George Ball was one of a group of men and women who conceived of the idea of creating, and then became part of a small group responsible for bringing that dream to a reality with the organization and establishment of Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The hospital opened in 1924, and it memorializes the late famed Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. The hospital, a unit of the Indiana University School of Medicine, has gained wide recognition for its research in the treatment and correction of children’s illnesses. Today, Riley Children’s Hospital is Indiana’s largest and most skilled pediatric system serving more than 57,000 children annually and is also nationally known for its innovation and research.

George Ball was a member of the committee that raised funds to build the hospital and negotiated Indiana University’s use of the hospital as one of its centers for medical students. George Ball was also a charter member of the Riley Memorial Association and an original member of the Riley Hospital Board of Governors. In November, 1952, on his 90th birthday, George was honored by the Riley Memorial Association and Indiana University for his outstanding service on behalf of the hospital by establishing an endowed professorship in his name. At the time of this announcement, President Perry W. Lesh, of the Riley Memorial Association said; “Endowment of the George A. Ball Visiting Professorship in Surgery...is done in grateful recognition of the distinguished personal services of Mr. Ball to Riley Hospital and to the Medical School...He served faithfully and well as a member of the executive committee... Which conceived, planned, and built Riley Hospital for Children...His unwavering support in the early and difficult days of planning and fund raising was the decisive benefit to the hospital. In all, George A. Ball has given service to Riley Hospital and the Medical Center through more than 30 years of a busy and benevolent lifetime.” In 1928, George Ball and his brothers helped support the $500,000 Ball Residence for Nurses. They also assisted in raising $60,000 towards construction of an annex to Ball Hall, that houses students on the IUPUI Campus today.
QUARTERLY SPOT-LIGHT: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH

Over the course of GFBF’s 82 year history, the Foundation has funded many human development and health organizations.

Riley Children’s hospital had been a passion for George Ball since its inception. The George and Frances Ball Foundation has supported Riley Children’s Foundation for many years. Recently, the Foundation’s support has gone specifically towards the Luke Bracken Wiese Fund for Juvenile Diabetes Research. This effort is directed toward seeking the very best treatments and ultimately a cure for children who have diabetes. Nearly 5,000 patient visits each year are made by families seeking help from the Riley endocrinology physicians and nurses. Most of these children were diagnosed with diabetes. Money from this Fund was pooled with other philanthropic dollars from organizations such as the Ball Brothers Foundation to establish the internationally recognized basic research program in pediatric diabetes.

Another partner, Hillcroft Services, has been in operation for over 60 years. During that time, Hillcroft has generated hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact by providing extensive workforce development and providing thousands of jobs in East Central Indiana. Hillcroft prides itself in helping their clients build skills that enable their work life, family life, and facilitate community involvement to be as fulfilling and independent as possible from childhood and throughout life.

Hillcroft continues to seek innovative and exemplary programs, facilities, and services to meet the ever increasing growth of the populations they serve. The George and Frances Ball Foundation has partnered with Hillcroft by committing $1 million to their first ever capital campaign that supported recent building projects to consolidate Hillcroft programs. This consolidation allows Hillcroft to grow efficiently and to better serve the community. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building took place on September 12, 2019.

PRIVATE FOUNDATION: WHAT IS TIPPING?

According to Exponent Philanthropy, private foundations must follow more stringent rules than public charities (i.e. nonprofits) due to their tax position. Nonprofits, with the exception of churches, schools, hospitals, medical/agricultural research centers, and supporting organizations, must meet a public support test which equates to 33.33% of revenue coming from public support. Public support comes from individuals, government, and other nonprofits with the exception of private foundations. Private foundations can accidentally 'tip' nonprofits into private foundation status if their grant totals more than allowed to demonstrate public support. For this reason, it is important for private foundations to help nonprofits maintain their status by carefully following rules regarding tipping.

Exponent Philanthropy explains the public support test as "receipt of at least one-third of (a nonprofit’s) total annual support from a broad base of the public."

It is important that private foundations understand which grantees must pass this public support test to know how they might avoid ‘tipping.’ According to Exponent Philanthropy, three main ways to avoid ‘tipping’ include decreasing the amount of a grant, giving the grant as a matching grant, or counting the grant as an unusual grant in reporting to the IRS.

Please visit exponentphilanthropy.org for additional information on tipping.
UPDATE: CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE, 60% EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT GOAL

The Cradle to Career Initiative continues to move forward and gain traction in the community and perhaps in the region. Collaborative Action Network (CANs) teams are forming in Delaware County and leaders are emerging. BY5 has agreed to lead the effort with a strong collaboration among many other partners in Kindergarten Readiness. This is a natural fit for BY5 with their mission focused on early childhood awareness and education.

United Way volunteered to lead the third Grade Reading CAN. United Way has a goal for all third graders to be reading at grade level by 2024 with the ultimate goal of addressing generational poverty.

The Innovation Connector has taken on the leadership role for Middle Grade Math. The Innovation Connector, with its entrepreneurial approach, focuses on problem solving and STEM based strategies through their TechWise Academy coding program. The Innovation Connector will facilitate an collaborative approach with schools and other organizations that are focused on improving performance in Middle Grade Math.

Muncie Community Schools is leading groups focused on High School Graduation. They not only want to increase the graduation rates of Muncie Central High School, but MCS wants to focus on collaborative ways to increase graduation rates in Delaware County. Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and Delaware Advancement Corporation has signed on to lead the Employment CAN. They are focused on attracting and connecting talent to employers in the county.

There have also been conversations about collaboration among counties in East Central Indiana, with a Cradle to Career focus. There was an initial meeting held with the Lead Economic Development Organizations and Community Foundations located within the region. Building on the initial meeting, another gathering was held on September 17th. Representatives from multiple sectors representing 10 counties were present. Presentations were made by Blair Milo, Secretary of Career Connections and Talent for the State of Indiana and John Burnett, with CivicLab. From that discussion, ten counties have agreed to work together as a region on strategies to develop, attract, and connect talent. The next meeting will take place on October 30th in Wayne County.

IMPORTANT DATES

BOARD MEETINGS:
Christmas Party: December 12
Board Meeting: December 13
December 13, 2019
Grant Deadline: November 13

*Grant requests are reviewed in the month between the deadline and corresponding Board Meeting. The board votes and makes final funding decisions at the meeting. Grant seekers should anticipate communication from GFBF within a month following the Board Meeting date.

RECOMMENDED BOARD CONFERENCES:

Commonfund Forum
JW Marriott Grande Lakes, Orlando, FL March 8th-10th

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
Foundations on the Hill Conference
JW Marriott, Washington, D.C. March 9th-11th

National Forum on K-12 Philanthropy
Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX April 29th-30th

For more information, visit www.in.gov/cct
MCS TEACHERS TRAIN ALONGSIDE NONPROFIT PRACTITIONERS TO LEARN PROJECT LEAD THE WAY, STEM BASED CURRICULUM

In 2018, the George and Frances Ball Foundation committed $1 million over three years to the partnership between Muncie Community Schools and Ball State University. After a study of the current situation for students in math and language arts, MCS decided to begin a revision of the curriculum by adopting the Project Lead the Way, STEM-based approach.

During the summer, MCS held training sessions that included Project Lead the Way facilitators, MCS teachers, and also representatives of nonprofit organizations that offer STEM-based support services in the afterschool setting. In attendance were 12 teachers and administrators from Muncie Community Schools and 12 nonprofit leaders. The PLTW facilitators said this was the first time they have provided training with teachers and nonprofit leaders together. They were excited about the potential for partnerships and collaboration that could result from this joint effort.

It was observed that sometimes there is a disconnect between the classroom and afterschool programming. This training allowed all parties to be at the same table, and to plan more ways to interact and work together in the future.

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