



Dream BIG!

It was standing room only as the CPCF presented information about the latest initiative!

Big Idea Big Impact is part of a newly developed strategic plan. This will be an opportunity for 501 c organizations to dream BIG! What would you do if you had \$25,000 to \$100,000 to impact your organization and ultimately the community? How would you implement a Big Idea grant? Would you collaborate with another group? What method would you use to evaluate your project? We want all nonprofits to identify how the community will be changed for the better when their Big Idea is implemented and successful.

The Big Idea Big Impact raises the grantmaking bar for the CPCF and the nonprofit. It will be an opportunity for the Foundation and nonprofits to work closely together as grant partners.

The CPCF board is excited to review the proposals. The board will meet with the non-profit leaders to get a better understanding of the request.

By early fall the CPCF hopes to announce the successful grantees.

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Because of you, over 110 students received scholarships last year.
Please consider supporting the Community Scholarship Campaign



These dollars are used to fund scholarships for students attending college or vocational studies. We hope you will participate by sending your check in the special envelope provided with this newsletter or donate online!

7th Annual Volunteer Fair

93 non-profit and community based organizations participated in the Volunteer Fair on March 5th. Over 400 people attended the event looking for volunteer opportunities.





Grant Recipient Update

Catholic Charities received a \$5,000 grant to build wheelchair ramps for handicapped and disabled residents living in South Lake County. They were able to build 3 ramps this past summer.

Unrestricted Community Grants: February Cycle

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary \$5,000

assist elderly and/or disabled residents of CP to remain safely in their homes by constructing wheelchair ramps or performing home safety repairs

Cats of St. Francis Rescue \$1,000

cover medical expenses required to prepare cats for adoption

Challenger Learning Center \$2,000

assist in upgrading the Center's website

Chasing Dreams, Inc. \$2,500

assist in subsidizing summer camp for clients with special needs

CPCSC/Col. John Wheeler Middle School \$875

March for Civil Rights Art Project at the school

CPCSC/CPHS AP Testing \$3,000

provide assistance to pay for AP testing

CPCSC/CPHS Transition Program/Bulldog Workshop \$750

financial support to continue the "Bulldog Bucks" program

CPCSC/CPHS Vex Robotics Team 1233 \$5,000

support for the Robotics team program

CPCSC/Eisenhower Elementary School \$1,824.72

funding to build a Gaga Pit for the playground

Crossroads YMCA/Southlake Branch \$2,000

sponsor Hub Run

Crown Point Fire Rescue \$13,500

funding to purchase a scanner for the rescue dive team

Crown Point Kiwanis Club \$500

help fund the 59th annual Awards Dinner

Crown Point LaCrosse \$2,500

funding to provide field space for practice and games

Crown Point Panthers Inc./ CP Jr. Bulldog Program \$5,000

replace worn helmets and equipment

Crown Point Rotary \$2,500

assist funding Imagination Library Project

Down Syndrome Assoc. of NWI and Chicagoland Area \$2,500

fund the "Cooking Up Kitchen" in the Community Center

First United Methodist Church CP \$2,500

provide 2000 green light bulbs to honor local veterans in November

Franciscan Alliance Foundation/St. Anthony Health-CP \$3,000

co-sponsor NWI Safe Kids Day 2016

Hanover Community School Corp. \$10,000

improve and enhance media centers at Cedar Lake schools

Harvest Ridge Church \$442

assistance for the childrens' summer music camp

Pack Away Hunger \$5,000

help purchase package and distribute meals to children in south lake county

Questers Calumet #154 \$250

assist with expenses of hosting the State Covention

South Shore Arts, Inc. \$6,000

assist the CP branch

St. John Police and Fire Dept. \$1,843.86

provide funding for 1 AED's to the Police and Fire Dept.

Trinity Lutheran Church/Awestruck \$4,000

help fund lodging for 80 high school youth at Camp LRCA

St. Jude House \$300

fund room rental fee for special event

City of Crown Point \$2,300

rental of statue in Crown Point

TOTAL AWARDED FOR FEBRUARY CYCLE \$ 86,085.58

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Here's your chance to help local first responders!



1. John and JoAnne Birdzell created the Honor Fund to forever support Crown Point emergency responders.
2. The CPCF is providing \$10,000 in matching funds to grow the Honor Fund.
3. Gifts of any size will be matched \$0.50 on the \$1.
4. The deadline is 12/31/2016 or until match money is depleted.

Make a gift today to the Honor Fund! Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholarship Awards Night

May 11, 2016 Crown Point High School

Women's Giving Circle Dinner

June 14, 2016 Lighthouse Restaurant

Crown Point 4th of July Parade

July 4, 2016 Main Street



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