GIVING AND GROWING
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
CREATING A BETTER FUTURE IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY
2016 marked another year of giving and growing for the Crown Point Community Foundation.

We launched our Big Idea Big Impact initiative with grants to the Crown Point Community Library and the Crown Point Community School Corporation. These “super-sized” grants began with a challenge to the community to think big, and these two organizations did just that. We were happy to help them realize their goals of making a Big Impact in the community.

2016 also saw the departure of longtime CPCF President Patricia Huber. We thank Pat for her 17 years of service and the many positive contributions she made both to the community and to the CPCF. The Foundation is in good hands with Pat’s successor, Mary Nielsen. Mary has a long track record of success in business as well as extensive involvement in local nonprofits. She has many big ideas of her own on how to keep the CPCF giving and growing.

In this report, we also spotlight many of our grant recipients. We believe that each one of them is richly deserving and that the tangible results of your generosity shows the grace and power of giving. It is the mission of the Crown Point Community Foundation to enrich the quality of life in Crown Point and surrounding South Lake County. And with your help, we will continue to grow and to impact even more lives in our wonderful, diverse communities.

As always, your contributions of both time and treasure help to make all of this possible.

Our sincere thanks,
WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.

Winston Churchill
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
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NISOURCE

DANIEL ROOT

DICK SAUERMAN  
NEW BUFFALO SAVINGS BANK
The Crown Point Community Foundation achieves its philanthropic mission with a small, dedicated staff under the direction of its President. After 17 years of service, Pat Huber stepped down as President and was succeeded by Mary B. Nielsen. Mary brings more than 27 years of business leadership and community involvement. She previously served in management positions in the Burrell Professional Labs network and the Chicagoland Papa Murphy’s operations. Her past and current volunteer and board positions include St. Jude House, Bethel Church, Lake County Animal Control, Crown Point Schools, Meals on Wheels and Catholic Charities.
SUPPORTING PHILANTHROPY IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Our vision is to serve as a well-managed agent for giving and receiving. The Crown Point Community Foundation will help to positively shape the future of the community and act as a facilitator of community good.

DO WHAT YOU CAN, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU ARE.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

ABOUT THE CPCF

The Crown Point Community Foundation connects people who care to causes that matter. Since 1990, we have served the citizens of Crown Point and South Lake County through a range of charitable and civic activities, while helping individual donors achieve their philanthropic goals. As a public charitable organization, the CPCF is dedicated to building permanently endowed funds. A 19 member volunteer board of directors, composed of local leaders, oversees the investment of these pooled funds. These endowments then fund the distribution of grants to worthy causes each year. The Crown Point Community Foundation administers over 340 funds and has assets totaling over 24 million dollars.

Get Gifts

Individuals, groups and businesses create an endowment (permanent fund) at the CPCF.

Grow Gifts

The endowments are invested by the CPCF and its Board of Directors.

Give Gifts

Grants are awarded in specified cycles throughout the year. Grants are given both to causes which were specified by donors and to those that are selected by the CPCF grant committee.
Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. summarized financial information year ended December 31, 2016.

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Complete financial statements with accompanying footnotes issued by Blue & Co., LLC are available for inspection at the Crown Point Community Foundation’s office.
BIG IDEA BIG IMPACT

Launched in January 2016, the Big Idea Big Impact grant initiative asked non-profit organizations to DREAM BIG and share 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. After reviewing the requests, the CPCF awarded their first Big Idea grants to the Crown Point Community Library and the Crown Point Community School Corporation.

The Crown Point Community Library received a $76,000 Big Idea grant to help fund The James C. Conlon Community Literacy Center (CCLC,) which opened January 23rd.

The purpose of the CCLC is to provide life-changing programs for patrons needing help in developing their personal literacy skills. The room will be used by the Crown Point Adult Learning Center. The Learning Center offers free programs that prepare students to successfully complete the High School Equivalency exam, formerly the GED, by providing concentrated and focused instruction. In addition, the Learning Center offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and brush up skills training for basic reading, writing, and math.

The Learning Center is already experiencing a huge increase in their visits of new students since its move to the CCLC.

“Collaboration was one of the key goals the CPCF Board of Directors were hoping to see formulate between nonprofits throughout the BIG IDEA grant process,” said Linda Armstrong, CPCF 1st Vice Chair.

The library’s grant also included assistance for the Outreach to the Community and Underserved Populations Mobile Library. The grant provided funding for a utility van to enhance outreach library services for the Crown Point and Winfield locations. Another facet of the outreach service is to provide “Books in a Box” for day cares, senior centers and other facilities, making books and library resources available to all.

THE BIG IDEA BIG IMPACT GRANT HELPS US TO IMPROVE OUR REACH, OUR SERVICES, AND OUR VALUE TO THE CROWN POINT AND WINFIELD COMMUNITY.

SELINA GOMEZ-BELOZ
DIRECTOR, CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
The Crown Point Community School Corporation received a $32,000 Big Idea grant in able to launch its Birth to School Reading Program. The program’s goal is to provide educational guidance and programming to parents and caregivers for their children’s first five years, which are crucial to their academic success.

The Birth to School Reading Program will include an outreach program to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of preschool education and the resources that are available to them. A suite of educational modules will be developed that will be accessible to children throughout the Crown Point Community School Corporation. These programs will include digital learning activities, online books and, if needed, age-appropriate devices to support learning for every family with children ages 0-5 in the community.

The Bid Idea grant will also support an Outreach Coordinator who will act as a liaison for the Birth to School Reading Program.

"Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the Crown Point School Corporation and for going 'above and beyond' to help us remain 'Schools of Choice in a Community of Character,'" said Dr. Teresa A. Eineman, Crown Point School Corporation’s Superintendent of Schools. "I appreciate your efforts and am confident that, collectively, we will continue to exceed the many high expectations of the future."

The Crown Point Community Foundation wishes to thank all of the non-profits who submitted proposals for our Big Idea grants as well as the generosity of our donors.

"Grants are made possible because of our donors who entrust the Foundation to allocate those dollars," said Ben Ballou, CPCF 2nd Vice Chair.

I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND AM CONFIDENT THAT, COLLECTIVELY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXCEED THE MANY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE FUTURE.

DR. TERESA A. EINEMAN
CROWN POINT SCHOOL CORPORATION'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds are created by donors who want to support community causes and entrust the CPCF to allocate those funds to causes with the greatest need.

Alex & Ila Magiera Fund
Art Hill Ford/Lincoln Mercury/Carroll Chevrolet Fund
Bates Family Unrestricted Fund
Benjamin T. & Angela J. Ballou Fund
Big Idea Big Impact Grant Fund
Bill & Betty Kennedy Family Fund
BJ & Kay Hubbard Fund
Bob & Bernice Anderson Fund
Cedar Lake Community Fund
Clayton Dyer Root Fund
Community Endowment Fund
CPCF Board of Directors Fund
Crown Point Community Foundation Fund
Daniel Reinhardt Root & Carol McInerney Root Fund
Darryl & Patricia Miller Fund
David & Helen Batusic Fund
Dean & Barbara White Fund
Dexter Family Fund
Dolores E. White Fund
Don & Joyce Carnahan Fund
Donald & Joyce Huber Family Fund
Donald & Theresa Cowan Family Fund
Edwin & Catherine Huber Family Fund
First Financial Bank Fund
G.W. Gintert Family Fund
Geisen Family Fund
Gordon & Nina Bates Fund
Greg & Nancy Forsythe Christian Giving Fund
Hilary & Margaret Raab Fund
Howard Wise Fund
Jack & Diane Kemp Fund
Jeff & Linda Bryner Fund
Jim & Betty McDonald Fund
Jim & Kim Larsen Fund
Jimmy & Marian Hooseline Family Trust
John & Ann Barney Fund
John Dockus Fund
Jon & Cindy Harts Family Fund
Joseph K. Beckman Fund
Joseph L. & Mariel C. Costin Family Fund
Karen & Cornel Raab Fund
Lawrence R. Rouge Family Fund
Marge & Hugo Breuckman Fund
Marie Van Slyke-Bean Fund
Mary & David Root Fund
Michael & Sherron Pampalone Fund
"Otto" Richard Fifield Memorial Fund
Richard & Laura Sauerman Fund
Richard J. & Gwendolyn L. Buehler Fund
Robert & Joyce Nutt Fund
Schroeder Family Fund
Theodore L. & Tennessee E. Sendak Family Fund
Thomas H. Durant Fund
Tom & Kathy Liss Fund
Violet & Irvin Guritz Fund
Wellman Family Fund
White Family Fund
William & Maxie Scott Fund
William G. & Phyllis M. Fatch Fund
Distributions from the unrestricted funds provide grants to non-profit organizations having a positive impact on the community.

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UNRESTRICTED CEDAR LAKE FUNDS

Generous donors contributed toward an initial match fund. The fund was used to match gifts made to the Cedar Lake Community Funds. Half of the dollars raised are endowed and the other half is awarded as grants to Cedar Lake charitable organizations.

TOTAL GIFTS TO THE CEDAR LAKE MATCH FUND $102,400

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance M. Adams $ 2,000
Anonymous Gift $ 12,400
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brongiel $ 1,000
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. $ 10,000
CPCF Unrestricted Grant Making $ 18,000
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gross $ 5,000
Mr. Richard Henn $ 10,000
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kaper $ 1,000
Kubal’s Holiday, Inc./Holiday Liquors $ 5,000
Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhn $ 2,000
Mr. and Mrs. John Lotton $ 2,500
Lowell Concrete Products, Inc. $ 5,000
Mr. Robert Phillipe $ 2,500
Sandbar Grill $ 500
Schilling Bros. Lumber Co. $ 10,000
Ms. Gloria J. Schroeder $ 500
Mr. and Mrs. John Schutz $ 5,000
SVT, LLC / Strack & VanTil $10,000

UNRESTRICTED CEDAR LAKE GRANTS: $9,250

Cedar Lake Historical Association $ 4,250
Cedar Lake Metropolitan Police Department $ 2,500
Cedar Lake Ministries $ 2,500

DEAN & BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Dean and Barbara White Scholarship is an eight semester scholarship. It was founded in 2007 as a birthday gift from Dean and Barbara White’s children in honor of their parents and their commitment to education and the community. The scholarship covers tuition, room and board, and book fees. The recipient is required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average at an Indiana state supported university or college.

Pictured are the 2016 Dean and Barbara White scholarship recipients: Savannah Schuljak and Nathan Hanlon.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to specify a particular field (such as recreation, the arts, or the elderly) without limiting grants to any one organization serving that field.

Community Literacy Endowment Fund $ 2,500
The Honor Fund —
Dan & Vicky Klein Endowment Fund
Reinvested

Grants
Grants
Grants
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship Funds are created by donors to invest in students’ futures. Some scholarships help students from a particular school or area; others provide financial assistance to those pursuing a specific field of study; still others assist students most in need.

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### OPERATING SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS

It is the mission of the CPCF to enable donors to give back to our community by establishing various types of funds. We offer these services through a small but efficient staff and a business plan that maximizes efficiencies while reducing cost. Operating Sustainability Funds support the day-to-day operations of the CPCF.

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CPCF GRANTS AT WORK

PACK AWAY HUNGER

With your help, over 18,500 meals were provided to those who needed them most. Pack Away Hunger used a CPCF grant to purchase food supplies for packing and distribution. These nutritious, easy-to-make meals helped stock food pantries in NW Indiana.

“We were able to empower hundreds of volunteers of all ages to come together and help package, then distribute, a highly nutritious meal to people in their community,” said Chris Osborne, Director of Information Technology, Pack Away Hunger. “We hope that by providing a nutritious alternative to some of the other food they might eat on a regular basis, the recipients will become healthier, more attentive in school, and able to be more active.”

HANOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

With your help, Hanover Community School Corp. transformed its libraries. A CPCF grant added new technology, furniture, and reading material to their four media centers. Now the formerly quiet libraries have become lively “Makerspaces,” encouraging students to collaborate, learn and explore. “We have had positive publicity and comments on the changes made in the media centers,” said Mary Tracy-MacAulay, Hanover School Curriculum Director. “It has created a desire to make the library an area that is a place of activity and engagement, not a place that is quiet and stagnant.”
FRANCISCAN ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

With your help, families learned about preventing childhood injuries. The Franciscan Alliance Foundation used a CPCF grant to co-sponsor Safe Kids Day. The event used fun activities to educate children and parents on topics including car seat, bicycle and fire safety.

“Northwest Indiana Safe Kids Day 2016 is the most significant and widely attended event since the founding of Safe Kids Northwest Indiana,” said Tony Englert, Executive Director of Franciscan Alliance Foundation. “We are all so very grateful for your support.”

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NWI AND CHICAGOLAND

With your help, the Down Syndrome Association of NWI found the recipe for success. A CPCF grant funded a “Cooking Up Kitchen” center in the DSA’s new Highland facility. There, a fully-functioning kitchen serves as both a meeting space and an educational center, where individuals with disabilities can work on their math, reading and life skills through a structured cooking club.

“This grant has had a powerful positive impact on the individuals, businesses, local unions and organizations who came together to make this building possible,” said Christine Longo, Director of Grant Development, Down Syndrome Association of NWI. “We have provided the community with a beautiful, functional space that enriches the lives of our membership and the community as a whole.”
**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

Donor Advised Funds allow the donor to make recommendations for their charitable choices. Each year the Foundation notifies the donor of their distribution amount. The donor then recommends the grant distributions.

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CPCF GRANTS AT WORK

With your help, Crown Point Christian Village residents can travel throughout the community. A CPCF grant helped fund the purchase of a 24-passenger bus with a wheelchair lift. The bus enables residents to remain active and engaged in Crown Point and its surrounding communities. For many years, residents who live at Crown Point Christian Village worked, shopped and invested their resources in Crown Point and the surrounding communities. They still have a strong desire and need to be actively engaged. The ability to depend upon safe and comfortable transportation provides residents with a sense of independence, community and adventure.

“Our residents have been truly blessed by CPCF and donors supporting the purchase of the bus,” said Executive Director Amy Maurice. "Since it has resident-friendly features, more residents will be able to attend events and outings."

CROWN POINT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

"Society is stronger and older adults are healthier when they remain engaged in community life."

JEFF HILLS
VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT
TAFT AND WHEELER MIDDLE SCHOOLS

With your help, students at Taft and Wheeler Middle Schools spent a day in space. Two CPCF grants allowed sixth grade students from both schools to make a field trip to the Challenge Learning Center. There, they learned about science and technology as they participated in a simulated space mission aimed at promoting STEM careers.

“It’s critical that our students and future workforce have opportunities to imagine their futures and begin thinking about their place in the highly scientific and technological future that awaits us,” said Samantha Polus, Taft Middle School teacher. “Whether it’s a trip to Mars or the science behind researching solutions to global environmental issues, these students are an important part of how the future plays out.”

NWI SYMPHONY SOCIETY, INC.

With your help, the Northwest Indiana Symphony offers classical music close to home. A CPCF grant supported three concert performances held at Bethel Church. These performances have helped the Symphony grow its audience and bring classical music to a new generation that may not have encountered it otherwise.

“Although the traditional audience for classical music has been dwindling throughout the country, at the Northwest Indiana Symphony we are experiencing a momentum that has been building in spite of the national trend of shrinking attendance for live performances,” said John Cain, Executive Director of the Northwest Indiana Symphony. “The Symphony provides something that the community can point to with pride.”
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With your help, nearly 300 children receive free books when they need them the most. The Crown Point Rotary used a CPCF grant to expand their Imagination Library program. Imagination Library provides free books to children in need every month from birth to age five, supporting early childhood literacy and a lifelong love of reading.

“In the past several years, the CPCF has focused much attention on literacy projects,” said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation President Elect. “It takes only $25.70 a year to provide one child a book each month.”

SOUTH SHORE ARTS

With your help, artists of every age have been given their own canvas. CPCF’s grant to South Shore Arts supports classes, exhibits and special events, as well as scholarship classes for low-income students. South Shore Arts’ Crown Point branch has been vital to their mission of creating and strengthening connections among our culturally rich communities.

“These programs have made the arts accessible to children, youth and senior citizens, helping to replace some of the arts programs that have been eliminated in the local schools and providing opportunities for life-long learning,” said John Cain, Executive Director of South Shore Arts. “We continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the Crown Point Community Foundation!”
CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL ROBODOGS

With your help, the Crown Point High School RoboDogs team built a better robot. A CPCF grant helped the RoboDogs buy parts for their project, allowing them to reach the state competition for the first time since their inception. Along the way, RoboDogs shared their work at the Crown Point library and the Museum of Science and Industry.

“Besides the exposure to hands-on engineering, science, math and technology, these students learn to work together as a team to get a real, tangible result,” said Donna Pace, Crown Point RoboDogs sponsor. “This program fosters well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence and communication.”

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

With your help, children in Leroy have a park to call their own. The CPCF matched funds donated by local businesses, government and individuals, enabling the town to purchase new playground equipment. This play area was built on land that Leroy acquired, giving the town its first park.

“Leroy is a small community within my Township. All other areas within Winfield Township have parks and this one didn’t,” said Paulette Skinner, Winfield Township Trustee. “The park is a quality of life issue.”
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Nothing can ever replace the loss of a friend or loved one, but we can commemorate their life with an everlasting tribute reminding us that they are not forgotten. A memorial donation is a fitting way to remember a special person while at the same time helping others.

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