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Mrs. George A. Ball,
Minnetrista Boulevard,
Muncie, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Ball:

Upon the suggestion of my old and valued friend, Mr. W. R. Youse, I am sending you a copy of a recent photograph made by our staff photographer. I sincerely hope we can soon refer to it as a picture of Mr. Ball and President-elect Landon.

Very truly yours,
James D. Stuart
Managing Editor.

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FAMILY HISTORY: GEORGE A. BALL AND HIS POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS

This article is intended for historical purposes only. It does not indicate a political stance on behalf of the Foundation.

Although he never pursued an elective office, George A. Ball was very much interested and involved in politics throughout his adult life. He was extremely active in and involved with the Republican politics of his time.

This was demonstrated through his service as chairman of the Indiana Republican party from 1926 until October of 1937 and his service as vice-chair of the National Republican Convention held in Chicago in 1928. This was the Convention where Herbert Hoover was nominated as the Republican candidate for President. George was a strong supporter of President Hoover and even entertained then Vice President Charles Curtis for dinner at Oakhurst, George's home here in Muncie, Indiana.

Because George took politics so seriously, Ed Ball stated in his book, *Beneficence: Stories About The Ball Families of Muncie*, that George would often tell others that, "the largest share of our income is enjoyed by the government. You'd better be interested in it or else you're going to find it taking more and more of your income."

The G.A. Ball family loved to collect, and because of George's interest in collecting and politics, he accumulated signatures and papers of important men in American history. In the 1920's, George had acquired documents for his collection written and signed by such notables as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benedict Arnold.

*Historic information and photos provided by Karen Vincent at the Delaware County Historical Society and Susan Smith at Minnetrista, as well as Ed Ball in the book *Beneficence: Stories About The Ball Families of Muncie**



Photo sourced from Economic Development Alliance, captured at their Industry Expo



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CIVIC ENHANCEMENT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

The Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce has been an integral part of Muncie and Delaware County since it was established in 1894. Today, their strategic plans strive to be a source of innovation in the business development for our area.

The Chamber "builds an extensive Muncie business network through member connections and expansion." Their collaborative organization, The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) "represents a consortium of economic development entities dedicated to growth and prosperity of Muncie-Delaware County." Their focus is to "allocate and leverage resources in order to sustain and enhance the economic growth, vitality, and global competitiveness of Muncie-Delaware County as a preferred business location."

Together, the Chamber and the EDA are also leading the Career Employment Collaborative Action Network (CAN) as part of the Cradle to Career Initiative. As a CAN Leader, they are working with numerous

stakeholders to collectively contribute to the ultimate goal of adults having living wage employment in the community.

In addition to their work of bringing new companies and jobs to Muncie and Delaware County, The Chamber and EDA will be exploring additional strategies to connect with our local school districts and higher education institutions to develop career pathways in coordination with new career-related state requirements in K-12 education.

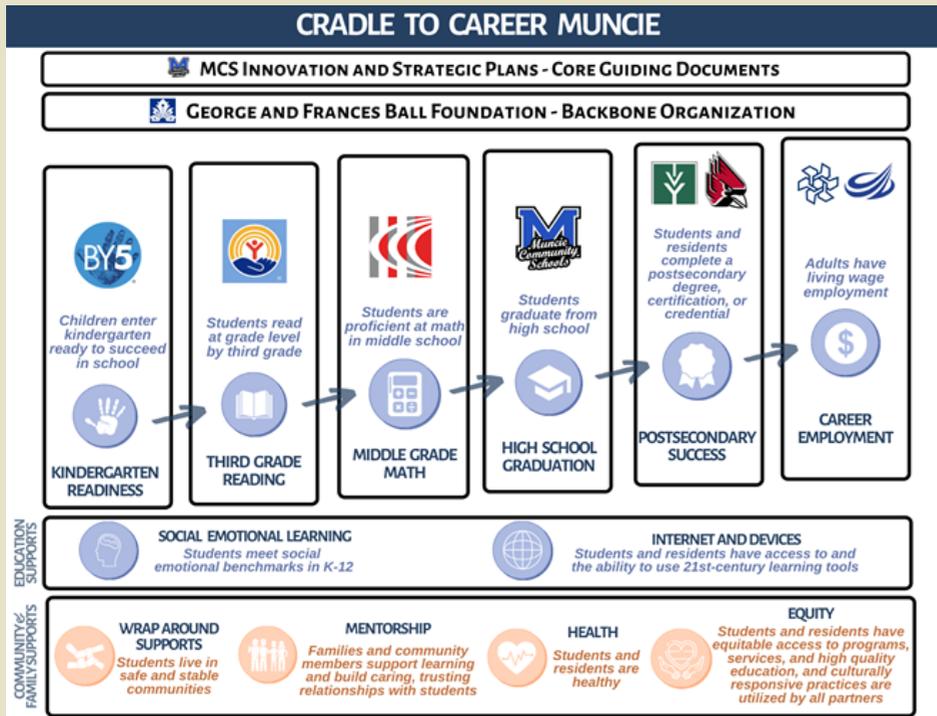
They are also focused on affordable and accessible childcare options for employers and employees, since investing in early childhood services has been demonstrated to be of benefit to company profitability while at the same time strengthening the economy in both short and long term. Finally, they are also working on regional plans that will attract, develop, and connect talent in all of East Central Indiana, which is part of a larger state initiative for 21st Century Talent Regions.

RIBBON CUTTING: NEW AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE

In June 2021, the American Red Cross announced their new emergency response vehicle (ERV) for the Muncie area. This new truck allows the Red Cross to quickly provide supplies and food to individuals affected by disasters.

According to the American Red Cross, "This next generation ERV is fuel efficient, easier to drive with lower maintenance costs and has ample storage for food, water, and supplies." The ERV was made possible by the generosity of Ball Brothers Foundation, George and Frances Ball Foundation, the Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Steve and Teresa Vincent, and J. Frederic and Elizabeth Bracken Wiese."

GFBF supported this project in December of 2018, making the celebration of the new ERV a much anticipated event.



- ### Education
- Children enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school
 - Students read at grade level by third grade
 - Students are proficient at math in middle school
 - Students graduate from high school
 - Students and residents complete a postsecondary degree, certification, or credential
 - Adults have living wage employment
 - Students meet social emotional benchmarks in PK12
 - Students and residents have access to and the ability to use 21st-century learning tools

- ### Family & Community
- Students live in safe and stable communities
 - Families and community members support learning and build caring, trusting relationships with students
 - Students and residents are healthy
 - Students and residents have equitable access to programs, services, and high quality education, and culturally responsive practices are utilized by all partners

CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE UPDATE: COLLABORATIVE ACTION NETWORK (CAN) LEADER MEETINGS

The work of the Muncie Promise Neighborhood grant helped the community to redefine the Cradle to Career Initiative work here in Muncie and Delaware County. After the Promise Neighborhood grant was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, GFBF was able to convene with each of the CAN Leaders as well as various community partners to share and present the data, strategies, 12 outcomes, solutions, and indicators that emerged from the grant application process.

The first comprehensive CAN Leader Meeting took place on August 16th. Having all of the CAN leaders together in one room was a critical step to the success of the overall process of building the Cradle to Career Initiative. It is critical

for our CAN Leaders to network with one another and collaborate across each CAN in order to make maximum impact from Cradle to Career. Collaboration is key in order for the community to achieve the ultimate goal of economic prosperity for all.

In addition to networking with other CAN Leaders and engaging in impactful and meaningful conversations, the goals and objectives for each individual CAN were defined, and CAN leaders left the larger meeting prepared and ready to convene their own key stakeholders. Using Results Based Accountability, each CAN will build and continuously evaluate a 'turn the curve' plan for their specific marker along the Cradle to Career continuum.

MUNCIE AND DELAWARE COUNTY RECEIVE STUDENT LEARNING RECOVERY GRANT AWARDS

In April 2021, the State of Indiana released House Bill 1008, which is administered by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in consultation with the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE). This 2-year grant provided up to \$150 million from state funds with the purpose of accelerating learning addressed by a systematic plan to remediate and support students in an exclusively in-person learning environment. This competitive grant awarded funds to groups who submitted a student learning acceleration plan focused on providing recovery learning and remediation services for any K-12 students enrolled in public and nonpublic institutions during the 2020-2021 school year. The grant funds were designed to provide targeted supports for students who have experienced learning loss, fallen behind in

acquiring grade level academic skills, have scored below academic standards or average benchmarks, or are at risk of falling below academic standards due to the disruption in student learning caused by the (COVID-19) pandemic.

Below is a breakdown of the grants received that will benefit MCS students and/or teachers.

- BSU= \$2,899,257 (MCS, Burriss, Inspire, and the Academy)
- East Central Indiana Service Center: \$3,526,000 (several schools in the region)
- Education Forward (college and career coaching/mentoring): \$133,300
- Motivate Our Minds: \$29,422
- Boys & Girls Clubs: \$178,500
- National Institute for Excellence in Teaching: \$375,000
- YMCA of Muncie: \$608,400
- Marion University (City Connects Program, multiple districts): \$3,080,000



GFBF NAMED THE MUNCIE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Every school year, Muncie Community Schools honors "persons" or organizations of the year. "This year, the MCS Virtual Learning Program (VLP) recognized the efforts and contributions from the George and Frances Ball Foundation as the VLP Partner in Education of the Year," according to MCS leadership.

GFBF had the opportunity to partner with area schools during the pandemic to help them expand their students' access to computing devices and internet connection. GFBF is honored to be recognized in this way by Muncie Community Schools and looks ahead to our continued partnership in moving the needle from Cradle to Career.

IMPORTANT GFBF 2021 DATES

BOARD MEETING:

December 2, 2021

Grant Deadline: November 2

Grant requests are reviewed the month between the deadline & Board Meeting. The Board makes all final quarterly funding decisions. Grant seekers will be notified of funding decision within a month following the Board Meeting date.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

October 22, 2021

Quarterly session led by GFBF program staff; open discussion on the Foundation's grantmaking, introduction of various data resources helpful as grantees build cases for support and report on grants

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