

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. (CFSCI) is pleased to announce that we are participating in the latest Lilly Endowment Inc. initiative for community foundations called Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VII. Through this seventh phase of GIFT, Lilly Endowment Inc. is making up to \$125 million available to Indiana's community foundations to help them strengthen the towns, cities and counties they serve.

GIFT VII consists of two primary components: matching fund grants and community leadership grants.

The matching fund grants component will offer matching funds to those individuals, businesses or organizations wanting to establish or donate to an unrestricted endowment, which over time provides CFSCI with the greatest flexibility in helping to meet community needs. Lilly Endowment Inc. will provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to a CFSCI unrestricted endowment from now through December 31, 2020 or until the matching funds have been expended. For example, a gift of \$100 will be matched with \$200 and become a \$300 gift.

"Lilly Endowment Inc. has challenged us to grow our unrestricted funds and we plan to rise to that challenge. The Endowment understands just how important unrestricted funds are over time to a community. We are grateful to be able to offer to those who live, work and play in Switzerland County the opportunity to invest in our community and have their impact tripled thanks to this wonderful opportunity." said Pam Acton, Executive Director of CFSCI.

CFSCI currently administers twelve unrestricted endowments:

- Pamela Wilson Acton Community Fund
- The Bond Family Community Fund
- Community Foundation Board & Alumni Community Fund
- William & Kathy Day Community Fund
- Duke Energy Community Fund
- Lowell & Luanne Green Family Community Fund
- Kiwanis Club of Vevay, Inc. Community Fund
- Roger A. May Memorial Community Fund
- Joe & Mary Ann Ricketts Community Fund
- Switzerland County Community Fund
- Vevay Deposit Bank Community Fund
- Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Community Fund

Anyone wishing to donate to any of these funds may do so and receive the \$2 for \$1 match being offered by Lilly Endowment Inc.

For those individuals, businesses or organizations interested in exploring the idea of establishing their own named unrestricted endowment, now is the perfect time to consider this option. The \$2 for \$1 match is the best matching opportunity that Lilly Endowment Inc. has ever offered and enables someone passionate about helping Switzerland County the option of being able to have a permanent impact.

The other component of GIFT VII, community leadership grants, will include both planning and implementation grants, which are available to help community foundations deepen their understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing their communities, convene key local stakeholders and explore how they can effectively play a leadership role in implementing initiatives and strategies that enhance the quality of life in Switzerland County. The community leadership grants portion of GIFT VII is in the infancy stage and more details about its development will be made public as it evolves.

The GIFT initiative is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen Indiana communities and has been a priority of the Endowment since the first phase of GIFT in 1990. The initiative's primary aim is to help Indiana community foundations develop the philanthropic capacity to identify, prioritize and address local opportunities and challenges.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support causes of community development, education and religion. Lilly Endowment's community development grantmaking is designed to support efforts that enhance the quality of life in Indianapolis and Indiana.

Since 1997, the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. has been providing donors with a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving so that their gifts do good works within Switzerland County, forever. CFSCI is a public charity that grants over \$400,000 annually in the areas of education, health, arts & culture, recreation, civic projects, environment and human services. Gifts made to CFSCI are tax-deductible. For more information, call 812-427-9160 or visit CFSCI's office at 303 Ferry Street in Vevay.