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### **New Fund Created to Help Sheridan Not-For-Profits Serve Residents and Community**

Sheridan, Indiana – The Sheridan Fund, a new fund created by The Biddle Memorial Foundation, a Sheridan-based private foundation formed by the late Ken and Velma Biddle, and JBS United, an animal health and nutrition provider also based in Sheridan, will provide grant support to the area’s effective not-for-profits with a focus on human- and social-services.

The fund was created on February 12, 2013, with an initial gift of \$25,000 from JBS United and The Biddle Memorial Foundation. To be administered by the Legacy Fund’s Grant Review Committee, gifts from The Sheridan Fund may be granted to not-for-profits with 501(c)(3) accreditation in Sheridan or those providing services to Sheridan residents. Grants will be made to organizations only; accredited not-for-profits may apply for grants from The Sheridan Fund at: <http://www.cicf.org/how-to-apply-grantmaking>.

Individuals who would like to contribute to the fund may do so by sending a check to Legacy Fund, attn: The Sheridan Fund, 515 E. Main Street, Carmel, Indiana, 46032. Checks should be made payable to Legacy Fund, and please include “The Sheridan Fund” on the check memo.

“The Grant Review Committee currently partners with the City of Noblesville on a similar fund and the impact has rippled through the county with other key municipalities reaching out to us with questions about creating their own funds,” said Terry Anker, Legacy Fund President.

“Being part of Legacy Fund’s Grant Review Committee myself and seeing the good work of The Noblesville Fund, I really felt as though Sheridan could benefit in the same way as the Noblesville community has,” said Brian Myers, President of The Biddle Memorial Foundation. “The most rewarding part of the process has been working with John Swisher at JBS. They jumped at the chance to help Sheridan, and I have been humbled at how quickly they moved to get this going.”

“The level of service Legacy Fund provides is simply unmatched. With this fund the administration, applications, everything is handled at Legacy Fund. This makes sense, and it will be seamless without burden. It was an obvious fit for us,” Myers said.

**ABOUT LEGACY FUND:**

Legacy Fund was established in 1991, and is an affiliate with the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), has served Hamilton County since 1991, transforming communities including Arcadia, Atlanta, Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Noblesville, Sheridan, Westfield – and all points in-between. We’re changing Hamilton County through:

1. CHARITABLE ADVISING with caring individuals, private foundations and professional advisors
2. GRANTMAKING to effective not-for-profits that are making a difference
3. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP that convenes, facilitates and seizes opportunities – for everyone

For more information about Legacy Fund, please visit: [www.legacyfund.org](http://www.legacyfund.org).

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**ABOUT CENTRAL INDIANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

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