

## Fact Sheet

- Organization:** Private charitable foundation created in 1958.
- Assets:** Estimated \$142.8 million market value (as of 8/31/09 fiscal year-end).
- Annual Grants:** Approximately \$5.4 million grant payments (fiscal year 2009).
- Grant Focus:** The Foellinger Foundation provides grants and technical assistance to strengthen organizations that serve Allen County children and their families, particularly those children and families with the greatest economic need and the least opportunity. By doing so, the Foundation hopes to help Allen County residents increase their self-reliance by moving from dependence to independence, to helping build community through recognition of their interdependence.
- The Foundation prefers to work with mission driven, well-managed, results-oriented nonprofit organizations.
- The Foundation primarily is interested in:
- **Early childhood development:** Young children in Allen County will have high quality early childhood education experiences.
  - **Youth development:** Youth in Allen County will have high quality opportunities to develop healthy social, academic, and emotional attributes.
  - **Family development:** Families in Allen County will have high quality opportunities that foster healthy intra-family relationships.
- Founders:** Helene Foellinger and her mother, Esther, established the Foundation to carry forward their family's tradition of civic involvement and active concern for the well-being of their community. From 1958 through 1987, their gifts and bequests developed the Foundation into a permanent philanthropic endowment, which supported many organizations. The Foundation's grantmaking continues to reflect the Foellinger family's interest in encouraging a community of self-reliant citizens.
- Source of Funds:**
- Lifetime gifts from the late Helene R. Foellinger (1910-1987), who was owner and publisher of *The News-Sentinel*.
  - Proceeds from the estates of Esther and Helene Foellinger.
  - Contributions from the News Publishing Company until *The News-Sentinel* was sold in 1980.