

# 2024 Annual Report







As I reflect on the past two years, I am in awe of all that we have accomplished together to form this organization! I'm also filled with immense gratitude for the vibrant community we are building together here in Grant County. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to making Grant County a wonderful place to live, work, and grow truly inspires us every day.

In 2024, our organization reached new milestones and launched several exciting initiatives designed to support our members, foster economic growth, and strengthen our community ties. From hosting collaborative events like BLOOM, to creating programs that celebrate and recognize local businesses, we strive to offer impactful resources and connections that fuel sustainable success.

Looking forward, we are excited about the opportunities 2025 will bring. Our mission remains focused on being a catalyst for business growth, a convener of leaders and influencers, and a champion for a Greater Grant County! Whether you're a long-time member-investor or new to Greater Grant County, we are here to connect you with resources, celebrate your successes, and work side-by-side as you continue making a positive impact.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for believing in the potential of Grant County. With your ongoing support, we are ready to make 2025 another exceptional year. Here's to new adventures, continued growth, and the shared success of our members and neighbors!

Warmest regards,

Kylie Jackson

President/CEO, Greater Grant County

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a CATALYST for
business growth,
a CONVENER of
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and a CHAMPION for a
stronger Grant County.





### **Meet Our Team**



### LIZ ADAMS VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Elizabeth (Liz) Adams, a resident of Grant County since 2004, resides with her husband Ed in what was his childhood home in Jonesboro. A mother of three, grandmother of two, faith, family and community service motivate Liz in all she does.

Adams cherishes life in rural Indiana and appreciates the dynamics and interconnectedness of small communities. An honors graduate of Blackford High School, Hartford City, IN; and Ball State University (Teachers College), Muncie, IN; with study at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN; Adams is eager to invest all talents and gifts in her role as Vice President of Member Relations with the Greater Grant County Chamber.

When not "at work" Adams' main priority is cherishing every gifted moment with her family and celebrating those moments by painting and creative writing.

#### **KYLIE JACKSON**

#### PRESIDENT/CEO

Kylie Jackson is a lifelong Grant County resident and serves as the President/Chief Executive Officer of Greater Grant County.



She is a graduate of Purdue University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. She also completed minors in Communications, Political Science, and Organizational Behavior and Human Resources.

Kylie serves on the boards of Radiant Health and Marion High School Alumni Association. She is a past board member of the United Way of Grant County, Indiana Public Radio, Thriving Families Thriving Grant County, and Grant County Crimestoppers. She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Grant County and the Martin Boots Neighborhood Association.

Kylie is lucky to have her entire family living in the east central Indiana area. Her hobbies include watching documentaries, reading, playing golf, traveling, enjoying live music, and spending time with her dog, Chauncey.

# Our Volunteer Leadership



## **Board** (

Jim Allbaugh | Carey Services

Michelle Doyle, Treasurer | Halstead Architects

Cindy Futrell | Marion Health

Dianne Hovermale, Board Chair | Encore Sotheby's International Realty

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Cindy Kohlmorgen, Chair-Elect | Via Credit Union

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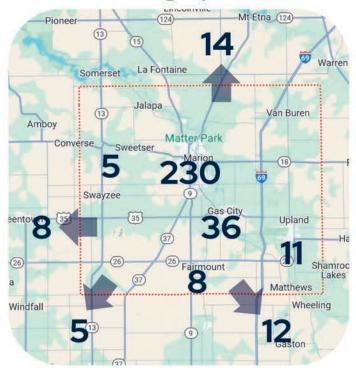
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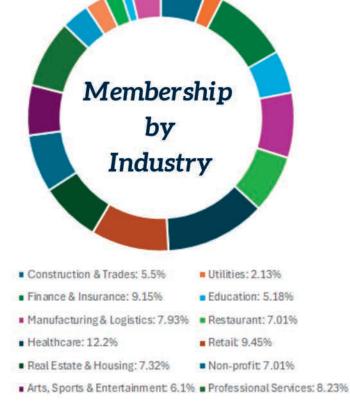
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Andrea Lanham | Beacon Credit Union
Brandon McKee | Dulin, Ward & DeWald Inc.
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Libby Root | TGCTMT
Jay Ross | Norris Insurance
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Adam Siegelin | Edward Jones
Meghan Skeens | Hometown Petals & More
LeeAnna Smith | United Way of Grant County
Jennie Stallsmith | Insurance Management Group
Carla Tucker | Community School of the Arts
Rocky Whitehead | Cancer Services of Grant County
Rob Wilson | Hoosier Jiffy Print
Brennen Westerfield | Edward Jones
Beth Wine | Culligan Water Conditioning



#### Membership by Location









# 6 TIERS OF INVESTMENT

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#### **CATALYST**

Greater Grant County strives to be a catalyst for business growth throughout Grant County. We achieve this goal through a number of initiatives and projects. These include:

- Small Business Season
- Grant County by Choice! Industry Showcase
- · Ready for Work
- Greater Grant County On the Go
- Seek & Find Contest
- Grant County Talent Coalition
- Rising Young Entrepreneurs

Did you know that Grant County employers are losing an estimated \$17.4 million annually because of the direct costs of absences and turnover due to lack of child care.

This is a key reason that Greater Grant County is working to complete a Childcare Needs Assessment and Strategic Action Plan for Grant County in 2024-2025!

#### **CONVENER-**

If you're looking to meet people in the Grant County business community, Greater Grant County is the place to be. We provide many opportunities to gather whether it is to learn about a topic or laugh with new friends! Some of these opportunities include:

- Grant County Young Professional Network
- Gather & Grow Breakfasts and Lunches
- Marketing Meet-Ups
- Safety Council
- CEO Roundtable
- Candidate Forums
- Annual Golf Outing



"What benefit do we enjoy most from Greater Grant County? NETWORKING!"

> Rob Wilson President Hoosier Jiffy Print



#### CHAMPION

Greater Grant County will be a champion for all great things happening in Grant County. We do this in a multitude of ways every day, but some specific programs include:

- National Civics Bee
- Where We Landed Podcast
- BLOOM Women's Event
- Weekly Newsletter
- Social Media Channels



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