

Unexpected Detour

The Community Foundation shifted gears and expedited its grantmaking process in a series of Rapid Response Grants at the outbreak of COVID-19. We determined to convert this disruption into an opportunity to serve the community. Traditionally, grants fund capital expenditures for nonprofits; these Rapid Response Grants helped cover the immediate operational costs of keeping their lights on and doors open. This unexpected detour caused some organizations to suddenly find themselves without fundraisers to support them, without shows to generate revenue, without computers to work from home, and in sudden need of food and supplies for the patrons they serve.

The Spring Grant deadline was extended and modified to allow more nonprofit organizations to request funding for expenses



“Meals on Wheels of Greater Lafayette is very thankful for the COVID-19 emergency relief through The Foundation. This assistance provided our organization with the ability to get more meals and food to seniors and during the pandemic.”

Laurie Earnst, Executive Director,
Tippecanoe Council on Aging.

associated with providing services to their clients during the health crisis. We continue to learn how to adapt as we journey this new territory together.

To date, Rapid Response Grants were given to Almost Home Humane Society, Bauer Family Resources, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Heartford House, Home With Hope, Joyful Journey, Junior Achievement, Lafayette Urban Ministry, Loving Heart Animal Shelter, Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club, Tippecanoe County Council on Aging, Trinity Horizon, Wabash Center, and YMCA. These are in addition to the initial \$22,000 contribution made to the Covid-19 Response Fund created through a collaboration between The Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Lafayette, and Greater Lafayette Commerce.



Jeanne and Dennis Gernhardt,
donor advisors



U.S. Army Reserves assist Food Finders in response to COVID-19. Funding from endowments provides more food to meet the growing need, and protective gear and boxes for food distribution.

Good Advice that Works

When donor advisors were recently asked to respond to the emergency circumstances brought on by COVID-19, they didn't hesitate to help. “It made perfect sense to designate our distributions to those organizations that needed it immediately,” said Jeanne Gernhardt. She and her husband, Dennis, are advisors for the Bill and Donna DeFouw Fund, established by Jeanne's parents.

“Anything to do with children and elderly is very important to us,” said Jeanne. “Food Finders Food Bank is near and dear to my heart and no one should go hungry, especially now,” she said. “When I learned that the YMCA was providing childcare for healthcare workers, I knew we had to support that.” The Gernhardts also chose to help Right Steps Child Development Center and Big Brothers Big Sisters that care for children, Home with Hope, an addiction recovery facility, and Tippecanoe Council on Aging. “Maybe because I'm getting older, I can more appreciate Tippecanoe Council

on Aging,” said Jeanne. “Older folks need help, and many times they don't have family around because their children could be across the country. Just knowing that they are taken care of is important to me.” They also designated funding for Almost Home Humane Society. “We couldn't forget our little furry friends; I wanted to take care of them, too,” said Jeanne. “The Community Foundation is a wonderful organization. Dennis and I, as well as my parents, have always been happy to support the needs of our community.”

Donor advised funds are created by individuals, families, and businesses and administered by The Community Foundation. Donors and successors make recommendations to the Board to grant distributions to the nonprofit organizations that are most important to them. To participate in a donor advised fund, please contact Candy Silver, candy@cfglaf.org, for more information.

Inside Look at Lilly Scholarships

Lilly Endowment Inc. annually awards full-tuition, four-year scholarships to selected high school seniors in each county in Indiana. Three deserving applicants from Tippecanoe County received this coveted scholarship and will have tuition, required fees, and books paid for on their behalf during four years of college. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was established in 1998 to raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana, increase awareness of Community Foundations, and encourage recipients to engage in all aspects of their communities to improve the quality of life.

These scholarships must be used to pursue a baccalaureate degree at an accredited public or private Indiana college or university. They are awarded by Community Foundations throughout the State in partnership with the Independent Colleges of Indiana on behalf of Lilly Endowment. Tippecanoe County applicants must be Indiana residents with a high school diploma recognized by the State Board of Education, have a GPA of 3.0 or better, and plan on being a full-time student. Applicants are evaluated on: academic ability, school activities, achievements and recognition, community service, work history and internships, leadership, and overall impression. The deadline and application form for all 2021 scholarships will be available in late summer at cfglaf.org.



“As the daughter of a single parent, I always just assumed my college decision would be limited by what I could afford rather than what I wanted or what was the best fit for my education and career goals. Becoming a recipient of the Lilly Endowment Scholarship has allowed me the privilege to make this decision void of obstacles. Therefore, I am attending Butler University in the fall and double-majoring in Computer Science and Creative Writing. I’m incredibly excited to see what my future holds and will be eternally grateful for the opportunities this scholarship gives me.”

Isabell Austin



“Receiving the Lilly Endowment Scholarship provides me with the opportunity to earn a degree in computer science at a school of my choice without financial burden. This scholarship truly is such a blessing to me. I am humbled and honored to have this opportunity and am so excited to begin pursuing a career in software engineering in the fall.”

Isaac Lammers



“Thanks to the generous support of the Lilly Endowment and The Community Foundation, I can now pursue my education, without giving up helping to take care of my family.”

Laney Houston



2020 Scholarship Recipients

Thirty-four students are heading to college thanks to twenty-one scholarships from donor endowments; three students received full-tuition Lilly Endowment scholarships.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Isabell Austin | Central Catholic High School
Laney Houston | Jefferson High School
Isaac Lammers | Jefferson High School

George Balfé Scholarship

Marissa Norman | Jefferson High School

Roger Blalock Scholarship

Kennedy Cole | Purdue University

Samuel and Pearl Mae Fritts Cole Scholarship

Hannah Jackson | Galatia High School

Samuel C. Curtis Scholarship

Marquis Munoz | Jefferson High School

Max and Elsie Goken Scholarship

Kenneth Anog | West Lafayette High School
Ryan Guimond | Purdue University
Sam Hyde | West Lafayette High School
William Yu | West Lafayette High School

Robert and Dorothy Hughes Scholarship

Zoe Fultz | McCutcheon High School
Katie Hill | McCutcheon High School

Jeff High School

Alumni Association Scholarship

Sophie Guimond | Jefferson High School
Alexis Lares | Jefferson High School
Christian Maggio | Jefferson High School
Kattey Pass | Jefferson High School
Aubryanna Ritchie | Jefferson High School
Stephanie Watkins | Jefferson High School

Elizabeth Mackay Scholarship

Doonyah Alucozai | West Lafayette High School
Abigail Screen | Harrison High School

Shirley and Mick McTague Scholarship

Juan Carrillo | Purdue University

Harlan W. and Dorothy W. Parr Scholarship

Patrick Polowsky | Purdue University

Roland G. Parrish

Black Cultural Center Scholarship

Joshua Henderson | Purdue University

Presidential Leadership Scholarship in Honor of Tarrus Richardson

Chelsea Wilson | Purdue University

Price Family Scholarship in Memory of Thomas M. Price

Sophie Anthony | Harrison High School

Purdue University

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Scholarship

Lexie Koop | Purdue University
Carol Lancaster | Purdue University

David Smyser Scholarship

Mia Buggs | Jefferson High School

Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship

Josephine Sededji | Harrison High School

Katie Traynor, RN Scholarship

Emily Harrington | Purdue University
Kendall Landorff | Purdue University

Truitt Family West Lafayette High School Athletic Leadership Scholarship

Tyler Boyle | West Lafayette High School
Alaina Omonode | West Lafayette High School

Robert and Marilyn Whitsel Scholarship

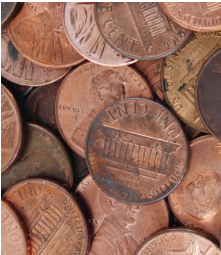
Doonyah Alucozai | West Lafayette High School

Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship

Kaycee Baird | Faith Christian High School

West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarship

Tim Carnahan | West Lafayette High School
Erin Kane | West Lafayette High School



ONLINE GIVING
Gifts to The Community Foundation may be made online at cglaf.org.

Recent Gifts

January 1- March 31

MEMORIALS

Vaughn Amstutz

Ball Eggleston PC

Donovan (Don) Brand

Bill and Bev Gettings
Rick Olson

Carolyn Campbell

Paul and Lana Eisenberg

John (Jack) Coffin

John and JoAnne McDonald

Manya Fan

Fabric Guild

William (Bill) Gettings

Richard Boehning and Penny Wilkinson
Jim Buescher and Kristin Weidenaar
Carol Casey
Jan Cortner
John Dorsett
Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt
Frederick and Bernadine Lux
Vern and Sandy Mayrose
Byron and Jo Meade
Gayle Spencer
Terry and Kim Tucker

Robert and Dorothy Hughes

Joan Hughes

Jerry Krockover

Bob and Patti Truitt

Diane Sigman

Jim and JoAnn Vorst

Mary Ellen Totten-Lovell

The Drama Club

Wendell Riggs

Eleanor Riggs

Katie Traynor

Kevin and Gail Bosman
Patrick Johnson
Denise Koto
Sheila Smoot
Jennifer Stiglic
Alison and Paul Taylor and Family

HONORARIUMS

Linda Bowman

Joan Hughes

Betty M. Nelson

Karen Mosson

NEW ENDOWMENTS

Lasater Family Endowment
Rick and Sarah Schwarz
Women's Initiative
Endowment



Jake and Mary Ann Wiebers

With eight academic degrees between them, Jake and Mary Ann Wiebers believe in education. That's why in 2013, they established the Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship Endowment at The Community Foundation.

As one of seven children, Mary Ann remembers having little money for college. Jake, on the other hand, had scholarships, fellowships, and the GI Bill. "We are not wealthy, by any means, but we are glad we can do this for others," shared Mary Ann.

The purpose of their scholarship is to assist a graduating senior from Faith Christian High School in Lafayette who will be attending college in the fall. Since 2013, nine Faith Christian students have been recipients of the Wiebers Scholarship. The 2020 scholarship recipient is Kaycee Baird. She will study biomedical engineering this fall. "I am so thankful for the generosity of the Wiebers' family," said Kaycee. "This scholarship will be such a blessing as I move forward into the next chapter of my education."



Mary Ann and Jake Wiebers' scholarship is annually awarded to a Faith Christian High School senior.



Heartford House employees received laptops to work from home.

Nonprofits Receive Funding

RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

Almost Home Humane Society

\$3,000 | Stock pet food pantry

Bauer Family Resources

\$5,000 | Carry out food expenses

Big Brothers Big Sisters

\$5,000 | Lost revenue due to canceled fundraiser

Civic Theatre

\$5,000 | Lost revenue due to canceled shows

Heartford House

\$2,000 | Laptops for staff to work from home

Home With Hope

\$2,000 | Emergency food for clients

Joyful Journey

\$4,000 | Operational shortfall

Junior Achievement

\$2,500 | Lost revenue due to canceled fundraiser

Lafayette Urban Ministry

\$4,000 | Emergency assistance (rent, food, prescriptions)

Loving Heart Animal Shelter

\$2,766 | Expenses due to lost revenue

Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club

\$5,000 | Lost revenue due to canceled fundraiser

Tippecanoe County Council on Aging

\$2,500 | Emergency food and household supplies

Trinity Horizon

\$4,000 | Utilities, rent, salaries

Wabash Center

\$1,000 | Equipment for staff to work from home/supplies

YMCA

\$5,000 | Expenses for additional childcare

NOW GRANTS

Right Steps Child Development Centers

\$7,500 | Computer equipment

Tippecanoe County Council on Aging

\$7,307 | Digital piano and copier

YWCA

\$3,918 | Empowerment Boutique equipment for start up

GIVING GROUPS

FEBRUARY MEETING

100+ Women Who Care (WWC)

\$13,300 | Willowstone Family Services

Men Who Give (MWG)

\$7,200 | Big Brothers Big Sisters

MAY MEETING

Combined WWC & MWG

RAPID Response Grant

\$15,000 | YMCA

2020 Application Deadlines

FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

July 28, 2020, noon

\$7,500 and above

NOW GRANTS

Available any time from

Now through November 30, 2020

Less than \$7,500

DETAILS AT CFGlaf.org



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