

Bee Happy

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Foundation is proud to share the successes of 2023. Here's what you'll find in this Annual Report.

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Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life in Noble County by serving as a catalyst for positive change, enabling donors to carry out charitable intent, and making grants.

Dear Friends,

As we reflect 2023, we are filled with happiness and gratitude for the moments of joy that have enriched our community. In this year's annual report themed "Bee Happy," we are excited to share the many reasons why our community foundation has been a source of happiness for all.

Throughout the year, our foundation has been dedicated to spreading happiness in various forms, from supporting local initiatives that bring smiles to faces to fostering connections that uplift spirits. We have witnessed the power of kindness, generosity, and compassion in creating a happier and more vibrant community.

In this report, you will discover heartwarming stories of individuals whose lives have been touched by the initiatives and programs funded by our foundation. From scholarships that open doors to education to projects that enhance the quality of life for all residents, each success story is a testament to the collective efforts of our community coming together in pursuit of happiness.

As we look ahead, our commitment to spreading happiness remains steadfast. Together, we will continue to cultivate a community where joy abounds, where everyone feels valued and supported, and where dreams are realized.

Thank you for being a part of our journey towards happiness. Together, let us celebrate the joy that unites us and inspires us to create a brighter future for all.

With warmest regards,

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,

Frank Francisco Tijerina

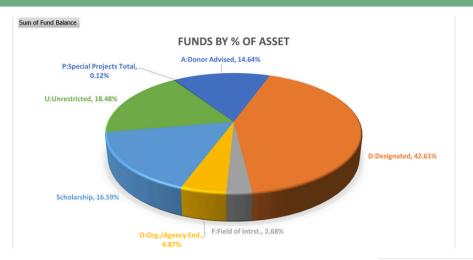
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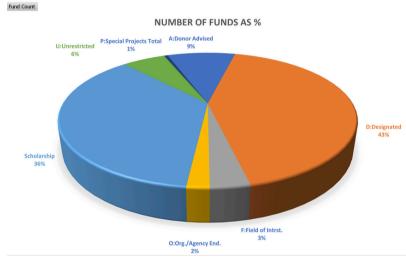
CFNC Executive Director

Community Foundation 2023 Facts



BASED ON 204 FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

BASED ON \$39,173,851 FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023



In 2023, over \$249,121 is available for unrestricted grant work in our community!

Current Assets Current fund balance or net assets in 204 funds as of December 31st, 2023	\$39,173,851
Grant distribution since inception Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded over 16,428 grants and scholarships	\$34,470,436
Grants-2023 In 2023, the Foundation distributed 309 grants and scholarships	\$1,677,106
Gifts- 2023 In 2023, gifts received by the foundation totaled	\$984,494

Your Community Foundation Gives Thanks to Volunteers

Community Initiatives, Inc. Board

Kenny Kill* – President
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Grants Committee

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Connie LeCount - Vice Chairwoman
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Daniel Blevins
Bryan Shearer*
Jolene Durham
Angelina Contreras - Teen on Board

*= Community Foundation of Noble County Board of Directors



Noble County Fire Departments Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a collaborative grant of \$20,000 to local fire departments in Noble County. Department heads from the seven area fire departments came together with one goal, saving lives!

This grant will allow them to replace 28 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) county wide as current AED's are aging and operate under outdated technology. These life saving devices are necessary for the fire departments day to day operations and will help give Noble County residents some peace of mind!

Fire departments included in this life saving grant effort are Kendallville Fire, Ligonier Fire, Noble Township, Orange Township Fire, LaOtto Fire, Avilla Fire, and Albion Fire.

Pictured (I to r) front row is Jeremy McKinley (Kendallville Fire Chief), Jeremy Weaver (Ligonier Fire Chief), Genesis Click (Orange Township Firefighter), Gene Landers (Orange Township Firefighter), Rob Davis (Noble Township Firefighter), Jorden Squdrito (LaOtto Fire Captain), Josh Fike (Avilla Firefighter), Bob Amber, (Albion Fire Chief), and CFNC Executive Director Margarita White.

Not Pictured: Harold Cummins (Orange Township Fire Chief).

Youth Philanthropy

Thanks to a long-term partnership between local schools, the Community Foundation, and the Dekko Foundation, young people in Noble County are practicing philanthropy. Through their participation in P.U.L.S.E., students learn the value of giving their time, talents and treasure to their community. The group carefully considers grant proposals from area nonprofits, awarding funding to projects that align with their mission. The group can also be found doing monthly service projects across the county, and partnering with nonprofit organizations to make a positive impact in our community.





P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County members are pictured outside of the Community Foundation before their monthly meeting.

Welcome! New Funds

Noble Tri-Share Fund

This fund was established in early 2023 by the Noble County Community Foundation. This fund helps cut the cost of childcare by 66% for families living in poverty. Families who qualify now pay 1/3rd of their child care costs while another third is covered through the Noble County Commissioners \$50,000 investment, and the last third is covered by the parents employer if they have opted into the program. This allows families more opportunities and funds to give their children experiences like hiking, fishing, traveling, and zoo's that wouldn't normally be within their budget.



Thrive by 5

This fund was established in early 2023 by the Noble County Community Foundation. This fund helps provide child care, support, and education to families with children under the age of 6. Because of this fund, families can now chose quality care providers for their children's education. When children have what they need for brain development, parents are supported, child care professionals are valued, employers are invested in early learning, and the entire community will thrive.

New Funds, continued

Ignite Your Future Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in November of 2023. The Noble County Community Foundation is pleased to have been a recipient of the Ignite Your Future Program grant of the Don Wood Foundation.

DWF created the Ignite Your Future Program to grow and strengthen advanced manufacturing and entrepreneurship in northeast Indiana and beyond. The Ignite Your Future Program creates opportunities for those living in Noble County who seek to advance their education in fields related to engineering, industrial technology, and machine tool technology.



Invest Noble Fund

This fund was established in October of 2023 by the Noble County Community Foundation Board of Directors. The Invest Noble Program seeks to expand the local understanding of impact investing, spark a conversation about community investment priorities, build the foundation's board and staff capacity, strengthen community assets, and overall create an intentional and meaningful positive change within Noble County. The Board has appointed an "Invest Noble" committee to oversee the program. The board will pursue investments that grow the number of high quality and affordable childcare opportunities, support entrepreneurship as a viable pathway to household wealth building, expand the availability of affordable housing for families, and enable historic preservation, redevelopment, and placemaking.

New Funds, continued

Harold and Ellyne Sollenberger Fund

This fund was established in September of 2023. The purpose of this fund is to support programs and activities that fulfill charitable wishes of the Sollenberger's that are consistent with the mission and purpose of the community foundation.

Harold and Ellyne both worked as teachers at Central Noble and East Noble Community Schools. They have continued to substitute teach well into their retirement. Currently, the two are very active members within the Noble County community. Harold currently serves on the Preforming Arts Committee of the Community Learning Center. He has led the Kendallville Lions Club twice as president along with the Noble County Retired Teachers group, and he has also enjoyed entertaining others at the Gaslight Playhouse for over 20 years. Ellyne has committed her life to volunteering within her community. Over the years, she has volunteered to pull weeds at Bixler Park, Bell Rang for Salvation Army, helped with Common Grace pork burger sales, aided many elementary schools. served on the LEAP board, is a Library Friend, and so much more.



Bob and Joyce Friesner Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in January of 2023. Bob and Joyce both served as teachers at West Noble Schools for over 30 years. Together, Bob and Joyce left a lasting impact on hundreds of West Noble students, and encouraged all to imagine the best for themselves. This scholarship fund was created to further their legacy of mentorship and high expectation in both the classroom and on the sports field. This scholarship is for West Noble Seniors going to a four year university. Preference is given to those studying teaching, medical, health science, nursing, school counseling, and/or social work.



Granting Success

Lloyd Ness Family Fund Awards Grant

The Lloyd Ness Family Fund awarded a \$750 grant to support Boomerang Backpacks, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing childhood hunger among elementary students in Northeast Indiana. This grant will specifically fund the Weekend Feeding Program for the 2023-2024 school year in Noble and Whitley Counties.

Boomerang Backpacks aims to combat hunger among elementary students, with 444 participants in Whitley County and 325 in East Noble. Boomerang Backpacks is proud to contribute to eliminating food insecurity among 3,300 Indiana students, working towards a hunger-free future for elementary children in Northeast Indiana.



Pictured L to R: CFNC Program Director Jazmin Herrera, Jenny (Ness) Smith, Jackie (Ness) Fries, Kyrie Hernandezpeterson (Boomerang Backpacks Executive Director), Julie (Ness) Mast, Drew Cunningham, and Jaime Cunningham.

Community Impact Fund Awards Grant



Pictured (I to r) Melissa Baughman Fine Arts Business Manager, Jada Peer, Drew Fote, Delaney Ott, CFNC Program Director Jazmin Herrera, and Terrence Roe principal.

The Community Foundation's Community Impact Fund awarded a grant of \$9,632 to Churubusco High School for the Fine Arts Department Lights Up! Campaign. Churubusco High School is working to replace and upgrade their 40-year-old stage and house lighting system in the auditorium with new LED quality lighting fixtures to provide a professional atmosphere for their productions. They desire to see students continue to thrive in an environment where they can have a well-rounded theater education experience through acting, musical theater, lighting design, and technical design.

Grants Made By Your Community Foundation

Community Impact Fund

American Red Cross of NE Indiana Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana **Boomerang Backpacks** Cancer Services of NE IN Central Noble Jr Sr High School - FFA City of Kendallville - KidCity 2023 Cole Center Family YMCA Community Harvest Food Bank Community Action of NE IN Churubusco High School Fine Arts Drug Free Noble County Erin's House for Grieving Children, Inc. Fort Wayne Philharmonic Gene Stratton-Porter Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana Habitat for Humanity of NE IN Hope's Harbor Inspiration Ministries Inc. Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana Kate's Kart Lighthouse Childcare and Learning Center Ligonier Fire Department Matthew 25, Inc. McMIllen Health Milford Food Bank Noble County Council on Aging Rome City School Rome City Elementary SCAN, INC. Science Central South Side Elementary Visiting Nurses Women's Care Center NE IN YWCA Northeast Indiana

G. Martin Kenney Memorial Fund Grants

Cole Center Family YMCA Kimmell Baseball & Softball, Inc. Lighthouse Childcare and Learning Services Ligonier Marshmallow Festival, Inc.



P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County Grants

Boomerang Backpacks Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana Central Noble Community Schools-**Tutoring Supplies** Central Noble Jr. Sr. High School-PE Equipment Central Noble Community School Corporation - School to Home Lunch Program Drug Free Noble County Equipment East Noble High School - AP Marine Research Lab East Noble High School - Theatre East Noble High School - Boys Volleyball Erin's House for Grieving Children, Inc. Hope's Harbor Kate's Kart LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. - LIFE Scholarship Fund Noble House Ministries, Inc. Oak Farm Montessori St. John Lutheran School St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School The Apple Tree Center Women's Care Center Northeast Indiana West Noble High School - National Honor West Noble High School - Special Education Program Oak Farm Montessori

Lloyd Ness Family Fund Grants

Youth For Christ of Northern Indiana

Boomerang Backpacks Program Central Noble FFA

Hagen Family Advised Grants

Children First Center
Erin's House of Grieving Children, Inc.
Healthier Moms and Babies
McMillen Health
PULSE Senior Scholarship Fund

Funds Held At Your Community Foundation

Acres Land Trust Endowment Fund Adoption Assistance Fund Alan Hutsell Scholarship Fund Albion Fire Department Non-Permanent Agency Fund*

AMI Investment Management Community Fund Anthony Wayne Area Council Boy Scouts Fund Art and Jeanne Howard 4-H Scholarship Fund Auer Scholarship Fund

Benjamin B. and Kathleen June Earley Memorial Scholarship Fund

Benjamin H. Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund Black Pine Animal Sanctuary (PARC, Inc.) Endowment Fund

Brandon A. Replogle "Celebrate the Arts" Memorial Scholarship Fund

Bob and Joyce Friesner Memorial Fund Brian H. Joest Memorial Fund

Caitlyn Marie Halferty Memorial Scholarship Fund

Campbell and Fetter Bank Community Fund Cancer Services Noble County Endowment Fund

Captain James M. Treesh Scholarship Fund Carol Ann Tieman Scholarship Fund Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship Fund Cecil C. and Bettie I. Smith Scholarship Fund



Brian H. Joest



Celebrate Community Fund Chain O' Lakes State Park Interpretive Services Fund

Charles and Bernard Duesler Scholarship Fund Chester A. and Bessie C. Throp Scholarship Fund

Chuck Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship Fund
City of Kendallville Preserving Main Street Fund
Clarence and Marie Woolf Scholarship Fund
Cole Center Family YMCA Capital Fund
Cole Center Family YMCA Restricted Fund
Cole Foundation Fund
Community Impact Fund
Community Foundation of Noble County

Disaster Response Fund Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Fund Cromwell High School Alumni Scholarship Fund David O. Kile and Marjorie B. Kile Scholarship Fund

Dave Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund Dave and Barb Thomas Fund Delta Theta Tau Sorority IOTA IOTA Chapter Scholarship Fund in Memory of Tammi Riecke

Dekko Community Fund Dekko Enhancement Fund

Delbert and LaVon Graft Scholarship Fund Devan Christopher White Memorial Fund

Divorcing Families Project Fund*

Doris Gene Alber Ferrari Scholarship Fund Dr. Clarence and Marguerite Granger Fund

Dr. David and Alvena VanMeter Scholarship Fund

Dr. Richard R. (MD) and Theresa M. Gutstein Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Terry Gaff Legacy Fund for Noble Trails Early Childhood Coalition Fund

East Noble Band Boosters Fund

Edgell Scholarship Fund

Edward and Beverly Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship Fund

EN Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund Eugene B. and Marilyn Glick Foundation Fund

Funds Held At Your Community Foundation, continued

Fordeck-Kemerly Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Scholarship Fund

Fred and Mildred Seymoure (Young) Memorial Scholarship Fund

Fred and Rose Cunningham Memorial Fund

Freedom Academy-Noble County Endowment Fund Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site Field of Interest Fund

Gene Wible Lakeview Cemetery Fund

George O. Witwer Fund

Gerald and Cathleen Hayes Scholarship Fund

Gerald C. Hayes Memorial Field of Interest Fund

G. Martin Kenney Fund

Hagen Family Advised Fund

Hagen Family Fund

Hal Prickett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Harrold and Ellyne Sollenberger Fund

Harold and Martha Bushong Fund

Hazel Brown Truelove Scholarship Fund

Hilda H. Rehwinkel Scholarship Fund

Humane Society of Noble County Restricted Fund

Ignite Your Future Scholarship Fund

Jack R. and Maxine C. Frymier Scholars Award Fund

Jennie Thompson Foundation Fund

Jennie Thompson Foundation Scholarship Non-

Permanent Fund

John and Bard Riemke Family Fund

John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship

John Berhalter Hutchins Community Fund

John E. and Joan E. Robinson Scholarship Fund

Jonah W. Slater Memorial Scholarship

Joseph A. and Lolita J. Hornett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Josh Stahl Scholarship Fund

Julia L. Atz Scholarship Fund

Junior Achievement of Noble County Endowment Fund

Kay and Hazel Truelove Family Fund

Kendallville Day Care Agency Fund

Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Complex Endowment

Kendallville Park and Recreation Department

Endowment Fund

Kendallville Public Library Flag Fund

Kendallville Redevelopment Commission Agency Fund

Kendallville Restoration Inc. Fund

Kendallville Skatepark Fund

Kendallville Windmill Museum and Historical Society Museum Endowment Fund

Knight of Science Award Fund*

Kris Campbell "Any Dream Will Do"

Scholarship Fund

Lauren Kay Shields Scholarship Fund Lemmon-Rupert Endowment Fund

Life and Family Services Endowment Fund

Life Estate Fund

Ligonier Elks Scholarship Fund

Ligonier Public Library Restricted Fund

Ligonier Veterans' Memorial Fund

Ligonier Visitor and Convention Bureau,

Inc. Restricted Fund

Lilly Endowment Inc. Fund

Literacy Field of Interest

Lloyd Ness Family Fund

Marilyn and Bill Emmert Fund

Jack R. and Maxine C. Frymier Scholars Award



Avery Phillips 2024 Recipient

Funds held at Your Community Foundation, continued

Matthias "Matt" and Rosemarie "Rosie" Kretler Scholarship Fund

Max and Elizabeth Roesler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Max Sneary M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Scholarship Fund

Merrill B. Frick Family Fund

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center Fund

Miss Limberlost Scholarship Pageant Fund Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Nathan Shumaker Memorial Scholarship Fund New Community Initiatives Fund

Noble County 4-H Endowment Restricted Fund

Noble County Chess Fund

Noble County Child Care Fund

Noble County Economic Development Trust Fund

Noble County Historical Society Endowment Restricted Fund

Noble County Memorial Scholarship Fund

Noble County Promise Fund*

Noble County Public Library Permanent Fund Noble County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund in Memory of Deceased Teachers

Noble County Technology Fund Noble Educational Initiatives Fund Noble House Homeless Shelter Fund Noble REMC Operation Round Up Trust Fund Norman and Alberta Koons Firefighting Fund Northeastern Center Community Mental Health Endowment Fund

Oliver and Eleanor Ellenbecker Scholarship Fund

Pat and Nancy L. Kelty Fund
Paul Glass Memorial Scholarship Fund
Pauline (McClish) Leaman Scholarship Fund
Paul Pelikan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Peter R. Bottomley Scholarship Fund
Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship

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P.U.L.S.E. Endowment in Memory of Dave Knopp Fund

P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County Non-Permanent Fund

P.U.L.S.E. Senior Scholarship Fund Ribbon Chicks Non-Permanent Fund* Richard and Mary DeMotte Scholarship Fund Richard "Rick" J. Hoffman Unrestricted Fund



G. Martin Kenney Fund

Robert and Darleen Black Charitable Fund Russell Smith Music Scholarship Fund Ruth N. Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund Sacred Heart Home Fund Sparta Township Fire Department Endowment Fund

Sparta Township Trustee Indian Village Cemetery

St. John Lutheran Church Endowment Fund St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. Fund Susan A. Price Memorial Scholarship Fund Susan Marie Stone Scholarship Fund Talia Joy Smith Performing Arts Scholarship Fund Timothy J. Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund Tony and Gertrude Kichler Scholarship Fund Town of Albion Parks Department Permanent Restricted Fund

Town of Albion Parks Department Skate Park Community Project

Town of Albion Restricted Fund

Town of Avilla Permanent Restricted Fund Trent Zuehsow Memorial Scholarship Fund

Wawaka Alumni Scholarship Fund

William Wesley "Wes" and Amelia Frehse Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Wood Family Fund

Woodward W. (Woody) and Lucy B. Weeks Memorial Restricted Fund

Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana, Inc. Fund Youth Opportunity Fund*

YWCA Noble County Fund

Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2023 (With comparative totals for the year ending December 31, 2022)

		hout Donor estrictions		Vith Donor Restrictions	_	2023 Total	_	2022 Total
Operating revenue and support								
Contributions and pledges	\$	191,500	\$	792,994	\$	984,494	\$	1,373,366
Non-cash contributions				63,193		63,193		8,387
Investment return (loss), net		64,035		4,147,230		4,211,265		(4,530,112)
Administrative fee income		453,545				453,545		429,451
Fundraising				5,684		5,684		1,410
Loss on disposal of equipment		(85,453)				(85,453)		
Other income	_	51,194	_	7,155	_	58,349	_	15,312
Total operating revenue and support		674,821		5,016,256		5,691,077		(2,702,186)
Net assets released from restrictions:								
Satsifaction of purpose restrictions		682,450		(682,450)				
Pursuant to spending policy		1,272,624		(1,272,624)				
Operating expenses								
Program services		1,861,052				1,861,052		1,695,945
Supporting services:								
Management and general		761,972				761,972		711,476
Fundraising		64,018	_		_	64,018	_	54,993
		2,687,042	_		_	2,687,042	_	2,462,414
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(57,147)		3,061,182		3,004,035		(5,164,600)
Net assets at beginning of year	-	1,671,391	_	28,539,526		30,210,917	_	31,693,330
Net assets at end of year	\$	1,614,244	\$	31,600,708	\$	33,214,952	\$	26,528,730

Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2023 (With comparative totals at December 31, 2022)

		2022		
ASSETS	-			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,769,714	\$	4,036,856
Interest and dividends receivable		17,112		11,978
Pledge receivable		-		5,000
Annuity receivable		9,693		22,617
Prepaid expenses		15,596		15,708
Right of use asset		48,402		8,070
Investments		35,102,296		31,351,366
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		211,038	_	552,010
	\$	39,173,851	\$	36,003,605
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	3,868	\$	8,479
Grants payable		131,242		312,153
Accrued wages		18,805		18,634
Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings		1,770		1,524
Right of use liability		48,402		8,070
Agency funds		5,754,812	_	5,443,828
Total liabilities		5,958,899		5,792,688
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions		1,614,244		1,671,391
With donor restrictions	-	31,600,708	_	28,539,526
		33,214,952	_	30,210,917
	\$	39,173,851	\$	36,003,605



Don't Leave With A Sting!

Bee's have a pretty simple legacy. They travel from flower to flower, pollenating as they go and creating the delicious sweet honey we all enjoy. One advantage Bee's have is they don't have to think about their legacy. When was the last time you thought about yours?

Giving through your will is another way to establish your family's legacy. Unfortunately, only 46% of adults in America currently have a will in place—that equates to thousands of people in Noble County alone. You don't want the court to determine what happens to your money, your belongings, and your legacy, do you? That would sting! This can put undue stress and heartache on your family while they are still grieving your loss. Planning ahead, and crafting a will now, is the solution to this problem; yet the majority of Americans never do this.

As a generous donor, we want you to consider creating a will as a gift to your loved ones. Making those decisions today will make your wishes crystal clear when the time comes. And, while you're thinking about your legacy, it's simple to allocate just 5% of your estate to the Community Foundation of Noble County designated for an endowment named in honor of your family. Think about it, won't you?

We want your legacy to sprout, not sting!

5%



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