Fact Sheet

Organization: Private charitable foundation created in 1958. The Foundation has specifically identified that its primary focus is on Allen County, Indiana.

Assets: Estimated $202.3 million market value (as of 8/31/2019 fiscal year-end).

Annual Grants: Approximately $8.1 million grant payments (fiscal year 2019).

Grant Focus: The Foellinger Foundation provides grants, leadership training, conferences, workshops, and though-leaders 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-governed, results-oriented nonprofit organizations.

The Foundation primarily is interested in:

- **Early childhood development:** Children achieve developmental milestones; parents/providers engage in behaviors to support children's health and well-being.
- **Youth development:** Youth/parents engage in behaviors that promote positive social, emotional, and academic development and facilitate a successful transition to adulthood.
- **Family development:** Adults engage in behaviors that support themselves and their families moving from dependence to independence.

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.