VOLUNTEER FAIR
CONNECTING the COMMUNITY

MARY NIELSEN, CPCF PRESIDENT AND KATIE SLY, PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER, VISIT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OPEN HEARTS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, INC. AT THE 14TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE.

OPERATION CHARLIE BRAVO
PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS IN NEED

SAFE COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS > HELPING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FIND A SAFE HAVEN

5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER > DAN DUNCAN
It’s been three years since the world went into lockdown because of the pandemic. The effects of it, combined with workforce woes, inflation, decreases in giving and volunteerism, and labor cost increases continue to challenge the nonprofit sector.

Industry research shows that people in the social sector are exhausted and overworked, all while facing a greater demand for services. And, with the stock market’s decline, some grant makers have warned they will cut support.

In times like these I am especially grateful for the power of people. Our donors and fundholders, who established permanent endowed funds that support community causes year-after-year. Our investment committee and board, who take their fiduciary responsibility seriously. Because of their oversight a realigned distribution policy based on a fund’s 4-year average smooths out market fluctuations for more consistent payouts each year. And, our grant committee and board, who understand the importance of supporting our local nonprofits, not only through grant making, but also by providing opportunities to support them in securing much needed volunteers and strengthening their capacity.

The stories shared in the pages ahead are made possible because of the power of people; people like you. Please consider sending a gift today to help us expand our work in the communities we service. We realize that these are tough economic times, and you personally might not be in a position to give. But if you can give, please know that you’re standing in place for someone who can’t and it would be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for your friendship, support and partnership! Together we can continue to make a positive difference in South Lake County and beyond... now and for generations to come!
THE VOLUNTEER FAIR IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE IN NEED OF HELP IN SO MANY WAYS. THAT COULD BE YOUR TIME HELPING THEM, BEING ABLE TO DONATE FINANCIALLY OR HELPING THEM WITH A SKILL THAT YOU MAY BE PROFICIENT IN.

COREY LISS
CPCF BOARD MEMBER

ON THE COVER
CPCF 14TH ANNUAL
VOLUNTEER FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE

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I HAVE NEVER SINCE THE MILITARY FELT MORE LOVED AND INVOLVED BY PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT MY BLOOD THAN I DO WITH MY OPERATION CHARLIE BRAVO FAMILY.

KENNETH EAKINS
ARMY VETERAN, OPERATION CHARLIE BRAVO
With your help, veterans have a safe haven to build skills and camaraderie.

A Crown Point Community Foundation grant for $10,000 was awarded to Operation Charlie Bravo (OCB), a division of Veteran Impact Services. Formerly known as Operation Combat Bikesaver, OCB provides a workshop, safe haven, and camaraderie-filled environment for veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI, and/or depression.

OCB was founded by Army veteran Jason Zaideman and his wife Lindsey in 2015 in reaction to the overwhelming need to bolster the lives of veterans who were struggling with post-service integration in civilian life. The program involves trained individuals skilled in various areas of hands-on therapeutic engagement to aid veterans through their choice of six different tracks:

- **Hot Rod Therapy** offers free Sunday workshops for veterans to learn how to restore donated motorcycles. Once the bike is restored, the veteran can either keep or donate it. The Blaster Program helps to provide transportation for veterans by partnering with car dealerships and mechanics. **On Your Feet** helps veterans in need to pay their water, heating and air conditioning bills. **Jam** helps Veterans discover their musical abilities, learn various instruments, and build teamwork as well as camaraderie by participating in group music activities. **Lima Charlie** is an in-house peer support program that provides camaraderie and someone to talk to, while **Fitness and Tranquility** helps veterans to develop beneficial health, fitness and wellness habits.

The CPCF grant was used to support Operation Charlie Bravo’s therapeutic programs. For more information about Operation Charlie Bravo, please visit ocbravo.org.

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION | APRIL 2023

**CREATING A PEER ATMOSPHERE AND OFFERING A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS TO VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY WOULDN’T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE AMAZING PEOPLE AT THE CPCF. WE ARE BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TRUST AND FAITH IN OUR PROGRAMS. TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK.**

JASON ZAIDEMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OPERATION CHARLIE BRAVO
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COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED $133,720.00 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE FEBRUARY CYCLE.

Arts, Culture - $10,720.00
Cedar Lake Historical Association - $5,550.00
Restore original window sashes & sills through repair/rebuilding.
Lake County Historical Society - match up to $2,170.00
To purchase shelving and containers for organizing and storing museum artifacts.
South Shore Arts - $3,000.00
Support the “everykid” arts enrichment program in nine, 1st-3rd grade classrooms in the CPCF service area.

Education - $15,500.00
Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana - $5,000.00
Summer STEM enrichment opportunities for 1,500+ students in grades kindergarten to sixth grade.
Crown Point High School - $3,000.00
Provide funds to pay for an AP exam on behalf of students with financial challenges.
Franciscan Health Foundation
(Franciscan Health Crown Point) - $7,500.00
Fund outreach programs and activities designed specifically with child and senior welfare in mind.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - $25,000.00
Community Help Network - $25,000.00
Buddy Bag Program - providing weekend supplemental nutrition for public school students in South Lake County that qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program. Household Pantry - providing necessary items for low income families.

Housing, Shelter - $20,000.00
SAFE Coalition for Human Rights - $20,000
Provide wrap around case management services for victims of human trafficking residing at Ashley’s House.

Human Services - $41,800.00
American Veterans Collection - $7,500.00
Support for struggling veterans.
Exceptional Equestrians - $4,000.00
Operating expenses for the therapeutic horseback riding program.
Kelly’s Kindness Company - $2,000.00
Art therapy classes to teach youth how to use art and other grounding techniques to help calm anxiety, stress, OCD characteristics, and/or fear.
Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation - $3,800.00
Aiding families with gas and grocery gift cards.
Operation Charlie Bravo
(Formerly known as Operation Combat Bikesaver) - $10,000.00
Offering hands-on distracting therapy, which lowers the veteran suicide rate.
Power Paws for Kids - $2,000.00
General operating expenses.
The Salvation Army - $7,500.00
To assist residents in Lowell and Cedar Lake facing financial insecurity with food, housing, and utility assistance.
VNA Hospice of NWI - $5,000.00
Provide hospice and palliative care and support to seriously or terminally ill patients and families in the South Lake County region.

Public Safety - $7,500.00
Cedar Lake Police Department - $2,500.00
Equip the Patrol Division with Rifle Rated Ballistic Shields to provide better protection for officers in high risk incidents.
Lake County Fire Chiefs Association
(Lake County Hazmat Team) - $5,000.00 - contingent
To purchase a Red Wave Technology Gas Identifier to detect & identify thousands of gases in seconds.

Recreation - $8,200.00
Crossroads YMCA - $3,500.00
Assisting the YMCA’s efforts to serve all that come through their doors.
Hanover Central Wildcat Pride Gridiron Club - match up to $4,700.00
The purchase of 85 white jerseys.

Youth Development - $5,000.00
Opportunity Enterprises - $5,000
Inclusive summer day camp for kids of all ability levels.
The 14th annual Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive, sponsored by the Crown Point Community Foundation, continued its tradition of connecting the community. Nonprofits were matched with hundreds of potential volunteers who came out to learn about, and talk to, a wide variety of organizations in one convenient location.

“The Volunteer Fair was a great success,” said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation President. “The fair is a great way for the Foundation to facilitate building connections between volunteers and local nonprofits.”

More than 50 nonprofits from throughout Lake County attended the event. The CPCF also awarded five grants for $1,000 each to randomly-selected participating organizations. Congratulations to this year’s grant winners: Community Help Network, Exceptional Equestrians, Meals on Wheels, Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation (N.I.C.K.), and Franciscan Health VASIA (Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults).

“We were so excited and happy to receive the grant,” said Nicole Yarrow, Executive Director at Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc. "I love that there is a random drawing at the end of such a fun day, and hearing your name is always a plus! We plan on using the grant money for our Family emergency fund, which will help towards travel, food assistance and more for our families in treatment."

"Franciscan Health VASIA is grateful for the 2023 Volunteer Fair hosted by the CPCF," said LaVonne Jarrett, VASIA Director with Franciscan Health. "We’ve participated several times and appreciate the invaluable volunteers recruited each time. This year was exceptional as it is the most volunteer interest that we’ve ever seen. We are thankful for the grant funds as they will support our mission in helping at risk adults that we serve throughout Lake County."

"It was quite exciting to be chosen as one of the recipients of the $1,000 grants," said Bonnie J Meyer, Executive Director at Community Help Network, Inc. "The $1,000 will be used to purchase food for our Buddy Bag Program which is helping feed
over 850 food insecure students throughout South Lake County."

“This wonderful event continues to serve as a valuable resource for our organization," said Lucille White, Board Member with Exceptional Equestrians. “Several people expressed interest in volunteering this year and have already followed up with us post-event. Even more exciting this year was the fact that EEU was one of the grant recipients. We certainly have plenty of uses for these funds as we continue to work fervently to complete our new barn.”

“Meals on Wheels looks forward every year to the Crown Point Community Volunteer Fair," said Sandra Noe, Chief Executive Officer with Meals on Wheels. “It is heartwarming to meet so many community members who are interested in helping their neighbors! Our volunteers mean the world to those we serve nutritious meals to! Thank you!"

You can feel the energy in the room," said CPCF Board Member Pamela Seaman. "The organizations looking for volunteers are so varied and offer so much to our community."

“It was an amazing event with lots of connections made," said Hannah J. Hinkle, Volunteer Coordinator at Humane Indiana. “It was great interacting with so many other organizations, and seeing how we could benefit each other in future events. I look forward to attending future events. It was well put together and we secured over 20 applications for new volunteers of all ages!”

"It was invigorating to see the connections of like-hearted people at the Volunteer Fair, said Chrisanne Christ, CPCF Chairman of the Board. “You could easily find a cause that you would be proud to serve!"

In addition to the Volunteer Fair, there was an onsite Blood Drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. The Blood Drive collected 19 units which is their highest collection since March of 2019! The units will potentially help up to 57 patients in need!

The Crown Point Community Foundation would like to thank all of the nonprofits who attended as well as the potential volunteers and blood donors. We would also like to thank Versiti Blood Centers, the Crown Point Community School Corporation, LAMAR, The Times Newspaper, the Crown Point RoboDogs Team 2171, and the CPCF Board of Directors for helping to make this event possible. For more information, please contact www.thecpcf.org.
MEMORIALS

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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Timothy & Peggy Sendak

Gordon Bates
Shirley Forney-Bates

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Ralph Bennett IV

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Janet Drag
Jerry Caravana
Darren, Allyson & Riley Drag
Peg Shaffer

Jacob "Jack" Esala
Chuck & Susan Kerr

Forrest & Millicent Everett
Glenn & Roberta Recktenwall

Family Members at Christmas
Jeff & Diane Reimer

Jim & Marge Forsythe
Barry & Margaret Wood

Dick Garretson
Marti, Chris & Bethany Garretson

Clayton Gaudry
Leann Postlethwait

Dr. James Gentleman
Christy & Will Casterline
Irene Gentleman
Bill & Lori Hammer

Frances "Fran" Hoffman
Joseph & Jane Nerney
Jeff & Diane Reimer

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Matthew & Sandy Bapple
Mary Pat Burkel
Jerry Caravana
Ken & Janet Pavlo
Tim & Vickie Rainwater
Kathie Rosdil
Diann, Irene & Mark Tath

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Greg & Nancy Forsythe
Chuck & Darlene Hopp
James & Deborah Kirk
Dan & Vicky Klein
James & Esther Lambert
Steve & Kathy Lessner

Benton Scott Huddleston
Jeane Van Slyke-Huddleston

Walter Huseman
Keith & Mary Nielsen

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John Isley

Lee Jagow
Patricia Huber

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Russell Keller Family
Pravit Sinchai

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George Melchor Family

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Jerry Caravana
Peggy Shaffer

Michael "Mike" Pepa
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Gregory & Diane Gordon

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Jessica Albaugh
Chip & Karin Pettit

Karen Pruzin
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The Glick Family Foundation,
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Kenneth & Rita Backe
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Maxie Scott

Richard Stiener
Gil & Gail Stiener
Rich & Kathy Zondor

Jane Isley Thesing
William Thesing

Gerald "Jerry" Trump
Jeff & Linda Bryner
Faye Platt
Judith Trump

John Tubbs
Patti Tubbs

Roger C. VanSlyke
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Ronald John VanSlyke
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

Cole Viers
Coleen Viers
Linda Viers, Chelsea & Taylor Baron

Lorraine Viers Steuer
Coleen Viers

Richard "Dick" Webb
Jerry Caravana
Gregory & Diane Gordon
HFL Fantasy Football League

Bruce White
Joseph & Lori Amodeo
Keith & Mary Nielsen
Jeff & Diane Reimer
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TEEN TECH CENTER IS A SAFE SPACE FOR TEENS TO CREATE, LEARN, AND EXPLORE

Through a grant provided by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Crown Point Community Foundation collaborated with Legacy Foundation to help bring a teen tech center to Gary.

Across the country, many communities lack support and access to the tools and training that can unlock a better future and prepare youth for the challenges ahead. Best Buy Teen Tech Centers are a place where teens can develop critical skills through hands-on activities that explore their interests in programming, film-making, music production and design. Each location works to bridge the digital divide by giving youth access to tech education opportunities, relationships that help to build confidence, and a foundation for school and career success.

Best Buy Teen Tech Centers are housed and operated by local nonprofit organizations with support from the Minnesota-based electronics retailer. The Gary Center, which is housed in the John Will Anderson Gary Boys & Girls Club, was also sponsored by Damien Harmon, a Best Buy executive who grew up in Gary. The Gary Center celebrated its opening on August 15, 2022. It was the 50th Teen Tech Center location in the United States and will be the model for Centers at all Lake County Clubs.

“The Best Buy Teen Tech Center in our Gary Club is our crown jewel, and the benchmark for what we hope to replicate in all of our Club facilities,” said Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana Interim CEO, Larry Moore, “This wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of so many supporters who believe in our mission and the positive influence and impact we have on the kids in our community.”
With your help, victims of human trafficking have found a safe haven.

A $20,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the SAFE Coalition for Human Rights (SAFECHR).

SAFECHR’s mission is to provide effective and sustainable support for victims of human trafficking, increase awareness, and reduce the amount of trafficked persons both in the area and worldwide. The SAFE Coalition for Human Rights currently operates in Munster and East Chicago and estimates that roughly half of its trafficked persons are from the South Lake County area.

The Safe Coalition for Human Rights operates Ashley’s House, a residential home that served 35 adult residents and 21 children in 2022 and referred 600 individuals to therapeutic programs. By providing safe shelter in a therapeutic home environment, SAFECHR helps women who have experienced human trafficking to feel safe, rethink their situation, engage in painful self-examination, receive medical care, learn life lessons, create achievable goals, and transition to a stable life.

“Women need protection, nurturing and care, just as much as anyone else, and are powerful when healthy in mind, body and spirit” said the Reverend Charles Strietelmeier, the Spiritual Director at SAFECHR Ashley’s House. "By strengthening our women in the Region, we can strengthen the next generation of their own families."

In addition to Ashley’s House, the Safe Coalition for Human Rights offers a SAFE Schools Program, raises awareness in the community, trains professionals in recognition, intervention and treatment, and partners with groups including police and fire departments, Catholic Charities, and the NWI FBI. For more information, please visit www.safechr.org.
CEDAR LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT CONTINUES

In 2021, the Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a $25,000 grant to the Cedar Lake Enhancement Association for its Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The project addresses the immediate need to dredge and reduce decades of sediment that has contaminated the lake and the long-term maintenance and continued care of the lake. When completed, the lake will be an improved recreational attraction to residents and guests and an ecological restoration project to repair the damaged lake and restore its native fish and plant habitat.

The project began with the construction of a sediment dewatering facility that started in May of last year and a groundbreaking ceremony in June. Next steps include the construction of pipeline and the dredging and treatment of 120,000 cubic yards of sediment. Current projections have the project being completed in late 2024, culminating in the restocking and restoration of the lake's native fishery.

"The Cedar Lake Enhancement Association is very grateful for the $25,000 donation from the Crown Point Community Foundation for the upcoming dredge project," said Bob Gross, President of the Cedar Lake Enhancement Association. "This has really aided in getting the momentum rolling for raising funds to increase the scope of the project."

For more information, please visit www.cedarlakein.org/ecosystem-restoration-project.
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A HELPING HAND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a $10,000 grant to the City of Crown Point's Adopt A Family Program.

Every year, the City of Crown Point sponsors families for the holidays. This past year they had 12 families and over 40 children who were identified as being in desperate need. Many of them are ill or have cancer and are struggling.

Through the Adopt A Family Program, the families and children were provided with coats, hats, gloves, boots, basic clothing needs, as well as Christmas gifts, and food baskets.
Five Questions for

Dan Duncan
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AUDIT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Dan Duncan was born in Crown Point and attended Lake Central schools. He is a graduate of Saint Xavier University and received his MBA from Indiana University Northwest. His wife, Alison, is an Andread and St. Mary’s College alumni and a business teacher at Crown Point High School, where she is also the varsity volleyball coach. They have two daughters, Cailin in 8th grade at Taft and Reagan in 3rd grade at Eisenhower.

Dan has more than 18 years of business banking experience at Peoples Bank, where he is Vice President, Business Banking Team Leader. He joined the CPCF Board in 2020. He is active in the community through the Rotary Club of Crown Point and coaching his daughter’s youth sports team. In 2022, Dan was named Best Banker in the Times Best of the Region contest. The Duncans attend St. Mary’s Church.

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

   Prior to joining the Community Foundation board, Alison and I supported the Foundation and attended events on behalf of Peoples Bank. Now, as a Board Member, I hope to help make the future as bright as possible for Crown Point and the surrounding area.

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

   As a business banker, I get to build lasting relationships with people. Every day is different and each customer has a different goal. Helping people is rewarding and I often say that if I win the lottery I would likely continue in my career.

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

   I am most proud of my family. My wife is an extremely hard-working and competitive individual. In November, she was the first Region Volleyball Coach to be inducted into the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Together we have two healthy, beautiful, kind, competitive and hard-working children. At the end of the day, spending time with them is what I enjoy most.

4. **Favorite hobbies?**

   I will need to find a hobby in a few years, but at this point in my life my time is consumed with work and family activities. I’m open to suggestions.

5. **What is your greatest fear?**

   Paper cuts. Yes, seriously.
CREATING A BETTER FUTURE
IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY

TOGETHER WE BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

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Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

CPHS Scholarship Award Night | Wednesday, May 10, 2023

HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY

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.