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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION RECIPIENT OF
ADDITIONAL LILLY GIFT VII BOARD ENGAGEMENT GRANT**

The Wayne County Foundation has received a \$100,000 grant as part of the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) community foundation initiative. This unrestricted grant can be used for any charitable purposes the community foundation chooses.

As part of this GIFT VII grant opportunity, each community foundation that achieved 100 percent board member giving during the period from January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, was eligible to receive an unrestricted grant of \$100,000 per county served. This grant is in recognition of the important role that the community foundation's board of directors plays both in leading the foundation and serving communities across Wayne County.

"The Foundation board is great! This year they have really worked to address the needs in the community as well as honoring the intentions of our donors. I am thankful for the incredible leadership they provide to the Wayne County Foundation," said Rebecca Gilliam, Executive Director.

The funds build on a \$150,000 Community Leadership Grant from GIFT VII awarded in October 2020.

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Established in 1979, **The Wayne County Foundation** exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly, Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds significant programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion. However, it maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.