



## FPC Bicentennial Legacy Project

### PURPOSE

In celebration of Columbus Indiana's First Presbyterian Church Bicentennial (July 3, 1824), the church is establishing a permanently endowed fund that will offer a "hand up" to downtown neighbors and other qualified individuals in Bartholomew County. Church members believe helping others to become self sufficient and achieve their potential is a fitting way to invest in the future while giving back to the community.

### GOAL

The church intends to raise at least \$100,000 from members and friends of FPC as well as from community supporters. Each dollar (up to \$100,000) will be matched with one dollar each from First Presbyterian Foundation and Lilly Endowment — making each dollar given into three dollars.

### TIMING

The campaign will begin immediately with the goal to raise \$100,000 from donors before the end of 2025.

### ADMINISTRATION

Funds will be held by Heritage Fund — the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County as a designated fund. Annually the Foundation will distribute that year's allocation to Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center (LCNFC) for awarding grants to identified individuals. LCNFC will report annually to First Presbyterian Church about the grants awarded that year.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a grant a person must have "skin in the game" and demonstrate motivation. Each grant will be intended to be a "barrier buster" that allows people to move towards self sufficiency. Focus will be on downtown neighbors but all in Bartholomew County are eligible.

### GRANTS

Examples of possible grants include:

- Educational funds (training, tuition, supplies)
  - An individual recently needed supplies for post-secondary education that were not covered by scholarships
  - Job skills training
  - Work clothes/boots/uniforms/etc.
- Small business expenses
  - Mower/trimmer for landscaper business
  - Vehicle repair for Door Dash driver
  - Start-up equipment for handyman
- Households close to losing self-sufficiency

### COLLABORATIVE

LCNFC works with a number of community groups. It is hoped they will be able to help with referrals and provide further support (physical and emotional) for recipients.

- **Community Partners** - meets weekly; approximately a dozen organizations participating; individual cases discussed and triaged among agencies. Participating agencies include (but not limited to): Love Chapel, Sans Souci, Columbus Township Trustee, Human Services/Horizon House, United Way, Columbus Housing Authority, Salvation Army, STRIDE Center, ASAP, and Mental Health Matters
- **Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Watch** – coordinated by LCNFC's Lisa Pein; partnership with Columbus Police Department; neighbors meet monthly and could be an additional referral source and advocate for recipients
- **Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Church Coalition** – neighborhood churches working together to prevent duplication of services to individuals through a coordinated point of entry at LCNFC. ***First Presbyterian Church participates in this group.***