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CREATING A BETTER FUTURE
IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY



EVERY FUND TELLS A STORY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT

Dear Friends...

Every Fund Tells A Story

There is a certain irony to being a community foundation. For the uninitiated, the Crown Point Community Foundation sounds like a decorous, financial repository – which of course, we are. But thanks to the passions of our fund holders, we are so much more – we are a hub for generous individuals, families, businesses and other nonprofit organizations to turn their assets into action.

Amazing things happen when you give. You can create positive change in your community. With every passing year we see new evidence of this positive change in the communities we serve. The Foundation fills a unique role where we are guardians of philanthropic donations, endowment funds and grant making.

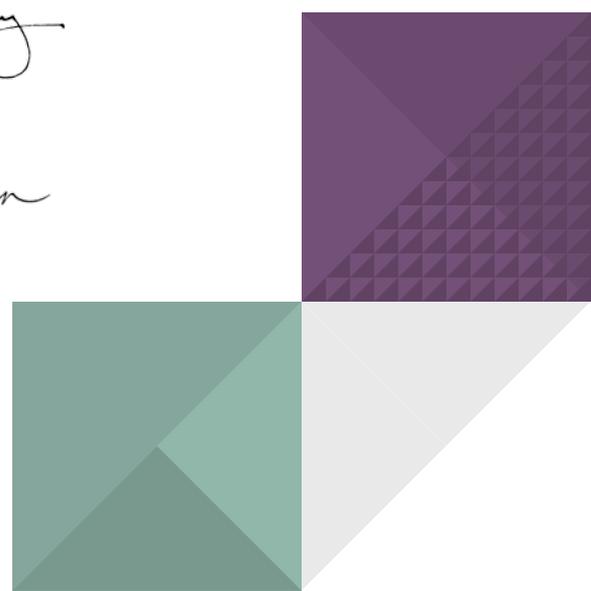
Within this report, we have highlighted just a few of the many ways we partner with donors. Despite their many different goals, the actions of our more than 340 fund holders share a unique quality - the fervent desire to support the communities and causes they love. That's why every fund tells a story:

- **Meeting Needs...** see our grant recipients in action on page 5, 28, 29, 32, and 33.
- **Hometown Pride...** see what Greg & Nancy Forsythe did for their community on page 9.

- **Personal Growth...** see how Virgil A. Place is inspiring students to dream big on page 13.
- **Preserving History...** see how Merritt Buckley helps the Grand Old Lady on page 15.
- **Honored...** see how Army Specialist AJ Roach, Jr's generosity is remembered on page 17.
- **Providing the Tools...** see why John & Ann Barney support the work of the Foundation on page 18.
- **Expanding Care...** see how innovation can help prevent vision loss in premature infants on page 20.

In 2017, with your help, the Foundation continued its role in guardianship by investing and growing the assets while promoting the health of the community with over \$1.3 million awarded in grants and scholarships. We are partners with public safety, arts and culture, economic development, social services, recreation, youth development, animal services, housing & shelter, and so much more.

We are honored and humbled to work alongside the charitable donors who are making such a difference and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Most importantly, thank you for letting us be your partner in philanthropy, *now and forever.*

LINDA ARMSTRONG
MARY B. NIELSEN



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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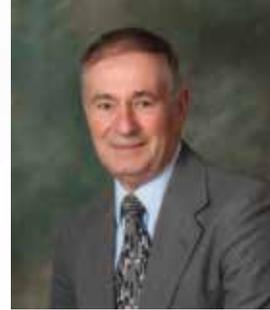
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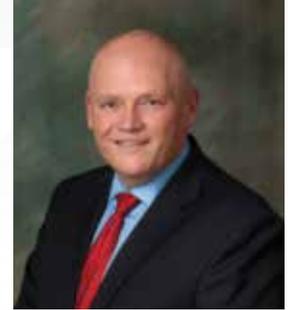
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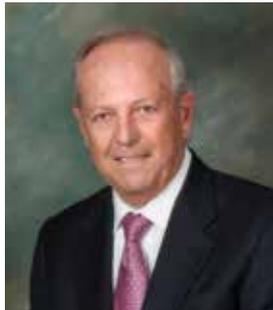


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THE GREATEST USE OF A LIFE
IS TO SPEND IT FOR SOMETHING WHICH OUTLASTS IT.

WILLIAM JAMES

SUPPORTING PHILANTHROPY IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

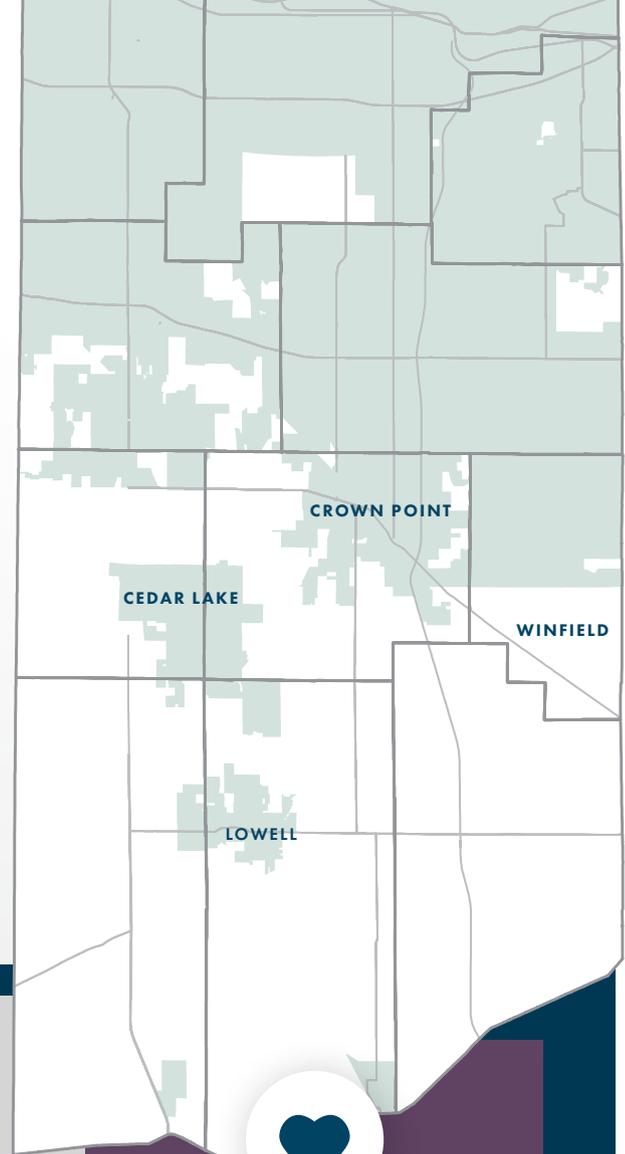
Our vision is to serve as a well-managed agent for giving and receiving. The Crown Point Community Foundation will help to positively shape the future of the community and act as a facilitator of community good.

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

HELEN KELLER

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 26 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.



WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS IN LAKE COUNTY.

NATALIE SEIBERT
STATE DIRECTOR, BEST BUDDIES INDIANA



Thanks to your generosity, students with disabilities were able to find a friend.

A \$1,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to Best Buddies. Best Buddies is the world's largest nonprofit organization that provides social opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The Best Buddies program at Crown Point High School pairs non-disabled student volunteers (peer buddies) in mutually enriching one-to-one friendships with students with IDD (buddies.)

Interacting socially with others can be one of the greatest sources of joy and satisfaction in our lives, yet people with IDD continue to face isolation and exclusion from mainstream society. Best Buddies friendship programs cross the invisible line that divides our society, and combats the social isolation faced by people with IDD. Best Buddies also works to develop leadership skills for Crown Point students with and

without IDD. The grant from the CPCF helped Best Buddies to directly impact the lives of 38 students with and without IDD by matching them in a one-to-one friendship. An additional 197 students participated in chapter activities.

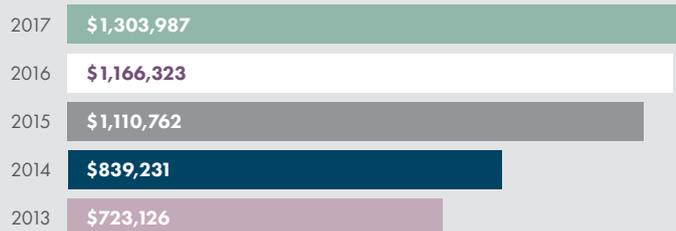
“By providing training to students with and without IDD, Best Buddies cultivates an awareness of the importance of inclusion of people with IDD,” said Natalie Siebert, State Director of Best Buddies International. “Many of our chapter members will become leaders in the private sector, and will hold decision-making roles in which they will shape our communities. They will become CEOs of companies that will hire a person with a disability, landlords that will rent an apartment to a person with a disability, principals and teachers that will ensure full integration in the school system, doctors and nurses that will treat people with disabilities with respect when healing them, and policy makers that will lobby for the rights of people with disabilities. Perhaps even more importantly, we are training students with IDD to be more autonomous, and to advocate for themselves and other young people with disabilities.”

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past 27 years, Foundation assets have grown steadily thanks to new funds being established, additional gifts to existing funds, and the investment returns earned on our investable assets. More than 38% of our assets are Unrestricted Community Funds for grantmaking – which enables us to support our nonprofit partners in their civic and philanthropic leadership initiatives. We have also been fortunate to acquire significant assets for Designated Funds, meaning fundholders identified causes close to their heart that receive funding year-after-year.

**IN 2017, WE AWARDED MORE THAN \$1.3 MILLION IN GRANTS,
AN INCREASE OF OVER 80% FROM FIVE SHORT YEARS AGO.**

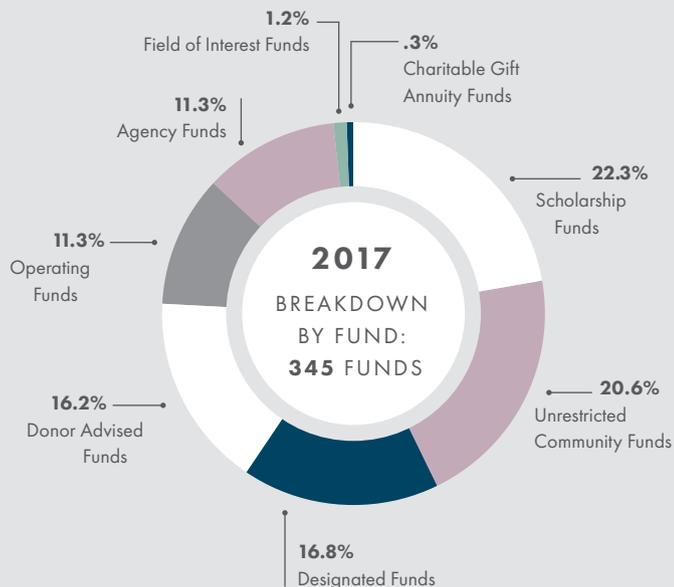
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED



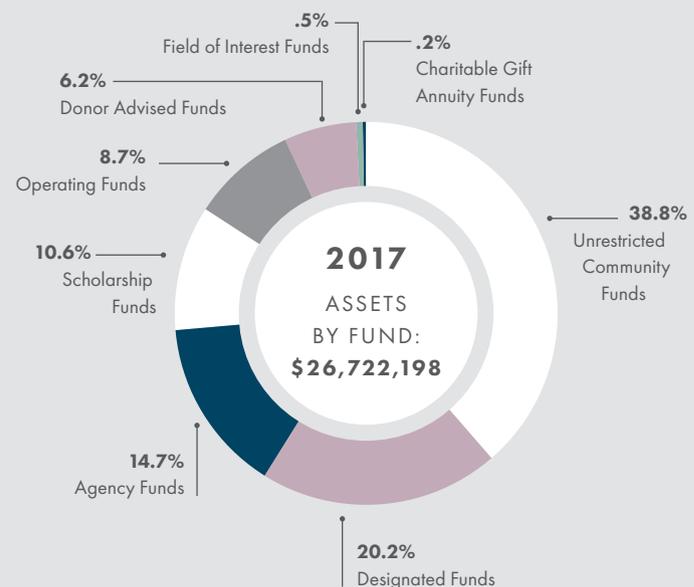
NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED



Breakdown by Fund Type: 345 funds under management as of 12-31-17.



Assets by Fund Type: \$26,722,198 as of 12-31-17.



FINANCIALS

Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. summarized financial information
year ended December 31, 2017.

Total Assets: \$ 26,722,198

Liabilities and Fund Balance:

Agency funds 2,300,545

Endowment/pass-through funds 24,421,653

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance: \$ 26,722,198

Revenue:

Contributions and grants received 536,045

Investment return 3,353,062

Operating endowment revenue 237,983

Total Revenue \$ 4,127,090

Expense:

Grants paid to the community 807,387

Administrative fee expense 215,220

Operating expenses 431,488

Total Expense \$ 1,454,095

Change in Net Asset \$ 2,672,995

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

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

Alex and Ila Magiera Endowment Fund
Art Hill Ford/Lincoln Mercury/Carroll Chevrolet Endowment Fund
Bates Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Benjamin T. and Angela J. Ballou Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Bill and Betty Kennedy Family Endowment Fund
BJ and Kay Hubbard Endowment Fund
Bob and Bernice Anderson Endowment Fund
Cedar Lake Community Endowment Fund
Clayton Dyer Root Endowment Fund
Community Endowment Fund
CPCF Board of Directors Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Crown Point Community Foundation Fund
Daniel Reinhardt Root and Carol McInerney Root Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Darryl and Patricia Miller Endowment Fund
David and Helen Batusic Unrestricted Fund
Dean and Barbara White Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Dexter Family Endowment Fund
Dolores E. White Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Don and Joyce Carnahan Endowment Fund
Donald and Joyce Huber Family Endowment Fund
Donald and Theresa Cowan Family Fund
Edwin and Catherine Huber Family Endowment Fund
First Financial Bank Endowment Fund
G.W. Gintert Family Fund
Geisen Family Endowment Fund
Gordon and Nina Bates Endowment Fund
Greg and Nancy Forsythe Christian Giving Fund
Hilary and Margaret Raab Fund
Howard Wise Endowment Fund
Jack and Diane Kemp Endowment Fund
Jeff and Linda Bryner Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Jim and Betty McDonald Endowment Fund
Jim and Kim Larsen Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Jimmy and Marian Hooseline Family Trust
Joe and Marian Jollief Unrestricted Endowment (New Fund)
John and Ann Barney Unrestricted Endowment Fund
John Dockus Unrestricted Endowment Fund

Jon and Cindy Harts Family Endowment Fund
Joseph K. Beckman Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Joseph L. and Maribel C. Costin Family Endowment Fund
Karen and Cornel Raab Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Lawrence R. Rouge Family Endowment Fund
Marge and Hugo Breuckman Fund
Marie Van Slyke Bean Endowment Fund
Mary and David Root Endowment Fund
Michael and Sherron Pampalone Endowment Fund
Otto Richard Fifield Memorial Endowment Fund
Richard and Laura Sauermaun Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Richard J. and Gwendolyn L. Buehler Endowment Fund
Robert and Joyce Nutt Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Russell C. Westphal Family Memorial Fund
Schroeder Family Fund
Theodore L. and Tennessee E. Sendak Family Endowment Fund
Thomas H. Durant Endowment Fund
Tom and Kathy Liss Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Violet and Irvin Guritz Endowment Fund
Wellman Family Endowment Fund
White Family Fund
William and Maxie Scott Endowment Fund
William G. and Phyllis M. Fatch Fund

THE FLEXIBILITY ALLOWED BY THE UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
ENABLES THE FOUNDATION TO RESPOND TO UNEXPECTED
OPPORTUNITIES, CREATIVE PROPOSALS AND UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES
WITHIN OUR SOUTH LAKE COUNTY SERVICE AREA OF
CROWN POINT, CEDAR LAKE, LOWELL AND WINFIELD.

MARY B. NIELSEN
CPCF PRESIDENT

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND HIGHLIGHT

Greg and Nancy Forsythe
Christian Giving Fund



GREG AND NANCY FORSYTHE

Greg and Nancy Forsythe are life-long Crown Point residents with deep ties to the community.

"Nancy's great-great grandfather founded Trinity Lutheran Church, and her father developed Briarwood subdivision and donated the land for Sauerman Woods Park and Hub Pool," said Greg Forsythe, Board Member of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "My father was Crown Point's Mayor from 1984 to 1992, served on the city council for nine years, and was involved in many organizations around town. Both of our families taught us the importance of having a strong faith, a thankful spirit, and being generous toward others."

The Crown Point Community Foundation proved to be an ideal match for the Forsythe's values. About 15 years ago, they established the Greg and Nancy Forsythe Christian Giving Fund. The Forsythe's fund is an example of an Unrestricted Endowment Fund for Community Grants, which means that the Foundation decides each year where the fund's distribution dollars can be most impactful. "We believe the Foundation knows more about local needs than we do, both today and long after we're gone," Greg said.

The Greg and Nancy Forsythe Christian Giving Fund has also benefited from having additional donations added to the original endowment. Any existing fund at the CPCF can have donations added to them, whether by the fund's founders or by any donor who would like to contribute.

"As we have continued to be blessed financially, we have regularly added to our fund," Greg said. "These gifts and the Foundation's strong investment performance have grown

our endowment fund to the point that its yearly distribution is almost as large as our original contribution!"

To learn more about establishing an Unrestricted Endowment Fund for Community Grants or adding to an existing fund, please visit thecpcf.org.

WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION AND TO UTILIZE ITS SERVICES SO THAT ITS SERVICE AREA CAN CONTINUE BEING SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, LIVE, AND RAISE A FAMILY.

GREG FORSYTHE

CPCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE GREG AND NANCY FORSYTHE CHRISTIAN GIVING FUND

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED **\$351,577.40**

Distributions from the Unrestricted Endowment Funds provide grants to nonprofit organizations within the following categories to address the broad needs in the community.

Animal Related - \$3,200.00

Cats of St. Francis Rescue
Lake County Fairgrounds
Power Paws for Kids, Inc.

Arts, Culture - \$31,600.00

Crown Point 4th of July Celebration Committee
City of Crown Point Interactive Art Project
Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc.
Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc.
Old Homestead Preservation Society, Inc.
Old Sheriff's House Foundation
South Shore Arts, Inc.

Education - \$46,138.18

Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Robotics Club
Colonel John Wheeler Middle School-Challenger Learning Center
Crown Point Community Schools-Birth to School Program
Crown Point High School-AP Test Funding
Crown Point High School-Bulldog Workshop Transition Program
Crown Point High School-Project Lead the Way
Crown Point High School-Vex Robotics Underdogs
Crown Point High School-RoboDogs Sponsors
Eisenhower Elementary School-Robotics
Jane Ball Elementary School
Jerry Ross Elementary School-Robotics Program
Lake County On My Way Pre-K Pilot Program
Robert A. Taft Middle School-Challenger Learning Center
Robert A. Taft Middle School-Robotics Club
Tri-Creek Education Foundation, Inc.
United Negro College Fund, Inc.
Winfield/Jerry Ross Parent Teacher Organization

Community Improvement - \$31,767.13

American Legion Post #101
Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce
Crown Point Community Foundation-Volunteer Fair Program
Crown Point Community Library

Lake Court House Foundation, Inc.
Old Sheriff's House Foundation
Town of Winfield
Winfield Township

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$17,850.00

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
GAP Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana, Inc.
Pack Away Hunger
St. Matthias Church

Health - \$14,500.00

American Cancer Society/Relay for Life
Community Cancer Research Foundation, Inc.
Phil's Friends
Pink Ribbon Society

Housing, Shelter - \$14,581.00

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana
St. Jude House

Human Services - \$29,783.98

Autism Society of Indiana
Chasing Dreams, Inc.
Down Syndrome Association of Northwest Indiana
Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc.
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
Knights of Columbus -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #7473
NWI Parkinson
NWI Suicide Prevention Council/Geminus Corp.
Operation Combat Bikesaver
The Growing Piece
The Welcome Network
Thomas Cellini Huntington's Foundation
Wittenberg Village

Community Grants continued:

Public Safety - \$20,298.91

Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana
Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Dept.
Crown Point Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.
Franciscan Health Foundation
Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, Inc.

Recreation - \$103,000.00

Southlake YMCA
Southlake YMCA Capital Campaign

Religion - \$2,845.00

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Youth Development - \$36,013.20

American Legion Post #20 Baseball
Best Buddies Indiana
Boy Scout Troop 129
Campagna Academy, Inc.
Challenger Learning Center
Crown Point Rotary
Crown Point Swim Club
First United Methodist Church
Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana
Hanover Jr Wildcat Football, Inc.
Lake Area United Way
Lake Region Christian Assembly
Pathway to Adventure Council, Boy Scouts of America

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GRANTS AWARDED **\$ 16,572.94**

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to address an issue, cause or area they care deeply about without naming specific charities. The foundation takes a contributor's concern into consideration when making grants to appropriate programs that fit within the donor's category of interest.

Cedar Lake Community Fund

Designated to assist nonprofits within the Cedar Lake area.

Community Improvement - \$1,175.00

Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce

Education - \$2,685.00

Jane Ball Elementary

Human Services - \$3,000.00

Operation Combat Bikesaver

Public Safety - \$4,000.00

Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana
Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Youth Development - \$3,201.20

Boy Scout Troop 129
Hanover Jr. Wildcats Football Inc.

Community Literacy Endowment Fund

Designated to assist nonprofits for community literacy programs.

Education - \$2,011.74

Lake County On My Way Pre-K Pilot Program

Dan and Vicky Klein Endowment Fund

Designated to assist nonprofits in Crown Point for leadership training initiatives.

Education - \$500.00

Crown Point Community Foundation Board Training

The Honor Endowment Fund

Designated to assist nonprofits to provide tangible support to First Responders and their family during a time of need.

No Grants

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED **\$224,902.74**

Scholarship Funds are created by donors to invest in students' futures. Some scholarships help students from a particular high school or area; others provide financial assistance to those pursuing a specific field of study; still others assist students most in need. Donors are able to set the criteria for applicants.

Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*

Alfred J. Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium Fund

Alvin and Kathryn Schmidt Endowment Fund

American Italian Benevolent Society Endowment Scholarship Fund

Barbara Jenkins Tyler Speech Scholarship Endowment Fund

Barney Family Scholarship Fund

BJ Hubbard Scholarship Fund

Burrell Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

Candace Lynne Walton Scholarship Endowment Fund

Charles Kleinschmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Charles M. and Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship

Christopher Day Memorial Scholarship Fund

Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Endowment Fund

Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship Fund

Crown Point High School RoboDogs Scholarship Fund

Crown Point Lion's Club Scholarship Fund

Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship Endowment Fund

David Gergely Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Dean and Barbara White Scholarship

Dockus Charitable Scholarship Endowment Fund

Don Hess Memorial Fund

Donald and Phyllis (Dillabaugh) Ross Purdue Scholarship Endowment Fund

Dorothy Dillman Max Scholarship Fund

Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship

Fran and Billie Hoffman Scholarship Fund

George Letz, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Gil and Gail Stiener Family Fund

Helen Zielinski and Ray Stuck Family Fund

Jerry A. Caravana Athletic Director Endowment Scholarship Fund

JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship Fund

John D. Amodeo Scholarship Fund

Joseph N. and Annette M. Allegretti Fund

Karen and Cornel Raab Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*

Karen Pruzin Scholarship Endowment Fund

Kathy Townsend Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kathy, Russ, and Jim Keller Endowment Fund

Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship Award

L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund

Lisa Schaefer Stover Endowment Fund

Liss Carstar Scholarship Fund

MacArthur Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund

Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Endowment Fund

Marie Van Slyke Scholarship Fund

Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Fund

Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship

Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship Fund

Mark Edwards Scholarship Fund

Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship Endowment Fund

Maurine M. Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship Fund

McMichael Family Endowment Fund

Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Millicent and Forrest Everett Memorial Fund

Paul D. and Dorothea Everett Fund

Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Scholarship Endowment Fund

Robert "Bob" Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund

Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship

Ronald and Suzanne Borto Scholarship Endowment Fund

Russ Keller Family Scholarship

Shirley Mudy Scholarship Fund

Solon Robinson Elementary School PTO Scholarship

St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship

The LaMere Family Endowment Fund

Tim Galusha Memorial Scholarship Fund

Timothy Ball Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund

"Tiny" Knesek Bohling and Karla Stiener Scholarship Endowment Fund

Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund

Vincent Morgavan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund

Walter J. Bernacki Memorial Scholarship Fund

Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship

William G. and Phyllis M. Fatch Scholarship Fund

Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund

Women's Giving Circle Fund

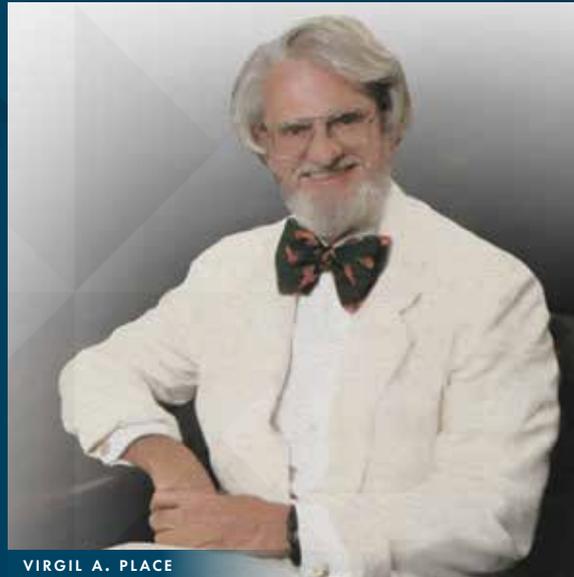
Youche Country Club Scholarship Endowment Fund

Zondor Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

I am beyond thankful for receiving the Virgil Place Scholarship from the CPCF in 2016. With the tremendous help from this scholarship, I was able to attend my dream school, the University of Chicago. I have been enrolled for two years now and have been pursuing a double major in Physics and Astronomy. In regard to finances, the University of Chicago is one of the most expensive universities in the United States so the Virgil Place Scholarship has been beyond helpful for my family and me.

Additionally, this scholarship has given me reassurance that all my hard work throughout high school paid off and has continued to motivate me to work hard and to be involved in college. After I received this scholarship, I performed some research on Mr. Place and was inspired by his generosity and story; this insight has led me to make it a long-term goal of mine to give back to the community in a similar way.

CALLISTA CHRIST
 2016 VIRGIL A. PLACE
 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
 \$4,000 PER YEAR / 4 YEARS



VIRGIL A. PLACE



CALLISTA CHRIST

Virgil A. Place was born in Crown Point in 1924. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Virgil attended Indiana University and medical school at Johns Hopkins University.

He was a pharmaceutical executive at Lederle Labs, Syntex Corporation and ALXA Corporation before founding his own pharmaceutical company, VIVUS Corporation, in Mountain View, California. He also founded Pua Mau Gardens in Kawaihee, Hawaii. Virgil was known for his vision, creativity and leadership. He brought several innovative products to market, including the weight loss drug Qnexa.

After attending his Crown Point High School class reunion in 1997, Virgil established the Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund at the Crown Point Community Foundation. The Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund awards a four year renewable scholarship every

year to a Crown Point High School senior who plans to major in the natural sciences and humanities and obtained a minimum 3.0 GPA. The Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund has awarded 20 scholarships for a total of \$241,700.

Virgil A. Place endowed his scholarship fund by donating 5,000 shares of VIVUS stock to the CPCF. Donating stock is a great way to establish a fund of your own or to add to an existing one. Donating stock can also offer substantial benefits come tax time. Not only do you not have to pay capital gains tax on donated stock, but you can also deduct its full market value on your tax return. This doubles the tax benefit for donating stock to the CPCF.

Contact us today to learn more about donating stock to the Crown Point Community Foundation.

DESIGNATED GRANTS AWARDED \$150,766.28

Designated Funds are established by donors to benefit specific charitable organizations and purposes. Donors can identify one or more eligible charities to benefit. If an organization ceases to exist or changes its purpose, the Foundation Board of Directors preserves the donor's intention by redirecting the funds to an organization with a similar purpose.

Animal Related - \$20.58

John and Maureen Rogers Fund

Arts, Culture - \$11,241.93

Edith Reinhardt Root Endowment Fund

Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Endowment Fund

Marilou Crisman Memorial Endowment Fund

Community Improvement - \$57,604.93

Bill and Norma Rosenbower Court House Endowment Fund

Bob and Pat Turner Library Fund

Cedar Lake Match Fund

Charles and Mable Wise Swisher Court House Endowment Fund

Edna Mae Buckley and Merritt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund

George and Laura Wild Endowment Fund

Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Endowment

James and Mary Ann Greiner Court House Endowment Fund

Jim and Marge Forsythe Court House Fund

John and Ann Barney Family Foundation Court House Endowment Fund

June and Bernard Carstens Court House Endowment Fund

Kathleen Gleason Leurck Fund

Superior Petroleum Products Inc. Court House Endowment Fund

Tom and Kathy Liss Court House Endowment Fund

Vada Pinter Endowment Fund

William and Mary Carroll Fund

William C. and Jean Keehn Endowment Fund

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Human Services - \$10,406.56

Honor Fund Challenge Match

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Stanley B. Lee Fund

Visiting Nurse Foundation Fund

Public Safety - \$30,468.81

Vada Pinter Endowment Fund

William and Mary Carroll Fund

Recreation - \$252.14

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Religion Related - \$9,051.92

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Youth Development - \$1,691.33

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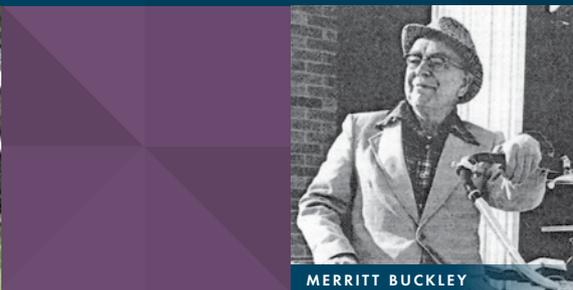
DESIGNATED GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Edna Mae Buckley and Merritt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO MR. BUCKLEY FOR HIS GIFT TO THE HISTORIC LAKE COURTHOUSE. THE ENDOWMENT WILL ALLOW FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM HIS FORWARD THINKING AND PLANNING.

CARRIE NAPOLEON

DIRECTOR, LAKE COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.



MERRITT BUCKLEY



CARRIE NAPOLEON

Merritt Buckley was born in 1919 in Lowell. Merritt graduated from Crown Point High School and worked for the Screw Conveyor Company in Hammond and the Atomic Plant in Pollman, WA. He was a member of the Valley of Chicago Masonic Lodge for 58 years.

Before his passing in 2007, Merritt established the Edna Mae and Merritt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund. It was named in honor of himself and his sister Edna Mae. Merritt dedicated half of the sale of his estate towards the endowment of the fund, which benefits the maintenance and repair of the historic Lake County Courthouse.

A charitable bequest is an excellent way to establish or contribute to a fund at the Crown Point Community Foundation. Naming the CPCF in your will is one of the easiest ways to make an important longterm difference in our community. A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is another giving option with possible tax benefits wherein you donate property to a trust that pays you income for the remainder of your lifetime, passing what's left to the Foundation.

For more information about giving options, please contact the Crown Point Community Foundation.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS \$69,284.62

Donor Advised Funds allow the donor to make recommendations for their charitable choices. Each year the Foundation notifies the donor of their available distribution amount. The donor then recommends one or more eligible charities to receive the grant distributions.

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Alan Jon Roach, Jr., or AJ, had a lifetime passion for sports. He played soccer, basketball, football and dodge ball before joining the military.

“His decision to join the military during a 10-year war was one of our proudest moments,” said AJ’s mother, Lana. Unfortunately, his service was cut short. Just eleven days after his 20th birthday and two years after his graduation from Crown Point High School, AJ was lost in an accident. The Alan Jon “AJ” Roach Jr. Memorial Fund was created in AJ’s honor.

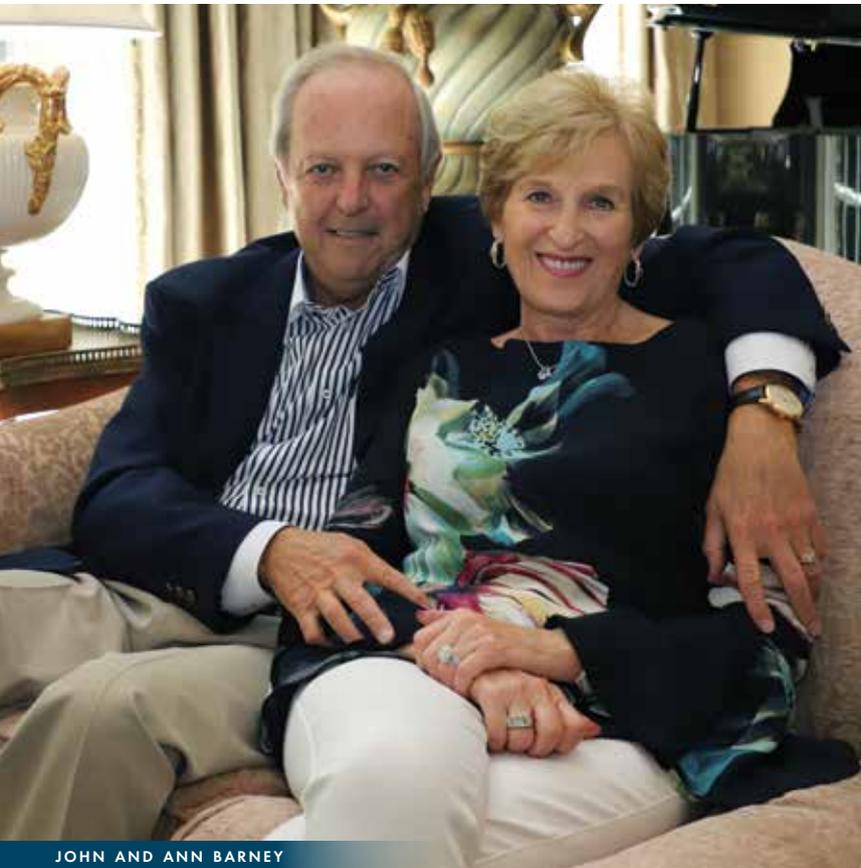
“Our family decided we wanted AJ’s generosity to be remembered forever,” Lana Roach said. “We wanted to make sure that people still benefited from his generous nature.”

The Alan Jon “AJ” Roach Jr. Memorial Fund is an example of a Donor Advised Fund. Donor Advised Funds are endowments which allow the fund’s founders or their successors to recommend which organizations the fund’s grants are awarded to. The Wounded Warriors Project, Crown Point Little League, and Junior Bulldog Football are among the recipients of grants from the AJ Roach Memorial Fund.

Donor Advised Funds are a great way for you to recommend which organizations you wish to benefit from your endowment. For more information about Donor Advised Funds, please contact the Crown Point Community Foundation.

BY CREATING THE MEMORIAL FUND,
SPECIALIST ALAN JON ROACH, JR. (“AJ”)
WILL FOREVER MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

LANA ROACH
MOTHER OF ALAN JON ROACH, JR.



JOHN AND ANN BARNEY

Ann and John Barney started their operating sustainability endowment fund with one goal in mind: to ensure the Foundation would thrive.

"I got involved with the Crown Point Community Foundation about 22 years ago, a couple years after it started," said John Barney, CPCF Board Member. "And it became very apparent to me that the Crown Point Community Foundation could play a major role in the city of Crown Point and the service area in which the Foundation serves in years to come."

John and his wife Ann established the Ann and John Barney Operating Endowment Fund to help support the Foundation's marketing, fundraising and staff. "If this can grow over a period of time and get to where it distributes enough money to pay all the Foundation's operating costs, that would be quite an accomplishment," John said.

To donate to the Ann and John Barney Operating Endowment Fund, or any of the other endowed funds, please visit thecpcf.org.

OPERATING SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS \$64,422.74

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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HELP US TO MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFTS
TO DO MORE GOOD THINGS
IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

LINDA ARMSTRONG
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENCY FUNDS \$389,559.70

Agency Endowment Funds are created by nonprofit organizations. Each year, distributions from the agency fund help support the operational and program needs of the non-profit organization.

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DANIEL MCCORMICK, MD
PRESIDENT/CEO OF FRANCISCAN HEALTH CROWN POINT

A trusted leader in providing faith-based healthcare, Franciscan Health brings together technology, innovation and compassion to serve its patients throughout the area.

“Since 1999, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration have committed to bringing their ministry of caring for the sick to Crown Point and surrounding communities,” said Dr. Dan McCormick, the new President/CEO of Franciscan Health Crown Point (formerly St. Anthony Medical Center). “Our true purpose is to make every patient, family member, visitor, employee, and physician who chooses our facility feel the presence of our mission every time they enter our doors.”

“My clinical background as a practicing nephrologist for twenty years brings a new perspective,” Dr. McCormick said. “A perspective that understands what it means to care for a patient and not simply deliver science to the bedside. The community should have confidence that they will be treated in a kind, considerate, and professional manner and leave feeling connected to our wonderful employees and medical staff.”



Connected care is only part of the equation. Dr. McCormick also outlined the following initiatives:

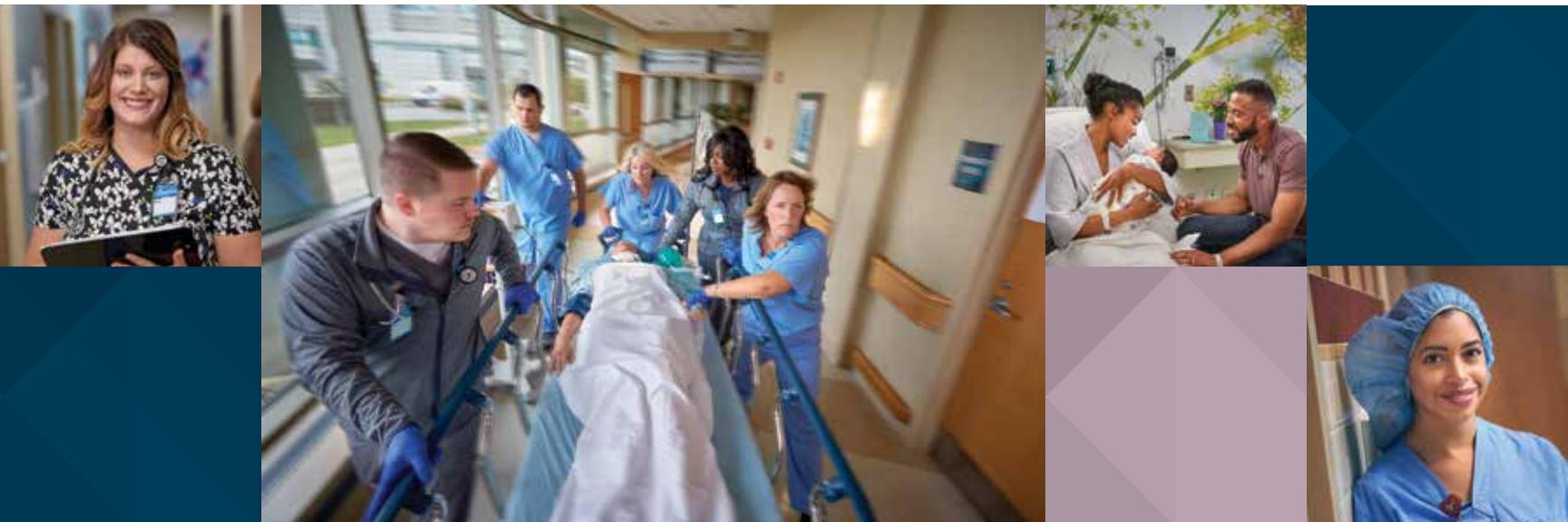
- A recent collaboration with Northwestern Medicine has allowed a full-time Northwestern neurosurgeon to be on staff at Franciscan Health Crown Point. "This opportunity not only brings a level of expertise to the campus but opens up access to the extended expertise in highly specialized areas of neuroscience that Northwestern has to offer," Dr. McCormick said.
- Franciscan's physicians, emergency room physicians, and EMS providers have worked closely together to become verified by the American College of Surgeons as a Level III Trauma center with neurosurgery.
- Franciscan offers a Level III NICU and 24/7 laborist/neonatal coverage.
- A community health needs assessment identified the need for diabetes care expertise in the community. The Franciscan Physician Network has responded by providing two endocrinologists at the Crown Point Campus.
- Future endeavors include tele-psychiatry, expansion of nurse practitioner employment and physician management, and a joint tele-stroke program with Northwestern.

"It is impossible to be involved in healthcare and not feel the effects of the consumer," Dr. McCormick said. "We are in a new day and competing on the field with others caring for our patients is critical for our survival." To help meet its mission, Franciscan Health founded an Agency Fund at the Crown Point Community Foundation. Agency funds help nonprofit organizations build endowment fund dollars to help to continue their work in the future.

Distributions from its Agency Fund has allowed Franciscan Health to purchase new equipment in order to stay consistent with the latest technology, which enables the hospital to improve the science aspects of its patient care. Agency Funds will assist Franciscan Health in purchasing a retinal camera to screen premature infants for retinopathy and developing a patient satisfaction program in the form of a shadowing and mentoring program.

"Investing capital in the areas of the hospital where patients spend the most amount of time is a perspective and project we will be undertaking in 2018 – 2019 by restructuring our medical /surgical floors along with finding other opportunities where we can make our patients feel more like our guest than a patient," said Dr. McCormick.

For more information about establishing an Agency Fund or donating to an existing one, please visit thecpcf.org.



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MISSION: NIPSCO has served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. Community support and involvement has always been at the foundation of our history. We're also making significant investments to improve service, including nearly \$30 billion in identified long-term system modernization and growth programs spanning the next 20+ years.



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REGINA CHANCELLOR

JANE BALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SENSORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Thanks to your generosity, students and teachers are more able to focus on their work.

A \$4,370 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to Jane Bell Elementary School. The grant helped to purchase equipment for the school's movement and sensory program.

Because learning has changed in schools, students are required to sit and focus for longer periods of time. Students' success has become dependent on their ability to remain on task without regard to their age or ability.

"Unfortunately, there's a side effect to technology," said Jane Ball Principal Deborah Snedden. "Kids don't know how to play, move or touch and maximize their sensory needs." The school's sensory/movement program was begun to

address the needs of the students.

"Our team has decided that both gross/fine motor equipment is needed to meet our students' gross motor and sensory needs so that students can focus/attend to academic lessons which will lead to academic success," said Regina Chancellor, Jane Ball Elementary School Sensory Committee Chairperson. The CPCF grant was used to purchase sensory equipment for the students, including trampolines, exercise balls, fidget toys and floor chairs.

"The equipment that is purchased will be placed in the classroom and will be available for students to use at their desk or at a station during work time or during lessons," Chancellor said. "Our goal is to not only help a few students who have sensory needs that are more obvious, but to help all students with sensory deficits to help them achieve their greatest academic success."


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GLORIA TUOHY

FOUNDING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CEO
INDIANA BALLET THEATRE



VISION FOR THE CLASSICAL ARTS CENTRE

Thanks to your generosity, a longtime center of classical arts is one step closer to its new home.

A \$12,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to Indiana Ballet Theatre (IBT). IBT has remained focused on one simple mission for the past 37 years: the transformation of lives and the enrichment of the community through dance. IBT has taught over 9,000 students from the region and engages in performance, outreach and the finest in classical dance education. But it needed a place to call home.

Eleven years ago, Founding Artistic Director Gloria Tuohy saw a way to fill the needs of IBT and the families it serves as she passed by the historic Sanatorium Nurses Home in Crown Point. The long-abandoned building will soon become the Classical Arts Centre, a thoroughly renovated and reconstructed facility that will house IBT as well as

South Shore Arts, Plum Grove Strings, the Black Box Theatre and other centers for the arts. "The projection is that moving IBT to the Classical Arts Centre will bring in 50% more students in the Lake County area," Touhy said.

The grant from the CPCF provided for downspouts and gutters to the Classical Arts Centre project. A \$1,000 grant from the Women's Giving Circle also helped to install new windows.

"The Classical Arts Centre would not be possible without the City of Crown Point and Lake County Commissioners who donated the building in 2017, and the generous support from community organizations," Tuohy said. "This phase of the project is made possible thanks to the Crown Point Community Foundation."

MEMORIALS

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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WHY WE GIVE: At View Outdoor, our goal is to follow the path our founder, Mr. Dean White, paved decades ago by giving back to Northwest Indiana. We have always and will continue to work with the municipalities and service organizations that build the great foundation of this community.

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PHIL ZIELKE
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Thanks to your generosity, cancer patients in Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States know that they are not alone.

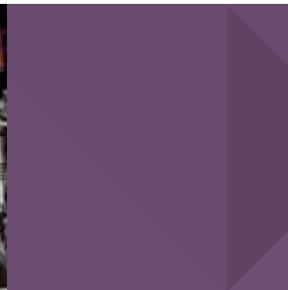
The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a nonprofit organization founded by a former cancer patient, Phil Zielke. The cards and care packages that Phil received while he was being treated helped to lift his spirits. When he was in remission, Phil decided to make it his life's work to help other patients feel this support.

Phil's Friends provides care packages, letters of encouragement, religious ministry and hospital visitations to "Friends" who are undergoing medical treatment. Phil's Friends serves over 9,500 cancer patients and their families every week. They have sent over

12,000 care packages, which contain blankets, toiletries, a Bible and other items. Phil's Friends also mails more than 5,000 encouragement cards every week.

Founded in Illinois, Phil's Friends opened its first support center in Crown Point. There, volunteers can decorate and pack care packages, fill out letters of encouragement and assist with other activities. The grant from the CPCF helped to defray the expenses of opening the new hope center.

"As part of the Phil's Friends community, you've been an important partner to provide Christ-centered support and HOPE to those afflicted with cancer," said Phil's Friends Founder and Executive Director Phil Zielke. "It is not just me who wants to share sincere appreciation for all you do — our Friends and staff thank you too!"



THANK YOU IMMENSELY FOR YOUR \$6,000 GRANT TO OPERATION COMBAT BIKESAVER. FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, WE THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR DREAM ALIVE TO HELP AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

JASON ZAIDEMAN
PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
OPERATION COMBAT BIKESAVER

Thanks to your generosity, veterans who have suffered upon returning home have found a new mission.

A \$6,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to Operation Combat Bikesaver. Operation Combat Bikesaver takes broken or tarnished motorcycles and pairs them with veterans and first responders who are suffering from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder,) TBI (traumatic brain injury,) and/or depression. The candidates work with trained professionals and each other to restore the bike, learning new skills along the way. At the end of the project, the motorcycle is the veterans or first responders to keep. There is no cost to the candidates.

The CPCF grant helped to purchase parts for the motorcycles. As many as three motorcycles are being worked on in the organizations' new workshop at any given time. The veterans and first responders are learning valuable skills such as welding, painting, fabricating and electrical work in the course of restoring their bikes as well as gaining

a new sense of accomplishment and pride from what they have created.

"A problem we have found is that policemen, EMS, and firefighters can potentially lose their jobs if they admit to suffering from PTSD, TBI and/or depression and are unable to find assistance out of fear of being fired," said Jason Zaideman, President and Director of Operations of Operation Combat Bikesaver. "We want to provide that type of assistance for those who serve our country daily. Our program is a one-of-a-kind hands-on based therapy for these individuals and is another strong tool for them to use to help them learn how to manage their issues through team building, goal setting, specific tasks, learning new skills, and working alongside others who have similar issues. The impact we will make on the community is saving lives, while building bikes. We are bringing back a camaraderie that many veterans are missing after getting out of the service. We are helping first responders get assistance they may have never gotten otherwise. The impact on the community is limitless."



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