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# Giving Together

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A photograph of two hands, one larger and one smaller, cupping a bright red heart. The heart has small white speckles on its surface. The background is a soft-focus blue fabric.

## YEAR-END *Giving*

THE JOY OF *Helping* OTHERS

### WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

CONTINUED TRADITION OF  
COMMUNITY & CHARITY

### G.A.P. FOOD PANTRY

> HELPING SOUTH LAKE COUNTY  
NEIGHBORS WITH FOOD INSECURITY  
TO ACCESS HEALTHY FOOD

### 5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER

> DEAN JONES



MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HELPING OTHERS IS PERHAPS THE  
GREATEST JOY! YOU CANNOT HAVE A  
PERFECT DAY WITHOUT HELPING  
OTHERS WITH NO THOUGHT OF  
GETTING SOMETHING IN RETURN.

JOHN WOODEN  
AMERICAN BASKETBALL COACH  
AND PLAYER

With the holiday season upon us, many of us find joy through shiny ornaments, bright lights, holiday music and movies, catching a basketball or football game, or taking an excursion to exotic places. Each of these can bring joy and refresh our spirit. However, this type of joy is usually short-lived.

As science has discovered, true joy lies in the act of helping others. Academic research and thousands of years of human history confirm that helping others through our time and treasure provides an intrinsic reward that's far more valuable than the gifts we give ourselves.

It's something that Ernest Mosley, a volunteer at the G.A.P. Food Pantry has also discovered. Ernest shared the following with us during a recent grantee site visit, "It's a joy to help others through difficult times and to make a difference in their lives."

Giving is one of the best investments you can make towards achieving genuine joy and happiness. True giving comes from the heart, with no expectation of reciprocation. You'll find that the more you give, the more you'll receive.

Throughout this newsletter you'll read stories that confirm this science as well. How lives are being positively impacted because of the generosity of our many donors and friends of the Foundation.

As this year is quickly coming to a close, we ask you to remember the Crown Point Community Foundation in your year-end giving. Whether it be in the form of cash or check, an online donation by credit card, an IRA distribution, or the gift of appreciated stocks or securities, your donation will support the work of the Foundation in our mission to enhance the quality of life in South Lake County and beyond, now and for generations to come.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and partnership! We wish you and yours a joyful holiday season!

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IT'S REWARDING TO SEE THE GROWTH IN OUR FOOD PANTRY'S EFFICIENCY AND IMPACT. IT'S A JOY TO HELP OTHERS THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

**ERNEST MOSLEY**  
G.A.P. FOOD PANTRY  
VOLUNTEER

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PASTOR JOYCE DAVIS, GOD'S APPOINTED PLACE (G.A.P. FOOD PANTRY); MARY NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER / G.A.P. FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER HAILY HUGHES GATHERS FROZEN MEAT TO ADD TO THE DISTRIBUTION BOXES / ON DRY FOOD PACKING DAY, VICKI KLOTH PLACES NUTRITIOUS FOOD IN BOXES FOR NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER.

**With your help, those suffering from food insecurity have a place to find relief.**

A grant for \$10,331 from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the G.A.P. Food Pantry.

God's Appointed Place (G.A.P.) Food Pantry exists to meet the needs of individuals and families who are in need of food. G.A.P. Food Pantry is a member agency of the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and serves as an established resource in Crown Point that consistently provides food for hundreds of people in need. Roughly 75% of G.A.P. Food Pantry's clients are over 65 years of age who live on limited incomes and would otherwise skip meals or go hungry without the help that food pantries like G.A.P. provide.

The COVID-19 pandemic was a challenging time for the community. The impact was severe and increased the need for help with food. At the toughest times, G.A.P. Food Pantry remained open, without interruption.

G.A.P. Food Pantry is 100% staffed by volunteers who pick up deliveries, unload trucks, stock shelves, box food, and load cars

on distribution days. Of note, G.A.P. Food Pantry distributes perishable food products including meats, dairy, and produce, a service which not every food pantry provides. In addition to the grant from the CPCF going toward food to distribute, the funding also helped with the purchase of a commercial freezer to replace a unit that was failing. This freezer will allow G.A.P. to continue to offer perishable food to their clients.

"I'm so grateful for the much needed food received from the G.A.P. Food Pantry during this difficult time in my life," said recipient Darlene G. "The people here make my moment seem brighter by their heartfelt care and smiles."

ON BEHALF OF THE G.A.P. FOOD PANTRY AND THOSE WE SERVE, WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO THE CPCF AND AMAZING DONORS FOR THIS GRANT. YOUR GRANT GIVES US THE MONETARY PROVISION NEEDED TO STOCK OUR PANTRY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND THE FUNDING TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT FREEZER WITH EVEN GREATER SPACE.



PASTOR JOYCE DAVIS  
GOD'S APPOINTED PLACE

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$153,369.85 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE SEPTEMBER CYCLE.

## Animal Related - \$5,000.00

### Humane Indiana - \$5,000.00

To provide lifesaving care for nearly 300 homeless, abandoned, and at-risk animals and support the nurturing and healing connection between pets and people for 1,000 residents.

## Arts, Culture - \$5,000.00

### Northwest Indiana Symphony Society - \$5,000.00

To secure underwriting for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra's entire 2022-23 concert season to be performed in South Lake County.

## Education - \$14,085.11

### Crown Point Community Library - match up to \$3,573.50 (\$704.52 Unrestricted Fund + \$2,868.98 Community Literacy Fund)\*

To assist with the purchase of STEM coding equipment for use in programming for children and teens.

### Second Life Resale Shoppe - \$2,692.62

To purchase a new outdoor donation bin that will allow the community to donate items after hours.

### Solon Robinson Elementary School - \$2,818.99

To establish a Robotics Club for the students at Solon Robinson.

### South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society - match up to \$5,000.00

To support the purchase of a handicap accessible people mover to be utilized at various farm shows in the region.

## Community Improvement - \$7,500.00

### 1886 Church Foundation - \$2,500.00

Remove existing foam stucco sheathing to examine brick wall condition and repair where necessary.

### Saint Mary Catholic Community School - \$5,000.00

Improve gym floor and make it a safe floor for students and school community to enjoy.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$15,331.00

### G.A.P. Food Pantry - \$10,331.00

Purchase a commercial upright freezer to efficiently store perishable food for distribution.

### Holy Spirit/St. Vincent DePaul Society - \$5,000

Purchase necessary food items for distribution to our food insecure neighbors.

## Housing, Shelter - \$21,500.00

### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary - \$12,500.00

To assist South Lake County residents avoid homelessness.

### Mommy's Haven - \$7,000.00

To provide therapy to new mothers living in the maternity home.

### Wheelchair Ramp Ministry (St. Michael's Church) - \$2,000.00

For continued purchase of used Aluminum wheelchair ramps.

## Health & Human Services - \$18,740.84

### Cancer Resource Center - \$2,000.00

To assist with the continuation of their Expressive Art Therapy.

### Dunes Dogs Training Club - \$4,500.00

To help support Pets N Vets Program for U.S. Military Veterans returning with PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injury.

### Golden Hope Ministries - \$3,240.84 (\$3,000 Unrestricted Fund + \$240.84 The Manis Family Fund)\*

To provide biweekly sessions and meals.

### Hearts in Motion - \$1,500.00

The New Directions program assists families facing hardship through domestic violence, a house fire, or homelessness transition into a new home.

### Love Moves Us - match up to \$2,500.00

To provide support, education, and nurturing to families in the Cedar Lake area who have made the choice to adopt and/or foster children.

### Tradewinds Services - \$5,000.00

Support for Tradewinds Community Pantry serving residents of Lake County who are food insecure.

## Public Safety - \$43,500.00

### CPCF Emergency Aid & Relief Fund - \$10,000

To provide support for sudden severe economic hardships or natural disasters affecting the community.

### Crown Point Emergency Management Agency - \$13,500.00

To purchase portable radios for new and existing members of the department.

### Crown Point Fire Rescue - \$10,000.00

To help purchase ballistic vests and trauma equipment to protect paramedics, allowing them to provide care to any victims during an active threat.

### Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department - \$10,000.00

To equip a second ambulance with advanced life support equipment.

## Youth Development - \$22,712.90

### Best Buddies - \$2,000.00

To support the current Best Buddies school chapters in Crown Point.

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana - match up to \$4,279.90

Provide Digital Arts Device/Equipment to the Cedar Lake Club for Digital Arts Programs.

### Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana - \$3,000.00

To provide scholarship assistance to girls joining the Girls on the Run team to be joyful, healthy and confident through social-emotional learning and physical activity.

### Hanover Jr Wildcat Football - match up to \$1,500.00

Offset cost of helmet reconditioning.

### Indiana Elite F.C. - match up to \$1,000

Upgrade the grounds, entrance, driveway & parking lot to facility.

### Pathway to Adventure Council - \$3,000.00

To support Cub-O-Ree, an overnight camping experience designed to give an exciting adventure at the start of the new school year.

### Youth for Christ of Northwest Indiana - match up to \$7,933.00

To help students attending Hanover Central Middle School and High School make good choices and positively impact their school and community.

# YEAR-END Giving

## STRENGTHENING SOUTH LAKE COUNTY

**With the holidays just around the corner, the Crown Point Community Foundation offers many ways and opportunities to share your gifts with the community. We would like to thank all of our donors for their continued generosity. Here are three of their stories.**

**Greg and Nancy Forsythe** are life-long Crown Point residents with deep ties to the community. Nancy's great-great grandfather founded Trinity Lutheran Church, and her father developed Briarwood subdivision and donated the land for Sauerman Woods Park and Hub Pool. Greg's father was Crown Point's Mayor from 1984 to 1992, served on the city council for nine years, and was involved in many organizations around town. "Both of our families taught us the importance of having a strong faith, a thankful spirit, and being generous toward others," Greg said.

About 15 years ago, the Forsythes established the Greg and Nancy Forsythe Christian Giving Fund. The Forsythe's fund is an example of an Unrestricted Endowment Fund for Community Grants, which means that the Foundation decides each year where the fund's distribution dollars can be most impactful. The fund has also benefited from having additional donations added to the original endowment. Any existing fund at the CPCF can have donations added to them, whether by the fund's founders or by any donor.

The Forsythes also founded an Operational Fund for the Foundation, which helps to cover its operating costs. "We opened an operating endowment fund with the hope that the CPCF someday might become self-funding and no longer have to charge management fees, leaving more money available for grant distributions back into the community," Greg said.

Like the Forsythes, **Charles and Virginia Isley** gave back generously to the town they loved. Virginia was born in Clinton County, Indiana, and attended Ball State University where she earned her teaching certificate. She married Charles Isley in December of 1942, and their marriage lasted 57 years until Charles' death in 2000. Virginia taught for many years in the Crown Point schools before she retired in 1984. She subsequently worked for the Crown Point Public Library, and was a longtime member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority. She served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church, and for many years enjoyed delivering dinners for Meals on Wheels.

Charles was born in Shelby County, Indiana, and is a graduate of DePauw University. He taught math in both the junior high and high school, and is honored in the CPHS Teacher Hall of Fame. His children, John and Jane, were among his students. Charles was also very active in the Athletic department, coaching mostly the freshman basketball team, and serving as the timekeeper or scorer at home high school varsity basketball games, and as the starter at track meets. Charles was also active with Kiwanis and Meals on Wheels.

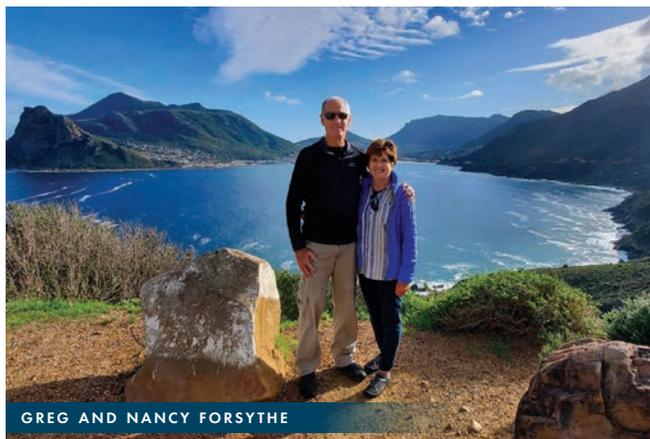
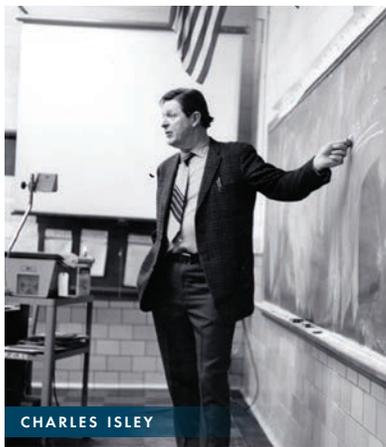
As educators, it was a natural choice for Charles and Virginia to start the Charles and Virginia Isley Endowment Fund. Their fund is an example of a Designated Fund, which enables the donors to designate the cause which they would like their fund to support. The Charles and Virginia Isley Endowment Fund supports the Crown Point Community Schools.

Charles and Virginia's legacy of giving continues with Bill Thesing, their daughter Jane's husband and widower, and their son John. "I donate to the Crown Point Community Foundation regularly both in their honor and because I really valued the community growing up there," John said. "Even though I haven't lived in Indiana since 1972, I still consider myself a Hoosier."

**Wilbert and Betty Jane Buth** are another couple whose generosity is still bearing fruit in the community. Wilbert was born on August 10, 1927 and passed away on May 5, 2005. Betty Jane was born on November 29, 1927 and passed away on September 5, 2013. Wilbert and Betty Jane were parents of three, grandparents of seven, and great grandparents of 12 (and counting).

Wilbert was a hard worker and devout Christian, active in his church. Betty Jane was a loving mother and also a faithful Christian. She was generous with her time and talents, active in the quilters group at Trinity Lutheran Church and the St. Anthony's Auxiliary. Their children attended Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Wilbert was a longtime member of Trinity's choir. Unable to attend college himself, he made it a priority to put his children through college.

Upon Wilbert's death, a family friend set up a scholarship fund in his memory. The Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship Fund is an example of a Scholarship Fund. It offers scholarships to Trinity Lutheran graduates who plan to major in music or other degrees. Rachel



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: VIRGINIA ISLEY TEACHING FOURTH GRADE AT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CROWN POINT / CHARLES ISLEY TEACHING AT CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL / CPCF DONORS EUGENE AND LINDA MATZAT / WILBERT AND BETTY BUTH / 2022 WILBERT BUTH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RACHEL CLAUSING / CPCF BOARD MEMBER GREG AND NANCY FORSYTHE AT HOUT BAY, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA / THE ISLEY FAMILY. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JOHN, CHARLES, VIRGINIA, AND JANE.

Clausing was one of three scholarship recipients of the Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship Fund for 2022.

"This scholarship means a lot to me since it has a focus towards music," Rachel said. "Music has gotten me through a lot in my life and is very important to me."

"We feel contributing to the fund in his memory is a way to honor him, while assisting young people in the continuation of their education," said Wilbert and Betty Jane's daughter Linda Matzat and her husband, Eugene.

The Wilbert and Betty Buth Endowment Fund was started early in the history of the CPCF. Distributions from this Designated Fund support Trinity Cares, a mission of Trinity Lutheran Church. Both of these funds are supported by Eugene and Linda Matzat.

The Crown Point Community Foundation is grateful to all those who, like the Forsythe, Isley and Buth families, have left a legacy of giving. To learn more about the many ways to donate to the Foundation, please visit [thecpcf.org](http://thecpcf.org).

## WAYS TO GIVE...FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

- 1. Cash** - Cash donations can be made by mail, dropping off at our office, or online.
- 2. Stocks or Securities** - The Foundation has the ability to accept gifts of publicly traded stocks.
- 3. IRA Distributions** - Qualified Charitable Distributions can be made directly to the Foundation from your IRA custodian, reducing taxable income regardless of whether you qualify to itemize (Distributions cannot be directed to a Donor Advised Fund).
- 4. Wills and Bequests** - Talk with your attorney and name the Crown Point Community Foundation as a beneficiary of all or a portion of your estate. Please use the following wording - "I give or bequeath to the Crown Point Community Foundation, 115 S. Court St., Crown Point, Indiana % or the sum of \$ of my residuary estate."
- 5. Life Insurance** - You can designate all or a portion of your life insurance policies, potentially saving Indiana inheritance tax and federal estate taxes.

# MEMORIALS

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Shirley Forney-Bates

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Ada Jane Dickerson

Shirley Forney-Bates

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Beverly Huber

**Barbara White on her Birthday**

Craig A. White

**David Wichowsky**

Marge Kerr



INDIANA BALLET THEATRE STUDENTS ENJOY THE NEW FLOOR.

## With your help, young performers have a safer space to dance in.

A grant for \$2,600 from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the Indiana Ballet Theatre.

The IBT is a nonprofit dance school and performing company. Its mission is to transform lives and enrich the community through the world of dance. For more than 40 years, IBT has served over 10,000 students throughout NW Indiana and the Illinois border towns.

IBT is the only company in Northwest Indiana that has nine full length classical ballets in its repertoire. It is currently renovating a 1930's Georgian Revival Building and turning it into a cultural destination that will provide the ability to engage in all the classical arts, not just dance.

The CPCF grant enabled the IBT to replace the flooring on its most used studio. "The new floor not only looks amazing, but it allows me to practice in a safe and professional environment," said a student at IBT. "It really means so much to know that other people, who are not a part of IBT, support and loves IBT and its dancers"

**IBT** indiana  
ballet  
theatre

THE NEW FLOOR PROVIDES A SAFE AND  
HEALTHY SURFACE FOR THE DANCERS AND  
TEACHERS THAT IS NOW SMOOTH  
AND MILDEW FREE. THANK YOU CPCF.

**GLORIA TUOHY**

FOUNDING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CEO  
INDIANA BALLET THEATRE



# Women's Giving CIRCLE

## COLLECTIVE GRANTMAKING EVENT



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE ATTENDEES (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): JULIE WENDORF, FIONA MCCARROLL, AND VICKY KLEIN / LEFT TO RIGHT: BETTE OESTERLE, BONNIE J. MEYER, AND SANDRA NOE / LEFT TO RIGHT: CPCF BOARD MEMBER CYNDI WALSH AND DONNA DAUGHERTY / LEFT TO RIGHT: ESTHER LAMBERT, SHAROL CAIN, AND CAROL HIGHSMITH / LEFT TO RIGHT: JENNIFER VINOVICH, CAREY YUKICH, AND CPCF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD CHRISANNE CHRIST / WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE ATTENDEES WATCH NONPROFIT VIDEO PRESENTATIONS.

### **This year's annual Women's Giving Circle event continued its tradition of community and charity.**

The Women's Giving Circle is a collective giving effort of the Crown Point Community Foundation. This wonderful event, which is open to all women, pools donations of \$100 or more from each Women's Giving Circle attendee, which can be donated throughout the year. The women then gather at the annual event, on the second Tuesday in September, where they get to vote on which nonprofits will receive grants. This is an excellent way for women to become involved in charity and to see their generosity in action!

**This year, the ladies donated an astonishing \$14,000!**  
They granted \$7,000 at the event. \$2,000 to each charity

receiving the most votes. In addition, \$1,000 will be used for a 2023 Women's Giving Circle Scholarship.

Another \$7,000 went to the Unrestricted Community Grantmaking Fund. This Fund provides grants to support community needs and programs three times each year through the grant process at the Foundation.

"Just being in attendance at the Women's Giving Circle with so many amazing women was pure joy," said Bonnie J. Meyer, President of the Community Help Network. "Then to receive one of the three grants was even more spectacular. I am grateful to have been there and to have received the grant. \$2,000 will fill 400 Buddy Bags, feeding 400 food insecure students in South Lake

# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



**The Board of Directors play an integral role in the Crown Point Community Foundation.** They select the recipients of CPCF grants, help to solicit donations, and promote the Foundation throughout the community. We are proud to welcome our newest board member, Pamela Seaman, DO.

PAMELA SEAMAN, DO  
SOUTH LAKE WOMEN'S HEALTH, P.C.

## PAMELA SEAMAN, DO

Pam and her husband John are alumni of CPHS and Purdue University. Pam graduated from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1989. A rotating internship and a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology followed. The Seamans lived in Ogden Dunes, Michigan City and Munster before moving to their farm in Hebron.

The Seamans have four children and one grandchild. Their eldest, Annie Pagonis is an Administrative Law Judge for the state of Indiana. Son Jack, a CPA, is controller at Harrington Steel Castings. The Seamans are currently a house divided with daughter Sarah at IU and Kathryn at Purdue.

In 2004 Pam opened a private gynecology practice, South Lake Women's Health, in Crown Point. She has been on staff at Franciscan Crown Point and Pinnacle Hospital. She is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Osteopathic Association.

Pam served on the board of directors of St. Anthony Hospital Michigan City. She was Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. She has been involved in numerous organizations supporting youth programs.

Pam is looking forward to working to support CPCF in its mission to improve lives in South Lake County.

County for one weekend. We thank everyone involved in awarding us this grant."

Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center is so excited, and extremely thankful to receive this grant from the CPCF Women's Giving Circle," said Charlotte Liss Board of Directors, Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center. "We will finally be able to complete our bleacher and arena projects, making the environment safe for our students, volunteers, spectators, and horses!"

"We are so grateful to be one of the winners of the Women's Giving Circle grants," said Nicole Yarrow, Executive Director of Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc. "The grant will assist our NICK families with financial aid for their medical bills."

The event, held at Crown Point Community Library, was sponsored by Kathy Roeser of The Roeser Group at Morgan Stanley and Jane Lambesis of Federated Hermes.

For more information about joining the Women's Giving Circle, visit [www.thecpcf.org](http://www.thecpcf.org).

## 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,000 EACH



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE GRANT RECIPIENTS POSE WITH WGC'S SPONSORS AND CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JANE LAMBESIS OF FEDERATED HERMES INVESTMENT; CHARLOTTE LISS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OPEN HEARTS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER; NICOLE YARROW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NICK FOUNDATION, INC.; BRITTANY FAIR, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA, NICK FOUNDATION, INC.; BONNIE J. MEYER, PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY HELP NETWORK; CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN; AND KATHY ROESER OF THE ROESER GROUP AT MORGAN STANLEY.

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**< Campagna Academy:**  
On February 8th, 2022, Peoples Bank's Community First Committee presented a donation check to Campagna Academy, an organization committed to making a difference in the lives of at-risk youth.



**> Unite and Fight:**  
On October 2nd, 2022, Peoples Bank employees participated in the Unite and Fight Cancer Walk and 5k Run in Munster, IN. Proceeds from the annual fundraiser support the Cancer Resource Centre in their mission to provide services & resources free of charge to cancer patients & their families.



**> Meals on Wheels:**  
During the month of September, 2022, Assist. Banking Center Manager Melanie Krcmery dedicated her time to volunteering at Meals on Wheels of NWI.

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## Five Questions for Dean Jones

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ASSET DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE & GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dean Jones moved around a lot growing up, living in five different states by the time he was 14. His family settled in Indiana when he was a teenager. Dean attended Butler University, where he met his wife, Sara and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. They settled in Crown Point where they raised three children, setting down the roots that Dean didn't have as a child, and he embarked on a 30+ year career as a builder.

### 1. What attracted you to the Crown Point Community Foundation?

I came to know the good that the foundation has done over the years and saw first hand the impact the foundation has had on so many lives. Our company has a great professional relationship with a current board member and he approached me about becoming a board member. Why wouldn't I want to be a part of such a special group? For me it was a slam dunk and I was honored to be asked.

### 2. When were you most satisfied in your job?

Last year, my wife put together a 30-year work anniversary dinner party for me and several of our clients that we've built for through the years. It was very gratifying to see all those happy faces and know that you did something that you could be proud of for these great people.

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

The easy answer is my family. My wife and I are blessed to have three fantastic kids and it's so exciting to see them grow, go out into the world and do some pretty cool things.

### 4. What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy down time with my family when we can all just relax and enjoy each other's company. I'm also a huge sports fan, enjoy boating time and travel.

### 5. What is your advice to have fulfillment in retirement?

What's retirement?





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### Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

**Holiday Get Together** | Thursday, December 15, 2022 | Old Courthouse, Maki Ballroom from 5:00 - 7:00PM

**Scholarship Applications for Graduating High School Students, College Students and Adult Learners Open** | Friday, January 6, 2023

**Volunteer Fair** | Saturday, March 4, 2023



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