

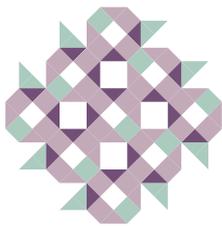
# RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



CELEBRATING

# 30

YEARS  
1990-2020



CROWN POINT  
**community  
foundation**

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE  
IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

## RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT



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

Dear Friends,

2020 began filled with the excitement of celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Crown Point Community Foundation. A milestone made possible by the vision of Dr. John Birdzell, and our founders who rose to the challenge of establishing a public charitable organization with the mission of enriching the quality of life in Crown Point and the surrounding South Lake County communities.

On March 7th, we gathered for what would be our only in-person event of the year, our annual Volunteer Fair, to facilitate the connection of more than 60 local nonprofit agencies to residents looking to engage in volunteer opportunities.

One week later, life as we knew it changed drastically due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home orders mandated by the Governor. Our Board and staff quickly rose to the challenge putting new strategies into action to work remotely and support the agencies providing critical services to meet the needs of our residents. In response, the CPCF activated its CARE Fund and partnered with Legacy Foundation and Foundations of East Chicago, collaboratively raising almost \$1 million for COVID-19 relief grantmaking efforts throughout Lake County.

We rose to the challenge and continued our commitment of responsive and pro-active grantmaking, pivoted to new approaches to award 100 scholarships to aid students in obtaining their post-secondary education, partnered with multiple stakeholders to explore and implement regional initiatives to foster economic development and opportunities for all, and assisted donors with their philanthropic goals of supporting causes to positively impact residents lives and our communities.

As we look to the next 30 years and beyond, we remain steadfast in our mission.

The CPCF has strategically positioned itself to increase grantmaking that supports a broad range of community needs and to become operationally self-sufficient. The \$2.5 million dollar matching gift challenge launched in November, made possible by the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation, is an opportunity to accelerate this vision by providing donors a \$1 for \$1 match to grow endowed funds of their choice and increase operating endowment funds.

Thanks to you, our friends and supporters, the Crown Point Community Foundation's future looks bright. We ended the year with a new milestone, assets over \$34 million. Your trust and confidence in the Foundation ensures that it will continue to grow. We are thankful every day for your strong support.

Together, we will continue to rise to the challenge of enriching the quality of life in our communities, now and for generations to come.

Yours in Philanthropy,

MARY B. NIELSEN

BEN BALLOU





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**WILLIAM T. FISHER**  
CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE

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THERE IS NO POWER FOR CHANGE GREATER  
THAN A COMMUNITY DISCOVERING  
WHAT IT CARES ABOUT.

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY



CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO  
CARE WITH CAUSES THAT  
MATTER SINCE 1990

**In 1989, longtime area physician and community leader Dr. John Birdzell had the idea of establishing a community foundation like the one he had learned about while vacationing in Michigan.**

He presented the idea to fellow Crown Point Rotary Club members, including Harold Wheeler, Joe Nerney, Tim Sendak, Mike Grant, Larry Rouge, Herman Barber, and his son John Birdzell. Dr. Birdzell's vision was of a foundation that would invest its endowments and use the income

to fund grants to the community in perpetuity. The idea was well received, with Harold Wheeler making the first \$1,000 investment.

The following year, the Crown Point Community Foundation was born. Thirty years later, Dr. Birdzell's vision has resulted in a Foundation with more than 360 funds and \$34 million dollars in managed assets, and an ongoing legacy that has positively impacted countless lives in the South Lake County community.



HERMAN BARBER  
CPCF FOUNDER



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## ABOUT THE CPCF

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.

Since 1990, we have served the citizens of Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield 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.

## CREATING A BETTER FUTURE IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY IN THREE STEPS



### 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.



PHOTOS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PATRICK GLEASON AND CHARLOTTE ANNES, INDIANA STATE LEAD TELEHEALTH ACCESS FOR SENIORS, DELIVERS DEVICES TO THE ADAM BENJAMIN JR VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN CROWN POINT, IN - FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: / CHARLOTTE ANNES (THIRD FROM LEFT) DELIVERS DEVICES TO FRANCISCAN HEALTH IN CROWN POINT, IN.

**With your help, seniors were given the technology to access online health services.**

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to TeleHealth Access for Seniors. The organization’s mission is to provide seniors and low-income communities with devices and instructions to connect them to their physicians via telehealth. TeleHealth Access for Seniors gathers used tablets in good condition and uses monetary donations to purchase Android and FIRE tablets to provide access to area seniors. They also provide printed guides, free videos and tech support with student volunteers to help seniors know how to use their devices and access their online services.

“We partner with clinics and hospitals and donate devices to them so that they are able to give the devices to patients in need,” said Charlotte Annes, Indiana State Lead for TeleHealth Access for Seniors.

With COVID still a concern, Telehealth has become even more

imperative to seniors. “Telehealth allows patients to contact their physicians, doctors, friends and family quicker and easier,” Annes said. “This also allows patients to have regular checkups with their doctors in a socially distanced manner.

The grant from the CPCF helped to purchase tablets to provide to seniors. TeleHealth Access for Seniors is also accepting gently used Amazon Fire HD tablets and other used devices. For more information, please visit [www.telehealthforseniors.org](http://www.telehealthforseniors.org).

THIS GRANT ALLOWED US TO DONATE  
13 ANDROID DEVICES SO THAT SENIORS  
AND VETERANS CAN NOW PARTAKE IN TELEMEDICINE.

TELEHEALTH ACCESS



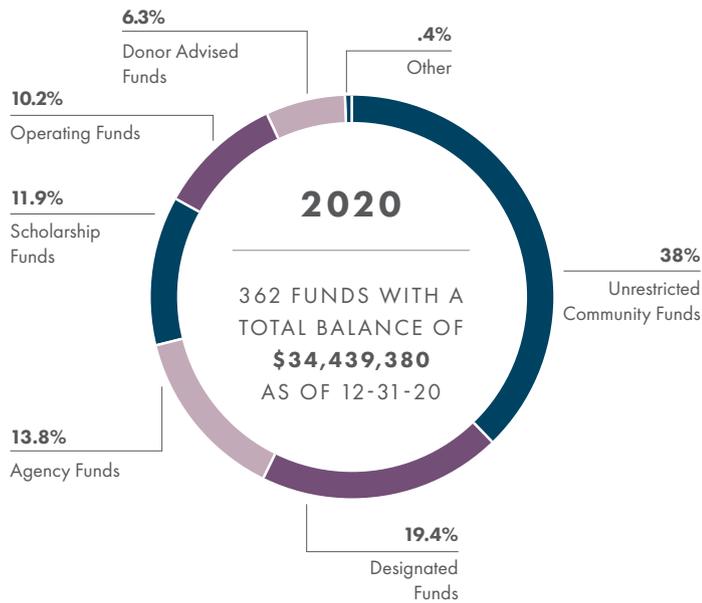
FOR SENIORS

CHARLOTTE ANNES

INDIANA STATE LEAD  
TELEHEALTH ACCESS FOR SENIORS

# 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past 30 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.



## 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.

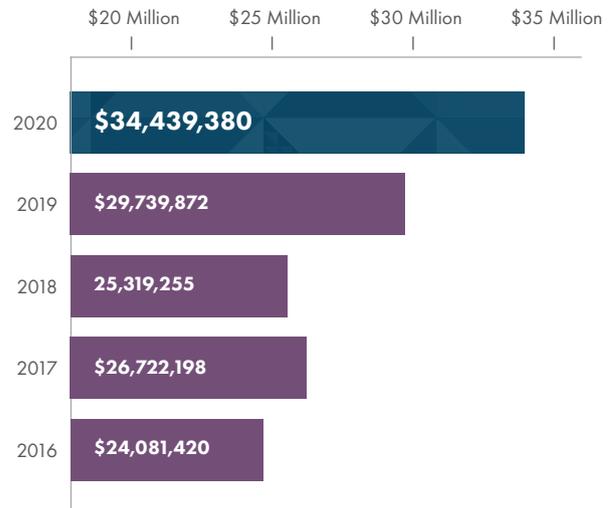
Agency Funds are set up by a nonprofit organization to support their operational and program needs.

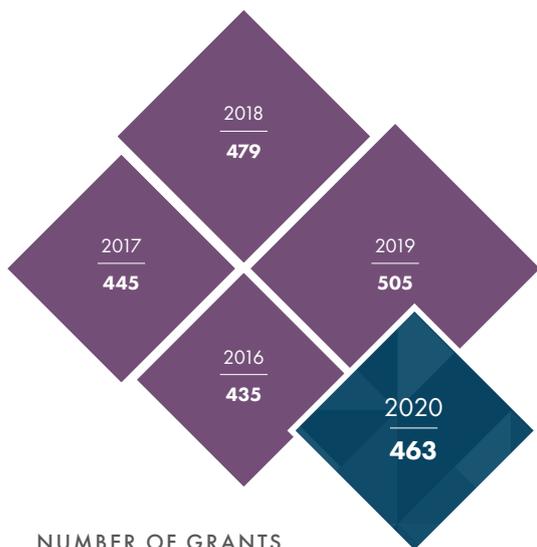
Operating Fund distributions support the foundation, allowing us to fulfill our mission to our donors, fund holders and community.

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.

**IN 2020, WE AWARDED MORE THAN \$1.16 MILLION IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

## TOTAL ASSET GROWTH - PAST 5 YEARS -





#### NUMBER OF GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In 2020, the Crown Point Community Foundation distributed 463 grants and scholarships that supported a multitude of causes and higher education.



#### TOTAL DOLLARS IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$1,168,312 in 2020.\*

\*Includes custodial fund grants and operating fund grants.

## FINANCIALS

Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc.  
summarized financial information  
year ended December 31, 2020.

<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$ <u>34,439,380</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance:</b>	
Term Debt	57,300
Agency Funds	2,989,486
Endowment/pass-through Funds	<u>31,392,594</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$ <u>34,439,380</u></b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Contributions and grants received	2,220,302
Investment return	3,539,065
Operating endowment revenue	<u>295,122</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ <u>6,054,489</u></b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
Grants paid to the community	984,784
Administrative fee expense	267,472
Operating expenses	<u>442,443</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,694,699</u></b>
<b>Change in Net Asset</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,359,790</u></b>

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



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SALVATION ARMY WITH MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES / HOPE SIDEWALK ARTWORK / FOOD BANK OF NWI HELPING WITH THE FOOD DELIVERIES TO LOCAL SENIORS / HOME-DELIVERED MEALS BY MEALS ON WHEELS OF NWI.

## TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

HELPING RESIDENTS OF SOUTH LAKE COUNTY THROUGH THE CPCF'S CARE-EMERGENCY AID & RELIEF FUND.

**COVID-19 has had a historic impact on both the health and the financial stability of our community.** In response, the Crown Point Community Foundation partnered with the Legacy Foundation and Foundations of East Chicago to offer immediate relief throughout Lake County. During **Phase 1** of their efforts, the Foundations awarded \$356,000 in grants to 61 nonprofits between March 30 and May 18, 2020, covering food, childcare, PPE, technology, educational materials, rent/utility assistance, and medical needs.

The CPCF's contributions were made and awarded through its CARE-Emergency Aid and Relief Fund. All grants were made

in collaboration with the area's other Foundations.

"Given the extraordinary impact of COVID-19, it was imperative that we coordinated our relief efforts with the other Foundations," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "We wanted to ensure that we could get the money out quickly without duplicating our efforts."

"The grant has been very useful in supplying our food pantry," said Kevin Toth, Hanover Township Trustee. "We offer food assistance to residents of Hanover Township and Cedar Lake and the grant will go a long way in



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HOOSIERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY'S SOUP KITCHEN / BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NWI PARTNERED WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND BANQUET CENTERS TO PROVIDE MEALS TO LAKE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS / HANOVER TOWNSHIP ADD SUPPLIES TO THEIR PANTRY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS / ST. JUDE HOUSE CATERS FOOD / TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

helping us provide for those in need in our community.”

The community responded as well, donating much-needed funds to the Foundation’s efforts. 100% of the donations to the CPCF’s emergency relief fund were used to provide direct support to nonprofit organizations delivering critical services to Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield.

“The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is grateful for the funds from the Lake County COVID-19 Response Fund,” said Allyson Vaultx, Director of Development, Food Bank of NWI. “The grant was used to provide targeted Mobile Market food distributions for displaced/unemployed individuals and for senior food box deliveries to seniors who are high risk, without family or disabled. Both programs are newly developed, in direct response to needs brought about by the current crisis. These are populations of people who never needed assistance from the Food Bank before, but are now relying on us to feed their families. The funding from the Lake County COVID-19 Response Fund and Crown Point Community Foundation ensures that we can support and feed our neighbors for as long as necessary.”

“Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is committed to responding to the needs of our communities facing hunger during this critical time,” said Amber Zecca, Fund Development Director for Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. “The funds received from the Crown Point Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief grant were used to pay processing fees on donated livestock. The meat was given to local hunger relief agencies that are serving an ever-increasing amount of food-insecure residents.”

The Crown Point Community Foundation, Legacy Foundation, and Foundations of East Chicago partnered for **Phase 2** of the CARE-Emergency and Relief Fund to offer grants of up to \$5,000 to help nonprofit organizations develop and/or implement an Emergency Preparedness or Strategic Restructuring plan. Emergency Preparedness could cover general preparedness (to include all disasters including tornado, fire, pandemic, etc.) or be COVID-19 specific to assist with plan development, supplies and equipment, software or virtual platform expenses. The Foundations awarded \$65,775 in **Phase 2**.

# 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. & Angela J. Ballou Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Bill & Betty Kennedy Family Endowment Fund  
BJ & Kay Hubbard Endowment Fund  
Bob and Bernice Anderson Endowment Fund  
Cedar Lake Community Endowment Fund  
Charlie and Marilyn Kaper Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Clayton Dyer Root Endowment Fund  
Community Endowment Fund  
Corbin Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Crown Point Community Foundation Fund  
Daniel Reinhardt Root & Carol McInerney Root Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Darryl & Patricia Miller Endowment Fund  
David & Helen Batusic Unrestricted Fund  
Dean and Barbara White Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Dexter Family Endowment Fund  
Dolores E. White Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Don & Alice Burrell Family Endowment Fund  
Don and Joyce Carnahan Endowment Fund  
Donald and Joyce Huber Family Endowment Fund  
Donald and Theresa Cowan Family Fund  
Dr. William and Ramona Jean Smead Family Fund **(New 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 & 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 & Marian Hooseline Family Trust  
Joe and Marian Jollief Unrestricted Endowment  
John & Ann Barney Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
John & Diane Burrell Family Endowment Fund  
John and Maureen Rogers 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 & Cornel Raab Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Karl F. Seger Endowment 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  
Peter & Betty Kolodziej Memorial Endowment Fund **(New Fund)\***  
Purdue Federal Credit Union 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



PHOTOS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: (STANDING) GEMMA BRANDT WITH MARGE & HUGO BREUCKMAN / (SEATED) GEMMA BRANDT WITH MARGE BREUCKMAN / GEMMA BRANDT AT A RED HAT SOCIETY EVENT.

**Thanks to the establishment of an Unrestricted Endowment Fund, and an estate gift to the Crown Point Community Foundation, Gemma Brandt’s generous spirit will continue for generations.**

Gemma was a lifelong Crown Point resident and an avid supporter of the CPCF. In 2015, she started the Marge and Hugo Breuckman Endowment Fund in memory of her mother and stepfather, Marge and Hugo Breuckman. In addition, through her will, she arranged for her estate to be bequeathed to the Foundation. After her peaceful passing in 2019, a significant gift was made in 2020 from her estate to the Breuckman Fund Gemma previously established, increasing the impact it will have in the community.

The Crown Point Community Foundation can be an important part of your estate planning. If you are charitably minded and would like more control over your charitable contributions that extend beyond your lifetime, talk with your attorney and name the Crown Point Community Foundation as a beneficiary of all or a portion of

your estate. Please use the following wording - “I give or bequeath to the Crown Point Community Foundation, Crown Point, Indiana, % or the sum of \$ of my residuary estate.”

Creating an Endowed Fund during your lifetime and naming the Crown Point Community Foundation beneficiary of all or a portion of your estate can provide an opportunity to create a longstanding philanthropic legacy.

For more information please visit [thecpcf.org](http://thecpcf.org).

GEMMA BRANDT DID A LOT FOR THE HOMELESS.  
SHE WAS A VERY FUN-LOVING PERSON AND  
HAD MANY FRIENDS. SHE LOVED THE CITY  
AND WAS VERY GENEROUS TO THE  
CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

**PAT DONLEY**  
GEMMA BRANDT’S COUSIN

# COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED \$425,536.82

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 - \$8,270.00

Humane Indiana, Inc.  
Lake County Fairgrounds  
Power Paws for Kids, Inc.

## Arts, Culture - \$21,000.00

Cedar Lake Historical Association  
City of Crown Point -Parks & Recreation  
Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc.  
Julia Watkins Brass Chapter NSDAR  
South Shore Arts, Inc.  
Three Creeks Historical Assoc.

## Community Improvement - \$21,990.00

American Legion Post 101  
Covid 19 Emergency Care Grants  
Crown Point Community Library  
Timothy Ball Elementary PTO

## Economic Development - \$2,150.00

Indiana Plan for Equal Employment, Inc.

## Education - \$12,662.82

Crown Point Comm. School Corporation  
Crown Point High School - AP Test Funding  
Crown Point High School - Bulldog Workshop Transition Program  
St. Mary Catholic Community School  
United Negro College Fund, Inc.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$25,346.00

Community Help Network, Inc.  
Food Bank of Northwest Indiana  
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry  
Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, Inc.  
Pack Away Hunger  
Winfield Township

## Health - \$21,650.00

American Cancer Society of Northwest Indiana  
Community Cancer Research Foundation, Inc.  
Hair for All Foundation  
Phil's Friends, NFP  
Pink Ribbon Society, Inc.  
TeleHealth Access for Seniors Inc  
Wabash Center

## Housing, Shelter - \$27,800.00

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana  
Mommy's Haven  
St. Jude House, Inc.  
St. Michael's Church

## Human Services - \$34,399.00

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana  
Campagna Academy, Inc.  
Chasing Dreams  
Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. / Pets N Vets Program  
Franciscan Health Foundation  
Knights of Columbus -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #7473  
MAAP Services  
Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc.  
Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center Inc.  
The Arc of Indiana, Inc.  
TradeWinds Services, Inc.  
Wittenberg Lutheran Village

## Public Safety - \$111,519.00

100 Club of Lake and Porter Counties, Inc.  
Cedar Lake Police Department  
Crown Point Fire Rescue  
Crown Point Police Department  
Lake County Sheriff's Department Protective Order Assistance  
Lake Dale Fire Rescue

**Community Grants continued:**

Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, Inc.  
Maac Foundation Inc  
Town of Cedar Lake  
Town of Lowell  
Town of Winfield

Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana  
Hanover Jr. Wildcats Football, Inc.  
Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA)  
Love Moves Us, Inc.  
South Point Community Church, Inc.

**Recreation - \$103,000.00**

Crossroads YMCA  
Dean & Barbara White Southlake YMCA

**Youth Development - \$35,750.00**

Best Buddies Indiana  
Cedar Lake Youth Baseball  
City of Crown Point  
Crown Point Babe Ruth, Inc.  
Crown Point Swim Club  
Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited  
Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED **\$2,115.18**

**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\*  
The Manis Family Fund *(New Fund)\**

\*No grants in 2020.

# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED \$224,453.28

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" Endowed Scholarship Fund

Alfred J. Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium Fund

Alvin & 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 M. & Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship\*

Christopher Day Memorial Scholarship Fund\*

Clayton Gaudry Memorial Scholarship Fund *(New 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

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

Dorothy Dillman Max Scholarship Fund\*

Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship

Fran & Billie Hoffman Scholarship Fund

George Letz, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Gil and Gail Stiener Family Fund

Helen Zielinski & Ray Stuck Family 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 & 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 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

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Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship Fund

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Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund

Virgil A. Place Scholarship Fund

Walter J. Bernacki Memorial Scholarship Fund

Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship Fund

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# LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. GIFT VII

## IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS HELP SOUTH LAKE COUNTY THROUGH NWI BIZHUB AND A BIKE TRAIL APP

Through a grant provided by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Crown Point Community Foundation in collaboration with Legacy Foundation, Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and the Center of Workforce Innovations explored opportunities on how philanthropy could play a role in fostering economic development in our communities. **NWI BizHub** was created to connect entrepreneurs and small business owners to the resources they need to help start, grow and prosper.

Finding a resource on NWIBizHub.com is easy. Anyone can access the network by visiting the website and clicking “Find a Resource” in the resource section of the menu bar. The website

features over 60 different resource partners, a calendar of events, and small business spotlights.

In addition to NWI BizHub, the Crown Point Community Foundation and Legacy Foundation are supporting bike trail signage efforts and a bike trail app for the region. The app will help riders plan bike trips and stops from the convenience of their cell phone. The app will incorporate local business markers and sites to visit along the trail.



RESOURCES TO  
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# DESIGNATED GRANTS AWARDED **\$235,362.35**

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

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MARK SIMINSKI, PRESIDENT, KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS BIKE 7473 BIKE PROJECT / MARK SIMINSKI FIXING A BIKE RIM / BOY ON BIKE / (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): MARK SIMINSKI; REV. THOMAS E. MISCHLER, PASTOR AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH AND MERLIN FORESMAN, TREASURER, KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS BIKE 7473 BIKE PROJECT / MARK SIMINSKI ATTACHING A BIKE TO HIS CAR FOR DELIVERY / MARK SIMINSKI ADJUSTING A TIRE ON A BIKE.

**With your help, a program to provide free bicycles has been on a roll.**

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a grant for \$2,000 to the local Knights of Columbus for their Bike Project program.

The Knights of Columbus St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council No. 7473 is a local chapter of the worldwide Catholic nonprofit. The local chapter includes Catholic men from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Holy Spirit and St. Helen parishes. One of their main programs is their Bike Project. Through the Bike Project, the Council collects used donated bikes, refurbishes them, and distributes them throughout the community. The Bike Project has donated over 1,000 bikes in the last nine years.

“In Lake County there are a lot of families that are living at or below the poverty level that do not have the means to purchase new bikes for their families or transportation to get to a job,” said Merlin Foresman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council Treasurer. “The Knights perform 100 percent of

the labor to pick up used bikes, refurbish them and then deliver them to individuals and families in need.”

The CPCF grant helped pay for tires, tubes, chains, seats and grips to repair the bikes. Since receiving a similar grant from the CPCF in 2019, the Knights have delivered 54 refurbished bicycles.

WHEN THE KNIGHTS DELIVER THE REFURBISHED BIKES, THEY GET TO SEE THE REACTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING THEM. THIS HELPS THE KNIGHTS TO SEE HOW MUCH THEIR WORK REALLY MEANS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.



**MERLIN FORESMAN**  
TREASURER  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON COUNCIL

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS AWARDED \$57,033.70

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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Cornel and Karen Raab Donor Advised Endowment Fund  
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Crown Point Rotary Foundation Fund\*  
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Women's Giving Circle Fund

## AGENCY FUNDS AWARDED \$145,321.61

Agency Endowment Funds are created by nonprofit organizations. Each year, distributions from the agency fund help support the operational and program needs of the nonprofit organization or are invested back into the fund for continued growth.

Campagna Academy Endowment Fund\*  
Cedar Lake Historical Association Endowment\*  
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Crown Point Community Library Endowment Fund\*  
Crown Point Community Schools Endowment Fund  
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Crown Point Endowment\*  
Forest Ridge Academy Endowment Fund

Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation Fund  
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Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana Endowment Fund

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## DEAN & BARBARA WHITE FAMILY FOUNDATION

# \$2.5 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING OPPORTUNITY

In November 2020 the Crown Point Community Foundation announced a very generous **\$2.5 million dollar MATCHING CHALLENGE** made possible by the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation. *"This \$1 for \$1 matching gift challenge will greatly assist the CPCF in its vision of becoming operationally self-sufficient and increase grantmaking that supports a broad range of community needs,"* said Mary Nielsen, CPCF President. The matching challenge provides donors the opportunity to grow endowed funds of their choice and to increase operating endowment funds to cover the operating costs of the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Every dollar raised will double your impact in supporting our mission of enriching the quality of life in South Lake County and beyond, now

and for generations to come! You can choose to give to an Existing Fund or Establish a New Fund.

**Eligible gifts include:** Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, Stock Transfers, and Retirement Assets. Any questions, contact **Mary Nielsen, CPCF President**, at [marynielsen@thecpcf.org](mailto:marynielsen@thecpcf.org) or call **219-662-7252**. To make gifts online go to: [thecpcf.org/donate.html](https://thecpcf.org/donate.html).

**This Matching Challenge is available until the funding has been exhausted.**



**GIVE TODAY...**  
*Greater* **IMPACT**  
**TOMORROW**



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HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE  
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**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 through long-term system and infrastructure modernization projects, and we're making the transition away from coal to cleaner, lower-cost sources of energy for the future.



**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.

[www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com)

## OPERATING SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS \$73,576.89

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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 St. Jude House Endowment Fund  
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 Endowment Fund\*  
 The Arc Northwest Indiana  
 The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana  
 Endowment Fund  
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 Tri-Creek Education Foundation Fund  
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Fund  
 University of St. Francis, Crown Point Endowment Fund\*  
 White's Residential and Family Services\*  
 Winfield Community Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund\*  
 Wittenberg Lutheran Village Endowment Fund\*

\*No grants in 2020.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: (STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT): JUDY MCBROOM, PRESIDENT, HAIR FOR ALL FOUNDATION AND CO-OWNER OF SIMPLY WIGS BOUTIQUE; ANDREA SERWA, COMMITTEE MEMBER, HAIR FOR ALL FOUNDATION AND OWNER OF WIGS & HAIR BY ANDREA; WENDY KUHN - TREASURER, HAIR FOR ALL FOUNDATION AND CO-OWNER OF SIMPLY WIGS BOUTIQUE; (SEATED) SANDIE SCHMITT GUEST OF SIMPLY WIGS BOUTIQUE / ANDREA SERWA SHOWS JUDY MCBROOM A WIG / WIG OPTIONS / ANDREA SERWA HIGHLIGHTS THE FEATURES OF A WIG TO SANDIE SCHMITT / ANDREA SERWA HELPING SANDIE SCHMITT WITH A WIG FITTING.

**With your help, those affected by hair loss from cancer or alopecia (totalis or areata) were given an emotional boost.**

A CPCF grant for \$2,500 was given to the Hair for All Foundation.

Hair for All Foundation serves people in active treatment for any type of cancer or alopecia (totalis or areata) by helping them to buy cranial prosthesis (wigs.)

Medical interventions associated with cancer symptoms and treatments are difficult enough. Coping with extreme changes in outward appearance may seem even worse. Hair loss can lead to secondary complications resulting in high blood pressure, stress, anxiety and levels of depression which can hinder progress during recovery. Hair loss and treatment have a psychological, emotional and financial impact on a patient’s self-esteem and confidence.

Cancer treatment is not the only condition that can result in hair loss.

Many people also suffer from an autoimmune disease, alopecia (totalis or areata), that can result in hair loss.

Many insurance companies do not reimburse patients for wigs. Because of this, Hair for All Foundation was created to help to reimburse patients for their wig purchases, mailing checks or up to \$150 to help make the purchase of wigs possible. Hair for All Foundation has already served over 200 patients since its inception in 2018.

The CPCF grant helped purchase wigs for patients in South Lake County. For more information, please visit [www.hairforall.org](http://www.hairforall.org).

CPCF HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS BECAUSE THEY SUPPORTED US SINCE INCEPTION. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO PARTNER WITH A FOUNDATION LIKE CPCF.



LISA SPUDIC  
BOARD MEMBER  
HAIR FOR ALL FOUNDATION

# PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES RECEIVE \$90,550 THROUGH PROACTIVE GRANTS

AS PART OF THE CPCF'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**With your help, the Crown Point Community Foundation awarded \$90,550 to our heroic first responders.**

The grants were awarded by CPCF's grant committee commemorating its 30th anniversary celebration. CPCF President Mary Nielsen reached out to local fire and police departments to identify needs that could be supported with additional funding.

"All departments have been greatly challenged and affected by the Covid-19 pandemic," Nielsen said. "The Foundation wished to show its appreciation to those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities."

The grants were awarded proactively this past December through the CPCF's Unrestricted Community Fund.

One of the challenges in any police department is ensuring the officers are given the proper equipment to carry out their job responsibilities," said Pete Land, Crown Point Chief of Police. "The generosity of the Crown Point Community Foundation in awarding us these funds has helped our Specialty Units immensely. We are grateful for the Foundation's continued support of our police department."

The grants were used to purchase the following equipment:

## Proactive Safety Grants

**Crown Point - \$23,500 - Police \$5,500 / Fire: \$18,000**

### Crown Point Police

**- K-9 Unit Training Aides & Equipment**

Training gear for K-9 unit.

**- Drone Program**

Drones will help police more efficiently.

**- Crash Investigation Unit**

Camera and Laser Software to help assist with police cases.

**- SWAT Unit**

Ballistic and communications equipment.

### Crown Point Fire

**- Ventilation Fans**

Battery operated units to better suit the department by allowing easier and more efficient storage on the fire trucks and lighter weight for those carrying them.

**- Thermal Imaging Cameras**

Used for searching for possible victims in zero visibility, and find source of the fire, or hidden fires.



**Lowell - \$16,550 - Police \$7,000 / Fire: \$9,550**

### Lowell Police

- **Bicycle Patrol Program**  
To better serve the community.
- **Advanced Physical Tactics Programs**  
Allows officers to train extensively in defensive tactics that both protect them and greatly reduces the risk of injury to offenders.



### Lowell Fire

- **Decontamination Units**  
Help clean firefighters gear on scene after a fire.
- **Positive Pressure Ventilation Fans**  
Battery powered fans to help vent dangerous and harmful smoke and gases from inside the buildings during fires.



**Lake Dale Volunteer Fire Department - \$14,000**

- **Ventilation Fan**  
Battery operated units to better suit the department by allowing easier and more efficient storage on the fire trucks and lighter weight for those carrying them.
- **Jaws of Life Unit**  
This hydraulic-extrication rescue tool is used in a number of difficult emergency situations, particularly car crashes. It is most often used to pull drivers and passengers out of damaged vehicles after severe traffic collisions.



**Cedar Lake - \$22,000 - Police \$10,000 / Fire: \$12,000**

### Cedar Lake Police

- **Digital Cameras**  
The cameras will be used for collecting evidence in police cases.

### Cedar Lake Fire

- **Jaws of Life Unit**  
Hydraulic-extrication rescue tool.



**Winfield Police - \$14,500**

- **Project Lifesaver Program**  
GPS wrist tracking devices and program training designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering.
- **Body Cameras**  
Capture footage from an officer's point of view. Videos can be used as evidence if necessary in a court of law.

- **Portable Radios**  
More efficient communications for the department. Improves real-time decision-making capabilities by providing a quicker response.



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