

Fact Sheet

- Organization:** Private charitable foundation created in 1958.
- Assets:** Estimated \$163.8 million market value (as of 8/31/08 fiscal year-end).
- Annual Grants:** Approximately \$7.7 million grant payments (fiscal year 2008).
- Grant Focus:** The Foellinger Foundation provides grants and technical assistance to strengthen organizations that serve Allen County children and their families, particularly those children and families with the greatest economic need and the least opportunity. By doing so, the Foundation hopes to help Allen County residents increase their self-reliance by moving from dependence to independence, to helping build community through recognition of their interdependence.
- The Foundation prefers to work with mission driven, well-managed, results-oriented nonprofit organizations.
- The Foundation primarily is interested in:
- **Early childhood development:** Young children in Allen County will have high quality early childhood education experiences.
 - **Youth development:** Youth in Allen County will have high quality opportunities to develop healthy social, academic, and emotional attributes.
 - **Family development:** Families in Allen County will have high quality opportunities that foster healthy intra-family relationships.
- Founders:** Helene Foellinger and her mother, Esther, established the Foundation to carry forward their family's tradition of civic involvement and active concern for the well-being of their community. From 1958 through 1987, their gifts and bequests developed the Foundation into a permanent philanthropic endowment, which supported many organizations. The Foundation's grantmaking continues to reflect the Foellinger family's interest in encouraging a community of self-reliant citizens.
- Source of Funds:**
- Lifetime gifts from the late Helene R. Foellinger (1910-1987), who was owner and publisher of *The News-Sentinel*.
 - Proceeds from the estates of Esther and Helene Foellinger.
 - Contributions from the News Publishing Company until *The News-Sentinel* was sold in 1980.

Board of Directors Background

Carolyn R. Hughes, *Chairman*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 2000 and became vice chairman and secretary of the board in 2003 and chairman in 2008.
- Retired vice president of sales and marketing for Fort Wayne Newspapers.
- Former board member of Arts United, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, International Newspaper Financial Executives, YWCA and United Way of Allen County.

David A. Bobilya, *Treasurer*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 2005 and became treasurer of the board later that year.
- Executive vice president and chief financial officer for Pizza Hut of Fort Wayne.
- Former board chairman of Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults; former board president of Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau; member of the Financial Executives Institute.

Cheryl K. Taylor, *President*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 1990, became president in 2001 and joined Foundation board in 2002.
- Responsible for Foundation management and operations.
- Former board president of Three Rivers Festival and Leadership Fort Wayne alumni; former board member of Questa Foundation, YWCA and Headwaters Park Commission; current board member of Community Partnerships, Inc. and Quest Club

Mary F. Barksdale, *Vice Chairman and Secretary*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 1997 becoming vice chairman and secretary of the board in 2008.
- Retired manager of human resources for Navistar International Transportation Corp.
- Former board member of East Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne Urban League, Leadership Fort Wayne and Parkview Hospital.

Thomas J. Felts

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 2005.
- Judge of Allen County Circuit Court.
- Adjunct professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- Former magistrate of the Allen County Circuit Court Family Relations Division.
- President of the Indiana Judges Association and vice chair of the Allen County Community Corrections board; member of the Indiana Judges Associated Board of Managers, Allen County Courthouse Preservation Trust, Allen County Public Records Commission, and Indiana Commission on Courts.

Richard B. Pierce

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 2000.
- Employee assistance consultant for LIFEPLAN.
- Former board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council, Indiana State Board of Health, Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society and Lutheran Foundation.

Robert N. Taylor

- Joined Foellinger Foundation board in 2008.
- President and CEO of Do it Best Corporation since 2002.
- Board member of Northeast Indiana Regional Marketing Partnership, Northeast Indiana Corporate Council, and Fort Wayne Park Foundation.
- Former board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

Staff Background

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Darryl R. Olson, *Director – Finance & Administration*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 2005.
- Responsible for Foundation financial and investment management.
- Previous financial management positions with SIRVA, Federal Express, TNT, Burlington Northern and Ernst & Whinney.
- Former board chairman of St. Peter's Early Childhood Ministries; current treasurer and board member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

PROGRAM

Dawn R. Martz, *Senior Program Officer*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 1990, became program officer in 1995 and senior program officer in 2002.
- Responsible for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, especially in the areas of child care, early education and youth programming.
- Former financial development director, YWCA, and business development specialist, City of Fort Wayne Department of Economic Development.
- Former board member of Indiana Council of Fund Raising Executives; former member of Fort Wayne Youth Leadership Advisory Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Shari L. Clemens, *Administrative Assistant*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 2007 as administrative assistant.
- Responsible for greeting visitors and answering phones, scheduling and coordinating meetings, maintaining library materials, and coordinating special events.
- Previously worked for a nonprofit agency in Ohio for seven years.

Shelly K. McVea, *Grants Assistant*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 2005 as grants assistant.
- Responsible for the centralized administrative function of the grants process from intake throughout the life cycle of grants.
- Previous Database Administration position with KPMG and DuCharme, McMillen, and Associates, Inc.

Terry K. Stevens, *Administrative Coordinator*

- Joined Foellinger Foundation staff in 2002 as administrative coordinator.
- Responsible for communications, information technology, evaluation and research, and building and security.
- Former administrative assistant for the Olin B. and Desta Schwab Foundation.