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Forever

2018
ANNUAL REPORT



CROWN POINT
**community
foundation**

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE
IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY





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Dear Friends,

With every year that passes, we realize the scope of our work is propelled by the generosity and thought provoking ideas that come from working together with our donors, fundholders, and community partners.

We believe in the power and possibility of collective giving and community support to enrich the quality of life in South Lake County. We are constantly reminded that our work would not be possible without the commitment and financial support of many. It takes all of us, in it together, to build thriving communities.

The Crown Point Community Foundation manages over 350 different funds which supports a variety of worthy causes that improve our communities, *now and forever*. Throughout this report, we've highlighted some of the good things happening because of the collective desire to create positive change. In 2018, we awarded over \$1.2 million dollars in grants and scholarships, changing lives. We are partners with those working in public safety, economic development, social services, recreation, youth development and education, arts and culture, animal services, housing and shelter, and so much more.

As we look to the future, we look to grow our impact. Through the generosity and partnership of Lilly

Endowment, Inc. and their GIFT VII initiatives, we have the opportunity to build our Unrestricted Community Endowment Fund with a \$2 for \$1 match. This Fund provides grants to meet urgent needs in our communities. A community leadership component has been added to GIFT VII. The Endowment has provided funding for community planning and implementation. There will be opportunities to share your voice as we look to identify and respond to needs to help South Lake County exceed its potential.

Together, we have the power to improve our communities. Thank you for being a partner in philanthropy, as we're in it together, *forever*.

With gratitude,



LINDA ARMSTRONG



MARY B. NIELSEN



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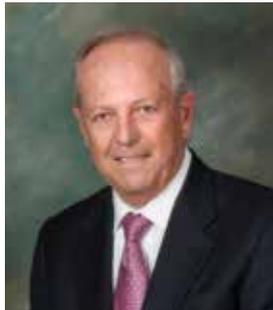


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ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

HELEN KELLER



MARY NIELSEN, CPCF PRESIDENT (CENTER) WITH BOARD MEMBER DARRYL MILLER AND LISA CARPENTER

CPCF HONORED ON National Philanthropy Day

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

I nominated the CPCF because of its substantial contributions to our local educational programs and support of community collaborations. The CPCF is a leader in bringing together community service and volunteerism through the annual Volunteer Fair as well. Humane Indiana has been extremely fortunate to work with CPCF in our efforts to help local animals receive the care and food they need upon entering the shelter.

Congratulations to Crown Point Community Foundation for receiving the Foundation Philanthropist Award through the Association of Fundraising Professionals!

LISA CARPENTER
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
HUMANE INDIANA

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 350 funds and has assets totaling over 25 million dollars.

The Foundation has been substantially aided in our endeavors by Lilly Endowment Inc. and the White Family Foundation, which provided matching funds to the Foundation in 2018.

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 helps to positively shape the future of the community and act as a facilitator of community philanthropy.

THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS GREATLY INDEBTED TO LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. AND THE WHITE FAMILY FOUNDATION. THANKS TO THEIR GENEROUS MATCHING FUNDS, GIFTS FROM OUR DONORS ARE CREATING MORE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

MARY NIELSEN
CPCF PRESIDENT



With your support, over one hundred students were given the nutrition they need.

A \$4,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to First United Methodist Church's Buddy Bag program.

The Buddy Bag program provides meals and snacks to students who are eligible for free meals during the school week so that they are guaranteed to have meals to eat over the weekend. The program was launched as a pilot program at MacArthur Elementary School in Cedar Lake, where 42 percent of students live at or below the poverty level.

Each Friday afternoon the students in the program receive a grocery bag filled with meals for Saturday and Sunday. Each Buddy Bag contains breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack for both days. A small amount of additional items, such as peanut butter and Pop Tarts, are added for longer breaks. An inspirational note is added to each bag. All items are individually sized, easy to open and easy to prepare. Examples include instant oatmeal, cold cereals, canned pasta meals, mac and cheese cups, fruit cups, and granola bars.

The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to defer the cost of the Buddy Bags. Currently, the program serves students at MacArthur and Timothy Ball Elementary Schools. For more information about First United Methodist Church's Buddy Bag program, please visit fumccp.org/buddy-bags.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO THE CPCF FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR BUDDY BAG PROJECT.

THROUGH THIS SUPPORT, FINANCIAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED DIRECTLY INTO FOOD, AND HOPE, FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE CROWN POINT SCHOOL SYSTEM.

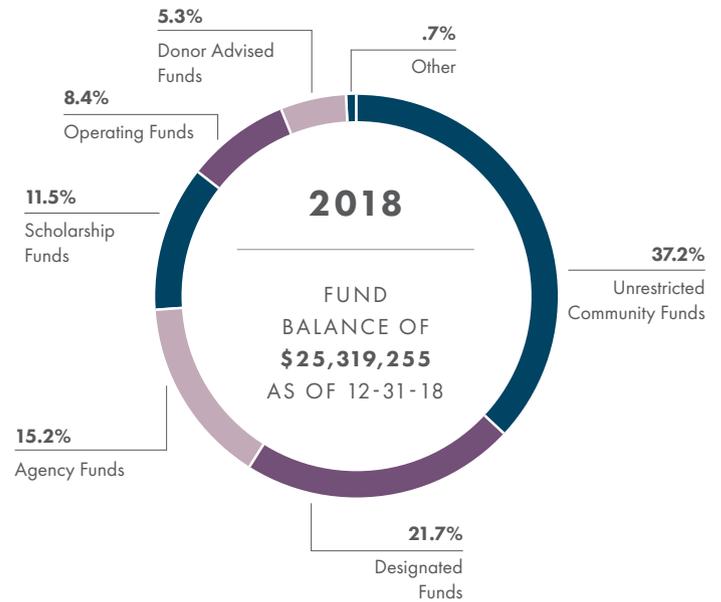
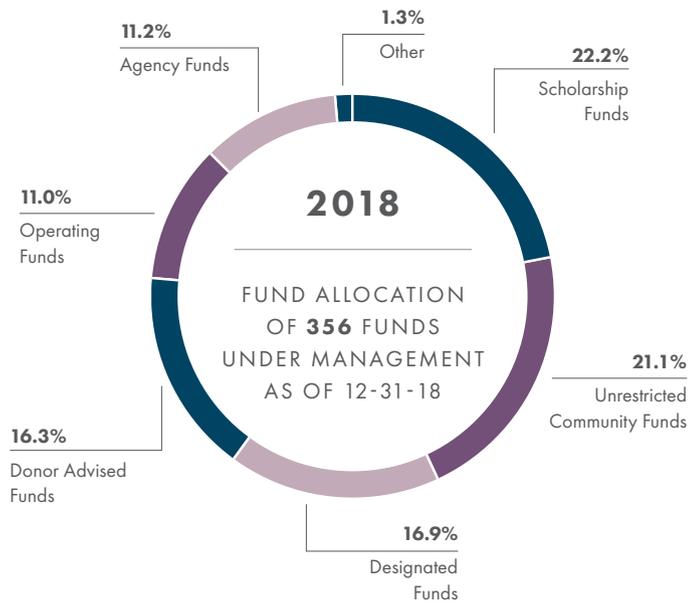
MARK WILKINS

SENIOR PASTOR
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past 28 years, the Foundation's assets have grown thanks to generous donors and excellent investment returns. Our assets allow us to fulfill our mission to South Lake County and beyond, giving grants and scholarships.

IN 2018, WE AWARDED MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION IN GRANTS.



EACH FUND TYPE FULFILLS THE DONOR'S WISHES

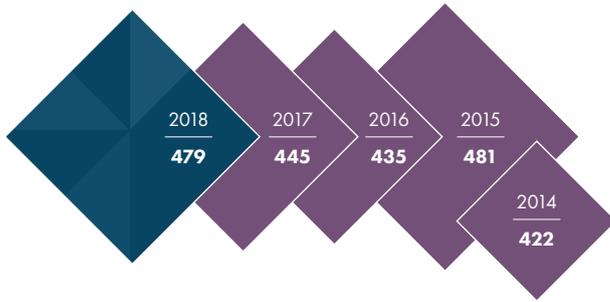
Unrestricted Fund distributions are granted to nonprofits providing services within South Lake County. Nonprofits apply for a grant; our grant committee reviews the applications and awards these grants.

Donor Advised and Designated Fund distributions are granted according to the donors instructions, to nonprofit organizations.

Agency Funds are set up by a nonprofit organization to support their operational and program needs.

Operating Fund distributions support the foundation, allowing us to fulfill our mission to our donors, funds and community.

Scholarship Funds are set up by donors. Students apply for these scholarships yearly. The scholarship committee reviews all submitted applications and makes recommendations based on the criteria of each scholarship.



NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED

In 2018, the Crown Point Community Foundation distributed 479 grants and scholarships that supported a multitude of causes and higher education.

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

WILLIAM JAMES



TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded grants totalling \$1,225,420 in 2018.

FINANCIALS

Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc.
summarized financial information
year ended December 31, 2018.

Total Assets:	<u>\$ 25,319,256</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance:	
Agency funds	2,324,475
Endowment/pass-through funds	<u>22,994,781</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance:	<u>\$ 25,319,256</u>
Revenue:	
Contributions and grants received	1,558,557
Investment return	(1,681,914)
Operating endowment revenue	<u>270,318</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 146,961
Expense:	
Grants paid to the community	886,310
Administrative fee expense	245,422
Operating expenses	<u>442,101</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1,573,833
Change in Net Asset	-\$ 1,426,872

COMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH ACCOMPANYING FOOTNOTES ISSUED BY
BLUE & CO., LLC ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S OFFICE.

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 Alice Burrell Family Endowment Fund **(New Fund)**
Don and Joyce Carnahan Endowment Fund
Donald and Joyce Huber Family Endowment Fund
Donald and Theresa Cowan Family Fund
Edward G. and Katherine R. Gerlach Huber Memorial Fund **(New 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

John and Ann Barney Unrestricted Endowment Fund
John and Diane Burrell Family Endowment Fund **(New 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
Letz Family Endowment Fund **(New 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 Sauerman Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Richard J. and Gwendolyn L. Buehler Endowment Fund
Robert and Joyce Nutt Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Rouge Family 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
Vern and Jeanne Segert 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

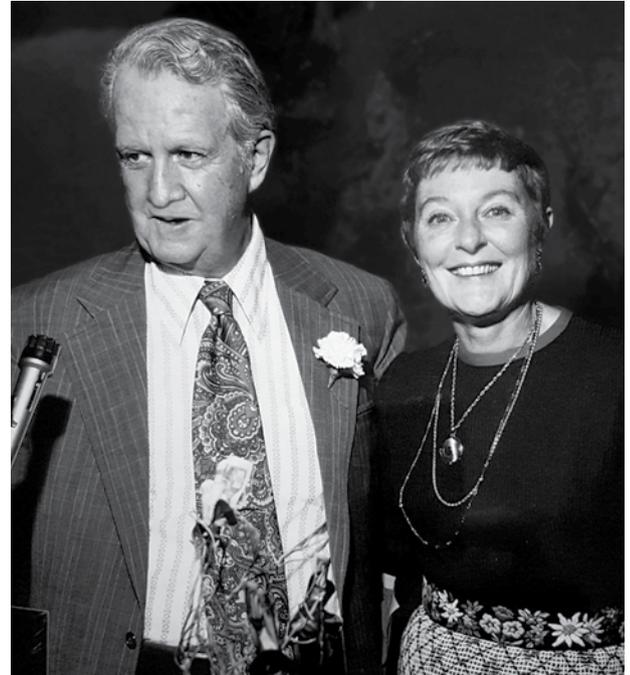


LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. GIFT VII
\$2 FOR \$1
MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Help us do more good in our community.
GIVE TODAY to build Unrestricted Community
Endowment Funds! Keep the Momentum Going!



JOSEPH L. AND MARIBEL C. COSTIN



Joseph and Maribel Costin never thought they'd leave Chicago until they made a home in Crown Point.

Joe Costin was a career manager with Illinois Bell Telephone. When Illinois Bell acquired the Hammond Telephone Company in 1945, he was transferred from Chicago and moved to Hammond with Maribel and their two young sons, Larry and Dennis.

"They were big city people," Larry said of his parents. "Fate, however, intervened and they crossed the state line to begin their transformation to becoming dedicated lifelong Hoosiers."

In 1953, Illinois Bell entered into a contract to buy the Crown Point Telephone Company. Joe was transferred again. By now they had five children, and after they settled in Crown Point they added a sixth. Crown Point quickly became home.

When Joe passed away in 1983, the Costin family looked for a way to honor his devotion to Crown Point. They approached the city and decided to weld a plaque with Joe's name onto the base of the

street light outside Spec and Jo's, a tavern on the northeast corner of the square. Joe enjoyed stopping there after his Saturday afternoon weekly grocery shopping.

When Maribel passed in 2002, their children, Larry, Dennis, Kimberly, Terrence, Patrick and Kathleen, honored their parents by establishing the Joseph L. and Maribel C. Costin Family Endowment Fund.

"As we were deliberating on how best to honor our folks, Tom Liss, then a Crown Point Community Foundation Board Member, brought the Foundation to my attention," Larry said. It was the perfect way for the big city transplants to be honored.

"We ensured that Mom and Dad, the adopted Crown Point Hoosiers, would be not only memorialized for years to come but, in so doing, would be assisting the Foundation in its mission of assisting those in the extended Crown Point family who need help in meeting life's challenges. For us Costin kids, that's the ultimate recognition for Maribel and Joe ... and us," Larry said.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED \$363,243.54

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 - \$4,110.00

Cats of St. Francis Rescue
Humane Indiana, Inc.
Lake County Fairgrounds

Arts, Culture - \$25,043.00

4th of July Celebration Committee
Cedar Lake Historical Association
City of Crown Point
Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc.
Lake County Historical Society Museum
Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc.
South Shore Arts, Inc.

Community Improvement - \$27,034.54

American Legion Post #20 Fred Schmidt
Crown Point Community Library
Lake Court House Foundation
Servants at Work, Inc.
Town of Winfield
Urban Students of America, Inc.
Winfield Township

Education - \$22,960.00

Children First Learning Center Foundation
Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Robotics Club
CP RoboDogs Sponsors, Inc./CPHS RoboDogs
Crown Point High School - AP Test Funding
Crown Point High School - Bulldog Workshop Transition Program
Crown Point High School - Vex Robotics Underdogs 1233
Crown Point High School- Project Lead the Way
Crown Point Music Boosters
Lake Street Elementary School
Taft Middle School PTSA
United Negro College Fund, Inc.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$63,600.00

Bethel Church

Cedar Lake United Methodist Food Pantry- Project Love
Center Township Trustee
Community Care Cupboard
First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point
First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Inc.
G.A.P. Food Pantry/God's Appointed Place Food Pantry
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
Lowell Church of Christ
Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
Pack Away Hunger
Ross Township Food Pantry
St. Clare Health Clinic
St. Edward Catholic Church
St. Mary Catholic Church
St. Matthias Church
St. Vincent DePaul Society
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-Lowell

Health - \$11,900.00

American Cancer Society of Northwest Indiana
Crown Family Services
Lake County Right to Life
Phil's Friends
Pink Ribbon Society, Inc.

Housing, Shelter - \$2,500.00

Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services

Human Services - \$52,240.00

Chasing Dreams
Coats for Kids and Families
Down Syndrome Association of Northwest Indiana
Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. / Pets N Vets Program
Fair Haven Center for Women
Hair for All Foundation
Hannah's Hope

Community Grants continued:

Honor Flight Chicago
Knights of Columbus -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #7473
Lake/Porter Co. Chapter of Compassionate Friends
Merrillville Rotary Club Charities, Inc.
Nazareth Home
Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc.
Prevent Child Abuse Lake County
Self-Injury Support Groups of Northwest Indiana
South Lake County Community Services, Inc.
TradeWinds Services, Inc.

Public Safety - \$8,736.00

Cedar Lake Police Department
Franciscan Health Foundation
Tri Town Safety Village

Recreation - \$100,000.00

Southlake YMCA Capital Campaign

Religion - \$13,450.00

Cedar Lake Ministries
South Point Baptist Church, Inc.
St. John United Church of Christ
YoungLife of Northwest Indiana

Youth Development - \$31,670.00

Pathway to Adventure Council, Boy Scouts of America
Best Buddies Indiana
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana
Challenger Learning Center
City of Crown Point
Crown Point Community School Corp - Middle School Challenge Education Program
Cub Scout Pack 48 Chartered by the First United Methodist Church
Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana
Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA)
Prevent Child Abuse Lake County
Southlake Children's Choir

CEDAR LAKE COMMUNITY GRANTS \$13,999.00

Distributions from the Cedar Lake Community Funds provided grants to nonprofit organizations within the following categories to address the broad needs in the community.

Arts, Culture - \$1,333.00

Cedar Lake Historical Association

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$5,000.00

Cedar Lake United Methodist Food Pantry- Project Love

Public Safety - \$1,333.00

Cedar Lake Police Department

Religion - \$1,333.00

Cedar Lake Ministries

Youth Development - \$5,000.00

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GRANTS AWARDED \$2,158.46

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.

Community Literacy Endowment Fund

Designated to assist nonprofits for community literacy programs.

Crown Point Community Library - \$2,158.46

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED **\$237,721.86**

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

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

Donald and Phyllis (Dillabaugh) Ross Purdue Scholarship Endowment Fund

Donald Samburg Memorial Scholarship Fund* **(New 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 Scholarship Fund

Jay Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund* **(New 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*

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

Law Enforcement Academy Fund* **(New 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

Steven J. and Kay E. Bazin Scholarship Fund* **(New Fund)**

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



MIKE BROWN JR.



ANDRÉA KÜTEMEIER



Mike Brown Jr. continues to make an impact on the community, even after his passing.

Mike Brown, Jr., known to many as “Mikey” or “Brownie,” touched a wide circle of lives during his brief life.

“Mikey was involved in civil defense,” says Mike’s mother, Kim. “He was an umpire for little league. He was always doing something to give back.”

Mike was studying criminal justice at Indiana University Northwest when he was taken in a tragic car accident on his way home from work in 2002. He was 18 years old. In the ultimate act of helping others, Mike passed along the gift of life to four individuals who were waiting for life-saving transplants.

Bob Roen, Mike’s heart recipient, made it his mission in life to talk to as many people as possible about becoming organ donors. Mike and his family’s selfless act enabled Bob to spend seven more years with his family and friends.

Mike’s parents, Kim and Mike Brown, started the Mike Brown Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund to honor their son. The Browns began a golf outing and dinner to raise funds for the endowment, and have awarded 62 scholarships to Crown Point High School students totaling \$46,000 since 2008. The Browns also memorialize Mike with T-shirts, bags, mugs and other items sponsored by Blythe’s Sport Shop in Valparaiso.

“You know your kid(s), but the impressions they left on other people is probably what’s most meaningful,” Kim said. “For us, it’s keeping Mikey’s memory alive.”

THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS ALLOWED ME TO PURSUE THE THINGS I LOVE, WHILE ALSO REMEMBERING THE WONDERFUL LIFE THAT WAS LOST. I AM SO UNBELIEVABLY GRATEFUL TO MIKE’S FAMILY AND THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR BEING ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

ANDRÉA KÜTEMEIER

2016 MIKE BROWN JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

DESIGNATED GRANTS AWARDED \$288,457.37

Designated Funds are established by donors to benefit specific charitable organizations and purposes. Donors can identify an eligible charity 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.

Beth S. Buoscio Endowment Fund
Betty Biegel Endowment Fund
Bieker Family Endowment Fund
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
Charles and Virginia Isley Endowment Fund
Chuck and Helen Sauerman Endowment Fund
Crown Point Aid and Relief Fund*
Crown Point Founders Committee*
Dan and Vicky Klein Endowment Fund
David and Maria Hibbs Endowment Fund
Don and Joyce Gertz Endowment Fund
Dr. James M. and Mrs. Kathleen M. Rajchel Endowment Fund
Dr. Jerry and Trish Allee Fund
Dr. John P. and Helen M. Birdzell Community Fund
Edith Reinhardt Root Endowment Fund
Edna Mae Buckley and Merritt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund
George and Laura Wild Endowment Fund
Harmony Handbells*
Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Endowment
Home Lumber Endowment
Honor Fund Challenge Match
James and Mary Ann Greiner Court House Endowment Fund
James and Sandra Niermeyer Family Endowment Fund
Jim and Marge Forsythe Court House Fund
Jimmy D. and Marian S. Hooseline
John and Ann Barney Family Foundation Court House Endowment Fund
John and Cathy Peterman Endowment Fund
John and Maureen Rogers Fund
Joshua Prunsky Memorial Endowment Fund
June and Bernard Carstens Court House Endowment Fund
Kathleen Gleason Leurck Fund
Kegan Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lake County World Wars Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund

Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Endowment Fund
Margarete B. and William H. Fifield Endowment Fund
Marilou Crisman Memorial Endowment Fund
Mary Govert Fund
Norma N. Rosenbower Memorial Giving Fund
Patrick and Daniel Doherty Fund
Peter and Mary Kucia Memorial Fund
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Dr. Jerry and Trish Allee Fund



DR. JERRY AND TRISH ALLEE



2018 LATIN CLUB STATE CHAMPIONS

Even in retirement, Dr. Jerry and Trish Allee continue to give back to the community.

Jerry grew up in Crown Point. He decided to study veterinary medicine at Purdue University. After he graduated, Jerry returned home and bought property east of town, where he started the Oak Hill Animal Clinic in 1971. Trish grew up in Glen Park. She went to Lee Wallace High School. She met Jerry, married, and worked at the clinic as the office manager. All three of their daughters worked there too.

Jerry is a member and past president of Crown Point Rotary Club and is involved with the Crown Point Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee. "I think it's encouraging to see and interview the kids," Jerry said. "I wonder how they get through high school and study in their classes with all of the activities they are involved in. It's encouraging to see kids like this."

Jerry took two years of Latin while he was in high school, but it was his grandson, Thomas Cooper, who rekindled his interest in the language.

Thomas was very active in Latin Club, and Jerry and Trish were inspired to establish the Dr. Jerry and Trish Allee Fund at the CPCF. It is a Designated Fund which benefits the Crown Point High School Latin Club.

"They do a lot with the kids not only on the local level but on the state and national level too," Jerry said. "We really enjoy it. It's quite rewarding to see how well they do every year. It's our pleasure to be able to help."

LATIN CLUB IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR DR. JERRY AND TRISH ALLEE'S CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH THEIR YEARLY DONATION. WITH THIS DONATION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE MANY EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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LATIN TEACHER & LATIN CLUB SPONSOR
AT CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL



With your support, a new venue is available in a historic location.

A CPCF grant for \$6,576.00 was awarded to the Cedar Lake Historical Association.

The CLHA provides a window into Cedar Lake’s history through its unique programs, special events and historical museum on the shores of Cedar Lake. CLHA operates seasonally, from May through September, from its museum housed in the historic Lassen’s Resort Hotel. The resort complex was founded on the lakefront in 1902 and featured a dance pavilion, restaurant, saloon, 700-foot long bathing beach and a fleet of boats. It was acquired by the Town of Cedar Lake and converted into a museum in 1977.

The structure has undergone several capital improvements, with a study showing that it could benefit from adding an HVAC system to its special events facilities. The Crown Point Community Foundation grant helped to equip the museum’s conference room with heating and air conditioning, making it an attractive venue for meetings and special events.

“For far too long, the museum has been a well-kept secret,” said Julie Zasada, Executive Director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. “After performing facility enhancements, CLHA will be able to advertise a venue with a gorgeous view that is accessible, comfortable and affordable for modest sized groups, informal gatherings and family occasions.”

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE UNIT HAS MADE OUR
SUMMER PROGRAMS MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE
AND INCREASED THE TIME THAT OUR STAFF
IS ABLE TO UTILIZE THE MUSEUM IN THE OFF
SEASON FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL.

JULIE ZASADA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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MAXIMIZING THE BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY BY FULLY FUNDING THE OPERATING BUDGET THROUGH AN ENDOWED FUND IS A SIGN OF VISION THAT EXTENDS WELL BEYOND THE SHORT TERM.

DAVE BATUSIC
EMERITUS CPCF CHAIRMAN AND
OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND HOLDER

DAVE AND HELEN BATUSIC



Dave and Helen Batusic have seen Crown Point grow along with the CPCF.

"Helen and I were both born and raised in Gary's Glen Park neighborhood," Dave said. "We dated in college and both of us graduated from IU in Bloomington. The rest is history." Dave works as a certified public accountant, while Helen is a social worker, grief recovery specialist and an instructor at IUN. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Dave and Helen moved to Crown Point in 1990 and became fully invested in the community. "I became introduced to the CPCF when it was first organized," Dave said. "I thought this was an organization that I would like to be associated with." Dave joined the Board and served as its Chairman. He and Helen also began a fund at the Foundation.

"We selected an operating fund as it is important, in my view, that the Foundation try to attain a position where operating expenses are fully funded," Dave said. "This demonstrates that the organization is on solid

ground with all donors' dollars going for their specific wishes. In addition, it also ensures that the Board is maintaining accountability and providing oversight."

"I personally believe that if you have been fortunate to achieve a certain amount of success in your life, you have a social responsibility to give back to your community," Dave said. "To give back accomplishes several things: it enhances your own self-worth; it shows your gratitude to the community in which you live; and it is a way to demonstrate that you've not taken your success and achievements for granted."

DAVE AND I ALSO HAVE AN UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND, IN ADDITION TO OUR OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND, WHICH CREATES A LEGACY FOR OUR FAMILY THAT WILL CONTINUE WELL BEYOND OUR EARTHLY LIFE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OUR ENTIRE FAMILY CAN BE PROUD OF: THAT WE WERE A PART OF THE CPCF!

HELEN BATUSIC
OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND HOLDER

OPERATING SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS \$67,971.97

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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BY WHAT WE GET,
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BY WHAT WE GIVE.

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HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE
AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY



WHY WE GIVE: At NIPSCO, giving back to the communities we serve is a fundamental part of our culture. Every year, our employees volunteer and donate to a wide range of organizations that are making a difference across our service area with a focus on basic human needs, economic development, education, environmental stewardship and public safety.

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.



Girl Scouts:

The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana learn about electrical safety at our Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, which promotes STEM education, at the NiSource headquarters in Merrillville.

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AGENCY FUNDS \$129,542.00

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IT WAS FUN AND COOL TO SEE ALL OF
US COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE
A GREAT MASTERPIECE.

TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT
CONNECTED PAINT PARTICIPATE

*No grants in 2018.



With your support, students came together to create a work of art.

A CPCF grant for \$5,000 was awarded to the Taft Middle School Parent Teachers Association (PTA.)

“As the 2018-19 school year began our new principal, Tracy Seibert, was searching for ways to eliminate bullying while also taking on projects that would beautify the school in a unique way,” said Kristen Niemiec, Taft Middle School PTA treasurer. “When the Connected Paint project was presented, Mrs. Seibert, with the help of her staff, wasted no time collaborating with the Taft PTA.”

Connected Paint is a unique program in which participants work together to build a mural by painting a single square. Each student who took part in the “Stand Up Against Bullying” project received a kit that included paint and a canvas square with their part of the design printed on it. They were instructed which paints to use in which parts of the square, but given the freedom to express themselves within

the boundaries of their canvas. Once all of the individual squares were assembled, the students and other participants saw how their individual efforts combined to make a unified mural.

The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to cover the costs of the event, including the kits and mural design.

“The mural was so fun! And it brought everyone together and people made new friendships,” one of the Taft students said. “Doing it, I met a new friend. I recommend it to anyone that wants to do it at their school.”

THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT
THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION’S
SUPPORT AND OUR PTA’S ORGANIZATION AND
INVOLVEMENT. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO
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THAT SUPPORTS ITS SCHOOLS.

TRACY SEIBERT
TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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With your support, cancer patients were given a unique form of therapy.

A CPCF grant for \$2,000.00 was awarded to the Pink Ribbon Society.

The Pink Ribbon Society is dedicated to both promoting early detection of breast cancer and to helping those who have been diagnosed with the disease. They have provided mastectomy products, compression sleeves, wigs, prepaid grocery gift cards, childcare, landscaping cards and more to breast cancer patients. With the CPCF's help, the Pink Ribbon Society added a new item to support patients: adult coloring books.

"Aside from the actual physical aspects of breast cancer is the psychological affect the disease has on the patient," said Ann Peters, Founder and President of the Pink Ribbon Society. "They are overwhelmed, fearful, stressed, anxious and often depressed. After giving this some thought and investigating the positive aspects of such a project, we decided we would develop a coloring book designed to help eliminate, or at least alleviate, some of these more stressful moments."

Coloring allows the fear center of your brain to relax, thereby relaxing the patient. Coloring is a meditative activity with therapeutic benefits. Engaging in purposeful artwork can help reduce feelings of anxiety and unpleasantness associated with lengthy medical treatments, including chemotherapy.

The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to defray the printing costs of the coloring books.

For more information, please visit pinkribbonsociety.org. To purchase a coloring book for \$5.00, call the Pink Ribbon Society at 219-472-0704.

WE WERE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE FOUNDATION'S WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS. ALTHOUGH IT WAS A NOVEL IDEA, I KNEW IT WOULD BE A NEW KIND OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT WAS WHAT THE FOUNDATION WAS ALL ABOUT: HELPING KEEP OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY.

ANN PETERS
FOUNDER/PRESIDENT
PINK RIBBON SOCIETY

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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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Birthdays, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, and retirements are part of a long list of special events and reasons for honoring someone with a gift. An honorary gift is a fitting way to honor a special person while helping others.

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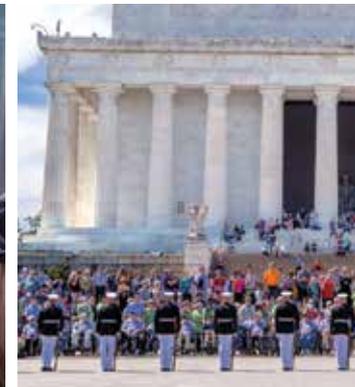
WHY WE GIVE: At View Outdoor, our goal is to follow the path our founder, Mr. Dean White, paved decades ago by giving back to Northwest Indiana. We have always and will continue to work with the municipalities and service organizations that build the great foundation of this community.

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Crown Point Community Foundation:

View Outdoor Advertising donated billboard space for the Crown Point Community Foundation's 9th Annual Volunteer Fair.





With your support, twelve local heroes were honored for their service.

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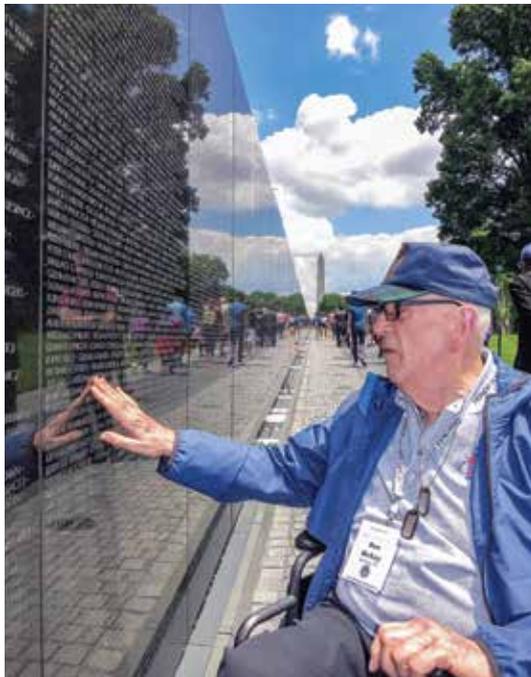
Honor Flight Chicago (HFC) is an organization dedicated to honoring America's senior war veterans living in northwest Indiana and the Chicago area. They honor our veterans with an all-expense paid, one of a kind journey to Washington, D.C. HFC organizes seven flights each year with approximately 105 senior war veterans per flight. A network of 1,500 volunteers from Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Crown Point assist with planning, preparing and executing the trips.

The day begins with a serenade to the veterans at Midway Airport. When their plane lands in Washington, D.C., it is greeted with a water cannon salute, a true honor bestowed on these war heroes. Five coach buses carry the veterans through the nation's capital, a process that is expedited by a National Park Police Escort.

A special ceremony is held at the World War II Memorial with the Joint Service Color Guard, a Marine singing the National Anthem, students leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and a bugler playing taps. Next, the veterans visit the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. The Air and Space Museum is the final stop in D.C., allowing the veterans to view planes from WWII and the Korean War, including the Enola Gay.

The flight home holds a further surprise as Mail Call is announced. Each veteran receives cards and letters from family members, friends and complete strangers. The common theme in the letters is gratitude. Generations connect with one another as young and old remind our veterans that not only are they appreciated, but that they are heroes who will never be forgotten.

A Welcome Home Celebration greets the veterans at the airport. Thousands of supporters, including friends, family, active duty military, bagpipers, bands, motorcycle community members, and Boy and Girl Scouts are all waiting to personally say thanks. This is the welcome home



that many veterans never received. The trip occurs over a single day, but the memories last a lifetime.

“My father told me it was the greatest experience of his life,” said Donna McDowell, daughter of WWII veteran, Donald McDowell. “To do that for a person 91 years of age is quite an accomplishment. You have paid tribute to our country’s heroes and given the veterans and their families a memory we will never forget.”

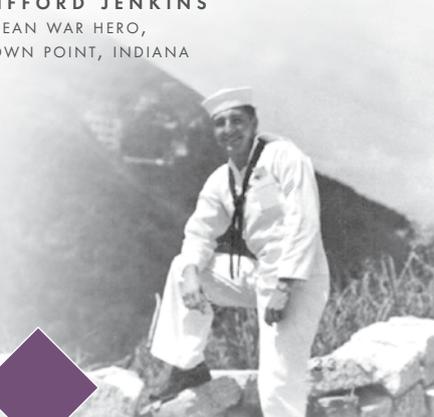
The CPCF grant helped to pay the expenses to transport 12 veterans from Crown Point, Cedar Lake and Lowell.

“Generous support from the Crown Point Community Foundation has been instrumental in helping Honor Flight Chicago provide Days of Honor to more than 50 senior war veterans from Crown Point over the last decade,” said Edna Ho, Operations Director at Honor Flight Chicago.

To learn more about Honor Flight Chicago, please visit www.honorflightchicago.org.

TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I WAS HUMBLED,
AWESTRUCK AND GRATEFUL. FROM THE MOMENT
I STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR AT MIDWAY AIRPORT
TO THE TIME THAT WE LANDED THAT NIGHT,
FRANKLY, THERE ARE NO WORDS FOR SOMETHING
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IT WAS A MOVING EXPERIENCE
AND ONE THAT I WILL NEVER
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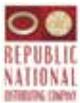
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