

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.

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 five-minute 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, garnered 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.

MEN
WHO GIVE

Meets June 21 • September 20 •
December 20. To join, contact
Candy Silver, 765/742-9078,
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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

Thirty-one students received scholarships this year.



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 Albrechts

Anonymous

John and Karen Bailey

John and Connie Basham

Glenda Bauer

Gary and Ronna Bohlander

Jack and Sue Bowman

John and Carmel Brand
W. and Lesile Bruen

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

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Zua German

John and Lori Greavu

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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

Nyhart

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



Gerry and Mariellen Neudeck began calling West Lafayette home 52 years ago.



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.

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.”

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

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.

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

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James and JoAnn Vorst

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Ball Eggleston PC

Elmer Vonderheide

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Matt Zika

John and Karen Zika

Lafayette Hearing Center

Gifts Made in Memory of:

Bill Andrews

Homer Beall

Robert F. Dale

LaNelle Geddes

Frances Meeks

Lee Weedon

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 the database, 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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