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The Fort Wayne Indiana-based [Foellinger Foundation](#) has announced a \$2.6 million grant to provide three-years' support to a Summer Clubhouse program operated by Taylor University. The program operates at multiple locations in Fort Wayne and provides programming for youth that encourages positive social, emotional, and academic development.

Foellinger Foundation and the Summer Clubhouse have similar objectives. The foundation is proud to support the program as it works to:

- Develop relationship skills and self-confidence in over 600 children
- Provide opportunities for family involvement
- Reinforce academic skills throughout the summer

“We are pleased to invest in this program as it expands from six to seven locations to reach more children in need,” said Cheryl Taylor, Foellinger Foundation President. “The Summer Clubhouses work to develop personal assets of these children through social interaction, team-based activities and problem solving projects.”

This grant in support of the Summer Clubhouse program is one of Foellinger Foundation’s Signature Grants. To date, the foundation has provided \$8.9 million in support Summer Clubhouses. This program has operated for 18 years with a focus on grades K-4th and also offers healthy meals, field trips, and aftercare assistance.

The Foellinger Foundation, Inc. is a private, charitable foundation that awards grants for the benefit of people in Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana. The Foundation was created in 1958 by Helene R. Foellinger, *The News-Sentinel's* publisher from 1936 to 1980, and Esther A. Foellinger, her mother. It was established to carry forward their family's tradition of civic involvement and active concern for the well-being of their community. From 1958 through 1987, their gifts and bequests developed the Foundation into a permanent philanthropic endowment. Its grantmaking continues to reflect the Foellinger family's interest in encouraging a community of self-reliant citizens.



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