

Honoring the Past, Forging the Future

The Community Foundation is honored to have served Greater Lafayette for the last 50 years. The very first community foundation was founded in 1914 by banker and attorney, Fredrick Harris Goff, in Cleveland, OH. He wanted to establish a way for people of modest means to pool their funds to practice philanthropy and facilitate and perpetuate donors' charitable intentions.

The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette was founded in 1970. Our fifty years of philanthropy began with the vision of forward-thinking community leaders who wanted to enrich society by providing financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations. The initial assets were \$65,000, and the YWCA was the first and only recipient of the year with a \$5,100 grant.

The Community Foundation has grown exponentially since then with Lilly Endowment Inc. matching campaigns and personal endowments. We created the Douglas W. Eberle Governance Series, a scholarship program, Donor Advisory Council, Gold Key Society, Legacy Society, Men Who Give, and 100+ Women Who Care. The Foundation's net assets are over \$69M as of the end of 2019.



Skipp Hill and a friend at the newly-dedicated YWCA building in 1976.

The breadth of the organization's impact touches nearly every facet of Greater Lafayette. The Foundation has given over \$20M since its inception in 1970. In 2019, annual gifts exceeded \$3.1M, and over \$1.7M of grants were awarded to 101 nonprofit organizations. This level of community enrichment was made possible by generous donors who left The Foundation in their estate plans, and those who have established new or contributed to existing endowments.

This year, we are sharing 50 stories of generous donors and the ways their contributions touched our community. In this newsletter, you will read about some special people who established various types of endowments, and how grants from their gift went full circle to positively impact the community.

"Our vision for the next 50 years is to continue building a legacy for the future by helping donors, like you, explore your charitable options," said President and CEO David Lasater. "We will be here to listen and understand your family histories and connect your philanthropic passions with worthwhile community nonprofit organizations. Cheers to 50 years!"



Agency Endowments Investing in the Future

Nonprofit organizations start them for many reasons:

- to provide increased sustainability,
- to generate a predictable annual income stream,
- to supplement annual giving or other forms of income, and
- to provide flexibility to fund operations or programs depending on their current needs.

The Community Foundation is willing to coach organizations through the endowment process and professionally market them through Foundation publications, website, social media, and planned events.

AREA IV AGENCY ON AGING AND COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS, INC.

The Mary Fuqua Endowment for Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, Inc. was established in memory of Area IV board member and community volunteer, Mary Fuqua. Although established before Executive Director Elva James's time, she said the endowment was a lasting way to invest in the organization's future. The annual grant from the endowment goes toward new program development. "Anytime the Agency can invest in our future, it is a good thing," said Elva. "We work diligently on broadening our base to further the Agency's mission."

FULL CIRCLE STORIES

Sally Watlington

Following a career as a captain in the U.S. Navy, Sally Watlington returned to her college alma mater and immediately dived into community volunteering. Some of the organizations that benefitted from her leadership and enthusiasm were the YWCA, United Way, Purdue Alumni Association, and The Community Foundation Board and others. Her most enduring commitment has been the Riggs Community Health Center, where she has volunteered for more than two decades. “The clinic was the thing that nailed me,” Sally said. “So many people who did not have health care or access to it, it made me nuts.” To further her impact, The Community Foundation established a discretionary fund in her honor to support both the nonprofits she served and other local nonprofits. She has also established a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) to benefit various organizations.

One of the most recent recipients from her endowment was Home With Hope. Initially established in 1971, Home With Hope has two residential recovery houses for men and women in Lafayette. The mission is to provide a safe refuge for alcoholics and addicts who are ready and willing to change their lives for the better and overcome addiction. Home With Hope Executive Director Allison Miner said that the recent grant from Sally’s endowment allowed them to install a security system to help keep residents safe while they are recovering.



Betty M. Nelson

Betty Nelson’s love of people and a curious mind were assets to her 30-year career at Purdue, where she retired as dean of students in 1995. She’s been a fearless advocate for women by her example and by leveling the playing ground for women while she was at Purdue. She and her husband, Dick, have been pillars in the community since 1965. Civic-wise, Betty has been a trusted friend to The Community Foundation over the years. She served two 6-year terms on the Board and volunteered on the development, grant, and scholarship committees. Her gifts to The Foundation include a will bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a discretionary endowment, and a field of interest endowment for literacy.

HomesteadCS was a recent recipient of Betty’s field of interest endowment for literacy. Executive Director Marie Morse said, “Because of Betty’s generous gift, we were able to exceed our 2019 goal and help more than 130 families with financial literacy. This helped families stabilize their housing, plan for the future, and learn to make good financial decisions. Her help made the lives of these families more secure, less stressful, and more hopeful for the future.”

Recent Gifts

April – June

MEMORIALS

Steve Beering

Richard Boehning and
Penny Wilkinson

Phyllis Bryant

George and Nerlene Ramsey

Paul DiFabio

Mary Bassman
Linda Bowman
John and Kathy Dale
Charissa Darland
Michael Denton
Patricia Dye
Tom and Linda Fuson
Thomas and Suzanne Harden
Henry Poor Lumber Company
Brian Jefvert

Mark Jefvert

Mary Caccavo and Tom Kent
Mary Mathews
Christine Yoder

William (Bill) Gettings

Bill and Nora Bogan
Robert Bouggy
Tom and Kathy Busch
Bill and Linda Bux
Curtis and Judy Dillard
Michael and Suzanne Dilts

Tom and Kris Ferriter

Tom and Radonna Ford
Christopher and Susan French
Jack and Shirley Gerhart
Nancy Emison Graham and
Bill Emison
Barbara Harless
Lafayette Catholic School System
Jim and Mary MacDonald
Marcia Monroe
Rick Olson



Betty Rowe

Betty Rowe's exciting life took her across the world to Thailand to work in the Peace Corps after attaining a social work degree from St. Mary's of the Woods at age 48. Before then, she worked for both the Tippecanoe County Council on Aging in the 1970s and the Lafayette Head Start. On her 80th birthday, her three children, Susan, John, and Norman, established the Betty Rowe Endowment Fund as a gift in her honor. John, who now serves as the endowment's adviser, said that The Community Foundation's name kept coming up when speaking to financial experts and lawyers. Betty said of the gift, "It's an amazing thing. I didn't get here without good people around me. It's true of anyone getting recognized. You just don't do it on your own."

Betty's advised endowment has funded several organizations over the years. One grant recipient is Bauer Family Resources. Executive Director Pam Biggs-Reed said that the grant they received really helped them. "With these funds, we were able to provide resources that encouraged parents to read and engage in their child's learning at home. Betty's passion for the children in the Early Head Start Program has always inspired us to do all we can to work in partnership with the families we serve."



Diana Mucker Ricks
Dana and Maggie Smith
Jay and Rita Smith
Jim and Liz Solberg
Mike and Janet Stapleton
Bob and Patti Truitt

Stan Girardot

Richard Boehning and
Penny Wilkinson

J. Frederick Hoffman

David and Carol Luhman

Robert T. Jeffares

Olga Jeffares

Cheryl Knodle

APS Workforce Management
Art League of the Art Museum
of Greater Lafayette

Esther Chosnek

Vic and Grayce Lechtenberg

John and Prella McBride

Kent Moore

Bob and Linda Sorensen



Sandy Pearlman

Originally from Iowa, Sandy worked as a medical technologist in Chicago before coming to Lafayette in 1965. Here she met Louis Pearlman, an attorney, and together they raised a daughter and two sons. She volunteered for a wide range of community nonprofits, including the United Way, Legal Aid, Friends of Downtown, Temple Israel Sisterhood, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation, Kathryn Weil Center Board, and YWCA among others. Lately, the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, The Community Foundation Board, and the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra have taken precedence. When Louis passed away in 1992, Sandy honored him by establishing the Louis Pearlman Jr., Fund for Lafayette Symphony Orchestra which endowed an orchestra chair in his name.

Lafayette Symphony Executive Director Sara Mummey said, "The Louis Pearlman Jr. Fund provides annual financial support for our Principal Oboe position. This support helps the Lafayette Symphony employ paid professional musicians and offer live performances and educational opportunities of the highest caliber throughout west-central Indiana." Additionally, Sandy set up a legacy gift with The Community Foundation designed to award grants to support economic development through the arts, historic preservation, and community beautification.

Tom and Mary Jo Sparrow
Tippecanoe County Bar
Association

Sonya and Dale Margerum

Pauline Shen and Robert Wild
Dick Walton and Kay Conner

Sharon Stavnheim

Gary and Lana Keast

Ron Steuterman

David and Sue Lasater

Katie Traynor

Joseph Bailey
William Brechtel
Carol Du Clos and Megan Brown
Cherie Hansen
Amanda Murphy
Mike and Margaret Schreiber
Jill Sielaff
Elisabeth Slotten
Sheila Smoot
Kelly Stein

Hedy and Edgar Olson

Hedy and Edgar Olson met at Purdue pursuing different career paths – Ed was studying civil engineering after service with the Army Air Corps; Hedy was getting her master of science degree in biology. Ed’s career began as a project engineer at Kettelhut Construction and progressed into project manager. He eventually purchased the company in 1974 and became its President and CEO. Together, Ed and Hedy raised a son and daughter, Rick and Kris. As a family, they vacationed, entertained, enjoyed Purdue sports, and worked hard. In a quiet way, the Olsons found time to support their passions.

During their lifetime, Hedy and Ed established three endowments. The Olson Fund and the Olson Community Fund, which came to fruition through the estate planning process, are both donor advised funds. The third fund, the Edgar B. Olson Endowment, is a designated endowment which supports the Long Center. The responsibility to direct fund distributions now lies with their son, Rick, who serves as the successor donor adviser to carry out his parents’ wishes. Thanks to the Olson Community Endowment Fund, Food Finders Food Bank was able to install a new demonstration kitchen in their Greenbush Street location, allowing them to host nutrition education programs about food security and self-sufficiency. In 2019, the Food Resource & Education Center offered 210 education classes.



Rick Olson

Like father, like son. Born and raised in Lafayette, Rick Olson attended Purdue University where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Engineering. After graduation, Rick followed in his father’s footsteps and joined Kettelhut Construction where he worked until retiring in 2016. What really opened his eyes to the needs of the community was participating in Leadership Lafayette. It brought to light the many disadvantaged people who needed help in different areas to better their lives. Local nonprofit organizations rely on the generous tools and resources of the community to do their important work. This inspired Rick to serve on The Community Foundation Board, grants and finance committees, and establish two endowments of his own.

Rick is continuing the philanthropic cycle by including his daughter, Katy, a college-bound freshman, in the donor adviser process. Katy has a passion for dance. The Tippecanoe Arts Federation received a grant for a dance studio with funds from the Olson Heritage Endowment. “Katy is my consultant, my associate in the process,” says Rick. He especially appreciates his involvement with The Community Foundation and “being in the room” to help make things happen.

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John and Jenni Vravick

Dr. George Underwood

Richard Boehning and
Penny Wilkinson

Jim Buescher and
Kristin Weidenaar

Jeanne Wolford

George and Nerlene Ramsey

Mme. XU Zhen

School of Hospitality and

Tourism Management -
Purdue University

Lafayette Hearing Center

Gift in memory of these individuals

Lou Beale
Robert Calhoun, Jr
Lewis Christensen

Mike Cochran
Mary Craig
Mary Ellen Hammersley
Barbara Hittle
Sarah Hopkins
Nancy Ince

Chrystal Johns
Duane Meador
Carole Meyer
John Million
Mariann Modiset
Ruth Oliver
Evie Olsen
Raymond and Joan Page
Roselyn Ramsey
Perry Shipman
Don Washburn
Carmen Wise

NEW ENDOWMENT

Lynne L. & Paul J. Di Fabio Endowment

ONLINE GIVING

Gifts to The Community
Foundation may be
made online at
cflaf.org.



Nonprofits Receive Funding

SPRING GRANTS

Matrix Lifecare Center

\$10,693 | Technology needs

NICHES Land Trust

\$11,715 | New entrance soil restoration

Right Steps Childcare

\$26,796 | Playground equipment/fencing/ground cover for new center at Central Presbyterian

Tippecanoe Arts Federation

\$27,052 | Parking lot upgrades/chimney repairs

Tippecanoe County Historical Association

\$19,675 | Blockhouse restoration

Wabash Center

\$35,517 | Building renovations

Willowstone Family Services

\$19,000 | Office equipment

YWCA

\$24,552 | Server

NOW GRANTS

April - June 2020 (funds are depleted – no longer accepting 2020 applications):

NICHES Land Trust

\$5,260 | Truck

United Way of Greater Lafayette

\$6,300 | Charity Check software for eviction hotline

Legal Aid

\$1,893 | Computer equipment

YMCA Camp Tecumseh

\$7,327 | Fire alarm system

Joyful Journey

\$6,057 | Technology equipment and patio furniture

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

Bauer Family Resources | Write Brain After-School materials

\$1,033 | At-Risk Youth

\$ 920 | Childhood Literacy

\$1,948 | Children's Needs

\$8,484 | Literacy

\$ 319 | Preschool Literacy

DOG RESCUE AND CARE SERVICES

Loving Heart Animal Shelter

\$545 | Dog play area and parking lot

CANCER CARE

Community Cancer Network, Inc.

\$10,000 | Client services program assistance

IU Health Arnett Foundation

\$10,000 | MATLABS software for Arnett

Matrix Lifecare Center

\$10,000 | Annual Well-Woman exams

YWCA of Greater Lafayette

\$4,094 | Cancer care

CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Right Steps Child Development Centers

\$20,000 | Books for Imagination Library

CHILDREN'S NEEDS

LTHC Homeless Services

\$2,644 | Children's program expenses

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

NICHES Land Trust

\$6,575 | Tree carving at Clegg Memorial Garden

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

LTHC Homeless Services

\$4,440 | Employment services

INDIANA CARE CIRCLE

Tippecanoe County Council on Aging

\$547 | Supplies for the center

LITERACY

HomesteadCS

\$10,000 | Financial literacy education

Lafayette Adult Resource Academy

\$20,000 | E-learning platform

YWCA of Greater Lafayette

\$9,956 | Financial Literacy Empowerment Suits You

MUSIC EDUCATION FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Bach Chorale Singers, Inc.

\$2,816 | Music scholarships

Tippecanoe Arts Federation

\$5,000 | After School Arts Program and Instrument Lending Library

Wabash Valley Youth Symphony

\$1,600 | Tuition forgiveness

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Mental Health America

\$1,097 | Suicide prevention training

WABASH RIVER ENHANCEMENT

Wabash Disc Golf Club

\$1,945 | Installation of 18 concrete tee pads



The Tippecanoe County Historical Association received a grant to restore the Blockhouse at Fort Ouiatenon.

ONE MORE FULL CIRCLE STORY



Elsie Burns Goken

Having been an educator in a one-room schoolhouse in the 1930s, Elsie knew the importance of education. She grew up in Illinois and also worked in school administration posts in Illinois and Minnesota before coming to Lafayette with her husband

in 1952. She volunteered with the Red Cross, Home Hospital, YWCA, and PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization). Helping others through scholarships, especially to people returning to school later in life to better provide for themselves and their families, make up three-fourths of the Max and Elsie Goken Endowment. The remainder of her legacy gift benefits the community in the areas of historic preservation, arts (especially music), children, and the elderly.

Joyful Journey, a nonprofit organization that provides compassionate daytime care for adults with cognitive and physical challenges, was a grant recipient of the

endowment. The grant allowed Joyful Journey to buy patio furniture and upgrade their technology equipment. Joyful Journey provides socially engaging opportunities that enhance dignity, safety, and independence to patrons, and give respite to caregivers. Goken's legacy gift, established in 2004, continues to positively affect people today.

A grant from the Max and Elsie Goken Endowment provided new patio furniture for Joyful Journey.



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