

Sculptures Enhance Downtown

Two companion sculptures dedicated in June on opposite corners of Second and Main streets are giving residents and visitors an opportunity to pause and contemplate.

Indianapolis artist Jeff Larimore created “What Lines” and “Flame” to serve as a gateway to the community and to express outreach and welcoming.

A \$15,000 grant from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette to Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association supported the city’s \$200,000 art investment, which also received funding from the state and numerous local donors.

A Community Foundation grant helped fund Lafayette’s new gateway sculptures, installed on opposite corners at Second and Main streets.



Arlan Stavnheim



Candy Silver

Advised Funds Invite Donor Involvement

Donors turn to The Community Foundation for a range of reasons—ease of giving, professional financial management, and knowledge of community needs. Some also like recommending grant distributions, so they choose a donor-advised fund.

The desire to recommend recipients drew Arlan and Sharon Stavnheim to set up a donor-advised endowment. “We didn’t want to be locked into a specific place, because we knew we might want to do different things, to give to different charitable organizations that ring our bell,” he says. “I like the flexibility.”

Mary Caccavo and Thomas Kent also established a donor-advised fund, the Hearing Loops and Assistive Technology Endowment Fund. It provides matching grants to nonprofits installing hearing loop systems in public venues.

“We considered a foundation of our own, but the legal aspects seemed overwhelming,” Caccavo says. “This allows us to focus on the endowment and how to best use it in the community, and not get bogged down with legal

paperwork, financial accountability, and other aspects the average person doesn’t know or doesn’t want to know how to handle,” she says.

Candy Silver, director of philanthropy, says, “Donor-advised funds are an excellent, viable alternative to an independent family foundation, which can be costly and time-intensive.”

Independent foundations usually require legal assistance, annual government reporting, and compliance with various restrictions. “They may also require a large initial sum to establish,” Silver says.

At The Community Foundation, funds can be opened with a \$5,000 gift, with distributions beginning once the fund reaches \$25,000. Currently, The Foundation administers more than 30 advised funds.

“A huge benefit for donors is the simplicity,” Silver says. “We set up, invest, and administer the funds. And our board considers donors’ recommendations for grants.”

To discuss establishing a donor-advised or other fund, contact Candy Silver, candy@cflaf.org, 765/742-9078.

Donor Advisory Council Gets Behind-the-Scenes Look

Onsite tours, an overview from the director, and operation insights draw the Donor Advisory Council to three lunch gatherings at different nonprofits each year. The council includes donor-advisors, endowment donors, and members of the Foundation board and committees.

It's a chance for nonprofits to showcase their work, and the events help those attending learn about community needs and possible grant opportunities.

LEARNING ABOUT NONPROFITS

"This is a forum for donors with diverse passions to focus, together, on a single community recipient of Foundation dollars," says member Linda Bowman. "The result is grassroots enlightenment."

That's important, says Jake Wiebers. "People often look for meaning in the big items: trends, milestones, earth-shaking news." Tangible benefits come from "donors stepping forward together, as in The Community Foundation."

In July, the council visited Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club on Beck Lane to witness the energy, learning, and fun enjoyed by local youth.

ORGANIZATIONS APPRECIATE VISITS

An earlier visit to Tippecanoe Arts Federation was "an opportunity to share the scope of our work," says Tetia Lee, executive director. "We spotlighted the After School Arts Program and ARTreach Instrument Lending Library."

Hosting the council at Wabash Center was a welcome opportunity, says Dick Rhoad. "The value includes community awareness, funding support, and demonstration of our services."

In the decade since its founding, the council has visited Habitat for Humanity, Bauer Family Resources, the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, and other locales. Next up: Food Finders Food Bank.



Grant Funds Solar Project

Challenged to find a problem that could be solved using engineering design, students Russell Scott (left) and Cameron Caldwell identified Jefferson High School's lack of renewable energy sources. They researched possibilities, tested ideas, recommended solar panels, and sought funding, landing a \$5,350 Community Foundation grant toward the cost. Installation takes place this fall. The project was part of Engineering Design and Development, taught by Brian Bettag.



Accreditation Renewed

After a rigorous review, The Community Foundation has earned accreditation renewal from the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

"This signifies we meet the highest standards for philanthropic excellence, donor services, investment management, financial stability, grantmaking, and

Recent Gifts

Received from April 1 through June 30, 2017:

IN MEMORY

Kiara Apparicio
Jack and Leta Kelley

Clayton Bledsoe
Ball Eggleston PC

Willard Dillon, Jr.
James and JoAnn Vorst

Richard Gripe
Jack and Leta Kelley
George and Nerlene Ramsey

William Heath
William and Beverly Gettings
Wesley Shook
Dana and Margaret Smith

Katie McMillen
Joanne Fortune

Jeanette Wilcox Nelson
James and JoAnn Vorst

James Newman
James and JoAnn Vorst

Wayne Reisinger
Dana and Margaret Smith

Patricia Ross
Jim Ross and Marylin
Howland

Phyllis Scanlon
Jack and Leta Kelley

Thomas Stoltz
Jack and Leta Kelley

Katie Traynor RN
Joseph Bailey
Carol Du Clos and Megan
Brown

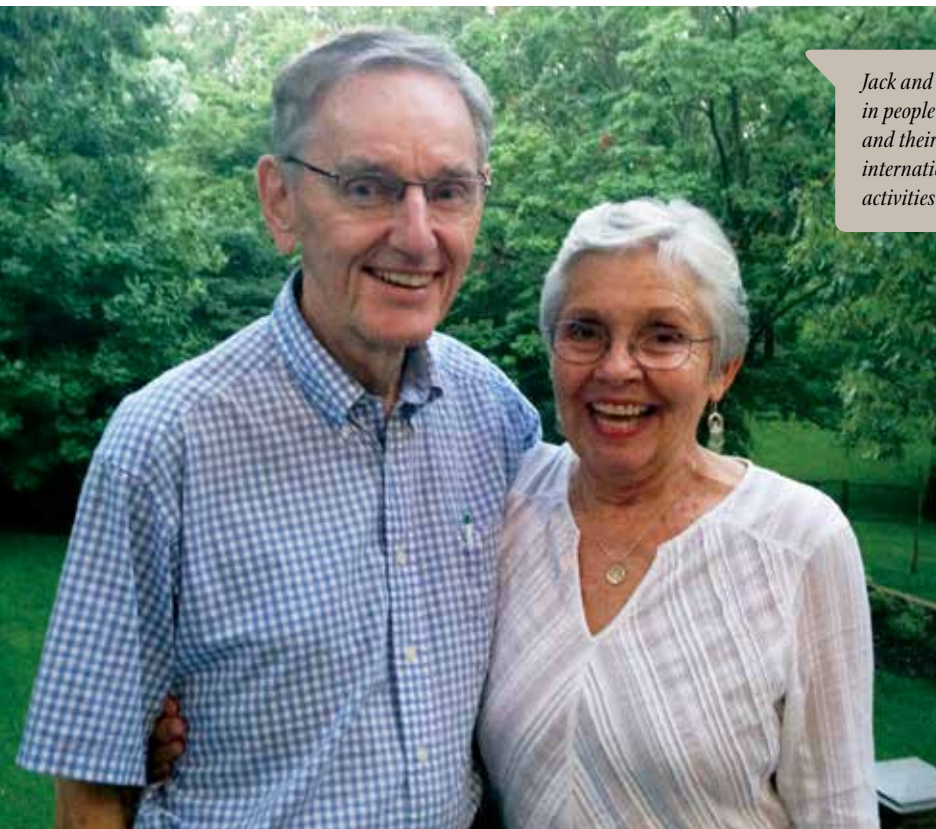
Amanda Nutty
Margaret Schreiber
Elisabeth Slotten
Sheila Smoot
Kelly Stein
Gary and Cynthia Traynor
John and Jenni Vravick



The Donor Advisory Council gathered in July to tour the Beck Lane site of the Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club of Tippecanoe County.

ONLINE GIVING

Gifts to The Community Foundation may be made online.



Jack and Leta Kelley brought their interest in people to town nearly 50 years ago, and their lives have been enriched by international guests, residents, and giving activities ever since.



In the nearly 50 years since the Kelleys moved to Greater Lafayette for his post as a surgeon, their volunteering has also included international medical trips, work with Rotary, and countless local groups—Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Crisis Center, Meals on Wheels, Legal Aid, and Lafayette Urban Ministry, among them.

Leta has been a longtime volunteer for CASA—serving some 25 years as an advocate for youth. “That’s where I spend most of my time.”

FUNDING NONPROFITS

The Kelleys have also established funds at The Community Foundation that will keep their caring for others going, and Leta serves on The Foundation’s board and Lilly Scholarship committee. “I love doing it,” she says.

How do they find the time? “We don’t watch TV,” Jack says. “We may watch the basketball finals once in a while. That gives us four hours every evening to do stuff.”

Hoosiers now, Jack hails from Michigan; Leta from North Carolina. They met at another couple’s wedding and dated long distance for two years before marrying. The Kelleys raised four children here and now have 12 grandchildren, with a great grandchild arriving this summer.

Even though he volunteered all through his working years, retiring was hard, Jack admits. “I was bored. Now, I try to do something worthwhile. It’s good mental health when you think of others.”

“This community has given us a lot,” Leta says. Their motto, which they believe their children, too, have embraced: “You have to give back.”

Kelleys Love Saying ‘Welcome’

Two things define Jack and Leta Kelley—one tangible, one not. The hold-in-your-hand symbol of their lives is their calendar, and its entries reflect a passion for people that permeates each day.

Whether they are saying “welcome” to overnight international Rotary members, greeting first graders at their Read to Succeed corners at Cumberland Elementary School, or helping serve Food Finders Food Bank visitors, they believe in people.

HELPING GIVES LIFE MEANING

Their story, Jack suggests, is akin to the tale of the boy who throws starfish back into the ocean one at a time. “He knows he can’t save them all, but he is making a difference to that one. We can’t save the world, but everyone can work at it one person at a time.”

Leta echoes those sentiments, “Why are you here if not to love and take care of people?” she asks. “I always get more than I give. It makes your life feel worthwhile.”

administration,” says Marianne Rose, president and CEO.

The Foundation has achieved this five-year, peer-review accreditation since 2006.

Lafayette Hearing Center In Memory Of

Bessie Hanks

James Newman

Mary Jane Roush

Kathleen Smith

Ella Swisher

Ezra Wagoner

IN HONOR

Betty Rowe
Susan Rowe

Tony Zamora
The Jazz Club
Joseph and Gail Ruhl

NEW ENDOWMENTS

**Jeanne C. and W. Dale Compton
Endowment**

**Arvind and Karen Varma Endowment
for Bharatiya Temple and Cultural
Center of Greater Lafayette**

Nonprofits Receive Funding

Discretionary and field-of-interest grants totaling \$134,558 were recently allocated by The Community Foundation.

TIER 3 GRANTS

Organizations receiving Tier 3 grants:

Franciscan Alliance Foundation

\$7,500, Simulation Manikin for training center

Friends of Downtown

\$2,425, office furniture, computer

Lafayette Indiana Pickleball Association

\$7,000, pickleball courts, McCaw Park

Lafayette School Corporation

\$5,350, solar panels

Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

\$7,500, repair, expand irrigation system

Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County

\$4,737, computers, software

Tippecanoe Lacrosse Association

\$700, two lacrosse goals

Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club of Tippecanoe County

\$7,500, repave Beck Lane parking lot

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

Field-of-interest grants have been awarded to:

CANCER CARE

Community Cancer Network

\$10,760, client program expenses

Franciscan Alliance Foundation

\$10,526, Cancer Caregiver Support Group

IU Health Arnett Foundation

\$12,500, cancer medical equipment

LITERACY

Bauer Family Resources

\$5,000, Book Cycle program

Right Steps Child

DevelopmentCenters

\$20,000, Imagination Library program

Tippecanoe County Extension

Homemakers Council

\$5,500, First Books for Kids program

CHILDREN'S NEEDS

Heartford House

\$2,655, facility security, program equipment

Junior Achievement

\$3,180, computer equipment

Wabash Center

\$2,770, summer program equipment

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Food Finders Food Bank

\$1,775, park benches

Tippecanoe Arts Federation

\$4,700, mural art initiative

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Alliance on Mental Illness - West Central Indiana

\$2,299, office equipment

MUSIC EDUCATION FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

The Lafayette Master Chorale

\$3,000, scholarships for students

Tippecanoe Arts Federation

\$5,600, ARTreach program

SUICIDE PREVENTION

National Alliance on Mental Illness - West Central Indiana

\$781, suicide prevention program for area high schools

INDIANA CARE CIRCLE

Caregiver Companion

\$1,000, training materials

GROUP GIVING

Community Foundation groups recently selected these nonprofits to support:

100+ Women Who Care

National Alliance on Mental Illness - West Central Indiana, \$13,700

Men Who Give

Family Promise, \$7,600

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Anytime through December 4, noon

TIER 3 GRANTS less than \$7,500

Details | www.cfglaf.org.

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