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The Community Foundation of Noble County is pleased to announce the follow grants were recently awarded.

To find out more about the grant process, visit our grants page <https://cfnoble.org/grant/>
Contact Margarita White at Margarita@cfnoble.org or call 260.894.3335.

Noble County Council on Aging Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant to Noble County Council on Aging for \$25,000 to assist with the Senior Center Phase 3. Noble County Council on Aging is building a new senior center to better serve the needs of its senior population. The new facility will be a single-story building with ample indoor and outdoor space that is handicap accessible. the new space will accommodate many more visitors and be able to host numerous activities.



Pictured is NCCOA Executive Director Cherish Smith

South Side Elementary Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$2,874.41 to South Side Elementary to assist with Italian Culture week. Students and staff will have a full week which will consist of activities and experiences. In art, students will be learning about different types of architecture throughout Italy. For music, they will experience what it is like to play an accordion. For physical education, students will be playing Bocce Ball, a popular game which originated in Italy. For a fun STEM activity, students will be participating in a Leaning Tower of Pisa challenge with marshmallows and toothpicks. Students will learn about the history of marionettes and puppets with a visit from Guy Thompson, who will perform his well-known "Punch and Judy" puppet show. What a fun week!



Pictured (l to r): Mrs. Becker, Isabella Cain, Mekaila Likes, David Lee, Navedra Dunkley, Mrs. Erexson, Ryan Combs, Evelyn Edwards, and Kaynan Rowe.

Community Learning Center Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$2,500 to the Community Learning Center to assist with the Garden, Kitchen, and Farmers Market project. This grant will help combine current programming for the community garden, teaching/learning kitchen, and farmer's market. Community Learning Center in Kendallville strives to advance the self-sufficiency of all residents through collaborative, multi-generational programs, and offerings.



Pictured (l to r): Margarita White CFNC Program Director and Macy Burtch CLC Programing & Technical Director.

Noble House Ministries Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$10,000 to Noble House Ministries to assist with the Resident Room Project. The Resident Room Project will provide much needed upgrades and new items to resident rooms such as beds, dressers, etc. Noble House Ministries, Inc. (Albion) provides emergency shelter, food, guidance, and education to women and children who find themselves in crisis situations stemming from homelessness, domestic violence, and/or addictions. Noble House is working on needed upgrades and new items in resident rooms.



Pictured (l to r): Margarita White CFNC Program Director, Melissa Slone NHM Case Manager, and Felicia Patrick NHM Director.

Drug Free Noble County Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$5,000 to Drug Free Noble County to assist with operations. DFNC's purpose is to be the "connecting" piece that brings the Noble County community together to combat the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. They serve the Noble County community as a whole with a primary focus on youth.



Pictured is Rebecca Calhoun DFNC executive director

The Crew Youth Center Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$8,250 to The Crew Youth Center, Inc. to assist with the Crew Lawn Care project. The Crew Youth Center is a center for teens in Noble County. The Crew provides hands on experiences for students to learn life skills and go out into the community to apply what they have learned. The Center is excited to announce a new program that will not only serve community members but also teach job-based skills that youth will be able to apply to a future career. The Crew Lawn Care program will teach youth participants how to run a business, safely operate yard work equipment as well as engage into community service. Each youth will participate in a 5-day training that teaches them an overview of all lawn equipment, hands on practice with the equipment, customer service, responsibility and how to manage a business. There are several levels to this program, designed to teach a youth a different lawn care skill at each level. The program will focus on serving youth, senior citizens, single mothers, veterans, and individuals with special needs or who are handicapped. What a fantastic project!



Pictured (l to r): Jayvion Stokes, Crew Director Logan Conley, and Jacob Smith

Noble Education Initiatives Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$5,600 to Noble Education Initiatives to assist with the Turning Point Coffee Company K-Cup Production project. Turning Point Coffee Company is a student-led company that is a part of the Turning Point Education Center. The center provides mentoring, support, education, and related services for at-risk high school students. The coffee company is a way for the students to learn about the many aspect of a small business such as budgeting, marketing, etc.



Pictured (l to r): Sam Erwin Roast Master/Manager and students Sam Allen and Emily Allen.

Central Noble Jr/Sr High School Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$1,500 to Central Noble Jr/Sr High School to assist with the purchase of new football helmets for the middle school. The funds will be used to purchase 30 new helmets for the school program.



Pictured (l to r) Will Hoover, Hayden Kilgore head football coach, Jackson Hoover, and Preston Diffendarfer

Aspire Indiana Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$2,000 to Aspire Indiana to assist with Noble County WIPA marketing and outreach project. Through the Work Incentives and Planning Assistance (WIPA) program, Aspire Indiana (Aspire) helps people with disabilities receiving social security benefits better understand the benefits available to them, properly navigate the social security system, and transition into gainful employment without losing all their benefits at once.



Pictured accepting the gift is Tina Skeel the Project Director

Boomerang Backpacks Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$5,000 to Boomerang Backpacks to assist with the Weekend Food Supplemental Program for Noble County students. Boomerang Backpacks' mission is to help eliminate child hunger and currently providing supplemental weekend food to over 300 Noble County kids.



Pictured accepting the gift is Mark Cockroft founder and board president

Kate's Kart Received Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$4,000 to Kate's Kart to assist with the book distribution in Noble County. Through the gifting of new books, Kate's Kart strives to provide a comforting diversion to hospitalized children and their families, and to foster a love of books, and ultimately literacy, by encouraging children to read and parents to read to their children. Kate's Kart provides school age children the opportunity and resources to continue and to maintain the reading process during absence from formal classroom instruction. Allows a pediatric patient the opportunity to make a choice in an environment where the child has little control over his or her day. Gives Neonatal Intensive Care Unit parents a way to interact with their babies, including those they cannot touch or hold. Encourages all parents of pediatric patients to promote lifelong reading habits for their children while also providing comfort and positive distraction during a difficult and frightening time. Educates parents of newborns that no child is too young to be read to and that reading to a child at any age helps build vocabulary and is a way of bonding.



Pictured accepting the gift is Krista Layman Kate's Kart executive director

Remembering Rowan Joy, Inc. Received Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant of \$1,500 to Remembering Rowan Joy to assist with the Noble County Bereavement Outreach project. Remembering Rowan exists to financially support bereaved families in Northeast Indiana that experience the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. They assist financially with medical bills associated with stillbirth and help pay for funeral and burial costs for all babies who pass away in the womb at any gestational age, up to the age of 1. For more information about this organization visit their website at <https://www.rememberingrowan.com/>.



Pictured accepting the gift is Marc Baumann co-founder and vice president.