

HOUSING & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN BELOIT



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Investing in Opportunity. Supporting Families. Strengthening Beloit's Future.

At the Hendricks Family Foundation, we believe Beloit's future depends on strong educational opportunities, strong neighborhoods and a range of quality housing options. Those priorities are interconnected, which is why we invest in all of them. In most cases, our housing and education investments operate independently. In the Eclipse Park and The Lincoln Academy (TLA) expansion project, they intersect, because expanding the school requires additional space around the existing campus.

This fact sheet is intended to share information about the expansion, explain the broader work happening in both housing and education, and provide context about how these investments support opportunity throughout Beloit.

Our Shared Goal: More Opportunity for Beloit Families

The Foundation does not believe Beloit should have to choose between educational opportunity and housing opportunity. Our work is focused on advancing both by working with community partners and responding to local needs.

The Lincoln Academy Expansion

Why Is TLA Expanding?

TLA is expanding because demand exceeds the school's current capacity. More than 200 scholars are on the waitlist, the list continues to grow and some families have spent multiple years trying to enroll. The phased expansion is designed to serve approximately 1,500 scholars over time, creating opportunities for more Beloit students to access a public education option their families are actively seeking.

Expansion at a Glance:

200+
Scholars on the Waitlist

98%
Parent Satisfaction

4 Star
DPI School
Report Card Rating

~1,500
Scholars in Long-Term
Enrollment

Why Are Families Seeking TLA?

Families are not simply responding to the availability of seats. They are responding to results. The school's model combines rigorous academics, character development and early career exploration.

2025-2026 Outcomes:

- Nearly **two years of reading growth** in a single academic year
- **1.4 years of math growth** in a single academic year
- More than **20,000 work-based learning hours** completed by scholars
- **414 college credits** earned by scholars
- Partnerships with **200+ businesses** to support career exploration and workforce readiness
- **95.3%** scholar attendance, exceeding the school's attendance goal
- A **five-year charter renewal** and statewide recognition for its Technology Education program

Serving Beloit Families

Enrollment reflects Beloit's demographics. As a public school it is free and open to students regardless of income.

- More than **60%** of scholars qualify for free or reduced-price lunch
- Approximately **18%** receive special education services
- More than **40%** of scholars are Hispanic

Investing in Educational Opportunity Beyond TLA

The Foundation supports multiple educational pathways and does not view educational opportunity as an either-or choice.

The Lincoln Academy

\$2 million

in foundation support

School District of Beloit

\$3 million

in Gaston and Converse elementary school pilot initiative

Rock County Christian School

\$1 million

in capital improvement support

Go Beyond Grades

\$200,000

in this community-based initiative

Investing in Housing Opportunity

Housing is a longstanding Foundation priority because stable housing creates the foundation for family well-being, wealth-building, educational success, workforce participation and strong neighborhoods. The Foundation is not a housing developer, but invests in organizations that expand homeownership, improve existing housing, add housing opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

Our Housing Priorities:

Homeownership



Housing Rehabilitation



New Housing Development



Neighborhood Revitalization



Housing Stability



Targeted Transitional Housing Support



Housing Opportunity by the Numbers

These partnerships help expand homeownership opportunities, improve housing stability & strengthen neighborhoods all over Beloit.

ACTS Housing

The Foundation invested

\$2.5 million

to support its work in the community, helping more than **150 local families** purchase and rehabilitate homes, which resulted in more than **\$5 million** in housing investment throughout Beloit.

Family Services Next Step Program

The Foundation invested

\$250,000

that helped complete the final **eight transitional housing units**.

Habitat for Humanity

The Foundation invested

\$350,000

that brings Habitat for Humanity back to Beloit and supports its goal of building **10 homes** by the end of 2027. Five of the 10 lots were personally donated by a Hendricks family member.

Housing 4 Vets Through Rock Valley Community Programs

The Foundation invested

\$575,000

in the program over the past **15 years**. The program provides transitional housing and support services that help veterans experiencing homelessness pursue long-term stability and permanent housing.

How Housing and Education Connect in This Project

Housing and education are both important priorities. The Foundation recognizes that removing housing raises legitimate questions, particularly at a time when Beloit needs more housing options.

At the same time, the Foundation believes expanding educational opportunity is an important investment in Beloit's future. The goal is not to choose between housing and education, but to continue investing in both.

What Residents Should Know

- Every property purchase connected to the expansion has been voluntary
- No homeowner has been forced to sell
- Sellers have received fair, and in some cases above-market, compensation
- Support has included moving assistance and help finding another home
- Multiple expansion alternatives were evaluated before selecting the current plan

Looking Ahead

The Foundation believes strong schools, strong neighborhoods and quality housing opportunities all contribute to a stronger Beloit. TLA expansion is one investment within a broader commitment to educational opportunity, housing opportunity and community vitality.

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