



Generational Giving Supports the Carroll County Community Foundation for 25 Years

Al Jackson continues the work of his dad, Pete Jackson

Al Jackson is vice chair of the Services Committee for the Carroll County Community Foundation, continuing a family tradition of leadership spanning the entire 25 years the Foundation has been in existence.

When did you first learn about the Carroll County Community Foundation?

My first encounter with the foundation concept was as a member of a local service organization. There were a couple of the members promoting starting a fund in the Foundation as a means to save and to serve the Burlington, Indiana, community. My feelings at the time were that funds that we raised should be put immediately back to use for the youth and good deeds in the community. My dad, Pete Jackson, was a charter member of the Carroll County Community Foundation. He encouraged me to rethink my position about foundation work. I am happy that I did.

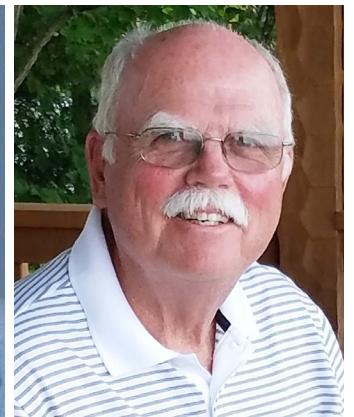
What happened with that first fund?

The service organization was starting the fund anyway and I am happy that happened. By adding surplus funds at the end of each budget year, contributing a memorial gift when members passed and by taking advantage of the Lilly Endowment Inc. Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) challenges over the years the fund has grown to a significant amount. Due to a variety of reasons, 25 years after the fund started the Burlington Kiwanis closed their doors. The beauty of the Burlington Kiwanis Fund in the Carroll County Community Foundation is that it will continue to serve the community forever even though the club is gone.

You mentioned your father was a charter member of the Carroll County Community Foundation. What are some of the ways the community continues to benefit from his work with the Foundation?

He, along with the other charter members, made an impact on communities around the county. Their decisions to make available Lilly Endowment Grants to these communities made many meaningful things happen. Funds were made available to assist building the Lilly Building in the Burlington Community Park, helped start a library in Yeoman, assisted the Wabash and Erie Canal venture in Delphi as well as many other capital projects.

I vividly remember him pouring over the applications submitted by senior students from local high schools applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. He took this responsibility very seriously. Probably this memory along with his belief in Carroll County influenced me to consider being involved in the Foundation's work.



Pete and Al Jackson's gifts have supported the Carroll County community for 25 years and will continue through endowed funds.



My hope is that one day one of my children will be the third generation of the family to be involved with the Foundation. Dad's belief in the Foundation was strong enough for him and my mother to start a *Legacy Society Fund* that supports the work of the Carroll County Historical Society. Their fund was completed at their passing through their estate planning. This is something that forward-thinking citizens of Carroll County should consider as the Foundation moves forward through the next 25 years.

Any other thoughts on the Foundation and its work in the community?

The Carroll County Community Foundation still seems to be a well-kept secret because many people are not aware of what the Foundation can do for our communities. The Services Committee, which is made up of your friends and neighbors, has continuously made an effort to make a positive impact on Carroll County for the last 25 years. The Foundation has grown from making one grant in 1999 from a community endowment unrestricted fund for the amount of \$1,000 to 11 grants from community endowment unrestricted funds for over \$60,000 in 2021. The figures mentioned here do not include the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, other general scholarships or designated funds supporting nonprofits. It will be truly interesting to see the growth and the impact the Foundation will make on the county in the next 25 years.