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DON WOOD FOUNDATION PROVIDES OVER \$1.1M IN GRANTS TO NORTHEAST INDIANA THIS SUMMER

The Don Wood Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and related education in the region, has issued several grants for area programs in June.

Recipients include the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne in the amount of \$25,000 for the Allen County Entrepreneurial Ecosystem & Strategy Creation; the Community Foundation of Dekalb County in the amount of \$1,000 for the Dekalb Promise Program; Purdue Fort Wayne in the amount of \$497,570 for the Don Wood Foundation Automation Laboratory and machine tool updates; Area 31 Career Center in the amount of \$78,046 for the pilot of Ivy Tech's Smart Automation and Digital Manufacturing Pathway; Trine University in the amount of \$393,000 for the Industry and Academic Collaborative Learning and Training Center; White's Residential and Family Service in the amount of \$100,000 to equip at-risk youth for Indiana's skilled labor positions; and Crossroads Child and Family Services in the amount of \$40,000 to be used toward becoming a New Tech Network School.

"The mission of the Don Wood Foundation is to advance manufacturing and entrepreneurship within our region," said Laura Macknick, executive director for the Don Wood Foundation. "We're pleased to help our grant partners with missions that match Don Wood's vision to continue their important work."

The Don Wood Foundation serves to align opportunities between students, community, and industry by growing and strengthening the manufacturing sector in the region. To learn more about the Don Wood Foundation, visit their website at www.DonWoodFoundation.org.

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