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We still plan to celebrate, though it will be later than planned (thanks, COVID!). Watch for news about our somewhat belated anniversary celebration on our website at [www.occf-in.org](http://www.occf-in.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/orangecountycf](http://www.facebook.com/orangecountycf). Or just wait for your invitation to arrive!

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Through the years, we've seen so much happen in Orange County, said good-bye to so many treasured friends, rejoiced at triumph, and wept with disappointment. As life goes, does service to one's community.

staffed by dedicated and talented representatives who take charitable work very seriously. Most of all, however, we have been blessed with the generosity of some of the world's kindest, most caring people. Since we began as an independent foundation in 2001, our donors have provided nearly \$17.7 million in contributions and program support. Not to be discounted is the amount of support we have received from grant partners, most notably Lilly Endowment Inc and Smithville Charitable Foundation. Grants such as these have enabled us to create programs and complete projects throughout Orange County, build endowment funds and assist local non-profits with matching funds, and provide discretionary funding to local charitable causes when special needs arise. We have established the mission to build a better Orange County, together with our community partners, local businesses, and our cherished donors. This may be a small, rural community, but it's a community filled with incredible people and lots of potential. Whether the need is children, economic development, education, health and wellness, or any other worthy cause for Orange County, we can help establish and maintain charitable funds for those causes, supporting the efforts toward addressing issues and alleviating difficulties for local people, local charities, and local communities. For good, forever, for Orange County...



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The Orange County Community Foundation began with a dream back in 1996—a dream of making a difference in Orange County, of offering philanthropists the opportunity to effectively help their community and its people, and of leading the way toward building a better community for us all. That dream began as a fund with the Lawrence County Community Foundation; and in 2001, your community foundation was created to stand on its own and to fulfill the dreams established in the Foundation's humble beginnings.

Disaffiliating from the Lawrence County group in 2001, the Orange County Community Foundation, Inc. ended its first fiscal year in September of 2002 with 80 funds and \$2,021,358 in fund holdings. From there, we have grown to encompass 188 funds and \$12,893,279 in funds assets, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our donors, our partners, and our community.

Looking back over the 25 years that the Foundation has served Orange County, we have provided more than \$8,000,000 in grants, more than \$838,000 in scholarships, and over \$1,820,000 in program support to local non-profits and charitable causes serving Orange County. That's more than \$10.66 million given in the Foundation's 25-year history, or an average of more than \$426,000 per year.

This issue of COLUMNS provides an overview of the Foundation's work through the years, and a reminiscent review of the people whose passion have made the operation of the Foundation possible, the recipients of our donors' generosity, and those who have served and continue to serve their fellow Orange Countians and have been recognized for that service.

Please join us for this stroll down memory lane and celebrate 25 years of service and assistance to Orange County.

### JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE YEARS...

- \* Assisted with Compassion 4 Kids distribution of school supplies
- \* Sustaining Resource Development program from Lilly helps establish sustainability with \$250,000 grant
- \* Formation of Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization and the Sol Strauss Supporting Organization, both granting each year
- \* Free textbooks offered by Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization for 11 years, beginning in 2007
- \* Golden Deeds Awards programs hosted by OCCF Youth Council annually
- \* Food for Thought programs funded
- \* Love Orange County community pride campaign launched and video produced
- \* Partnership with Orange County Development Commission, lasting until funding for that organization ceased
- \* Hosted two non-profit forums for Orange County
- \* TV Amnesty Program funded annually since 2012, with county-wide cleanup efforts funds since 2010
- \* Chosen to participate in CF Leads Leadership Program
- \* Chosen to participate in the Bowen Center for Public Affairs community conversations program
- \* Approved for planning and implementation grants from Lilly Endowment Inc
- \* Provided funding for local bicentennial parks
- \* Partnered with local non-profits in community wellness programs
- \* Participated in an OCRA grant for the Orleans stage project
- \* Created website and social media presence
- \* Spearheaded local state bicentennial programs
- \* Chosen to participate in the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Hometown Collaboration Initiative
- \* Partnered with the Orange County Service Council
- \* Launched Orange County is All of Us community pride campaign
- \* Established our "Six Pillars of Community Development:" Education, Economic Development, Leadership, Health and Wellness, Farm-to-Table, and Placemaking
- \* Partnered with United Way and others to provide COVID-19 response and relief funding to local non-profits
- \* Certified by the Council on Foundation's National Standards for Community Foundations every year 2004-present.
- \* Member of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
- \* Funded local Farm-to-Health program to create community kitchen, promote locally-sourced products, and assist in community wellness
- \* Helped establish local "backpacks" programs to fight food insecurity among elementary students
- \* Assisted in the establishment of Running Start programs county-wide, providing supplies and clothing for elementary students in need
- \* Received grants from Smithville Charitable Foundation for education, community wellness, place-making, and other programs
- \* Participated in, and fulfilled, GIFT matching grant programs

## BOARD AND STAFF

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## GRANT RECIPIENTS THROUGH THE YEARS...

American Legion Post #69  
American Legion Auxiliary  
American Red Cross  
Angel Food Ministry  
Backpacks of Blessings  
Barry's MD Carnival  
BHOC Ambulance Service  
BHOC Outreach  
Black Vulture  
Blackhawk Blessings  
Bloomington Hospital of OC  
Bulldog Backpacks  
Campfire Ministries  
Cub Scout Pack #384  
DAV Wish Foundation  
First Chance Center  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Tee of Southern Indiana  
French Lick Artisans  
French Lick Fire Department  
French Lick Municipal Airport  
FL-WB Lions Club  
French Lick-West Baden Museum  
Friends of Melton Library  
Friends of the Paoli Public Library  
Friends of Tots to Tots  
Gateway Missions  
Good Samaritans  
Goody B Blessing Box  
Goody B Teen Center  
Grace Haven  
Hand Up Orange County  
Healing Arts Center  
Hoosier Hills Food Bank  
Hoosier Hills PACT  
Hoosier Trails Boy Scout Council  
Hoosier Uplands EDC  
Indiana Hope Services  
IU Health Paoli Hospital  
IU Health Paoli Hospital Found.  
Ivy Tech-Orange County  
Jubilee Community Health  
Kappa Kappa Kappa—Delta Chptr  
Kappa Kappa Kappa—Eta Chapter  
Kosair Children's Hospital  
LaLeche League of Orange County  
Leadership Orange County  
Let Music Speak  
Liberty Day Indiana  
Life Family Resource Center  
Life Pregnancy Center  
LifeSpring Health Systems  
Lilly Drama Children's Theater  
Little Blessings  
Living Peace Center  
Lord's Vineyard  
Lost River Community Co-Op  
Lost River Market and Deli  
Love Never Fails Outreach  
Lynd Schoolhouse  
Medco  
Melton Public Library

Mercy Center  
Mineral Springs Hotel  
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery  
New Hope Christian Church  
Newton-Stewart Masonic Lodge  
North East Twp Community Ctr  
OC Rehabilitative and Dev. Serv.  
OCCF Youth Council  
Orleans High School Choir  
Orleans Kiwanis  
Orleans Lions Club  
Orleans Ministerial Association  
Orleans PTO  
Orleans Public Library  
Orleans Running Start  
Orleans School Foundation  
Orleans Summer League  
Orleans Winter Guard  
Our Lady of the Springs  
Paoli Beautification Committee  
Paoli Bicentennial Park  
Paoli Chamber of Commerce  
Paoli Community Center  
Paoli Community Food Pantry  
Paoli FFA  
Paoli Health and Living  
PHS Ag Department  
PHS Arts Department  
PHS Essentials Closet  
Paoli High School SADD  
Paoli Junior-Senior High School  
Paoli Little League  
Paoli Masonic Lodge  
Paoli Meridian Lions Club  
Paoli Ministerial Association  
Paoli Municipal Fire Department  
Paoli Outdoor Girls  
Paoli Police Department  
Paoli Public Library  
Paoli School Corporation  
Paoli Senior Citizens  
Paoli Volunteer Fire Department  
Paoli Winter Guard  
Paoli Youth Football League  
Paoli Youth Sports  
Patoka Lake Regional Water Dist.  
PGA Art Contest  
Phi Beta Psi Upsilon Chapter  
PHS Band Boosters  
PHS Tennis Club  
Pivotal People of So. Indiana  
Prevent Child Abuse Orange Co  
Pride of Paoli Band  
Project 59  
Psi Iota Xi (Theta Beta Chapter)  
Purdue Extension-Orange County  
Purdue University  
Red Blessings Box  
Riley Children's Hospital  
Safe Families for Children  
Saving Historic Orange County  
Shiloh Garments of Praise

Orleans Elementary School  
Orleans Elementary School Nurse  
Orleans FFA  
Orleans Food Pantry  
OHS Academic Team  
OHS Robotics Team  
Orleans Holiday Lighting Fund  
Orleans Junior-Senior High School  
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SICIL  
Southern Hills Counseling Ctr  
So. Ind. Community Health Care  
Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade  
Springs Valley Comm. Schools  
Springs Valley Education Found.  
Springs Valley Elem. School Nurse  
Springs Valley FFA  
Springs Valley Food Pantry  
Springs Valley Football League  
SVHS Sea Perch  
Springs Valley Jr-Sr High School  
Springs Valley Ministerial Assn.  
Springs Valley Pet Services  
Springs Valley Running Start  
Springs Valley School Corporation  
SV Schools Makers Club  
Springs Valley Track Team  
Stampers Creek Cemetery  
Stampers Creek Community Ctr.  
Success & Opportunity at Reading  
Sulphur Well Bicentennial Park  
Throop Elementary Phys Ed Dept.  
Throop Elementary Robotics Team  
Throop Elementary Running Start  
Throop Elementary School  
Throop Elementary School Nurse  
Tots to Tots  
Town of Orleans  
Town of Paoli  
Tulip Trace Girl Scouts Council  
TV Amnesty Project  
United Way of South Central Ind.  
USS Chimaera Star Trek Club  
USS Indianapolis Committee  
Valeene Community Park  
Valeene Wesleyan Church  
Village Pregnancy and PostPartum  
West Baden Historical Society  
West Baden Research Club  
West Baden Police Department  
Wonder Valley Christian Assembly  
Youth First

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