

Challenge Accepted

Despite all the challenges it created, COVID-19 brought out the best in a lot of people. Individuals were quick to respond to help those who were most adversely affected. Community Foundation President and CEO David Lasater said, “As terrible as COVID-19 has been for the world, it provided an opportunity for us to unite and assist in solving urgent problems in our community. We learned how resilient we are and we rose to the challenges thrust upon us.”

When the pandemic hit last March, we quickly partnered with the United Way of Greater Lafayette and Greater Lafayette Commerce to establish the COVID-19 Response Fund, which snowballed the support of many others. The United Way ultimately distributed a total of \$1,200,062 in response funds last year. Many organizations relied on the funding to keep their doors open through the trying times. These organizations serve the youth and elderly, those who have a mental illness, disability, or addiction, and those who need food or housing; critical services in our community.

Looking ahead to 2021, we must persevere as the pandemic continues to affect our neighbors. We continue to seek out more resources to help the most vulnerable. We are considering new ways to help organizations and

our community position themselves better for the future. We are considering new ways to help organizations and our community position themselves better for the future. The Community Foundation is also working closely with funding partners across the community, and beyond, to extend grantmaking and seek new opportunities to attract funding.

For example, The Foundation led the effort to apply for the IU Health Community Impact Investment Grant. We collaborated the United Way of Greater Lafayette along with neighboring United Way’s and Community Foundations

in White and Clinton Counties, as they support projects and programs that serve people whose issues do not stop at our county borders. Greater Lafayette received \$200,000; White County received \$90,000; Clinton County received \$115,000. “These partnerships allow us to have a greater understanding of the needs facing our community and, in turn, cast a wider net to help those most in need,” said Gretchen Shelmon, Community Foundation Manager of Marketing, Communications, and Grants. “Together, we are building stronger communities and improving lives.”



Lafayette Urban Ministry received a Rapid Response Grant in 2020 to support their Good Samaritan program.

Nonprofit Spotlight

The Foundation is launching a new program designed specifically to assist in making better-informed charitable decisions for our community. This new program, *Nonprofit Spotlight*, more aptly describes its purpose –to spotlight various local nonprofits and learn firsthand about their mission and current needs.

Formerly known as the Donor Advisory Council, *Nonprofit Spotlight* is exclusively for donors who have established endowments, Legacy Society members, and those who serve on The Community Foundation Board, Grants, and Development Committees. Meetings will take place twice per year, spring and fall, starting in March 2021. Stay tuned for more details.

50th Anniversary Grants

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, our board of directors graciously allocated funds to support capital grants to agencies with established Community Foundation endowments. Additionally, thanks to grant funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., we expanded the available funding for this grant opportunity to ultimately support 17 grants totaling nearly \$130,000.

The Lilly Endowment Inc. funding is particularly meaningful because it was made possible by their seventh phase Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow initiative, which supported foundations that achieved 100% board member giving. Our board's time, expertise, and financial generosity help us to support our community in meaningful ways.

One 50th Anniversary Grant was awarded to Wolf Park in Battleground to purchase a John Deere Gator. The park sorely needed a small all-terrain utility vehicle to assist with everything from animal care to landscaping projects to site maintenance. Over the winter, the Gator maneuvered over narrow, icy trails to feed and monitor the park's bison population. Wolf Park was established in 1972 and hosts thousands of visitors each year to learn about wolves, foxes, bison, and ecosystem conservation.



Anniversary Grant awarded to Wolf Park to purchase a utility vehicle.

ANNIVERSARY GRANTS AWARDED

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette

\$10,000 | Facility Accessibility Improvements

Bach Chorale Singers, Inc.

\$3,100 | Lafayette Children's Choir Uniform Shirts

Civic Theatre

\$10,000 | Updated Network Needs

Heartford House

\$1,851 | Furniture

Joyful Journey, Inc.

\$10,000 | Security and Communication Equipment

Lafayette Family YMCA

\$9,673 | Technology Equipment

Lafayette Urban Ministry

\$10,000 | Security Upgrade

LTHC Homeless Services

\$4,139 | Items for Permanent Supportive Housing Sites

Museums of Prophetstown, Inc.

\$1,000 | Video Equipment

NICHES Land Trust

\$6,900 | Parker's Hickory Grove Farm Parking Project

The Home with Hope, Inc.

\$10,000 | Ferry Street House Remodel for Three Quarter Housing

The Tippecanoe Senior Center

\$10,000 | Senior Center Vehicle

Wabash Center Inc.

\$10,000 | Forklift Replacement

Wolf Park

\$9,249 | Utility Vehicle for Animal Care

YMCA Camp Tecumseh

\$5,123 | Bathroom Plumbing Upgrade

YWCA of Greater Lafayette

\$10,000 | YWCA Empowerment Services Modular Classroom



Clegg Gardens

Animal Lover and Environmentalist

James "Jim" Klatch was a devoted dog lover. Cherishing the friendship he had with his two beloved dogs, Pookie and Gracie, he wanted to improve the lives of other canines, too. He established the Pookie and Gracie Dog Rescue Endowment through The Foundation in their honor to support organizations that care for abused and neglected dogs.

Jim was an environmentalist at heart. A long-time member of the Sycamore Audubon Society, he served on their board and was an active proponent of environmental education. Pookie was often at his side during the chapter's Bird Seed Sales, charming the customers while Jim loaded seed. When Pookie

IN MEMORY

Morgan Burke

Henry Poor Lumber Company

John Carlson

Joshua and Linda Prokopy
Unitarian Universalist Church

Bill Carmichael

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Samuel C. Curtis

Dave Raymer

Paul Di Fabio

David Putnam

Douglas W. Eberle

Henry Poor Lumber Company
Lane and Sarah Yahiro

Joe Gear

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Bill Gettings

JoAnne Brouillette

Dr. Eldon Hood

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Karol Kahrs

Michael and Susan Brouillette

Julie Kloepfer

Kent and Linda Moore

Cheryl Knodle

David Bridges and Vicki Burch

Ruth A. Krauch

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Jerome and Shirley McTague

Mary Kay and William McDaniel
Molly McDaniel
Michael D. McTague
Marty and Andy Pavlovich
Dana and Maggie Smith

Dorothy C. Murphy

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Debra Prewett

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Thomas Price

Sue Holder Price

Patricia Rooze

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Mary Louise Ruegamer

Lana Eisenberg

John Scheumann

Richard Boehning and
Penny Wilkinson
Jim Buescher and Kristin Weidenaar
Henry Poor Lumber Company
David and Sue Lasater
Dana and Maggie Smith

Martha K. Schrader

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Jim Shook

JoAnne Brouillette
Henry Poor Lumber Company

Christy Smith

Kitty Campbell



Homegrown Heroes Paying It Forward

Michael and Carolyn Gery stayed in Greater Lafayette after graduating from West Lafayette High School (WLHS) and Purdue University to build their careers and raise their three boys. Mike taught school in WLHS and served as State Senator for 24 years before becoming the executive assistant for Governor O'Bannon. Carolyn worked at Purdue for 35 years serving as the President's Council's executive director and later as the University Development Office's associate vice president. "We are grateful for the quality of life provided by this

diverse and nurturing community," said Carolyn. "We think that to give back by making a legacy gift to The Community Foundation is one of the best ways to show our gratitude."

The Michael and Carolyn Gery Family Endowment is an unrestricted legacy gift to be used at the Board's discretion based on the community's needs. Having served on the Board of Directors for two terms (Mike as president and Carolyn as vice president), they personally learned how important The Community Foundation is to Greater Lafayette's success.



Pookie and Jim Klatch

passed away at age 23, Jim set up an endowment with The Community Foundation in his dog's names for benches in Audubon Society properties. Jim passed away in November 2018; a small service was held in 2019 at Clegg Gardens, on what would have been his 61st birthday. His legacy of loving care lives on.



Carolyn and Michael Gery

Welcome to the Board

The Community Foundation welcomes the addition of new members to our Board of Directors. Andy Gutwein was elected to serve as board chair and Steve Schultz will serve as vice chair, each for a two-year term; Brenda Mithoefer Clapper and Jeanne Gernhardt joined as directors of the board for three-year terms. We are honored and excited to have them all on board!

Katie Traynor RN

Danielle Bluhm
Alan and Abbe Heller
Pam Hillerby
Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster
Michael and Jodi Miller
Terry Printz
Mike and Margaret Schreiber
Sheila Smoot
Jennifer Stiglic
Brian Traynor
Jenni Vravic

Dee Tritschler

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Tony Zamora

Betty Zamora

Matt Zika

Chip Zika

Lafayette Hearing Center

Gifts in memory of these individuals

Beverly Adams
Robert C. Anderson
Don Black
Jim Brewster
Don Ferris
Sandy Hauser
Jack Heath
Robert Lempke
Mark Levinthal
Hoey Paarlberg
Juanita Paulus

Dorothy Schurr

Ethel Tudor

IN HONOR

Roger and Cathy Bauer

Mark Bauer

Cook Employees

Cook

Kelly Cwiertny

Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster

Christine King

Michael and Susan Brouillette

Ken and Peter Marra

Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster

John McBride

Katherine C. Smith and
Virginia Smith Clemenko

Betty M. Nelson

Sandra Monroe and
Jim Westman

Larry Rose

Dale and Cassondra Gertz

Betty Rowe

John Rowe

Pat and Charlie Short

Sheena Gaskell

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Richard and Sarah Schwarz

Building Brighter Futures

Sarah and Richard Schwarz devoted their careers to building up others. Living in Lafayette for nearly 50 years, Sarah, a former board member, is no stranger to The Community Foundation. She's also a 100+ Women Who Care charter member who served on its first steering committee. Sarah is no stranger to The Community Foundation, a 100+ Women Who Care charter member who served on its first steering committee. She has been a Gold Key Society member, imparting knowledge of how endowments favorably factor in estate planning. Together, they established a donor-advised fund, the Rick and Sarah Schwarz Women's Initiative Endowment. Sarah is very excited about the new program at the YWCA empowering women.

"We wanted to give back to the community, especially in a way that can positively impact women's lives now and in the future," said Sarah. "We have seen our friends and clients, particularly women, deal with divorce, death, and other issues and wanted a way to inspire and advance economic, educational, personal growth, and leadership roles for women. We plan to make grants to organizations that assist women in achieving economic self-sufficiency and realize life goals in areas of financial literacy, education, wellness, and career and life skills." Their endowment fund is one of the beneficiaries of their IRAs and estate plan. Upon their deaths, it will be classified as a field-of-interest fund to become a lasting gift for the community.

The Schwarzes have been very involved in various community leadership roles. The list includes United Way of Greater Lafayette, The Community Foundation, Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission, Riggs Healthcare, YWCA, Group Homes for Children, American Red Cross, Rotary, Leadership Lafayette, Ivy Tech Design Advisory Board, Greater Lafayette Museum of Art, Franciscan Health Foundation, 100+ Women Who Care, and 1875 Society of Franciscan Healthcare. They enjoy boating, gardening, and traveling in their spare time.

Nonprofits Receive Funding

NOW GRANTS

January 2021

Robert and Ellen Haan Museum of Indiana Art

\$4,005 | Replace Two Steam Humidifiers

Homestead Consulting

\$6,499 | New Color Copier

Boy Scouts of America, Sagamore Council

\$5,411 | Sioux Cabin Reroofing

2021 DEADLINES

SPRING COMMUNITY GRANTS

March 25, 2021, noon | \$7,500 and above

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

June 1, 2021, noon | Various amounts

FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

July 28, 2021, noon | \$7,500 and above

NOW GRANTS

Available any time from January 1 through November 30, 2021

Less than \$7,500

2021 TAX CREDIT EXTENSION

Did you know? The 2020 CARES Act charitable tax credit was extended to 2021. This credit applies to above-the-line deductions for gifts of cash to charity up to \$300 for individuals and up to \$600 for those filing jointly.



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