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2020 PAYOUT A NEW RECORD

With more than \$403,000 made available through its endowed funds this year, 2020 is providing the Foundation's highest payout ever. With the current economic downturn due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we feel certain the increased payout will be of great use to our local non-profits as they seek to serve the many ways the virus has affected our community. While our offices are closed and we are working from home, issuance of payout checks may be postponed. We will, however, get them out as quickly as possible to help ease the burden on our charitable organizations.



In the meantime, this year's grant cycle is open and will be until 4:00 PM on April 10. We encourage all of those charitable organizations and non-profits impacted by the COVID-19 situation to apply for grant-funding to help them address the needs brought upon Orange County by this virus.

Apply at occf-in.communityforce.com.
Deadline is April 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

These days, everyone is getting tired of hearing about COVID-19, the novel coronavirus causing all the problems. But, as tired as we may be of all this, the fact remains that this virus is affecting all of us, and some people are not surviving.

Our prompt reaction to preventing the spread of the virus was initiated on March 16, with our staff working safely behind closed doors and with only one person at a time in the office. However, with confirmed cases now in Orange County, our staff members are working primarily from home. Rest assured, however, that we are still working diligently for Orange County.

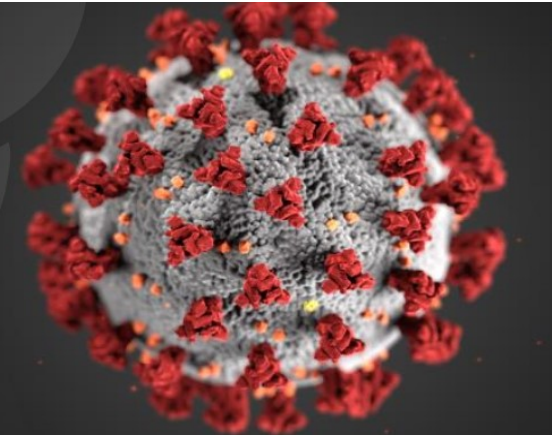
As always, the needs of our donors and the needs of our local non-profit organizations and charitable organizations are foremost among our responsibilities. We continue to monitor the situation as it impacts Orange County to determine ways in which we can best assist our the local organizations, agencies, and health care providers in addressing the needs that arise from this health crisis.

We plead with everyone to continue to follow guidelines and restrictions in the effort to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds in warm soapy water, practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet between yourself and others, stay home when at all possible, and keep up-to-date by following the news and social media.

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OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE



We continue to be available through email and will be working toward a plan to assist with needs during this crisis and throughout the recovery period. Our contact information is as follows.

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You can also check our website at www.occf-in.org at any time for updates and information regarding grants, scholarships, and more.

With the cooperation of everyone involved—and the efforts of the community at large in following steps to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus—Orange County will come through this crisis with the same determination and courage we have exhibited for more than 200 years.

Stay strong, Orange County! And keep us all safe by heeding the directives of the following:

Indiana State Department of Health — coronavirus.in.gov
Governor Holcomb's office — in.gov/gov/
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW...Yes, scholarships are on! Don't put off applying because the deadline is April 3, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Apply at occ-in.communityforce.com.

GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN, AS WELL...Apply for grants at occf-in.communityforce.com by the April 10 deadline at 4:00 PM. With this year's record payout, it will be worth your while if you are a non-profit or charitable organization or agency!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Addie Moffatt of Springs Valley for winning the 2020 Orange County Spelling Bee!

STAFF MEMBER DESTANY PINGLE spent a week in South Bend in January completing the Indiana Economic Development Course from Ball State University.

THE THRIVE FORUM originally scheduled for April has been postponed to October 1, due to the COVID-19 situation.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS were busy in February, attending training sessions in community leadership and being updated on the Foundation's Six Pillars of Community Development.

SOME 2-TO-1 MATCHING FUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for gifts to unrestricted endowment funds...but they won't last long! Send your gift in today!

YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS APPLIED FOR an implementation grant and a large-scale grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. We'll keep you posted on our success and the details of the projects.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK for Foundation updates, updates regarding COVID-19 and how it affects Orange County, and more. [Facebook.com/orangecountycf](https://www.facebook.com/orangecountycf).

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We're excited to present our new website to the public this month, and pleased to provide access to its content to everyone! The new site is very user-friendly and informative as well. It will keep you updated on grants and scholarships, Foundation activities, and the ever-changing world of charitable and philanthropic work for Orange County.

To access the website, simply go to **occf-in.org**

Browse through the pages, watch a video, read our blogs, follow the links. It's all there!

And while you're at it, check out our new Instagram account at

[Instagram.com/orangecountycf](https://www.instagram.com/orangecountycf)

It is our goal to be as accessible to you as possible, and at all times. Check us out; give us your feedback. We're happy to hear from you!



A BUSY BOARD IS AN ENGAGED BOARD...

We at OCCF are fortunate to have board members who care about Orange County and who work diligently to provide us with meaningful leadership.

Our board members are not financially compensated for their service in any way, yet they give up their time and their resources to further the work of the Orange County Community Foundation, Inc. During this current crisis, we have been in constant contact with our Board members, soliciting their advice and guidance to help us navigate through the impact of this virus.

Those serving on our Board of Directors for 2019-2020 are:

Jan VanEmon, President
Miles Flynn, Vice-President
Marsha Tellstrom, Secretary
Shane Buffington, Secretary
Sandy Blanton
Douglas Finney
C.J. Fleenor
Susan Gilmore
Mary Jo McClintic
Michael (Mac) McCullough
Marshall Noble
Katlin Phillips
Heather Ross

If you happen to see any of these folks, please tell them "thank you from Orange County!"

COMING UP IN OUR 2020 SUMMER ISSUE:

- ◆ 2020 Scholarship Award Winners
- ◆ 2020 Grant Selections
- ◆ Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT Initiatives and Grants
- ◆ COVID-19 Recovery Efforts (we're hopeful!)
- ◆ Upcoming events and opportunities
- ◆ Look for this and more in our Summer Issue coming out June 30!