



## *LCFS Receives \$55,000 Grant to Upgrade Lutherwood Academy Classrooms and Equipment*

Our residential youth have faced many stressors; even without the additional impact of COVID-19 they have experienced challenges, including abuse and/or neglect, which have resulted in the need for admission to one of our residential treatment programs and continuing their education in our IPS satellite school, Lutherwood Academy. **The Efroymsen Family Fund, a fund of the CICF (Central Indiana Community Foundation), has awarded a \$55,000 grant that will help transform our children's educational experiences with upgrades in educational technology and new furniture during this challenging COVID-19 environment.**

Many of our students test below grade level and lack confidence in their academic achievement due to their difficult home environments and past experiences. **The Lutherwood Academy began classes on August 17, 2020 with a combination of both virtual and on-site instruction in the Academy's five classrooms. The Efroymsen Family Fund grant will provide 30 new Chromebooks, additional Wi-Fi classroom access points, whiteboards, and other related equipment urgently needed for our youth who are engaged in on-line learning each day. Technological upgrades are especially critical for our youth who would not have the opportunity to achieve their grade level goals without these necessary enhancements for virtual learning.**

Classroom furniture and design also impacts students' academic achievement. **Through the generosity of the Efroymsen Family Fund, our students will now have an optimum environment for learning,** which our educational staff regard as essential in each child's academic progress. Research studies indicate that high-quality classroom environments help children feel safe, secure, and valued.

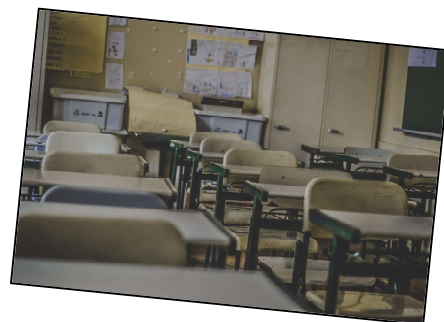
Since its founding over 25 years ago, Lutherwood Academy has never enjoyed brand new student and teachers' desks and chairs, file cabinets, or bookcases. **The Efroymsen Family Fund grant will enhance and increase our students' motivation in the learning process; contribute to improved self-esteem and promote success in reaching their overall academic achievement; and facilitate progression with therapeutic treatment plan goals necessary for family reunification and resuming services at their local school.**

For more information about LCFS, Lutherwood Academy or other LCFS programs, please contact us via e-mail at [info@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:info@lutheranfamily.org) !



### *What New Changes are Coming?*

- Chromebooks
- Desks
- Chairs
- LCD Projectors
- White Boards
- And more!



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