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[‘An Influence for Good’ Documentary Now Available Online](#)

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FORT WAYNE, IN – ‘An Influence for Good,’ a documentary film that tells the life story of Helene Foellinger and the three generations of Foellingers who preceded her, is available to view online. The film premiered on March 16 at the Arts United Center kicking off Foellinger Foundation’s 65th anniversary celebration. At the event, it was announced that Mayor Tom Henry proclaimed March 16, 2023 as “Foellinger Family Day.”

The film features interviews with nearly 20 individuals, including those who worked with Helene Foellinger, and those who carry her vision forward today. In addition, many historic family photos, videos, and artifacts are featured in the documentary.

“We’re excited to share this piece of Allen County history with our community,” said David Bennett, Foellinger Foundation Interim President and CEO. “The Foellinger family’s impact predates the Foundation’s creation in 1958, and we’re proud to carry that legacy forward every day and tell their nearly 200-year story.”

“This documentary preserves not only the Foellinger family’s history, but also their interests, values, and impact in our community,” said Michael Moellering, Foellinger Foundation Board Chair. “Our grantmaking continues to reflect the family’s interest in encouraging a community of self-reliant citizens, with a commitment to the founders’ values and principles: integrity, accountability, responsibility, and results.”

The film can be viewed at foellinger.org/documentary.



About the Film

Beginning with the immigration of Jacob Foellinger, in 1836, the Foellinger family succeeds for four generations as business-men and -women, with a deep commitment to civic involvement. After the tragic passing of her father, Oscar, the ambitious and driven publisher of The News-Sentinel, Helene Foellinger—just 25 years old at the time—leads the newspaper to even greater levels of success.

She and her mother, Esther, form the Foellinger Foundation, formalizing their commitment to uplifting the lives of the residents in Allen County. When Helene passes away with no heirs, the Foundation receives her estate.

Today, the Foellinger Foundation continues the family's visionary commitment to championing opportunity.

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About Foellinger Foundation

Foellinger Foundation is a private, charitable foundation that invests in organizations, programming, and initiatives that serve Allen County citizens with the greatest economic need and least opportunity. The Foundation was created in 1958 by Helene Foellinger, The News-Sentinel publisher from 1936 to 1981, and Esther Foellinger, her mother.

Visit www.foellinger.org for more information.