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Wayne County Cares Fund receives \$100,000 from Reid Health for flood relief

Richmond, Ind. — As Wayne County continues to recover from last week's historic flooding, the Wayne County Foundation is grateful to announce a \$100,000 donation from Reid Health to support the Wayne County Cares Fund. This generous contribution will provide critical support to those most affected as communities work toward full recovery in the months ahead.

"Reid Health is a critical part of our communities, not only in taking care of us day in and day out, but also in times of crisis. They bring so much expertise to these situations," said Rebecca Gilliam, Executive Director of the Wayne County Foundation. "We're aware Reid has also made similar gifts to foundations in Fayette and Franklin counties, and we're thankful to have a partner like Reid that can help us meet the critical needs of our citizens and communities when they're at their most vulnerable."

Reid Health Vice President Jason Troutwine said Reid team members are working to identify where they can have the most impact on communities throughout the health system's service area.

"We want to make sure we're where we're needed most and are helping in the best way we can to meet each community's specific needs," Troutwine said. "So far, that has meant performing water rescues, helping identify flooded roadways, and donating items such as food, water, masks, gloves, and tetanus vaccines. There are hard days ahead for many people. Recovery will take time, but we're here to offer our support for as long as it's necessary."

The Foundation has been on the ground in communities, talking with residents and town officials, working directly with local communities and county stakeholders to direct financial support to those impacted.

"We're going to rely on our partners in the communities who do this work every day and support them with funding," Gilliam said. "We've been in communication with leadership of the towns as well as all the township trustees that serve communities that were greatly impacted – areas like Cambridge City, Hagerstown, Centerville, Jacksonburg, Milton, and Williamsburg – so we can support the work they're doing. This will be a long recovery, and we want to make sure there are funds available now and in the future as more needs are understood in the coming days and weeks."

Funds will be distributed through the towns, township trustees, and social service organizations directly to benefit all impacted in Wayne County. Donors can designate a specific community if they desire. Donations to the Wayne County Cares Fund can be made online on the Foundation's website at waynecountyfoundation.org. Checks can also be mailed to or dropped off at the Foundation office at 33 S. Seventh St. in Richmond.

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