

Foundation Funds Historical Association Project

Renovations are under way at 522 Columbia St., the former Masonic Temple purchased in early 2017 by Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

The 13,200-square-foot building, slated to open in early 2018, will be a community center and museum. In the works: exhibit space, a banquet hall, dance floor, and, thanks to a grant from The Community Foundation, a soon-to-be-remodeled commercial kitchen.



Tippecanoe County Historical Association plans to open a community center and museum in the building formerly housing the Lafayette Masonic Temple. Pictured (from left) are Craig Hadley, executive director, and Quinten Robinson, county historian.



Tom and Deb Parent



Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow



Candy Silver

Discretionary Funds Meet Changing Needs

Change is the only constant, the adage claims, and “The Times They Are a-Changin,’” Bob Dylan sang 50 years ago. That is when our local population was less than half of today’s, Interstate 65 was yet to be completed, and before community needs prompted the launch of Lafayette Transitional Housing, Leadership Lafayette, Right Steps Child Development Centers, and numerous other nonprofits.

The point: Our community and its needs change, and we cannot predict how. That is why The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette seeks and appreciates those who establish discretionary endowments, allowing grants to meet current needs.

DONORS RECOGNIZE VALUE

Local donors Tom and Deb Parent are among those who chose the discretionary giving avenue. “We realize that the needs of our community are ever-evolving, and the pace of change seems to be accelerating,” Tom Parent says. “We want to enable The Foundation to be nimble in addressing community concerns, whatever they might be in the future.”

Tom and Mary Jo Sparrow also chose a discretionary endowment. “We appreciate education, the arts, work with children, and helping our friends in need,” Mary Jo Sparrow says. “We have witnessed changing needs, so we would rather let The Community Foundation decide what needs are more pressing in any particular year. We just don’t know what the future holds, so this allows flexibility.”

KEEPING ALLOCATION OPTIONS OPEN

Currently, about 18 percent of The Foundation’s funds are discretionary. In 2016, more than \$342,500 from discretionary endowments went to 26 nonprofits, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette, Inc., Heartford House, and Willowstone Family Services.

“These funds address our community’s most pressing needs,” says Candy Silver, director of philanthropy. “As needs change, our board can respond most appropriately.”

To learn more about a discretionary endowment, contact Candy Silver, 765/742-9078, candy@cfglaf.org.



Scholarship recipients and donors gathered in April for a reception.

Donors Support Scholars

Donors and 2017 scholarship recipients celebrated education at an April 25 reception at the Lafayette Country Club. Donors gave 36 scholarships to 35 students this year.

George Balfe Scholarship

Noor Elmahdi, Jefferson High School

Roger Blalock Scholarship

Benedicta Obijah, Purdue University

Samuel and Pearl Mae Fritts Cole Scholarships

Delaney Adams, Harrisburg High School
Chloe Brandon, Carrier Mills-Stonefort High School

Payton Price, Eldorado High School
Jessica Schwartz, Harrisburg High School

Samuel C. Curtis Scholarship

Allison Eavey, Jefferson High School

Max and Elsie Goken Scholarship

Hannah Carithers, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Yi Yan Heng, Wheaton College
Heather Johnson, Purdue University
Jack Moulton, Jefferson High School

Micaela Sheldon, Purdue University
Micayla Zeger, University of Southern Indiana

Robert and Dorothy Hughes Community Scholarship

Hannah Carithers, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Carl Landskron, Harrison High School
Rylie Miller, McCutcheon High School
Zach Santy, McCutcheon High School

Elizabeth Mackay Scholarship

Yi Fei Heng, West Lafayette High School
Nikita Robinson, McCutcheon High School

Shirley and Mick McTague Scholarship Fund

Caroline Sherlow, Purdue University

Harlan W. and Dorothy W. Parr Scholarship

Brandon Allen, Purdue University
Miranda Furrer, Purdue University
Alexandria Pettigrew, Purdue University

Roland G. Parrish—Black Cultural Center Scholarship

Jeremiah Patton, Purdue University

Presidential Leadership Scholarship in honor of Tarrus Richardson

Kamri Tuck, Purdue University

Price Family Scholarship in memory of Thomas M. Price

Molly Synesael, Harrison High School

David Smyser Scholarship

Gaige Lucas, Jefferson High School

Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship

Deanna Bell, Harrison High School

Katie Traynor RN Scholarship

Clarissa Cruz, Purdue University
Abigail David, Purdue University

Truitt Family West Lafayette High School Athletic Leadership Scholarship

Meg Szymanski, West Lafayette High School

West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarship

Rachel Brummet, West Lafayette High School
David Czerwonky, West Lafayette High School

Robert and Marilyn Whitsel Scholarship

Josie Luptak, Taylor University
Zoe Zeger, Indiana Connections Academy

Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship

Josiah Netherton, Faith Christian School

Recent Gifts

Received from January 1 through March 31, 2017:

IN MEMORY

Shirley B. Curtis

Larry and Marianne Rose

Mark Davis

Ball Eggleston PC
Rotary Club of Lafayette, Indiana

Graham Everett

David and Karen Benson

Manya Fan

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette
on behalf of Hung Fan

Pauline "Ski" Hill-Shafer

James and JoAnn Vorst

Miranda Knotts

Ball Eggleston PC

Robert Leavitt

Michael and Phyllis Hunt

Diana Sue Leslie

Jim Leslie

Susan Lucas

Kenneth and Sheryl Singleton
James and JoAnn Vorst

Katie Traynor RN

Richard Anderson
Robert and Kimberly Lichtenberger
Mark and Mary Pacchini
Sheila Smoot

Ken Weller

Ball Eggleston PC

Ernest Wilkinson

James and JoAnn Vorst

Matt Zika

John and Karen Zika

Lafayette Hearing Center In Memory of

Judi Andrews
Russ Arthur
Betty Fetterhoff
Sandy Fleeter
Dottie High
Hollie Hollibaugh
Marjorie Holman
Katherine McMillin
Anna McShane
Edna Wright
Warren Wright
Otilija Konauka

IN HONOR

Mike and Margie Bluestein

Tara Clifford

Madeleine Bryant

Aidan Bryant

Joe Bumbleburg

Linda Cohen

Al and Gladys Wright

Linda Cohen

NEW ENDOWMENT

The Mighty Wurlitzer of
Long Center Endowment

ONLINE GIVING

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



The vibrancy of campus and community life inspire Betty Nelson's activities and involvement.



Zest for Life Fills Nelson's Days

A love of people, a curious mind and an appreciation for a little fun describe her essence, says Betty M. Nelson. All three infuse her undertakings—from her Purdue University career to a retirement packed with volunteer service. To every endeavor, she takes focus, energy, efficiency, and respect for others.

"People are really important to me. They inspire me," she says. As for curiosity, "It enriches life phenomenally. It causes me to see things and wonder."

The fun side of life comes largely from enjoying what she's involved in. "When I took the California Personality Inventory years ago, I registered a '1' for play on a scale of '1-to-100,' with '1' being the lowest. I don't vacation well," she admits. "But work is play when I do what I enjoy."

Yes, her pace sometimes reaches the hectic stage. When it does, nature and classical music prove calming.

LOCAL RESIDENT SINCE 1965

Nelson's zest for life began in Bluefield, W. Va., and was nurtured while earning a bachelor's at Radford University and master's at Ohio University. By the time she and her husband, Richard Nelson, pulled into West Lafayette in 1965, she was "more than ready" for a career.

She held several Purdue University student services posts, retiring in 1995 as dean of students emerita. Her appointment as United Way campaign campus chair kept her on staff a while longer.

Successes during her Purdue years included creating the Disability

Resource Center, launching a leadership development program, and advising the Association for Women Students during the dynamic transition times in the 1970s, among others. Throughout her tenure, she served on and led numerous committees and endeavors. Since she first retired, she has been active in the Purdue University Retirees Association.

She appreciates living in a university community "and being around the high energy of young people," Nelson says. For her, the cultural and intellectual opportunities are unsurpassed.

VALUES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In the community, she has devoted time to The Community Foundation, serving two six-year terms on the board and volunteering on the grants and the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship committees. Currently, she gives time to the development committee and participates in 100+ Women Who Care.

Her gifts to The Foundation include a will bequest, charitable gift annuity, and an endowment for literacy, inspired by fellow elementary school students who struggled with reading because they could attend school only when it was their turn to wear the family shoes.

Giving and volunteering for The Community Foundation was "an easy call for me," Nelson says. "It's a working board, and I like that. I believe in the quality and integrity of the leadership, professionals who stay true to their mission, and they manage their money—our money—well."

Foundation Salutes Right Steps

With Right Steps Child Development Centers Endowment, Right Steps is preparing for its future. The Community Foundation saluted that endeavor at an April 4 reception at the Lafayette Country Club.

"Endowments like this help assure continuing revenues for nonprofits," says Marianne Rose, president and CEO of The Community Foundation. "We commend Right Steps for its initiative."



Pictured at the Right Steps Child Development Centers endowment salute are (from left, back row) Marilyn Redmon, Jennie Dekker, Karla Hicks, Melissa Grabner-Hagen, Sherri Davis, Molly Gilbert, Anne Buckles, Megan Purcell, and Marianne Rose; and (from left, front row) Sue Holder Price and Vickie Pearl.

Let's Meet Up

Upcoming events:

BOARD GOVERNANCE SERIES

- June 7: Public Image & Public Policy: Advocating for Your Mission
- August 2: The Leadership You Bring: A Boomers Guide to Greater Impact
- September 13: Minimizing Risk and Preventing Fraud
- October 4: Evaluating Your Board and Recruiting New Talent
- November 1: Engaging Millennials to Serve and Give

The Board Governance series is sponsored by a grant from NCHS and presented by The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette in conjunction with Indiana Resource Network and United Way of Greater Lafayette. Sessions are \$20 each. Contact Leslie Fernung for details; 765/742-9078, leslie@cfiglaf.org.

GIVING GROUPS

- 100+ Women Who Care
5 p.m. | Lafayette Country Club, September 21 and December 5
- Men Who Give
4 p.m. | Lafayette Country Club, September 19, December 12

First-time guests are welcome; email 100women@cfiglaf.org or mwg@cfiglaf.org, or call 765/742-9078.



Bill Arthur, treasurer of Tree Lafayette, says the Douglas Eberle Board Governance Series provides helpful guidance on good practices for non-profits. "The series covers a broad spectrum of topics. I found the session, 'Effective Financial Oversight,' very useful in affirming our existing practices and in suggesting ways I could improve our organization's financial reporting, budgeting, and accounting transparency."

Grants Help Nonprofits Serve Community

TIER 1 AWARDS

These agencies received Tier 1 grants in spring 2017:

- Bauer Family Resources
\$15,000, replace HVAC system
- Junior Achievement of Greater Lafayette
\$22,500, iPads for JA Finance Park
- NICHES Land Trust
\$15,000, purchase a work truck
- Tippecanoe County Historical Association
\$12,450, kitchen renovation
- Wabash Center
\$15,050, staff training equipment
- Willowstone Family Services, Inc.
\$10,000, office equipment
- YWCA Greater Lafayette
\$10,000, advocacy center furnishings


GROUP GIVING

- 100+ Women Who Care
\$12,400, St. Matthew 25 Share & Care Soup Kitchen
- Men Who Give
\$6,600, Purdue Athletes Life Success Program (PALS)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 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.cfiglaf.org

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