

## What Can a Book Do?



What can a book do? Teach, inspire, transform. Books create a world of possibility and prepare us for the rest of our lives. Books spark imaginations, grow vocabularies, knowledge, and curiosity. Dolly Parton, the creator of Imagination

Library, believes that if you can read, you can do anything, dream anything, and be anything. Educators have identified that 90% of brain development occurs within the child's first three years. Early reading enhances a child's academic success rate and confidence in kindergarten and subsequent grades. Reading is the cornerstone to learning and success.

Imagination Library is a worldwide program that benefits children from birth until age five with age-

appropriate books sent to their homes each month, free of charge. Children from all ethnic groups and income levels are eligible for the program. Currently, our local Right Steps administers the Imagination Library program for over 4,200 pre-school children enrolled in Tippecanoe County.

Engaging, educational books inspire a love of reading and learning. A committee of experts chooses books with a different theme each year. For example, the first year focuses on visually appealing board books with popular rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. The last year in the program covers science, poetry, and school readiness. You can find the complete list of books at [imaginationlibrary.com/usa/book-list](http://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/book-list).

Keep reading for details about an exciting opportunity to support Imagination Library.

## Million Dollar Matching Opportunity

Stan and Kay Mithoefer have partnered with The Community Foundation to create an exciting matching opportunity to raise \$2 million for Imagination Library in Tippecanoe County. Since Imagination Library has a continuing need for books every year, creating long-term support for the program through an endowment made sense.

The Mithoefers are passionate about early education and its benefits. Kay spent her career as an educator in West Lafayette classrooms and saw first-hand how early reading experiences positively affected children's performance in school. Stan believes that giving children a head start in reading gives them the best chance of finishing school and becoming contributing members of society.

**Gifts of \$1,000 or greater are matched on a 1:1 basis and added to an endowment named in the Mithoefer's honor. Gifts of \$10,000 or more qualify for a named endowment, i.e., *Joan and James Smith Endowment for Imagination Library*.** Matching funds are available through December 31, 2023, or until \$1 million has been raised (whichever is first).

The pandemic created and revealed significant learning losses in school children, especially those who were not strong readers. Those with a good foundation fared considerably better. Imagination Library, with your help, can give pre-school children a head start on reading.

**LEARN MORE** about Tippecanoe County's Imagination Library program at [rightstepsdc.org/imagination-library](http://rightstepsdc.org/imagination-library). Contact Candy Silver, [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org), for details on how to be part of this life-changing matching campaign.



Stan and Kay Mithoefer

# Giving Circles

There is power in numbers. In a philanthropic sense, the more people who support a cause, the greater the impact. The Community Foundation's two giving circles, 100+ Women Who Care and Men Who Give, were founded on the idea that informed donors can collectively make a real difference by practicing philanthropy together. Meetings are held quarterly at the Lafayette Country Club. Membership entails contributing \$500 upfront per year OR a registration fee of \$100 and \$100 at each of the four meetings. You can join at any time throughout the year but in order to take advantage of the pay-ahead option, your membership fees are due by March 31.

Every member can nominate their favorite 501(c)3 at the meeting. Three nominations are chosen randomly, and the member has an opportunity to make a five-minute presentation to inform the group about the organization's mission and needs. Votes are tallied, and the winning organization receives the collective grant from the giving circle. For instance, 140 members of 100+ Women Who Care provided a \$14,000 grant to Tippecanoe Council on Aging in December. That's powerful philanthropy.

As of year-end in 2021, 100+ Women Who Care raised a total of \$376,000 for 28 agencies since 2015. Men Who Give have donated a total of \$177,600 to 24 agencies since its inception in 2016. The men's group currently has 85 members, with a goal to increase memberships to 100 this year. The women's group has 140 members with a goal to increase memberships to 200 this year. The larger each group grows, the more impact we make in Greater Lafayette.

Peg Downham and Cheryl Altinkemer



## 100+ WOMEN WHO CARE

### 2022 MEETING DATES

May 10 | Sept. 20 | Dec. 13

5-6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

## MEN WHO GIVE

### 2022 MEETING DATES

May 3 | Sept. 13 | Dec. 6

5-6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club



Vince Drnevich and Joe Howarth

## Recent Gifts October | November | December | 2021

### IN MEMORY

#### Jane Boswell

David and Carol Luhman

#### Samuel C. Curtis

Dave Raymer

#### Douglas W. Eberle

Mary Claire Eberle  
Lane and Sarah Yahiro

#### Fred Ford

John and Penny Bell  
Erin Blevins  
Barbara and Ben Edmondson  
Ann Handy  
John and Marlene Huie  
Gary and Jillinda Newsom  
Rogers Group, Inc  
Michael and Shelley  
Wadsworth  
Sally Watlington

#### Frances Wallace Haniford

Dana and Maggie Smith

#### Robert and Dorothy

#### Hughes

Joan Anne Hughes

#### Anne Lift

Arlene and William Summers

#### Sonya Margerum

The Monday Club

#### Jerome and Shirley McTague

Andy and Marty Pavlovich  
Tim and Molly Reilly

#### Anita Shaw

David and Sue Lasater

#### Jim Shook

Gloria Klutzke

#### Mickey Shook

Sara and Steve Sullivan

#### Janet Slaven

Sam and Rita Biederstedt  
Larry and Marianne Rose

#### Christy Smith

Kitty Campbell

#### Katie Traynor RN

Danielle Bluhm  
Iris Dowden  
Pam Hillerby  
Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster  
Elizabeth Miller  
Terry Printz  
Jennifer Stiglic  
Gary and Cindy Traynor

#### Mary Twiddy

Roger and Elizabeth Bangs

#### Larry L. Vanderwielen

George and Nerlene Ramsey

#### Jim Vorst

Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt  
Meddie and Candy Silver

#### Tony Zamora

Paul Preckel and Janet Winters  
Betty Zamora

#### Matt Zika

Chip Zika

#### Lafayette Hearing Center

*Gifts in memory of these individuals*

Marjorie Barner  
Eldo Beam  
Don Bertetto  
Linda Bilyeu  
Jerry Booth  
Judy Brant  
Don Cotner  
Dick Cupka  
Charlotte Dexter  
Penny Ferriter  
Shirley Freed  
Doug Gledhill  
Margaret Gudeman  
Sharon Hathaway

# Lasting Generosity

As a child, Joan Hughes accompanied her mother, Dorothy, as she organized blood donations and polio drives in the Lafayette community. Dorothy's passion for nursing extended far beyond her profession. She and her husband, Robert, committed their time and talents to solve the real-world challenges faced by their neighbors.

Their generosity made a lasting impression on Joan. "You emulate what you are raised with," she said. "I decided when I was young that I would help my community as an adult." Joan has kept her commitment. She worked as a communications specialist at State Farm for 42 years, setting up disaster sites throughout Indiana and the nation. She also volunteered at multiple local non-profits including the United Way and Red Cross.

In 2007, Joan established the Robert and Dorothy Hughes Community Fund Scholarship to continue her parents' legacy of giving. The fund provides annual nursing scholarships to area high school seniors. So far, 24 students have benefitted from Joan's generosity. For Joan, the fund not only honors her family, but it also positively impacts Greater Lafayette by addressing local nursing shortages and launching the careers of young adults. "What makes our community strong," she concluded, "is people helping out and donating their time and money."

Joan has chosen to leave The Foundation in her estate plans in order to grow the Hughes Scholarship and continue to honor her parents. Their legacy will live on in perpetuity and continue to impact students in Tippecanoe County.

Elnora Hooker  
Mickey Lecklitner  
Patty O'Donnell  
Van Peeters  
John Peters  
Jonah Peterson  
Bob Pierret  
Ken Rains  
Joan Robinson  
Bob Rollins  
Mary Ann Sabol  
Vincent Suppinger

## IN HONOR

**Roger and Cathy Bauer**  
Mark Bauer

**Linda Bowman and Glenn Tompkins**  
Molly and Neal Biggs  
Beth and Marc Ditto  
Jim Leslie

**Kelly Cwiertny, Ken Marra, and Peter Marra**  
Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster

**Mary Ford**  
Sally Watlington

**Greg, Barb, and Matthew Kapp**  
Christopher Kapp

**Betty Rowe**  
John Rowe

**Patricia P. Truitt**  
Michael and Shelley McFadden

**Dr. and Mrs. Robert Williamson**  
Roger, Laurel, Michael, Jessica, and Charlotte Strasburger



Dorothy and Robert Hughes

## Gold Key Society

### FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The Gold Key Society is an exceptional group of advisors who help unlock the doors of planned charitable giving. The advisors are local financial professionals who share the merits of The Community Foundation with clients who desire to practice philanthropy in Greater Lafayette.

"As a Gold Key member, I am able to connect my clients with personalized services tailored to meet their estate plan and philanthropic needs," said attorney Stuart Boehning. "When a client is passionate about their community or a specific cause, The Community Foundation provides that conduit to make that passion a reality."

Please see the list of Gold Key Members, below, for their professional guidance. If you are a financial advisor, accountant, lawyer, or insurance professional who supports the mission of The Community Foundation, we invite you to join the Gold Key Society.

**PLEASE CONTACT** Candy Silver for more information: 765-742-9078 or [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org).

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# RECENT GRANTS

## NOW GRANTS

### AVIATION USA AERO

\$7,500 | Student airplane build kit

### BACH CHORALE SINGERS, INC.

\$3,000 | Computer upgrade

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, SAGAMORE COUNCIL

\$7,500 | Air-conditioning for dining hall

### FOOD FINDERS FOOD BANK

\$7,350 | Carts for the fresh market

### HOOSIER BURN CAMP

\$3,750 | iPads for check-in

### LAFAYETTE FAMILY YMCA

\$4,300 | Youth development

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

\$7,454 | Bed upgrade and safety mitigation

### LEADERSHIP LAFAYETTE

\$7,500 | Technology upgrades

### LONG CENTER

\$7,500 | Lighting control board

### LTHC HOMELESS SERVICES

\$5,477 | Respite and shelter needs

### NICHES LAND TRUST

\$3,825 | Stewardship equipment

**RIGHT STEPS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS** | \$7,500 | Outdoor Signage

### THOMAS DUNCAN HALL

\$4,646 | Exterior door repair

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY 4H EXHIBIT ASSOCIATION** | \$7,259 | Robotics project start-up equipment

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** | \$1,464 | Collections and archive storage

## NEW ENDOWMENTS

Fund for Musical Performing Arts

Jane Early Boswell Art Scholarship

Ron and Jan Ditto Endowment

Richard C. and Betty M. Nelson Endowment

Gary and Connie Standiford Endowment

Tom Walsh Endowment for Tree Lafayette

Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment for Imagination Library

Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow Endowment for Imagination Library

Betty Suddarth Endowment for Imagination Library



Hoosier Burn Camp received a recent NOW grant to support their program



## INSPIRING GREATER POSSIBILITIES

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