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Established earlier this year, the Terre Haute Casino Resort Foundation, Inc. was created as part of the Local Development Agreement between the Vigo County Commissioners and the Terre Haute Casino Resort operator, Churchill Downs, Inc. It is a 501(c)3 organization, operating as a stand-alone foundation with an independent governing board. The board is composed of eight individuals, who are appointed by the Vigo County Commissioners, Terre Haute Mayor, Churchill Downs, Inc. and the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce.

Our specific purpose is to prioritize funding of projects that align with the community's goals and pillars, such as the See You in Terre Haute Community Plan and the West Central Indiana Regional Plan. With that in mind, we recognize that strong schools are the cornerstone of economic development and workforce readiness. We also recognize that the strength of our local schools has consistently been identified as one of the key factors hindering our ability to attract and retain top-tier talent and jobs. Although the Vigo County School Corporation has great students, teachers and staff, the condition of its facilities is severely outdated and no longer supports the level of education our community deserves.

During the first year of casino operations, the Casino Foundation received \$4.2 million in funding. The Casino Foundation is actively exploring ways in which a majority of our future annual funding could be utilized towards a collaborative community project for a new high school, a commitment that could span 20-25 years. This collaboration would include the proposed Oversight Board, Vigo County School Corporation, Vigo County Council and other community stakeholders.

We look forward to working together in the coming months to find ways this public-private partnership model can benefit the entire Terre Haute and Vigo County communities.

Terre Haute Casino Resort Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

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