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## *The* **\$2.5 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING CHALLENGE** *is Complete!*



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



# *Thank You!*

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

CPCF AWARDS OVER 100  
SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2022

**WITTENBERG VILLAGE**  
> HONORING RESIDENTS WHO  
SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES

**5 QUESTIONS WITH  
CPCF BOARD MEMBER**  
> INDIRA BRIGHAM

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

IF A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY APPEARS,  
DON'T PULL DOWN THE SHADE.

**TOM PETERS**  
AMERICAN WRITER ON BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT

**Thank you!** Because of you, our amazing and loyal fundholders, donors, community partners, and friends of the Crown Point Community Foundation, **the \$2.5 million-dollar matching challenge has been successfully completed!**

When this incredible opportunity first presented itself in June of 2020 through the generosity of the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation, during so much uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, our Board of Directors accepted the challenge knowing this could be a big ask and difficult to complete. But the opportunity to grow CPCF endowment funds that would ultimately provide more grant dollars out into the community, advancing the quality of life in South Lake County and beyond, by supporting the mission of the Foundation, made this challenge a labor of love. So, we rolled up our sleeves, devised a strategy, and in November of 2020 began promoting this matching challenge that would **double the impact** of donations received.

The community rallied around this special opportunity, and in just 20 months, we proudly announced that the matching challenge had been completed! On pages 6-7, you'll read comments from many expressing their gratitude to the White Family, and how their love for community and financial support is positively changing lives.

Another window of opportunity that creates much excitement each year is the CPCF scholarship program. The Foundation administers numerous scholarship funds established by donors, who determine the criteria for their particular scholarship. Starting on page 8, you'll read about the 119 scholarships awarded to deserving students totaling over \$428,000. We are grateful to our many fundholders and donors who support higher education, providing a multitude of opportunities for students to fulfill their dreams.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we are deeply thankful for your continued support and partnership! It takes all of us working together **to keep the shade up**, and always be on the lookout for new opportunities to strengthen our community. Together we can continue to make a positive difference in South Lake County and beyond... *now and for generations to come!*

MARY B. NIELSEN



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Every effort is made to accurately list our contributors. If a name has been inadvertently omitted from the newsletter, we apologize.



I WAS IN AWE WHEN MY NAME WAS CALLED. I HAVE WORKED SO HARD THROUGHOUT MY ACADEMIC CAREER AND IT WAS NICE TO HAVE THAT HARD WORK BE RECOGNIZED. NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT COLLEGE DEBT IS A HUGE BURDEN OFF MY FAMILY'S SHOULDERS AND I CAN NOT EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

**GILLIAN GATLEY**

2022 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

< GILLIAN GATLEY HUGS HER MOTHER AFTER BEING ANNOUNCED AS ONE OF TWO DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.



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ON THE COVER

The **\$2.5 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING CHALLENGE** is Complete!

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I WANT TO BE A ROLE MODEL TO MY STUDENTS, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE THINGS AND SITUATIONS THAT MEAN THE MOST TO ME.

**BROOKE MANHATTAN**  
CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL  
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: TONY ENGLERT, VICE PRESIDENT OF GIFT PLANNING AT WITTENBERG VILLAGE; BILL NORDYKE, ARMY; ROBERT WHITE, MARINES; MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER; WAYNE BARNES, MARINES / IMAGES ON THE HONOR WALL / DURING THE DEDICATION ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, REV. CORY WIELERT, THE CHAPLAIN AT WITTENBERG VILLAGE, PLAYS "TAPS" IN MEMORY OF ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR NATION.

**With your help, veterans have a new way to be recognized and honored.**

A Crown Point Community Foundation grant for \$1,750 was awarded to Wittenberg Village and their honor wall project.

Wittenberg serves many U.S. veterans and widowed spouses of veterans, with veterans and their spouses currently comprising nearly 25% of the community. Wittenberg featured a Veteran's Dedication Wall on their campus, but wanted to expand the installation.

"More than ever, we are understanding the need for people to be recognized for their service to their country," said Wittenberg Village Vice President of Gift Planning Tony Englert. "We feel this is one of the best ways to unite our community, not only for our residents but also for our resident families, visitors and those from the larger community who come to visit our campus."

"As a Korean War veteran, I am so happy to see this wall completed

as a special place to honor those who served our nation," said Wayne Barnes, Wittenberg Village Resident.

The CPCF grant helped to renovate and expand the honor wall, which now features photos of residents who served, flags and medallions for each branch of the service, and special lettering on the wall.



ALL OF US AT WITTENBERG VILLAGE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE CPCF. THIS HONOR WALL HAS BEEN A DREAM OF OURS FOR MANY YEARS AND WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE IT COME TO FRUITION. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES.

**TONY ENGLERT**  
VICE PRESIDENT, GIFT PLANNING  
WITTENBERG VILLAGE

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$124,709.00 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE JUNE CYCLE.

## Arts, Culture - \$5,000.00

### Lakeshore Public Media. - match up to \$5,000

Support the replacement of outdated studio equipment that is used to conduct interviews and relay news and information to listeners throughout Northwest Indiana every day of the year.

## Education - \$22,876.00

### Chasing Dreams - \$4,668

Help fund the Dream Summer Camp program.

### Dunes Learning Center - \$2,500

Outdoor research and career exploration for Crown Point High School Environmental Science students.

### Tri Town Safety Village - \$15,708

Funding for Crown Point students to attend the Tri Town Safety Village.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$32,500.00

### Food Bank of Northwest Indiana - \$5,000

Agency Training, purchase of small-appliances for distribution and special programming.

### Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry - \$5,000

Pay for the processing of approximately 3,500 pounds of donated large game and livestock within Lake County, providing 14,000 more meals for hunger relief.

### Meals on Wheels of NWI - \$15,000

To deliver nutritional meals to those in need with support of community volunteers.

### Pack Away Hunger. - \$7,500

To purchase meal ingredients in an effort to pack 100,000 meals for food insecure residents of Lake County and engage at least 250 community volunteers.

## Health - \$5,000.00

### Paladin Inc. - \$3,000

Help fund programs developed for the individuals participating in the day programs.

### REAL Services, Inc. - \$2,000

To provide caregiver resources in Crown Point through our Alzheimer's and Dementia Services programs.

## Housing, Shelter - \$13,200.00

### Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center - \$11,200

Funding to ensure a safe environment for program participants and horses and to ensure availability of a quality horse for program use.

### The Safe House Inc. - \$2,000

To provide a safe environment, programs, and support for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of homeless men.

## Public Safety - \$17,600.00

### Cedar Lake Fire Dept/Town of Cedar Lake - match up to \$10,000

Update old firefighting hose and nozzles.

### MAAC Foundation - \$7,600

To fund a Breecher door within the new Residential Tactical Training Village for First Responders.

## Religion - \$2,500.00

### Phil's Friends - \$2,500

Funding for blankets for care packages, provided to cancer patients.

## Youth Development - \$26,033.00

### Crown Point Bulldogs Touchdown Club - match up to \$2,400

Purchase 80 Guardian football helmet pads to reduce risk of concussion and head trauma in the student athletes.

### Crown Point Lacrosse Club - match up to \$3,333

Assist in field rental costs in order to keep family costs low so all kids have the opportunity to participate.

### Crown Point Swim Club - \$2,000

Help fund the purchase of paddles and bouys to improve swimmers strength, efficiency, and skills and utilize them for the different levels of our program.

### Haven House Inc. - \$8,300

Healthy Relationship Program to reduce domestic violence.

### Young Life NWI - \$10,000

To improve the social, emotional and spiritual health of middle and high school teens in South Lake County.



# GIVE TODAY... Greater IMPACT TOMORROW

## MATCHING CHALLENGE

# is Complete!



# Thank You!

**Announced just 20 months ago by the Crown Point Community Foundation, the \$2.5 million dollar MATCHING CHALLENGE, made possible by the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation, is complete!**

This \$1 for \$1 matching challenge 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. For every dollar that was donated to an endowment fund held at the CPCF, the match contributed another dollar. As these endowments grow, their annual distributions increase, providing more grant dollars out into the community advancing a multitude of opportunities.

"We were so thrilled and humbled to see the community rally around the special gift the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation offered us," said Crown Point Community Foundation Chairman Chrisanne Christ. "Being able to double the impact in supporting our mission of enriching the quality of life in South Lake County is so fulfilling. Our huge thank you to the Dean and Barbara White Foundation and all the donors that made this possible. Your generosity is strengthening our community for generations to come!"

In total, the Matching Challenge captured \$1,444,204.69 in contributions to the CPCF's operating funds and \$1,055,795.31 to other endowed funds.

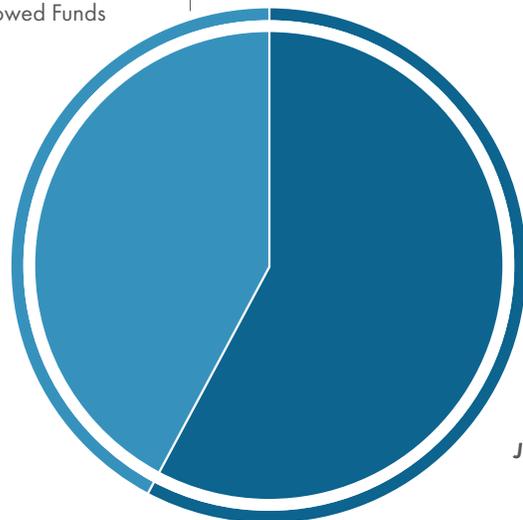
"Crown Point is where Dean and Barbara White raised their family," said CPCF Board Member John Barney. "They loved our city. Over the years both Dean, Barbara and the White Family Foundation have

supported many important projects. Crown Point Community Foundation was fortunate to be the recipient of a \$2.5 million dollar matching gift from them. Thank you Whites for showing your love for Crown Point in this way."

## \$2,500,000 MATCH IS COMPLETE!

**\$1,055,795.31**

Match Captured-Other  
Endowed Funds



Match  
Completed  
July 18, 2022

**\$1,444,204.69**

Match Captured-Operating Funds



"We are so grateful for the match program," said Kim Brown, Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fundholder. "Because of the generosity of others it has allowed us to keep our son's memory alive by awarding more scholarships to Crown Point students and build our endowment fund to ensure perpetual scholarship awards in Mike's honor."

"This generous matching opportunity has strengthened the ability of the Crown Point Community Foundation to better serve the nonprofits of South Lake County," said CPCF Board Member Darryl Miller. "We owe the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation our gratitude for this gift."

"I would like to thank the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation for creating the \$2.5 million dollar match gift fund," said Jerry Ross, Donald and Phyllis (Dillabaugh) Ross Purdue Scholarship Endowment Fundholder. "A new Fund has been created in memory of my life-long best friend and Crown Point native Dr. Jim Gentleman. Your matching gifts have allowed the family and friends of Dr. Jim Gentleman to establish and quickly build the James & Irene Gentleman Family Endowment Fund. This fund will contribute to the Crown Point Community Foundation's efforts to make Crown Point and surrounding communities better every day. God's blessings."

"The Board of Directors of the Crown Point Community Foundation deeply appreciates the generosity of the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation in establishing the \$2.5 million dollar matching challenge," said CPCF Board Member Daniel Root. "The generosity of the many donors and of the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation will benefit the South Lake County community... forever!"

"The White Family generosity has been an incredible blessing to our community," said CPCF Board Member Indira Brigham. "The match challenge has inspired many donors to help the causes they believe in by increasing their original donation to their fund of choice and the future of CPCF by donating to its operating fund. It truly has been a huge win/win! We are all blessed and extremely grateful."

"The Foundation is so grateful for the generous \$2.5 million dollar matching opportunity from the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation," said CPCF Board Member John Manis. "It is amazing that our community donors would so quickly meet the challenge set forth... and in less than two years! The Crown Point Community Foundation now has an additional \$5 million dollars to be used to advance the quality of life in South Lake County and beyond. Thank you so much to everyone who participated."

# 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Graduating high school 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 119 scholarships totaling over \$428,000 including eight awarded by Crown Point Tri Kappa. 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.”



GILLIAN GATLEY AND CHARLES HAGERMAN WERE AWARDED THE 2022 DEAN AND BARBARA WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS SHOWN WITH MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.



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THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP ME TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL MY CHILDHOOD DREAM OF BECOMING A PALEONTOLOGIST, AND TO BE ABLE TO SHARE MY PASSIONS WITH OTHERS WITHOUT AS MUCH OF THE ADDED FINANCIAL STRESS THAT COMES WITH COLLEGE.

**RACHEL KRICK**

2022 CROWN POINT SWIM CLUB ALUMNI 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  
 Barbara Jenkins Tyler Speech Scholarship  
 Barney Family Scholarship 2022  
 Barney’s Hub Bootery Scholarship 2022  
 BJ Hubbard Scholarship  
 Burrell Family Scholarship  
 Burrell Family Scholarship  
 Caleel Foundation Scholarship  
 Candace Lynne Walton Memorial Scholarship  
 Charles and Marjorie Quickle Scholarship  
 Clayton Gaudry Memorial Scholarship  
 Col. John Wheeler Middle School PTA Scholarship  
 Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship  
 Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship

### Name of Recipient

Gianna Witte  
 Rosalie Degenhart  
 Rosalie Degenhart  
 Roman Jancich  
 Kyle Janda  
 Ashley Keneson  
 Greyson Lemmons  
 Thomas Pampalone  
 Alex Shemen  
 Brenna Losch  
 Ethan Park  
 Hannah Schneider  
 Allyson Olchawa  
 Rocco Jann  
 Lily Koelikamp  
 Lillian Stoelb  
 Hannah Gerner  
 Nathan Terry  
 Ryan Hannan  
 Alex Shemen  
 Annika Denney  
 Allison Holtcamp

### Amount

\$ 3,000  
 \$ 1,000  
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 \$ 2,000  
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 \$ 1,000  
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 \$ up to 10,000 per yr for 4 yrs  
 \$ 2,550 per yr for 3 yrs.  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 2,500 per yr for 2 yrs.  
 \$ 2,500 per yr for 2 yrs.  
 \$ 2,500 per yr for 4 yrs.  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 6,200  
 \$ 2,500  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 1,000



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I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS A RECIPIENT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND HOPE THAT ONE DAY I AM ABLE TO GIVE OPPORTUNITIES BACK TO MY COMMUNITY IN THE WAY THAT THIS FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO DO.

**MEGAN BRANDON**  
2022 KAREN AND CORNEL RAAB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



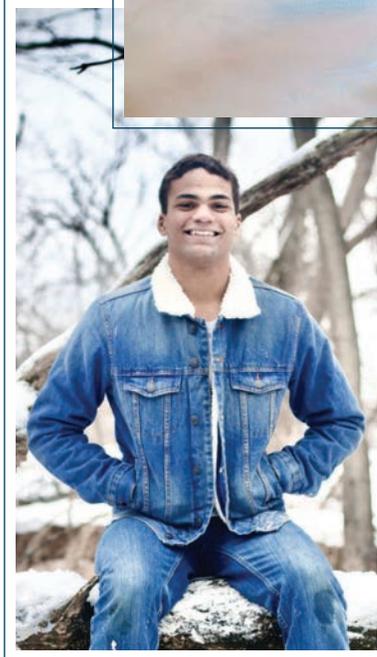
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WHEN I FIRST HEARD MY NAME BEING ANNOUNCED, I WAS SO EXCITED AND SHOCKED ABOUT WINNING SUCH AN AWARD. I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL.

**HANNAH SCHNEIDER**  
2022 BARNEY'S HUB BOOTERY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



LILLIAN ANDERSON AND JACKSON PAWLOWSKI ACCEPT THE DR. ARTHUR BECKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WITH PRESENTERS FROM THE BECKMAN FAMILY.



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IT IS AMAZING TO THINK THAT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE SO WILLING TO ENCOURAGE AND FINANCE INDIVIDUALS, WHO THEY DO NOT KNOW PERSONALLY, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION.



EVANGELINE PYCRAFT IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE GEORGE LETZ III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. EVANGELINE IS PICTURED WITH SHARON LETZ.

**NATHAN TERRY**  
2022 CHARLES AND MARJORIE QUICKLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

**Scholarship**

- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
- Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
- Crown Point Lions Club
- Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship 2022
- Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship
- Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship
- David Gergely Memorial Scholarship
- Dean and Barbara White Scholarship 2022
- Dean and Barbara White Scholarship 2022
- Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship
- Donald and Phyllis Ross Purdue Scholarship
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Dr. Arthur Beckman Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Arthur Beckman Memorial Scholarship
- Dwight Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship
- Gail and Gil Stienen Scholarship
- Gail and Gil Stienen Scholarship
- George Letz III Memorial Scholarship
- George Letz, Jr. Scholarship
- George Letz, Jr. Scholarship
- Helen Zielinski and Ray Stuck Family Scholarship

**Name of Recipient**

- Emily McCallister
- Bryce Noble
- Austin Vesich
- Caitlin Ashby
- Rachel Krick
- Brendan Ballou
- Luke Byrd
- Avery Pettit
- Gillian Gatley
- Charles Hagerman
- Jack Darlington
- Jasmine Slesser
- Logan Culver
- Lillian Anderson
- Jackson Pawlowski
- Daniel Sibincic
- Seth Gozo
- Ali Lucas
- Evangeline Pycraft
- Aliya DeJesus
- Colin Gingerich
- Evan Parent

**Amount**

- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 5,000 per yr for 4 yrs.
- \$ 500
- \$ 500
- \$ 500
- Full Scholarship - 4 yrs. Tuition, Room & Board
- Full Scholarship - 4 yrs. Tuition, Room & Board
- \$ 3,000
- \$ 3,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 2,750
- \$ 2,750
- \$ 500
- \$ 1,825
- \$ 1,825
- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 500

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE NINE



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THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MY PASSION FOR EDUCATION AND A DOOR TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME.

### AMBER BROWN

2022 WILLIAM G. AND PHYLLIS M. FATCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND THE 2022 MAURINE SCHLEMMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



ALLYSON OLCHAWA ACCEPTED THE BJ HUBBARD SCHOLARSHIP, SHOWN WITH MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND BJ HUBBARD.

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTING IN MY ACADEMIC ABILITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

### AUSTIN VESICH

2022 CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND THE 2022 ROBERT TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS GIVEN ME MORE CONFIDENCE BECAUSE IT SHOWED ME THAT MY HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF, AND IT HAS DEFINITELY GIVEN ME THE MOTIVATION TO KEEP WORKING HARD IN THE FUTURE.

### GRIFFIN DUSSEAU

2022 RUSS KELLER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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FOR ME, I COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. TO ME, IT MEANS THAT THERE ARE GREAT EXPECTATIONS BEING SET FOR ME THAT I PROMISE TO MEET AND GO BEYOND EVEN THAT.

### TARA DJUKIC

2022 ROBERT "BOB" BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## Scholarship

Isabelle Melchor Memorial 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  
 Karen Pruzin Memorial Scholarship  
 Kathy, Russ and Jim Keller Memorial Scholarship  
 Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship  
 L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship  
 Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship  
 LaMere Family Andrean Scholarship  
 Lisa Schaefer Stover Memorial Scholarship  
 Liss CARSTAR Scholarship  
 Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Scholarship 2022  
 Marie Van Slyke-Bean Memorial Scholarship  
 Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Scholarship  
 Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship  
 Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarship

## Name of Recipient

Morgan Hawkins  
 Nikki Gerodemos  
 Nicholas Tattini  
 Ethan Sauter  
 Ben Wesley  
 Diane Kosior  
 Megan Brandon  
 Hannah Gerner  
 Nikki Gerodemos  
 John Mullally  
 Kristal Rodriguez  
 Alyssa Gargano  
 Cole Simmons  
 Kloe Kiran  
 Sela Cassandra Ruiz  
 Kylie LaChapelle  
 Madyson Hall  
 Alyssa Vena  
 Emma Baltzersen  
 Sebastian Lomeli  
 Holly Jorden  
 Robert Gonzales

## Amount

\$ 2,500  
 \$ 1,300  
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 \$ 1,800  
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 \$ 1,000  
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 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 850  
 \$ 500  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 1,800  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 2,980 per yr for 4 yrs.  
 \$ 500  
 \$ 3,100  
 \$ 1,000  
 \$ 750

## Scholarship

Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship
Maurine Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship
Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Mike Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Millicent and Forrest Everett Scholarship
Paul and Dorothea Everett Scholarship
Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship
Pettit Family Memorial Student/Athlete Scholarship
Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Memorial Scholarship
Robert "Bob" Brown Scholarship
Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship
Russ Keller Family 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 2022
Tiny Knesek Bohling and Karla Stiener Memorial Scholarship
Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship
Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship
Tri Kappa Scholarship
Tri Kappa Scholarship
Tri Kappa Scholarship
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Tri Kappa Scholarship
Tri Kappa Scholarship
Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
Trinity Lutheran PTL Scholarship
Virgil Place Scholarship 2022
Walter Bernacki Memorial Scholarship
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship
Wilbert Buth Memorial Scholarship
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

Nick Cicero	\$	1,400
Amber Brown	\$	650
Sean Castro	\$	1,000
Kailey Callander	\$	1,000
Avery Olenik	\$	1,000
Anabella Olenik	\$	1,000
Kristal Rodriguez	\$	625
Kaitlyn Chandler	\$	2,180
Aaron John	\$	2,500
Nick Cicero	\$	2,500
Jacob Huppenthal	\$	800
Tara Djukic	\$	750
Emma Adams	\$	500
Abigail Godsen	\$	500
Austin Vesich	\$	500
Makaela Watkins	\$	500
Griffin Dusseau	\$	2,000
Brendan Ballou	\$	500
Hayden Rosenbaum	\$	500
Kendall Miller	\$	675
Liah Ruiz	\$	675
William Labus	\$	3,950
Alexandria Mackey	\$	500 per yr for 4 yrs.
Elizabeth Mouser	\$	925
Allison Holtcamp	\$	550
Bryce Noble	\$	550
Mary Dravet	\$	1,000
Sarah Gardiner	\$	1,000
Paige Haluska	\$	1,000
Holly Jordan	\$	1,000
Kristian Maunes	\$	1,000
Joseph Phillips	\$	1,000
Rachel Clausing	\$	750
Sarah Gardiner	\$	750
Ellery Shea	\$	750
Molly Kubal	\$	4,000 per yr for 4 yrs.
Bryce Hufford	\$	500
Rachel Clausing	\$	650
Quinn Rosenthal	\$	650
Ellery Shea	\$	650
Amber Brown	\$	680
Emily Clark	\$	1,000
Aedin Obringer	\$	1,000
Reagan Carmichael	\$	500
Ryan Wickard	\$	1,500

## Adult Learner Scholarships

Alvin and Kathryn Schmidt Scholarship
Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
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Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship
Fran and Billie Hoffman Scholarship
McMichael Family Scholarship
Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship
Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarship
Tri Kappa Scholarship-Sue Crisman Memorial Scholarship
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship Tri Kappa

## Name of Recipient

Lydia Byrd	\$	500
Brooke Nack	\$	1,000
Briana Przybyl-Gallagher	\$	1,000
Sarah Valtierra	\$	1,000
Grace Walker	\$	1,000
Noah Sauter	\$	2,000
Michelle Peralta	\$	1,000
Nancy Robles	\$	500
Karen VanVleck	\$	500
Haley Prince	\$	1,000
Elizabeth Burkus	\$	1,000
Megan Burns	\$	1,000

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**Lisa Schaefer Stover**  
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**Jill Stuhlmacher**  
Faye Platt

**Cheryl Trump**  
Jerry Caravana

**Derrick Trump**  
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**Marie VanSlyke-Bean**  
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

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**Cole Viers**  
Linda Viers

**Dean White's birthday**  
Craig White

**Lucy Wlazlo**  
Gerald & April Schaefer



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**JDRF Indiana One Walk:**  
Centier associates had a great group of walkers and volunteers at the JDRF Indiana One Walk in September.

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# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

**The Board of Directors and CPCF staff plays an integral role in the Crown Point Community Foundation.**

The Board select the recipients of CPCF grants, help to solicit donations, and promote the Foundation throughout the community.

The staff helps run the day-to-day operations of the office and work directly with donors and local nonprofits.

We are proud to welcome the following outstanding business and community leaders to the CPCF.



COREY LISS  
CARSTAR LISS AUTO BODY



JEFF BAN  
DVG TEAM, INC.



KATIE SLY  
CPCF'S PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

## COREY LISS

Corey Liss grew up in Crown Point and has lived there his entire life. He grew up working in his family business, CARSTAR Liss Auto Body, and after graduating from Ball State University he came back into the family business full time. He is now the third generation owner. The company just celebrated 75 years of business in Crown Point.

Corey and his wife Charlotte both enjoy helping others and have hosted an annual golf outing for the past 15 years to raise money for Make-A-Wish. They were recognized last year with the Chris Greicius award for raising \$250,000 throughout the years for Make-A-Wish. Corey is past president of the Crown Point Rotary Club and is a member of the Southlake YMCA Advisory Board. He is part of the pet therapy program at St. Anthony where he and Charlotte take their TDI (Therapy Dogs International) certified therapy dog Knox to visit patients and staff at the hospital. He has even dressed up as Santa Claus and taken Knox there on Christmas day! Corey and Charlotte enjoy horseriding, travel and outdoor activities.

Corey's family has been long time supporters of the Foundation and believers in what they do. He is honored to have been asked to join the board and looks forward to continuing to make a difference in our community.

## JEFF BAN

Jeff Ban grew up in the Miller section of Gary and in Merrillville. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Purdue University, West Lafayette and his Masters of Business

Administration at Indiana University Northwest. In 1999, Jeff founded DVG Team, Inc., a Crown Point-based civil engineering and land surveying firm. Jeff and DVG Team have been instrumental in designing many development projects throughout all of Northwest Indiana and the Chicago Suburbs. He has served as a past board member and officer for the American Public Works Association and American Waterworks Association. Jeff currently is a board member at Tradewinds Services, Inc. and has served as their past treasurer, vice president and president. He enjoys spending time with his wife Roxanne and their children Jason and Allison. He also enjoys traveling, music, golfing, wine making and warm weather outdoor recreation. Jeff believes giving to others is an important part of life and is excited to give his time to advance the Foundation's mission.

## KATIE SLY

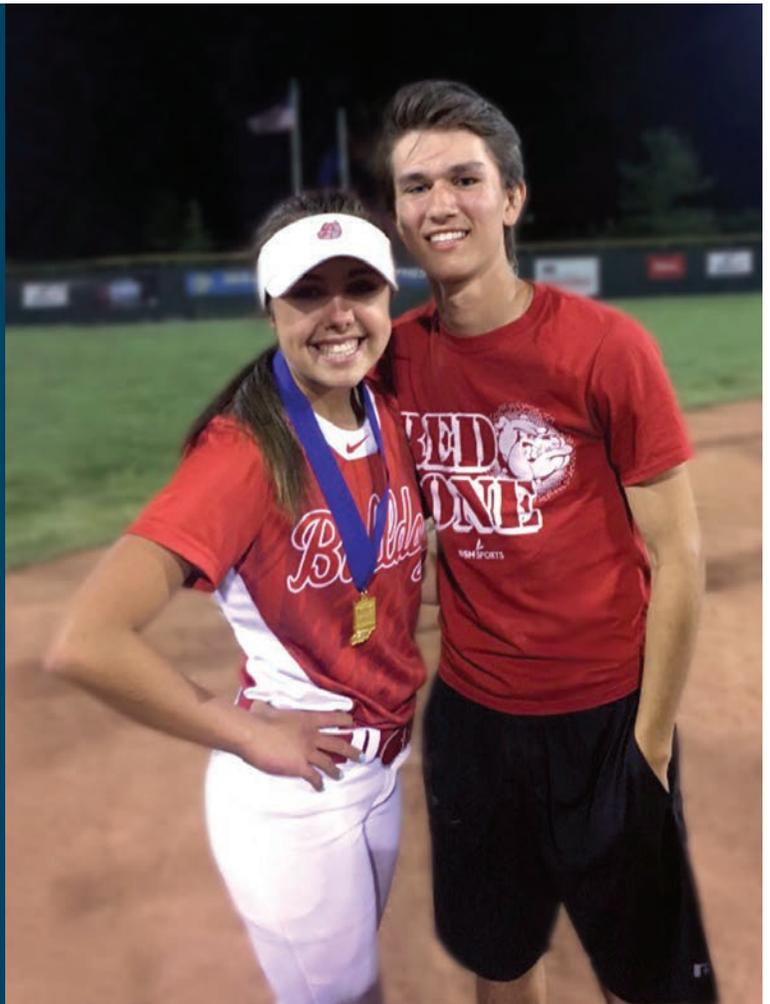
Katie Sly grew up in Dyer and has lived there most of her life. She graduated from Purdue University Northwest in December 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Social Work. She always felt she was meant to help others and her degree has given her the opportunity to do work that is purposeful and impactful. She has a huge passion for animal welfare and is a "dog mom" to Sophie and Millie. Katie is also a big sports fan, especially women's soccer, and has been a season ticket holder for the Chicago Red Stars for seven years.

Katie interned and worked for a local nonprofit prior to joining the Crown Point Community Foundation as the new Program & Engagement Officer. "I am so excited to join the Crown Point Community Foundation and be a part of this incredible team," Sly said. "With my new role, I look forward to being a valuable resource for our local nonprofits by supporting their commitment to making a lasting impact in our community."

# Teaching BY EXAMPLE



HOW A CROWN  
POINT HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT  
TEACHER GIVES  
BACK TO THE  
COMMUNITY



BROOKE MANHATTON WITH ALEC MATALIN, WHO CAME TO BROOKE'S 4A STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ON JUNE 10, 2017. ALEC PASSED AWAY ABOUT A MONTH LATER.

## **Brooke Manhatton exemplifies the concept of paying it forward.**

Having received two scholarships from the Crown Point Community Foundation while in high school, Brooke decided to donate the tips she received as a waitress at One 13 North to a range of charitable causes.

"When I did my donations, I would work a double shift (around 12-13 hours), and then I would take all the tips from that day and donate them," Brooke said. "I felt a sense of accomplishment knowing that it was the money that I was working for and making that I was able to donate. Some people would proceed to leave an extra tip on the table after they found out what their money was being donated to."

"I give because I have the means too," Brooke said. "I am privileged enough to be able to provide for myself, and I usually set myself goals for the month. When I hit those goals, or come close to them, I make sure to donate as much as I can."

One of Brooke's donations was to the Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Endowed Scholarship Fund. "I decided to give to the Matalin Fund because Alec was one of my dear friends," she said.

"It was his birthday, and I figured what is a better gift to give than some moola for his scholarship. Also, I am a big believer in the Crown Point Community Foundation. I am a senior at Purdue University Northwest studying English Secondary Education and a long-term substitute teacher at Crown Point High School. To think that one of my students could receive this scholarship in Alec's memory is truly a full circle moment."

I WAS SO MOVED BY BROOKE AND HER GENEROSITY OF DONATING HER TIPS TO ALEC'S FUND IN HONOR OF HIS BIRTHDAY. THE FACT THAT SHE IS WISE ENOUGH TO REALIZE SHARING THE JOY HE BROUGHT ALL OF US WITH OTHERS AS A WAY TO COMFORT OUR HEARTS SHOWS HOW COMPASSIONATE SHE IS.

**LYNN VANHOUTEN**

MOTHER OF ALEC MATALIN AND FOUNDER OF THE ALEC MATALIN MEMORIAL "DOPE" ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

# DONATIONS

MARCH 1, 2022 - AUGUST 9, 2022

## A

Mary Ann Abraham  
AHEPA Chapter No78 Charities Inc.  
Joseph & Annette Allegretti  
Lynn Almaguer  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
Thomas & Kathryn Anderson  
Scott & Lori Angel  
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## B

Frank Baccino  
Irene Bairaktaris  
Mark & Lindsay Bates  
Jennifer Bentz  
Douglas & Mary Berguson  
Kelly Bermes  
Brett Bierman,  
Bierman Property Management LLC  
Anthony & Julie Bieszcza  
John & JoAnn Birdzell  
Gary & Indira Bringham  
Sam & Sheila Brune  
David Bryan

## C

Juliana Caffarini  
Jerry Caravana  
Mark & Chrisanne Christ,  
Site Restoration Services LLC  
Mary Cienkus  
Cloudbusters Inc.  
Club Syrena of Group 1910 P.N.A.  
Ryan & Linda Collier  
Colonel John Wheeler PTA  
Cathy Cooper,  
Tax Techiques Plus LLC  
William & Margaret Coulehan  
Crown Point Cal Ripken Youth Baseball  
City of Crown Point  
Crown Point EMA  
Crown Point Lions Club, Inc.  
Crown Point Rotary  
Joseph & Gayle Czarnik

## D

Susan Daily  
Suzanne Demmond  
Eric & Robin Dillon

D.T. Carpentry, Corp  
Chad Duffy & H. Barrett Fromme  
Michelle Duffy  
Valerie Dussich-Hall & Kevin Hall

## F

Timothy Fealy,  
Hometown Happenings Inc.  
Federated Hermes, Jane Lambesis  
Shirley Forney-Bates  
Greg & Nancy Forsythe  
Scott & Maureena Foster  
Paul Fotia  
Franciscan Alliance

## G

Christopher & Monice Gall  
Larry & Pamela Gardner  
Larry & Kim Geisen,  
LK Properties LLC  
Jeffrey & Pamela Govert  
Leah B Gunderson Estate

## H

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana  
Cindy Hall  
Keith & Lori Hanaway family  
Crystal Harrigan-Barry  
George & Carol Henson  
Jeffrey & Diane Hess  
Donald & Karen Highsmith  
Anna Holem  
Chuck & Darlene Hopp  
Donald & Joyce Huber  
Kevin & Renee Huseman,  
Kingdom Housing LLC  
James & Jenny Hutton

## I

Innovative Energy, Inc.,  
Jonathon & Whitney Hagarbome  
Ivy Tech Foundation

## J

Kyle Jeffries  
Dean & Sara Jones

## K

Judith Kaleta  
Lester & Marilyn Kaper  
Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc.,  
Gamma Theta Chapter  
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Andrea Kelliher,  
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Mary Kelliher  
Marion & Rosemary Kellum  
Dawn Kepshire  
Melissa Kerr  
Dan & Vicky Klein  
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Andrew Kyres

## L

David Lasser,  
Commercial In-Sites LLC  
Randy Leffelman  
Steve & Kathy Lessner Family  
Likas Limited  
Tom & Kathy Liss

## M

Majestic Care-St. Anthony Home  
David & Darlene McMichael  
Richard & Kathleen Merritt  
Darryl & Pat Miller  
Millwrights Local Union 1076

## N

Robert Navarro  
Joseph & Jane Nerney  
Joan Noble  
Tracy Noorlag  
Northwest Indiana Title Services, Inc.  
Tom & Marie Novotny

## O

John & Gloria O'Drobinak,  
O'Drobinak & Nowaczyk, PC  
Richard Oliver, Refax, Inc.

## P

Dale Packard  
Peoples Bank,  
Ben Bochnowski

## R

Cornel & Karen Raab  
William & Judy Rathjen,  
Riversedge Management LLC  
Jeff & Diane Reimer  
Margaret Ricci  
Traci Rigsby  
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Susan Roen  
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Skora Living Trust  
Small Web Solutions, LLC,  
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Mark & Deborah Snedden  
Tammie Sopczak  
Amanda Sprehe,  
Eagle Eye Optique  
Carolann Stewart  
Aaron & I Chun Storer

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Suzanne Teesdale  
Third Eye Advisors, Inc.  
Brett Thompson  
Nancy Tilka  
Mary Tracy-MacAulay  
Tri-Creek Education Foundation, Inc.

## U

University of St. Francis

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Alda Vellutini

Brenda Versnel,  
Signature Realty  
William & Bonnie Vinovich

## W

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Melissa Walley  
Timothy & Cyndi Walsh,  
Walsh Advisors Inc  
Ronda Waters  
Susan Wilcox  
Wipeco Inc.  
Suzann Wright

## Y

Youche Country Club

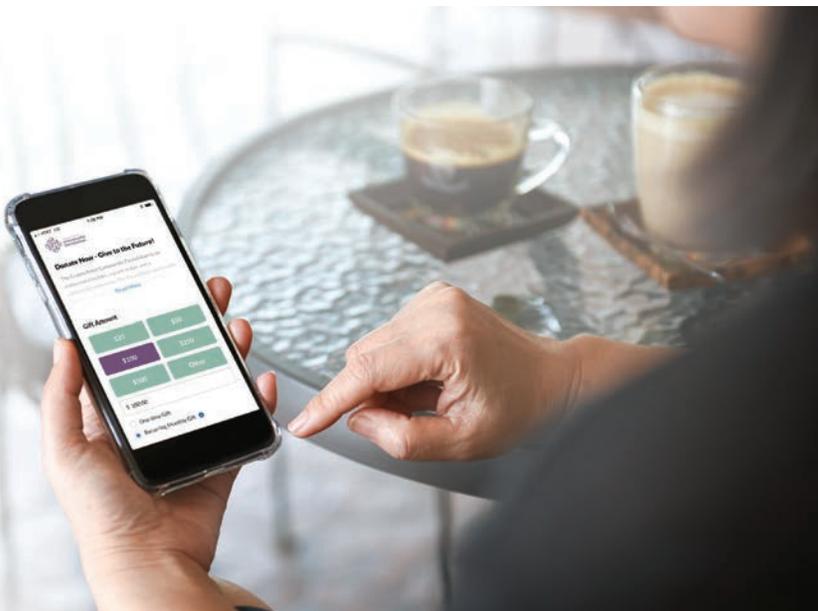
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**WHY WE GIVE:** Geisen Funeral Home has been a part of the Crown Point community since 1867, when Peter Geisen added undertaking services to his furniture business downtown. We know the importance of providing the best service to our funeral families and to various local charitable organizations and programs. We want to make a difference to help our community flourish, as we have for over 150 years.

**MISSION:** We are dedicated to providing guidance, options and compassion with the highest level of standards and integrity. We will offer exceptional funeral and cremation services by our professional and caring staff. We will always strive to exceed the expectations of each family we serve.



**Habitat for Humanity Women's Build:**  
Geisen staff members volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity Women's Build.



**4th of July Parade:**  
Families who have lost a Veteran participate in the Geisen Veterans Memorial Float for the 4th of July Parade.

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# HONORARIUMS

MARCH 1, 2022 - AUGUST 9, 2022

**Alice Burrell**  
Keith & Mary Nielsen

**Marion Kellum**  
Michael Acsbok

**Pene Castor**  
Dale & Terri Williams

**James Niermeyer's 90th birthday**  
Steve & Carol Highsmith

**Dan Duncan**  
Peoples Bank

**Bette Oesterle**  
Michael & Molly Davria

**Myrene & Richard "Dick" Gordon**  
Beth Casbon  
Donna Moser

**Faye Platt's birthday**  
Mark Platt

**Diane Jostes' birthday**  
Lester & Marilyn Kaper

**Diane Reimer's retirement**  
Joseph & Lori Amodeo  
Maxie Scott

## CEDAR LAKE POLICE THANKS THE CPCF FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Representatives from the Cedar Lake Police Department met with the Crown Point Community Foundation to present a plaque to the Foundation in honor of its longtime support. "The Crown Point Community Foundation has partnered with the Cedar Lake Police Department on funding of important projects that our operating budget could not support," said Cedar Lake Police Department Chief of Police William T. Fisher. "The Town of Cedar Lake and the members of the Cedar Lake Police Department cherish the value of our relationship with the Foundation. We recognize that these projects would not have been possible without your support."



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CPCF BOARD MEMBERS DARRYL MILLER, INDIRA BRIGHAM, JOHN BARNEY, CYNDI WALSH, BEN BALLOU; CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM T. FISHER; CHRISANNE CHRIST, CPCF'S CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD; MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CPCF; CEDAR LAKE OFFICER DOUGLAS MACHALK; CPCF BOARD MEMBERS JEFF BAN, JOHN MANIS, AND DAN DUNCAN.

# 5

## Five Questions for Indira Bringham

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Indira Bringham was born and raised in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology at Loyola University, where she met her husband, Gary. She earned her Masters Degree in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Illinois in Chicago. The Brighams chose to move to Crown Point, where Gary, a respected Cardiologist, joined Cardiac Care Associates, because of the excellent physicians, and the family friendly community environment in Crown Point.

### 1. What attracted you to the CPCF?

When our three girls were young I enjoyed helping the community through many Tri Kappa activities. I also was involved in St. Mary's Church as a Faith Formation teacher and Small Christian Communities. When our three girls grew up, I was approached about a CPCF board position. Serving as a Director and on the Grant/Scholarship Committee, it's heartwarming to know there are so many dedicated people in our community working in the nonprofit sector that enjoy helping others and seeking funds to accomplish their mission.

### 2. What brings you the most satisfaction in your job?

As an Assistant Professor at the University of Saint Francis, many of my students go on to help patients in local hospitals, clinics and medical offices. It is rewarding to see them achieving their goals and to know that I had a small part in that process.

### 3. What are you most proud of?

My husband and I raised our girls, Renee, Natalie and Annelise to value education as well. All three of them have graduated with bachelor degrees and the oldest is in graduate school working on her doctorate degree. We are proud of all three of our daughters.

### 4. What do you do in your spare time?

When time allows for real vacations, my family and I love to spend time hiking. Our favorite place is the Canadian Rockies. Most of all we cherish the peaceful time spent with each other. I guess you could say we enjoy "taking the road less traveled."

### 5. What are your favorite hobbies?

In my free time, I enjoy reading. I belong to two different book clubs, so I read quite a bit. A few of my current favorites are *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins and *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. An all-time favorite of mine is *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey* by Jill Bolte Taylor.



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### Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, November 29, 2022



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Community Partners are local companies or individuals who join forces with the Crown Point Community Foundation to promote and expand philanthropy, address community issues, and develop nonprofit excellence.



Morgan Stanley

