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### **Community Foundation Announces \$250,000 Matching Gift Campaign**

The Steuben County Community Foundation will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by giving away \$250,000 through a matching gift campaign. Gifts made to a permanent endowment for the designated benefit of a nonprofit organization serving Steuben County will be matched \$1 for \$1. Match dollars will be awarded first come first matched up to \$25,000 per organization.

“The idea for this campaign is modeled after the generous support we’ve received over the years from Lilly Endowment Inc.,” said Kevin Stoy, Chairman of the Board. “Lilly Endowment has offered us six matching campaign opportunities since we incorporated in 1991, and we are thrilled to turn around and offer a similar opportunity to our community today.”

Money for this campaign is from the Community Foundation’s unrestricted funds which are entrusted to the Community Foundation’s board of directors.

Jennifer Danic, President and CEO said, “When a donor truly believes in an organization and its work, they will see the value in building a sustainable fund for the future. Annual gifts directly to an organization are very important, but so are gifts that enable the organization to provide their services 20 or 30 years from now. Donors become confident in organizations that are thinking beyond their daily issues and plan for a better future.”

Every 501(c)3 public charity serving Steuben County was invited to participate. The following 23 organization’s Board of Directors chose to be a part of this campaign:

Acres, Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana  
Cahoots Coffee Cafe  
Cameron Hospital Foundation  
Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy  
Clear Lake Yacht Club  
Community Harvest Food Bank  
Community Humane Society of Steuben County

Faith Community Health Clinic  
Freedom Academy  
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry  
Lake James Christian Assembly  
Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House  
Project Help of Steuben County  
RISE, Inc.  
Steuben County Council on Aging  
Steuben County Lakes Council  
Trine University  
Turning Point of Steuben County  
Women in Transition  
Wood-Land-Lakes Resource Conservation & Development  
YMCA of Steuben County  
Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana

Donors wishing to match their gifts for the long-term benefit of these organizations should make a contribution to the Steuben County Community Foundation and note which organization(s) they want to support. Donations will be matched on a first come first matched basis through June 30, 2017 or until the \$250,000 is expended, whichever comes first. Questions please contact Jennifer Danic at [jdanic@steubenfoundation.org](mailto:jdanic@steubenfoundation.org) or 260-665-6656.

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About the Steuben County Community Foundation

Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, Steuben County Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. The Steuben County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization with assets totaling more than \$25 million. Our vision: Serving as a community leader and improving the quality of life by assessing, supporting and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building. Our mission: Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community. For more information on the Foundation, visit [www.steubenfoundation.org](http://www.steubenfoundation.org).