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FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



At Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, our mission is simple: arts, education, and entertainment for all. At its core, that means the arts should be accessible to everyone, at every age, and in every form. Your support makes that mission real, and I'm excited to share a few ways it's coming to life in our community.

Arts For All continues to connect people through creativity, and within that program, *Senior Perspectives* offers visual art classes for older adults. Watching the joy these classes spark and the friendships and connections they create is a reminder of just how transformative the arts can be. These experiences embody the same spirit that inspired Mark Honeywell, whose vision for Honeywell was rooted in the idea that the arts can enrich lives, inspire imagination, and strengthen communities. Today, your support ensures that vision continues to grow and evolve, reaching people across generations.

This June, **Honeywell Arts Academy** will bring together musicians from around the world for three live performances: *Wabass*, *Soundboard*, and *Resonance*. For the first time, all three shows will take place in a single weekend at both the Honeywell Center and Eagles Theatre. The energy they bring, the collaboration among artists, and the connections they foster with the audience are always inspiring, and I look forward to enjoying it with our community each year.

We've also expanded our presence in downtown Wabash. The **Charley Creek Inn**, including its hotel, dining, and retail operations, is now a Honeywell Arts & Entertainment venue. The Charley Creek Foundation was created by Richard Ford in 2001 to honor the memory of his parents and support the preservation, cultural growth, and arts programming in Wabash and the surrounding region. Richard's vision also helped lay the foundation for the Honeywell Arts Academy, and through this partnership, his legacy continues to inspire music and arts education today. The Inn's team has joined Honeywell, and their expertise and energy will strengthen our team-centered culture and enhance experiences across the arts and hospitality in the region. This partnership builds on a **longstanding commitment to community enrichment and creates new opportunities** for local engagement, tourism, and events, all while honoring the Inn's rich history.

Your support makes all of this possible. You're helping people of all ages engage with the arts in ways that both educate and inspire. Thank you for helping us continue to build a community where creativity thrives, and for ensuring that the arts remain part of everyone's story. In every issue of *Make Your Mark*, we **celebrate the impact you make**, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share how your generosity transforms lives and strengthens our community—**just as Mark Honeywell envisioned.**

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HONEYWELL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT





A LIFELONG CANVAS FOR OLDER ADULTS

AN OFFERING OF ARTS FOR ALL

At the heart of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment's mission is a simple idea. The arts should be accessible to everyone, no matter their background, experience level, or age. This vision continues to guide Arts For All, a regional effort that invites people into meaningful creative experiences that build confidence and connection. In the past year alone, 475 participants, ranging in age from 6 to 96, from 19 counties across Indiana, took part in camps, classes, workshops, and lessons, 32% were first-time participants. This growth reflects not only expanding reach, but also a deepening sense of community connection as more people discover the value of accessible arts engagement.

Within this broad impact, one offering has become a powerful reminder of how deeply the arts can shape well-being. Senior Perspectives, launched in 2024 with support from a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission,



offers visual art classes for older adults, created in partnership with Living Well in Wabash County. Classes are held at the Winchester Senior Center and Eagles Theatre, which offer accessible, older adult-focused spaces well-suited for this type of hands-on instruction. In 2025, support from the Community Foundation of Wabash County's Good Deeds Grant enabled Honeywell to subsidize participation fees and ensure these impactful arts experiences remained accessible and affordable.

Today, classes continue to fill quickly, showing how meaningful and in-demand these creative opportunities are for older adults. This thoughtful pilot initiative, built around strong community interest, established a sustainable model, demonstrating the lasting effect that consistent arts experiences can have. The program is shaped around connection, exploration, and confidence-building.

Participants gather in a supportive space led by Honeywell teaching artists who encourage them to try new techniques, reflect on their personal stories, and build skills at a comfortable, encouraging pace. Many participants describe the experience as both energizing and grounding, a chance to reconnect with creativity in a way that feels meaningful and accessible.

For many, the impact is transformative. Clista Wertenberger Alger shared that before joining, she often felt isolated and disconnected from her community, a challenge common among older adults who face transportation and financial barriers. “These workshops are more than just an opportunity to create art,” she wrote. “They provide a space for connection, self-expression, and personal growth that is truly life-changing.” Through the classes, she discovered new friendships, renewed purpose, and the excitement of seeing her artwork displayed publicly. The opportunity to share her creations with others strengthened her confidence and her voice. “The sense of belonging this program fosters is invaluable.”

The impact extends beyond individual stories. Beverly Ferry of Living Well in Wabash County emphasized how closely the classes align with nationally recognized best practices in creative aging. Professionally led arts experiences for older adults have documented benefits, including improved mental and physical health, stronger balance, increased social engagement, and, in many cases, fewer falls and reduced medication needs. “Older adults in Wabash County need this,” she wrote. “Senior Perspectives is a true catalyst for well-being.” Her insight reflects what many participants express themselves. The program provides not only artistic instruction but also emotional connection, routine, and a meaningful sense of belonging.

Each session culminates in a public exhibition at the Honeywell Center, where participants share their artwork with family, friends, and the broader community. These exhibitions celebrate older adults as creators, storytellers, and contributors to the community. They also reinforce a central message at the heart of Arts For All. The arts are for everyone, at every age, and every participant has a story worth telling.

As Honeywell continues expanding meaningful arts experiences across the region, Senior Perspectives stands as a powerful example of how creativity can strengthen confidence, build connection, and enrich the lives of older adults. Through these visual art classes, participants are not only learning techniques. They are finding community, empowerment, and a renewed sense of joy.



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CLISTA WERTENBERGER ALGER
SENIOR PERSPECTIVES PARTICIPANT

ARTS FOR ALL LIFELONG LEARNING

Arts For All brings creativity to everyone, no matter your age or experience. From visual art and theatre classes to music lessons, workshops, and camps, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Learn more and register at honeywellarts.org/arts.



ON THE HORIZON LOOKING AHEAD



Honeywell Arts & Entertainment is entering an exciting season of new experiences for the community to engage with, explore, and be inspired by the arts.

This June, the **Honeywell Arts Academy** will host dedicated musicians from across the world during a series of three live performances in Wabash: Wabass Live (June 11), Soundboard Live (June 12), and Resonance Live (June 13). The Academy is comprised of a summer intensive program and year-round support for emerging musicians. All performances will take place within a single weekend for the first time, at both the Honeywell Center and Eagles Theatre. “Each summer, Honeywell Arts Academy becomes a space where creativity knows no bounds,” says Ranaan Meyer, Artistic Director of Honeywell Arts Academy. Tickets are available for purchase at honeywellartsacademy.org.



Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomed the **Charley Creek Inn** as a new venue following the completion of the merger on December 29, 2025. The Inn, including its hotel, dining, and retail operations, will continue operating under its historic name as a Honeywell venue. The Charley Creek team has joined Honeywell, strengthening the organization’s team-centered culture and supporting experiences across arts and hospitality in the region. The partnership builds on a longstanding commitment to community enrichment and creates new opportunities for tourism, events, and local engagement in Downtown Wabash. Learn more about the venue at charleycreekinn.com.



Arts For All now has a brand-new, purpose-built home at the Eagles Theatre, providing a fully equipped space for visual arts experiences. The classrooms feature durable vinyl flooring, ample cabinetry for storage, two sinks with debris-capturing traps, and upgraded electrical capacity for hands-on projects. Previously spread across multiple locations, this new space offers students of all ages a centralized, welcoming environment to create, learn, and connect—just in time for Youth Arts Month, when local students showcase their creativity and imagination through a variety of free events. Learn more and register at honeywellarts.org/arts.

These recent developments mark an exciting chapter for the arts in Wabash and the region. Honeywell Arts & Entertainment looks forward to continuing to provide experiences that entertain, educate, and inspire, inviting the community to **celebrate the arts together**.

BECAUSE OF YOU

CHAMPIONS FOR THE ARTS



RICH CHURCH
HONEYWELL FOUNDATION BOARD

"Growing up in Wabash, the Honeywell Center was truly the hub of community life. It was where people came together for art, music, community events, and, at that time, even sports, so it is a place that shaped so many of my childhood memories. Today, it continues to serve in that vital role, not just for Wabash but for communities across northern Indiana. Its impact reaches far and wide, fostering creativity and bringing people together in meaningful ways.

That is why it is a privilege to help shepherd this incredible resource for the next generation. Ensuring that Honeywell remains a vibrant cornerstone of community life is deeply important to me, and I'm grateful to play a part in sustaining its legacy."



DAVE & JANE MANN
MARK C. HONEYWELL SOCIETY

"With deep roots in Wabash County and a shared commitment to this community, we raised our family here and grew our business focused on helping others achieve their personal financial and charitable goals. This community has given us so much, and that shaped how we think about giving back. We chose to include Honeywell in our estate plans because of the vital role it plays in keeping Wabash vibrant and enhancing the cultural fabric of our community. Honeywell brings people together, inspires creativity, and expands educational opportunities for students across our region.

Through our named endowment supporting Arts In Education and our deferred gift commitment, we hope to ensure Honeywell remains a vibrant cultural hub, enhancing the livability and vitality of Wabash County for generations to come."



ROBERT & PEGGY MCCALLEN
BANNER CONTEST ENDOWMENT FUND

"Our family fund is rooted in a simple but powerful belief: encouraging children to dream and to showcase their talents. Through the student Winter Banner Competition, we hope students come to know that their potential is truly unlimited—and that they are valued, appreciated, and supported by their community. These young artists are our future, and it's a joy to help create opportunities that celebrate their creativity now and for years to come."

MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE ARTS

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See the mark you made in 2025—view our Annual Report at honeywellarts.org/2025.

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