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## Foundation Awarded Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority Grant



The Foundation learned on December 16 that it has been awarded \$13.1 million to administer funds statewide for eviction prevention and housing stability legal services beginning in 2022. "The Foundation is uniquely qualified and positioned to administer this critical program. Our network of dedicated and hard-working legal aid providers around the state will be our partners in delivering these services. Together we look forward to the successful implementation of ERA2 and reaching Hoosiers eligible for the services we will be facilitating," said Foundation President and CEO Charles Dunlap.

Additional details will be released as the Foundation enters into a formal agreement with IHCD.

## Holiday Reception and We the People Finals a Success



The Foundation hosted more than 60 guests at its annual Holiday Reception and then welcomed more than 500 middle and high school students to the 2021 We the People State Competition in a successful three-day span. During the December 6 Holiday Reception, Charles Dunlap unveiled the new Foundation logo (pictured top), kicking off the organization's brand refresh. Dunlap also honored former Chief Administrative Officer and current Special Projects Manager Lily Lawson (pictured), for her nine years of dedicated service.

## Fishers Junior and High School Classes Sweep to We the People Championships

Fishers Junior High School and Fishers High School Captured State Competition titles in their respective We the People divisions. Schools competed in-person and virtually December 7 and 8 in Indianapolis. Results and additional information are available on the Foundation [website](#)

## Year In Review: 2021 Marked Growth and Major Accomplishments

2021 marked milestone successes and growth in a pandemic year. The Foundation hosted the (virtual) National Mock Trial Championship in May. After much work, the Foundation led the passage of H.B.1384, requiring a semester of middle school civics education. This was a big year for civil

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legal assistance programs with more than \$3.5 million grants for civil legal assistance awarded. In April, the Mock Trial Diversity Initiative presented by Krieg DeVault LLP was launched. The initiative has raised \$50,000 in its first year. Nearly 276-thousand visitors used the Indiana Legal Help website. The Pro Bono Opportunity Guide was released and immediately embraced by legal and community agencies. The Foundation unveiled its brand refresh project with an updated logo. A new website and URL are coming in 2022. The Foundation hosted in-person We the People middle and high school finals after having to be all virtual in 2020. Two new full-time employees joined the Foundation this year, expanding the staff to 12.

## Charles Dunlap Honored by Philanthropy Group



Charles Dunlap, a longtime volunteer and board member with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, was honored for his years of service. Dunlap was the Alliance Treasurer until his recent retirement. "I have been honored to work with the Alliance. Great people with a great mission are making a positive impact on our state," said Dunlap.

## Consider Investing in Foundation's Keystone Society

The Foundation's Keystone Society offers a compelling, comprehensive, and convenient way to invest in expanding quality civic education and providing financial support for Hoosiers relying on legal aid to gain fair representation. Please take a moment to [learn more](#) about the Keystone Society and the incredible return the Foundation delivers with your investment. Please email [Kim Berry](#) or call her at (317) 269-7864 with any questions.

## Senate Youth Delegates Announced

Tracy McKittrick of Batesville and a junior at Jac-Cen-Del Jr./Sr. High School in Osgood and Nathan Mock of Clinton and a senior at South Vermillion High School in Clinton are Indiana's 2022 U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) delegates. Nearly 60 Indiana students applied for the program. Applicants were narrowed to 10 finalists, and the two delegates and two alternates were then selected. The two delegates will receive \$10,000 scholarships from the Hearst Foundations, and a week-long immersive learning experience focused on all facets of the federal government.



## Mock Trial Volunteer Judges Needed

The Foundation invites you to join the High School Mock Trial students of Indiana, who have diligently worked on this program through the challenges of the pandemic, and judge the upcoming 2022 competition. Regional rounds will be held in four sites around the state. The state finals are scheduled to be held in Indianapolis.



Please join us at one of the following:

- Evansville Regional – February 12
- Indianapolis Regional – February 19
- Hammond Regional – February 26
- South Bend Regional – February 26
- Indianapolis State Competition – March 12-13

To volunteer, please register [here](#). Contact [Tim Kalgreen](#) with any questions.

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## Bush Part of 2022 Mutz Leadership Institute

Foundation Grants Manager Abbie Bush will be a participant in the 2022 Mutz Philanthropic Leadership Institute. This cohort-based program provides a continuing education training experience preparing future leaders for board and executive roles at foundations and corporations serving communities across Indiana.

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## Holiday Wishes from the Indiana Bar Foundation

On behalf of the Indiana Bar Foundation, we wish all of our colleagues, donors, volunteers, supporters, and friends a safe and happy holiday. We are so grateful for all those who have supported the Foundation financially, through volunteering, and in so many other ways. Your commitment to civic education and civil legal assistance is appreciated.



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