

Let Us Do the Heavy Lifting



John Rowe

When John Rowe came to The Community Foundation in 2007, he was looking for a way that his family could pay tribute to their mother's decades of work with the most vulnerable—the oldest and the youngest.

“If you're just starting out, The Community Foundation is the way to go,” said John. “They made it so easy to set up an endowment. The great thing is that they handle all the rules and regulations and do all the paperwork. We just had to discuss where we wanted the funds to go and make contributions. Why would you do this on your own?” His family established a fund that now benefits Bauer Family Resources.

His mother, Betty Rowe, was a tireless social worker. She started her career at age 45 working at the Tippecanoe Council on Aging, rising to become the Senior Center's program director. At age 60, Betty realized her dream of becoming a Peace Corps

volunteer, which took her to Thailand. During her two-year assignment, she learned the language, partnered with teachers in 14 childcare centers, and helped begin a library. Betty even helped rural women establish a company to produce artificial silk flowers to help pull them and their families out of poverty.

Returning to West Lafayette, Betty accepted a job at Head Start, where she worked past her eighties. Head Start named a building in her honor, the Betty Rowe Early Care & Education Center. The *Betty Rowe Endowment* supports Bauer Family Resources to help single, young mothers with children, especially those enrolled in the Head Start program. Betty passed away this year at age 91.

“Because of The Community Foundation's connections with the community, they know what's going on,” said John. That's a significant advantage when you live out of town. “On my own, I couldn't have figured it out without their network,” he said. “The folks at The Foundation are great to work with. They provide help and assistance along the way and are good stewards of the money. This turned out to be terrific. I'm a big fan.”

There is Still Time for Match-Making!

Richard C. and Betty M. Nelson Endowment for the 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program at Lafayette Urban Ministry

Established to actively engage children during the summer with activities that stimulate them academically, socially, and psychologically, the 5th Quarter Learning Program at LUM helps reverse summer slide back for pre-K to 6th-grade students. Gifts of \$1,000 or greater are matched dollar-for-dollar. Donations of \$10,000 or more qualify for a named endowment. The \$100,000 matching opportunity continues until July 15, 2023, or until the matching funds are met.

Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment for Imagination Library

A million-dollar match is still available for those who want to positively impact the lives of children through early reading opportunities. The Imagination Library gives free books to children every month from birth to age five. The endowment will ensure the long-term funding of these books for future generations of children in Greater Lafayette. Gifts of \$1,000 or more are matched dollar-for-dollar; gifts of \$10,000 or more qualify for a named endowment. The matching funds are available through December 31, 2023, or until the \$1 million match is met.

Coming the Long Way

From its storied beginnings in 1920, the Neoclassical-style Mars Theatre evolved from a vaudeville house to a stage for “new” talking movies before being donated to the City of Lafayette by Irving Long in 1977. Renamed the Long Center for Performing Arts as a memorial to Irving’s father, Dennis Long, the theatre has been the downtown epicenter for live performing arts ever since. In 2000, the building underwent a major renovation. Today, the venue is managed by Long Center, a nonprofit organization, and continues to receive upgrades via grants and donations to enhance performer experience and audience enjoyment.

Over the last two years, capital grants totaling nearly \$100,000 from The Community Foundation’s grants program upgraded the aging technology systems. This included new speakers, control boards, microphones, mixing equipment, lighting, and audio systems. Previous improvements hadn’t been made since the mid-2000s.

“We all know how technology advances,” said John Hughey, Long Center executive director. “The gifts gave the Long Center a tremendous opportunity. We can now install lights that make the stage brighter and the performers more vivid. The sound system will create better sound coverage for the audience. Plus, we added speakers for the performers—allowing them to hear each other while on stage.” The upgrades were energy efficient, too, building on the Long Center’s goal to save energy.

“The Community Foundation and its funding partners are at the heart of our theatrical upgrades,” said Hughey. “Capital equipment is an area that requires thousands



Robert Cray and band member Richard Cousins performed at the Long Center for Performing Arts in 2021. Photo by Mark Sheldon

of dollars for a single purchase. We would not be able to advance without the support of CFGL. Audiences in our community are directly benefiting from their generosity,” he said. “With the capital support we receive from The Foundation, we can focus on other areas of our fundraising to support programming expenses and education. The grant cycle is vital to our long-term service to the community.”

Recent Gifts JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | 2022

IN MEMORY

Patty Barrett

Larry and Marianne Rose

Jane Early Boswell

Robert and Kim Early

Paul Preckel and

Janet Winters

Barry Priest and

Rebecca Morrison

Emma Dalsimer

Larry and Marianne Rose

Virginia and John Ferris

The Susan Ferris Edgell Fund

at The Chicago Community

Foundation

Anne Marie Hatke

B. Fred and Nancy Butz

Carol Casey

Susie Flaningham

Kathryn Kugelman

John and Prella McBride

Liza Merriott

Marissa Rudman

Lauren Schuh

Sonia Schwartz, Suzette

Pritchard, Kevin Spiker,

and families

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Ball Eggleston PC

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William and Joanne Evers

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Eugene and Joline Steinfeld

Thomas M. Price

Sue Holder Price

Katie Traynor RN

Kevin and Gail Bosman

Carol Du Clos and Megan Brown

Dru Hay

Denise Koto

Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster

Eric and Sara Miedema

Amanda Nutty

Mike and Margaret Schreiber

Kelly Stein

Eleanor Walters

Linda Bowman and

Glenn Tompkins

Rick Westerman

Linda Swihart

NOW Grants

Joe Tiller Chapter of NW Indiana National Football Foundation

\$918 | Laptop

Mental Health America – WVR

\$10,000 | Light fixtures

NICHES Land Trust

\$9,974 | Stewardship tools

The Historic Five Points Fire Station Educational Center

\$10,000 | Smoke Alarm & CO2 Alarm Program

United Way of Greater Lafayette

\$10,000 | Repairs and painting of windows

Wabash River Enhancement Corporation

\$2,631 | Invasive plant management tools

Fall Grants

Hanna Community Center

\$12,428 | Facility improvements

Heartford House

\$10,884 | Computer upgrades

Lafayette Family YMCA

\$12,412 | Radio solution technology

Right Steps Child Development Centers

\$50,577 | Security and monitoring upgrades

Songwriters Association of Mid-North Indiana

\$34,818 | Mobile livestream equipment

Thomas Duncan Hall Inc.

\$22,898 | Sound system and acoustics

We Bloom Inc. - Recovery Cafe Lafayette

\$10,572 | Youth Discovery Café

Willowstone Family Services

\$7,600 | Laptops

Lafayette Hearing Center

Gifts in memory of these individuals

David Budd

Jule Collins

George Dandrow

Dallas Dinger

Ray Donoho

John Forrest

Dan Hammond

Harry Hirschl

Patsy Krieg

Jack Mellon

Valerie Penkivich

Ron Perigo

Carol Reinholt

Marilyn Richardson

Marcella Waldon

Jeffrey Wells

Doug Winslow

June Williamson

IN HONOR

Linda Bowman

Joan Hughes

John and Prella McBride

J. Scott McBride

NEW ENDOWMENTS

Isaiah 117 House Endowment

Junior Achievement Serving

Greater Lafayette Endowment

For the Love of Anne

Kumares Sinha came to the United States from India in 1964 as a graduate research assistant at the University of Connecticut. There he met the love of his life, Anne Kallina. She was an accomplished University Scholar in her own right as an undergraduate in liberal arts. They married three years later, laid the groundwork for his ongoing career in civil engineering, and started their family of five children. Anne returned to college after their children were grown and earned a B.S. in nursing with distinction from Purdue University. She was known among her friends and family for her wit, ceaseless good humor, and compassion.

After Anne passed away in 2015, Kumares reflected on how much she had sacrificed for him and their children and wanted to honor her memory by contributing to the causes she cared for. He decided to empower young, disadvantaged girls in India to give them a better chance to succeed in life and began to support an orphanage for girls in honor of Anne and his mother.

West Lafayette has been his home since 1974, when he became a faculty member at Purdue. His career as a civil engineer has taken him down many roads in life as a distinguished professor, consultant, and researcher working on ways to improve transportation nationwide and around the world. Locally, he chairs the West Lafayette Traffic Commission, as he has done for the last 23 years.

Seeing people he knew who supported The Community Foundation inspired him to start two endowments to serve local families in need, namely through LUM and Food Finders. Participating in the *Dick and Betty Nelson matching opportunity to benefit Lafayette Urban Ministry's 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program* made sense to him. This program is dedicated to closing the academic achievement gap for pre-K to 6th grade students who are struggling.

Kumares Sinha is grateful for the opportunity to share his blessings in his wife's memory. He hopes others will join him in helping the less fortunate in our community.



Kumares and Anne Sinha with their 5 children.

Lifting Others Up



Joseph and Anne Lift with a son of a family friend.

Joseph and Anne Lift led long and interesting lives. They met in St. Louis, married in 1951, and moved to Lafayette in 1969. Anne was an avid reader, working as a librarian at Purdue University for 20 years until 1989. Post-retirement, she volunteered in Westminster Village's residential library for several years. Anne's other interests included gardening, home decorating, and lace-making. In fact, she traveled to several European countries to visit lace museums and artisans to learn more about the world of lace. She was a long-time member of Bethany Presbyterian Church and Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA). She passed away in West Lafayette in 2020.

Joseph Lift began his career at Anheuser-Busch, Inc. brewery in St. Louis. The newly-built Anheuser-

Busch corn refinery in Lafayette (which was eventually bought by Staley Manufacturing Co.) brought Joseph and Anne to town in 1969, where he held various positions during his 37-year career. He was an active member at St. Lawrence Catholic Church and a graduate of Leadership Lafayette. Joe volunteered for LUM and Meals on Wheels, receiving the Community Volunteer Award from Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau three times. Joseph's interests also included Native American artifacts. He served as a member and past president of the Indiana Archeological Society, giving countless presentations to schools, churches, historical societies, and other venues to share his impressive collection of artifacts with others. Joseph passed away in 2017 in West Lafayette.

Their lasting legacy to Greater Lafayette is through The Community Foundation's *Joseph and Anne Lift Endowment*. It pays for school activities or materials to students in Tippecanoe County who may not otherwise be able to afford outside activities not funded by schools. Activities such as field trips, concerts, outings, or items needed for participation in music lessons or athletics. Another part of their endowment will provide support to Riggs Community Health Clinic. Their legacy gift continues to lift up others.



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POSSIBILITIES Inspiring Greater

EBERLE SERIES
Lafayette County Club | 11 am-2 pm

Upcoming Dates

*Revisiting Vision, Mission
& Values* | February 1

*Setting the Foundation of
our Strategic Planning* | March 1

GIVING CIRCLES
100+ Men Who Give

December 8 | February 7 | May 9
5-6:30 pm Lafayette County Club

100+ Women Who Care

December 13 | February 28 | May 16
5-6:30 pm Lafayette County Club