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We’re excited to announce our first deep, concentrated investment to address significant issues in our region. GCF is proud to partner with its donors to announce a $1.8 million investment in the Family Independence Initiative (FII).

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- **Doubling** of their annual income and assets.
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We love the FII model.
• It’s proven. Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky will be the eighth community.
• It is data driven.
• It empowers families to lift themselves out of poverty.
• It’s unique and forward thinking.
• The return on investment is outstanding.
• Our BIG investment will allow us to help families NOW!

$2,500 WILL DIRECTLY FUND A FAMILY’S PARTICIPATION FOR TWO YEARS!

FII is coming to Greater Cincinnati though the efforts of the GreenLight Fund. Their initial funding will support 100 families participating in the program.

GCF and its donors’ additional support will accelerate FII’s reach to 500 families!

We’re asking you to join us and support 1, 5, 10 or more families. All investments in the GCF Family Independence Fund will go directly to supporting families, with no fees. The Greater Cincinnati Foundation is accredited by the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®.