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## Lilly Endowment Grant Provides Endowment Matching Opportunity for DCF Donors

### Dear DCF Contributor:

I am pleased to announce the Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF), Inc., is offering an endowment matching campaign thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative.

DCF recently received approval from Lilly Endowment to participate in the GIFT VIII initiative, which provides \$1.5 million in matching funds for contributions to unrestricted endowment at the Foundation.

Through this exciting matching opportunity, donors can receive a \$2-for-\$1 match (\$2 match for a \$1 donation) to new or existing Unrestricted Endowment Funds (also known as Community Funds). It's important to note that there is no match for other types of endowment through this Lilly Endowment initiative.

Lilly Endowment offered GIFT VIII to encourage more individuals and businesses in our community to participate in philanthropy through endowment at the Foundation. More specifically, Lilly is encouraging, even challenging, our community to contribute to Unrestricted Endowment Funds because these endowments help the Foundation Board and staff to address those changing needs in the community. Unrestricted Endowments provide grants to programs that feed and shelter people in need, support victims of abuse or violence, impact environment, build trails and recreational projects, encourage educational (including scholarships) as well as arts and cultural experiences and much more in Dearborn County.

There is no maximum donation per donor for the GIFT VIII matching funds. Contributions will be matched on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funds are available. DCF has a deadline of December 31, 2025, for donors to match the \$1.5 million.

It's important to note that contributions from units of government and organizations that are considered in the "charitable sector" do not qualify to be matched by Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII funds.

To learn more about DCF and this unique endowment matching opportunity, call Fred McCarter or Cheryl Wessel at 812-539-4115 or stop by the office at 322 Walnut Street in Lawrenceburg. Online donations can be made via the "Give Now" page on the Foundation website at [dearborncf.org](http://dearborncf.org).

Please give every consideration to contributing to the endowment of your choice during this unique opportunity. DCF's Unrestricted/Community Endowments:

- Community Grantmaking Fund
- Community Unrestricted Fund
- Hoosier Hills Credit Union Better for Our Communities Fund
- Katie Bruner Community Fund
- In The Interest of Children Fund
- Lauren Hill Make-A-Difference Fund
- Mike & Margaret Renck Community Fund
- Rupel Family Unrestricted Fund

Sincerely,

Fred McCarter  
Executive Director

For good. For ever.