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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY
As 2021 continued to challenge our communities heightened by the pandemic, it amplified the strength of working together and the power that endowments play for advancing opportunities today and for generations to come.

We know philanthropy makes a difference, and that difference can bridge the gap between despair and hope. We are deeply humbled by and grateful for the generosity of you, our donors and supporters, that provide the resources and tools for us to serve our community, advancing our mission of enriching the quality of life in South Lake County and beyond.

Because of your generosity, in 2021, the Crown Point Community Foundation awarded more than $1.4 million in grants and scholarships.

The Foundation’s support touches many different lives. Our community grants allow us to walk alongside and expand the work of nonprofits, advancing opportunities to meet the needs in our community and create positive change.

CPCF’s scholarships bolsters students’ ability to pursue higher education, advancing opportunities to become contributing members of society, increase volunteerism, and giving back to causes that matter to them.

The Crown Point Community Foundation believes in the power of collaboration. Our work in partnership with others is providing support in Lake County and regionally through efforts such as NWI BizHub, a resource to assist entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Throughout this past year donors continued to double the impact of their gifts made possible by the $2.5 million-dollar matching grant challenge provided by the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation, advancing opportunities to grow endowed funds for increased grantmaking.

Thanks to you, our friends and supporters, the Crown Point Community Foundation ended the year with a new milestone, assets over $38.9 million. Your loyalty and trust in the Foundation ensures that it will continue to grow, bring people together around common causes, find new ways to connect and convene, even in difficult times, advancing opportunities for all in our community. We are thankful every day for your strong support.

Together, we will continue to make a positive difference in our communities, now and for generations to come.

In gratitude,

Mary B. Nielsen
President

Chrisanne Christ
Chairman of the Board

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

Albert Einstein
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THE OLD COURTHOUSE DESERVES TO BE AND NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED FOR NOT ONLY US BUT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

EMERITUS CPCF MEMBER TOM AND KATHY LISS
FOUNDERS OF THE TOM AND KATHY LISS COURTHOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND, WHICH SUPPORTS THE LAKE COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION

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IN REMEMBRANCE

George Letz

Former Crown Point Community Foundation Board Member, George H. Letz III (1947-2021) passed away on October 4, 2021. He served with the Crown Point Community Foundation for four years from 2018-2021.

George was a devoted parishioner of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Crown Point. He was a lifelong educator, working as a teacher, principal and superintendent within the Hanover and Hebron school districts. George loved to give back to the communities he was involved in, also serving on the Campagna Academy Board of Directors.

As a Crown Point Community Foundation Board Member, he helped the Foundation grow to over $38.9 million in total assets. George served on the Grant, Scholarship, and Board Development/Governance Committees. We are grateful for George’s commitment to the community and to the Foundation.
ABOUT THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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.

HOW IT WORKS

THE POWER OF ENDOMENT

GROWTH OF AN ENDOWED FUND

With an initial gift of $51,800 in 2005, the fund balance 16 years later is $65,400 and has already distributed $30,400 in grants!

Learn how to make your love for South Lake County and beyond last with your own Endowment Fund.

*ACTUAL FUND INFORMATION

Graphic is actual fund information of an Endowed Fund held at the Crown Point Community Foundation.

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, junior football players were protected on the field.

A $16,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the Crown Point Jr. Bulldog Football League.

The league includes players from the ages of 6 to 13. There are currently 400 players in the league, all from South Lake County.

“Our football league is very unique in such a way that we turn no youth football player away for any reason,” said Scott Shahbaz, the league’s treasurer. “Our organization feels that every kid who wants to play football should have every opportunity to be able to play. We have always subsidized families with kids that could not afford to pay.”

With concussion awareness in football raising in recent years, player safety is even more of a top priority. “We have always set the standard high in our league to make sure safety is the number one concern for us,” Shahbaz said. “We check every piece of football equipment that a football players uses in our league every year before the season. If there is any damage, or it is out of date, it gets thrown away.”

The CPCF grant enabled the Crown Point Jr. Bulldog Football League to purchase 80 new helmets and subsidize the playing fees for 20 players. “We usually have sponsors and donations, but being that businesses were shut down due to COVID-19, we were unable to get any sponsors,” Shahbaz said. “There are some great people at the Crown Point Community Foundation that were able to help us through this difficult time.”

ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL OF OUR FOOTBALL PARENTS, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION. THOUGH COSTLY, THESE HELMETS WERE CHOSEN BY OUR STAFF FOR THE STATE OF THE ART PROTECTION THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR OUR PLAYERS.  

DEREK VAN TICHELT  
PRESIDENT, CROWN POINT JR. BULLDOGS FOOTBALL
2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past 31 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 2021, WE AWARDED MORE THAN $1.41 MILLION IN 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.

TOTAL ASSET GROWTH - PAST 5 YEARS -
FINANCIALS
Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. summarized financial information year ended December 31, 2021.

Total Assets: $38,916,700

Liabilities and Fund Balance:
Agency Funds 3,653,926
Endowment/pass-through Funds 35,262,774
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance: $38,916,700

Revenue:
Contributions and grants received 2,601,476
Investment return 2,887,845
Operating endowment revenue 338,001
Total Revenue $5,827,322

Expense:
Grants paid to the community 1,198,165
Administrative fee expense 307,859
Operating expenses 451,118
Total Expense $1,957,142

Change in Net Asset $3,870,180

NUMBER OF GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
In 2021, the Crown Point Community Foundation distributed 475 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.
With your help, firefighters have the necessary tools to keep our communities safe.

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a grant for $6,289 to the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association and their Hazardous Materials Team.

The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, or LCFCA, was established in 1992 to provide mutual aid among all of the fire departments in Lake County for fire, EMS, and hazmat incidents. The members of LCFCA are all active fire chiefs at the 23 fire departments throughout the county.

The LCFCA’s Hazardous Materials Team is comprised entirely of volunteers from various fire departments throughout Lake County. The team is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. They continuously attend specialized training in areas of response to identify and mitigate the release of dangerous chemicals. The hazmat team also responds to calls for suspicious packages and letters and railroad and interstate emergencies. Not only does the team protect Lake County, but at times they also provide support in assisting adjoining counties.

Given the inherently dangerous nature of the hazmat team’s job, it is crucial that they have the proper equipment to keep themselves and the community safe. The CPCF grant was used for purchasing monitoring equipment for the hazmat team.

“With the detectors purchased through the CPCF grant, we can expand our area of coverage and types of chemicals detected,” said John Huppert, Assistant Coordinator, LCFCA.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL HELP US PROVIDE THE HIGHEST SAFETY STANDARD FOR OUR PERSONNEL, THE PUBLIC, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
EQUIPMENT PURCHASED THROUGH THE CPCF GRANT

**ToxiRae Pro**
A wireless personal single-gas monitor that protects team members from common toxic industrial gases, volatile organic compounds and combustible gases.

**RAELink3 Modem**
Allows integration of many RAE Systems gas and radiation monitors into a wireless detection system. Monitors linked with a RAELink3 modem can communicate sensor data and GPS coordinates to a command center’s PC running ProRAE Guardian software up to 2 miles away.

**Replacement Sensor**
A replacement sensor for the ToxiRae Pro monitor

**QRAE3 Monitor & Mini Controller**
QRAE 3 is a versatile, rugged four-sensor monitor that provides continuous exposure monitoring of oxygen, combustibles, and toxic gases, including hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and hydrogen cyanide for first responders in hazardous environments.
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
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
Heritage Quilters 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 Fund
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
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
With your help, children and their families were given help and hope during a trying time.

A $4,800 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation.

The mission of the NICK Foundation is to provide hope and health to Northwest Indiana families affected by childhood cancer and to support promising research so all children can be healed.

“When a child is diagnosed, most of the time one parent has to stop working, sometimes both parents have to,” said Nicole Yarrow, the Executive Director at the NICK Foundation. “In the case of a single parent, which we have many of, their income is cut short due to time off to care for their sick child. That is where we can help.”

When families with children who are diagnosed with cancer are sent to the Foundation, NICK sends the family $1,200 for their immediate financial assistance.

NICK usually holds several fundraisers, including St. Baldrick’s, the Mark Hill Memorial Golf Outing, and the Great Gold Rush Race 5K/3K, but they were unable to do so recently due to COVID-19.

The grant from the CPCF helped to support four families with children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION. 2021 BROUGHT US 30 NEWLY DIAGNOSED CHILDREN. YOUR GRANT WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL AS WE SENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EACH NEWLY DIAGNOSED CHILD.

NICOLE YARROW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTHWEST INDIANA CANCER KIDS FOUNDATION, INC.
COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED $475,094.26

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 - $16,192.50
- Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. / Pets N Vets Program
- Humane Indiana, Inc.
- Humane Society of Hobart
- Patriots Training Service Dogs, Inc.
- Power Paws for Kids, Inc.

Arts, Culture - $36,087.83
- Cedar Lake Historical Association
- City of Crown Point
- Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc.

Community Improvement - $5,227.01
- Crown Point Community Library
- Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc., Gamma Theta Chapter
- Winfield Community Foundation, Inc.

Education - $20,566.00
- Chasing Dreams
- Crown Point Christian School
- Crown Point Comm. School Corporation-Early Childhood Learners
- Crown Point High School - AP Test Funding
- St. Mary Catholic Community School
- United Negro College Fund, Inc.
- Winfield Elementary School

Environmental - $25,000.00
- Cedar Lake Enhancement Assoc., Inc.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - $29,000.00
- Community Help Network, Inc.
- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
- Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
- Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
- Pack Away Hunger

Health - $11,300.00
- ALS Association Indiana Chapter
- Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. / Pets N Vets Program
- Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc.

Housing, Shelter - $57,680.00
- Mommy’s Haven
- SAFE Coalition for Human Rights, NFP
- St. Jude House, Inc.
- St. Michael’s Church

Human Services - $33,101.93
- Campagna Academy, Inc.
- Crossroads YMCA - Southlake/Griffith/Hammond/Whiting Branches
- Franciscan Health Foundation
- In-Pact
- Love Moves Us, Inc.
- Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter
- Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center Inc.
- Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.
- Wittenberg Lutheran Village

Public Safety - $31,918.35
- Cedar Lake Police Department
- Crown Point EMA
- Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.
- Lake County Sheriff’s Department Protective Order Assistance

Recreation - $125,000.00
- Crown Point Jr. Bulldogs/Panthers, Inc.
- Dean & Barbara White Southlake YMCA
- Indiana Elite FC Inc.
- Knights of Columbus - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #7473

Religion Related - $26,500.00
- First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point
- St. John’s United Church of Christ
Community Grants continued:

St. Matthias Church
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Young Life of Northwest Indiana

Youth Development - $57,521.00

Best Buddies Indiana
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana
Cedar Lake Youth Baseball
Challenger Learning Center
City of Crown Point
Dollywood Foundation
Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana
I Can Shine, Inc.
Josiah White’s
Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA)
Youth for Christ of NWI

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED $8,067.79

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 *

*No grants in 2021.
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GRANTS AWARDED $351,269.26

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
Caleel Foundation Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*
Candace Lynne Walton Scholarship Endowment Fund
Charles M. & Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Day Memorial Scholarship Fund
Clayton Gaudry Memorial Scholarship Fund
Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Endowment Fund
Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship Fund
Crown Point High School RoboDogs Scholarship Fund*
Crown Point Lion’s Club Scholarship Fund*
Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship Fund
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*
Dr. Arthur Beckman Memorial Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship
Fran & Billie Hoffman Scholarship Fund *
George Letz III Memorial Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*
George Letz, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Gil and Gail Stiener Family Fund
Helen Zielinski & Ray Stuck Family Scholarship Fund
Isabelle Melchor Memorial Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*
Jerry A. Caravana Athletic Director Endowment Scholarship Fund
JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship Fund
John D. Amodeo Scholarship Fund*
Joseph N. and Annette M. Allegritti Fund
Karen & Cornel Raab Scholarship Fund
Karen Pruzin Scholarship Endowment 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
Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship Fund *(New Fund)*
Pettit 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 Bath 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 2021.
LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. GIFT VII

IMPLEMENTATION GRANT HELPS SOUTH LAKE COUNTY THROUGH THREE INITIATIVES

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, a grant provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. brought the Crown Point Community Foundation together with neighboring community foundations to explore opportunities on how philanthropy could play a role in fostering economic development in our communities. This effort has been ongoing, and resulted in three initiatives to benefit Lake County and beyond.

NWI BizHub was created to connect entrepreneurs and small business owners to the right resources at the right time, no matter where they are in their journey of starting, accelerating or expanding their business. Finding a resource on nwibizhub.com is easy. Anyone can access the network by visiting the website and clicking “Find a Resource.” During its first year, partnerships with more than 70 nonprofit service providers were established to create a diverse network of resources for small business owners in Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties. NWI BizHub plans to expand into four additional Northwest Indiana counties with funding through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation READI grant.

In addition to NWI BizHub, the Crown Point Community Foundation is supporting bike trail signage efforts and a bike trail app for the region. The app will amplify the user experience and promote businesses along our trail systems.

Finally, the Lilly grant will benefit the construction and implementation of Teen Tech Centers in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. The Tech Centers will focus on meeting the needs of young entrepreneurs, start-up companies, educators and employers within Lake County.
DESIGNATED GRANTS AWARDED $241,410.86

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*
Anthony Kinkade Foundation
Beth S. Buoscio Endowment Fund
Betty Biegel Endowment Fund
Bieker Family Endowment Fund
Bill and Norma Rosenbower Courthouse 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 Courthouse Endowment Fund
James and Sandra Niermeyer Family Endowment Fund
Jerry & Phyllis Keough Family Endowment Fund (New Fund)*
Jim and Marge Forsythe Court House Fund
Jimmy D. & Marian S. Hooseline
John & Cathy Peterman Endowment Fund
John and Ann Barney Family Foundation Courthouse Endowment Fund
John and Maureen Rogers Fund
Joshua Prunsky Memorial Endowment Fund
June and Bernard Carstens Courthouse Endowment Fund
Kathleen Gleason Leurck Fund
Kegan Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lake County World Wars Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund
Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Endowment Fund
Margarete B. and William H. Fifield Endowment Fund
Marilou Crisman Memorial Endowment Fund
Mary Govert Fund
Norma N. Rosenbower Memorial Giving Fund
Patrick and Daniel Doherty Fund
Peter and Mary Kucia Memorial Fund
Richard (Dick) & Myrene Gordon Fund (New Fund)*
Robert and Joyce Nutt Endowment Fund
Ron and Diane Hall Endowment Fund
Roselyn Trimble Family Endowment Fund
Schererville Parks Foundation Inc. 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*
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 2021.
With your help, thousands of young explorers can continue to go on an out of this world adventure.

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a $5,400 grant to the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana.

“The mission of the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana is to create an exciting learning environment that promotes continued exploration of science through innovative programs that challenge how teachers educate, how students and families learn, and how businesses operate,” said Lara Bates, Executive Director of the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana. “Our vision is to merge the power of imagination with the excitement of discovery.”

Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana accomplishes this goal by providing unique programs such as simulated space missions, virtual space missions, science learning labs, mobile STEM activities, planetarium shows, family science events, summer camps and more. Through these opportunities, students, teachers and families from Northwest Indiana gain a better understanding of how science impacts their daily lives and exposes them to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The CPCF grant was used to help to upgrade the computer equipment at the Challenger Learning Center. “The new infrastructure will provide a more reliable, efficient and effective way to deliver educational programs to participants,” Bates said.

“This is one of my favorite trips to make. It is an unforgettable trip for our students. They always have the best experience when we come, and that is thanks to the awesome mission commanders.”

Jen Menear
5th Grade Teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School
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Bill and Norma Rosenbower’s love of Crown Point can be traced back to Bill’s youth.

Bill grew up in Crown Point. His grandparents, Michael and Creusa Dovichi, immigrated to Crown Point from Lucca, Italy and operated Dovichi’s Italian grocery store on the Square, where Bill spent a lot of time as a child. One store patron was the man who wound the Courthouse clock and Bill often accompanied him to help wind the clock and to enjoy the views by walking around the ledge below the clock faces.

Bill attended St. Mary’s School, graduated from Crown Point High School, served in the Airforce as an aerial reconnaissance photo interpreter during the Korean War, then attended Indiana University on the G.I. bill, where he studied business and especially enjoyed his real estate classes.

Norma Rosenbower grew up as one of six children in Summersville, Missouri, where her parents operated a country store. She came to Chicago as a high school graduate, and with encouragement from her aunts, she attended Gregg Business College (now Northwestern University) and then worked as the Business Office Manager for the Pullman Standard Railcar Corporation.

“Bill and Norma met when he came to pick up her roommate for a date,” shared their son Brent Rosenbower. “Mom answered the door and offered refreshments while he waited for the roommate, and Bill was dazzled by her.” Bill wrote to Norma to ask her out, which began their courtship between Chicago and Crown Point.

Bill and Norma married in 1960, settling in Crown Point where Bill had started a real estate and home building business. They learned about the work of the Crown Point Community Foundation and became involved. Bill liked to help people and organizations and was very investment-minded. He liked the idea of being able to make a financial commitment that would in turn be invested and the return could be used to help others, in perpetuity. Norma also enjoyed involvement with the Women’s Giving Circle.

Bill enjoyed a variety of community service roles, including service on the Board of Directors for the Southlake YMCA and the CPCF. Norma was an avid volunteer at organizations including Meals on Wheels, the St. Anthony Auxiliary, Y-ME National Breast Cancer and the Cub Scouts. They established the Bill and Norma Rosenbower Endowment Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, to facilitate awarding grants to nonprofits they were passionate about. They also created the Bill and Norma Rosenbower Courthouse Endowment Fund, and upon Norma’s passing, Bill and Brent founded the Norma N. Rosenbower Memorial Giving Fund.

Through their involvement with the CPCF, the Rosenbower family will continue to support the city that Bill looked out over as a child for generations to come.

We continue to be grateful for the Rosenbower Endowment Fund. Their generosity has had a positive affect on the lives of many breast cancer patients and survivors in our community.

Ann Peters
Founder/President, Pink Ribbon Society
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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The Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Operating Endowment Fund has deep roots in Crown Point history.

Martha Wheeler came to Crown Point when she was in grade school. She fell in love with the city and was elected the township assessor. Martha served on the Courthouse Foundation for over 30 years and also served as its president. She has made the preservation of the Courthouse her lifelong passion.

Harold Wheeler’s great-great-great grandfather was Solon Robinson, the founder of Crown Point. Born in 1803, Robinson was a writer, journalist, agriculturist and pioneer. He published several books including *Hot Corn*, a bestseller, and settled with his family in Crown Point in 1834.

Harold was a founder himself, having helped to establish the Crown Point Community Foundation. His $1,000 donation was the first investment made in the Foundation.

“He came home one night and told me what he wanted to do,” Martha said. “He said ‘we have everything ready to go but we need some money.’ So, he gave them $1,000 to start the Foundation. Harold was very proud of his family name and the fact he was old time Crown Point. He was so convinced that it was the right thing to do.”

The following year, the Crown Point Community Foundation was born. Thirty-one years later, Harold and his fellow founders’ vision has resulted in a Foundation with more than 365 funds and $38.9 million dollars in managed assets, and an ongoing legacy that has positively impacted countless lives in the South Lake County community.

Harold recognized the need for an operating fund for the CPCF to help cover the Foundation’s costs, so he and Martha established the Harold L. and Martha Wheeler Operating Endowment Fund. “He thought that was the way to build the Foundation to get people that had a little extra money to start funds to be the anchor of the wonderful Foundation that was to come,” Martha said.

“We are Crown Pointers through and through,” Martha said, and even though Harold has passed, his and Martha’s roots in the community will bear fruit in perpetuity.
The historic Lake County Courthouse has been a Crown Point icon since it was built in 1878, but preserving it takes time, money and dedication.

After the Courthouse was faced with being leveled and turned into a parking lot in 1973, a group of dedicated citizens saved it from destruction. They succeeded in getting the Courthouse placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 1973 and formed the Lake Courthouse Foundation, Inc. in 1975.

As a private building, the Courthouse does not receive any tax dollars for its support. The preservation of the building is funded through private donations and operational revenues. To help provide lasting support to the Lake Courthouse Foundation, 13 funds were established by advocates of the old Courthouse at the Crown Point Community Foundation.

“The Courthouse is one of the prettiest county Courthouses in the state,” said John Barney, CPCF Board Member. He and his wife Ann founded the John and Ann Barney Family Foundation Courthouse Endowment Fund. “It is the bedrock that the history of Lake County was built on. It would be a shame to see it torn down.”

“We started a fund to support the Courthouse because to us, it is the focal point of our city,” said Dan Klein former Crown Point Mayor and wife Vicky, who also have a Courthouse Fund at the CPCF. “We wanted to make sure that this majestic building will be around for generations and that everyone can enjoy it. It is the heart of the City.”
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. For every dollar that is donated to a CPCF endowment fund, the match contributes another dollar. The matching challenge has provided 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.

Now, just over a year and a half later, the matching challenge is nearly complete! As these endowments grow their annual distributions increase providing more grant dollars out into the community advancing a multitude of opportunities.

“Donor response to the matching opportunity provided by the Dean and Barbara White Foundation has exceeded our expectations,” said CPCF Board Member Cyndi Walsh. “The White family’s continued support of our community is transformational and will be felt for generations to come.”

Eligible gifts include: Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, Stock Transfers, and Retirement Assets. For questions, contact the CPCF, at info@thecpcf.org or call 219-662-7252. To make gifts online go to: thecpcf.org/donate.html.

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CPCF GRANTS AT WORK | Young Life of NWI and Youth for Christ of NWI/South Pointe Chapter

With your help, teenagers were offered mentorships, community and spiritual direction.

A $10,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the Young Life NWI program, while $18,800 was awarded to Youth for Christ of Northwest Indiana (YFC) for their Campus Life programs.

Both programs have similar goals: to reach out to young people and offer them guidance, friendship and a solid moral foundation.

“We are a group of caring adults who spend time in the world of kids,” said Daniel Albrecht, Area Director for Young Life NWI. “We begin by building healthy mentoring relationships with teens. Young Life leaders are found at school sports and music events, school lunchrooms, neighborhood basketball courts, and after school gatherings. We enter their world to show that they are worth our time. We build a caring community where a teen can thrive.”

Like Young Life NWI, Youth for Christ of Northwest Indiana engages young people where they are, creating relationships with teens and pre-teens that are built on trust, respect and compassion.

“We are here to help today’s teens face today’s issues and challenges including prescription drugs, street drugs, suicide, teen pregnancy, anxiety, depression, loneliness, bullying, domestic violence and abuse,” said Becky Wilburn, Director of Development for Youth for Christ of Northwest Indiana. “Campus Life combines healthy Christ-sharing relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation for life, and positively impact their schools.”

Youth for Christ works with young people aged 11-19 through several ministries. City Life is a relational, holistic, community-based ministry focused on empowering urban youth to become indigenous leaders who stay and give back to their communities. Juvenile Justice serves young people in relational outreach through a variety of youth-serving institutions including detention centers, probation, and correctional facilities in order to help them acquire and develop...
a way of living that balances the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of life. Campus Life engages with middle and high schools to build healthy relationships through creative programs including mentoring so that teens can make smart choices that allow them to become successful, productive teens and then adults. YFC Camps provide opportunities where teens can get away and focus on their shared experiences, outdoor challenges, and times of solitude where they can focus on their spiritual life.

“Campus Life is based on relational ministry action which is patterned after the leadership model of Jesus Christ,” Wilburn said. “We meet kids where they are and pair them with caring adult volunteers who are trained to listen. We work to establish long-term relationships. We want our kids to know we are here when they need us.”

“This year has been a tough time for kids,” Young Life’s Albrecht said. “Depression, anger and loneliness is something that all kids have dealt with. Support for teens may be just a smile and an encouraging word in the lunchroom, joining a community of teens who care about each other, or involving themselves in service and fun events throughout the year. Campus Life engages kids for the purpose of making their lives better, filled with the love and hope of Jesus Christ.”

“The impact of YFC’s Campus Life programs at both Hanover Central middle and high school are changing lives,” Wilburn said. “We provide caring adults for kids who are often disenfranchised by their peers in order to build them up and help them succeed not just today, but in life.”

**Nathan Faraher**
Youth For Christ - Campus Life Participant & Recently Graduated Senior At Hanover Central High School
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