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CYNDI WALSH
CPCF BOARD MEMBER

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INDIANA PLAN

> CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
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WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES

5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT
MAKING A DONATION. IT IS
ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

KATHY CALVIN

FORMER PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
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NATIONS FOUNDATION

MARY B. NIELSEN
PRESIDENT

Tripling the Impact of Your Generosity this Holiday Season!

As the holiday season wraps us in its festive embrace, our hearts often turn to the joys of the season: the sparkle of lights, the melody of carols, and cherished moments with loved ones. These experiences bring happiness, yet the most profound and lasting joy comes from a deeper source – the act of giving. This holiday season, the Crown Point Community Foundation (CPCF) offers you a unique opportunity to triple the impact of your generosity.

Thanks to the generosity of Lilly Endowment Inc., we are thrilled to announce a **\$2 for \$1 Matching Challenge**. This exciting opportunity allows you to triple the impact of any gift to an unrestricted fund, turning a \$100 donation into a \$300 contribution to our community. Imagine the difference your amplified gift can make!

When you contribute to the unrestricted **CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund** or any **named unrestricted fund**, you become an integral part of our mission. Your generosity reaches into the heart of our community, supporting local nonprofits, providing essential services, and investing in educational opportunities. Each dollar you give helps to weave a stronger social fabric for our community, creating a brighter and more resilient future for all.

Throughout this newsletter you'll read how lives are being positively impacted because of the generosity of our many donors and friends of the Foundation.

We invite you to join us in this meaningful journey. Your gift is more than a donation – it's a commitment to our community. Together, we can make a significant impact, and continue to shape a more prosperous future for South Lake County.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at the Crown Point Community Foundation, we express our deepest gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. Let's embrace this season of giving with open hearts and generous spirits, transforming our community one gift at a time. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and safe holiday season.

MARY B. NIELSEN



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AT THE CPCF, THE OPENING OF THE 2024 UNIVERSAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REPRESENTS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER PROGRAM; IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF BRILLIANT MINDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE EXCITED TO BE PART OF YOUR JOURNEY!

KATIE SLY
CPCF PROGRAM & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



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OPPORTUNITY!** 6



INDIANA PLAN SHOWED ME THE STEPS TO TAKE TO GET ACCEPTED INTO AN APPRENTICESHIP.

EARNEST WEAKLEY
INDIANA PLAN TRAINEE

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: TRAINING SITE TOUR FOR UNITED ASSOCIATION (UA) PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 210 / TRAINING SITE TOUR FOR INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW) LOCAL UNION 697 ELECTRICIANS / TRAINING SITE TOUR FOR INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS (IUOE) LOCAL UNION 150 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS.

With your help, more diverse workers have the opportunity to learn the trades.

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded a grant for \$8,600 to Indiana Plan.

The purpose of the Indiana Plan Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Program is to address the shortage of minority and women workers in the construction building trades. Indiana Plan works with local trade unions and signatory contractors to create opportunities for minorities and women to gain on the job training.

"The impact of our pre-apprenticeship training program is its ability to successfully recruit a diverse group of people and equip them with the knowledge and skill sets to gain acceptance into a unionized construction trade apprenticeship," said Indiana Plan Area Director Roman Bronson.

Here are some of the free benefits a trainee with Indiana Plan receives:

- An introduction to Construction Math/Spatial Awareness with a focus on passing the various Trades' aptitude tests.
- Mock interviews supervised and critiqued by a union tradesperson.
- Tours of Apprenticeship facilities with presentations by Apprenticeship Coordinators and/or Union officials.
- OSHA 10 certification for general construction site safety.
- Eligibility to be placed on a jobsite for real-world experience.
- A year of personal, ongoing mentoring by the Area Director.

The CPCF grant helped to provide these free benefits to Indiana Plan trainees. For more information, visit www.indianaplan.org.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE POWERFUL MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM CROWN POINT FOUNDATION. WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND OUR PROGRAM CAPACITY AS WELL AS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO TRAINEES.



ROMAN BRONSON
AREA DIRECTOR
INDIANA PLAN

COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$129,471.00 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE SEPTEMBER CYCLE.

Animal Related - \$7,500.00

Humane Indiana - \$7,500.00

To provide innovative, community-centered, and collaborative solutions to challenges for 1,000 people and 400 homeless, abandoned, and at-risk pets in South Lake County as we face a crisis in care.

Arts, Culture - \$10,000.00

Northwest Indiana Symphony Society - \$10,000.00

Northwest Indiana Symphony 82nd Season Support.

Community Improvement - \$5,000.00

First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point - \$5,000.00

To help replace old, worn out HVAC equipment.

Education - \$10,000.00

CPHS Vex Robotics - match up to \$5,000.00

To support the 2023-2024 High School Competitive Robotics Season - Students at CPHS compete in tournaments across the state in two leagues, FIRST and VEX.

Junior Achievement of Chicago - \$5,000.00

JA BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town, allowing students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks & connect what they learn in school with the real world.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$15,000.00

Holy Spirit / St. Vincent DePaul - \$7,500.00

Continue to provide much needed food items to our food insecure neighbors in Northwest Indiana.

TradeWinds Services - \$7,500.00

To support the TradeWinds Community Pantry.

Health - \$6,500.00

Cancer Resource Center - \$3,000.00

To support the National Cancer Survivors Day annual event that brings cancer survivors & supporters together to celebrate as one, and additional Cancer Resource Center programs to support those in need on a daily basis.

Hanover Junior Wildcat Football - match up to \$2,000.00

To provide 15 new helmets to the Hanover Junior Wildcat Football team.

Red Cedars Social Work Department

(Hanover Community School Corp) - \$1,500.00

To support the Red Cedars Caring Closet providing necessities for students in need.

Human Services - \$51,371.00

Best Buddies - \$2,500.00

Friendship programs build one-to-one friendships for people with and without intellectual and developmental disorders (IDD), helping people to form meaningful connections, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and improve inclusion for all.

Chicagoland Immigrant Welcome Network - \$2,500.00

To support TWN providing direct immigrant and asylum seeking legal services to NWI through the assistance of non-attorney

DOJ OLAP representatives and providing community services through its Asylum-Seeking Hosting Program and Refugee Resettlement Services.

Dunes Dog Training Club (Pets N Vets) - \$6,000.00

To support U.S. Military Veterans with PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injuries in training their dogs for better companions, emotional support, therapy dogs, and/or service dogs with "no cost" training.

Golden Hope Ministries - \$3,812

Create resource bags containing information pertaining to child grief and information about our group services, for distribution to community groups for use in supporting local families who are grieving.

Hearts In Motion - \$3,000.00

To support the New Directions program assisting families who have faced hardship through domestic violence, a house fire, or homelessness transition into a new home.

Make-A-Wish (Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana) - \$7,100.00

Help support the granting of a wish for a critically ill child in Crown Point, Indiana.

Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana - \$7,500.00

To support the I'm Thumbody Special program presented to 3rd grade students in classrooms in NWI, encouraging children to see differences as valuable while promoting respect for self and others to reduce bullying.

Mommy's Haven - \$7,000.00

To provide weekly therapy meetings for the pregnant women and new mothers who are living at Mommy's Haven's Maternity Home.

Rotary Club of Crown Point - \$5,000.00

Supporting the annual Shoes for Kids program to help local low income families receive new shoes for their elementary age children.

St. Jude House - \$6,959.00

To replace its existing and outdated security system with a new one to ensure the safety and security of clients and staff.

Public Safety - \$9,600.00

Lowell Police Department - \$9,600.00

To support advanced ground survival self defense training to police officers in South Lake County.

Youth Development - \$14,500.00

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana - \$2,500.00

(\$2,266.88 CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund + \$233.12 The Manis Family Fund)*

To provide scholarship assistance to girls in South Lake County so they can be a part of their Girls on the Run team to be joyful, healthy and confident through social-emotional learning and physical activity.

Lakeshore Public Media - \$7,000.00

(\$4,669.44 CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund + \$2,330.56 Community Literacy Fund)*

Free event to connect local families with resources from PBS KIDS as well as other local community partners that make learning fun and exciting. Attendees will also have the chance to meet a popular PBS KIDS character.

Youth for Christ - match up to \$5,000.00

Connecting with Hanover Central Teens for Success.

Strengthening

SOUTH LAKE COUNTY



IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WHAT A BETTER WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH LAKE COUNTY THAN TO MAKE A YEAR-END GIFT TO THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

DANIEL ROOT
CPCF BOARD MEMBER



TRIPLE YOUR YEAR-END GIVING WITH A \$2 FOR \$1 *Match Opportunity!*

With the holidays just around the corner, the Crown Point Community Foundation offers many ways and opportunities to share your gifts with the community to provide resources to address ever-changing needs.

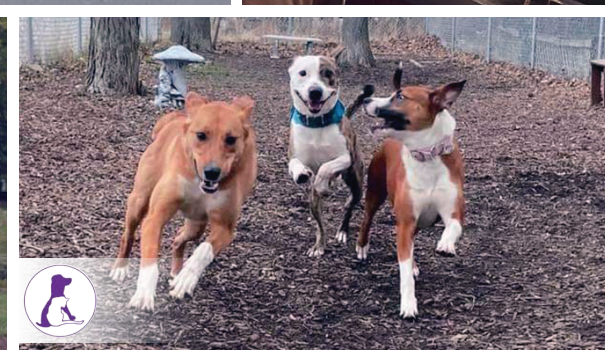
"We all have so much to be thankful for and the holiday's are a great time to consider giving back," said Crown Point Community Foundation Chairman Michael Dexter. "Gifts come in all sizes from cash to shares of stock. If you have a passion about a nonprofit that you would like to help, please consider the CPCF to help you with that special gift and life time legacy!"

And now, your donation can go even further. Lilly Endowment Inc. has launched the eighth phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative, allocating up to \$210 million to help Indiana community foundations strengthen the quality of life

in the towns, cities, and counties they serve. The GIFT initiative is based upon Lilly Endowment's longstanding belief that community foundations are uniquely positioned to play central roles in building the prosperity of communities throughout Indiana.

As part of this initiative, Lilly Endowment has announced a Matching Fund Grant, which will enable the Crown Point Community Foundation to further develop its unrestricted assets.

Thanks to this Matching Fund Grant, every dollar that is donated to the unrestricted **CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund** or any **named unrestricted fund**, will be matched by Lilly Endowment. So, a gift of \$100 becomes \$300, a gift of \$5,000 becomes \$15,000 — every dollar is tripled. The CPCF has over 74 Unrestricted Funds that support grantmaking in South Lake



PHOTOS: (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) PACK AWAY HUNGER TEAMS UP WITH VOLUNTEERS TO PACK MEALS FOR FOOD INSECURE NWI RESIDENTS / CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA INCREASES STEM ACCESS TO NEARLY 2,000 STUDENTS DURING SUMMER CAMP / CEDAR LAKE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION REPLACES WINDOW SASHES AND SILLS TO PROTECT THE MUSEUM FROM THE ELEMENTS / THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HOBART SAVED HOMELESS PETS' LIVES IN NWI BY PROVIDING VETERINARY CARE AND VACCINES TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY AND TO PREPARE THEM FOR ADOPTION / LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANDS GROUND SURVIVAL SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING WHICH ALLOWS OFFICERS TO USE TECHNIQUES THAT ARE LESS LIKELY TO RESULT IN INJURIES TO THE OFFENDERS OR THEMSELVES / TRADEWINDS COMMUNITY PANTRY HELPS FOOD-INSECURE FAMILIES IN LAKE COUNTY WHILE GIVING TRADEWINDS PARTICIPANTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES HANDS-ON TRAINING.

County. CPCF's Grant Committee utilizes these funds to support nonprofit organizations making South Lake County a better place to work, live, and play.

Match Timeline is October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025 or until the funding has been expended.

"We are incredibly excited to be part of the next phase of the GIFT initiative," said Mary Nielsen, CPCF President. "These generous grants empower foundations like the CPCF to make a profound and lasting positive impact in the communities we serve. And now, thanks to Lilly Endowment's Matching Fund Grant, your generous donation can go even further."

Giving to the Crown Point Community Foundation makes a difference in the lives of our families, friends and neighbors. Here are just a few of the organizations that grants from our unrestricted funds have made a positive impact on this year:

"As a Food Bank of NW Indiana partner our goal is to serve Lake & Porter County residents needing a helping hand to aid in reducing food insecurity," said Jon Gold, TradeWinds Services CEO. "We

could not continue this much-needed service without the support of local community volunteers, businesses, and grants from foundations like CPCF. We are so grateful for their assistance enabling us to provide this service to the community."

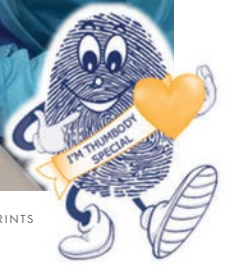
"This generous grant from CPCF allowed Pack Away Hunger to team up with more than 200 volunteers to pack more than 100,000 meals for food insecure Northwest Indiana residents," said Abigail Harlan, Executive Director of Pack Away Hunger. "This community connection between CPCF and PAH continues a wonderful partnership of working together to enrich the lives of South Lake County residents."

"Restoring rotted window sashes and sills is not a high impact project from the visitor's perspective," explains Julie Zasada, Executive Director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association which operates The Museum at Lassen's Resort in Cedar Lake, "but as caretakers of a 102-year old building, it is a very high priority for us. Fortifying the structural integrity and protection from the elements will ensure that this historic gem will be appreciated by the generations that follow us."

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY THE I'M THUMBODY SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN THEIR CLASSROOM / STUDENTS PRESS THEIR THUMBPRINTS ON PAPER / USING A MAGNIFY GLASS, STUDENTS DISCOVER THE PATTERN IN THEIR THUMBPRINTS.



With your help, children have another tool for developing a positive outlook.

A \$7,500 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to the Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana (MHANWI).

MHANWI is a mental health agency with a unique focus on early intervention and prevention. Their mission is to transform the community through proven programs that educate, empower and strengthen the way individuals and families function for life.

MHANWI presents an I'm Thumbody Special program for elementary school students. The program focuses on mental health, self-identity, feelings and emotions, talking to a trusted adult, seeing differences as valuable and fostering respect for self and others to reduce bullying. The thumbprint logo was chosen as it represents the uniqueness of an individual. Just as no two thumbprints are alike, no two people are alike.

I'm Thumbody Special builds healthy self-concepts; instills

feelings of self-worth, individuality and responsibility; develops an understanding of each person's unique skills and interests and the value of their differences, strengths and individuality; and enhances self-awareness. The interaction with the students includes a discussion on the positive value of difference and how to change negative thoughts to positive thoughts.

"In a follow-up survey from MacArthur Elementary School, 98% of the students indicated they knew what self-esteem was; 98% enjoyed participating in I'm Thumbody Special, and 100% indicated what they learned will help them feel better about themselves and will help them get along better with others," said Kimberly Smith, Vice President of Operations at MHANWI.

The CPCF grant will help MHANWI to present the I'm Somebody Special program to third grade classes throughout Lake County. For more information, please visit www.mhanwi.org.

THE STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED THE WHOLE TIME AND ENJOYED FIGURING OUT THEIR THUMBPRINTS.

FEEDBACK FROM MACARTHUR TEACHER
WHOSE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN MHANWI'S
I'M THUMBODY SPECIAL PROGRAM

MEMORIALS

AUGUST 1, 2023 - OCTOBER 31, 2023

Gordon Bates' Birthday

Shirley Forney-Bates

Nona Brady

Katherine Chariton

Robert "Bob" Brown

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Tri*Star Pipe and Supply

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Eugene & Linda Matzat

Amy Burich Cucio

Thomas Elder & Susan Driscoll Elder

John S. Dull

The Barce Family

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Jack Pettit

Chip & Karin Pettit

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Barbara White's Birthday

Craig White

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



JENNIFER LINSLEY
CROWN POINT SCHOOLS

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, Jennifer Linsley.

JENNIFER LINSLEY

Jennifer graduated from Crown Point High School and was very active in cheerleading and multiple clubs. She earned her bachelor's degree from Butler University in secondary education and English.

Jennifer taught high school English at Merrillville High School for five years while she earned her master's degree in administration from Purdue. She has been an administrator in Crown Point since 2000 and has been the principal at Jerry Ross Elementary School since 2003. She was awarded the 2023 Crown Point Administrator of the Year.

Jennifer is still very passionate about education and has completed one year of a doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University and is studying Educational Neuroscience. She has two grown sons who live in Crown Point. Her hobbies include biking, hiking, camping, and baking.

Jennifer is absolutely thrilled to be a part of the Crown Point Community Foundation Board. She is passionate about the Foundation's mission to improve lives in South Lake County and is eager to contribute her time and skills to this important cause. With Jennifer's induction to the Board, it will continue to strengthen our impact in the community.



Women's Giving CIRCLE

COLLECTIVE GRANTMAKING EVENT



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE ATTENDEES (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): JANE LAMBESIS OF FEDERATED HERMES; CPCF BOARD MEMBER CYNDI WALSH; KATHY ROESER OF THE ROESER GROUP AT MORGAN STANLEY; CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN / LEFT TO RIGHT: CPCF BOARD MEMBER PAMELA SEAMAN, DO AND DR. JANELL HARVEY / LEFT TO RIGHT: NANCY LEAR; LOUANN MILLER; JULIE ZASADA; AND JENNIFER FRAZIER / WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE ATTENDEES ENJOY A PRESENTATION FROM NICOLE YARROW, NICK FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / LEFT TO RIGHT: SARA JONES AND CAROL HIGHSMITH / (LEFT TO RIGHT): LAUREN MAUK; BARBARA GEDERIAN MUCKEL; AND MELISSA ANDERSON.

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 \$18,500!
They granted \$8,000 at the event. \$2,000 to each charity

receiving the most votes. In addition, \$2,500 will be used for a 2024 Women's Giving Circle Scholarship.

Another \$8,000 went to the CPCF 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.

"The Annual Women's Giving Circle is an event I eagerly look forward to attending," expressed Indira Brigham, CPCF Board Member. "There are so many generous ladies who enjoy camaraderie, delicious food, and most importantly, empowering local charities with the resources they require to support our community members. The experience is incredibly uplifting!"

"We at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana strive to offer after-school educational programming that sets kids up to grow and be successful," said Dan Welch, Cedar Lake Club Director. "With the generous funding from the CPCF's Women's Giving Circle, we intend to enhance our academic enrichment of young people by purchasing new iPads. Kids use these daily for homework help as well as educational games and activities. Collectively, we can strengthen our community, one kid at a time."

"At the Women's Giving Circle Collective Grantmaking Event, women unite to build powerful connections while gaining profound insight into the needs of our community," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "We warmly invite every woman in South Lake County to experience the transformative power of collective giving. Together, we can make a significant and lasting impact on the communities we call home."

"We are so grateful for the support of our community and to have received this grant," said Nicole Yarrow, Executive Director of Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc. "The need for childhood cancer family support in our community is needed more than most people realize. The grant will be used towards our Family Base Donation that we send to every new cancer family we receive a referral for."

The Women's Giving Circle is one of my favorite events of the year," said Chrisanne Christ, CPCF Board Member. "It is like a reunion; I get to reconnect with wonderful women that share my commitment to our communities. The only hard part is voting, all the grant requesters are fantastic! This is such a fun evening, and we appreciate the CPCF offering us this annual opportunity to support the work these amazing organizations are doing!"

"Everyone here at Community Help Network is so excited that we were once again chosen for a WGC Grant," stated Bonnie J. Meyer, Executive Director, Community Help Network, Inc. "We are beyond grateful. \$2,000 will fill 400 Buddy Bags!"

"We are extremely grateful to the Crown Point Community Foundation Women's Giving Circle for coming together and supporting so many for-purpose organizations," said Ryan Elinkowski, Executive Director, St. Jude House, Inc. "This grant will be utilized to provide survivor engagement activities at St. Jude House to ensure survivors of domestic violence feel supported and heard."

"Thank you for the support CPCF has given us," expressed Teri Wallace, Survivor Council, St. Jude House, Inc. "We are eager to help other survivors understand that they are not alone. Through our new SJH Survivor Advocacy Council, we will offer help, support, and mentorship. The journey of healing and growth is not a quick process for many domestic violence survivors. It takes time and a strong support system. Your thoughtfulness and belief in our Council will help us build necessary relationships and support systems in our community."

"The WGC is such a special event," stated Cyndi Walsh, CPCF Board Member. "It is really amazing to see so many like-minded women coming together to make an impact in our community."

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

For more information about joining the Women's Giving Circle, visit www.thecpcf.org.

2023 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: KATIE SLY, CPCF PROGRAM AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER; NICOLE YARROW, NICK FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; CPCF BOARD MEMBER CHRISANNE CHRIST; TARA ELINKOWSKI; TERI WALLACE FROM ST. JUDE HOUSE'S SURVIVOR COUNCIL; MICHELLE THIEL, ST. JUDE HOUSE'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES; KATHY ROESER OF THE ROESER GROUP AT MORGAN STANLEY; BONNIE J. MEYER, COMMUNITY HELP NETWORK'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN; JANE LAMBESIS OF FEDERATED HERMES; CPCF BOARD MEMBERS INDIRA BRIGHAM, PAMELA SEAMAN, AND CYNDI WALSH.

1. BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NORTHWEST INDIANA
2. COMMUNITY HELP NETWORK
3. NORTHWEST INDIANA CANCER KIDS FOUNDATION
4. ST. JUDE HOUSE

DONATIONS

AUGUST 1, 2023 - OCTOBER 31, 2023

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Al's Fire
Trish Alt
Melissa Anderson
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"Ninety-four homeless pets' lives were saved from Crown Point, Lowell, Hebron, and Cedar Lake in 2023 thanks to vital, lifesaving funding from the CPCF," said Jennifer Webber, Executive Director of The Humane Society of Hobart. "Because of the support from CPCF, we were able to provide veterinary care and vaccines to keep them healthy and prepare them for adoption and we are happy to report they have all found their forever home!"

"With the support from the Crown Point Community Foundation, nearly 2,000 students from our region participated in STEM learning this summer at Challenger," said Lara C. Bates, Executive Director of the Challenger Learning Center. "Through this initiative we were able to increase access to STEM and remove some of the financial barriers that families are faced with when looking for summer enrichment opportunities."

"The benefits of the expanded 'I sure will' advanced ground survival self-defense training are many," said Chief James R. Woestman of the Lowell Police Department. "They include being able to safely restrain violent and resistive offenders without the need to resort to lethal force. The training allows us to use techniques that are less likely to result in injuries to the offender or our officers. Lastly, the training gives our officers the tools to defend themselves in the worst tactical hands on situations they will encounter; being on the ground in a vulnerable position."

These are just a few of the worthy causes that the Crown Point Community Foundation has given to this year. As we reflect on 2023 and look forward to the new year, it is a great time to explore all the ways you can make a difference by giving to the CPCF.

As CPCF Board Member Greg Forsythe said, "The Christmas season serves as a great reminder to reflect on our many blessings and to consider how we can share some of our blessings with others in need."



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Meals on Wheels:
In January, Peoples Bank's Community First Committee presented a donation to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. The donation was one of many presented to nonprofits each year across their Indiana and Illinois footprints.



Unite and Fight Cancer:
On October 1st, 2023, 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 its mission to provide services and resources free of charge to cancer patients and their families.



Hunger Hike:
On September 23rd, 2023, Peoples Bank participated in the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's annual Hunger Hike. For the second year in a row, the team won the Corporate Challenge and earned \$500 worth of food credits, which were, in turn, donated to Sojourner Truth House.

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Five Questions for Pamela Seaman

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Pamela Seaman's family moved to Crown Point when she was nine years old. She was enrolled in Eisenhower Elementary, a brand-new school at the time. Pamela then moved on to Robert A. Taft Middle School and Crown Point High School. She and her future husband John, another Crown Point native, went to college at Purdue Lafayette. Pamela went to medical school at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and later opened her own gynecological practice, South Lake Women's Health, in Crown Point. "Education has played a large role in my life," Pamela said. "It's fitting that I serve on the Grant and Scholarship Committee at the Crown Point Community Foundation."

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

It is a great privilege to be a part of such a force for good. I salute the local forward thinking community members who founded the organization in 1990 and those who have nourished and built on it since then.

2. What is the best advice you've ever received?

Good advice is everywhere if you are open to it. Some of my favorites include the following:

- "Perfection is the enemy of progress." - *Winston Churchill*
- "Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work." - *Booker T. Washington*
- "You can do it." - *My Mother*
- "Don't be afraid to ask for help." - *My Father*

3. What are you most proud of?

Our children. When I was young, I was most proud of my work. With age, pride in our children's accomplishments has trumped anything that I have ever done. Our four children, all young adults, have varied interests that we did not foresee. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their journeys as they continue to unfold.

4. What do you work toward in your free time?

I have been taking writing classes and aspire to write a book. It's a challenge and a stretch for me, a long-term goal which may or may not come to fruition.

5. Favorite hobbies?

I like working around our small farm. I find it relaxing to be outside.



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