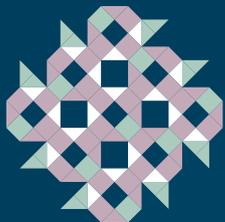




MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



CROWN POINT
**community
foundation**[™]

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE
IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY



BEN BALLOU
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
HODGES AND DAVIS, P.C.



MARY B. NIELSEN
PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The dictionary defines community as a social group whose members reside in a specific locality and often have a common cultural and historical heritage, sharing common characteristics or interests, and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists.

Having a sense of community unites us. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us the opportunities to connect with people, build valuable relationships, reach for our goals, and deepen our sense of belonging.

The theme of this year's Annual Report captures the Crown Point Community Foundation's reason for being – *making a difference*. We want to make sure future generations have the same, if not more, opportunities to enjoy our community of Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield as we do today.

Endowments ensure we will be here to support South Lake County well into the future. With the help of many

like-minded citizens, the Foundation is organized to serve individuals and organizations to provide a better future for our community in a wide variety of areas, including education, recreation, cultural diversity, the arts, our youth, faith-based initiatives, health and human services, the environment, and more.

There are many highlights from 2019 to celebrate. In the pages ahead you'll review how we worked alongside people like you – our donors, fundholders, and community partners – to mobilize your generosity to support important projects and causes that matter, and to help build capacity in nonprofit organizations.

The assets of the Foundation are now approaching \$30 million. Equally significant is the more than \$1.5 million awarded in grants and scholarships this past year. We are fortunate to live in a community where people want to share what they have and be involved in making a difference.

Thanks to you, our friends, the Crown Point Community Foundation's future looks bright. Your confidence in the Foundation ensures that it will continue to grow. We are grateful every day for your strong support.

Together, we will continue in our mission of making a difference in our community, now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

BEN BALLOU

MARY B. NIELSEN



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I COULD NEVER HAVE ACHIEVED MY CONFIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT THE HELP FROM THE CLUB. HAVING ALWAYS LOVED NATURE, I KNOW I WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER THAT INVOLVES HONEYBEES.

TREVOR LINDSAY
JUNIOR BEEKEEPER

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CHAIRMAN
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MANAGER



KATHY WILLIAMS
PROGRAM AND EVENTS
ORGANIZER

IT IS ONE OF MOST BEAUTIFUL COMPENSATIONS
OF THIS LIFE THAT NO MAN CAN SINCERELY
TRY TO HELP ANOTHER WITHOUT HELPING
HIMSELF... SERVE AND THOU SHALL BE SERVED.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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

HELEN KELLER

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.

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 29 million dollars.



Receive 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.



Franciscan
HEALTH
Crown Point

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RICK PELTIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRANCISCAN HEALTH FOUNDATION - NORTHERN INDIANA, HELPS HIS DAUGHTER AVA WITH A NEW BICYCLE HELMET WHILE OLDER DAUGHTER AUBREY ASSISTS / CHILDREN ENJOY MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT / A PARTICIPANT WORKS ON HIS BALANCE / ATTENDEES RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE DEAN & BARBARA WHITE SOUTHLAKE YMCA.

With your help, families throughout the area learned how to be safer.

A \$5,000 grant from the CPCF helped to present Franciscan Health Foundation’s fifth annual Northwest Indiana Safe Kids Day. The event helped to promote awareness and injury prevention among children and their parents through games and interactive educational activities.

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death among children ages newborn to 19, representing nearly 40% of all deaths in this age group. The United States has some of the highest rates of child injury deaths. Safe Kids Worldwide works with an extensive network of more than 400 coalitions in the United States and partners with organizations in 25 countries around the world to reduce unintentional injuries. Franciscan Health Foundation is the lead agency in Safe Kids Northwest Indiana.

The Northwest Indiana Safe Kids Day covers a wide range of

educational activities; including bicycle helmet fittings and bicycle safety demonstrations; car and booster seat instruction; driver safety for families; fire safety demonstrations by Crown Point Fire Rescue; avoiding stranger danger; safe sleep tips for parents; and television, medication, pet and water safety. The grant from the CPCF helped to sponsor these activities as well as to provide free bicycle helmets to participants.

WITH THE GENEROUS GIFT PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ANNUALLY WHO ARE EDUCATED ON WAYS TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES SAFE AND DO SO IN A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

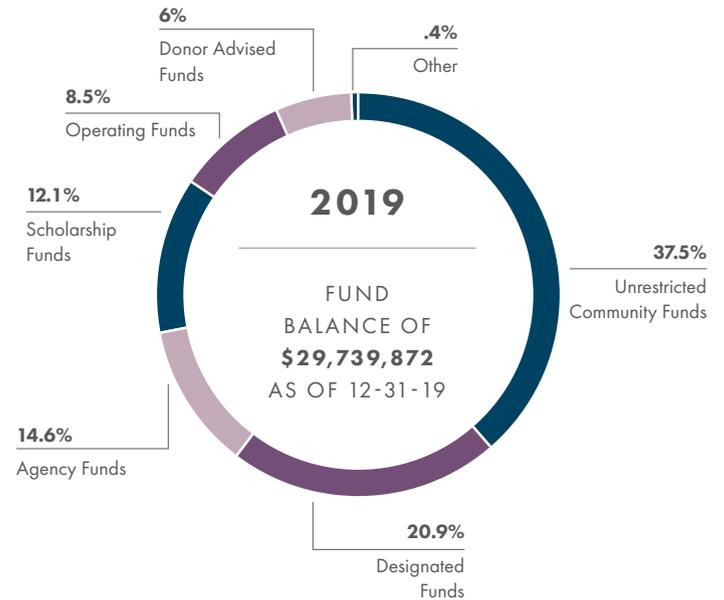
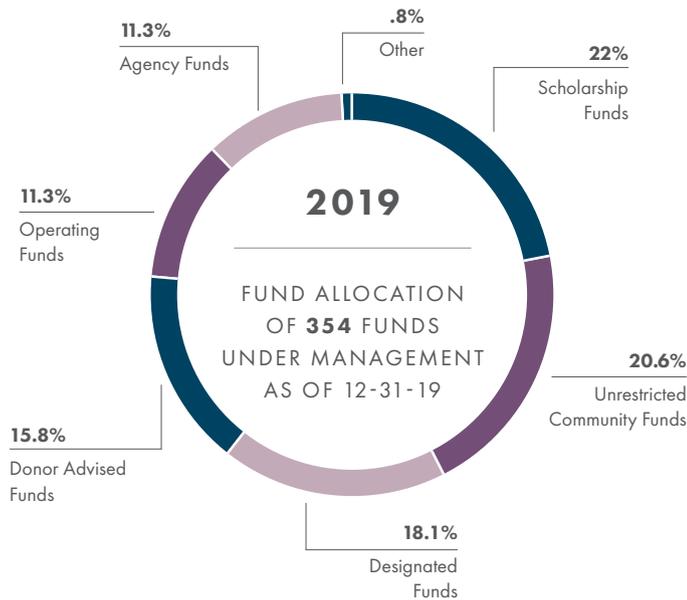
JENNIFER HOMAN

TRAUMA SERVICES MANAGER (CROWN POINT)
AND SAFE KIDS COORDINATOR
FRANCISCAN HEALTH FOUNDATION

2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past 29 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 2019, WE AWARDED MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION IN GRANTS.



EACH FUND TYPE FULFILLS THE DONOR'S WISHES

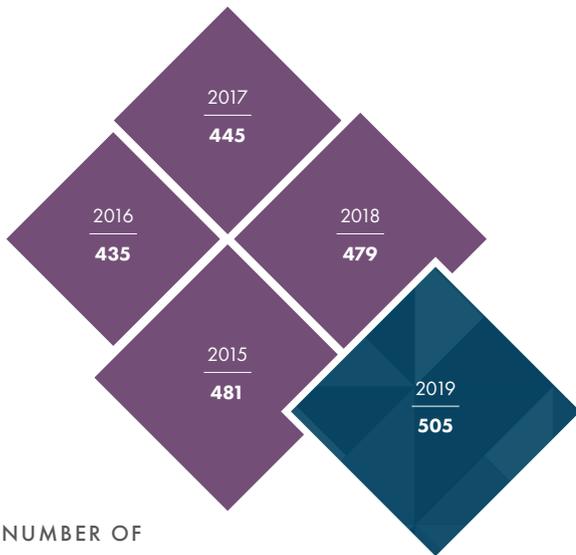
Unrestricted Fund distributions are granted to nonprofits providing services within South Lake County. Nonprofits apply for a grant; our grant committee reviews the applications and awards these grants.

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, fund holders 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 2019, the Crown Point Community Foundation distributed 505 grants and scholarships that supported a multitude of causes and higher education.



TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$1,531,007 in 2019.*

*Includes custodial fund grants and operating fund grants.

FINANCIALS

Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc.
summarized financial information
year ended December 31, 2019.

Total Assets: \$ 29,739,871

Liabilities and Fund Balance:

Agency funds 2,707,067

Endowment/pass-through funds 27,032,804

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance: \$ 29,739,871

Revenue:

Contributions and grants received 1,579,035

Investment return 4,180,398

Operating endowment revenue 266,269

Total Revenue \$ 6,025,702

Expense:

Grants paid to the community 1,304,127

Administrative fee expense 239,351

Operating expenses 444,201

Total Expense \$ 1,987,679

Change in Net Asset \$ 4,038,023

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
Charlie and Marilyn Kaper Unrestricted Endowment Fund **(New Fund)**
Clayton Dyer Root Endowment Fund
Community Endowment Fund
Corbin Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund **(New 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
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
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
John Dockus Unrestricted Endowment Fund
John and Maureen Rogers Unrestricted Endowment Fund **(New 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
Karl F. Seger Endowment Fund **(New Fund)**
Letz 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
Purdue Federal Credit Union Endowment Fund **(New Fund)**
Richard and Laura Sauerma 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

The Crown Point Community Foundation announced matching gift opportunities to our donors, made possible by **Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII** initiative. Nearly 29 years ago, Lilly Endowment Inc. launched the first GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) grantmaking initiative to strengthen Indiana communities. These matching funds are used to address high-priority challenges and opportunities in the cities and towns we serve.

Since its announcement in November of 2018, the CPCF has been able to capture 100% (as of February 2020) of available matching grant dollars made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc. to build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds and other Fund Types!

"We've had an incredible response from our friends of the Foundation and general donations," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation." With **the Endowment** matching gifts at a \$2 for \$1 rate for Unrestricted Endowment Funds and \$.50 for \$1 for other Fund types, every gift became more significant to help address high-priority challenges and opportunities in the community

we serve (Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell and Winfield)."

The Crown Point Community Foundation captured \$625,000 available from the GIFT VII Challenge Match. Of this, \$416,700 went to build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds. **Lilly Endowment Inc.** provided \$2 for every \$1 contributed. Secondly, the CPCF captured \$208,300 available to build the following Endowed Fund types: Donor Advised Funds, Designated Funds, Operating Funds, and Scholarship Funds. **Lilly Endowment Inc.** provided 50 cents for every \$1 raised.

The match opportunity increased the impact the CPCF will have to enrich the lives of those in South Lake County...*now and forever!*

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED **\$355,838.42**

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 - \$2,250.00

Humane Indiana, Inc.
Lake County Fairgrounds

Arts, Culture - \$15,960.00

Cedar Lake Historical Association
Lakeshore Public Media
Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc.
South Shore Arts, Inc.

Community Improvement - \$45,196.00

Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce
Crown Point Community Library
Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway Inc.
Humane Indiana, Inc.
Lake Court House Foundation
Rebuilding Together of South Lake County, Inc.
Urban Students of America, Inc.
Winfield Community Foundation
Winfield Township

Education - \$16,370.00

CP RoboDogs Sponsors, Inc./CPHS RoboDogs
Crown Point Christian School
Crown Point High School - AP Test Funding
Crown Point High School - Bulldog Workshop Transition Program
Crown Point High School - Internship program
Crown Point High School- Project Lead the Way
Solon Robinson Elementary School
Timothy Ball Elementary School
United Negro College Fund, Inc.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$24,311.00

First United Methodist Church of Crown Point
Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
Illiana Beekeepers Alliance, Inc.
Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

NWI Food Council
Pack Away Hunger

Health - \$11,400.00

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

Housing, Shelter - \$8,170.00

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana
Mommy's Haven

Human Services - \$39,331.00

Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern IN
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana
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
Knights of Columbus -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Lake Area United Way
Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter
Paladin Inc./The Arc Northwest Indiana
This is My Season, Inc
TradeWinds Services, Inc.
Wittenberg Lutheran Village

Public Safety - \$14,775.00

Cedar Lake Police Department
Crown Point Community School Corporation - Active Shooter Training
Franciscan Health Foundation

Recreation - \$103,000.00

Crossroads YMCA
Dean & Barbara White Southlake YMCA

Community Grants continued:

Religion - \$19,500.00

Bethel Church

Cedar Lake Ministries

Healing Streams Oasis

St. John's United Church of Christ

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-Lowell

YoungLife of Northwest Indiana

Crown Point Swim Club

Dollywood Foundation - Imagination Library

Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited

Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana

Hanover Jr. Wildcats Football, Inc.

Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA)

Southlake Children's Choir

White's Residential and Family Services

Youth Development - \$55,575.42

Best Buddies Indiana

Boy Scout Troop #45 Chartered by the Presbyterian Church USA

Boy Scout Troop #48 Chartered by the First United Methodist Church

Boy Scout Troop #129

Campagna Academy, Inc.

Challenger Learning Center

City of Crown Point - Youth Community Service Award

Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Builders Club and Student Council

Colonel John Wheeler PTA

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GRANTS AWARDED \$4,967.70

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to address an area they care deeply about without naming a specific charity. The foundation grant committee awards grants to nonprofits that fit the donor's category of interest.

Community Literacy Endowment Fund

Help The Children Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED **\$257,132.94**

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 Swim Club Alumni Scholarship Fund **(New 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
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
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 Fund
L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund

Law Enforcement Academy 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
Pettit Family Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship Fund **(New Fund)**
Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Scholarship Endowment Fund
Robert "Bob" Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund
Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship Fund
Ronald and Suzanne Borto Scholarship Endowment Fund
Russ Keller Family Scholarship Fund
Shirley Mudy Scholarship Fund
Solon Robinson Elementary School PTO Scholarship Fund
St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship
Steven J. and Kay E. Bazin Scholarship 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
Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund
Walter J. Bernacki Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship Fund
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

*No grants in 2019.



TO BE GIVEN SUCH AN AWARD
 JUST MADE EVERYTHING FEEL AS
 THOUGH IT WAS WORTH IT:
 ALL THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND
 COUNTLESS TEARS. TO ME, IT WAS
 THE RAINBOW AFTER ALL THE RAIN.

MARTINA TRAJCEVSKA
 2019 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE
 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



MARTINA TRAJCEVSKA AND JACK LEWIS, WERE AWARDED THE 2019 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS, FULL TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD, AND BOOK STIPEND FOR EIGHT SEMESTERS. SHOWN WITH MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, 2015 WINNER NICK ISAACS AND 2017 WINNER ZEXING YU.

DESIGNATED GRANTS AWARDED \$198,178.14

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

Anthony Kinkade Foundation
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
Don Hess Memorial 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 Merriitt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund
George and Laura Wild Endowment Fund
Harmony Handbells*
Hanover Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Endowment
Home Lumber Endowment
Honor Fund Challenge Match
Ivy Tech Community College Foundations of East Chicago
De La Garza Campus in East Chicago Endowment Fund*
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
Robert and Joyce Nutt Endowment Fund
Ron and Diane Hall Endowment Fund
Roselyn Trimble Family Endowment Fund
Sharon James Endowment Fund
Stanley B. Lee Fund
Superior Petroleum Products Inc. Court House Endowment Fund
The Honor Endowment Fund
Tom and Kathy Liss Court House Endowment Fund
Vada Pinter Endowment Fund
Visiting Nurse Foundation Fund
Wilbert and Betty Buth Endowment Fund
William and Mary Carroll Fund
William C. and Jean Keehn Endowment Fund



OUR DAUGHTER SOPHIA HAS BEEN A PART OF
EXCEPTIONAL EQUESTRIANS. THIS PROGRAM HAS
BEEN SO AMAZING. IT HAS HELPED SOPHIA WITH FINE
AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS AND FOLLOWING
THROUGH WITH TASKS, AND IT ALSO MAKES HER FEEL
CALM AND HAPPY. WE CONSIDER EVERYONE AT EEU FAMILY.

JON AND MICHELLE RIOS
PARENTS OF SOPHIA RIOS
EEU PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

*No grants in 2019.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE EEU PARKING LOT WITH THE NEW GRAVEL / PARKER BLAYLOCK ON EEU'S THERAPEUTIC HORSE BARNEY / FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LISA WAY, INSTRUCTOR - BOBBI BUROSH, SIDE WALKER - PARKER BLAYLOCK, STUDENT AND MAKAYLA DROSTE, HORSE LEADER / SOPHIA RIOS ON EEU'S THERAPEUTIC HORSE BLOSSOM / GROUP OF EEU PARTICIPANTS / FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JEANNIE DROSTE, HORSE LEADER - DEB OSBURN, INSTRUCTOR - SOPHIA RIOS, STUDENT - JEFF PERZ, SIDE WALKER AND LISA WAY, INSTRUCTOR.

With your help, people with special needs received a soothing form of therapy.

A grant for \$2,165 from the Crown Point Community Foundation went toward Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited (EEU) to purchase replacement equipment, including reins, helmets and stirrups, as well as gravel to improve the facility's parking lot.

EEU provides educational and therapeutic horseback riding instruction for people with special needs of all ages. Based in Hobart, the program was established in 1979. Student riders in the program have a variety of developmental and physical challenges. EEU's trained instructors develop customized lesson plans for each students based on their needs and abilities. Students ride for eight week sessions in the spring and fall and participate in other special activities throughout the year.

Besides the physical benefits of improving balance, coordination and self-confidence while riding a horse, the riders and their families also

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We are grateful for our partnership with the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation for offering this fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life in South Lake County. The following nonprofits benefited from this initiative:

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RESIDENTS OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT ARE ENJOYING THE NEW COMPUTER WORK STATIONS.

With your help, young minds have a new set of tools to help them learn at the library.

A grant for \$10,896 from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped the Crown Point Community Library purchase four computer work stations for young learners.

The Crown Point Community Library’s mission is to serve the residents of its library district by providing a community center for lifelong discovery. In support of the Library’s guiding principle, the Library seeks to decrease the digital divide for those in the community that may lack the financial resources that are required in order to thrive in an increasingly digitally based world.

The CPCF grant enabled the library to purchase three Early Literacy Stations. The Early Literacy Station is designed specifically for the library’s youngest patrons. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies

and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference. The grant also provided for an After School Edge station, which is designed for elementary school children and provides for enrichment, intervention, homework help and skill reinforcement.

THE LIBRARY IS THANKFUL FOR THE GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO REPLACE ALL FOUR OF OUR AGED EARLY LITERACY COMPUTER STATIONS.

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With your help, a newly formed nonprofit organization has been able to build some buzz.

A \$1,261 grant from the CPCF was awarded to the Illiana Beekeepers Alliance (IBA.) The IBA’s mission is to create and maintain generations of innovative, knowledgeable beekeepers and to not only educate the public but also play a role in the advancement and preservation of the honeybee and our other pollinator friends.

The honeybee population continues to be on a precipitous decline. In 1947 there were 6 million recorded hives. By January 2018 there were only 2.6 million. It is possible that there may not be enough bees to properly pollinate our sustainable food crops.

The most immediately addressable approach to the honeybee crisis is to increase their food sources. The IBA has engaged in a program of partnering with area farmers to create multiple large scale food plots

to nurture the honeybee population. The IBA is educating land owners who may qualify for pollinator grants in order to convert nonproductive areas into pollinator plots.

The IBA also encourages area farmers to create multiple large scale forage plots for pollinators. This process starts with educating land owners who may qualify for pollinator grants in order to convert non productive areas into pollinator forage plots.

The IBA also engages in multiple forms of educational community outreach for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Conservation Clubs, Schools, Libraries and Parks which the grant from the CPCF helps support. For more information, please visit www.illianabeekeepersalliance.com.



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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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Jim Forsythe, 2019 Military Patriot Award winner

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Larry & Kim Geisen at Christmas

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