



Indiana University Health

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Mr. Brent Lee
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Dear Mr. Lee,

On behalf of Indiana University Health South Central Region, I am writing to reflect our support for the Community Foundation's GIFT VIII Implementation Grant concept paper for funding through Lilly Endowment Inc.

As President of the IU Health South Central Region, I see the negative impact housing insecurity has on our community and on IU Health's ability to provide the quality of healthcare our mission demands. Specifically, our emergency department serves as frontline crisis care for many who are unhoused, a role that we are not always ideally situated to play. The innovative and comprehensive case management model proposed in this concept paper is exactly what our community needs to rapidly address the current crises of our unhoused neighbors, and provide long-term, sustainable systems of care for families who, for these interventions, are tomorrow's unhoused.

This proposal features a collaborative, "all-hands-on-deck" approach to solving a complicated community issue. With the partners representing all aspects of holistic care, I believe we can achieve the goal outcome of reducing homelessness by two-thirds during the grant period. We at IU Health are committed to providing support to ensure the success of this initiative.

IU Health also knows first-hand the high-quality leadership that the Community Foundation provides, as evidenced by our support of the Foundation through our Community Impact Investment (CII) grant program. In 2020, we supported the Foundation's Monroe Smart Start initiative with a CII grant to increase access and quality of early learning in the IU Health South Central Region. The results were impressive—173 newly created seats in the region in just 12 months. When the Community Foundation leads an effort, we trust it will be impactful and effective.

I hope you will consider supporting this critical initiative for our Monroe County neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denzil-Ross", written over a horizontal line.

Denzil-Ross
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