

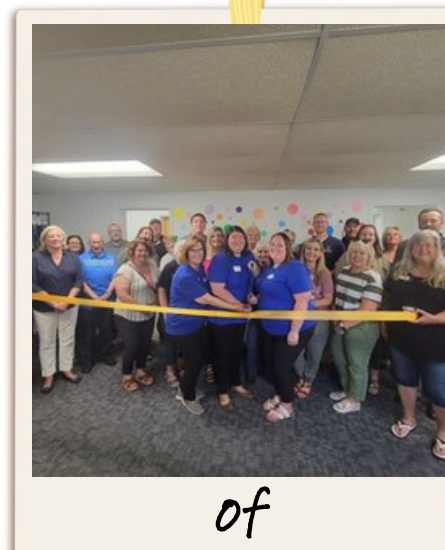
Thriving Grant County
Thriving Mill Township

IMPACT REPORT

2022/2023



Snapshots



of



Thriving

"You don't take a photograph, you make it."

-Ansel Adams



A Letter from the Thriving Team...

The 2022-2023 year was a fantastic year of **creating focus and developing growth** for Thriving. This year we were able to roll out two major programs, our cooking classes and the GROW program, as well as increase access to crucial services for local families in the Mill Township Resource Center. Looking through our 2022-2023 photo album, it's hard to believe how much we've accomplished since moving to Gas City in August of 2021!

Although any good photographer knows a perfect shot doesn't just happen. It takes planning, timing, and ideal lighting. We must thank the community for helping us set up these elements! **You have been amazing photography assistants!** Thank you to every community partner, donor, and volunteer. Thank you for every shared social media post, flyer handed out, minute contributed in meetings, and every time you shared our mission. We can't wait to see what develops next year!

When you look through our report, you'll see the joy and love for the community shining through in each picture. When passionate people work hard together, you get beautiful results.

Libby, Ashley, and Cindy

Tracie Speakman

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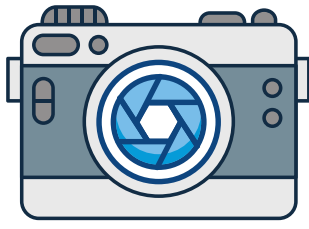
Kerri Wortinger

Westview Elementary School

Tyler Shirley

Exit Church

*Thriving
Board of Directors*



Zooming in on Financials

2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Revenues

Programming

33%



Operating

67%

Operating Fund Grant

The Community Foundation of Grant County

Total: \$150,000

Programming Grants & Donations

- The Boren Foundation
- General Motors Foundation
- TCC
- Indiana Department of Health
- Twin City Ministerial Association
- Eastview Wesleyan Church
- Prevent Child Abuse-Grant County
- Beacon Credit Union
- Mississinewa Cigar Co.
- Dennis Roach State Farm Insurance
- Individual Donors

Total: \$72,731

Expenditures

Personnel Expenses

Salaries: \$117,878

Taxes & Fees: \$19,119

Total: \$136,997

Operating Expenses

Administrative: \$35,491

Development: \$3,145

Professional Services: \$2,222

Total: \$40,858

Programming Expenses

Food Insecurity: \$12,810

Early Childhood: \$8,136

Resource Center: \$10,000

Total: \$30,946

Programming

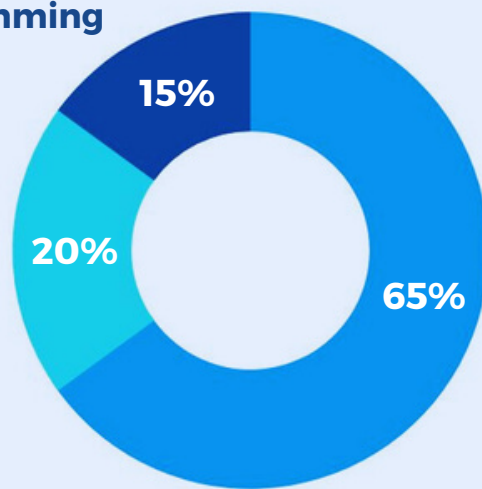
15%

20%

Operating

65%

Personnel & Payroll Fees



Investing in the Community



\$8k

renovations & inventory



\$15k

to Mississinewa Community Schools for clothing & food for the Thrive Room



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Outcomes in Focus

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Thriving focused in on organization sustainability and developed programming to meet needs in our **5 focus areas of Food Insecurity, Early Childhood Education, Career Readiness, Financial Wellness, and the Resource Center.**

Here are some picture-perfect outcomes this year!

- We hosted **7 free** cooking & nutrition classes for **27 families**. Kids and caregivers learned how to make healthy & affordable meals, including an easy-to-prepare kids' recipe. We distributed **167 lbs.** of food during these classes.
- Community Meals in partnership with Rescue Mission. Over **175** meals served.
- Through the **Grow-a-Row** program, we have distributed or donated **419 lbs.** of fresh, home-grown produce donated to us through community partners and backyard growers.
- Open since June 17th, our **GROW** program has served **23 families**, including 40 **kids**. Participating families have redeemed **79 coupons** and received **\$1025** worth of goods, including diapers, clothing, and bottles. Families earn at the GROW location or at **17 community partner** locations in Grant County & Mill Township.
- The Cultivator Apprentice program provided **6 Mississinewa High School** students with a paid summer internship. Students learned how to work on an urban farm, attended a summer academic camp, worked in community gardens, and learned how to outline their work experience on a resume.
- The Mill Township Resource Center, a partnership between The Grant County Rescue Mission and Thriving, brings in service providers to increase access to resources and combat the barrier of limited transportation. We currently host **On My Way Pre-K registration**, **WorkOne employment workshops**, a free, monthly health clinic from **Bridges to Health**, and community meals provided by **GCRM**.
- **75 community volunteers** provided time and expertise to our working groups and programs.
- Collaborated with **44 community partners** and organizations for planning and programming in Mill Township and Grant County.

Cultivator Apprentices



This year we partnered with Dr. Jennifer Noseworthy from Indiana Wesleyan University and the IWU Alliance Garden, for the Cultivator Apprentice program. This program, funded through IWU's Wildcat Incubator Grant, provided six Mississinewa high school students with a paid summer internship. Students worked the IWU Alliance Gardens, the Thriving Harvest Garden, and revived gardens at Northview Elementary and Mississinewa High School. Additionally, they worked at local farmers' markets to better understand the life cycle of an urban farm.

In June, the students attended the week-long IWU Urban Farming camp where they learned about pollinators, made jam, salsa, and pickles, and cooked a farm-to-table meal for their family and friends. Along with learning about careers in agriculture, they created resumes highlighting their job experience and skills. Five apprentices will continue to work for the program through October 2023.





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You *LOVE* your community.

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Email us at info@thrivinggrantcounty.com and put your passion to work!



Your *support* makes our mission possible.

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Or go to givetogrant.org/thrive/ to make an online donation. Donations go to the Thiving Grant County Fund through the Community Foundation of Grant County. Click on the **"Give Online"** button to donate.



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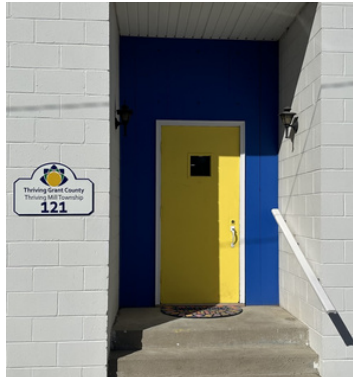
Thiving Grant County, Thiving Mill Township is a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Grant County.

As a supporting organization, Thiving benefits from the administrative oversight provided by the Community Foundation while maintaining its own specific mission. All donations made to Thiving Grant County are channeled through the Community Foundation.

A supporting organization is a sub-category of 501(c)(3) and is considered a public charity in-and-of itself. Its purpose is to support the parent organization. Thiving supports the Community Foundation by working to make Grant County, specifically Mill Township, a better place to live and work through five focus areas of Early Childhood Education, Food Insecurity, The Mill Township Resource Center, Career Readiness, and Financial Wellness.

The Community Foundation provides support to Thiving by providing guidance and services as well as a grant to provide 50% of our annual funding needs for the next 3 years. As a non-profit organization, Thiving Grant County, Thiving Mill Township still relies on generous donors, like **YOU**, and grant funding to support programming and other needs!

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Turning Surviving into Thriving

Thriving Grant County, Thriving Mill Township is a community-focused organization that addresses the societal issues facing children and families of Mill Township through strengthening community, family well-being, and career readiness.