



Press Release

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*Cass County Community Foundation
Provides Funds To Group Homes*

The Concept of a Community Foundation is a very simple one. It is a means to build, over time, substantial endowment funds for a community through contributions. Because these contributions are endowed, they are never spent. Instead, they are permanently invested to produce income. The income earned is then used to help meet the community's charitable needs - from social work to art and culture. So gifts to a Community Foundation continue to benefit the community forever.

The Cass County Community Foundation recently reinvested some of that income. They provided gifts totaling over \$19,000 to six local organizations. One of the recipient organizations was Peak Community Services / Woodlawn Center.

Peak Community Services provides services to adults with developmental disabilities in Cass and surrounding counties. Many of the consumers live in group homes in Logansport. Because of the ever-changing funding situation facing federal and state government, rates to provide these services no longer cover some of the essentials that go along with a household. Things like replacing kitchen and dining equipment. Things like providing for "adaptive" equipment in the kitchen and dining room. (Adaptive equipment could be, for example, pots and pans that are durable but lighter in weight for persons who do not have body strength, or utensils that have a special shape or use for persons who cannot lift or twist their wrists while cooking.)

For as long as these individuals are able to live in group homes in Cass County, or for as long as they are able to reach a higher level of independence and continue to live in the community, they will be employed at the Sheltered Workshop run by Woodlawn Center or in supported employment in the community. And, as long as they are employed, they will continue to help local businesses by providing light services (keeping the money in this community); they will continue to pay taxes on earned income (again, keeping money in this community); and they will continue to spend their money in their home community (keeping money in this community).

The men and women of the group homes in Logansport want to say THANK YOU to the members of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation. Together we continue to benefit Logansport and Cass County.