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# Press Release

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## **THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SELECTS 4 ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A CROWDFUNDING GRANT**

The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. is excited to announce that four organizations have been approved for Crowdfunding Grants. These organizations are SAWs - Servants at Work, Inc. Carey Services, Hoosier Shakes, and Marion Parks and Recreation Department. Each entity has 60-days, starting today and ending June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, to crowdfund local donations for 50% of the total financial need of their project or program.

### **How Crowdfunding Grants work:**

The Community Foundation of Grant County website will track all charitable contributions made by donors for each project. If the organizations meet their fundraising goals, a 50% match within 60-days, the Community Foundation will award them a matching grant.

Projects that garner community support by hitting their goal will receive their matching grant from the Community Foundation. If the organization does not meet its 50% matching goal within 60-days, they will not receive their matching grant from the Community Foundation. They will, however, receive all donations that have been made by their donors for their respective projects.

### **The Organizations and Projects:**

**SAWs- Servants at Work, Inc.** is trying to raise \$6,000 for the materials and installation of twelve wooden wheelchair ramps. Currently, there are at least twelve residents in Grant County with disabilities and/or suffering from the effects of aging, living at or below the Federal poverty guidelines, \$24,250 for a family of four, having no other means of receiving a ramp.

All involved in the project are volunteers, and materials are purchased with grant money received from the area where the ramps are built. Ramp materials cost \$1,000 per ramp.

If you would like to donate to SAWs – Servants at Work, Inc. for the materials and installation of twelve wooden wheelchair ramps, please visit [GiveToGrant.org/SAWs](http://GiveToGrant.org/SAWs). If SAWs – Servants at Work, Inc. raises \$6,000, before June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, the Community Foundation will award them a grant for \$6,000.

**Carey Services** is fundraising \$10,000 for two new transportation buses. Transportation services are an integral part of Carey Services' programming. A key piece of turning abilities and barriers into opportunities is doing everything possible to get the individuals they serve into the community as much as they desire.

Some of those transportation trips are for employment — either job seeking or helping clients get to and from work after obtaining a job. Some of those trips are for daily living activities such as shopping trips for essential items. And, some of those trips are for recreational purposes.

In short, Carey Services' transportation fleet allows clients to live their lives as they want, much like any other member of the community. Within that context, their transportation fleet supplements local transportation; many clients use public transportation as much as possible, but client needs for staff assistance and the narrow public transportation options mean the agency provides the vast majority of transportation services.

If you would like to donate toward this project, please visit [GiveToGrant.org/CareyBuses](https://GiveToGrant.org/CareyBuses). If Carey Services raises \$10,000, before June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, the Community Foundation will award them a grant for \$10,000.

**Hoosier Shakes** is raising \$10,000 for their 2019 summer stock season. Hoosier Shakes presents two of Shakespeare's plays in repertory every summer. The 2019 season will include performances of Othello and As You Like It, which will be performed together in repertory.

Othello presents us with a unique opportunity to confront issues of racism in Marion and Grant County by engaging audiences to consider the impact of discrimination in the life of the title character. Othello tells the story of two men – one white, and one black – as they wrestle with race, power, and jealousy. Through the enterprise of theatre, Hoosier Shakes will help our community examine the manner in which racism is socially constructed. They will present the play and then encourage conversations and promote meaningful discussion among the patrons by hosting talkbacks and providing discussion guides.

As a foil to the tragedy of Othello, they will also offer Shakespeare's comedy As You Like It. This play compliments Othello because it also examines the impacts of betrayal and, conversely, the impact of loyalty. Ultimately, As You Like It is a story about the healing and empowering nature of love in many forms – between couples, between family members, and within a community. Paired together, Othello and As You Like It empower audiences to examine, celebrate, and transform their personal, familial, and community relationships.

If you would like to donate to Hoosier Shakes for their 2019 summer stock season, please visit [GiveToGrant.org/HoosierShakes](https://GiveToGrant.org/HoosierShakes). If Hoosier Shakes raises \$10,000, before June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, the Community Foundation will award them a grant for \$10,000.

**Marion Parks and Recreation Department** is raising \$20,000 for six new Pickleball courts with lighting in Matter Park. Pickleball is a healthy exercise for all ages that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. You can play this sport as singles or doubles and it's played on a smaller version of a tennis court.

This project will take an old, cracked, and unusable facility and turn it into a new exciting activity for the community. The goal for this project is to create 6 new Pickleball courts on the three backcourts at Matter Park and put up new lighting around both the Pickleball and tennis courts.

If you would like to donate to Marion Parks and Recreation Department for six new Pickleball courts with lighting in Matter Park, please visit [GiveToGrant.org/Pickleball](https://GiveToGrant.org/Pickleball). If Marion Parks and Recreation Department raises \$20,000, prior to June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, the Community Foundation will award them a grant for \$20,000.

In addition to accepting donations online at the websites listed above, donors may also bring in cash donations or mail checks to Community Foundation of Grant County, 505 West Third Street, Marion, IN 46952. Please write the project you are supporting in the memo line of your check.

The Community Foundation is proud to connect people who care with causes that matter to them, for the betterment of Grant County. The Foundation has been doing this kind of work since 1984, and we enjoy helping quality organizations, like these four, make a positive impact in our community.

If you have any questions about the Crowdfunding Grant or future grant cycles offered at the Community Foundation of Grant County, please contact Meagan McCracken at 765-662-0065 or [Meagan@GiveToGrant.org](mailto:Meagan@GiveToGrant.org).