

SCOTT
COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2023
ANNUAL
REPORT

“Looking Forward,
Giving Back”



Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As we look back on 2023, it was another impactful year of serving our community. Through the dedication of our donors and volunteers, we were able to launch two new projects, StoryWalk installations and Sco Co Connect. Along with these exciting new opportunities, we were able to award nearly \$360,000 in grants and scholarships to the community! Eighty-five youth in middle and high school learned about giving back to the community through the Youth Grantmaking Council. Over 900 young children received free books mailed to their homes every month through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We offered a governance series to strengthen local nonprofits and continued our partnership with Leadership Southern Indiana to offer leadership development. Several new funds were created to provide a permanent source of support for nonprofits and students.

When Lilly Endowment Inc. announced a matching grant initiative 27 years ago, Scott County leaders gathered to plan how a community foundation could be established right here in our community. With no financial assets, staff, or office, these residents had a vision that the Scott County Community Foundation could be a solution to the community's greatest needs. We think it's pretty neat that those donations from long ago are still giving back to the community today, and that your donations today will be giving back to the community generations from now.

We are thankful that you and so many others have played a crucial role in making all of this work possible. We are truly your Community Foundation, and we hope you know how much your dedication and support is appreciated.



Melissa Woods
Chairwoman



Jaime Toppe
Executive Director



The National Standards Seal indicates confirmation from the Council on Foundations that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy for donor services, investment management, grantmaking, and administration. We were also recognized for our transparency with the 2023 Platinum Seal through Candid/Guidestar.

Customized Giving



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of funds you can choose to donate to (or create your own and add to this number!)

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Different types of funds you can choose to create to achieve your charitable goals

We would love to partner with you to help our community! Your donation is permanently invested, allowing your gift to support the community forever. You can customize your philanthropy - choose from several ways to give, where you want your dollars to go, and how involved you want to be. How can you help? Choose an area below and contact us to start the conversation.

- Agriculture
- Arts & Historical Preservation
- Community Health
- Education
- Environment
- Faith
- Parks & Recreation
- Social Services
- Youth Development



\$5,000

Minimum amount to create your own endowment fund (\$20,000 for scholarships)

\$1,000

Amount you can start with to create a fund until it reaches the minimum level to be a permanent fund (\$10,000 for scholarships)

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Number of new funds created in 2023

New Funds

Everyone can be a philanthropist (giving your time, talent, and treasure). Gifts of every kind and size make a difference in our community! Thank you to our donors for creating these new funds this year:

- Adkins-Jones Family Fund
- Connie Renschler Memorial Fund
- Jeff Harris Memorial Fund for the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum

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Years of serving Scott County

ADKINS-JONES FAMILY FUND

Two siblings who have dedicated their lives to serving our community have taken that one step further through the establishment of the Adkins-Jones Family Fund. This fund will provide support to the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum as well as the Scott County Community Foundation's operating and unrestricted funds.

Clara Adkins and Raymond Jones have given a lifetime of service to our community and nation. Raymond served almost 40 years in the Army, including a tour in Korea. He also gave 50 years of service to the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department and was instrumental in the formation of the Scott County EMS. He also served 18 years on the Scott County Council.

Clara devoted her life to public service as well. She was the Clerk-Treasurer in Austin and became the first female to serve on the Austin Town Council. She also served in county government on the County Council. She paved the way for many women in Scott County and also served on the boards for the Scott County Partnership, Scott County Community Foundation, and Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.

Both Clara and Raymond attribute their desire to serve to their parents' hard work and beliefs. Ernest and Louise Jones taught by example and passed on their values to their children.

Raymond has always been interested in history and its preservation. He was also a board member for the Museum and knew he wanted to support it through a permanent fund. He also appreciated the positive results from the Community Foundation's work. Clara agreed, stating that the Community Foundation does such good work and helps so many different organizations, and this is how they can both be a part of that.



“
We're hoping
that the legacy
we leave will
follow through
to the next
generation.”

CONNIE RENSCHLER MEMORIAL FUND



Connie Renschler was a devoted wife, mother, and teacher. She spent her teaching career as a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Lexington Elementary School.

“Her passion for the education of young children is why our family chose to start this fund to provide books for first grade students of Lexington and other area schools,” shared her family. “We hope to inspire young children to read and have a love for learning and to carry on the memory of her through her passion for education with this fund.”



Programs & Initiatives

StoryWalk®

A brainstorming session at one of our Early Childhood Committee meetings turned into a vision for what would become three StoryWalk® installations in Scott County this year! Pages from children's books are placed on signs along a path. Each sign shares an interactive activity to encourage early literacy skills, exercise, and enjoyment of nature.

Thanks to the Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund and Lilly Endowment Inc., our first StoryWalk® was placed at Austin Community Park. The second location was installed at the Scott County Courthouse courtesy of the Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship Fund. The third location was placed in the fall at Manaugh Memorial Park in Austin, thanks to Duke Energy Foundation. We partnered with the Scott County Chamber of Commerce to host a ribbon cutting ceremony for each location to celebrate. Books are sponsored by local businesses and families, and are rotated quarterly.



SCO Co Connect

In an effort to make new Scott County residents feel welcome, we created this initiative. The purpose is to help new residents learn about community resources, engage those interested in volunteer opportunities, and connect them with ambassadors to give a warm welcome to the community. Residents will receive a welcome bag, and a coloring book featuring Scott County landmarks drawn by local high school art students will be provided to new elementary school students who have moved here recently.

SCO Co Connect was a result of studying the results of *Forward Together*, our Community Needs Assessment. One of the questions we asked residents was: "Our community is welcoming to newcomers" and less than half of respondents agreed with that statement. A strong sense of community is important to quality of place and quality of life.

If you know a newcomer, please let us know or have them stop in the office!

Imagination Library

Ten years ago, we partnered with United Way of Scott County to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to our community! In 2023, about 900 children were registered to receive free, age-appropriate books every month, mailed right to their homes. Over 2,000 children have "graduated" from the program when they turned five. The State of Indiana announced this year their support of this program, and is now covering half the cost of the books!

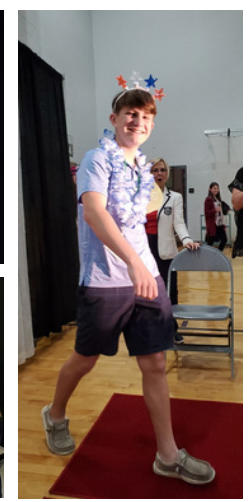


Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council



Eighty-five youth in grades 6-12 learned about giving their time, talent, and treasure back to the community this past year. Some of YGC's accomplishments included:

- Awarded \$5,676 in grants for 11 youth projects, including awarding proactive grants for the first time ever;
- Visited grant recipients to see firsthand the impact of their grantmaking;
- Participated in 29 community service projects;
- Raised \$500 at a bake sale fundraiser;
- Learned leadership skills through officer and chairperson positions, grant decision-making, community presentations, and interviews for new and current members. They represented Scott County at Leadership Southern Indiana's Scott County Day, sharing all about YGC.
- Grew closer through fun activities like a lake day and a "fancy dinner";
- Taught philanthropy to 4th and 5th graders at Lexington Elementary School.



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Scholarship recipients

\$91,200

Scholarship assistance to graduating seniors and non-traditional adult learners

Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship: Emily Foster, \$5,300
Arthur Gene Mayer Memorial Scholarship: Deanna King, \$1,200
Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship: Mallory McGlothlin, \$500
Carter-Waldkoetter Memorial Scholarship: Rachael Mount, \$20,000
Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship: Emily Dixon, \$1,200
Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship: Addison Borden, \$500
Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship: Mallory McGlothlin, \$12,000; Becky Foster, \$10,500; Olivia Fugate, \$9,500
Epply-Shields Memorial Scholarship: Brianna Herald, \$5,000
Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund: Becky Foster and Brendan Hanner, \$500 each
Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship: Melea Luttrell and Brendan Hanner, \$2,400 each
Phyllis Calvin Educational Fund: Brendan Hanner, \$1,200
Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen & Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship: Brittany Combs, \$1,500
Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship: Addison Borden and Olivia Daniel, up to \$5,000 each
Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship: Emily Foster, \$500
Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship: Hannah Thomas, \$6,000
Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship: Melea Luttrell, \$500



2023 Lilly Scholar: Brady Watts

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients receive 4-year scholarships for tuition plus \$900 for books and required expenses each year. Brady Watts, a graduate of Austin High School, is attending University of Southern Indiana to major in business management and play for the Screaming Eagles baseball team. The value of his scholarship is \$40,000. Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded 42 scholarships to Scott County students through the Community Foundation since 1998.

“My first semester of college was great, but it took a bit of an adjustment. Being in a city like Evansville is much different than being in Scott County! However, after spending some time in Evansville I have gotten very comfortable there. All of my classes went well, but college requires a lot more studying than high school! I earned pretty good grades and I got along well with all of my teachers. Baseball practices and lifts have been going well and I have seen some improvement in myself. I am excited to go back to USI this spring and continue to work hard in the classroom and on the field!”

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Grantees

\$359,458

Grants and scholarships awarded to benefit the community



Align Southern Indiana * Austin Alumni Association * Austin High School Academic Team * Austin High School * Bethel University * Bree's Blessings * CASA of Scott County * Cloud of Witness Ranch * CRADLE Family Resource Center * EMPOWER of Scott County * Englishton Park * Food 4 R Souls * Gleaners Food Bank * Humane Society of Scott County * Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum * Johnson Elementary School * Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church * Leadership Southern Indiana * Lexington Elementary School * LifeSmart Youth * New Chapel United Methodist Church * New Creation Ministries * Oard Springs Community Center * Preservation Alliance Inc. * Scott County 4-H * Scott County Community Clearinghouse * SCCF Early Childhood Committee/StoryWalk * Scott County EMS * Scott County Family YMCA * Scott County Partnership * Scott County Public Library * Scott County School District 1 * Scott County School District 2 * Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council * Scott Memorial Health * Scottsburg Band Parents Association * Scottsburg Beautification Committee * Scottsburg High School * Scottsburg High School After Prom * Scottsburg High School Athletic Department * Scottsburg High School Show Choir * Scottsburg Middle School * Scottsburg United Methodist Church * Still Water Individual and Family Therapy * Susan G. Komen for the Cure * United Way of Scott County * Warrior Nation Touchdown Club * Wonder Valley Christian Camp

Community Funds

All donors who gave to these funds between October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, are acknowledged on our website. Donors may choose to remain anonymous upon request.

Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund
Adkins-Jones Family Fund
Agriculture and Education Memorial Fund
AHS Alumni Education Fund
Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Arthur Gene Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Austin Beautification Endowment Fund
Austin High School Academic Team Fund
Barbara Everett Community Fund
Beverly Crowell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bill and Norma Perry Memorial Scholarship Fund
Borden Family Community Granting Fund
Boswell Family Fund
Carol L. Pettit Scholarship Fund
Carter-Waldkoetter Nursing Scholarship Fund
CASA of Scott County Endowment Fund
Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship
Chief John Memorial Campership Fund
Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Clark Chapel Cemetery Fund
Community Enrichment Fund
Connie Renschler Memorial Fund
Cornhuskers/FFA Agricultural Fund
Cree-ating Community Fund
Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund
Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dan and Mary Lou Slattery Fund
Dobbins Family Fund
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund
Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund
Dottie Shelhamer Memorial Fund
Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Donor Advised Fund
Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Unrestricted Fund
Dustin and Derek Jones Memorial Fund
Ed McGuire Memorial Fund
Ella Maude McCulloch Mission Endowment Fund
Epply-Shields Memorial Scholarship Fund
First Christian Church Senior Citizens Fund
First Christian Church Youth Fund
The Garten Foundation
Gladys A. Berna Education Fund
Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund
Hazel Gillespie Hunger Fund
Jayce Ray Stallings Memorial Fund
Jeff Harris Memorial Fund for the Museum Collections
John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Fund
Joyce Hamilton Historical Preservation Endowment Fund
Joyce Lowry Broady Memorial Endowment Fund
Kathy Nicholson Mission Endowment Fund
Kathy Nicholson Music Endowment Fund
Kelley Robbins Endowment Fund for Public Health
Kenneth Roseberry Memorial Fund
Kenninger Music Education Fund
Kilburn-White Unrestricted Fund
Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund
Kiwanis Club of Scott County Fund
L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund
Lauren Graham Memorial Fund
Lauren Graham Memorial Breast Cancer Fund

Lauren Graham Memorial Tennis Fund
Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund
Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund
Martin Christian Education Fund
Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Morgan Family Endowment Fund
Nathan and Alice Bridge Memorial Endowment Fund
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
New Washington State Bank Fund
Nina Keown Memorial Fund
Norma Nowlin Forever Tree Society Fund
Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Theta Alpha Chapter Forever Tree Society Fund
Philip Glenn Martin Memorial Fund
Phillip Dold Sr. Memorial Unrestricted Fund
Phyllis Calvin Educational Endowment Fund
Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen & Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship
Randy Copple Memorial Fund
Robert and Margie Fawver Fund
Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robin Eve Memorial Fund
Rosalind English Trust
Scott County 4-H Fund
Scott County CAPE Endowment Fund
Scott County Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund
Scott County Community Foundation Building Fund
Scott County Community Foundation Cornerstone Fund
Scott County Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
Scott County Economic Development Corporation Fund
Scott County Family YMCA Endowment Fund
Scott County Genealogical Society Inc. Fund
Scott County Heritage Center and Museum Fund
Scott County Hunger Fund
Scott County Immediate Response Fund
Scott County Kids First Fund
Scott County Literacy Council Fund
Scott County Memorial Fund
Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District Fund
Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council Fund
Scott Memorial Hospital IUS Scholarship Fund
Scott Memorial Hospital Ivy Tech Scholarship Fund
Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship
Scottsburg Beautification Committee Fund
Scottsburg High School Classroom Innovation Fund
Scottsburg Lions Club/D.Q. Reid Memorial Fund
Scottsburg United Methodist Church Endowment Fund
Scottsburg United Methodist Church General Endowment Fund
Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship Fund
SHS Alumni Association Education Fund
Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund
Terry Fewell Memorial Youth Fund
Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund
United Way of Scott County Operating Endowment Fund
Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wesbanco Fund
West Family Community Fund
William Frasier Wetzel Memorial Fund
Wolf Family Charitable Fund
Yellow Rose of Nancy R. Laird Memorial Fund

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory

Shirley Amick
Gene Brumett
Steve Carlisle
Beverly Crowell
Terry Fewell
Velma Jean Jones Hall
Cindy Holley
Sheila Kay (Dean) Kahl
Leta M. Mann
Charles Murphy
Joan Padgett
Lottie Shields Parks
Connie Renschler
Gene Rogers
Devonnia Tscheulin
Linda Young

In Honor

Jeannie Carlisle
Jennifer Coward's birthday
Sherry Fugate's birthday
Hank Jentzen's birthday
Kori Jones
Ryan Payne's birthday
Marty Randall's birthday
Andrea Saucedo's birthday
SHS Class of 1958
Melissa Woods' birthday

Legacy Society

We honor those who have made a lasting commitment to our community by contributing charitable gifts to the Foundation through their will, trust, or other planned gift. These special donors had the foresight to use the Foundation to carry out their charitable goals, ensuring the causes they cared about would be impacted years after they were gone. Too often, these thoughtful gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of a donor's life. The Legacy Society is our way of acknowledging your commitment to our future - today.

There are many ways to give, including making a charitable bequest in your will or trust, designating the Community Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan, gift of stock, gift of real estate, or other property.

Community Foundation Team



2022-2023 Board of Directors & Staff

Melissa Woods, Chairwoman
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Martha McNeely
Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller
Butch and Paula Murray
Al and Lonna Riggle
Daniel R. and Mary Lou Slattery
Jaime Toppe
Sarah "Sally" Waldkoetter
William Frasier Wetzel

Forever Tree Society

This honorary and memorial program offers donors a way to create a lasting legacy through an unrestricted gift of \$500 or more. There are incentives for each level in the Forever Tree Society.

Financials

ASSETS

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 220,687	\$ 215,170
Certificate of deposit	53,567	52,931
Investments	10,923,481	9,749,208
Contribution receivable	-0-	200,000
Property and equipment, net	95,828	98,678
	<u>\$ 11,293,563</u>	<u>\$ 10,315,987</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

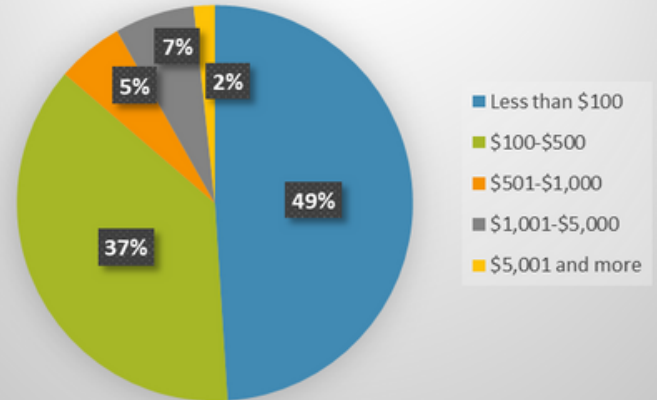
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,135	\$ 3,281
Custodial funds	592,198	543,140
Total liabilities	595,333	546,421

Net assets

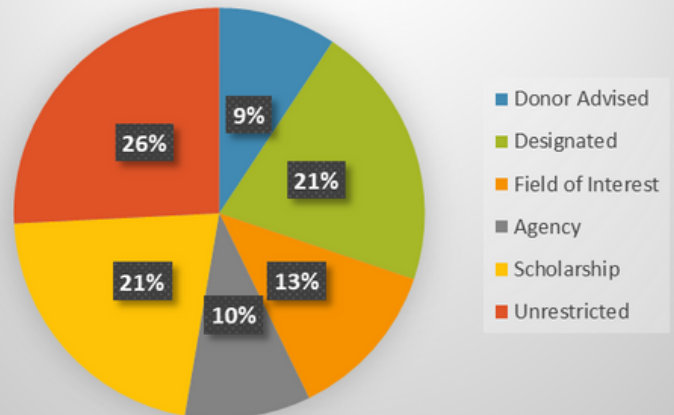
Without donor restrictions:		
Operating	189,865	189,312
Operating reserve	176,873	164,275
Board designated endowments:		
Administrative	471,181	445,287
Granting	104,883	93,649
	<u>942,802</u>	<u>892,523</u>

With donor restrictions:		
Restricted for specified purposes	24,944	34,386
Restricted in perpetuity - endowment	7,867,710	7,700,600
Restricted subject to the Foundation's spending policy	1,862,774	1,142,057
	<u>9,755,428</u>	<u>8,877,043</u>
Total net assets	<u>10,698,230</u>	<u>9,769,566</u>
	<u>\$ 11,293,563</u>	<u>\$ 10,315,987</u>

2023 Donations



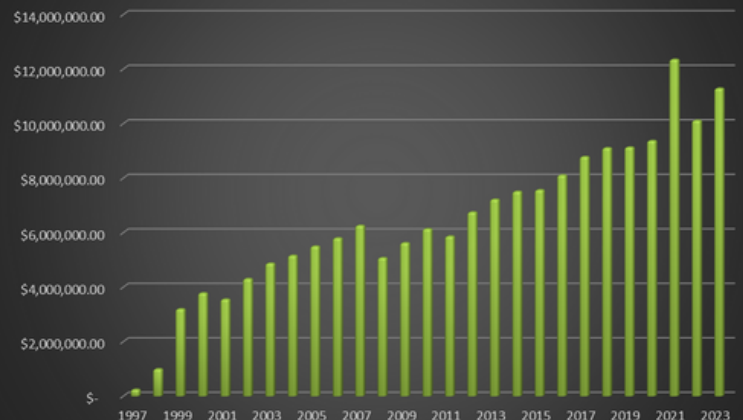
Assets by Fund Type



STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022)

	2023		2022	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Support, revenues, and other				
Contributions	\$ 9,888	\$ 200,259	\$ 210,147	\$ 317,975
Investment return, net	86,343	1,210,487	1,296,830	(1,760,917)
Administrative fees	188,453	-0-	188,453	177,864
Miscellaneous income	23,897	-0-	23,897	41,666
Net assets released from restrictions	532,361	(532,361)	-0-	-0-
Total support and revenues	840,942	878,385	1,719,327	(1,223,412)
Expenses				
Program services	662,812	-0-	662,812	593,669
General and administrative	98,596	-0-	98,596	93,046
Fundraising	29,255	-0-	29,255	28,320
Total expenses	790,663	-0-	790,663	715,035
Change in net assets	50,279	878,385	928,664	(1,938,447)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>892,523</u>	<u>8,877,043</u>	<u>9,769,566</u>	<u>11,708,013</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 942,802</u>	<u>\$ 9,755,428</u>	<u>\$ 10,698,230</u>	<u>\$ 9,769,566</u>

Foundation Assets



Copies of our IRS Form 990 and audited financial statements are available on our website.



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