

We are  
better  
*together.*



David J. Bennett "Better Together"  
Operational Endowment Fund

# Together

## The Power of Together

Nearly 100 years ago, forward-thinking community visionaries founded what is now the **Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne** to encourage philanthropy and create opportunities to improve the quality of life in Allen County.

Almost a century later, as we celebrate the retirement of our long-tenured Executive Director, David Bennett, it is a natural time to reflect upon our current work and accomplishments, as well as look to **our vision for the future.**

We remind ourselves, our supporters, and the community, of the importance of a solid foundation with the necessary resources in place



we create strong vibrant communities.

Through the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Fund, the Community Foundation contributed \$50,000 in funding support for the inaugural (and very cool) Middle Waves music festival.

to grow and build upon our role as **community leader** and **catalyst for change.** That is why we have renamed our operational endowment fund the David J. Bennett "Better Together" Fund.

**Together** we can elevate our impact to a higher level. To strengthen the Foundation for the future, **we are seeking partners to invest in our capacity** to grow our work as a community catalyst.

Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 200th build with help from local volunteers on the I&M plaza in downtown Fort Wayne. The Community Foundation has provided \$50,000 in operational grants to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne since 2012.



TOGETHER

we build a better tomorrow.

dream with us

The Community Foundation is **committed to addressing challenging problems in our community** so that we can help make the future brighter for everyone in Allen County. Here are a few areas we're paying particular attention to and eager to impact:

- Impact investment opportunities to catalyze community growth and downtown development
- Community development and community needs initiatives
- Children's health improvement and systemic health inequalities among low-income children

We can't promise to solve all of these challenges, but armed with community partners and standing on our strong reputation of trustworthiness, we are **ready to tackle difficult issues and spark transformational change** in our community.

**We are a catalyst for change.** We are passionate about inspiring philanthropy, connecting ideas, and deepening our impact to improve the quality of life in Allen County. We raise awareness and tell stories. And together, we bring resources and leadership - all in the interest of **building a generous, thriving, vibrant community.**

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Together we  
turn vision into  
reality.

Invest in the  
future

We can accomplish more together than alone, and **we are seeking partners to invest** in the Community Foundation's organizational framework and our capacity to affect change.

To be a true catalyst for significant change, we **must now increase our own institutional capacity.**

To turn **our vision into reality,** we must grow our operational endowment fund. **Together, we can accelerate our impact** up to the next level.

Design rendering of The Landing redevelopment project. The Community Foundation provided a loan of \$1.2 million as the initial seed capital to help get the project off the ground.

# Ignite<sub>action</sub>.

This initiative has a goal of raising \$2 million for the David J. Bennett "Better Together" Fund. When we successfully reach our goal, that \$2 million will leverage, we believe, \$10 million in growth in the next four years and beyond.

We are seeking \$1.5 million from a select group of lead donors who are in a position to step up with a gift of \$100,000 or more, payable over three years. To fully reach our goal, we need gifts of all sizes from many generous donors who believe in the Community Foundation and the work we do.

Your gift, large or small, impacts both the current and future needs of Allen County. It is an investment in the community and the Community Foundation.



If you partner with our organization as a lead donor to the David J. Bennett "Better Together" operational endowment fund, we will work with you to provide recognition opportunities if you would like special

acknowledgments for you and your family.

Join us as a donor.

Gift Level	Gifts Needed	Level Total	Payable over 3 Years	Cumulative	% of Goal
\$ 500,000	1	\$ 500,000	\$ 166,667	\$ 500,000	25%
300,000	1	300,000	100,000	800,000	15
150,000	2	300,000	50,000	1,100,000	15
100,000	4	400,000	33,3333	1,500,000	20
50,000	5	250,000	16,667	1,750,000	15
25,000	6	200,000	8,333	1,950,000	10
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The Community Foundation is ready to build upon its strong foundation and continue as a community catalyst - inspiring ideas and igniting action in Allen County.

We know we will accomplish more together than alone, and we are excited to work with you and others to make needed change happen.

Please make a tax-deductible contribution and support the David J Bennett "Better Together" Fund today.

We're dreaming  
**BIGGER**  
&  
**BOLDER**

than ever

before...

But we need your **support.**



With matching dollars from Lily Endowment, we worked with community donors to collectively raise \$4.1 million for riverfront development initiatives, including funding for the purchase of the Sweet Breeze canal boat through Friends of the Rivers.

Inspiring  
generosity.

We are asking you to help the Community Foundation meet this challenge. Please make a tax-deductible contribution and support us with a gift of your greatest capacity, including commitments that may be paid as part of a 3-year pledge. For your convenience, we have several flexible giving options including:

- Gifts of cash
- Gifts from donor advised funds
- Gifts of highly appreciated assets and stock transfers
- Many other giving options are possible. Please contact us to discuss!

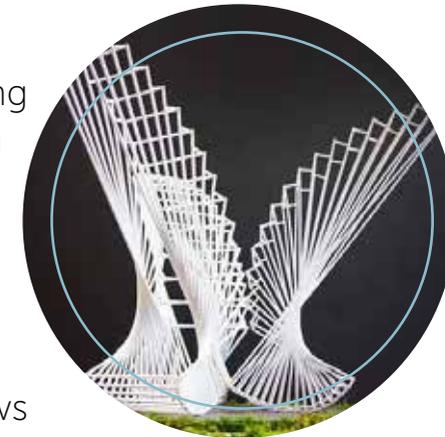
Sculpting the  
future.

Another important way to support our community long into the future is to name the Community Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, retirement plan, or other estate vehicle.

Your generous support of the David J. Bennett "Better Together" operational endowment fund ensures the future of the Foundation. Together, your support allows us to continue growing as a community catalyst - inspiring ideas, igniting action, and improving the quality of life in Allen County.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact:

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FOUNDATION  
of Greater Fort Wayne

together.

### Yes! I want to support the David J. Bennett "Better Together" Fund

I want to partner with the Community Foundation to accelerate its impact and capacity to affect change by giving to the David J. Bennett "Better Together" operational endowment fund.

Please accept this pledge or gift of:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$ _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me to discuss a potential contribution |

Payment to be made in \_\_\_\_\_ installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter, on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor 1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Donor 2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and mail to 555 F. Wayne St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

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