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# Giving Together

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**ST. JUDE HOUSE**  
> PROVIDING A SAFE  
AND NURTURING  
ENVIRONMENT

**WOMEN'S GIVING  
CIRCLE**  
> CHARITABLE  
GIVING THAT MAKES  
A SIGNIFICANT  
DIFFERENCE IN  
SOUTH LAKE  
COUNTY

LILLY ENDOWMENT INC.  
GIFT VII INITIATIVE

**\$2 FOR \$1**  
MATCHING GRANT  
OPPORTUNITY

> HELP US BUILD  
UNRESTRICTED  
COMMUNITY  
ENDOWMENT  
FUNDS



**5 QUESTIONS  
WITH CPCF  
BOARD MEMBER**  
> GEORGE LETZ

**GIVING  
BACK**  
**BOBBIE GINTERT**



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



MARY B. NIELSEN  
PRESIDENT

For those of us living in the Midwest, the changing foliage colors, cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours signifies the presence of autumn and the harvest season. So does watching shows like A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, the short animated film based upon the popular comic strip Peanuts, by Charles M. Schultz. For many it has become a household staple of viewing pleasure in November, filled with Snoopy shenanigans and toast-buttering montages. It's Linus who brings more depth to the show with his historical

factoids and sharing of how the Pilgrims survival was due in part because of the philanthropy of the Native Americans.

Wait... I don't recall the word philanthropy being mentioned in this holiday favorite. Even though he doesn't say it, Linus brings the philosophy of philanthropy into this heart-warming show. As we celebrate National Philanthropy Month this November, it's interesting to look back and realize the first American philanthropists were the Native Americans. Concern for the common good is an important part of many Native American cultures. When the first Europeans arrived in the Americas, the Native Americans showed concern and practiced philanthropy by providing them the materials and knowledge needed for survival.

Today, in the United States alone, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, there are more than 1.5 million charitable organizations, and Americans give more than \$400 billion annually to charitable causes to meet the needs of its citizens. Improving the quality of life for all people—everything from education, healthcare, the environment and the arts, to name only a few—would be far less if not for these organizations.

The Crown Point Community Foundation is one such charitable organization. Connecting individuals to causes, and to each other. Fostering civic participation. Improving the quality of life for all people. I am amazed, once again, at the generous spirit of my fellow South Lake County philanthropists who are truly making a difference in our own backyard.

Last year we announced an amazing opportunity by Lilly Endowment Inc. to help those in our community even more. A **\$2 for \$1 MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY** to build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds. To date, we have captured more than 72% of available matching grant dollars. Our goal is to complete the match this year! We ask you to JOIN US and consider giving a year-end or holiday donation today. On page 6, you'll learn how one of our donors used her IRA to make an impactful gift to the Foundation and take advantage of the match.

Together we can continue to create a better future in South Lake County...  
*now and forever!*

Thank you for your continued support and partnership,

MARY B. NIELSEN



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THE NEW PLAYGROUND HAS ALREADY PROVIDED SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE MANY CHILDREN WE SERVE.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH.

**DAWN BOUTON**

CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE, ST. JUDE HOUSE



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I LOVE THE NEW PARK AND BACKYARD.  
I LOVE EVERYTHING HERE.

**NINE YEAR OLD BOY**  
CLIENT AT ST. JUDE HOUSE

Give Online Today:  
[theccpf.org/donate.html](http://theccpf.org/donate.html)

## CPCF GRANTS AT WORK

### St. Jude House



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RYAN ELINKOWSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. JUDE HOUSE; VANESSA JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SERVICE LEAGUE OF NWI; MARILYN KAZWELL, VOLUNTEER FROM THE DAWN BRANCHEAU FOUNDATION AND GEORGE LETZ, CPCF BOARD OF DIRECTOR / RYAN ELINKOWSKI / THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT / RYAN ELINKOWSKI WITH CPCF PRESIDENT, MARY NIELSEN / CPCF BOARD MEMBERS JIM LARSEN, LISA GRADY AND GEORGE LETZ WITH RYAN ELINKOWSKI.

### Thanks to you, children from troubled homes have a safe place to play.

A grant for \$9,581 was awarded to St. Jude House. St. Jude House is a 40-bed shelter for victims of domestic abuse. It is the largest shelter of its kind in the area. St. Jude House provides housing and services to approximately 500 adults and children each year at no cost.

Over half of those served at St. Jude House are children. While St. Jude House provides services through advocacy and group support to help children recover and heal from the trauma of domestic violence, children also need play and physical activities. To this end, St. Jude House created a playground for the children at the shelter using funds provided by the Crown Point Community Foundation, the Dawn Bracheau Foundation and the Service League.

“This is a game changer for us because we serve more children than adults,” said Ryan Elinkowski, Executive Director of St. Jude

House. “To have something like this, which will last for so many years to come, will truly bring joy to the children that we serve. It’s a really exciting time for us.”

For more information, please visit [stjudehouse.org](http://stjudehouse.org).



FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
CENTER AND SHELTER

 Franciscan Ministries sponsored by  
the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago

THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN WE SERVE HAVE  
ENDURED TRAUMA, THIS PLAYGROUND PROVIDES  
A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT  
FOR A HEALING PROCESS TO BEGIN.

**RYAN ELINKOWSKI**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. JUDE HOUSE

# UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$89,636 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE SEPTEMBER CYCLE.

## Animal Related - \$1,000.00

### Humane Indiana, Inc. - \$1,000

Minimize impact of lead exposure in native wildlife, through testing, diagnosis and treatment.

## Education - \$5,120.00

### CPCSC/Timothy Ball Elementary School Robotics Program - \$1,620

Help fund Timothy Ball Hexwirez Robotics program.

### Crown Point Christian School - \$1,000

Fund Robotics competitions for under-represented student populations.

### Crown Point RoboDogs Sponsors - \$2,500

Provide funds to purchase materials to build a robot for the FIRST Competition.

## Community Improvement - \$10,896.00

### Crown Point Community Library - \$10,896

Replacement of Library's four AWE early literacy computer stations.

## Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$7,000.00

### First United Methodist Church - \$7,000

Support the Buddy Bag Project by providing supplemental nutrition on weekends and longer breaks, to students that qualify for the free lunch program in Crown Point Community Schools.

## Health - \$1,000.00

### American Heart Association of Northwest Indiana - \$1,000

Underwrite needed educational materials for a sustainable STEM program model for area high school juniors and seniors.

## Human Services - \$8,300.00

### Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. / Pets N' Vets Program - \$4,300

Support the Pets N' Vets program for local military veterans.

### Knights of Columbus St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Bike Project - \$2,000

Cover the cost of bike parts to refurbish used bikes for needy families.

### This Is My Season, Inc. - \$2,000

Help domestic abuse victims from the CP area to attend a specialized Beauty School which supports former victims in an empathetic environment.

## Religion - \$18,500.00

### Bethel Church - \$5,000

Purchase new audio equipment for the student center at Bethel Church.

### Cedar Lake Ministries - \$3,000 match

Funds to build a low ropes course in the north woods on the Ministry property.

### St. Johns United Church of Christ - \$4,500

Improve children's play area at church.

### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Lowell - \$1,000

New landscaping for education and food pantry building.

### Young Life of NWI - \$5,000

Build relationships with teens through weekly gathering, summer and winter camp, monthly clubs, volunteer work for students at Taft Middle School.

## Youth Development - \$37,820.00

### Best Buddies Indiana - \$2,000

Best Buddies program at Crown Point High School, Jerry Ross Elementary and MacArthur Elementary.

### CP Rotary/Imagination Library-Dollywood Foundation - \$5,920

Expand Imagination Library from 350 to 450 children.

### Girls on the Run Northwest Indiana - \$2,500

Scholarship assistance for Girls on the Run participants in South Lake County for Spring 2020.

### Lake Court House Foundation - \$15,000

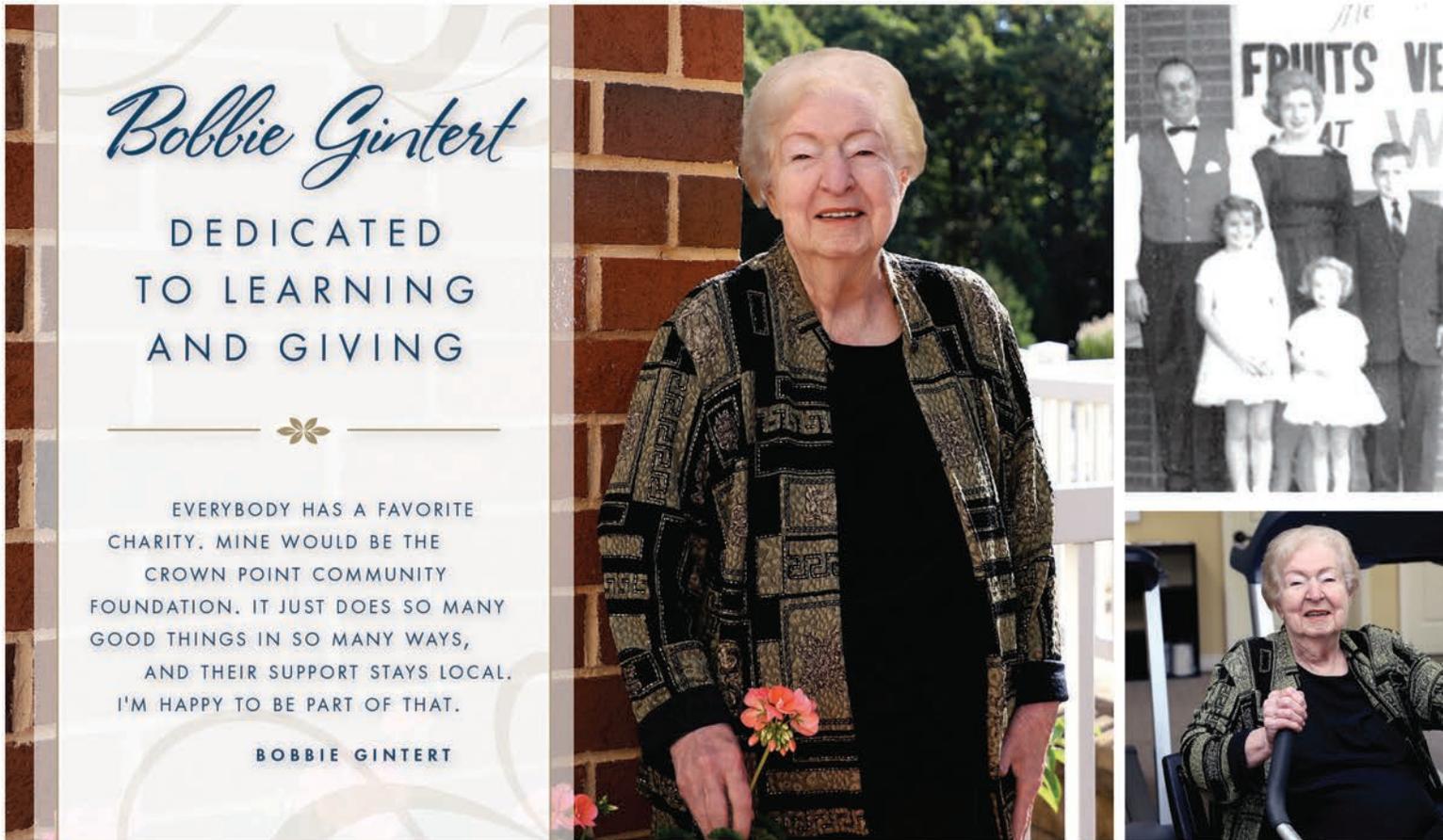
Help pay for necessary repairs and structural stabilization work in the Historic Court House attic and clock tower.

### Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA) - \$8,000

Connect Program: day campers educational and character building experiences.

### Whites Residential and Family Services - \$4,400

Recruit, train, and support 5 new foster homes in South Lake County.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BOBBIE GINTERT / THE GINTERT FAMILY IN FRONT OF THE ORIGINAL WILCO FOODS GROCERY STORE. CLOCKWISE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): GLENN W., BOBBIE, GLENN R., NANCY AND LINDA / BOBBIE SURROUNDED BY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN CAMERON, SADIE AND SHELLY; LAUREN AND DEAN / BOBBIE GINTERT WEARING HER MAJORETTE UNIFORM / GLENN W. AND BOBBIE GINTERT ON THEIR WEDDING DAY / BOBBIE GINTERT HOLDING ONE OF HER OIL PAINTINGS / ONE OF BOBBIE GINTERT'S WOOD SCULPTURES OF A BOOT / BOBBIE GINTERT EXERCISING AT WITTENBERG VILLAGE'S WORKOUT FACILITY.

**Bobbie Gintert's love of learning became a love of giving.** She was born in Gary in the Great Depression, a truly humble beginning. "My dad worked in the steel mill," Bobbie said. "We didn't have anything but I didn't know any different because nobody had anything. You don't miss what you never had."

She discovered she had an aptitude for learning at a young age.

"Learning was easy for me," Bobbie said. "I loved to learn." She combined this love for learning with a strong work ethic.

"Because I had good grades, my last year in school I went to school for half a day and then worked for half a day," Bobbie said. "Because if I wanted any clothes, that's how you got them."

Bobbie went to work at Kroger's, where she met her future husband Glenn W. Gintert. She and Glenn married in 1947 and raised three children together.

"When we left Kroger's in 1960, we were looking for something to do," Bobbie said. "So what little bit of money we had, we put together and bought into this store that needed help." That store was Wilco Foods.

"The family all worked," she said. "In the mid 1970's we opened our flagship Wilco store in Lowell. It grew to four stores."

Bobbie applied her love of learning to the grocery stores.

"I learned how to be a bookkeeper and how to run the front end of a store," she said. "In turn, after learning things, I enjoy teaching it to somebody else. That was my favorite part of owning a business and I liked working on the floor with people."

She also helped oversee a major innovation at her family's grocery stores.

"We learned a computer system, and then I taught it to others," Bobbie said. "We were the first store in Indiana to have computerized scanning."

After several failed attempts at retirement, Bobbie settled down to a



life of relative leisure. She now lives at Wittenberg Village in Crown Point. She is a talented painter and wood carver. Philanthropy has also become an important part of her life. Bobbie uses her retirement account to make charitable contributions to the Crown Point Community Foundation because it makes her gifts more impactful.

"Everybody has a favorite charity," she said. "Mine would be the Crown Point Community Foundation. It just does so many good things in so many ways, and their support stays local. I'm happy to be part of that."

Bobbie enjoys the tax savings that comes from making contributions to the Foundation from her IRA.

"It's a savings for me because I don't pay tax on it," Bobbie said. "It's before tax dollars that you put it in. And if you take it out and give it directly to a nonprofit then it's a tax saving, which makes sense. Sometimes I'm lucky enough to qualify for a great match, which is even better," Bobbie said.

Still young at heart and an avid learner, Bobbie has no plans of slowing down soon. She points to one of her favorite mugs.

"It says I'm not 90, I'm 18 with 72 years experience."

## MAKING QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR IRA

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may be thinking about your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. Please consider directing your distribution to the Foundation, minimizing your taxable income while making a big impact in our community. CPCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization and can accept Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) directly from your financial institution. These distributions directly reduce taxable income regardless of whether you qualify to itemize. Here are the eligibility requirements:

- Donors must be age 70 ½ or older.
- Distributions up to \$100,000 can be made by an individual or \$200,000 for a married couple.
- Distributions must be paid directly to the organization from the IRA custodian.
- Distributions cannot be directed to a Donor Advised Fund.
- No goods or services can be received in exchange for the distribution.

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# View

## Outdoor Advertising

**WHY WE GIVE:** At View Outdoor, our goal is to follow the path our founder, Mr. Dean White, paved decades ago by giving back to Northwest Indiana. We have always and will continue to work with the municipalities and service organizations that build the great foundation of this community.

We are a local company that prides itself on supporting these local communities where we, our employees and their families live. By use of outdoor advertising, we are pleased to help our local businesses and organizations bring new opportunities to this ever-growing community we call home.

**Crown Point Community Foundation:**

View Outdoor Advertising donated billboard space for the Crown Point Community Foundation's 10th Annual Volunteer Fair.



# MEMORIALS AND

JULY 30, 2019 - OCTOBER 17, 2019

## MEMORIALS

**Bernice Anderson**  
Paul & Amy Anderson

**Mike Anderson**  
David & Debra Huber  
Patricia Huber

**Gilberto Barcenas**  
Ronald & Debra Simko

**Gordon Bates on his birthday**  
Shirley Forney-Bates

**Betty Jane Buth**  
Eugene & Linda Matzat

**Wilbert E. Buth**  
Eugene & Linda Matzat

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Joseph & Barbara Kacmar

**Glenn Gross**  
Richard & Joanne Buehrle  
Joseph & Jane Nerney

**Dorothy Hoevet**  
John & Louise Diederich  
Faye Platt  
Frances Truman

**Edward G. & Katherine R. Gerlach Huber's 110th anniversary**  
Joe & Mary Kay Rowe

**Katherine Rose Huber & Edward George Huber on their birthdays**  
Joe & Mary Kay Rowe

**Brandon Aaron Huseman**  
Michael Huseman

**Jim Keller**  
Joseph & Donna Heuer

**Kathy Keller**  
Joseph & Donna Heuer

**Russ Keller**  
Joseph & Donna Heuer

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Rich & Amy Otto

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Gregory Leurck

**Alec Matalin**  
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Board & Brush Creative Studio  
Art & Anne Equihua  
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Crown Point Boys Basketball  
Parents Club  
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Dixon's Florist, Inc., Robert Dixon  
Peter & Stacy Djukic  
Eric & Sumer Evans  
Four Seasons Mechanical  
Kevin & Michelle Frazier  
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Josam Company  
Journey Senior Living - Valparaiso  
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Leap Enterprises LLC

# HONORARIUMS

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S. Matalin  
John & Marcia McAleer  
Bonita Michalak  
Dave & Lisa Misirly  
Northwest Industrial Specialists  
Oak Partners Inc.

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Puntillo & Crane Orthodontics  
Anthony Puntillo &  
Christopher Crane  
Qwik Properties LLC  
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Sparta Sports Dome of Crown Point  
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Team Toyota  
Michael & Tricia Bauner

Daniel & Donna Torrance  
Edward Trevino  
Michael Troxell

James Vagenas family  
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**Alec Matalin's birthday**  
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Robert & Barbara Budgin  
Grace Jean Henderson  
Maryanna Lewis  
Faye Platt  
Mary Rieder  
Gerald & April Schaefer  
Maxie Scott

**Barbara White on her birthday**  
Craig White

**George & Laura Wild**  
Joseph & Barbara Kacmar

**Thomas Zondor**  
Rich & Kathy Zondor

## HONORARIUMS

**Judy Drackert's Birthday**  
James & Esther Lambert

**BJ Hubbard & Kay Hubbard**  
Steven Sutton

**Pat Huber, Diane Reimer,  
Deb Simko & Lori Amodeo**  
Angela Leimer

**Jack Kennedy's Birthday**  
George & Georgiana  
Geimer-Messler

**Robert R. VanSlyke's Birthday**  
Jeanne Van Slyke-Huddleston

**Jeanne VanSlyke-Huddleston's  
Birthday**  
Jason Bordui & Penny Huddleston



# Women's Giving CIRCLE



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JULIE WENDORF, CINDY BECKMAN, KIM LARSEN, JANET KATICH VICKY KLEIN AND ROSE KENDALL / JULIE ZASADA AND VICKIE RAINWATER / DIANE KEMP, CAROL HIGHSMITH AND PEGGY SENDAK / KATHY ROESER AND MEGAN DOHERTY / GAIL LARSON, CRYSTAL LIGDA AND GINA WEILBAKER / KAREN KUHN AND MARILYN KAPER.

## **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. The WGC invites all women from the area to gain membership with a \$100 or larger annual donation which can be made throughout the year.

On the second Tuesday in September of each year, members gather to grant money to local charities.

**This year, the ladies donated an astonishing \$19,000!** They granted \$9,000 at the event. \$2,000 to each charity receiving the most votes. In addition to the four, \$2,000 grants

awarded, the WGC members also granted a \$1,000 Scholarship for an Adult Learner (21 and over).

Another \$9,500 was placed in the CPCF Community Endowment Fund. This fund provides grants to support community needs and programs three times each year through the grant process at the Foundation.

"As the Buddy Bag Program continues to grow and serve more Crown Point low income students, a grant like this is instrumental in keeping the program vibrant," said Bonnie J. Meyer, Director of Outreach and Missions at Crown Point First United Methodist Church. "We are grateful for this grant and for the opportunity we have to make a difference in the lives of students in need."

The event, held at Signature Banquets in Lowell, was sponsored by Kathy Roeser from Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and Megan Doherty of Nuveen Investments.

For more information about becoming a member visit [www.thecpcf.org](http://www.thecpcf.org).

# 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS

GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,000 EACH



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE GRANT RECIPIENTS POSE WITH MEMBERS OF THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CPCF BOARD MEMBERS CHRISANNE CHRIST AND MARILYN KAPER; CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN; BONNIE MEYER, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH AND MISSIONS AT CROWN POINT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; LAUREN MAUK, MOMMY'S HAVEN PRESIDENT; AND KATHERINE CHARITON, JULIE WENDORF AND BETTE OESTERLE FROM THE CROWN POINT ROTARY CLUB DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1. DUNES DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. PETS N' VETS
2. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUDDY BAG PROJECT
3. DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROJECT - CROWN POINT ROTARY
4. MOMMY'S HAVEN

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS, WHO ARE TRAINING SERVICE DOGS TO HELP THEM IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES. PLEASE KNOW THAT THIS GRANT AWARD WILL HELP TO CONTINUE OUR 'NO-COST' DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING FOR OUR PETS N' VETS VETERANS.

JAN KOUTELAS  
PETS N' VETS DIRECTOR,  
DUNES DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.



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**WHY WE GIVE:** At NIPSCO, giving back to the communities we serve is a fundamental part of our culture. Every year, our employees volunteer and donate to a wide range of organizations that are making a difference across our service area with a focus on basic human needs, economic development, education, environmental stewardship and public safety.

**MISSION:** NIPSCO has served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. Community support and involvement has always been at the foundation of our history. We're also making significant investments to improve service, including nearly \$30 billion in identified long-term system modernization and growth programs spanning the next 20+ years.



**Girl Scouts:**  
The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana learn about electrical safety at our Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, which promotes STEM education, at the NiSource headquarters in Merrillville.



**Dollars for Doers:**  
Our employees and their families volunteering at the Community Harvest Food Bank (Fort Wayne) and Pax Center (LaPorte).

[www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com)

# DONATIONS

JULY 30, 2019 - OCTOBER 17, 2019

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Trish Alt  
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Joseph & Lori Amodeo  
John W. Anderson Foundation  
Gregory & Linda Armstrong

## B

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Aileen Balazs  
Barney Family Foundation  
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Michael & Trish Bauner  
Joseph & Cindy Beckman  
Kelly Bermes  
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Joan Brasa  
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Lisa Carpenter  
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Mark & Chrisanne Christ  
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Ryan Collier  
Commercial In-Sites, David Lasser  
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Crown Point Rotary

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Suzanne Demmond  
Michael & Karen Dexter  
Gary & Marie Dienes  
Eric & Robin Dillon  
Sean Dotson  
Katy Dowling  
Michelle Duffy  
Dan & Alison Duncan

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Shirley Forney-Bates  
Scott & Maureena Foster  
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## MAKING QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR IRA

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The following types of Funds are eligible to receive QCDs from IRAs at the Foundation:

- **Unrestricted Endowment Funds**  
Support needs of the community – **qualifies for \$2 for \$1 Match!**
- **Operating Endowment Funds**  
Support the day-to-day operation of the Foundation.
- **Designated Endowment Funds**  
Support the good work of specific nonprofit organizations.
- **Scholarship Endowment Funds**  
Help students receive a quality education. Donors set the award criteria and the CPCF promotes the scholarship opportunity, accepts applications, verifies student's

eligibility and processes scholarship payments.

- **Field of Interest Funds**

Support broad areas of need and award grants to the community organizations and programs addressing them.

We suggest consulting with your financial advisor or tax consultant to determine your best giving option.

Please consider a year-end gift to the Foundation as we work together to do more good things in our communities. If you have any questions please call the CPCF at: 219-662-7252.

# #GIVINGTUESDAY

## Kick-Off the Charitable Season on Tuesday, December 3, 2019!

To Celebrate Giving Tuesday we invite you, our friends and family to help us build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds held at the Foundation. Please consider making a holiday or end-of-year gift today. Gifts to the CPCF Unrestricted Community Endowment Fund or to any of the named Unrestricted Endowment Funds qualify for the match.

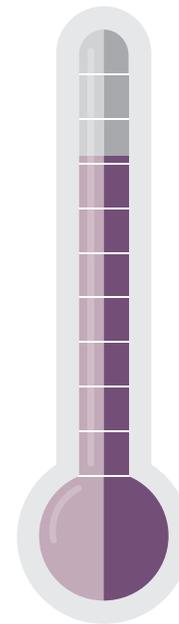
# \$2 FOR \$1 MATCHING OPPORTUNITY

## Help us Complete the Match!

Since its announcement this past November, the CPCF has been able to capture more than 72% of available matching grant dollars made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc. to build Unrestricted Community Endowment Funds!

"We've had an incredible response to date from our friends of the Foundation and general donations," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "With the Endowment matching gifts at a 2-for-1 rate, every gift becomes more significant to address high-priority challenges and opportunities in the community we serve (Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell and Winfield)."

**\$416,700**  
AVAILABLE TO MATCH



< Match Money Still Available: \$117,700

< Match Completed: \$299,000

As of October 25, 2019

## How It Works

### Funds Eligible for \$2 for \$1 Match:

CPCF Unrestricted Community Endowment Fund

or

Any Named Unrestricted Community Endowment Fund

These funds support a broad range of community needs and programs each year through the grant process at the Foundation. Funded areas include:

- Animal Related
- Arts
- Culture
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental
- Community Improvement
- Food, Nutrition, Agriculture
- Health
- Housing, Shelter
- Human Services
- Public Safety
- Recreation
- Religion
- Scholarship
- Youth Development

EXAMPLE:  $\text{YOU GIVE } \$100 + \text{MATCH ADDS } \$200 = \text{TOTAL GIFT } \$300$

MATCH TIMELINE: OCTOBER 1, 2018 - DECEMBER 31, 2020 OR UNTIL THE MATCH DOLLARS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED.

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## Five Questions for George Letz

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD DEVELOPMENT/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
AND GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
RETIRED, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

### What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my children and how successful they have become in their own fields of work.

Also, securing a successful referendum in my school district (MSD of Boone Twp) after it had suffered a failed attempt during the previous eleven months. The coordination of all phases of completing the desired result (publicity, town-hall meetings, phone calls, knocking on doors, etc.) is a monumental task for everyone in the school corporation.

### What is a book you've enjoyed recently?

The Vanishing American Adult by Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska. Senator Sasse diagnoses the reasons that this generation is having difficulty growing up and offers a path for raising children to become active and engaged citizens. He identifies four core formative life experiences: hard physical work to appreciate the benefits of labor; travel to understand the people of the U.S. and the world; building a personal library to encourage exposure to new ideas; nurturing physical health/building stamina to develop discipline. I have also read books recently on "The Age of Eisenhower" and "Thomas Jefferson - The Art of Power."

### What attracted you to serve on the Crown Point Foundation Board of Directors?

I had served for several years on the Foundation's ad-hoc committee which determines the recipients for CPCF scholarships. Having the opportunity to interview students from the area seeking these grants is a real honor for me and the other individuals serving on this committee.

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

During my 44 years in education I enjoyed my 19 year tenure as principal of Jane Ball School. A school principal has the opportunity to not only influence the education of thousands of children but also develop relationships with their families. I still meet students who are now adults on the street and I learn what they have done with their lives. It is a great feeling!

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

Stay busy and find activities which you enjoy. Serving on various youth oriented boards (CPCF and Campagna Academy) allows me to serve my community in a unique manner. Also, spending time with my seven grandchildren allows me to watch an entire new generation grow and mature. Participating in their activities brings happiness to both Sharon and me. We are very blessed to have this time with them.

George Letz was born and raised in Crown Point. His family was instrumental in developing the Letz Manufacturing Company, a long time employer in the city. But George choose to pursue education. After attending Valparaiso University, he earned advanced degrees at Indiana University and Purdue University. He taught in Gary and Munster before becoming Principal at Jane Ball Elementary School, Superintendent for Hanover, and Superintendent for Boone Township. His wife, Sharon, taught at Timothy Ball Elementary School for 29 years.

"My interest in the Crown Point Community Foundation is simply a continuation of serving the youth of Northwest Indiana," George said. "I know a strong community is very important to everyone, especially the schools. I believe it does take a village to raise a child. I hope my role as a member of the Crown Point Community Foundation will assist in South Lake County continuing to be a good environment for all citizens."



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If you have a cause you care about in the community, we have a fund to support your interest. It's easy to make a donation. Mail your check today in the enclosed envelope provided or simply donate online at: [thecpcf.org/donate.html](http://thecpcf.org/donate.html). We invite you to be a part of your public Foundation so that together we can do more good things in our community!

### Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

**Giving Tuesday** | Tuesday, December 3, 2019

**Volunteer Fair** | Saturday, March 7, 2020



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### HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY

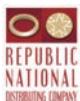
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