



CFSI Supporter Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S TOP STORY



Community Foundation Responds to Evolving Needs with Nearly \$85,000 in Grants

An expanded childcare classroom. A meal delivered to a homebound senior. Transportation to a job interview or court appointment. A warm meal for a family facing food insecurity. A safe place for a young person in crisis.

While these needs may look different, each represents an opportunity to strengthen the quality of life for residents throughout Southern Indiana.

The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana ([CFSI](#)) recently awarded **\$84,742.55** in discretionary grants to five nonprofit organizations serving Clark and Floyd counties. The investments support projects that align with several priorities

identified through the Foundation's [Priorities for Progress in Southern Indiana: 2025 Update](#), including childcare, transportation, food security, and services for older adults.

Discretionary Grant recipients include:



Clark-Floyd Systems of Care and Present Child Abuse (\$18,750)

Purchase a transportation vehicle that will help individuals access court appearances, housing appointments, job interviews, substance use treatment, and other critical services



Community Kitchen (\$5,500)

Help offset food costs for the approximately 57,000 to 60,000 meals the organization provides each year to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity



Discovery Time Child Care and Preschool (\$31,706.75)

Furnish classrooms and learning spaces as part of a facility expansion that will increase enrollment capacity by 24 percent, including 16 additional infant spaces, expanding access to quality early childhood education for local families



Friends of Open Door Youth Services (\$3,785.80)

Replace a commercial refrigerator supporting daily meal service for youth residing in the organization's emergency shelter



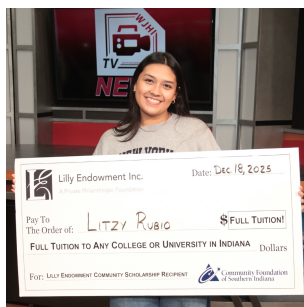
LifeSpan Resources (\$25,000)

Support the Meals on Wheels program serving homebound older adults in Clark and Floyd counties through nutritious meal delivery, wellness checks, and meaningful social connection

“One of the greatest strengths of the Community Impact Fund is its flexibility,” said Linda Speed, CFSI President and CEO. “It allows us to respond when opportunities arise, support organizations addressing our community’s evolving needs, and invest in projects that improve quality of life for people throughout Clark and Floyd counties.”

[Click Here to Learn More About These Grants](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS



Scholarship Program Now Open!

Our 2026-27 Scholarship Program is open to current high school seniors and nontraditional students looking to return to college. Applications will remain open through Sept. 8.

[Learn More](#)



CFSI Bolsters Little Free Libraries

Using remaining books from our 35th Anniversary celebration, CFSI delivered copies of Tori Murden McClure’s autobiography to Little Free Libraries across Clark & Floyd counties!

[Learn More](#)



Extol's Coverage of 35th Anniversary

One of the most memorable moments from our 35th Anniversary was the conversation with adventurer Tori Murden McClure. Thanks to Extol, you can re-visit that inspiring discussion.

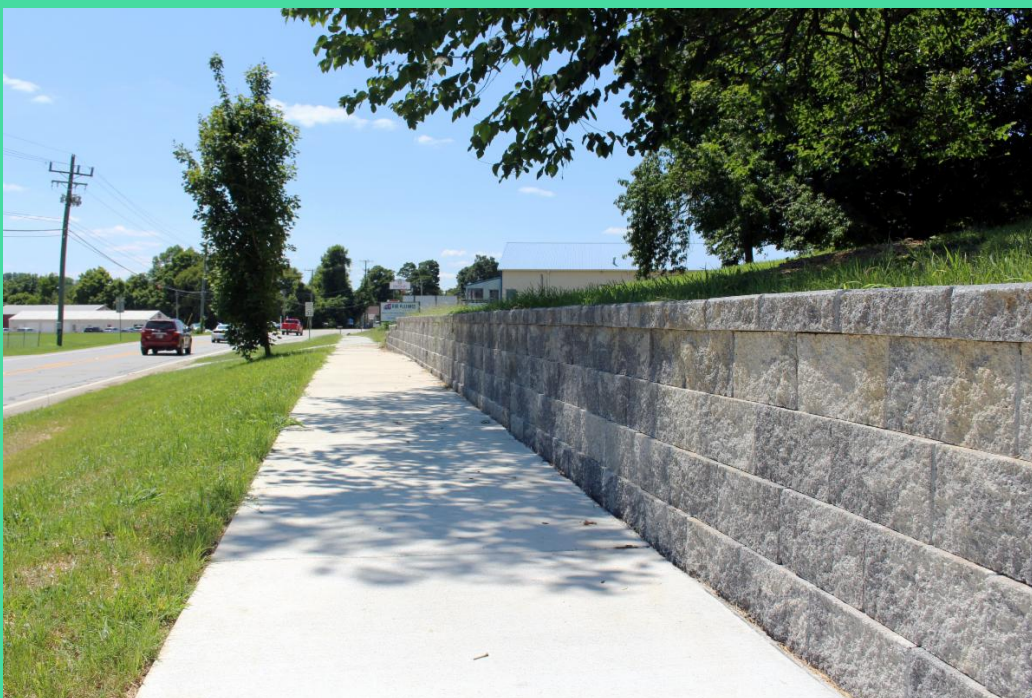
[Watch Now](#)



Melcher Celebrates 15 Years at CFSI

During her tenure, Crystal has helped guide more than \$59.6 million in grants and scholarships, including over \$7 million awarded to more than 1,650 students.

[Email Crystal](#)



Taking a Stroll:

Georgetown's Sidewalk Project Complete, Creates Safer Connections for Pedestians

A half-mile of sidewalk may not seem like much. That is, until you see what it connects.

Residents are using Georgetown's new sidewalks for morning walks, evening strolls, and bike rides. Designed with ADA-accessible curb ramps, families can now safely walk to the ball fields, Georgetown Elementary, and community events like the farmers market. Business owners are already noticing more people on foot, bringing new energy to this part of town.

When we awarded Georgetown a \$150,000 **Quality of Place grant** in 2024, the goal wasn't just to build sidewalks – it was to remove barriers. With one of the region's lowest walkability scores, Georgetown saw an opportunity to create safer connections throughout the community while laying the groundwork for future growth.

Since 2021, we have invested more than \$700,000 in public spaces across Clark and Floyd counties through our Quality of Place initiative, **helping leverage** more than \$2.3 million in additional community investment.



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