

Grant Funds Harrison Robotics

A \$3,650 Community Foundation grant to Harrison High School Robotics Boosters helped purchase equipment for the Harrison Boiler Robotics Club's 2017 FIRST Robotics competitions.

The 41-member team is building a robot following national specifications, then heads to playing fields, taking on other high school teams. The six weeks for the SteamWorks project began in January, with the first competition slated for early March.

"The FIRST program is a wonderful educational activity," says Harrison teacher Doug Klumpe. "It's a sport for the mind, and it shows students how their education helps them and the importance of group skills."

Since the team's beginnings in 2006, it has won 22 awards.



*Pictured are members of the
Harrison Boiler Robotics Club.*



Bill Gettings



Carolyn Gery

Legacy Gifts Easily Designated, Greatly Valued

Choosing the most appropriate giving avenue depends on donors' wishes and resources. One especially convenient to arrange is a bequest, with contributions designated in wills.

"Legacy gifts can be a set dollar amount or a percentage of assets, with donors' requests outlined as part of their wills," says Candy Silver, director of philanthropy. "Those who choose this path and advise us of their intents are named to The Community Foundation's Legacy Society."

Other legacy gifts include charitable gift annuities, where donors designate their contribution, then receive income from it during their lifetimes, and charitable remainder trusts, a gift made in partnership with The Foundation.

For Mike and Carolyn Gery, the decision involved a belief in Greater Lafayette's future along with trust in The Foundation to play a significant role. "We both grew up here, and

we go back several generations," Carolyn Gery says. "This is home."

"We both served on The Foundation board and saw what it has done and is doing. We have received a lot from living here, and this gift is something that is lasting. We feel this gives our community a legacy, not just us."

Bill and Gail Gettings also chose the legacy route. "Our community is thriving largely because previous generations had the foresight to support and sustain community assets. Leaving a percentage of our estate to The Foundation is a simple way to pay it forward for the next generation."

"Promised gifts reflect a trust in The Community Foundation, and even encourage others to consider contributing this way," says Silver, who can provide further information and assistance (765/742-9078, candy@cfglaf.org).

Highlighting Our Work

Each year, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette brings donors and community nonprofits together as it leads philanthropy and enriches lives.

Full tallies of contributions and grants will come soon in our 2016 annual report. Among other activity highlights, The Foundation:

- Settled into new downtown offices
- Held a community open house
- Awarded 31 scholarships, hosting donors and recipients at a reception
- Coordinated the 10-county Wabash Heartland Innovation Network and publication of its “Strategic Plan for Economic and Community Prosperity in the Wabash Heartland Region.”

Grant Recipients Honored



The Community Foundation hosted a December reception for grant recipients at the Lafayette Country Club.

Sign Up for Board Governance Series

Nonprofit board members and executive directors are invited to sign up for sessions in the 2017 Douglas W. Eberle Not-for-Profit Board Governance Series. Sessions are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lafayette Country Club.

MARCH 1: *Telling Your Story and Evaluating Impact*, Jennifer Pendleton, Aly Sterling & Associates

APRIL 5: *How to Make the Ask and be Held Accountable for Success: Boards in Fundraising*, Aly Sterling, Aly Sterling & Associates

MAY 3: *Essential Elements of the Annual Fund and Raising More Money*, Nick Parkevich and Dave Sternberg, Loring, Sternberg & Associates

JUNE 7: *Public Image and Public Policy: Advocating for Your Mission*, speaker to be announced.

The series does not meet in July; sessions continue on August 2, September 13, October 4, and November 1.

Jointly sponsored by NCHS, United Way of Greater Lafayette, and The Community Foundation, the series is \$20 per session or \$150 for all. For more information, contact Leslie Fernung, 765/742-9078, leslie@cfglaf.org.

Recent Gifts

Received from October 1 through December 31, 2016:

IN MEMORY

Irene Anderson

James Buescher

James Bayley

Thomas and Susan McCully

David Crouse

Ball Eggleston PC

David and Carol Luhman

Tippecanoe County Bar Association

Samuel Curtis

Sam Curtis, III

Shirley Curtis

Sam Curtis, III

Elizabeth Lah

Steven and Nancy Wittenauer

Robert Leavitt

Norma Leavitt

Iris Lindell

Orvin Lindell

Judith Lynn McEwen

Jack and Leta Kelley

Jerome and Shirley McTague

William and Mary McDaniel

Martha Pavlovich

Dana and Margaret Smith

Ted Reser

Nancy Ince

Howard and Barbara Rollock

David and Alys Christmas Rollock

Barbara Schilling

Joyce Koelzer

Donna Segrist

Allen Segrist

Edger Simmons

Jack and Leta Kelley

Donald Smith

Ball Eggleston PC

Lenora Oma Gentry Smith

Ball Eggleston PC

Aaron Spalding

Kitty Campbell

Sharon Stavnheim

Orvin Lindell

James and Kathy Murray

Blair Stockdale

Holder Law Office

Betty Traynor

William Brechtel

Gary and Cynthia Traynor

Katie Traynor RN

William Brechtel

Ashley Crown

Drusilla Hay

Michael and Jodi Miller

Margaret Schreiber

Jerome Marra and Barb Schuster

Danielle Sharp

Brent Shreve

Sheila Smoot

Jennifer Stiglic

Paul and Alison Taylor

Gary and Cynthia Traynor

Edward and Beth Watson

Robert Traynor

William Brechtel

Matt Zika

Charles Zika

John and Karen Zika

Lafayette Hearing Center

In Memory of:

Edna Blue

Anastasia Kuhnle

Sherry Mears

Mary Lois Miller

Annabelle Root

Russell Teeter

IN HONOR

Linda Bowman and Glenn Tompkins

Bradley and Sue Mullendore

Sue Carr

Mary Losey

Braden Julian

Michael and Nanette Julian

Ken and Peter Marra

Jerome Marra and Barb Schuster

John and Marjorie Martin

Andrew and Stephanie Martin

Josette Rolley

Mary Losey

Betty Rowe

John Rowe

Sally Segrist

Jane Gaskell

Tony Zamora

Sandra Sydnor

Steve Zelaznik

Lorraine Kisselburgh and

Howard Zelaznik

ENDOWMENTS

LaNelle E. and Leslie A. Geddes Fund

Anne and Kumares Sinha Endowment

ONLINE GIVING

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





LaNelle Geddes (right) lived here more than 40 years before her death in 2016, devoting her life to nursing, research, and education, and leaving The Community Foundation a legacy gift of nearly \$3.5 million. Pictured with her is Linda Bowman, past Community Foundation chair.



For Geddes, who said her greatest reward was her students, life was rich with learning, leading, and giving that she declared in that 2004 interview had “exceeded all my expectations.”

When she died in 2016, her will stipulated a gift to The Community Foundation of nearly \$3.5 million, the largest ever received. The board has established the LaNelle E. and Leslie A. Geddes Fund to support resources and services that will further The Foundation’s work in education, children/youth, health, diversity, physical environment, and arts and culture.

Dave Luhman, Community Foundation board chair at the time her gift was received, served with Geddes on the Westminster board. “She was perceptive, quick to assess what was going on, and authoritative when she made decisions—she was talented and bright. And she could be detail oriented, right down to discussing the way green beans were prepared.”

Her Community Foundation board service informed her giving decision, Luhman believes. “She knew how The Foundation discerns community needs and connects people interested in meeting them.”

Geddes’ \$3.5 Million Bequest Supports Community

Up at 2:30 a.m., choosing an outfit not yet worn that semester, and arriving at her Purdue office by 4 a.m., LaNelle Geddes took on each day with vigor. She took a walk on campus at 5:30 a.m., then returned to her nursing school teaching, research, and administrative duties.

NURSING PIONEER AT PURDUE

In her 28 years at Purdue, this nurse, scientist, and award-winning educator played key roles in moving nursing from a two-year to four-year baccalaureate program, and in founding the Purdue Student Nurses Association, the Minority Student Nursing Association, and Nursing Freshman Scholar program.

“It was vitally important to change the image of the nursing profession from technical to professional,” she said in a 2004 interview for Purdue Nurse magazine.

DRIVEN TO EARN HER EDUCATION

Born LaNelle Neger in 1935 in Houston, she enjoyed being in school plays, prompting a flair as a teacher for drawing students’ interest by wearing a different outfit every day. “Students noticed what I wore. I used that as a hook to keep them interested.”

Her nursing and science education included a bachelor’s in nursing in 1957, doctorate in biophysics in 1970, and two-year post-doctorate, all from the University of Houston.

“In those days, it was thought that a woman didn’t need much education,” she

said in the article. “But I had ambition. I’ve always liked to learn.”

She worked as a nurse during many of her education years. Fittingly, it was through education that she met her future husband, Leslie Geddes, when she took a workshop he taught at Baylor College of Medicine.

MOVED HERE IN 1974

They married in 1962 and moved to West Lafayette in 1974, each taking Purdue posts; and were together until his death in 2009.

Besides teaching and advocating for gender equity, Geddes enjoyed reading, movies, history, gourmet cooking, and short travels in the Midwest.

In the community, she volunteered for the American Cancer Society’s Reach to Recovery, a breast cancer survivors program, and served on The Community Foundation and Westminster Village boards.

Four Receive NCHS Leadership Scholarships

“Hit the books” is the New Year’s resolution for four local nonprofit leaders chosen by North Central Health Services and The Community Foundation for the first class of NCHS Nonprofit Executive Development Initiative scholarship recipients.

Those who will be studying for their Certificate in Nonprofit Executive Leadership at the IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs and Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indianapolis:

- Katy Bunder** | president and chief executive officer at Food Finders Food Bank
- Jen Bushore-Barry** | executive director of Heartford House
- Kier Crites Scherger** | chief operating officer at Food Finders
- Cassie Wade** | clinical services director at Bauer Family Resources.

Grants Help Nonprofits

These recent grants helped match community needs with resources.

TIER 3 GRANTS IN 2016

In 2016, The Community Foundation awarded 18 Tier 3 grants totaling \$82,238 to these nonprofits.

Bauer Family Resources

\$6,226, Family Support Center roof

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette

\$5,700, computer, iPads

The Center at Jenks Rest

\$5,000, server

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette

\$7,025, security cameras

Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette

\$1,595, printer

Harrison High School Robotics Boosters

\$3,650, robotics equipment

Heartford House

\$1,050, couch, refrigerator, network storage

Home with Hope of Lafayette

\$3,000, schematic design services

HomesteadCS

\$2,115, credit reporting software

LTHC Homeless Services

\$4,968, furniture, kitchen accessories

Legal Aid Corp. of Tippecanoe County

\$2,810, copier



Civic Theatre, which brings local actors to the stage, received a grant for security cameras.

Long Center for the Performing Arts

\$7,492, computers, ticket scanners

Long Center Theatre Organ Society

\$3,124, upgrade organ control system and MIDI voices module

Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County

\$6,484, web-based software

Tippecanoe Arts Federation

\$7,499, air conditioning units

Tippecanoe County Historical Association

\$7,000, electrical upgrade, repairs

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation

\$3,500, playground equipment

West Lafayette Public Library Foundation

\$4,000, archival storage

GROUP GIVING

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE

LTHC Homeless Services

\$16,600

MEN WHO GIVE

Vision of Hope, Faith Ministries

\$8,600

APPLICATION DEADLINES

April 3 • noon

TIER 1 • \$15,000 and above

June 5 • noon

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

August 7 • noon

TIER 2 • \$7,500 to \$15,000

Anytime through December 4, noon

TIER 3 • less than \$7,500

Details at www.cfglaf.org.



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