



March 20, 2020

Friends,

The Wayne County Foundation is actively exploring the best ways that we can support the residents of Wayne County through the COVID-19 Pandemic. We have closed our office to visitors, but we remain hard at work to meet critical needs across Wayne County. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (765-962-1638) or email.

We are committed to protecting the community's resources. We are monitoring our endowment carefully. The market is struggling and will have an impact on our Funds. However, our long-term investment model historically has protected our endowment from significant loss. We utilize equity and fixed income investments that, when aggregated, represent a well-diversified portfolio that maximizes the net total return with respect to reasonable and prudent levels of risk.

The Spring Grant Cycle is moving forward. We will continue to award grants and scholarships, ensuring that our community organizations have the resources they need to continue operations and programming, and our graduating seniors will have funds for college in the fall.

We will provide additional financial support. Immediately, we will be reaching out to nonprofit organizations that are operating on the front lines of the COVID-19 Crisis and determine if there are opportunities for aid. COVID-19 Crisis Response Grants will be available to address urgent needs across Wayne County and funds will be made available for immediate distribution.

While it is not business as usual, the Wayne County Foundation will make every effort to serve our community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana area now and for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Gilliam".

Rebecca Gilliam
Executive Director