



**WARREN COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024 - PART 2

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Hello Foundation Friends,

The last couple of weeks has been a busy flurry of many activities for the Foundation. Students submitted their scholarship applications, committees are currently reviewing those applications, and the Foundation is in the middle of the GIFT VIII planning grant. We are hosting a workshop on Monday about community storytelling and marketing. Ball State Indiana Community Institute will be coming to town to teach the course. Then on February 1st, we will be meeting with HWC engineering who will help us with a Warren County Trail and Active Transportation plan. There will be a public workshop from 6-7 pm at the Learning Center. Please come to give your input. The week after that we will start working with Kimley-Horn, an engineering and planning firm who will assist Fountain, Vermillion, and Warren with a Wabash River Blueway Plan. All of these activities are funded by Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII. Last but not least, we are only a few weeks away from the opening of Warren County Common Grounds Coffee Company. We are proud of all the current activities going on in Warren County and welcome you to get involved in whatever area is of interest to you.

*Michelle Stucky*



### **BUNDLES OF BLESSINGS DIAPER PANTRY HAS FIRST DISTRIBUTION**

A couple of months ago, the Foundation gave a \$1500 grant to this organization to help them get signed up for being able to distribute diapers to those who need them. The Indiana Diaper Bank funds 80% of this program and 20% has to come from local donations. The group was able to start with \$2,500 which is enough for 75 babies to get 25 diapers once a month for a year. The local investment is 11.1 cents per diaper. This is \$2.78 per pack of 25.

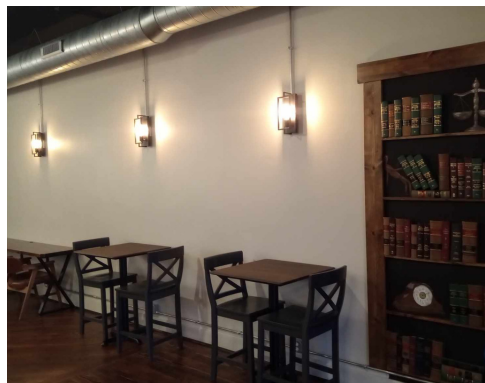
## BUNDLES OF BLESSINGS DIAPER PANTRY HAS FIRST DISTRIBUTION (CONT.)

At once per week for a year, the total investment for one child would only be \$144.56. In other words, your contribution of \$144.56 to this organization would provide 1,300 diapers! That is a lot of bang for the buck! Right now, their funding is only for once a month, or if they don't hand out all 75 bundles, then they will offer the remaining diapers the next week on a first come first served basis. For every \$2,500 in additional funds they raise, they can offer one more pick-up time per month. If you are interested in knowing more about this organization which operates out of the Better Way Food Co-Op building and under that umbrella click [here](#) to be directed to their active facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

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## COFFEE SHOP PROJECT CLOSER TO OPENING DATE!

Each part of the coffee shop has a story. A story of what that part of the building has been used for over the past 100 years, but also what has happened in that space since the group started working on it at the end of May. Many people have worked together on every square inch, from the fun stages of demolition and removing the carpet and underlayment, to the not so much fun of pulling all the staples out of the wooden floor. Now we can see the refinished floor in all its spice-colored stain beauty. Then the tables have been added where many future conversations with friends, colleagues, and neighbors will take place making the next chapter of stories. We have already been getting requests for renting the space for open houses, baby showers, community gatherings, group meetings and more. We have been getting requests to purchase gift certificates too. The space is becoming what we hoped it could even before the doors have been opened for the first time. The most beautiful part of the project is yet to come when the profits from your food and drink purchases will go right back into the community. Here at the Community Foundation, this is the piece we are most excited about. The more we sell, the more the students can give away. When you buy an item, knowing that any profits will go back into the community should make you feel good. We hope that same feel-good sensation will be so apparent within our volunteers that we will get enough volunteers to run a well-operating business. If you have any interest in being a volunteer, please call us! 765-764-1501. We know most people don't know how to run an espresso machine. That is okay! Kayce Jernagan will train you so that you feel very comfortable in whatever capacity you decide to help us.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Some people like knowing a little more about what goes on behind the scenes at the Community Foundation. This year, we will try to write periodically about some of the things we do that you might not be aware of. This is scholarship season, so this first Did you Know articles will be in regards to scholarships.

The Community Foundation has 33 different scholarship funds. Some of them only have one recipient per year but others have multiple recipients. The Ura Seeger Memorial Scholarship has the most annual recipients with as many as 50-60 per year.

In the past, students would have to fill out multiple applications- one for each scholarship they were eligible for. Then that changed to one scholarship application for the Foundation with a lot of photocopying by the Foundation Scholarship Chairperson, and students filling out separate applications for all the other community scholarships.

Now, with all of the convenience that computers and the internet bring us, the Foundation uses a scholarship platform. It is called the SLM (Scholarship Lifecycle Management) by Foundant Technologies. We can have students only fill out one "Master application". By having all of the eligibility requirements correctly programmed into the application, as students answer questions certain ways, the application adds more questions pertaining to the various scholarship they are eligible for.

We allow any other local scholarships to be on our platform as well. We currently have 15 different scholarship awarding groups who use our application. At no charge, we correctly program in their scholarships, set up any additional questions they want their potential recipients to answer, set up the rubric that committee wants for scoring purposes, and gets all the qualifying applications to the committee for review. We are happy to be able to provide this service to groups like TriKappa, 4-H, Psi Iota Xi, Rotary, Master Gardeners, Extension Homemakers, the Education Association, and the Elementary school PTO's. We are also happy to relieve some stress from busy high school seniors who have much fewer applications to fill out.

In 2023, the Warren County Community Foundation awarded \$234,000 from our scholarships. We are lucky to have so many scholarship funds for a small county! The other 15 community scholarship gave out their own money in addition to the \$234,000 from the Foundation.

Hope you enjoyed the first article of "Did you Know"? If there is something you would like to see us write about in this section, please send requests to [michele@warrencountyfoundation.com](mailto:michele@warrencountyfoundation.com)



# LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ura Seeger Auditorium  
FRI · JAN 26, 2024 · 8:00 PM  
Doors open at 7:00 pm  
[seegerauditorium.com](http://seegerauditorium.com)

Join Us! for an upcoming



**PUBLIC  
WORKSHOP**

Warren County Trails and Active Transportation Plan

February 1

6:00-7:00

Learning Center

## 9TH ANNUAL PURSE BINGO

March 4, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.  
Ura Seeger Memorial Auditorium Foyer

BINGO - SNACKS - FUN - PRIZES

Tickets  
\$40 each



# SAVE THE DATE



2024 WARREN COUNTY 4-H FAIR  
**JUNE 17-22**