

# HOOSIER UPLANDS

## EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



### Mission Statement

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The mission of Hoosier Uplands, is to plan, implement or cause to be implemented, and provide comprehensive services to the poor, elderly, and disabled. The corporation strives to alleviate poverty, improve living conditions, and provide access to health care and social services to those families and individuals in need within our service area. All endeavors are pursued with the client in mind, never forgetting the value of every human being or the importance of our responsibility to the public which we serve.

**On August 14, 2025, CEO David Miller received the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award at the Chamber's 109th annual meeting with over 300 persons in attendance.**

**In presenting the award, Debbie Beeler read from his nomination, "David Miller's leadership has been marked by vision, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the potential of the people he serves. Through the decades, he has guided initiatives that built stronger neighborhoods, expanded opportunities, and provided essential resources for the most vulnerable among us."**

**David has served as the CEO of Hoosier Uplands since the spring of 1987**



## **GREAT NEWS TO SHARE:**

**Miss Melissa Apple, Pre K teacher at Salem's Head Start, passed all her praxis exams for her teaching license!! We are very proud of her!**



Hoosier Uplands hosted their annual Back to School Bash event on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Lawrence County fairgrounds. There were food trucks, around 40 community partners/local businesses, free haircuts and so much more. Each child that attended got a free backpack full of school supplies such as markers, pencils, erasers, notebooks, folders, scissors, glue, highlighters and a pencil box.

There were around 900 attendees that were served.





HOOSIER UPLANDS HOSTED AN EVENT ON SATURDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2025 TO CELEBRATE THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MITCHELL OPERA HOUSE RENOVATION BEING COMPLETED. THERE WERE FOOD TRUCKS, COLTS CHEERLEADERS, A MAGIC SHOW, CARNIVAL GMAES, AND A GREAT PERFORMANCE FROM ENDLESS SUMMER BAND



# STONECUTTER QUARRY FEST 2025

*100<sup>th</sup>  
Year of the Quarry*

As a community, come and celebrate the history of Bedford High School and the Stonecutters. 2025 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “new” gymnasium. The Lawrence County Museum will be providing tours and a brief history. We will also have some back to school shopping available.

*Bedford Middle School*  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
5:00p-8:00p

Local Vendors and Resources  
Historic Tour  
Food  
Fun  
Shopping





**We're excited to announce that construction has begun on Limestone Edge, a 32-unit senior housing community on Shawnee Dr in Bedford, with 8 units reserved for individuals experiencing homelessness. Opening is anticipated in late spring.**

**Limestone Edge will offer its residents the unique features of a community room with an art area, telehealth office, on-site resident support services, and more. Residents will also enjoy access to an intergenerational playground with exercise equipment and a pickleball court, creating a connected community for all.**

**This will bring Hoosier Uplands housing count to 17 properties across 5 counties offering 466 units of safe and affordable housing.**





Hoosier Uplands Hospice department sadly announces that one of our Hospice Chaplains sadly passed away. Carol Johnson passed away at her home on August 3, 2025 after a short illness. Her husband Charles Johnson is also a Hospice Chaplain & both have been Chaplains with us since 2017. We continue to lift Charlie up in prayer during this time & are thankful for both of them & their services they provided us over the years.



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## 21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Enrollment packets are available in your school office or you can call Hoosier Uplands and ask for Carrie Ritchison or Stephanie Stinson

Funded by 21st Century Community Learning Centers through IDOE.

### ACADEMIC BASED PROGRAMMING

- Snack Time (3-3:30)
- Homework Time (3:30-4)
- STEM and or Literacy Time (4-4:45)
- Free time (4:45-5:45)



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**Spots fill fast**

**FREE TO ALL SITES**

**Open  
Enrollment  
for the  
'25-'26  
School Year!**

### Sites Served

Mitchell  
Orleans  
Shoals

West Washington  
Springs Valley  
Paoli

**NEW!**





Transition Home for Emergency Foster Care

Since opening for operation in 2022 Agape has been able to **serve nearly 250 children**. In the fall of 2024, we were able to purchase our forever home. Through generous donations and fundraisers, we were able to pay \$80,000 on the new house and are borrowing the rest. We are asking for the support of the communities we serve to help us pay off the remaining amount owed, make needed updates to the home, and/or volunteer to provide services .

Agape Kids House is a non-profit organization that provides emergency transition for children entering foster care. Serving Lawrence, Orange, and Monroe counties Agape also provides supplies and resources for foster and kinship families.



#### PayPal Donation

(Lawrence County Foster Group)



#### Amazon Wishlist



#### Volunteer Application



Follow us on Facebook for updates and information at:  
Agape Kids House of Lawrence County





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NEED.**

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high back booster and booster seats!**





# PRAYER REQUESTS

None at this time