



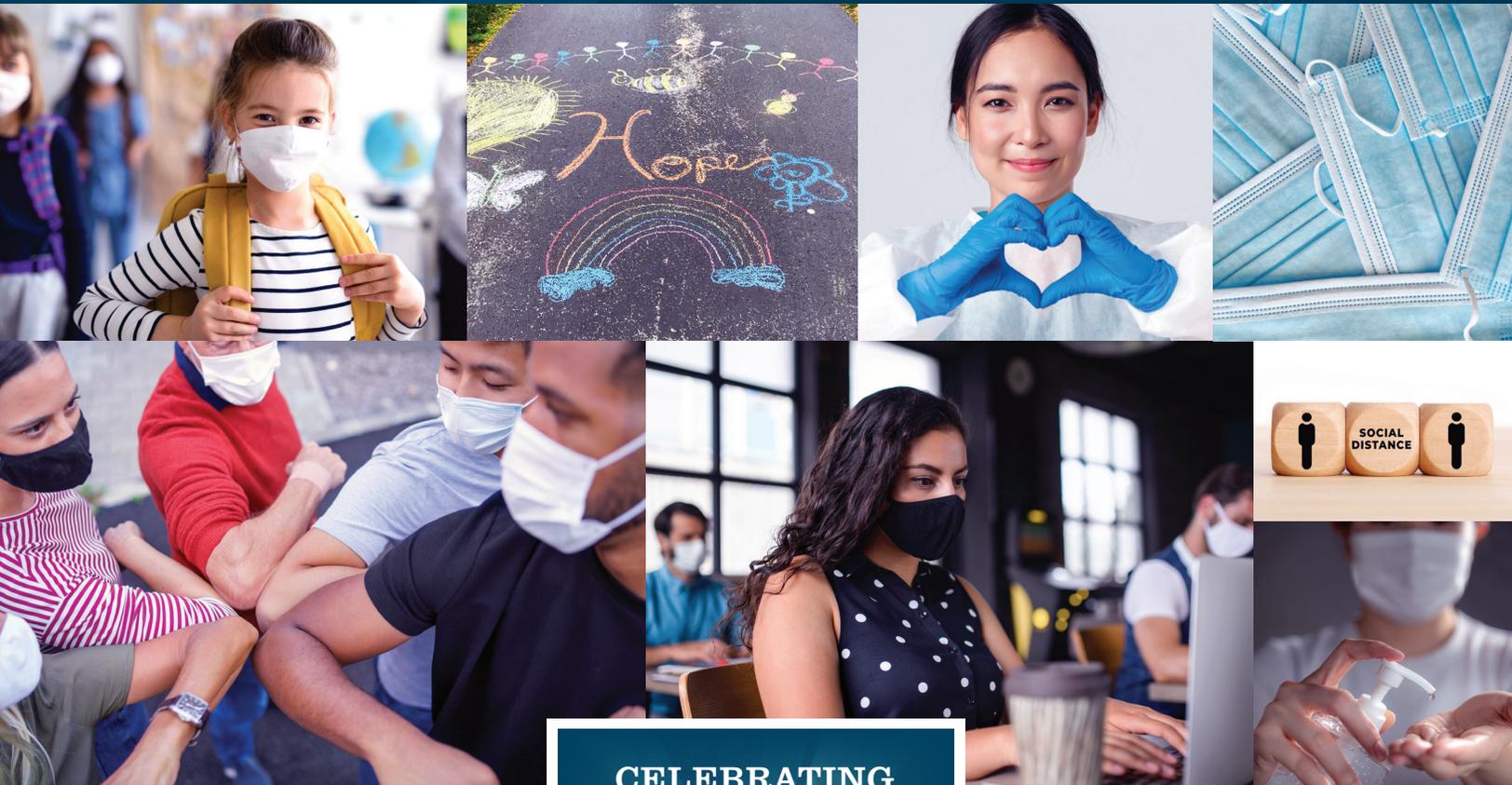
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# Giving Together

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# TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

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



CELEBRATING

# 30

# YEARS

1990-2020

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

CPCF AWARDS 100 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2020

+

5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER > GREG FORSYTHE

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this letter, the world remains in a state of change and unpredictability. Across our community, we each have personally experienced the isolation of social distancing, the challenges faced by our favorite local businesses and nonprofit organizations, and the fear of the unknown. While these are unsettling times for all of us, our community stands together, connected as ever, setting the path to a brighter

MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT

future paved by our shared hope and generosity.

In the face of unprecedented need, donors reached out with a remarkable outpouring of support and empathy, while community and nonprofit partners rapidly mobilized their networks and resources to extend a lifeline to our most vulnerable families and individuals. One such nonprofit, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry (see page 4), received vital funding from our community grantmaking efforts to help give much needed nutritious meat to hunger relief agencies. Likewise, collaborative initiatives such as our partnership with the Foundations of East Chicago and Legacy Foundation enhanced rapid-response grantmaking from our CARE Emergency Aid and Relief Fund (see page 6) that augmented strategies for short-term relief to those on the front lines, setting the stage for the longer-term recovery.

As the stay at home orders forced schools and students to pivot to e-learning platforms, our scholarship committee made changes too, conducting virtual interviews with candidates before awarding 100 scholarships totaling over \$360,000 to help students lessen the cost of obtaining their post-secondary education (see page 8).

Even in ordinary times, collaboration across sectors is essential to building the community we all want to live in. On page 15, you'll learn how the CPCF is playing a role to launch NWI BizHub, an online initiative to support entrepreneurs and small businesses to easily find resources to start and grow thriving enterprises. By focusing on what is possible and achievable together, we can make a lasting difference in another's life.

The stories within this newsletter illuminate an important and indisputable truth – as a community foundation, we exist first and foremost to serve our community, especially in times of critical needs. Throughout our 30-year history, the Crown Point Community Foundation has been a trusted partner for those with the vision and heart to create opportunities and improve lives across generations. Together, with our donors and nonprofit partners, we are stronger. This community impact philosophy will continue to guide us for the next 30 years and beyond.

Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership,

MARY B. NIELSEN



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THE GRANT HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL IN SUPPLYING OUR FOOD PANTRY. THE GRANT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING US PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**KEVIN TOTH**  
HANOVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
CARE-EMERGENCY AID & RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT

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**CARE-EMERGENCY**  
**AID & RELIEF FUND**  
RESPONDING TO THE  
IMPACT OF COVID-19  
ON SOUTH LAKE COUNTY

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NWI BizHub WAS CREATED TO CONNECT ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO HELP START, GROW AND PROSPER.

**MARY B. NIELSEN**  
CPCF PRESIDENT

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Give Online Today:  
[theccpf.org/donate.html](http://theccpf.org/donate.html)



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DONATED MEAT FOR LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES / LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN / PARTICIPATING MEAT PROCESSOR FOR HOOSIERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

**With your help, vital nutrition was provided to those in need during the COVID-19 outbreak.**

A \$2,500 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation's Community Grants Fund was awarded to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages hunters and farmers to donate large game and livestock to their "Meat" the Need program, raises funds to pay processing fees on these donations, and gives the nutritious meat to hunger relief agencies. These agencies serve low income and poor populations throughout South Lake County.

With schools closing, job disruptions causing loss of wages, and seniors isolated in their homes, many are experiencing shortages in their food budgets. More than ever, families are struggling to buy groceries. MEAT provides one of the most important and expensive nutrients (protein) that is vital to the growth and development of children and the health of all Hoosiers.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is partnering with Indiana farmers, 4-H Clubs, and meat processors to fill this void and to get meat to those in need during this critical time. The grant from the CPCF helped to pay for the processing of the livestock donations.

For more information, please visit [www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org](http://www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org).



HOOSIERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY IS COMMITTED TO RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES FACING HUNGER DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME. THE MEAT IS BEING GIVEN TO LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES THAT ARE SERVING AN EVER-INCREASING AMOUNT OF FOOD-INSECURE RESIDENTS.

**AMBER ZECCA**  
 FUND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
 HOOSIERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$52,800.00 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE JUNE CYCLE.

## Arts, Culture - \$5,500.00

### Julia Watkins Brass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution - \$3,000

Veteran "Wreaths Across America" annual wreath-laying ceremony December 19, 2020 at Crown Point's Historic Maplewood Cemetery.

### Three Creeks Historical Association - \$2,500

Grant of Financial Assistance for Re-Roofing with Cedar Shakes the Roof of Halsted House Museum in Lowell, Indiana.

## Education - \$7,500.00

### Crown Point Community School Corporation - \$6,000\*

Birth to School Program: Enhance and expand developmentally-appropriate educational opportunities and resources to our community by supporting and developing lifelong learners starting with our incoming 2021-2022 kindergarten students.

### United Negro College Fund - \$1,500

Support scholarship awards to outstanding high school students from low income families in South Lake County.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$9,500.00

### Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry - \$2,500

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages hunters and farmers to donate large game and livestock to our "Meat" the Need program through a participating meat processor (85 statewide), raises financial support to pay processing fees on these donations, and gives this nutritious meat/protein to hunger relief agencies to help reduce food insecurity.

### Meals on Wheels of NWI - \$7,000

The purpose of the grant is to deliver meals with a wellness check and friendly visit to people unable to shop for or prepare healthy meals in Winfield, Crown Point, Lowell, and Cedar Lake, primarily low-income seniors.

## Health - \$10,000.00

### Pink Ribbon Society, Inc. - \$10,000

Funds to help maintain/supplement existing programs and services provided to the men and women in our community whose lives are affected by breast cancer.

## Housing, Shelter - \$5,000.00

### Habitat for Humanity of NWI, Inc. - \$5,000

Funding for flooring in a home being built in Lowell.

## Human Services - \$8,300.00

### Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater NWI - \$3,000

Provide meals and snacks to Cedar Lake members during the summer.

### Chasing Dreams - \$3,300

To assist with the operational costs of conducting summer camps.

### Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. - \$2,000

Funding needed for a computer, software, volunteer training, pre and post evaluation costs, and two months horse care expenses.

## Youth Development - \$7,000.00

### Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, Inc. - \$1,500

Purchase an Arena Drag device that would provide a level surface in the horse-riding arena at Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, Inc. The device would improve the safety for the horses, riders and volunteers while utilizing the arena.

### Hanover Jr Wildcat Football, Inc. - \$3,000

Recondition helmets and purchase new helmets.

### Love Moves Us, Inc. - \$2,500

General operating purposes for its program in South Lake County who foster or adopt to support and equip them for the challenges that come with caring for children who have been adopted or are in foster care so both the children and families can thrive.

DISTRIBUTIONS FROM UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY  
ENDOWMENT FUNDS PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS THE BROAD  
NEEDS WITHIN OUR SOUTH LAKE COUNTY  
SERVICE AREA OF CROWN POINT,  
CEDAR LAKE, LOWELL AND WINFIELD.

MARY B. NIELSEN  
CPCF PRESIDENT

\*The Crown Point Community School Corporation's grant: \$3,884.82 from the CPCF Unrestricted Community Grants Fund, \$2,115.18 from the Community Literacy Endowment Fund.



# Stronger TOGETHER

## THE CPCF'S CARE-EMERGENCY AID & RELIEF FUND RESPONDS TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SOUTH LAKE COUNTY

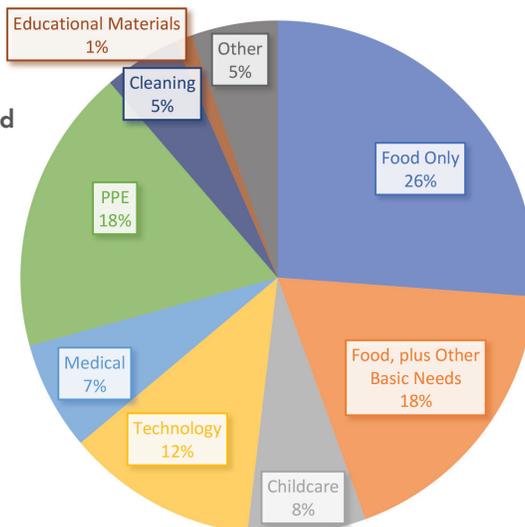


PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DEAN & BARBARA WHITE SOUTHLAKE YMCA / LOCAL RESIDENT USING THE OUTSIDE COMPUTER CART AT THE CROWN POINT LIBRARY / SALVATION ARMY WITH MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES / LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY / LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS / BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NWI / HOME-DELIVERED MEALS BY MEALS ON WHEELS OF NWI / FOOD BANK OF NWI HELPING WITH THE FOOD DELIVERIES TO LOCAL SENIORS / BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NWI PARTNERED WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND BANQUET CENTERS TO PROVIDE MEALS TO LAKE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS / DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CROWN POINT / ST. JUDE HOUSE CATERS FOOD / WABASH CENTER STAFF MEMBER HELPING LOCAL RESIDENTS / BULLDOG PARK IN CROWN POINT / HANOVER TOWNSHIP ADD SUPPLIES TO THEIR PANTRY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

**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. Together, the Foundations awarded \$356,000 in grants to 61 nonprofits between March 30 and May 18, 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 coordinate 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 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 grant that The Salvation Army of Lake County received from the Crown Point Community Foundation, the Legacy Foundation, and Foundations of East Chicago for COVID-19 relief services in Lake County came at a time when we were witnessing a 500% increase in the need for our Food Pantry, Homelessness Prevention and Soup Kitchen services," said Captain Brian Clark, Lake County Coordination of the Salvation Army. "This grant is truly helping us to meet growing human needs. Thank you!"

The Foundations are currently in Phase 2 of their emergency relief plan. The Crown Point Community Foundation, Legacy Foundation, and Foundations of East Chicago are partnering 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 can 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.

Strategic Restructuring grants are intended to support nonprofits as they assess, negotiate, design, and/or implement substantive strategic restructuring efforts that seek to promote more effective

operations and high-performing programs based on community needs and assets.

For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.thecpcf.org/grants.html](http://www.thecpcf.org/grants.html)

## HOW TO DONATE

GIVE NOW TO THE CROWN POINT  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# CARE-EMERGENCY AID & RELIEF FUND

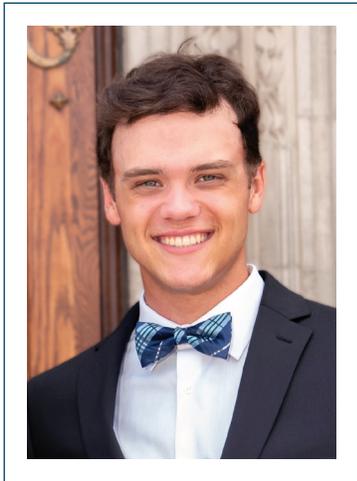
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or to donate by check, please indicate **CARE-Emergency Fund** in the memo line and mail to: Crown Point Community Foundation, P.O. Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308



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# 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Students and Adult Learners who plan on pursuing higher education were given some additional financial assistance this year from the Crown Point Community Foundation. The Foundation awarded 100 scholarships totaling over \$360,000. These funds were made available through the generosity of the Foundation’s donors and its scholarship funds. Many scholarship funds are established with the purpose of honoring or memorializing an individual or family member. Each year, a scholarship committee reviews applications, interviews students and selects the recipients. The scholarship review team consists of Foundation Board Members and community leaders. “A Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation is a way for a donor to connect to the future,” said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. “We are happy to provide opportunities to so many deserving students and adults.”



I AM GREATLY APPRECIATIVE AND HONORED TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 BARNEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP.

I AM THANKFUL THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**ANDREW KARR**

2020 BARNEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## THIS YEAR’S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### Scholarship

Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Scholarship  
 Alfred J. Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium  
 American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship  
 Barney Family Scholarship  
 Barney's Hub Bootery Scholarship  
 Barney's Hub Bootery Scholarship  
 BJ Hubbard Scholarship in memory of Brent Hubbard  
 Burrell Family Scholarship  
 Candace Lynne Walton Memorial Scholarship  
 Clayton Gaudry Memorial Scholarship  
 Col. John Wheeler Middle School PTA Scholarship  
 Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship

### Name of Recipient

Jane Georgas  
 Martin Marquez  
 Thomas Pampalone  
 Kayla Kirchner  
 Gina Szymborski  
 Gabriella Arena  
 Joseph Roytan  
 Abigail Francis  
 Andrew Karr  
 Reagan Cowser  
 Logan Clark  
 Avery Cornett  
 Ava Neal  
 Nathan Tufts  
 Skylar Golding  
 Avery Cornett  
 Grace Baker

### Amount

\$ 2,500  
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THIS WAS TRULY A BLESSING FROM GOD.  
THE DAY I FOUND OUT I WAS THE RECIPIENT, MY MOTHER  
AND I COULD NOT STOP CRYING OUT OF EXCITEMENT.

**JOHN KOSIOR**

2020 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



I AM INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL  
AND HONORED TO  
RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP,  
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
THE OPPORTUNITIES IT  
HAS OPENED FOR ME.

**AUTUM BOREN**

2020 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## Scholarship

Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship  
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Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship  
Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship  
Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship  
David Gergely Memorial Scholarship  
Dean and Barbara White Scholarship  
Dean and Barbara White Scholarship  
Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship  
Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship  
Donald Samburg Memorial Scholarship  
Douglas MacArthur Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Forrest and Millicent Everett Scholarship  
Fran and Billie Hoffman Scholarship  
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Gail and Gil Stiener Scholarship  
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George Letz, Jr. Scholarship  
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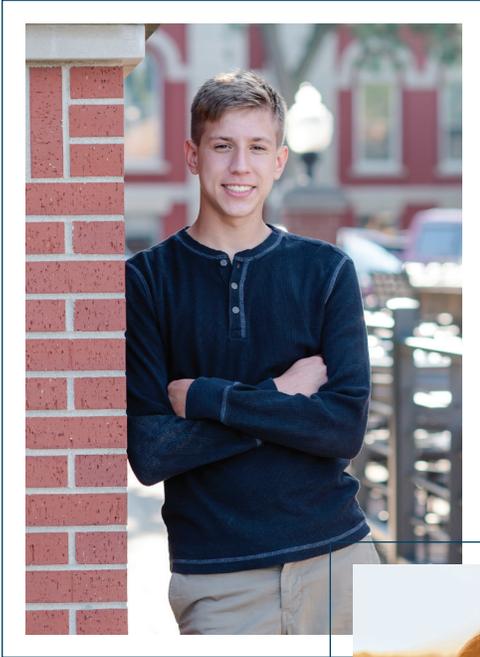
## Name of Recipient

Allison Centanni  
Grace Fleszewski  
Lukas Denney  
Erin Tien  
Donnie Parent  
Carina Bolanos  
Alex McCormick  
Chase Culver  
Josh Hoogewerf  
Dylan Matusak  
Autum Boren  
John Kosior  
Noah Kuypers  
Kaitlin Gardner  
Victoria Bozinovski  
Nicole Galto  
Simranjit Kaur  
Erin Muller  
Austin Gineris  
Noah Sauter  
Zachary Jones  
Natalie Sulewski  
Jordan Artim  
Kaitlin Gardner

## Amount

\$ 1,000  
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\$ 5,000 per yr for 4 yrs.  
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Full Scholarship - 4 yrs. Tuition, Room & Board  
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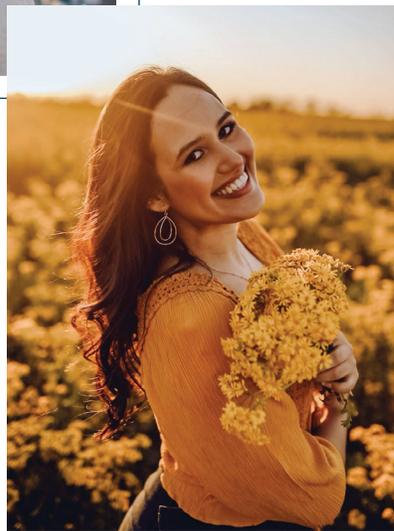
## 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE NINE



I'M VERY PROUD TO BE THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE CROWN POINT SWIM CLUB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP. I KNOW THE COMPETITION WAS STIFF. SWIMMING IS A SPORT THAT ATTRACTS THE BEST OF THE BEST. I AM HUMBLLED BY THE RECOGNITION AND VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE FINANCIAL HELP. I WILL PROUDLY CONTINUE TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING HOW TO SWIM AND THE BENEFITS OF COMPETITIVE SWIMMING.

**ALEX MCCORMICK**

2020 CROWN POINT SWIM CLUB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS OPENED MY EYES TO THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND HOW ONE ACT OF GENEROSITY CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE. THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS MADE ME REALIZE THAT I, TOO, HOPE TO SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP AND CONTRIBUTE TO KIDS' COLLEGE EDUCATION.

**ELIZABETH GONZALEZ**

2020 VIRGIL PLACE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



I FEEL HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS AWARD, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO TRAIN HARD AND DO MY BEST AT THE SPORT THAT TIM GALUSHA SEEMED TO HAVE LOVED LIKE I DO.

**GENO CHRISTOFANELLI**

2020 TIM GALUSHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

### Scholarship

Helen Zielinski and Ray Stuck Family Scholarship  
 Jerry Caravana Athletic Director Senior Scholarship  
 Jerry Caravana Athletic Director Senior Scholarship  
 JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship  
 Joe and Annette Allegretti Scholarship  
 John D. Amodeo Scholarship  
 Karen and Cornel Raab Scholarship  
 Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship  
 Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship

### Name of Recipient

Adam Lindemer  
 Calvin Pawlowski  
 Jordan Artim  
 Logan Duvall  
 Benjamin Wesley  
 Luca Serrano  
 Marilyn Ives  
 Grace Gonsiorowski  
 Luke Hanlon

### Amount

\$ 500  
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## Scholarship

Kathy, Russ and Jim Keller Memorial Scholarship  
 Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship in memory of Brent Hubbard  
 L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship  
 Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 LaMere Family Andean Scholarship  
 Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship  
 Lisa Schaefer Stover Memorial Scholarship  
 Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Scholarship  
 Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Scholarship  
 Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship  
 McMichael Family Scholarship  
 Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship  
 Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarship  
 Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship  
 Mike Brown, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
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 Paul and Dorothea Everett Scholarship  
 Pettit Family Memorial Student/Athlete Scholarship  
 Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Memorial Scholarship  
 Robert "Bob" Brown Scholarship  
 Robert Taft Middle School PTA Scholarship  
 Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship  
 Russ Keller Family Scholarship  
 Shirley Mudy Memorial Scholarship  
 Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 Solon Robinson Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship  
 St. Mary's Catholic Community School Scholarship  
 Tim Galusha Memorial Scholarship  
 Timothy Ball Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 Tiny Knesek Bohling and Karla Stiener Memorial Scholarship  
 Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship  
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 Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship  
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 Virgil Place Scholarship  
 Walter Bernacki Memorial Scholarship  
 Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship  
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 William G. and Phyllis M. Fatch Memorial Scholarship  
 Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 Winfield/Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 Youche Country Club Scholarship  
 Zondor Family Scholarship

## Name of Recipient

Julie Toomey \$ 800  
 Willow Beemsterboer \$ 1,000  
 Briyanna Herrera \$ 625  
 Marlee Christofanelli \$ 500  
 Kennedy Heath \$ 1,000  
 Joseph Kennedy \$ 4,500  
 Haley Tate \$ 1,000  
 Paige Lichnerowicz \$ 2,750 per yr for 4 yrs.  
 Marjana Ristevska \$ 2,280  
 Paige Lichnerowicz \$ 500  
 Dawn Martinez \$ 750  
 Grace Baker \$ 1,000  
 Bishop Byrd \$ 750  
 Ben Uran \$ 1,000  
 Logan Clark \$ 1,000  
 Madison Rolle \$ 1,000  
 Armando Bracco \$ 1,000  
 Emma Beckman \$ 1,600  
 Faith Bergner \$ 2,500  
 Logan Duvall \$ 600  
 Alexis Proudman \$ 500  
 Chase Culver \$ 500  
 Simranjit Kaur \$ 500  
 Alexis Puga \$ 500  
 Brooklyn Frassinone \$ 500  
 Kimberly Boone \$ 500  
 Ava Dailey \$ 1,000  
 Ashtyn Barnett \$ 500  
 Alexandra Sulewski \$ 500  
 Erin Muller \$ 500  
 Grace O'Donnell \$ 500  
 Adam Nieman \$ 500  
 Genesio Christofanelli \$ 4,400  
 Ava Dzurovcik \$ 500 per yr for 4 yrs.  
 Ryan Edwards \$ 825  
 Amanda Schreiber \$ 500  
 Brett Driscoll \$ 500  
 Catherine Fanno \$ 750  
 Nicholas Gilles \$ 750  
 Marilyn Ives \$ 750  
 Elizabeth Gonzalez \$ 3,970 per yr for 4 yrs.  
 John Kosior \$ 500  
 Bridget Rayonec \$ 500  
 Catherine Fanno \$ 500  
 Nicholas Gilles \$ 500  
 Adam Lindemer \$ 500  
 Alyssa Del Real \$ 1,000  
 Breeann Miles \$ 1,000  
 Khloe Stover \$ 850  
 Michael Pinchok \$ 1,500



HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE  
AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY



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

**MISSION:** NIPSCO has served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. Community support and involvement has always been at the foundation of our history. We're also making significant investments to improve service 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.

**Dollars for Doers:**

Our employees and their families volunteering at the Community Harvest Food Bank (Fort Wayne) and Pax Center (LaPorte).

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# MEMORIALS

FEBRUARY 19, 2020 - AUGUST 31, 2020

**Everett "Budd" Ballou**

Joseph & Lori Amodeo  
Jerry Caravana  
B.J. & Kay Hubbard  
Darryl & Pat Miller  
Keith & Mary Nielsen

**Anna Barnes**

Joanne Kosac Gruber

**Gordon Bates**

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**NWI BizHub** was created to connect entrepreneurs and small businesses to the resources they need to help start, grow and prosper. Through a grant provided by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Lake and La Porte County Community Foundations partnered to explore opportunities on how philanthropy could play a role in fostering economic development in our communities.

Through community engagement and research, entrepreneurship emerged as a priority area where the Foundations could build upon existing efforts. Enhancing the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region aligned with the priorities in the Ignite the Region: A Regional Strategy for Economic

Transformation plan, a plan that the Foundations support and helped to fund.

As part of the regional mission to connect small businesses in Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties to crucial resources, Crown Point Community Foundation, Legacy Foundation, and Unity Foundation of La Porte County, have teamed with the Center of Workforce Innovations and Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center. Together, the five organizations have partnered to make support resources more visible through an online platform coined **NWI BizHub**.

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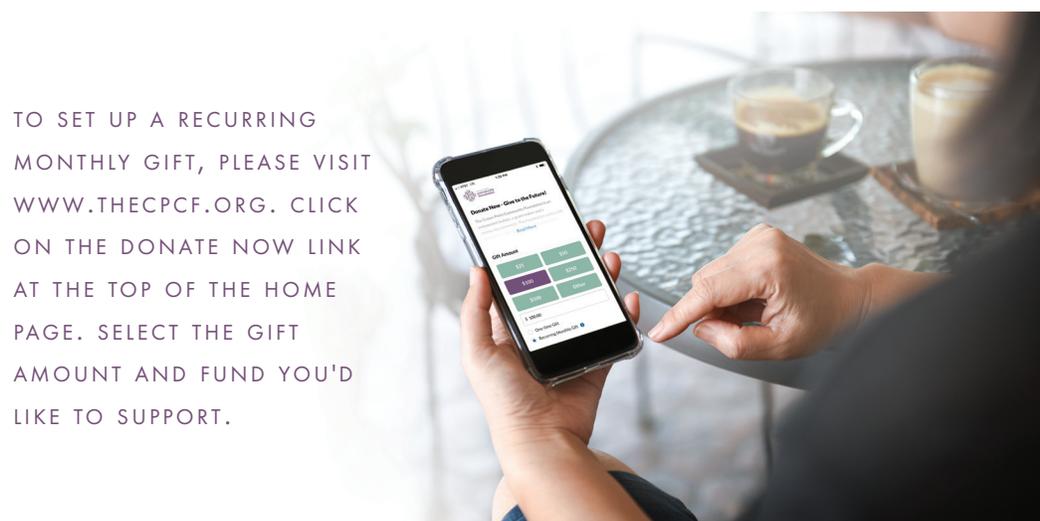
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**Crown Point Community Foundation:**

View Outdoor Advertising donated billboard space for the Crown Point Community Foundation's 11th Annual Volunteer Fair this year.



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## CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

Due to ongoing concerns over the coronavirus, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our 30th Anniversary Celebration Event until 2021. Although we looked forward to celebrating with the community, our first priority is the health, safety and well being of everyone who planned on attending.



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## Five Questions for Greg Forsythe

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS / INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

### What magazines do you subscribe to?

I am a voracious reader, probably helping keep a few hardcopy media companies in business! I subscribe to about two dozen news, business, and lifestyle magazines such as The Economist, Barron's, Christianity Today, Sports Illustrated, Motor Trend, and Wine Spectator.

### What three personality traits might friends and family use to describe you?

Analytical, independent, and responsible. I am very analytical in my approach to everything. While this is critical to my work, my wife often chides me to relax and "quit trying to fix the world!" I've always been independent and self-motivated, traits that have contributed to starting my own businesses and being willing to assume leadership roles on teams and in organizations. As for being responsible, I have always tried to be a reliable person that can be counted on to fulfill commitments and do what they say they will do.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

Besides spending time with family, my wife and I enjoy most sports, especially golf and NFL football. We also love to travel, having visited 47 states and six continents, with many more destinations left on our bucket list.

### What might people be surprised to learn about you?

I have an adventuresome side most people haven't seen. For example, I raced motocross as a teenager, and just in the last few years, did a 3-day dirt bike tour through the red rock canyons of Moab, Utah and took my sports car to the limit at the Autobahn Club race track in Joliet, IL. I have zip-lined through the jungle canopy in Costa Rica, piloted a power hang glider off the Napoli coast in Hawaii, and scuba dove coral reefs and shipwrecks in the Caribbean.

I recently got around to finally doing my first skydive. I've always wanted to climb a mountain like the Grand Teton or Mt. Rainier, but doubt my knees are up to that task anymore.

### What are you most proud of?

I feel more thankful than proud. I'm so thankful for having good parents, a strong faith, and a long marriage to a great wife. Nancy and I do take pride in seeing our kids doing well, and excuse our bias, for giving us such cute grandchildren!



Greg Forsythe is a life-long resident of Crown Point. He attended Purdue University, earning a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, and later received an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago. Blending his engineering and finance skills, Greg has been an industry pioneer in using quantitative analytics to make investment decisions. Over his career, Greg has founded three investment firms and served as the Global Equity Research Director for Charles Schwab.

Greg and his wife, Nancy, decided long ago that there's no place they would rather live than Crown Point, even if that meant a commute to Chicago for many years. Both of their families have deep ties to Crown Point and emphasized having a thankful spirit and being generous toward others. Working with the Crown Point Community Foundation has been a great fit with these values. Greg and Nancy established an endowment fund in 2003, and Greg has served on the foundation board since 2004. Greg noted that Crown Point is very fortunate to have a community foundation helping to contribute to the city's quality of life as well as South Lake County's.



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