



Welcome, **Mary B. Nielsen!**



The Crown Point Community Foundation is thrilled to announce Mary B. Nielsen, recently chosen as Pat Huber's successor as President of the Foundation.

She is responsible in providing professional leadership and assistance to the officers and Board of Directors in making the foundation an effective, viable organization; overseeing the growth and development of the Foundation. Mary brings to this position more than 27 years of impressive business leadership experience, a strong history of community and industry involvement, and a great desire to carry out the mission of the CPCF; improving the quality of life of all who live in South Lake County.

Mary previously served in leadership positions within the Burrell Professional Labs network, including Director of Business Development and Director of Marketing & Sales. She also served as the Director of Marketing & Merchandising for the 22 Chicagoland area Papa Murphy's Take 'N Bake Pizza operations. Mary has served in volunteer and board positions for St. Jude House, Bethel Church, Lake County Animal Control, Crown Point Schools, Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities, area Chambers of Commerce, Association of Professional Color Imagers and the Professional Marketing Association International.

Mary is a graduate of Crown Point High School and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Consumer Psychology from the University of South Florida, Tampa. She lives in Crown Point with her husband Keith, and daughters Kirsten and Kaelin. In her free time, Mary likes to spend time with family and friends, being outdoors, playing golf, bike riding, and anything water related.

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The Community Foundation is pleased to announce two new members to the Board of Directors!



Chrisanne Christ

Jamie Ricci

Chrisanne Christ has worked at Centier for the past 21 years overseeing the special associates and culture at the bank through the Human Resources Development division. Chrisanne has also served in leadership capacities within the NWI Society for Human Resource Management. She also serves on various committees and PTAs within the Crown Point Community Schools, First Presbyterian Church of CP, Purdue Northwest, and is a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy. She also volunteers for Meals on Wheels. She currently resides in Winfield Township with her husband Mark, and two children, Nicholas and Callista.

Jamie Ricci is the Director of Supply Chain for the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), which is a part of NiSource. At NIPSCO, Jamie leads the Electric Supply Chain group in the procurement of equipment, materials and services for the electric transmission and distribution systems as well as the electric generation facilities. Jamie holds a BS degree in Business and majored in Accounting from Indiana University. She is also a Certified Purchasing Manager as well as a Six Sigma Green Belt. She is a member of the Women's International Network of Utility Professionals and is the STEM chair for NIPSCO. Jamie is also a member of American Association of Blacks in Energy, Institute for Supply Management, and participates as a corporate member of WBENC. She currently resides in Winfield Township with her husband Dean, and sons Nicholas and Nathaniel.

Donate today to help local first responders!



- John and JoAnne Birdzell created the Honor Fund to forever support Crown Point emergency responders.
- The CPCF is providing \$10,000 in matching funds to grow the Honor Fund.
- Gifts of any size will be matched \$0.50 on the \$1

Make a gift today to the Honor Fund!

Donor Spotlight: Joe & Annette



The Joe and Annette Allegretti Scholarship Fund was created in 2005. Their fund provides scholarships to a Crown Point resident, graduating senior, attending Butler University. Since 2005, twelve students received scholarships.

Additional Scholarships Awarded in 2016

Omitted from the **Summer Newsletter**

John Amodeo Scholarship

Mark Henry \$1,000

Joe & Annette Allegretti Scholarship

Ashley Jones \$1,000

LaMere Family Scholarship

Adam Nieman \$1,000

Mike Brown Jr. Scholarships

Andrea Kutemeier \$1,000

Benjamin Waisnora \$1,000

Todd Szanyi Scholarships

Brooke Sterkowitz \$500

Trenton Fanta \$500

Need money for college?

Apply for scholarships online starting January 17th at thecpcf.org



Crown Point Rotary partnering with the Crown Point Community Foundation presents Imagination Library

What is it?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children ages birth to five who are residents of Crown Point School District.

What are my responsibilities?

- Be a legal resident of Crown Point School District.
- Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian. (Form must be approved and on file with Crown Point Rotary Club.)
- Notify Crown Point Rotary Club any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form.
- Read with your child.

To learn more, visit crownpointrotary.org

BIG IDEAS lead to BIG IMPACT!



Launched in January, the new Big Idea Big Impact grant initiative asked non-profit organizations to DREAM BIG and discuss what they would do if they had \$100,000 to impact their programs. The CPCF asked for projects that ranged from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Forty-six non-profits applied. Below are the recipients of the Big Idea Big Impact grants.

Crown Point Community Library & Friends of the Adult Learning Center: \$76,000

Relocate Crown Point Adult Learning Center to a dedicated location at the Crown Point Community Library main branch. The library will purchase a utility van to enhance outreach services, improve response time to access materials between branches and expand library presence at community events.

Crown Point Community School Corp: \$32,000

Institute an early literacy program called Birth-to-School that targets preschool children and their families.

Unrestricted Community Grants: September Cycle

- Best Buddies Indiana \$1,000**
support the Best Buddies program at CPHS
- Cedar Lake Historical Association \$4,250**
assist with repair/ADA compliance of a public restroom and window repair
- Cedar Lake Ministries \$2,500**
assist with restoring the Monon Dance Pavillion flooring, foundation and support infrastructure
- Cedar Lake Police Department \$1,100**
partial funding for Noptic Thermal Imaging Camera to mount on patrol cars
- Col. John Wheeler Middle School PTA \$750**
assist with purchasing stadium chairs to sell at school events
- CPCSC/Lake Street Robotics \$2,550**
assist in funding to begin a Robotics program at Lake Street Elementary School
- CPCSC/MacRobotics \$2,550**
help sustain robotics program for 16/17 school year
- Crown Point Christian Village \$20,000**
assist in purchasing a new passenger van with wheelchair lift
- Face to Face Fine Art, Inc. \$1,200**
obtain financing to complete additional portraits for members of the community who have lost a loved one to sudden, tragic death to aid in their grieving process.
- First Presbyterian Church CPCF will match funds raised up to \$13,221**
configure sanctuary lighting functionality and energy efficiency
- Habitat for Humanity \$4,092**
assist in purchasing awning for the ReStore

- Hanover Jr. Wildcat Football, Inc. \$2,000**
assist with the purchase of new helmets
- Honor Flight Chicago Corp. \$2,600**
to honor America’s senior war heroes by flying them to Washington DC to tour the memorials in their honor
- K of C St. Elizabeth Ann Seton \$2,000**
cover the cost of bike parts to enable the K of C’s to collect used bikes and refurbish for needy families and organizations
- Lake County Historical Society \$3,500**
fund additional hours for cataloging and partial funding of a large format scanner
- Lake Region Christian Assembly CPCF will match funds raised up to \$4,227**
help make Camp LRCA a safer place by securing the border along the edge of the new development
- Old Sheriff’s House Foundation \$5,000**
fund structural reinforcement of former east jail addition to expand public use of the building
- Project Love Food Pantry \$15,000**
assist in building a new replacement food pantry with an opportunity center
- St. Matthias Catholic Church \$2,600**
support the health and wellness ministry
- Town of Winfield \$3,978**
purchase equipment to be able to offer Movies in the Park and other events for residents and visitors of Winfield
- Girls on the Run \$2,500**
support Girls on the Run program for South Lake County



NEW INITIATIVE!
CEDAR LAKE
COMMUNITY FUND

The kickoff was a great success for the Cedar Lake Community Fund. Members of the Cedar Lake Advisory Team and the CPCF presented this new opportunity to 130 guests. Over \$33,000 was generated the night of the August event! The Cedar Lake Endowment Fund will forever support Cedar Lake projects and programs.

Donate today at thecpcf.org to the Cedar Lake Community Fund. Gifts of any size will be matched \$1 for \$1!

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This \$1 for \$1 matching opportunity is available due to the generosity of the group of citizens who believe in the future of Cedar Lake.

- Anonymous
- Burke Engineering
- Strack and Van Til
- Schilling Brothers Lumber
- Richard Henn
- William Austgen
- Kubal Family
- The Schutz Family Living Trust
- John & Terry Schutz
- Bob & Cindy Gross
- Bob, Michael & Sally Gross
- In Memory of Bob & Marilyn Gross
- John & Deborah Lotton
- Robert & Rachael Phillipe
- Terrance M. & Susan L. Adams
- Bill & Karen Kuhn
- Frank & Patricia Brongiel
- Charlie & Marilyn Kaper
- Mike Conn, Sandbar Grill
- Gloria J. Schroeder



Gifts in Memory of Dean V. White September 15 - October 19, 2016

Trish Alt
Liam Brown & Dave Grissen,
The Americas, Marriott International
Thomas and Kathryn Anderson
AppleREIT Family
ARareWorld
Greg and Linda Armstrong
John and Ann Ayers
Matthew and Sandy Bapple
Mark and Lindsay Bates
Carl and MaryAnn Bodenhofer
Gerald Caravana
Fred and Katherine Chariton
Michael and Carrie Curatolo
The Dempersmier Family
Michael and Karen Dexter
John and Louise Diederich
John and Tammy Dobrez,
Dober Chemical Corporation
Carol Drasga
The Etkin Foundation, Mr. Bruce Etkin
Etkin Johnson Real Estate Partners,
Mr. David L. Johnson
Fair Oaks Farms
Arthur and Georgette Fairchild
Edward and Carol Ferguson
Mrs. Terri Fleming & Family
Albert and Suzanne Friedman
Gregory and Diane Gordon
Antonio and Sabrina Gracias
Russell and Joyce Greenblatt
Kenneth Griffin
Pete and Susan Grubnich
Jim Hall and Judy Weerts Hall
Steven and Becky Handler
Bryan and Beth Hayes
Steve and Anne Hobbs

Hoepfner Wagner & Evans, LLP
House of Bianco Beauty Concepts &
Day Spa, Mr. Robert Bianco
Patricia Huber
The Hunt Corporation
Mark Hoplamazian, Steve Haggerty,
Jim Chu and the Hyatt Family
IceMiller, LLP, Tim Ochs, Phil Bayt,
Lacy Johnson and the late Zeff Weiss
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association
Marc and Vanessa Jacobs
DJ Rama family and JHM Hotels
JLL Hotels & Hospitality Group
Charlie Cooper & Lee Sperling,
JP Morgan Private Bank
JRB Properties, LLC, John and Ann Barney
Dennis and Patricia Kackos
Herb Kamin & family
Kimball International
Barbara Klassen
Koch Development Corporation
Don and Karen Lang
Latin School of Chicago Board of Trustees
and Randall Dunn, Head of School
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Markey's Rental & Staging
The J. Willard and Alice S.
Marriott Foundation
Bill and Sherri McComb
Bruce and Doris McKee
Robert and Rita Meacham
Richard and Martha Melman
Darryl and Pat Miller
David and Lisa Miniati
P. Scott Bening, MonoSol LLC

John and JoAnn Birdzell
Shirley Nassau and daughters:
Jan, Christy, Amy and Gayle
National Material L.P.,
The Michael Tang Family
Daryl and Sondra Nickel
Joyce Phipps Nutt
Jim and Ashley Oberweis
Tina Bengs & Rick Samson,
Ogletree Deakins
Charlene Olson
Pacers Sports & Entertainment,
Herbert Simon and Jim Morris
Phyllis Peterman
David and Karen Piercy
Margo Powers
Daniel and Nancy Pratt
Jeffrey and Diane Reimer
Aaron Reimer, USMMA Alum
Peter and Robin Roberts
Pat and Lydia Ryan
Leon and Nancy Sanchez
David Sanzari/Alfred Sanzari Enterprises
Gary Schahet
Joan Scully
Lisa Simeone and Gina Deary of
Simeone Deary Design Group
James and Sara Star
Gilbert and Gail Stiener
Rudolf and Nancy Sutton
John and Diana Terlato
James and Lillian Thomas
US Bank Commercial Real Estate
Len Wolman, Mark Wolman, Rob Winchester &
Associates of Waterford Group
Weglarz Company
Michael Wells

Mr. White’s commitment
to community
and philanthropy is an
example for us all.

Memorials & Honorariums: July 29th - October 19, 2016

Gordon Bates on his Birthday
Shirley Forney-Bates

Peter “Big Pete” Briggs
140.6 Investments, LLC., Mr. Jay Miller
Ronald and Denise Babcock
Daniel and Susan Biggs
Randall and Candice Bostian
Susan Bristow
Donna Collins
Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana
Hodges and Davis P.C.
Patricia Kruse
Edward and Jenifer Levine
Tom and Val Lozanoski
Meridian Title Corporation
Joan Parducci
Dorothy Sewnig

Betty Jane Buth
Eugene and Linda Matzat

Wilbert E. Buth
Eugene and Linda Matzat

Irmgard Claussen
John and JoAnn Birdzell
Raymond and Carol Bucur
Jean Ann Johnston
Martin and Angie Kinney
Third Thursday Bridge Ladies
Tuesday Morning Bridge Ladies

Patrick & Daniel Doherty
Raymond and Donna Doherty

Henry Gazdziak
Matthew and Sandy Bapple

Glenn Gintert
Bobbie Gintert

Marvin Graves
Roland Wise and Vera Corning

Bob & Marilyn Gross
Robert and Cynthia Gross
Michael and Sally Gross

Barbara (Fuchs) Gutierrez
Roland Wise and Vera Corning

Sharon James
Crossroads YMCA
Southlake, Griffith, Hammond, Whiting

Smelia Cairns
Gerald Caravana
Michael and Karen Dexter
Cuney and Francie Kaiser
George and Gloria Pyle

Kathy, Russ & Jim Keller
Joseph and Donna Heuer

Edward Kirk
Marge Kerr

James Kish Sr.
Gerald Caravana

Herbert Kleine
Dan and Vicky Klein

Joe Klotz
Richard and Carole Yancey

Lawrence “Larry” Nowak
Ismail and Sawsan Abbasi
Joseph and Lori Amodeo
Matthew and Sandy Bapple
Mark and Lindsay Bates
Tom and Margaret Cunningham
IMGL & Fort Wayne Athletics
Gail Moore
Norma Voss

Joyce Powers
Tim and Nancy Collins

Joan Rettig
Anonymous
Dan and Vicky Klein
Faye Platt

Raymond “Ray” Richards
John and Louise Diederich
Veronica Tanner and Clarence Cunningham

Louise Rose Riddle
Gerald Caravana

Lawrence Rouge
Terese Rouge

William “Bill” Scott
Maxie Scott

Arnold “Dutch” Steuer
John and Sandra Besse

Karla Stiener
Alethea Backensto
John and Sandra Besse
John and JoAnn Birdzell
Raymond and Carol Bucur
Gerald Caravana
Hazel Gardin
BJ and Kay Hubbard
Karla’s Bridge Club friends
Larry and Leslie Kiefer
Thomas and Karen Pavel
Faye Platt

Tim and Peggy Sendak
Gilbert and Gail Stiener
Doris Wagonblast

Alice Usher
Cuney and Francie Kaiser

Jim Wilson
BJ and Kay Hubbard

In Honor

Bernice Anderson’s Birthday
Michael Anderson
Greg and Joan Scott

Dr. John P. Birdzell’s Birthday
John and JoAnn Birdzell

Joanne Kosac Gruber’s Birthday
Joan Brasa
James and Helen Casamassa
Billy and Elaine Edwards
Wayne Gruber
Ron and Noreen Kamminga
James and Lorraine Keilman
Barbara Kubiak
William and Judith Lueder
Edward and Shelly McGuire
John and Mary Ann Oresik
Sandra Stevens
Coco Venturin
Robert and Helen Vincent
Rex and Kimberly White
Mary Ann Wilczynski
Ingrid Wilkerson
Don, Julie and Alexis Woodburn

Robert Heikema’s Birthday
John and Terry Schutz

Marilyn & Charlie Kaper
Ron and Deb Simko

Kathie Rosdil’s Retirement
Garry and Debra Ciochina
Jennifer Ciochina

Barbara White’s Birthday
Craig White

We have a new website!
Visit **thecpcf.org**



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