

**THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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The Community Foundation announced the initiation of the Putnam County Memorial Cancer Research Fund. The Fund is endowed, which means that contributions to the fund will never be spent. Instead they will be protected and invested and a percentage of the earnings will be used each year to support cancer research in perpetuity.

The Fund is a field of interest fund, which means that each year the Community Foundation is responsible to determine which worthy cancer research project in the state and the nation to support.

The Fund was established by a Greencastle couple in memory of their daughter, who lost her battle with cancer at a young age. The couple imagines the fund serving as a means for collecting, honoring, and preserving the memories of loved ones who struggled to survive cancer, but also a means to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors.

“Cancer research has produced so many advances in both early detection and treatment of cancer,” said Elaine Peck, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. “Survival rates continue to improve each year, and we must continue to support this progress until cures can be found.”

To honor someone special and support cancer research at the same time, make your contribution payable to the Putnam County Community Foundation and note in the memo that it is for the Cancer Research Fund. Memorial contributions of \$25 or more will be recognized in a special weekly ad in the Banner Graphic unless directed otherwise.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to administer funds established by donors, award grants, and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 150 funds for donors, supporting a variety of charitable activities. www.pcfoundation.org.