

\$38.9 Million Lilly Endowment Grant Funds Regional Venture

When opportunity knocks, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette opens the door wide.

The knock, from Lilly Endowment, Inc., initiated the Foundation's efforts to convene a committee known as the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN). Representing a wide range of organizations and industries from 10 counties, WHIN developed an ambitious regional prosperity plan.

This fall, Lilly Endowment announced support for WHIN's proposal, "Creating a Prosperous Economic Ecosystem in the Wabash Heartland," and awarded \$38.9 million.

"The information gathering and advance work were in-depth and comprehensive," says Marianne Rose, president and CEO of The Community Foundation, WHIN's convener.

"The planned, five-year activities that begin in 2018 are visionary and promising," says Gary Henriott, committee chair.

Along with The Community Foundation, WHIN partners include AgriNovus, Ivy Tech Community College-Lafayette, Purdue University, and numerous others.

On the drawing board for the full region:

- Facilitating next-generation manufacturing
- Expanding high-tech agricultural systems
- Funding regional quality-of-place components

Implementing these will involve incorporating advanced sensors and data analytics (also known as the Internet of Things) to wirelessly connect inanimate objects to digital databases.

For manufacturing and agriculture, WHIN's goal is to assist companies with supply-chain efficiencies, inventory control, predictive maintenance, and consumer satisfaction—all to enhance performance, productivity, and, ultimately, increase economic advancements. Education and workforce development in related areas are also major priorities for the WHIN initiative.

"The topic and potential span a vast world," Henriott says. "As work gets underway, WHIN will communicate more details and work closely with regional industries, agribusinesses, and communities to tap the benefits."

REGIONAL FOCUS

Partner counties include Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White.

LEARN MORE

www.WHINonline.org
www.cfglaf.org



Lilly Endowment is funding the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network's proposal for \$38.9 million, which will benefit the 10-county region. Pictured are (seated) David Bathe, Dave Luhman, Gary Lehman, Gary Henriott, JoAnn Brouillette, and Dick Giromini; (standing) Marianne Rose and Stephanie Long.

CONSIDER IRA ROLLOVER

An IRA Charitable Rollover allows those age 70-1/2 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified public charity. Donors pay no federal income tax on contributions, and gifts can satisfy minimum distribution requirements. To make such a contribution to The Community Foundation, contact Candy Silver, director of philanthropy, 765/742-9078, candy@cfglaf.org.



A Community Foundation grant is helping fund high-tech learning.

Community Foundation Helps High-Tech Learning

If you think kids are only using computers for games, think again. Thanks to growing local opportunities, hundreds are writing code, creating programs, and mastering high-tech skills.

Hundreds more will soon join in, thanks to a \$15,000 Community Foundation grant that will purchase Chromebook computers, Raspberry Pi's, Sphere software, Kano kits, LittleBits, and Meet Edison robots.

Currently CoderDojo Lafayette—an affiliate of the national CoderDojo network of free programming clubs for youth ages 7 to 17—offers free monthly

programs at MatchBOX Coworking Studio. Next up: sessions at Imagination Station, school clubs, and a jump from today's 240 students participating each year to over 4,000.

Awarded to Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association, which operates under the Greater Lafayette Commerce umbrella, the grant partially funds a four-phase, multiyear program, says Kara Webb, Greater Lafayette Commerce director of workforce development.

“Technical literacy is essential to navigating the modern world,” she says. “It includes logical thinking, problem solving, and the ability to learn new technologies.”

The Fowler House Mansion.



1852 Foundation Establishes Endowment

What does it take to restore, renovate, and maintain a 16-room, 165-year-old former residence?

Significant upfront investments and an endowment to fund ongoing facility care, John Colby Bartlett, can tell you.

He's executive director of the nonprofit 1852 Foundation, which owns the facility—built in 1852 to be the 6,600-square-foot home of Moses and Eliza Fowler, then used from 1941 to 2005 as a Tippecanoe County Historical Association museum.

Bartlett hopes to assure long-term care of the Gothic Revival building through the Fowler House Mansion Trust Endowment, recently established at The Community Foundation.

“We naturally looked to The Community Foundation as our partner, in keeping with our goal of the long-term preservation of the house as an asset for our community,” he says.

The Fowler House Mansion is available for public and private event rentals.



ONLINE GIVING

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

Recent Gifts

Received from
July 1 through
September 30, 2017:

IN MEMORY

Florence Shen

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NEW ENDOWMENTS

Fowler House Mansion Trust Endowment

Tom and Ruth Moran Endowment for Civic Theatre

Andrew P. Powers Endowment for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette, Inc.

Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation, Inc. Endowment

Nonprofits to Benefit from Matching Campaign

Every dollar counts. And when it's given through the LaNelle Geddes Matching Campaign, it counts even more.

Launched by The Community Foundation to help local nonprofits, the campaign provides a 50-percent match for every donation designated for an endowment of one or more of 30 nonprofits, who applied and were chosen to participate.

"This helps the nonprofit increase its permanent endowment, which remains forever intact, while annual investment earnings can be used to further missions," says Candy Silver, director of philanthropy.

A FEW DETAILS

The campaign runs from Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2017,

through either August 1, 2018, or until donations reach \$1 million, depleting the \$500,000 allocated for matching funds. Gifts are matched as received, making early contributions important.

Gifts of cash or securities of up to \$50,000 (that amount would receive a \$25,000 campaign match) may be made per fund, per household or business to participating agencies.

HOW TO DONATE

Checks payable to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, with the agency or agencies noted on the memo line, should be mailed to:

The Community Foundation
300 Main St., Suite 100
Lafayette, IN 47901



LaNelle Geddes
1936 – 2016



Geddes Helped Students, Community

In her 28 years on the Purdue University nursing faculty, LaNelle Geddes—who earned a doctorate in biophysics from the University of Houston—served as a researcher, educator, gender-equity advocate, and community volunteer.

Among her achievements: Moving nursing from a technical to professional status, establishing a four-year baccalaureate program, and launching several student associations.

When she died in 2016, she left a generous gift to The Community Foundation, which is now using a portion of it to help local nonprofits increase their endowments through a matching campaign.

Participating Organizations

The 1852 Foundation, Inc.

AgrIIstitute

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette and Art League of the Art Museum

Bharatiya Temple and Cultural Center of Greater Lafayette

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette, Inc.

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Inc.

Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.

Haan Mansion Museum of Indiana Art

The Jazz Club

Lafayette Citizens Band, Inc.

Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.

Leadership Lafayette, Inc.

Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County

Long Center Theatre Organ Society

Long Center, Inc.

LTHC Homeless Services

Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club of Tippecanoe Co.

Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County, Inc.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of West Central Indiana (NAMI-WCI)

NICHES

Right Steps Child Development Centers

Tippecanoe County Council on Aging, Inc.

Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation

Tree Lafayette

Unitarian Universalist Church

Wabash Center, Inc.

West Lafayette Public Library

Willowstone Family Services

Wolf Park

YMCA Camp Tecumseh

Grants Boost Nonprofits' Reach

TIER 2 Eight nonprofits shared \$99,905 in discretionary grants.

Bauer Family Resources

\$12,280, Security cameras for three facilities

Family Promise of Greater Lafayette

\$14,500, Kitchen and laundry appliances for new facility

Home with Hope

\$11,325, Roof replacement for 11th Street site

LTHC Homeless Services

\$15,000, Replace water heater system in 8th Street facility

Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association

\$15,000, Coding and robotics equipment

Matrix Lifecare Center

\$8,700, Education room renovation

Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County

\$15,000, Mental Health Resource Connections pilot program

Wabash Center

\$8,100, Sensory and therapeutic equipment for youth program

A grant for Wabash Center's youth program is providing simulated river stones to develop balance, textured tables, and an accessible swing. Here, reading takes center stage.



GROUP GIVING

100+ Women Who Care

\$14,400, Therapeion Therapeutic Riding Center

Men Who Give

\$8,000, Joyful Journey

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Upcoming grant opportunities and their deadlines:

SPRING COMMUNITY GRANTS

April 2, 2018, noon
\$7,500 and above

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS

June 4, 2018, noon
Various amounts

FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

August 6, 2018, noon
\$7,500 and above

NOW GRANTS

Available any time from
January 1 through December 31
Less than \$7,500

Details at
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