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**Indiana Celebrates National Philanthropy Day**

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[INSERT DATELINE] ─ Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb declared November 15, 2020, National Philanthropy Day. [ORGANIZATION NAME] will join in celebration to recognize the increasingly important role philanthropic organizations and individuals play in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

[ORGANIZATION NAME] will [DETAILS ON SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE WEEK: SITE VISITS, POLICY FORUMS, RECOGNITION CEREMONY, NEWS CONFERENCES, ETC.]

“The work of philanthropy and foundations spans beyond the practice of giving. There is a tangible impact that can be seen in the lives of those these selfless organizations serve,” said [ORGANIZATION LEADER]. “We are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions for some of our most challenging social problems and advance the most promising of opportunities to benefit our residents.”

Indiana is home to over 1,200 foundations who gave over $2.2 billion for social causes in 2018 and is the national leader in its number of community foundations. There are over 94 community foundations, affiliates, and area funds in Indiana, serving all 92 counties. Last year, these community foundations invested more than $193 million back into local communities. Workplace giving, which contributes an estimated [$5 billion](https://www.charitynavigator.org/__asset__/_etc_/Guide_To_Workplace_Giving3.pdf) to U.S. nonprofits each year, also plays an important role in making community engagement and small-scale giving accessible to Hoosiers.

These generous individuals, businesses and foundations create opportunities and permanent philanthropic resources for the current and future needs of our communities from basic human needs to creating innovative solutions that transform our towns, cities and counties.

“Individuals from all walks of life have the ability to be philanthropists in small, medium, and large ways,” shares [ORGANIZATION LEADER]. “With the year-end fast approaching, it’s a tremendous time for citizens to make an investment to advance their communities by donating to their employer giving program or local community foundation, and volunteering time with local nonprofits who need our support now more than ever.”

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