



# TINERVIN FAMILY FOUNDATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

March 2025

## BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

The Tinervin Family Foundation remains committed to building partnerships that create lasting, positive change. By working closely with organizations that share our mission, we continue to expand our reach and impact across the community.

In the past year, we've deepened our collaboration with Western Avenue Community Center and United Way to ensure families have reliable access to food and essential resources. We've also strengthened ties with Crisis Nursery, supporting their efforts to provide care for children in times of crisis. Looking ahead, we're excited to explore new partnerships including



*Youth volunteers after a successful pack night*

ones with Illinois State University and University of Illinois student athletes, as well as the YMCA in Champaign. All our partnerships are designed with the idea of enhancing our community's well-being.

Our commitment to improving access extends beyond food distribution. We are proud to support initiatives that address healthcare, education, and family stability. Each connection we build helps create new opportunities for individuals and families to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has played a role in helping us grow these partnerships. Whether you're a volunteer, donor, or partner, your contributions are creating real change. Your dedication empowers us to continue building bridges, expanding access, and improving lives. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in our community.

If you or groups you're involved with are interested in helping pack boxes, please visit our website: [www.TinervinFamilyFoundation.com](http://www.TinervinFamilyFoundation.com) or visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Tinervin-Family-Foundation-106257791039704/>

## WHAT'S NEW

### Programs & Partners

We've got some big initiatives and partnerships in the works. See what we've got going on, from our own initiatives like creating homeless packs and adding produce distribution to our traditional food boxes, to new partnerships and projects with Crisis Nursery, Boys & Girls Club of Champaign, Western Avenue. (pages 2-3)

### Annual Golf Classic!

Save the date for this year's event: Monday, September 8th, 2025 (page 3)

### Christmas 2024

This season, we were proud to have handed out 1,700 Christmas food boxes and 1,250 hams and turkey to the Champaign and Bloomington/Normal communities!



**PROGRAM & PARTNER UPDATE**

**Helping the homeless:** We have a new initiative to support our community by providing drawstring bags filled with essential items for the homeless, in collaboration with The Salvation Army and Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington and Strides Homeless Shelter in Champaign. As we witness a rise in homelessness around us, we believe it's crucial to step up and lend a helping hand. Since the beginning of the year, we've already supplied 375 homeless packs.



CRISIS NURSERY'S

# Blue Tie GALA

An evening to support children and strengthen families in crisis

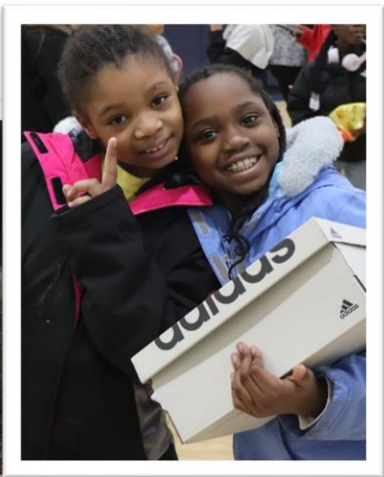
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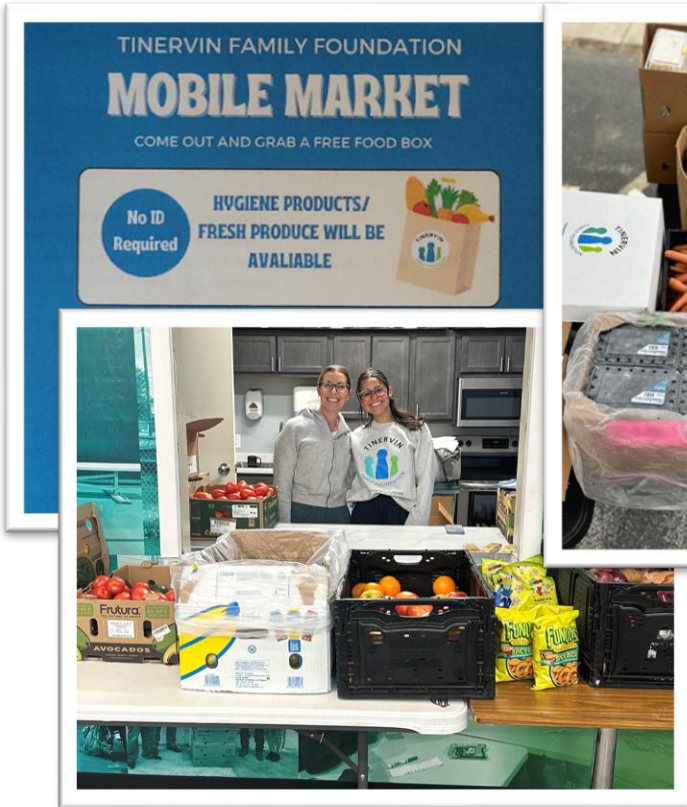
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111 SAINT MARYS ROAD, CHAMPAIGN  
Presented by the Tinervin Family Foundation

Crisis Nursery 40th Anniversary

**Crisis Nursery:** Crisis Nursery is celebrating 40 years of service to the community this year and the Tinervin Family Foundation will be the presenting sponsor of their Blue Tie Gala event. The Foundation is also collaborating with Crisis Nursery to redo their playground.

**Boys & Girls Club of Champaign:** We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Champaign! We are proud to provide shoes for the youth and are currently working with the group on an estimated \$50,000 kitchen renovation.





**TFF Mobile Market:** This Mobile Market has hygiene products and fresh produce available in addition to our traditional food boxes. The Market is coordinating dates and locations with the Carle Mobile Clinic to serve the most people in need. Currently we provide these products at Woodhill Towers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, at ISU on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at Western Avenue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, and at the Work Net Building in Champaign on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Western Avenue:** Last year the TFF provided \$160,000 towards the new parking lot construction, an additional \$50,000 for its operating budget, and matched the first \$100,000 of WACC's donation matching campaign. This year, we're working on raising the necessary funds to build an entirely new addition to the WACC.



### TINERVIN GOLF CLASSIC



The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Tinervin Golf Classic was a resounding success! The event raised nearly \$350,000 between sponsors, auction, and donations! In addition, Jeff Tinervin matched the money raised with his own donation!

**Save the date for this year's event:  
Monday, September 8th, 2025**

## ONGOING INITIATIVES

### MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

During the first quarter of 2025, partnering with the United Way of McLean County and the Midwest Food Bank, we have delivered 1,800 food boxes. Last year, in addition to food boxes, we've also started supplying fresh produce and hygiene products during our food hand-outs. The demand for these non-food products has been incredible and has become an increasing focus during our mobile distribution. Currently we provide produce and hygiene products at our Woodhill towers, Western Avenue, and ISU Alumni Center stops each month. Our current list of distribution locations include:

- Western Avenue Community Center
- Boys and Girls Club / Champaign
- Carle / Champaign
- Carle Home Health / Bloomington
- Mid Central Community Action
- Head Start / Champaign
- Centennial Christian Church
- Crisis Nursery / Champaign
- DCS / Champaign
- Baby Fold / Champaign
- Strides Homeless Shelter / Champaign
- Woodhill Towers
- Great Start / Champaign
- Brightpoint / Champaign
- CU Early Urbana School District
- Project Oz
- Unity Center

### ADOPT A FAMILY

Families are selected by organizations based on financial hardship and need—need for themselves, their children and their homes. During 2024, 100 families were adopted! Fourty were sponsored by individual and company donors and the rest were sponsored by the TFF. Some individuals donated money for presents and some donated their time shopping for presents!

### SHOES FOR KIDS

Last year we handed out about 450 pairs shoes to kids in need this year between the Unity Center, WACC, Champaign Boys & Girls Club, and our own Adopt-A-Family program.

### WESTERN AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Tinervin Family Foundation provided \$160,000 towards the new parking lot construction and added an additional \$50,000 for its operating budget. The foundation also participated in WACC's 2024 donation matching campaign which raised \$101,840, TFF matched the first \$100,000 for a total of \$201,840.

### UNITED WAY WORKFORCE 180 PROGRAM

The Tinervin Family Foundation has contributed \$24,000 by sponsoring students in UW's Workforce 180 program. The program helps students with things like tuition, transportation, and daycare. It is designed to help participants develop skills and experience to enter the workforce and become self-sufficient and thriving individuals.

### YMCA - CHAMPAIGN

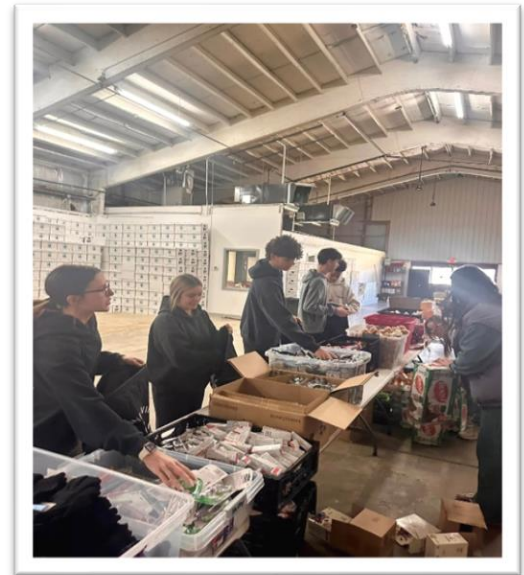
The Foundation contributed \$15,000 worth of tvs, computers, and printers to their Y on the Fly program, which provides youth grades K - 5 the opportunity to participate in fun and engaging programming (STEAM, nutrition, arts, etc), receive homework help, learn from positive adult mentors, and more!

### MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

The foundation contributed \$150,000 fund the initial construction. Last year, the mobile medical unit began operations at various locations throughout McLean County. At these locations, the TFF also supplies food boxes, fresh produce, and hygiene products to those individuals who have a need. The mobile clinic's expanded schedule now includes rural areas of McLean County like Aerosmith, Stanford, and Colfax. We are also planning to expand produce distribution in Champaign on the 4th Thursday of each month.

### HOMELESS PACKS

In 2024, the Foundation started providing backpacks filled with essentials to the homeless population through Home Sweet Home and the Salvation Army in Bloomington and Strides Homeless Shelter in Champaign. The backpacks include hats, gloves, travel size hygiene products, canned tuna or chicken with crackers, and other food items that don't require cooking.



*Volunteers filling essentials homeless packs*