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MCCOY, Hawthorne Community Center named Great Families 2020 recipients

INDIANAPOLIS – As part of United Way of Central Indiana’s Great Families 2020 initiative, the Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) was recently granted \$300,000 to partner with Hawthorne Community Center to provide services to help families on the near west side of Indianapolis.

Hawthorne, which was awarded \$750,000 (\$250,000 per year over three years), will help approximately 115 families through its Center for Working Families and early childhood education programming. MCCOY, which will receive \$100,000 per year over three years, will be providing support for these services, as well as leading efforts to recruit families and coordinating and conducting outreach and engagement.

The announcement of grantees was made on Friday, August 11 at the United Way building. Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and United Way of Central Indiana president and CEO Ann Murtlow spoke at the event. MCCOY was represented by John Brandon, president and executive director, and other MCCOY staff and board members.

“This initiative symbolizes a wonderful celebration of partnership and community work, and we are honored to be part of it,” said Brandon. “All individuals and families in our community are connected, so when we join together to untangle the web of issues our neighbors face, we all benefit.”

The Great Families 2020 initiative is designed to support families as a unit, instead of focusing solely on children or on adults. Those behind the effort reason that solving only one part of a problem for any given family member does not necessarily outweigh the other issues facing the family as a whole. This has been referred to as the [“Two Generation” approach](#).

The Great Families 2020 initiative is funded partially by grant dollars from the federal Social Innovation Fund, a federal program of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

To learn more about Great Families 2020, click [here](#). To learn more about United Way of Central Indiana, click [here](#). To learn more about Hawthorne Community Center, click [here](#). To learn more about MCCOY, click [here](#).



The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is the youth services intermediary for central Indiana whose mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community. MCCOY's vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.

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