

# Leading Philanthropy Enriching Lives

### **Donor's Dream Comes True**

When the Mithoefer Foundation sought a way to provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds to the Tippecanoe County Imagination Library, an early literacy and parent engagement program, The Community Foundation identified and facilitated the best avenue.

SUMMER 2016

In the program, families from Tippecanoe County enroll children up to age 5 to receive an age-appropriate book and parent guide by mail once a month.

"Focusing on preschool literacy prepares children for kindergarten, increases the percentage who read at level by 3rd grade, and even improves high school graduation rates, we have learned," says Stan Mithoefer. "The cost-effectiveness of this is unbelievable, and we believe it will positively impact our community."

"Our goal is to take full advantage of this generous opportunity," says Marilyn Redmon, Right Steps executive director. "It makes a difference."

"The program is fulfilling a donor's dream," says Marianne Rose, Community Foundation president and CEO. "We are here to help others, too, choose the best way to fulfill a passion to give."



The Community Foundation worked with the Mithoefer Foundation to find the best way to provide funds for the Tippecanoe County Imagination Library. Pictured is a child from Right Steps Child Care Centers.

### **Men Who Give Respond to Needs**



A check to Lafayette School Corporation was the first contribution of Men Who Give. It supports the World Foods and Cultures program at the Learning Center.

Four one-hour quarterly meetings to choose a recipient and a promise to contribute \$520 over the year are all it takes to join Men Who Give, which convened in February. Of that, \$100 goes to a Men Who Give Endowment, \$20 for program

support, and \$100 at each meeting for the charity chosen.

When they gather, members drop their nominated nonprofit's name in a basket. Three are drawn for fiveminute pitches; and one is chosen.

"We get together, learn something, make a decision, and we're done," says co-chair David McGaughey. "It's high-speed philanthropy."

Co-chair Gerard Benner adds, "It's a way to learn about organizations and make an impact with a modest commitment of time and money."

The first meeting, in February, gardnered a \$6,600 grant, paid to Lafayette School Corporation to support the World Foods and Cultures program at the Learning

Center, operated by Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, a program of the three public school corporations, and Wabash Valley Alliance.

In the program, students gain numerous skills—cooking, safety, budgeting, listening, and customer service—preparing them for independent living and employment.



Meets June 21 · September 20 · December 20. To join, contact Candy Silver, 765/742-9078, candy@cfglaf.org.

### **Scholars, Donors Gather for Reception**

Recipients of 2016 scholarships and donors who have established funds to support them gathered April 19 at the Lafayette Country Club. In all, 31 scholars were selected this year:

### **George Balfe Scholarship**

Juan Lopez - Jefferson High School

#### **Roger Blalock Scholarship**

Sierra Powell - Purdue University

#### Samuel C. Curtis Scholarship

Lillian Pressler - Jefferson High School

#### Max and Elsie Goken Scholarship

Emily Fletcher - Jefferson High School Yi Yan Heng - Wheaton College Parker Hiday - McCutcheon High School Josie Luptak - Harrison High School Gage Ulery - Wabash College Grace Woodard - Harrison High School

## Robert and Dorothy Hughes Community Scholarship

Micayla Zeger - University of Southern Indiana

## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

John Colston - Jefferson High School Colton Page - Jefferson High School Jordyn Whaley - West Lafayette High School

### **Elizabeth Mackay Scholarship**

Bracee Dudley - West Lafayette High School

Micayla Zeger - University of Southern Indiana

#### Shirley and Mick McTague Scholarship Fund Caroline Sherlow - Purdue University

#### Harlan W. and Dorothy W. Parr Scholarship

Abby Coy - Purdue University Elise Lofgren - Purdue University Kelsey Sajdera - Purdue University

## Roland G. Parrish – Black Cultural Center Scholarship

Aisha Erby - Purdue University

## Price Family Scholarship in Memory of Thomas M. Price

Zack Crampton - Jefferson High School

## Presidential Leadership Scholarships in Honor of Tarrus Richardson

Kenneth Hornbuckle - Purdue University

### **David Smyser Scholarship**

Tyler Cox - Jefferson High School

### Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship

Ernesto Munoz, Jr. - Harrison High School

### Katie Traynor RN Scholarship

Suzanne Barry - Purdue University

### West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarships

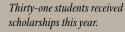
Abby Martin - West Lafayette High School Dylan Williams - West Lafayette High School

#### Robert and Marilyn Whitsel Scholarship

Hannah Carithers - McCutcheon High School Brooke Cederquist - Harrison High School

### Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship

Hannah Byrn - Faith Christian School Carolyn Wetzel - Faith Christian School





### Neudecks Thank Community with Endowment

Hailing from the vast, scenic states of North Dakota and Montana—growing up just 40 miles away from each other, Gerry and Mariellen Neudeck weren't sure what to expect when they arrived in West Lafayette in 1964.

What they found here was a life—one rich with family, professions, and volunteering.

It began with a stunning first impression, Mariellen says. "We were struck by the lush, green prairie and the history here, and a place so interesting and stimulating because people were so welcoming."

## HE CAME, STAYED BECAUSE OF PURDUE

They had been married just two years, had a six-month-old son, Philip, and Gerry was set to study for his Ph.D. at Purdue that day 52 years ago. They soon welcomed another son, Alexander.

A University of North Dakota graduate, Gerry's doctorate led to a Purdue post as an electrical engineering professor; international recognition; and numerous teaching, research, and industry awards. His achievements spanned four decades and included 15

### **Recent Gifts**

Received from January 1 through March 31, 2016:

#### **IN MEMORY**

### Helen Crane

James and JoAnn Vorst

**Robert F. Dale**James and JoAnn Vorst

### Doug Eberle

Donald and Joellen Edelen

### Linda Fain

Donald and Jennifer Layton

### **Lloyd Holiday** Harold Harris

#### **Robert and Carrie Johnson** Harold Harris

**R. B. Kane** Barbara Kane

#### **Charles E. Kerber**

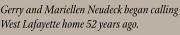
AgBest Co-op Sharon Albregts Anonymous John and Karen Bailey John and Connie Basham Glenda Bauer Gary and Ronna Bohlander Jack and Sue Bowman Jacob and Brenda Burton
Gary and Virginia Buttry
David Byers
Raymond and Laura Carter
Jack and Kathryn Chase
Vonda Cheesman
D. Del and Grace Craig
Paula Currie
Connie Elliott
Robert and Dana Farrell
Robert and Melia Farrell
F. William German Family
Trust, F. William and
Zua German
John and Lori Greavu

John and Carmel Brand

W. and Lesile Bruen

Joseph and Patricia Gruber Jay and Tamara House Judith Hunsicker Donna King Patricia Kirkpatrick Weldon and Norma Lachmund Dexl and Judy Lokke McCutcheon Summer Baseball Club David and Anita McGaughey Meg & Associates LLC David and Dana Mennen Carl and Karen Miller Miller & Newell

Patrick and Mary Beth Mitchel The Mitchell Agency, Inc. Otis and Shirley Morris Jay and Sarah Naylor North Montgomery High School Nvhart Morris and Barbara Odle John and Robyn O'Donnell Edward and Carol Purdy Gerald and Margaret Rehmel Michael and Laura Roth Dwight and Joyce Sheets Rex and Janet Sheets Dave Sibert Ronald and Kristy Sibert







patents; breakthroughs in silicon device structures; and physics and fabrication technology advancements.

In his spare time, Gerry enjoyed spending time with children and his dogs, making wooden toys, and collecting Western art. He passed away in 2007.

## SHE WORKED IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION

After arriving in Indiana, Mariellen added an Indiana University master's in health administration to her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and master's in history from the University of

North Dakota. She then spent 17 years in local hospital administration, including serving as executive vice president of Greater Lafayette Health Services, Inc.

She retired in 2001 when Gerry began teaching one semester instead of two so they could travel. "We sure

had a fun time doing that," she says.

### **BOTH GAVE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Throughout, both served numerous volunteer posts.

Gerry gave time to NICHES, Parlor Club, and the CityBus board.

Mariellen's past involvements include The Community Foundation, Greater Lafayette Commerce, Lafayette Symphony Guild, League of Women Voters, SCORE, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, and West Lafayette Community Schools. She also served many years on the board of Lafayette Savings Bank. Currently, she is active in Rotary and on the boards of Community Cancer Network, NCHS, and West Lafayette History and Research Center. She enjoys tennis, walks, and books.

"We both had opportunities to be part of this community's fabric, and it enriched our lives," she says.

That was her inspiration in recently establishing the Mariellen and Gerry Neudeck Endowment, a discretionary fund that allows The Foundation to allocate proceeds for community grants where most needed.

"I chose The Community Foundation because it covers the whole spectrum of the community and the things we were involved in," Mariellen says. "We got a great deal here. More than we could ever give back."

### **100+ Women Who Care**

Upcoming meetings are September 13 • December 13. New members are always welcome. Contact Candy Silver, 765/742-9078, candy@cfglaf.org.



Ralph and Linda Sieboldt
Jeffrey Siple
Don and Lela Smith
Teresa Spitznagle
Roger and Laurel
Strasburger
Jeffrey and Lisa Troike
Marilyn Weber
Donald and Mary Welch
West Point Alumni
Association
William and Betty Willard
Evalyn Windle

**Jerome J. and Shirley McTague**Dana and Maggie Smith

### Frances Meeks

Bob and Linda Sorensen Tom and Mary Jo Sparrow Donald and Mary Twiddy

**Dick Nagel** Jane Link

**Betty Revington**Donald and Mary
Twiddy

**Keith Shaw**Lafayette Life Retirees

**Jerome Stefaniak**Dana and Maggie Smith

### **Betty Traynor**

Barbara Bostelmann Alan and Abbe Heller Bob and Connie Lee

### Katie Traynor RN

Roberta Attenhofer Barbara Bostelmann Deborah Christopher Alan and Abbe Heller Bob and Connie Lee Dolph and Jackie Sharp Betty Traynor Gary and Cindy Traynor

August Vavrus Maurice Steelman James and JoAnn Vorst **Joe Verocco**Ball Eggleston PC

**Elmer Vonderheide**Ball Eggleston PC

Matt Zika John and Karen Zika

Lee Weedon

Lafayette Hearing Center
Gifts Made in Memory of:
Bill Andrews
Homer Beall
Robert F. Dale
LaNelle Geddes
Frances Meeks

### **IN HONOR OF**

### **Sam Biederstedt** Connie Watson

Our sincere apology; this was incorrect in the last newsletter

**Roger Carnes** Linda Cohen

**Betty Nelson**Joanne Troutner

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

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

### **Five Nonprofits Receive Grants**

The Community Foundation recently awarded \$100,000 in Tier 1 grants, shared by:

### **Almost Home Humane Society**

Renovate kennels with gates and side panels, \$24,804

## Art Museum of Greater Lafayette

Replace roof and door, \$24,720

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Fund work truck, \$18,000

### Right Steps Child Development Centers

Purchase computers for administrative and technology upgrade, \$10,700

### Robert and Ellen Haan Museum of Indiana Art

Install stone path for sculpture garden, \$21,776

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

June 1 • noon

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

September 1 • noon

**TIER 2 GRANTS** \$7,500 to \$15,000

Through December 1, 2016 • noon

TIER 3 GRANTS less than \$7,500

More information at

www.cfglaf.org

# **Grant Directory** a Resource

Interested in searching a database of more than 1,000 Indiana grant opportunities?

The Directory of Indiana Grantmakers is an online database that profiles funders awarding grants in Indiana. Users can search by areas of interest or type of support.

The Community Foundation is making this database available to any nonprofit interested in doing a search. To schedule an appointment to view thedatabase, contact Leslie Fernung at 765/742-9078, leslie@cfglaf.org.

A home of one's own becomes a dream fulfilled through Habitat for Humanity.



### **Habitat Eyes the Future**

Immediate needs make investing for the future a challenge, yet it's also important. That's why Habitat for Humanity, which has built 280 homes locally, established an endowment with The Community Foundation in 2011.

"We recognize the need for a place to invest large estate gifts and other contributions," says Cindy Taylor, director of development. "The Community Foundation is a good fit because we need its experience in endowment dynamics, from management to promotion."

Long-term, she says, "We hope to use endowment earnings to pay our overhead expenses. That's the dream!"



#### Reminder: We have moved downtown!

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