


## Grant Catalog - Quarter 4, 2023

### Grant Catalog Requests - Total: \$111,200

<a href="#">85 HOPE Free Medical Clinic</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Advantage Housing, Inc.</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Babe of Wabash County</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Bachelor Creek Church of Christ</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Blessings in a Backpack - North Manchester</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Blessings in a Backpack - Wabash</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Bowen Center</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Daniel's Place, Inc.</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Education for Conflict Resolution</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Habitat for Humanity Wabash County</a>	\$4,000
<a href="#">Honeywell Foundation</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Honeywell House</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Lighthouse Missions Thrift Store</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Manchester Early Learning Center</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">My Team Triumph</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">North Manchester Civic Symphony Society, Inc.</a>	\$3,000
<a href="#">North Manchester Historical Society</a>	\$2,500
<a href="#">North Manchester Public Library</a>	\$750
<a href="#">Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Somerset Relocation and Development Corporation</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">The Access Youth Center</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">The Womans Club House Association of Wabash, Indiana, Incorporated</a>	\$950
<a href="#">Wabash Area Community Theater, Inc</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">Wabash County Museum</a>	\$5,000
<a href="#">WCS - Wabash Middle School</a>	\$5,000

## Arts and Culture

 <p><b>BACHELOR CREEK</b> CHURCH OF CHRIST</p>	<p><b>Bachelor Creek Church of Christ</b></p>
	<p><a href="https://www.bachelorcreek.com/">https://www.bachelorcreek.com/</a></p>
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	<p><b>Best Night Ever - \$5,000</b></p>
<p>"Best Night Ever" is a prom for people with special needs! This will be our fourth time holding this event. Previously, in partnership with the Tim Tebow Foundation, this event was called "Night to Shine." This year we have decided to throw our own party in order to have more flexibility with the date, time, and location of the event.</p> <p>"Best Night Ever" may be a prom for people with special needs, but it is so much more than that! When guests first arrive at the event, they are given the opportunity to have their shoes shined and have their hair/makeup done. They also receive their own corsage or boutonniere. Then we take a professional photo of each guest, print it out, and put it in a frame for them to take home. After they take their picture, each guest is individually announced as they walk the red carpet to a roaring applause and celebration. It is truly a special moment to see each guest be celebrated in this way. Throughout the evening, there are many activities our guests can partake in. We serve them a meal in our candlelight dining room and we also have photo booths, corn hole boards, coloring stations, Mario Kart, basketball, and karaoke for them to enjoy! There is nothing quite like seeing a guest belt out "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey at the top of their lungs while the crowd cheers and sings along! Each guest is also offered the opportunity to ride in a stretch limo as well as Wabash's own Trolley! The night is concluded as we announce each guest as Kings and Queens of the prom! They each receive a crown or tiara as we celebrate them on the dance floor!</p> <p>In addition, we also offer a respite room for parents and caregivers that they can visit throughout the evening. This is a space where we allow them to enjoy some rest and relaxation. We provide them with a nice meal, games, and giveaways. This allows them to be a part of the evening as much as they desire but also have the opportunity for a night of rest for themselves.</p> <p>Since we started this event in 2019, we have averaged over 130 registered guests, over 400 people sign up to serve each year, and over 90 parents/caregivers in our respite room each year. It is truly an amazing evening and it's incredible to see so many people from our community come together and serve!</p>	



## Honeywell Foundation

<https://www.honeywellarts.org/arts>

**Honeywell Arts for All - \$5,000**

Honeywell Arts for All is a new initiative designed to serve individuals and the community by providing affordable opportunities for learning in visual art, music, & theatre. As described in its name, Honeywell Arts for All encourages active student participation in the arts for all ages -- whether it's trying something new or strengthening and building skills. Programming is offered in Wabash and North Manchester in a variety of formats: group classes, workshops and private lessons.

Art, in all its forms, has the profound impact on individuals, regardless of age. It inspires children to dream, create, and explore the world around them. Children who participate in arts learning generally score higher in reading, spelling, English, and mathematic tests. In adulthood, engaging with arts learning provides a source of solace, creativity, and personal growth. Even in our golden years, art continues to bring joy, foster connections, and stimulate the mind.

The arts also foster social connections and community engagement. Participating in arts learning often involves collaboration, teamwork, and sharing experiences with others. This leads to fostering a sense of community and belonging, bringing people together, creating a network of individuals who share common interests and passions.

Providing this multi-generational arts learning programming in our rural community, where opportunities to learn from the arts are limited, will enrich lives and building a stronger, more connected community. By recognizing and nurturing the artistic potential in every age group, we will create a thriving ecosystem where the arts serve as a unifying force, positively impacting both individuals and the community as a whole.

Your generous contributions will enable us to continue to provide affordable arts learning opportunities that cater to all generations, ensuring that everyone, from the young to young at heart, can benefit from the transformative power of arts learning right here in our community.



## Honeywell House

<https://www.honeywellarts.org/honeywell-house>

**Honeywell House - \$5,000**

Mrs. Eugenia Honeywell was such a remarkable woman! Her passion for preserving and celebrating arts and culture left an indelible mark in Wabash. Today, Honeywell is honored to continue her legacy and vision by providing a diverse range of cultural offerings at the Honeywell House, including informative lectures, enchanting musical performances, delectable gourmet dinners, and student education excursions.

Last year, the Honeywell House hosted 13 informative lectures, providing a platform for intellectual growth and stimulating meaningful discussions about arts and culture. Seven musical performances took place and transported audiences to different eras, igniting emotions and sparking creativity. The gourmet dinners served as occasions to gather and connect, where stories were shared and friendships were formed. Finally, student education excursions empowered young minds with knowledge and a deep appreciation for arts and culture, fostering a lifelong love for learning.

Honeywell is deeply proud of the impact the Honeywell House makes on individuals and the community as a whole through unique arts and cultural offerings. The work of the Honeywell House would not be possible without the generous support of individuals just like you. Donations enable us to continue to provide FREE, quality events for our community, and to maintain this treasured facility

Won't you please consider a gift to the Honeywell House today?



**North Manchester Civic Symphony Society, Inc.**

<https://www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org/>

**Filip Michalak Guest Artist Residency - \$3,000**

Each year, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra seeks to bring at least one internationally acclaimed musician to offer a week-long residency that will connect and educate MSO musicians, Manchester University students, Wabash County public school students, and the surrounding community through master classes, performances, and school visits. We are bringing concert pianist Filip Michalak from Copenhagen, so this will be an especially exciting residency. It will offer our community a window to the classical music world beyond US borders.

Filip's residency will begin on March 4, 2024 and will culminate with a performance of Johannes Brahms' Concerto No. 1 with the MSO on March 10. While guest artists are a wonderful addition to any concert program, the single-performance situation does not allow much time to interact with the artist and learn from them in deeper ways than mere observation. Filip will perform for and connect with our community for seven full days, which allows people other than our orchestra musicians access to him in both formal and informal settings. It will also allow time for Filip to visit public schools, perform a solo recital (in addition to his performance with the MSO), and offer a piano master class for intermediate-to-advanced students in the region. This will be the first time the MSO has hosted an international guest artist since starting our guest artist residency program three years ago.



## Wabash Area Community Theater, Inc

<http://www.wabashtheater.org/>

**Upgrades to critical parts of the "WACTory" building that houses our unique set pieces, costumes, props, etc. - \$5,000**

Upgrades will invest in building, which we've personally renovated and updated, and help us continue to create revenue with costume rentals. Funds received will improve the standing of our building through energy efficiency, organization and proficiency. Funding would go directly to our costume shoppe, which we use not only to store our priceless costumes for our theatrical productions throughout the year, but also for other nonprofit organizations, businesses and civic entities in the area that need to use these assets for their own operations, theatrical or not. Through more than two years of fundraising in our community, this former manufacturing facility/flea market has been heavily renovated and upgraded with sweat equity and donations of our dues-paying members and Board members. The next step is to invest into our costume shoppe, which houses our materials that bring our productions to life. The total cost of the scope of the project is more than \$7,800, but there are multiple components to the budget. Therefore, WACT would be happy to receive funding to either fully fund a collection of the smaller components or the full \$5,000 to take care of 63% of the cost.



## Wabash County Museum


<https://www.wabashmuseum.org/>

**Archives Digitization and Public Access Project - \$5,000**


During the past year, the Wabash County Historical Museum completed the first strategic planning process in our history. We were elated to complete this plan in July and to change our outlook as an organization from month to month to truly committing to a five year plan for the future. All facets of the plan are built around three guiding principles: Preservation, Education and Innovation. Preservation is listed first because, first and foremost, the Museum is here to preserve documents and artifacts that have been entrusted to us. The archives are particularly important because they are accessed frequently via research requests from people searching for genealogy information, researching the history of a property or event, writing a paper or even a book, by educators for classroom use, and more. The Museum receives numerous requests each month to assist with research. However, the Richard E


Ford Archives presently house about 5,000 documents that have never been digitized or even cataloged. The cause is lack of capacity for our small staff. The result is that research is nearly impossible because for many requests, the archivist must go through paper files to find the information they need to access. Additionally, paper files are often not in good enough condition to allow public access. Being handled of course leads to additional breakdown of the items. Another big concern with our archives not being digitized is fear of a natural disaster or incident that would impact our paper collection. Numerous documents currently housed in our archives are the only or last remaining copy meaning, if they are not digitized, in the event of a catastrophic event, they could be permanently lost. Progress for standard size items is being made with the use of interns. Digitizing and cataloging oversized items is impossible in house because the Museum does not own the equipment to do so. About 1,000 key documents require digitization including metadata that will make them searchable. After extensive research, we have found a company that is able to complete this work for us in about 90 days, an unthinkable short turnaround compared to the amount of time it would take us to do it in house, if we had equipment that would allow us to do so. For this reason we are requesting support toward this one-time cost to digitize the ~1,000 oversized documents in our archives. The result of this work will support staff capacity, research turnaround, and give our patrons access to all of these previously unavailable documents

## Community

	<b>Somerset Relocation and Development Corporation</b>
	<a href="https://www.somersetindiana.com/">https://www.somersetindiana.com/</a>
	<b>Replacing a destroyed town sign - \$5,000</b>
<p>We are seeking assistance to supplement our efforts in raising funds for the new Somerset sign. The Somerset town sign was destroyed by a severe thunderstorm in 2022. The sign was a long-standing icon in the community and was recognized by travelers along state road 13 for over 50 years. Previously, the Town of Somerset's funding relied heavily on the selling of vacant lots. With no more available lots remaining, Somerset relies on its volunteers, donations, and grants to maintain the town's facilities (fire station, community building, and parks). Currently, the anticipated quote cost is \$9,000 to \$10,000 (will vary based on the current building material market). This quote is from a local business in Wabash County. The estimate includes the following: 1.) 12 ft x 8 ft custom made wood sign (2 sided) 2.) Letter board added below the sign (2 sided) 3.) Labor 4.) Installation with Permit</p>	

## Education

	<b>Manchester Early Learning Center</b>
	<a href="http://Manchesterearlylearningcenter.org">http://Manchesterearlylearningcenter.org</a>
	<b>A New Library for MELC - \$5,000</b>
<p>MELC has never had a working library that the children could utilize. 61% of lower income families have no children's books in their homes. This can create a 30-million-word gap by age 3, which then leads to lower performance throughout their school years. We want to change that and make sure all children in our center have a variety of ways to use and access books. We have found a space to use and have brought in some of the books. However, we are in need of furniture for the children to utilize, more book shelves and art work. We will also want to add a computer for checking in and out books. The current selection of books will need to be updated as well. We think the children will really enjoy this space in our school. Thank you for considering donating to our library.</p>	

	<b>North Manchester Historical Society</b>
	<a href="http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org">http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org</a>
	<b>Kaleidoscope Kids Summer Camp. Encouraging a love of community and history in youth ages 6-10 in our area - \$2,500</b>
<p>2024 will be the fifth year that we have offered an 8-week program for area youth. Each year we pick a different theme and explore all aspects of that topic. In 2023 our food theme included a trip to the Stockdale Mill to see how grain was processed. In our next year we would like to expand the age group (11-14) and include middle school kids. We will teach them how photography is important to recording history and how photos have provided information that was previously left unrecorded in the past. Participants will learn photographic skills from professional photographers as well as art teachers. We also hope this will highlight an opportunity for a future career that students might like to explore. Our younger campers will be focusing on Native Americans that lived in our area, namely the Potawatomie and Miami tribes. They will learn about clothing, food, art and music in addition to visiting the sites that they lived.</p>	



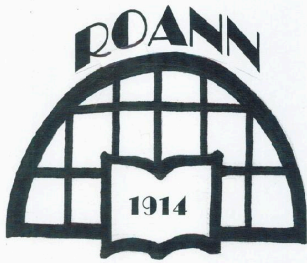
## North Manchester Public Library

<https://www.nman.lib.in.us/>

### Interactive Play Equipment for Library Visitors - \$750

The North Manchester Public Library is located in the heart of North Manchester. The building is a few blocks away from historic downtown, Warvel Park, Manchester Early Learning Center, the Strauss Peabody Aquatic Center, the Jr High-High School, and the main hub for the school buses. Given our location (as well as our child friendly approach), we see hundreds of children coming through our doors each week. We seek to occupy their minds with books and technology, their hearts with volunteer opportunities and programming and their bodies with physical activity. Our spacious front lawn is often the site of impromptu games of tag and kids and teens of all ages flock to our Flat Playground for games of Four Square, Snakes & Ladders, Twister, and more. Smaller children enjoy the sensory input from our indoor ball pit. Interest in our outdoor space continues to grow and a number of our outdoor play pieces are beginning to fall apart. We need to replace and/or increase the number of badminton birdies, cornhole sets, beanbags, Velcro catch games and ball pit balls to meet the demand. This outdoor play has been beneficial for the kids' physical and social/emotional needs. Following the installation of the Flat Playground, we saw a sharp decrease in the number of behavioral issues we were having here at the library. At the same time, we saw an uptick in intergenerational play, with adults, teens, and kids congregating around different features to play games together. We have a front row seat to burgeoning friendships and hear groups of kids planning to "meet at the library after school tomorrow" to play outside. We are thrilled that we are able to provide a safe, fun place for children to play and want to continue providing kids with the items that facilitate so many positive interactions and promote an active, healthy lifestyle. Recently, an afterschool visitor brought his football and in short order a group of kids had organized a game of touch football on the lawn and played for nearly two hours. The youngest was six and the oldest was thirteen. This gave us the idea of providing a football, soccer ball and volleyball along with portable goals/nets that are readily available for outdoor use. These additions would expand the variety of games children can play and provide more options for cooperative play. To that end, we have put together a wish list of items that would maintain popular features by replacing worn out items, increase the number of people able to play by purchasing additional items, and reach more demographics by adding sports equipment. Each item has been selected with the goal of encouraging physical activity, sensory input and/or cooperative play. Thank you very much for considering us as we seek to meet many needs in our community!





**Paw Paw Township  
Public Library**

## **Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library**

<https://roannlibrary.wixsite.com/my-site>

**Looking to fund a new Microfilm Reader for our Library  
Indiana Room. - \$5,000**

The Roann library is celebrating 109 years, serving the Community of Roann and all of Paw Paw Township. Part of our mission is to save and embrace our rich and colorful history. As part of our project to reorganize our Indiana Room, which is set aside for genealogical research and local history, we are in need of a new microfilm reader to enable researchers to read our collection of The Roann Clarion, our local historic newspaper. The library holds microfilm for our paper from 1902-1942. Currently this collection as we have it, is not available anywhere else. Online historic databases appear to only cover approximately 20 years. We are seeking funds for a microfilm reader / scanner the enables us to print via a computer. This will be an invaluable asset for researchers whose families played a part in the building of this 170 year old community.




## **The Womans Club House Association of Wabash, Indiana, Incorporated**

<http://wabashwomansclubhouse.org>

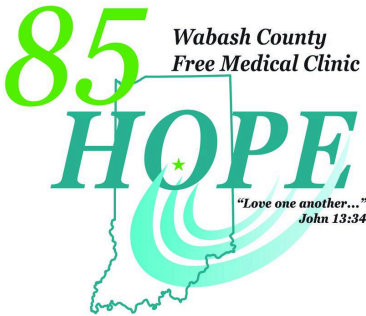
**Start Talking About Reading (STAR) Program - \$950**

The Start Talking About Reading program provides Head Start children and the "Littles" at MSD of Wabash County with an incentive to enjoy books and reading as they develop their literacy skills. In the past five years, each Wabash and North Manchester Head Start child was presented with a plush animal and a storybook about the animal. In 2022, three year old preschoolers of Southwood and Metro North were included. The books and corresponding animals were purchased through the Kohl's Care program for each child. Former elementary teachers Jane Denney and Sherry Yenna will be reading the books to each class to generate excitement about reading. Then each child will be presented the same book and animal to take home to be shared to promote reading and verbal skills in the home. Statistically, the preschool years are a critical time for developing skills that are needed for success later in school. Prior feedback from preschool classroom teachers expressed that this project encouraged reading enjoyment and learning the importance of reading at home as well as in

the school setting. This will provide children their own book at home to cherish.

	<b>WCS - Wabash Middle School</b>
	<a href="https://www.wms.apaches.k12.in.us/">https://www.wms.apaches.k12.in.us/</a>
	<b>Garden Expansion and Equipment - \$5,000</b>
<p>We are seeking funding to acquire the following equipment: A wireless weather station, lumber and fencing supplies, apple trees, fertilizer, and tree shelters. The weather station will be used by students and staff alike to collect and analyze real-life weather data. The lumber and fencing supplies will be used by students and community volunteers to build a fence around our orchard and pollinator plot. The apple trees will be used by students to tend, monitor, and care for. The apples will be harvested by students and data will be collected as well (i.e. number of apples, age of trees, growth, etc.). The fertilizer and tree shelters will be used to protect the trees through their first years of growth. This funding opportunity directly supports our goal of building our capacity at Wabash City Schools to "provide a relevant and rigorous education, founded upon relationships, to ensure every student is college and career ready for success in the global community." Your gift allows us to continue to address the way we approach teaching and learning within our learning community at WCS. Our community garden is an inclusive and relevant learning environment that allows us to Build a Legacy of Opportunity for All right here on our school campus.</p>	

## Health and Human Services

	<b>85 HOPE Free Medical Clinic</b>
	<a href="http://www.85hope.org">http://www.85hope.org</a>
	<b>Healthcare Services Program: Help us provide holistic healthcare to 85 HOPE clients! - \$5,000</b>
<p>85 HOPE Free Medical Clinic provides free medical care and other healthcare services to low-income adult residents of Wabash County (ages 18-64) who are uninsured or under-insured. We have two clinics: one in Wabash and one in North Manchester. 85 HOPE Free Medical Clinic is seeking financial support for our Healthcare Services Program (HSP). The HSP encompasses all aspects of healthcare services offered to our clients that require additional--and increasingly costly--expenditures to our organization. (Clients are not charged for any care they receive through 85 HOPE.) This grant will provide funding for the following types of healthcare needs: -Outside medical services (i.e. ECG's, Echo, radiologist fees, pathology services, specialized lab or radiology testing, etc.); -Medications (prescription and over-the-counter); -Flu vaccines; -Medical Supplies (i.e. glucometers, home blood pressure</p>	

cuffs, vaccine supplies, etc.); -Specialty Care Referrals (dental, optometry, mental health, and other specialty care needs); -Breast Cancer Screening Program (mammograms and other breast care needs); -Colon Cancer Screening Program (Cologuard and colonoscopies). When lab work or symptoms require a specialty referral, a well-funded HSP makes that referral a reality. When quality of life can be increased by a visit to a mental health care professional, we depend on our HSP to cover the cost. When overall health can be increased by access to dental care for better nutrition or relief of pain, this is the funding 85 HOPE needs. Most importantly, the HSP allows 85 HOPE to provide holistic, comprehensive healthcare to all 85 HOPE clients, which improves their overall state of health and well-being. Giving our clients access to comprehensive healthcare can lead to vital life improvements such as obtaining and maintaining employment, getting a driver's license, improving relationships and communication skills, seeking safe and stable living situations, and finding an enhanced sense of self-image and self-worth. Please consider giving to 85 HOPE's Healthcare Services Program to help our clients have access to vital healthcare services.



## **Babe of Wabash County**

<http://www.babeofwabashcounty.org>


**Support to stock the Babe store with essential items - \$5,000**

Babe of Wabash County is a non-profit organization that promotes good health, education, and connection. Our mission is to build community connections to provide families with educational, physical, and emotional resources.

Our coupon program is the meat and potatoes of what we do at Babe. The boutique and coupons incentivize pregnant women and families with children between 0-5 to follow through with services already provided in the community that promote healthy child development! A few of these services include Healthy Families, pediatric visits, WIC, and services provided by the Wabash County Museum or YMCA.

The Wabash Carnegie Library is one of our 40 community partners that offers Babe coupons. Laura Beutler, Children's Librarian at the Wabash Carnegie Library, speaks to our coupon program's success in relation to the children's programming at the library. In a recent email to our director, Laura writes, "Babe does so many amazing things in our community. I'm so happy to continue partnering with you. I've noticed so many new families coming to the library at your recommendation. Some of them have never used a library before, and now they're coming to weekly read-alouds and checking out our Grab and Go Storytime kits. We've had so many more sign-ups for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten since working with BABE. It is as popular now as it was in the first month we launched it. It's great to see so many new faces! Thank you for all that you do!"

Many parents come to Babe to learn how to earn more Babe coupons! They WANT to find out where they can earn additional coupons to get essential items for their babies. Like the Wabash Carnegie Library has discovered, Babe's coupon program works! People seek out and follow through with services promoting healthy child development. And their children are benefiting as a result! Families are benefiting! Ultimately, the county benefits because families follow through with support, education, and care to get Babe coupons. However, the program requires your help to maintain its success! You can be the champion to help this outstanding, progressive support continue. We need your support to help stock our boutique with essential items that will keep our program successful. Keeping our boutique stocked with merchandise such as diapers, clothing, bottles, hygiene products, and other necessary baby and toddler items is a vital and incredible way that you can help provide! Larger items like car seats, strollers, and pack-and-plays are costly yet essential for our store to provide. Your donation will help us continue to furnish these much-needed everyday necessities! Would you consider making a gift that would help us fund our boutique? Will you be the advocate who provides so that families continue seeking support that benefits their children and, ultimately, our county? Thank you so much!

 <p><b>BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK</b></p>	<p><b>Blessings in a Backpack - North Manchester</b></p>
	<p><a href="https://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/">https://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/</a></p>
	<p><b>Food Supplies for Blessings in a Backpack - \$5,000</b></p>

The funding would be used to purchase food to be sent home with students at the end of the school week. This food is sent home in bags with 450 children weekly. The children range from preschool through sixth grade. Blessings in a Backpack provides food to two separate buildings, Manchester Elementary School and Manchester Intermediate School. The bags of food that go home contain two entrees, 2 breakfast foods, and additional snacks. This provides the students with breakfast and lunch, plus a snack both days of the weekend. Due to rising costs in food and an increase in the number of students eligible for Blessings, our numbers for this school year have doubled from last year.

 <p><b>BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK</b></p>	<p><b>Blessings in a Backpack - Wabash</b></p>
	<p><a href="https://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/">https://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/</a></p>
	<p><b>Providing food for local insecure students - \$5,000</b></p>

We currently serve Pre-K to 6th grade students in both MSD of Wabash County and Wabash City Schools. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch qualify to receive Blessings bags. Currently, we serve approximately 473 students weekly. We provide weekly bags to each

student containing between eight to nine items. We like to include two warm items (mac n' cheese cup, cup of noodles, or canned pasta), two breakfast items (oatmeal, cereal, or breakfast bars), fruit (either fresh apples or applesauce), and a variety of snacks (crackers, cookies, granola bars, popcorn, trail mix, gummy snacks, Slim Jims, pudding, or a juice pouch). We also provide allergy-safe bags with different food items for students with food allergies. Your support will help sustain Blessings in a Backpack Wabash.



**Bowen Center**

<http://bowncenter.org>

**Update Group Room - \$5,000**

We would like to update our group room to increase a positive patient experience. The carpet in this room has not be updated since 2004 and has a lot of wear and tear from being used by multiple groups daily. We would like to replace the carpet with either new carpet or laminate flooring. The room is 144 sq feet in total. Cost per square foot to replace the flooring would be \$30 totaling \$4,320. We would also like to replace the countertop with an estimated cost of \$680. When people come to us, they are often experiencing the worst parts of their life. Our goal is to make them feel comfortable to be here and we think that updating our space will increase their comfort level.



**Daniel's Place, Inc.**

<http://www.daniels-place.org>


**Guest Care Sponsorships - \$5,000**

Caregiving for an elderly, ill, or disabled family member is a demanding job, and no one is equipped to do it alone. Respite care provides temporary relief for a primary caregiver, enabling them to take a much-needed break from the demands of caregiving. Daniel's Place provides respite care for persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

Respite care can help ease the burden of family caregiving and help to relieve stress, restore your energy, and promote life balance. It can also prevent caregivers from becoming exhausted, isolated, or even burned out. Respite care benefits the person being cared for as well, providing them with variety, stimulation, and a welcome change of routine. 86% of family caregivers of adults receive no respite. 75% of family caregivers of children have unmet


needs for respite. The mission of Daniel's Place is to make available quality care for people with disabilities; providing respite for their care givers, and enhancing the quality of life for the entire family. We offer an interactive, stimulating and safe environment that addresses the physical, emotional, and social needs of each individual. We promote a culture of compassion, integrity, stewardship, collaboration, creativity, and joy, enabling our personnel to provide excellent service to our clients.

In order to fulfill this mission, Daniel's Place is dedicated to making our services available to all, regardless of financial situation. As such, we have a sliding hourly rate scale based on family income. Based on that scale, our guests are responsible for a portion of our full hourly rate. Most fall between \$2.75 and \$17.00/hour. For those families that pay less than full rate, Daniel's Place makes available supplemental Care sponsorship money. Donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships are used to fulfill those Care sponsorships.

 Education for Conflict Resolution	<b>Education For Conflict Resolution</b>
	<a href="http://www.workitout.org">http://www.workitout.org</a>
	<b>Restorative Justice Victim-Offender Dialogue Interventions for first-time offenders under 18, and Family Mediations for children/teens labeled as "incorrigibles." - \$5,000</b>
<p>Ours is a two-part project: the first project is a new intervention initiative that ECR hopes to have up and running by January of 2024. This program will work closely with the Wabash County Probation Office to offer an intervention to teens who have committed an offense with a victim. We will be offering facilitated dialogue circles in which the victim has a space to air their grievances, and the offender has an opportunity to listen and respond with an offer to make some form of reparation. Alongside of and parallel to this program we are also hoping to offer facilitated mediations to families who have designated their children as "incorrigibles." Both of these programs will require advanced training or trainings for our mediators to be prepared to deal with these specialized mediations. Therefore, we will need funding for training our mediators, funding to pay stipends to our meditators for their work, which in these two programs will be fairly labor-intensive, and we need funds to cover the administration of these programs. Additionally, we may need funds to help parents get enrolled in a parenting class/program to help them with children who seem out of their control. Finally, we will need funds to help us create, print, and market the two programs. (As an aside, Education for Conflict Resolution has recently done a rebranding of our organization, so some who have been acquainted with our old branding may not recognize us, but we are still ECR.)</p>	


	<b>Lighthouse Missions Thrift Store</b>
	<a href="https://lighthouseofwabash.com/">https://lighthouseofwabash.com/</a>
	<b>Providing 750 bags of food to those in need for Thanksgiving and Easter. - \$5,000</b>

Lighthouse Missions is a local not-for-profit in downtown Wabash that has been helping Wabash County residents with food, clothing, and other basic needs for 18 years. We take donations of gently used clothing and household items and sell these items at affordable prices. Because a high percentage of our shoppers are low to moderate income families, we typically sell merchandise for pennies on the dollar. Any income earned at the mission is used to cover operating expenses. The remaining funds are used to help meet the needs of limited income families in Wabash County through our various venues. Lighthouse Missions provides clothing and household items at no cost to individuals and families who find themselves in special circumstances. We have provided assistance to the unemployed seeking a job interview or to those recovering from a catastrophic event such as a fire. Lighthouse Missions gives away roughly \$26,000 annually in food during the Thanksgiving/Christmas and Easter Holidays. We provide a place for people to serve court community service hours in a good, healthy environment. ARC of Wabash County also brings its members to work at the mission. We help with emergency housing, rent and utility assistance. We also provide free rent to 3 other non-profits at our new location so the community can have one location for those in need of food, clothing, housing, and medical needs. Our mission statement is to follow our belief that we are to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need, and it is important to serve those right where we live.

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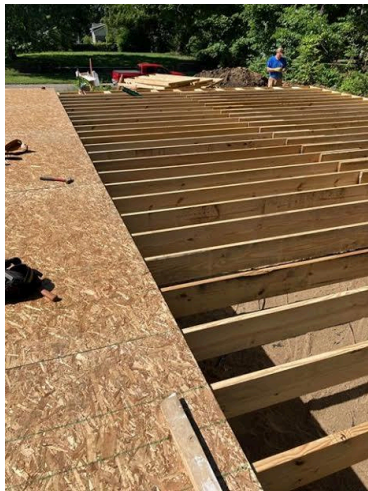
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	<b>Advantage Housing, Inc.</b>
	<a href="http://www.advantagehousing.org">http://www.advantagehousing.org</a>
	<b>Support for housing counseling for individuals in or applying for the HOST program. - \$5,000</b>



Advantage Housing (AHI) is providing HOST Homes in Wabash County. HOST stands for Housing Options Short Term. We acquire properties and renovate them into efficiency apartments and family living units. These units are for the individuals in a housing crisis. To qualify for this program individuals/families are considered homeless, being evicted, not in a safe living environment or are a domestic violence victim. The housing counseling focuses on reducing or removing all the barriers to establishing a long-term residence. By far, this is the greatest help we can provide. The housing counseling service helps individuals build positive habits and mindsets and provides financial education such as budgeting basics. The Wabash County HOST Homes are considered a short-term housing shelter, which provides case management for our clients. We work individually with each client on meeting basic needs, job search, budgeting, and housing search. Our goal is to house our clients as quickly as possible. Their first 30 days in our units are free, if they need an extended stay, we will work with them individually based upon income until they can enter their own housing lease with a landlord. We currently have a six-unit efficiency building that is housing women and children only. We also have a family that we are working with in an apartment through a lease agreement. There is a property on Hill Street that is in the last stages of renovations and will have two family units and two efficiency units for men. This year we purchased our third building to renovate and when it is completed, we hope to have 4 two-bedroom units. Advantage Housing is a non-profit organization that is helping the homeless and housing crisis in Region Five of Indiana. AHI's main office is based in Kokomo, IN. The five county region includes Howard, Tipton, Cass, Miami and Wabash.




### Habitat for Humanity Wabash County

<http://wabashhabitat.org>

**Floor joists for a new house - \$4,000**

We build homes, hope, and community. We rely on donations to fund all of our builds. A donation of \$4000 would pay for floor joists for a new house and give us a "foundation" to build on. Wabash County Habitat for Humanity has been building homes in Wabash County for 23 years. We generally have built a home every other year, due to resources available to us. We would like to be able to build a new home for a deserving family every year. Our partner families are chosen with 3 criteria: need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. All of our families have some level of need, whether it is substandard housing or not enough room for all family members to have their own bedroom. We look at work history and specify that they have 2 solid years of employment, or other needs of support such as disability to be able to afford to pay a mortgage. The willingness to partner comes in the way of sweat equity, of which they are required to have 250 hours on the build site, or within the community during

their build. The houses we build are energy efficient and affordable so that our partner homeowners can be successful in homeownership. We believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live.

 <p><b>BACHELOR CREEK</b> CHURCH OF CHRIST</p>	<b>Bachelor Creek Church of Christ</b>
	<a href="https://www.bachelorcreek.com/">https://www.bachelorcreek.com/</a>
	<b>Best Night Ever</b>

"Best Night Ever" is a prom for people with special needs! This will be our fourth time holding this event. Previously, in partnership with the Tim Tebow Foundation, this event was called "Night to Shine." This year we have decided to throw our own party in order to have more flexibility with the date, time, and location of the event. "Best Night Ever" may be a prom for people with special needs, but it is so much more than that! When guests first arrive to the event, they are given the opportunity to have their shoes shined and have their hair/makeup done. They also receive their own corsage or boutonniere. Then we take a professional photo of each guest, print it out, and put it in a frame for them to take home. After they take their picture, each guest is individually announced as they walk the red carpet to a roaring applause and celebration. It is truly a special moment to see each guest be celebrated in this way. Throughout the evening, there are many activities our guests can partake in. We serve them a meal in our candlelight dining room and we also have photo booths, corn hole boards, coloring stations, Mario Kart, basketball, and karaoke for them to enjoy! There is nothing quite like seeing a guest belt out "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey at the top of their lungs while the crowd cheers and sings along! Each guest is also offered the opportunity to ride in a stretch limo as well as Wabash's own Trolley! The night is concluded as we announce each guest as Kings and Queens of the prom! They each receive a crown or tiara as we celebrate them on the dance floor!

In addition, we also offer a respite room for parents and caregivers that they can visit throughout the evening. This is a space where we allow them to enjoy some rest and relaxation. We provide them with a nice meal, games, and giveaways. This allows them to be a part of the evening as much as they desire but also have the opportunity for a night of rest for themselves.

Since we started this event in 2019, we have averaged over 130 registered guests, over 400 people sign up to serve each year, and over 90 parents/caregivers in our respite room each year. It is truly an amazing evening and it's incredible to see so many people from our community come together and serve!



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