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The Jacksonville Promise is an organization dedicated to providing scholarships to all graduates of 12<sup>th</sup> grade in district 117 that pursue college locally.

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What if every child in our community who qualifies for college could afford to attend? Research demonstrates that when communities support graduates, communities benefit in the long-term with increased economic growth and opportunity. As we look to the future of Jacksonville, how can we empower our high school graduates and our community?

With assistance from the many donors who provided funds last year, Jacksonville Promise was able to provide scholarship assistance to seventeen area high school graduates to attend our three Jacksonville colleges. Thus we began a process that can lead to the adoption by our community of a program that has shown, when fully developed, to act as a boost to the economic engine as well as improve the educational prospects of our future generation.

We are excited to announce that the **Tracy Family Foundation (TFF)**, the philanthropic enterprise of the family responsible for the dynamic growth of **Dot Foods** in nearby Brown County, **has awarded Jacksonville Promise** up to **\$10,000** in the form of a matching-funds grant challenging our community to respond in kind by the end of June, 2017. As our funding increases, our philanthropy will increase, expanding the base of students receiving support.

To learn more about the Jacksonville Promise, please come to our next meeting at Lincoln Land Community College May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

Jacksonville Promise is a registered 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit and donations are tax deductible. Please support this organization dedicated to a vital tomorrow for Jacksonville. **Remember that a donation before June 30<sup>th</sup> will be matched by the Tracy Foundation!**

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