develop housing and programming for men in Morgan and surrounding counties experiencing mental health crises, justice system involvement and substance use disorder.

That was when the real work began.

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RENOVATION BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Stability First already had a building to house their operation for men, but it needed a lot of work. The residents of Morgan County met the need.

“Our community showed up and the demolition process was done by volunteers,” Wonnell said. “Some of those volunteers were from the county jail. They would come on Saturday and work alongside community volunteers. To see them side by side doing the demolition, having lunch, talking... that was good for all parties.”

The complete renovation of Stability First’s Foundations House—a 16-bed recovery residence for men—was completed in December 2024. Support from the IU Health CII Fund assisted with construction costs, staffing for the Foundations House and an overnight staff member for Magdalene House. Foundations House began accepting men in February 2025.

STABILITY FIRST

The program that they learned in here they're utilizing out there. They're continuing to go to meetings, going to churches of their choice; we see them with their families. It wasn't just a 'sit and get' — they're taking it beyond. Every day we see that here."

Robin Wonnell, executive director

"The opening of the men's house has been beyond what any of us thought it would be," Wonnell said. "We know the good we're doing, and we know the need in the community, but to see the changes these men are making—through their interaction with the staff, the programming, through being accepted—that has been phenomenal."

STABILITY FIRST REFUSES TO REST ON ITS LAURELS

Wonnell finds great joy seeing residents flourish in the community once they leave Magdalene House. She's looking forward to the same results for the men of Foundations House. "We can see with every resident that leaves us how they're leading their life in the community," Wonnell said. "The program that they learned in here they're utilizing out there. They're continuing to go to meetings, going to churches of their choice; we see them with their families. It wasn't just a 'sit and get'—they're taking it beyond. Every day we see that here."

As the IU Health CII Fund grant comes to an end in 2025, Stability First is looking ahead to how it can continue to support their graduates' long-term success. "The next phase is affordable housing," Wonnell said.



When residents leave Magdalene House—and when the first cohort of Foundations House eventually go out on their own—they will face challenges with securing safe and affordable housing. While Stability First provides guidance and follow-up services regarding patients' sobriety and mental health, Wonnell believes there is more to do.

"If we had a place for them to live afterwards, that would be ideal," Wonnell said. "Just as it was when I sent my daughter to college, there's an apron string from mom and dad to her. They're living on their own, paying rent, and going to work. To be able to continue to walk with them and be there for them would go a long way."

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STABILITY FIRST, VISIT [STABILITYFIRST.ORG](https://stabilityfirst.org).

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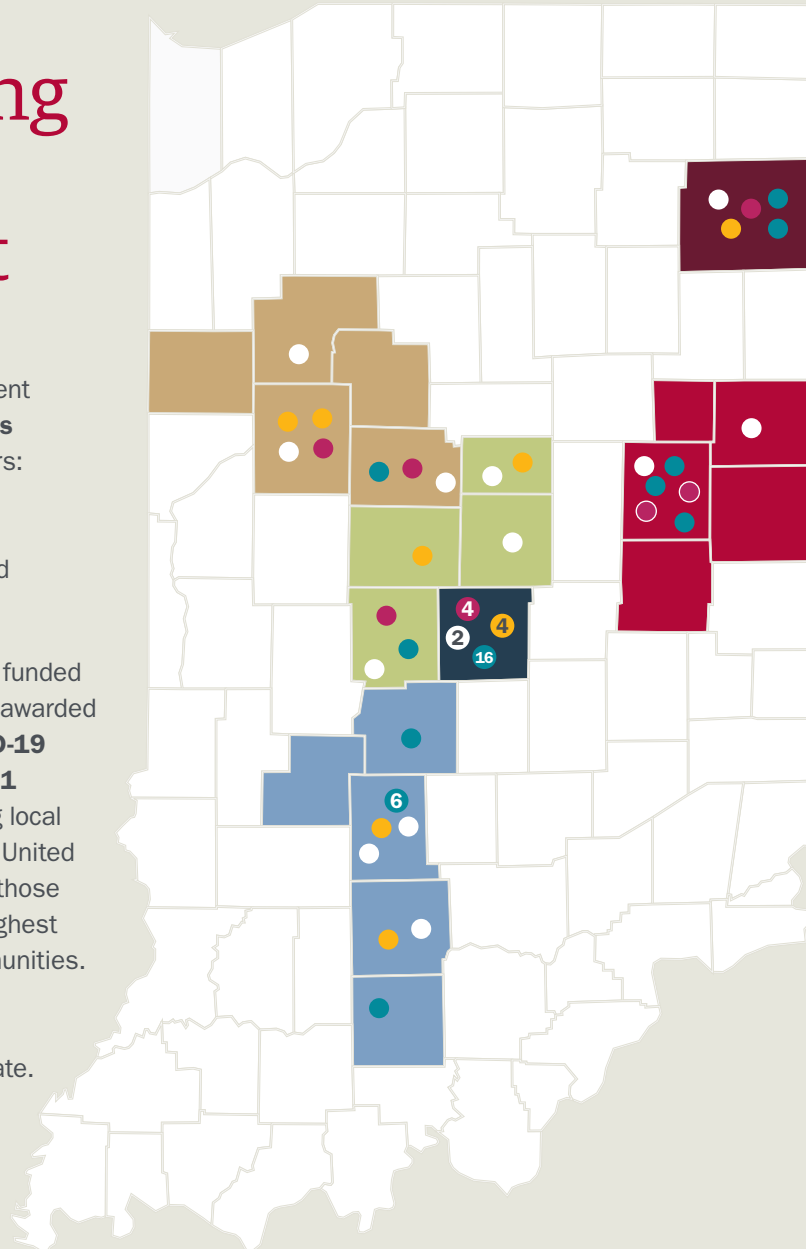
Celebrating Six Years of Impact

Since 2019, the IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund has awarded **52 grants** across our three focus pillars:

- **Place-based Initiatives,**
- **Educational Attainment** and
- **Workforce Development.**

In addition to the 52 grants funded across our three pillars, we awarded **14 grants during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021** that were distributed among local community foundations and United Way chapters, empowering those organizations to fund the highest priority needs in their communities.

These grants total close to \$41.6 million across our state.



A Retrospective All Grantees Since 2019

Academic Health Center

American Heart Association, Gleaners & Purdue University Center for Health Equity and Innovation
The Arc of Indiana Foundation
Aspire Higher Foundation
Center for Interfaith Cooperation
Central Indiana Community Foundation
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis
Congregational Care Network
Cradle Indy
Early Learning Indiana
Edna Martin Christian Center
Englewood Community Development Corp
Fathers and Families Center
Guidance, Life-Skills and Mentoring, Inc. (GLAM) & Judson Partnership
Indianapolis Foundation
Indianapolis Public Transit Foundation
Intend Indiana, Inc.
Indy Public Safety Foundation, Inc
Martin University
Mosaic Center
Outreach, Inc.
PATH4YOU
Peace Learning Center
Phalen Leadership Academy
RecycleForce
United Way of Central Indiana

West Central Region

Eleven Fifty Academy
Goodwill Foundation of Central and Southern Indiana
Indiana Latino Institute
Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region
United Way of Clinton County
United Way of Clinton County and the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce
United Way of Greater Lafayette
White County United Way

South Central Region

Beacon, Inc
Centerstone
Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County
Community Foundation Partnership of Lawrence County
Ivy Tech College, Bloomington
Lawrence County Workforce Coalition
New Hope for Families
Pantry 279
Southern Indiana Community Health Center
Stability First
United Way of Monroe County
Wheeler Mission, Bloomington

Indy Suburban Region

Boys & Girls Club of Tipton County
Family Promise of Hendricks County
Hamilton County Community Foundation
Hendricks County Community Foundation
Tipton County Community Foundation
Volunteers of America
Watch Us Farm, Inc

Northeast Region

Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne Community Schools
Healthier Moms and Babies, Inc
St. Joseph Community Health Foundation
United Way of Allen County

East Central Region

The Stwelve Coalition
Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.
Marian University
Nextech Org, Inc
The Portland Foundation
Urban Light Community Church
Whitely Community Council

TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE CARE

The IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund continues to build on the successes of our first six years, invest in new organizations that will carry on the good work you've read about in these pages and find solutions to challenges on the horizon.

If you are a community-based organization interested in replicating one of the programs you've read about, we can connect you to the right people. If you are a prospective donor, funder or community investor and would like to talk about how to partner with us to co-invest in these initiatives, we welcome the conversation.

Help us continue to build a healthier Indiana with compassionate care that truly changes lives.

If you'd like to learn more about the IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund or the projects we've supported, please contact:

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If you or your company/foundation would like to discuss how to come alongside IU Health as a co-funder in this CII initiative, please reach out to:

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TO LEARN MORE about how our grantees are serving their communities—including interactive dashboards updated quarterly—visit iuhealth.org/in-the-community/community-impact-investment-fund or scan the QR code above.



Focus for the Future

INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH

IU HEALTH COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND

An IU Health system-wide review of Community Health Needs Assessments identified infant and maternal health as a significant community health need in every region we serve.

Infant mortality is the No. 1 indicator of health status in the world (IDOH, 2025). In 2023, (the most recent finalized data from IDOH):

- The infant mortality rate for the state of Indiana was 6.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births*, compared to 5.6 nationwide
- Throughout Indiana, 524 infants died before their first birthday

To address the most pressing needs in our communities, the 2025 IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund grant cycle will focus solely on supporting organizations that advance infant and maternity health outcomes.

To learn more about our focus on infant and maternity health, visit iuhealth.org/in-the-community/community-impact-investment-fund.

*According to provisional data released by IDOH for 2024, the infant mortality rate for the state of Indiana decreased to 6.3 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.



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