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Lilly Endowment Issues 2016 Annual Report

INDIANAPOLIS –Lilly Endowment’s 2016 annual report highlights the importance of personal and trustworthy relationships in efforts to address challenges in education, community development and religion, the areas of interest its founders determined it would pursue when they established the Endowment nearly 80 years ago.

The report notes that the Endowment’s founders appreciated the value of the human touch in the management and affairs of their company, Eli Lilly and Company, and they brought that appreciation to the Endowment. As reflected throughout the report, personal and trustworthy relationships frequently are needed to help an individual or family caught in the cycle of poverty find hope and develop the capacity to thrive. And when an organization or community needs to change its culture or engrained ways of acting to prosper in the future, such relationships often need to be formed among people of differing backgrounds and perspectives.

The report says that the first step in building personal and trustworthy relationships is listening. Noting that the Endowment’s founders knew the importance of listening to their employees and colleagues, the report features several stories about programs funded by Endowment grants that demonstrate the impact of listening and personal and trustworthy relationships on the lives of people and on the organizations and communities where they learn, work, worship and reside.

Stories in the 2016 report depict how:

- Pastors in their first five to 10 years of ministry are addressing issues of loneliness and isolation by building relationships with one another while they also develop capacities for leadership and community engagement through the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program at Wabash College in Indiana and through Early Career Pastoral Leadership Development programs across the country.
- Christian communities nationwide are helping congregations learn how to listen better to the needs and desires of young people in their 20s as the congregations work with them to create new ministries that appeal to and engage young adults.
- Indiana’s public school corporations and charter schools are working to improve their school counseling programs so that they will more effectively address the academic, college, career, and social and emotional needs of their students. Many are focusing on enhancing the one-on-one connections that are so important for counselors and other adults to have with students to help them prepare to lead healthy, meaningful lives beyond high school.

- A faith-based program called Outreach Inc., on the near-eastside of Indianapolis, is expanding its work of developing caring relationships with homeless teenagers and young adults to help them build stable lives.
- CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, is working with the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation to preserve the story of CANDLES' founder and Holocaust survivor Eva Kor for present and future generations around the world to hear.
- In central Indiana, 15 human service organizations are building strategies to strengthen their long-term financial sustainability so that these neighborhood centers, hunger-relief agencies and other organizations working to end homelessness, provide mental health services and strengthen access to education and job training can keep listening to the needs, hopes and dreams of the people they serve for years to come.

Since the Endowment began in 1937, it has disbursed \$9.4 billion in grants to 9,492 charitable organizations, most of them in Indiana. Of the \$9.4 billion, \$3.7 billion supported education (40 percent), \$3.2 billion supported community development (34 percent), and \$2.5 billion supported religion (26 percent). At the end of 2016, the Endowment's assets totaled approximately \$10.3 billion.

During 2016, the Endowment paid grants totaling \$452.8 million. Community development grants accounted for \$208.9 million (46 percent), religion grants accounted for \$149.4 million (33 percent), and education grants accounted for \$94.5 million (21 percent).

As in previous years, most of the grants were paid to organizations in Indiana – a total of \$305.8 million (68 percent). Of the payment total of \$452.8 million, \$139.1 million (31 percent) was paid to non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$166.7 million (37 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Organizations outside of Indiana received \$147 million (32 percent), mostly from religion grants.

The annual report includes a complete list of 2016 grants and is available on the Endowment's website, www.lillyendowment.org

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family — J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli — through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. It maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

