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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

CPCF AWARDS OVER 100
SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

**EXCEPTIONAL EQUESTRIANS
UNLIMITED** > SUPPORT TO
REBUILD PARENT VIEWING AREA

**5 QUESTIONS WITH
CPCF BOARD MEMBER**
> COREY LISS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



MARY B. NIELSEN
PRESIDENT

EDUCATION IS THE MOST
POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN
USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

NELSON MANDELA

FORMER PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE

It's that time of year again as students eagerly return to campus. Many are filled with hope and anticipation of advancing their education at their chosen college or university. Because of the generosity of kind-hearted donors, many of these students will have the financial burden of higher education lessened through scholarship funds that have been established at the Foundation.

Starting on page eight, you'll read about the inspiring stories of this year's scholarship recipients. These bright minds are ready to dive deeper into their respective areas of study, setting them on the path to be our next generation of leaders who will shape social and economic change.

But there's more! Turn to page five and you'll learn more about the multitude of projects and programs addressing community needs that are being strengthened through the Foundation's grantmaking initiatives, elevating the quality of life for residents of South Lake County.

From providing life-saving safety equipment to the Cedar Lake Police Department, enhancing the programming for the Cedar Lake Boys and Girls Club, to supporting the rebuild of Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited's barn and riding arena, the impact of these grants is nothing short of transformative.

As you immerse yourself in these uplifting narratives and see the tangible impact of our philanthropic efforts, I hope you'll be inspired to share these stories with a friend to introduce them to our work. Maybe they too have a cause close to their heart, and we at the Foundation are ready to walk alongside them in fulfilling their philanthropic goals. My door, as always, remains open, and I eagerly await the opportunity to discuss potential philanthropic collaborations.

By uniting our efforts, we are forging a brighter, more prosperous future for South Lake County and beyond, both now and for generations to come.

Your unwavering support and partnership mean the world to us, thank you!

Warm regards,

MARY B. NIELSEN



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I FELT PRIVILEGED AND HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT! RECOGNIZING AND AWARDING ALL OF THOSE GREAT KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL AND REWARDING ASPECTS OF BEING INVOLVED WITH THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

DEAN JONES

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

< 2023 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE CONGRATULATED BY CPCF BOARD MEMBERS. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CPCF BOARD MEMBER PAMELA SEAMAN; JACOB NEFF; ALYSSA REMENIUS; CPCF BOARD MEMBERS COREY LISS AND DEAN JONES.



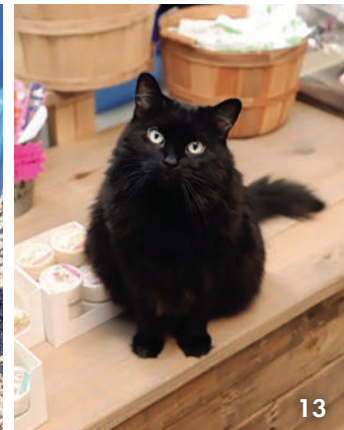
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IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO TOUR EXCEPTIONAL EQUESTRIANS UNLIMITED'S NEW FACILITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER AND THE PEOPLE WHO HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

KATIE SLY

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: VIEWING THE NEW BARN ARE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER; MANDY EWING, LONG-TIME STUDENT RIDER AT EEU; LINDA EWING / ALEXA MURRAY, VOLUNTEER AT EEU; CAITLIN PEROSKY, STUDENT RIDER AND VOLUNTEER AT EEU; STEVEN VIATOR, VOLUNTEER AT EEU / NEW PARENTS' VIEWING ROOM WITHIN THE NEWLY ERRECTED RIDING ARENA.

With your help, a beloved institution has weathered a storm to serve its students again.

A grant for \$5,000 was awarded to Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited by the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited (EEU) is a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding services to special needs children in Northwest Indiana.

Students ride for eight-week sessions in the spring and fall, and participate in other special activities throughout the year. Besides the physical benefits of improving balance, coordination, and self-confidence while directing the horse, the riders and their families also develop deep, living relationships with their horses.

A heavy snowfall in 2021 resulted in the collapse of EEU's riding arena roof. Although no people were in the building and the horses were unharmed, the entire building had to be torn down. Insurance

only covered half of the cost of rebuilding due to the soaring cost of lumber and other supply chain issues. The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to cover the difference of rebuilding the parents' viewing room.

The generous grant extended by CPCF played a pivotal role in procuring the materials to construct the parents' viewing room within the 13,440 square foot newly erected barn and riding arena," said Jeff Perz, EEU Board Member and Treasurer. "This grant was instrumental in helping complete the reconstruction, and to resume the therapeutic horse-riding services."

I LOVE BEING AROUND THE HORSES AND HELPING THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. I STARTED VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THEM RECOVER FROM THE ROOF COLLAPSE, AND IT'S NOW MY HAPPY PLACE. I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT EEU!



CAITLIN PEROSKY
STUDENT RIDER AND VOLUNTEER
AT EXCEPTIONAL EQUESTRIANS UNLIMITED

COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$91,375.00 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE JUNE CYCLE.

Animal Related - \$10,000.00

The Humane Society of Hobart - \$10,000.00

Building humane communities to improve the quality of life of pets and people through sheltering homeless pets, providing resources and services to pet families, and structural support for municipal agencies.

Community Improvement - \$3,640.00

Old Sheriff's House Foundation - \$3,640.00

Complete renovation and restoration of the second floor bathroom while maintaining as many original features as possible.

Economic Development - \$8,600.00

Indiana Plan - \$8,600

Create opportunities for the under-represented, minorities & women in the construction trades by providing basic construction awareness training to prepare them for the apprenticeship application process.

Education - \$4,455.00

Chasing Dreams - \$4,455.00

Summer camp providing educational life experiences to individuals with a disability.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$23,500.00

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana - \$1,000.00

Provide crockpots to food insecure neighbors in South Lake County through the mobile market program.

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana - \$15,000.00

Delivering nutritious meals with a wellness check to primarily low-income seniors and other vulnerable individuals in South Lake County.

Pack Away Hunger - \$7,500.00

Purchase meal ingredients to pack 100,000 meals for food insecure residents of Lake County and engage at least 250 community volunteers.

Health - \$14,280.00

Crown Point Bulldogs Touchdown Club - \$2,000.00

Catapult Monitoring equipment/software to monitor athletes' activity to prevent various health issues.

Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehab Center - \$7,280.00

Provide quality hearing screenings to our littlest Hoosiers who have qualified for First Steps early intervention services due to developmental milestone delays.

MAAC Foundation - \$5,000.00

MAAC's Mental Resiliency for Responders - Supporting mental health and mental health awareness for First Responders.

Human Services - \$10,500.00

Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center - \$5,500.00

Facility improvements to better facilitate the growing needs of students and community outreach programs.

White's Residential & Family Services - \$5,000.00

Provide comprehensive support to foster families and children, including 24/7 staff availability, skill-building activities, and personalized treatment planning.

Public Safety - \$6,000.00

Crown Point Police Department - \$6,000.00

Individual police officer trading cards for community awareness and involvement.

Recreation - \$1,400.00

First United Methodist Church of Lowell - \$1,400.00

Kids Karnival - a free carnival for people in the community.

Youth Development - \$5,000.00

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana - \$5,000.00

Provide quality educational & leadership development services to girls, and support/training for adult leaders in South Lake County.

ProActive Grant - \$4,000.00

City of Crown Point - \$4,000

Support of the 4th of July Parade and performance by the Jesse White Tumblers.

DISTRIBUTIONS FROM UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT FUNDS PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS THE BROAD
NEEDS WITHIN OUR SOUTH LAKE COUNTY
SERVICE AREA OF CROWN POINT, CEDAR LAKE,
LOWELL (TRI-CREEK TOWNSHIPS), AND WINFIELD.

MARY B. NIELSEN
CPCF PRESIDENT



BACK ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT RICHARD SHARPE, CEDAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER; JULIE RIVERA, CEDAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER; WILLIAM T. FISHER, CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE; CARL BRITTINGHAM, CEDAR LAKE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE; CEDAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT CARNAHAN, JOHN FOREMAN, RALPH MILLER, AND NICK RECUPITO. MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER; MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; CEDAR LAKE SUMMERFEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRACY HASKELL, MARY JOAN DICKSON, AND KATHY BROOMHEAD. FRONT ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: OFFICER BENJAMIN KING, CEDAR LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CORPORAL DOUGLAS MACHALK, CEDAR LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CPCF HELPS CEDAR LAKE OFFICERS WITH NEW BALLISTIC SHIELDS

With your help, local officers are better equipped to deal with high risk incidents.

A Crown Point Community Foundation fund for \$2,500 was awarded to the Cedar Lake Police Department.

The Cedar Lake Police Department consists of 23 full-time police officers and two reserves that patrol the Town of Cedar Lake 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cedar Lake is a growing community with an estimated population of 18,000 residents, not including seasonal residents. The population is growing at a rapid pace, largely due to the large exodus from Illinois. One of the challenges

of a growing population is combating criminal activity to keep the community a desirable place to live and work.

After experiencing a high risk standoff for over 30 minutes without the benefit of a ballistic shield, one of the Cedar Lake Police Department's officers recommended the purchase of several shields for the department. The department's two SWAT Operators assisted the officers in looking for the best quality and price for the squads.

"Currently, the Northwest Regional SWAT Team is the only one in our area that has this equipment, and it can take up to 45



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CORPORAL DOUGLAS MACHALK REACHES FOR A BALLISTIC SHIELD / CEDAR LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ALEXIS DILLS AND OFFICER DUSTIN CORBIN PRACTICE WITH THE NEW BALLISTIC SHIELDS / OFFICER BENJAMIN KING / BALLISTIC SHIELD NEXT TO A CEDAR LAKE POLICE VEHICLE.

minutes for them to respond to a scene," said Douglas Machalk, Cedar Lake Police Department Corporal. "The Department observed the need for ballistic shields due to the fact that high risk incidents (including active shooters, armed robbery, armed barricaded persons, and armed suicidal persons) evolve rapidly, making it challenging for a SWAT team to intervene, along with leaving the first responding patrol officers unequipped to handle the situation. The department feels that having this equipment available to its officers will not only increase the response efficiency of our department, but also increase the safety of our officers and citizens."

The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation with additional funding from the Cedar Lake Summerfest organization provided the necessary funds to purchase two ballistic shields for the Cedar Lake Police Department.

"The Cedar Lake Police Department completed training with the ballistic shields that the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to fund," Malchak said. "These shields are issued to our dedicated 'Shield Officers,' and every officer in the department has been

trained to use them if needed. Currently, the shields are out on patrol with the officers."

"The Cedar Lake Police Department is one of the many examples of the great organizations we look forward to helping when a project or equipment improvement is needed," said CPCF Chairman Mike Dexter. "We're honored to be able to help those who might be in need and not have the funding or money set aside in their budgets to allow them to upgrade or replace specific items. All of our grants are a great example of how our community of individuals working together and gifting money creates a legacy in their name or anonymously that will be perpetual for decades to come."

OUR OFFICERS ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO
HAVE THE BALLISTIC SHIELDS FOR PROTECTION
DURING CRITICAL INCIDENTS. THANK YOU
CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WILLIAM T. FISHER
CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE

2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



ALYSSA REMENIUS AND JACOB NEFF WERE AWARDED THE 2023 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS - SHOWN WITH MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (ON RIGHT) AND KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER (ON LEFT).

Graduating high school students and adult learners who plan on pursuing higher education were given some additional financial assistance this year from the Crown Point Community Foundation. The Foundation awarded 118 scholarships totaling over \$456,000 including eight awarded by Crown Point Tri Kappa (6 High School, 2 Adult Learner).

"I felt privileged and honored to be a part of the Scholarship Awards Night," said CPCF Board Member Dean Jones. "Recognizing and awarding all of those great kids and their families is one of the fundamental and rewarding aspects of being involved with the Crown Point Community Foundation."

The scholarships were made available through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and its scholarship funds. "The Dean and Barbara White Scholarship means the world to me," said Jacob Neff, Dean and Barbara White Scholarship recipient. "I am so

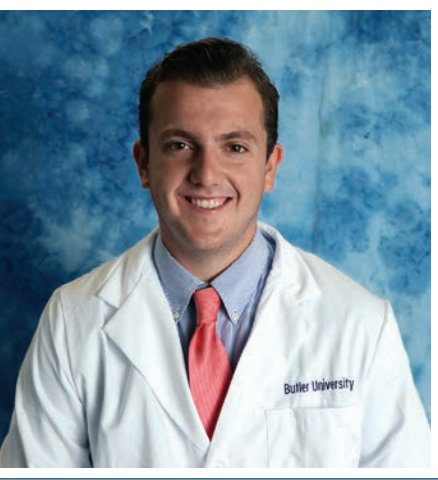
blessed to have been chosen to receive this scholarship. This opportunity will open the doors to many new possibilities and will truly allow me to embrace the fullest college experience."

Many scholarship funds are established with the purpose of honoring or memorializing an individual or family member. "It's inspiring to live in a community that supports its youth with such enthusiasm," said CPCF Board Member Pamela Seaman. Each year, the scholarship committee reviews applications, interviews students and selects the recipients.

"I believe it is a wonderful thing for members of the community to set up scholarships for students," said Alyssa Remenius, Dean and Barbara White Scholarship recipient. "Going to college is terrifying when it comes to the financial aspect. It is wonderful to know that the members of my community believe in me and my fellow classmates enough to invest in our education."

THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Scholarship	Name of Recipient	Amount
Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Scholarship	Emily Phillips	\$ 5,000
Alfred J Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium	Connor Bouton	\$ 1,250
American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship	Rosalie Degenhart	\$ 1,150



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THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP I HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST 5 SCHOOL YEARS AND I WILL NEVER TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT. I AM GOING INTO MY 6TH AND FINAL YEAR OF PHARMACY SCHOOL AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

BEN WESLEY
JOE AND ANNETTE ALLEGRETTI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



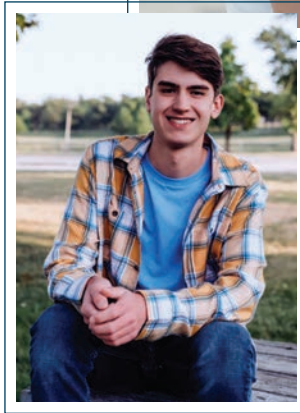
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THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP ME BY PROVIDING MOTIVATION AND COURAGE TO STAY COMMITTED AND DEDICATED TO MY ACADEMIC PURSUITS. IT ALSO INSTILLS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN ME TO WORK HARD FOR SUCCESS.

CHARLOTTE ANNES
CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND TRI KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



NORIANN GUBBINS, CANDACE LYNN WALTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER PAMELA SEAMAN.



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I AM HONORED TO RECEIVE THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE ST. MARY'S WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MY CHILDHOOD, AND I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF BEING PART OF ST. MARY'S.

DOMINIC RUND
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Scholarship

- Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship
- Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Dr. James W. Gentleman Memorial Scholarship
- Dwight Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Gail and Gil Stiener Scholarship
- George Letz III Memorial Scholarship
- Helen Zielinski and Ray Stuck Family Scholarship
- Isabelle Melchor Memorial Scholarship
- Jerry Caravana Athletic Director Senior Scholarship
- Jerry Caravana Athletic Director Senior Scholarship
- JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship
- Joe and Annette Allegretti Scholarship
- John C. Moos Memorial Scholarship
- John D. Amodeo Scholarship
- John D. Amodeo Scholarship
- Karen and Cornel Raab Scholarship
- Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship
- Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship
- Kathy, Russ and Jim Keller Memorial Scholarship
- Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship
- L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship
- Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship
- LaMere Family Andean Scholarship
- Lisa Schaefer Stover Memorial Scholarship
- Liss CARSTAR Scholarship
- Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Scholarship
- Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Scholarship
- Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship

Name of Recipient

- Jeramiah Arona
- Olivia Helmuth
- Alexandria Byrne
- Andrew Goldthorpe
- Eleni Naumoski
- Alexander Emmanoilidis
- Kyra Mallory
- Audrey Macek
- Michael Drohosky
- Cody Fischl
- Emily Phillips
- Zachary Byers
- Ben Wesley
- Alexandra Baron
- Ashley Dyrkacz
- Harris Proudman
- Isabella Bikoff
- Christopher Gloff
- Kathryn Mumaugh
- Anna Gardiner
- Ryleigh Crawford
- Erin Doyle
- Camdyn Gliem
- Hailey Baehler
- Aidan Conley
- Jenna Schroader
- Kylie Cole
- Anna Suppes
- Kennedy Crampton

Amount

- \$ 3,000
- \$ 3,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 500
- \$ 2,950
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,200
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- \$ 1,000
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,875
- \$ 1,875
- \$ 675
- \$ 2,000
- \$ 700
- \$ 500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,550
- \$ 1,500
- \$ 3,040 per yr for 4 yrs.
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,000



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 THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL ALLOW ME TO REMAIN LESS WORRIED ABOUT HOW I AM ABLE TO AFFORD THIS QUALITY EDUCATION AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON THE ACTUAL SCHOOLING AND CONTINUING TO GET GOOD GRADES AND GAIN EVEN MORE KNOWLEDGE.

ANDREW DYBA
 CROWN POINT SWIM CLUB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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 I AM THRILLED TO BE THE CHOSEN RECIPIENT OF THE ROBERT "BOB" BROWN SCHOLARSHIP AS I FEEL IT IS

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MY HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO ACHIEVING MY DREAM OF BECOMING A DOCTOR SOMEDAY.

THERESE CUNANAN

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND THE ROBERT "BOB" BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



DONALD AND PHYLLIS ROSS PURDUE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS JERAMIAH ARONA AND OLIVIA HELMUTH WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER CHRISANNE CHRIST.



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 THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE SOLON ROBINSON PTO, AND SOLON IS WHERE MY PASSION FOR LEARNING BEGAN.

CORRINE FERRELL

SOLON ROBINSON ELEMENTARY PTO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Scholarship

- Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship
- Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
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- Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Millicent and Forrest Everett Scholarship
- Paul and Dorothea Everett Scholarship
- Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship
- Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship
- Pettit Family Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship
- Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Memorial Scholarship
- Robert "Bob" Brown Scholarship
- Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
- Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
- Russ Keller Family Scholarship
- Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship
- St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship
- St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship
- Tim Galusha Memorial Scholarship
- Timothy Ball Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Tiny Knesek Bohling and Karla Stiener Memorial Scholarship
- Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship
- Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship

Name of Recipient

Name of Recipient	Amount
Charlie Koeppen	\$ 750
Lorenzo Pintado	\$ 1,200
Vanessa Del Real	\$ 1,000
Rowan Eaton	\$ 1,000
MacKenzie Kummelehne	\$ 1,000
Regan Leader	\$ 1,000
Michael Wright	\$ 1,000
Anna Gardiner	\$ 675
Ella Curiel	\$ 1,750
Trent Hurysz	\$ 2,500
Aaron John	\$ 2,500
Jackson Ruess	\$ 2,500
Trent Hurysz	\$ 925
Therese Cunanan	\$ 500
Addison Poulter	\$ 1,150
Sydney Reissman	\$ 1,150
Connor Bouton	\$ 2,000
Veda Donofrio	\$ 500
Corrine Ferrell	\$ 500
Dominic Rund	\$ 1,000
Lauren Serrano	\$ 1,000
Kade Honickel	\$ 3,200
Alexandra Bajmakovich	\$ 500 per yr for 4 yrs.
Lydia Bir	\$ 925
Cydney Drousius	\$ 575
Ryan York	\$ 575
Charlotte Annes	\$ 1,000
McKinley Cowser	\$ 1,000
Shane Dorsey	\$ 1,000



ANNA SUPPES, VIRGIL PLACE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER DEAN JONES.



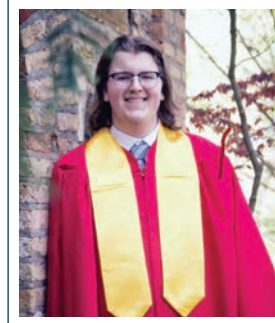
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RECEIVING THESE SCHOLARSHIPS HAS HELPED ME TO SHOW MY CHILDREN AND MY COMMUNITY THAT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AND FURTHERING YOUR CAREER, IS NEVER UNATTAINABLE AT ANY AGE. IT SOLIDIFIES MY CHOICES AND PROVES THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON.

JESSICA BAKER, ADULT LEARNER
DOROTHY DILLMAN MAX SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND TRI KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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I AM TRULY HONORED TO BE CHOSEN FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP. I AM SO GLAD THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT REALLY BELIEVE THAT I CAN SUCCEED IN PURSUING MY PASSION TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN.

AIDAN CONLEY
BARNEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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I CAN'T BE GRATEFUL ENOUGH FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. IT FEELS LIKE EVERYTHING I'VE DONE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS IS FINALLY PAYING OFF AND IT FEELS GREAT. I CAN'T WAIT FOR COLLEGE AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS ONLY MADE ME MORE EXCITED.

LUCAS JOHNSON
BARNEY'S HUB BOOTERY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Scholarship

- Tri Kappa Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship
- Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
- Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
- Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
- Virgil Place Scholarship
- Walter Bernacki Memorial Scholarship
- Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship
- Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship
- William G. and Phyllis M. Fatch Memorial Scholarship
- Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Youche Country Club Scholarship
- Zondor Family Scholarship

Adult Learner Scholarships

- Alvin & Kathryn Schmidt Scholarship
- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
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- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
- Dorothy Dillman Max Scholarship
- McMichael Family Scholarship
- Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship - Sue Crisman Memorial Scholarship
- Tri Kappa Scholarship - Women's Giving Circle
- Women's Giving Circle Scholarship

Name of Recipient

	Amount
Hannah Flewelling	\$ 1,000
Andrew Holbrook	\$ 1,000
Holden Paskis	\$ 1,000
Anna Gardiner	\$ 750
Riley Johnson	\$ 750
Jacob Miller	\$ 750
Anna Suppes	\$ 3,200 per yr for 4 yrs.
Lorenzo Pintado	\$ 500
Riley Johnson	\$ 1,000
Jacob Miller	\$ 1,000
Jayden Dusseau	\$ 550
Victoria Blachut	\$ 1,000
Helena Grafton	\$ 1,000
Brooke Reading	\$ 500
Mary Elizabeth Sanders	\$ 1,600

Name of Recipient

	Amount
Alicia Savoy	\$ 575
Alayna Brown	\$ 1,000
Madison Donofrio	\$ 1,000
Sarah Herbert	\$ 1,000
Alexis Liapes	\$ 1,000
Ashley McGarr	\$ 1,000
Josh Mitchell	\$ 1,000
Brooke Nack	\$ 1,000
Jessica Baker	\$ 2,500
Kathleen Stompor	\$ 1,250
Alejandra Gonzalez	\$ 1,000
Jessica Baker	\$ 1,000
Brooke Nack	\$ 1,000
Ashley McGarr	\$ 1,000



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CHRISANNE CHRIST WITH AN ADORABLE KITTEN THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED / CAT ENJOYING THE COMFORTABLE SEATING AREA / CATS IN THEIR OPEN SPACE / PICTURED FROM LEFT: KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER; CHRISANNE CHRIST, CPCF EX OFFICIO; MICHELLE DUCA, FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT FELINE COMMUNITY NETWORK; MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; ASHLEE DUCA, OFFICE MANAGER AT FELINE COMMUNITY NETWORK / A RESCUED CAT THAT RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

Chrisanne Christ has always had a soft spot for animals in need.

As the outgoing Chairman of the Crown Point Community Foundation, Chrisanne had the opportunity to choose a recipient of a \$1,000 CPCF grant. She awarded it to the Feline Community Network, a feline rescue and rehabilitation center in Hobart.

"It was so wonderful to receive this generous grant to pay forward to a worthy organization," Chrisanne said. "I chose the Feline Community Network for the love and care they show to cats in our communities. I was so impressed with the compassionate work they do when I met them at our Volunteer Fair! Thank you for this opportunity!"

The Feline Community Network (FCN) works to ensure the well-being of companion cats by providing medical care and rehabilitation services to stray felines in need. Many of their cats come from shelters and animal control agencies that, by necessity or policies, must euthanize. FCN is committed to promoting the cat-human bond while cultivating relationships with local animal control agencies, humane societies, other rescue organizations, and our local community.

We are immensely grateful to the Crown Point Community Foundation for their invaluable grant, which will act as a powerful catalyst for our mission," said Michelle Duca, Founder/Executive Director of Feline Community Network. "With this generous support, we can continue to provide essential care, unwavering support, and boundless love to the cats in our community. This grant empowers us to make a profound and lasting difference in their lives, ensuring their well-being and happiness for years to come. Together, with the Crown Point Community Foundation, we will create a brighter future for our beloved feline companions."

FCN's New Address:
1001 W. 37th Ave, Hobart, IN.
For more information,
visit www.felinecommunitynetwork.org.



MEMORIALS

MARCH 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2023

Sue Bayer

Matt & Sandy Bapple

Wilbert E. Buth

Eugene & Linda Matzat

Donald & Theresa Cowan

Joseph & Lori Amodeo

Joel E. Ebert

Thomas Elder & Susan Driscoll Elder

Dick Garretson

Marti, Chris & Bethany Garretson

Mary (Babe)

Gregory-Geimer

The Sramek Family

Mary Geimer

Joseph & Lori Amodeo

Anonymous

Matt & Sandy Bapple

Beth Pyne

Richard "Dick" Gordon

Myrene Gordon

Grace Jean Henderson

Katherine Dluzak

Robert & Reba Eich

Maggie Jamrose

Mark & Susan Koza

David & Darlene McMichael

John McMichael

Joyce Middleton

Mark & Karen Mitcheltree

Joe & Jane Nerney

Faye Platt

Brian Popp, Laszlo & Popp, PC

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John & Sue Simko

Donna & Joe Heuer

Paula Keller

Jim & Betty McDonald

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Robert & Pamela McDonald

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Bob & Gwen Eriks

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Becky Szuba

Jack Pettit

Jessica Pettit Albaugh

Chip & Karin Pettit

Imogene Pilarski

Jeanne VanSlyke-Huddleston

Lisa Schaefer Stover

Gerald & April Schaefer

Lisa Schaefer Stover's

Birthday

Kenneth & Rita Backe

Richard "Terry" VanSlyke

Jeanne VanSlyke-Huddleston

Robert Remington

VanSlyke Sr

Jeanne VanSlyke-Huddleston

Marie VanSlyke-Bean

Jeanne VanSlyke-Huddleston

Barbara Wahls Seaman

Pamela & John Seaman

Dean White's Birthday

Craig White

CROWN POINT STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On May 23, the Crown Point Community Foundation was one of six Crown Point organizations that was honored for having been in business for over 25 years. As Crown Point Mayor Pete Land said, "The work of the Foundation has positively impacted countless lives in the South Lake County community over the past 32 years and is proud to call Crown Point home."

Mayor Land and the CPCF awarded \$500 checks for college to CP students Samantha West and Ethan Flaherty in honor of their outstanding community service hours. Samantha had 389 hours, while Ethan had 400.



PHOTOS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CPCF AND MAYOR PETE LAND / MAYOR PETE LAND; ETHAN FLAHERTY; MARY NIELSEN; AND DAVE BENSON, CROWN POINT CITY CLERK-TREASURER / MAYOR PETE LAND, SAMANTHA WEST; MARY NIELSEN; AND DAVE BENSON.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT / MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER SHARE SMILES WITH CLUB MEMBERS / THE NEWLY INSTALLED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

With your help, local children have another place to play.

A CPCF grant for \$7,500 was awarded to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana provides a safe, supportive environment for kids in Northwest Indiana to spend their out-of-school time. They offer outcome-based youth programming to nearly 10,000 youth in Lake and Porter counties.

Cedar Lake Boys & Girls Clubs is one of the longest-standing Clubs, serving kids in southern Lake County since 1969. While the Cedar Lake location has a large field for playing team games like kickball and tag, it did not have playground equipment. The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to pay for the purchase and installation of a playground at the Cedar Lake site.

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana's partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation for the past decade and a half continuously exemplifies the power of collaboration,"

said Ashley Luptak, Director of Philanthropy at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. "It underscores the community's dedication to meeting the daily needs of our youth, offering a secure, unique space for their growth and enjoyment here in Cedar Lake.

For more information, please visit www.bgcgreaterwi.org.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER
NORTHWEST INDIANA**

THE PLAYGROUND HAS BEEN A TERRIFIC ADDITION TO OUR CLUB. OUR MEMBERS HAVE ENJOYED THE PLAYGROUND FROM THE DAY IT WAS FINISHED AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FAR INTO THE FUTURE.

DAN WELCH
CEDAR LAKE CLUB DIRECTOR
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NWI

DONATIONS

MARCH 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2023

A

Mary Ann Abraham
Lynn Almaguer
AmazonSmile Foundation
Thomas & Kathryn Anderson
Dave & Gail Andre
Linda & Greg Armstrong

B

Frank Baccino
Irene Bairaktaris
Mark & Lindsay Bates
Kelly Bermes
Bierman Property Management,
Brett Bierman
Bethany Borgo
Indira & Gary Brigham
David Bryan
Richard & Debra Bryan
Zack Bryan

C

Vasko & Michele Cacovski
Juliana Caffarini
Neil Callahan
City of Crown Point,
Mayor Pete Land
Cloudbusters Inc.
Ryan & Linda Collier
Commercial In-Sites, LLC.
Margaret Coulehan
Crown Point Cal Ripken Youth Baseball
Crown Point Lions Club, Inc.
Crown Point Rotary Club
Crown Rentals, Inc.
Joseph & Gayle Czarnik

D

D & L Wood Products, Inc.
Zachary & Jordan DeFries
Suzanne Demmond
Mike & Karen Dexter
Eric & Robin Dillon
Raymond & Donna Doherty
Chad Duffy & H. Barrett Fromme
Michelle Duffy
Dan & Alison Duncan

F

Shirley Forney-Bates
Scott & Maureen Foster
Patrick Fotia & Charlotte OShea
Paul Fotia
Franciscan Alliance
Fraternal Order of Eagles Cedar Lake
Aerie #2529

G

Christopher & Monice Gall
Larry & Pamela Gardner
Jeffrey & Pamela Govert

H

Keith & Lori Hanaway
Crystal Harrigan-Barry
Thomas & Marcia Haverstock
Carole S Hiltman
Jeffrey & Diane Hess
Anna Holem
Chuck & Darlene Hopp
Dixie Hruska
James Hutton
Innovative Energy,
Jonathon Hagerbome

J

Eric & Tara Johnston
Dean & Sara Jones

K

Judith Kaleta
Marilyn & Lester Kaper
Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc.,
Gamma Theta Chapter
Brett Keeler
Paula Keller
Mary Kelliher
Dawn Kepshire
Melissa Kerr

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Judith Lazar
Steve & Kathy Lessner
Likas Limited
Corey & Charlotte Liss

Tom & Kathy Liss
Minas Elias & Stasia Litos
Robert & Karen Lynn

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Majestic Care-St. Anthony Home
John Manis,
Manis CPA Services/Manis Accounting
David & Darlene McMichael
Richard & Kathleen Merritt
Darryl & Pat Miller

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Allan & Sally Nalbor
Network for Good
NWI IV Drip Spa LLC

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Brian Olenik,
48 Hour Pools

P

Dale Packard
Jeff & Julie Pape
Positive Solutions,
Andrea Kelliher

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Refax, Inc
Riversedge Management,
William Rathjen
Florence Roen
Scott & Renee Roen
Susan Roen
Daniel & Carol Root

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Bridget Schroeder
Pamela & John Seaman
Peg Shaffer
Robert & Diana Shannon
Vic & Jewell Sheldon
Signature Realty,
Brenda Versnel
Small Web Solutions,
Jackie Webster
Thomas & Kari Smith

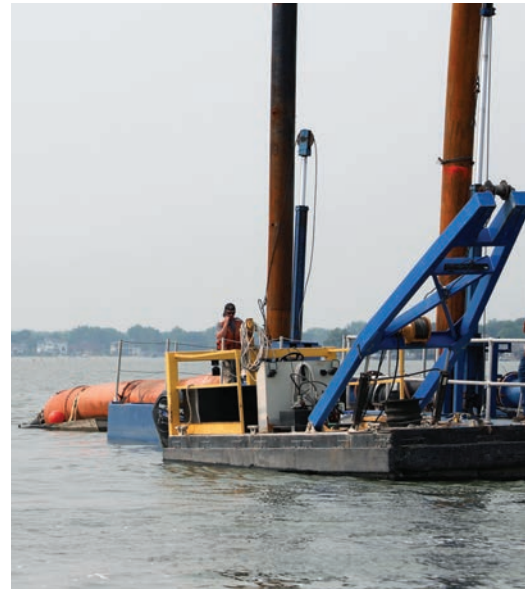
Mark & Deborah Snedden
Tammie & Philip Sopczak
Carolann Stewart
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Tax Techniques,
Cathy Cooper
David & Lori Taylor
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Brett Thompson
Megan Thornberry
Mary Tracy-MacAulay
Tri-Creek Education Foundation, Inc.

V
John & Barbara VanRamshorst
Alda Vellutini
William & Bonnie Vinovich

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Jeremy Michael Walker
Melissa Walley
Cyndi & Timothy Walsh,
Walsh Advisors Inc.
Ronda Waters
Dale & Terri Williams
Wipeco Inc.
Suzann Wright

Y
Youche Country Club



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BOOSTER PUMP LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF CEDAR LAKE TO HELP PUSH THE SEDIMENT AND WATER FROM THE DREDGE BARGE ON THE NORTH END OF THE LAKE TO THE 2ND BOOSTER PUMP LOCATED ON LAND AT PINE CREST MARINA / DREDGE BARGE LOCATED AT THE NORTH END OF CEDAR LAKE, DREDGING ZONE ONE / CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN JOINS CEDAR LAKE ENHANCEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BOB GROSS, CEDAR LAKE TOWN MANAGER CHRIS SALATAS, CEDAR LAKE POLICE CHIEF BILL FISHER, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ON A TOUR TO SEE THE MACHINERY.

CEDAR LAKE DREDGING UPDATE

In 2021, the Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Cedar Lake Enhancement Association for its Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The project addresses the important need to dredge to reduce decades of sediment that has contaminated the lake, and the long-term maintenance and continued care of the lake. When completed, this ecological restoration project to repair the lake and restore its native fish and plant habitat, will be an improved recreational attraction to residents and guests alike.

"As of August 22, 2023, Dredge America has reported that 165,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils have been removed from the lake," said Bob Gross, President of the Cedar Lake Enhancement Association. "Recently, Dredge America and Christopher B. Burke Engineering have started to release the water back into the lake. Testing results on the released water have been very positive showing highly improved water quality. We are extremely happy with the performance of the dewatering facility that was built last year for this project. Currently, Dredge America is slightly ahead of schedule on their three year contract."

THANK YOU, CPCF, FOR INCREASING THE AMOUNT
OF MONEY DONATED TO THE TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE
TO OFFSET THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH
THE DREDGING OF CEDAR LAKE.

BOB GROSS

PRESIDENT OF THE CEDAR LAKE
ENHANCEMENT ASSOCIATION





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FOODBANK OF NWI:
Centier Bank Associates volunteered at the NWI Foodbank to help pack boxes for those in need.

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HONORARIUMS

MARCH 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2023

Alice Burrell
Keith & Mary Nielsen

Faye Platt's Birthday
Thomas & Laura Bertagnolli
Mark Platt

Dan Duncan,
Community Volunteer

Thomas Platt & Uta Rehm

Peoples Bank,
Ben Bochnowski

Martha "Marty" Wheeler
Kara Graper

SUMMER LEARNING LIFTOFF

The Challenger Learning Center NWI (CLCNWI) is a favorite destination for kids throughout the area. When students walk into the Challenger Learning Center, they are transported to a cutting-edge Mission Control room and a high-tech Space Station simulator that offers a unique and engaging way to learn STEM skills.

The CPCF awarded CLCNWI a \$5,000 grant for their summer STEM enrichment opportunities, which provided programs to over 1,500 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

"My son is a self-proclaimed science nerd," said one summer camper's parent. "He loves everything about science. The Challenger STEM camp has broadened his science knowledge and opened his mind to new ways science is used. He leaves home each morning excited and when I pick him up, he is non-stop talking about everything he experienced during his day."



MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION VISITS WITH SUMMER CAMPERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE END OF SUMMER COOKOUT CELEBRATION.



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Five Questions for Corey Liss

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2ND VICE CHAIR, GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Corey Liss was born and raised in Crown Point. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University. He always wanted to join the family business, CARSTAR Liss Auto Body, and did so immediately after graduating college. Corey is the third generation in the family business that is celebrating 77 years in Crown Point this year. After his father Tom retired, Corey purchased CARSTAR Liss Auto Body's second location in Schererville in 2017.

Corey and his wife Charlotte are celebrating their tenth anniversary this year with his three stepsons and five grandchildren. He has been involved with the CPCF for many years as his father also sat on the Board. He and Charlotte also award a scholarship through their CPCF fund. Corey is an active member and past president of the Crown Point Rotary Club and sits on the advisory board for the Southlake YMCA.

1. What attracted you to the Crown Point Community Foundation?

I love to help other people and our community in general. I was honored to be asked to join the Board of the Foundation. This is such a great organization that does so much to better our community. It is truly amazing!

2. What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy spending time with family and friends at Bass Lake boating, fishing, and skiing. I also like numerous outdoor activities such as horseback riding and waterfowl hunting. I also enjoy participating in various volunteer opportunities through Rotary and several other organizations in the area.

3. What are you most proud of?

Successfully continuing on our family business as the third generation. Many businesses fail at the second so I am proud that I was taught well by my father to be able to continue on the tradition.

4. What's the last book you read?

John Grisham *The Judge's List*. I like his writing. It is easy to read and entertaining.

5. What do you do in your spare time?

My wife and I love to use our animals to help other people. Our dog Knox is Therapy Dog International certified so we are able to have him visit numerous places such as the hospital and nursing homes. We also have two horses that we enjoy taking to various places such as St. Jude House and Therapeutic Riding Centers.




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Please JOIN US in supporting our local students! EVERY dollar counts, and EVERY dollar becomes more powerful when we give together. IT'S EASY TO GIVE! Just mail your check today in the envelope provided in this newsletter, or simply donate online at: thecpcf.org/donate.html

Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, November 28, 2023



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Community Partners are local companies or individuals who join forces with the Crown Point Community Foundation to promote and expand philanthropy, address community issues, and develop nonprofit excellence.



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