The $2.5 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING CHALLENGE is Complete!

GIVE TODAY... Greater IMPACT TOMORROW

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
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!
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.

ON THE COVER
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Scan QR Code to Give Online Today: thepcf.org/donate.html
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.
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.
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 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!
"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.”

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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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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. Patch Memorial Scholarship Recipient and the 2022 Maurine Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship Recipient

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 Djkic**
2022 Robert “Bob” Brown Scholarship Recipient

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

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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MEMORIALS
MARCH 1, 2022 - AUGUST 9, 2022

Alex Anderson
Lester & Marilyn Kaper

Wilbert E. Buth
Eugene & Linda Matzat

David Crane
Jerry Caravana
Mary Rieder
Martha Wheeler

Sue Crisman
Michelle Lake

Lawrence “Larry” Druckten
Craig & Audrey Benes
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Joseph & Kim Doolin
Rich & Judy Graves
Joe & Judi Hahn
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Bill Krizman,
Rebecca & Ashley Dowling
Gail Kujawski, Brett &
Tiffany McCoy family
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Donna Keller Heuer
Paula Keller

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Neal Tyler

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Dan & Vicky Klein

Allan Katz
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McConnell

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Chip & Karin Pettit

Imogene Pilarski
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Ronald L. Price
Jerry Caravana

Lisa Schaefer Stover
Kenneth & Rita Backe
Gerald & April Schaefer

Michael A. Spiccia, Jr.
Dan & Vicky Klein
Cornel & Karen Raab

Gary Sproat’s 60th
wedding anniversary
Mary Lou Sproat

Jill Stuhlmacher
Faye Platt

Cheryl Trump
Jerry Caravana

Derrik Trump
Jerry Caravana

John Tubbs
Patti Tubbs

Richard “Terry” VanSlyke
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Robert Remington VanSlyke Sr.
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Marie VanSlyke-Bean
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Warren Vesely
Lester & Marilyn Kaper

Cole Viers
Linda Viers

Dean White’s birthday
Craig White

Lucy Wlazlo
Gerald & April Schaefer

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

WHY WE GIVE: Centier Bank strives to ensure
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corporate dollars, volunteerism, and financial
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impact in our communities. Centier has preserved
hometown banking since 1895, and promises to
continue that legacy for generations to come.

MISSION: Indiana’s largest private,
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that no matter how large a business grows, it is
still possible to provide remarkable service. This
comes naturally to Centier associates because
of our servant heart culture. We have come to
be known for warm, personalized service and
relationship-style banking. Centier Bank’s
commitment to community means neighbors are
serving neighbors, working together to create
a better way of life today and for future
generations.
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

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 horse riding, 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.”
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 One13 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

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

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

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Juliana Caffarini
Jerry Caravana
Mark & Chrisanne Christ,
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Mary Cienkus
Cloudbusters Inc.
Club Syrena of Group 1910 P.N.A.
Ryan & Linda Collier
Colonel John Wheeler PTA
Cathy Cooper,
Tax Techniques 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
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Scott & Maureen Foster
Paul Fota
Franciscan Alliance

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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

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Judith Kaleta
Lester & Marilyn Kaper
Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc.,
Gamma Theta Chapter
Janet Katich
Brett Keeler
Andrea Kelliher,
Positive Solutions
Mary Kelliher
Marion & Rosemary Kellum
Dawn Kepshire
Melissa Kerr
Dan & Vicky Klein
Timothy & Denise Kuiper
Andrew Kyres

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

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

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

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John & Gloria O’Drobinak,
O’Drobinak & Nowaczyk, PC
Richard Oliver, Relax, Inc.
Dale Packard  
Peoples Bank,  
Ben Bochnowski

Cornel & Karen Raab  
William & Judy Rathjen,  
Riversedge Management LLC

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Margaret Ricci  
Traci Rigsby  
Robert A. Taft Middle School PTO  
Florence Roen  
Scott & Renee Roen  
Susan Roen  
Daniel & Carol Root

Dick & Laura Sauerman  
Robert Schofield  
Bridget Schroeder  
Peg Shaffer  
Robert & Diana Shannon  
Vic & Jewell Sheldon  
Shrine of Christ’s Passion

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Skora Living Trust  
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HONORARIUMS
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Keith & Mary Nielsen

Pene Castor
Dale & Terri Williams

Dan Duncan
Peoples Bank

Myrene & Richard "Dick" Gordon
Beth Casbon
Donna Moser

Diane Jostes’ birthday
Lester & Marilyn Kaper

Marion Kellum
Michael Acsbok

James Niermeyer’s 90th birthday
Steve & Carol Highsmith

Bette Oesterle
Michael & Molly Davria

Faye Platt’s birthday
Mark Platt

Diane Reimer’s retirement
Joseph & Lori Amodeo
Maxie Scott

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.

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 DARYL MILLER, INDIRA BRIGHAM, JOHN BARNEY, CYNDI WALSH, BEN RALLOU; CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM T. FISHER; CHRISSY CHESS, 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.
Indira Brigham was born and raised in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She earned her Bachelor’s 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.
The CPCF Community Scholarship Fund is dependent upon collective giving from the community we serve. Anyone can donate to this fund. The more gifts received, the more scholarships for students furthering their education.

Please JOIN US in supporting our local students! EVERY dollar counts, and EVERY dollar becomes more powerful when we give together. IT’S EASY TO GIVE! Just mail your check today in the envelope provided in this newsletter, or simply donate online at: thecpcf.org/donate.html

Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:
Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, November 29, 2022

HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY
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