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,

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

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY
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.

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

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

2. **Grow Gifts**
   The endowments are invested by the CPCF and its Board of Directors.

3. **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.
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.

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

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

362 FUNDS WITH A TOTAL BALANCE OF $34,439,380 AS OF 12-31-20

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.

TOTAL ASSET GROWTH - PAST 5 YEARS -
Financials


Total Assets: $34,439,380

Liabilities and Fund Balance:
- Term Debt: 57,300
- Agency Funds: 2,989,486
- Endowment/pass-through Funds: 31,392,594

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance: $34,439,380

Revenue:
- Contributions and grants received: 2,220,302
- Investment return: 3,539,065
- Operating endowment revenue: 295,122

Total Revenue: $6,054,489

Expense:
- Grants paid to the community: 984,784
- Administrative fee expense: 267,472
- Operating expenses: 442,443

Total Expense: $1,694,699

Change in Net Asset: $4,359,790

Complete financial statements with accompanying footnotes issued by Blue & Co., LLC are available at the Crown Point Community Foundation’s office.
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
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 Vaulx, 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 Ilia 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
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.

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

**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
Joanne Dr. Amodeo Scholarship Fund
Joseph N. and Annette M. Allegretti Fund
Karen & Cornel R. 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
Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship Fund
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 & Forrest Everett Memorial Fund
Paul D. & Dorothea Everett Fund
Petit Family Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship Fund
Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Scholarship Endowment Fund
Robert “Bob” Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund
Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship Fund
Ronald & 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. & Phyllis M. Fatch Scholarship Fund
Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship Fund
Youche Country Club Scholarship Endowment Fund
Zondor Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

*No grants in 2020.
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.
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.

Aameer Sahi Memorial Fund (New Fund)*
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
Charles and Mable Wise Swisher Court House Endowment Fund
Charles and Virginia Isley Endowment Fund
Chuck and Helen Sauerman Endowment Fund
Crown Point Aid & Relief Fund
Crown Point Founders Committee
Dan & 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 & Merritt Buckley Old Courthouse Memorial Fund
George and Laura Wild Endowment Fund
Hanover Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Harmony Handbells
Home Lumber Endowment
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. & Marian S. Hooseline
John & Cathy Peterman Endowment Fund
John and Ann Barney Family Foundation Court House 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 Goveart 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
Trinity Lutheran Church-Lowell Fund (New Fund)*
Vada Pinter Endowment Fund
Visiting Nurse Foundation Fund
Wilbert & Betty Buth Endowment Fund
William and Mary Carroll Fund
William C. and Jean Keehn Endowment Fund

*No grants in 2020.
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.

Alan Jon “AJ” Roach Jr. Memorial Fund
Alec Matalin Memorial Endowment Fund
Angela M. Fealy Family Fund
Beverly M. Huber Endowment Fund
Bill and Norma Rosenbower Endowment Fund
Billy and Phyllis Walker Endowment Fund
Borta Family Fund
Brandon Aaron Huseman Memorial Endowment Fund
Carole and Jack Esala Endowment Fund
Charlie Scott Memorial Fund*
Cindy and Ed Hall Endowment Fund
Cornel and Karen Raab Donor Advised Endowment Fund
Crown Brick and Supply Endowment Fund*
Crown Point Rotary Foundation Fund*
Cuculich Family Endowment Fund
Dale and Terri Williams Family Endowment
Davitte Family Fund*
Dominic and Nancy Vicari Family Fund*
Dr. Frederick and Mary J. Klepsch Family Fund
Edward A. and Clara R. Bapple Cedar
Lake Endowment Fund
Eksten Family Endowment Fund
Fran and Billie Hoffman Fund
Greg and Linda Armstrong Family Endowment Fund
Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Family Endowment Fund
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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 or call 219-662-7252. To make gifts online go to: thecpcf.org/donate.html.

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

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
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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**

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<td>Used for searching for possible victims in zero visibility, and find source of the fire, or hidden fires.</td>
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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
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THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPED US TRANSFORM THIS LAST YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN KIDS’ LIVES FOR YEARS TO COME. THE FOUNDATION’S LEADING GIFT HELPED LAUNCH OUR “MAKE A SPLASH” CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFULLY AND INSPIRED MANY OTHERS TO INVEST AS WELL. THE RESULT IS IMPROVED MEMORY MAKING AND CHARACTER SHAPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN LAKE COUNTY.

MATT CHANDLER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CONNECT CHRISTIAN CAMP

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SUMMERTIME CANOEING / CAMPER GETTING READY TO MAKE A SPLASH / CAMP MEMBERS GETTING READY FOR FUN / KATIE DAHM, MINISTRY DIRECTOR AT CONNECT CHRISTIAN CAMP HELPS CAMPERS GET READY FOR THEIR ACTIVITY.
With your help, a Christian summer camp continues to make a splash.

A CPCF grant for $8,000 was made to Lake Region Christian Assembly for their day camps and year-round mentoring programs.

“Lake Region Christian Assembly/CONNECT Christian Camp has served the Northwest Indiana area for 95 years,” said Matthew Chandler, Executive Director or Lake Region Christian Assembly. “We create time and space where people feel safe, relationships flourish, and memories are made.”

Historically, the CONNECT Christian Camp has served over 100 students each summer from the south Lake County area. In addition, Lake Region Christian Assembly hosts students and groups from throughout Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland region with overnight retreats and camps. Going forward, the group is focusing on expanding their day camps and creating new mentoring programs.

The grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation helped to replace the liner in the day camp pool and to make additional repairs to the day camp facilities.

For more information about CONNECT Christian Camp, please visit www.connectchristiancamp.org.

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS HELPED US BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE KIDS IN THE DAY CAMP AND THE MENTORING CAMP AS WELL. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE HELP THE CPCF HAS GIVEN US.

KATIE DAHM
MINISTRY DIRECTOR
CONNECT CHRISTIAN CAMP
MEMORIALS

Nothing can ever replace the loss of a friend or loved one, but we can commemorate their life with an everlasting tribute reminding us that they are not forgotten. A memorial donation is a fitting way to remember a special person while at the same time helping others.

Thomas Adams, Sr.
Jimmy Anderson
Mike Anderson
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Patrick Doherty
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Leroy Doty
Annie Dubowski
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Ronald Eisenhauer
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Marcelline “Marcie” Fukuda
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Clayton Gaudry
Cora Gonlag
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Florence Gresh
Al Gruber
Kegan Hall
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George Daniel “Dan” Lane
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Ila Magiera
James Maginot
Alec Matalin
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Lawrence Rouge
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Rita Sainato
Rev. John J. Savio
Tim Sawochka
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.

Memorials continued:

Lisa Schaefer Stover
Kenneth Schiesser
Joseph & Ruth Schramm
Richard Schweitzer
Charlie Scott
William “Bill” Scott
Theodore & Tennessee Sendak
Joan Sherrington
Larry Shrader
Herb Southworth
Lorraine Viers Steuer
JoAnn Stott
Nancy Taylor
Marilee Thanholdt
Lucille Tiburzi
Bill Trueblood
John Tubbs
Bob & Patricia Turner
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Cole Viers
Betty Jane Wagner
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Norman Westforth
Barbara White
George & Laura Wild
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John & Ann Barney
Jan Kleinschmidt Boicken, Kathy Craig, Bette Oesterle & Rebecca Pederson
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Alice Burrell
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Wayne Gruber
BJ & Kay Hubbard
Pat Huber
Keith Iddings
Ron McColly
Faye Platt’s Birthday
Alvin & Kathryn Schmidt
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Martha “Marty” Wheeler

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If a name has been inadvertently omitted from the report, we apologize.

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