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## **SWIRCA & More Awarded \$300,000 in ARPA Funds from Vanderburgh County Commissioners**

**Evansville, IN** – The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners, with support from the Vanderburgh County Council, has selected SWIRCA & More to receive \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The funds will come from the county’s \$35.2 million allocation received from the federal government in 2021 in response to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Commissioners Cheryl Musgrave and Ben Shoulders presented the award to SWIRCA & More’s President, Rhonda Zuber on Friday, January 13, while visiting the organization and speaking with staff and senior members of the Activity Center.

Vanderburgh County is distributing a portion of its ARPA funds to local, qualifying nonprofit organizations as part of the U.S. Treasury’s Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program. Recipient organizations, including Easterseals, experienced decreased revenues, increased costs, and/or a growing need for services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SWIRCA & More will use the funds to help expand current programs and services for seniors and those living with disabilities that were greatly affected by the pandemic.

“The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted our organization and those we support through our programs and services, and even though we were forced to close our doors to the public in early 2020 due to the pandemic, SWIRCA continued to provide much needed services, such as meals, transportation, housing or bill payment assistance, and daily necessities, to the most vulnerable in our community, stated, Zuber. “We are extremely grateful to the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners for their continued support of our mission.”

\*PHOTO IDENTIFICATION - Left to right, back row: Tim Clark, Director of Quality Assurance and Facilities, SWIRCA & More; Michael Halling, Senior Vice President of Operations, SWIRCA & More; Cheryl Musgrave, Vanderburgh County Commissioner; Ben Shoulders, Vanderburgh County Commissioner; Keith Patterson, Vice President of Finance, SWIRCA & More; Rhonda Zuber, President, SWIRCA & More. Front left to right: Activity Center Members: Kenny Powell, Wanda Powell, Mary Pearl, and Jean Fischer.

## **About SWIRCA & More**

Formally established as an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in 1974, the Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging (SWIRCA & More) is a non-profit, social service agency serving older adults, caregivers, and individuals living with disabilities at any age in Southwestern Indiana. As Indiana's fourth largest AAA, serving Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey, Gibson, Perry, and Spencer counties, SWIRCA helps older adults navigate the complexities of accessing in-home and community-based services and long-term care. For more information on SWIRCA & More, please visit [www.swirca.org](http://www.swirca.org) or call 812-464-7800.

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