

## Endowment Salute to Long Center

“The Long Center’s longevity and success are directly linked to the vitality of our funds invested with The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette,” said Long Center Executive Director John Hughey at the event held on April 4. “Our goal is to gift the community with concerts and performances, transforming the generosity that we receive into lifelong memories for our guests.”

The special salute honored and applauded the Long Center’s multifaceted performing arts and its many benefactors. Eighty-five people were in attendance. The stars of the show were two agency endowments: the *Long Center Endowment in Honor of Jan André Bootsma and Ken Bootsma* and the *Long Center Fund*. Also honored were two additional designated funds: the *Edgar B. Olson Endowment* and *Dr. Harry M. Von Tobel Endowment*.

“Generations of families have celebrated a night on the town at our beloved 102-year-old theater. From concerts on stage to marriage proposals under the marquee, the endowment salute was an evening to remember those treasured moments,” said John. “And it was a night to envision the dancing and soulful celebrations ahead. Most importantly, the endowment salute was an opportunity to thank the hundreds of generous friends



that tirelessly keep the theater’s lights shining and the doors open.”

Master of ceremonies and Foundation board member Rick Olson said, “Like all of the agency endowment funds managed by The Community Foundation, Long Center receives an annual grant from their funds that may be directed to whatever current needs that they have. An endowment can be a valuable source of support that will help perpetuate an organization’s mission far into the future. The Community Foundation is honored and pleased to have the opportunity to partner with the Long Center to ensure its success for years to come.”

Long Center is the home of the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ, whose repertoire includes an

entire orchestra’s musical range, and the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra. Other arts organizations that perform on the stage include Purdue Bands, Purdue Musical Organizations, Purdue Convocations, the Lafayette Ballet, the Passion Play, Wabash Valley Youth Symphony, and many others. Salute, cheers, and thank you to the donors whose incredible support makes Long Center Greater Lafayette’s epicenter for live performing arts.

### WHAT IS A DESIGNATED FUND?

There are many endowment types, but a designated endowment allows for a donor or an agency to set up a fund that will support a specific nonprofit in perpetuity. The funds are invested and the earnings are distributed to the nonprofit annually through a grant. The grant is calculated each year at 4.5% of a three-year trailing average of the fund’s market value. Over time, the fund is expected to grow, giving the nonprofit even more security year after year. To learn more about designated endowments or other ways to give, contact **Candy Silver** at [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org).



Candy Silver

# Leap of Faith



Pris Gerde

Pris Gerde is a force of nature. Continually developing, coaching, influencing, strategically planning, and improving the world around her for the greater good is Pris' trademark. Her 37-year corporate career with Eli Lilly and Company was immediately followed by an appointment to serve as an advisor-in-residence with Purdue Daniels School of Business in 2011. Her retirement lasted 23 days.

Her enthusiasm and energy for work overflows into community service. Whether it has been with the Haan Museum of Art, Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, Indiana 4-H, Arthritis Foundation, Prevent Blindness, or her many other interests, Pris pours

her heart and hands into each organization. She credits her parents as being inspirational civic-minded citizens who led by example.

Pris has served The Community Foundation in numerous roles. Her first experience began in 2016 as a board member, chairing the Governance and Scholarship Committees. In her two three-year terms as a director, she championed 100+ Women Who Give as one of its early members and took an active role in choosing scholarship recipients. The Pris Gerde Endowment followed to address Greater Lafayette's most pressing needs, and she recently became a Legacy Society member.

"Giving is about trust," she shared. "When you trust an organization, believe in its stability, believe in its leadership, you can trust them with your gifts. It's a leap of faith." That philosophy especially holds true for discretionary endowments. She trusts The Community Foundation to thoughtfully and wisely award grants to nonprofits that need non-designated funding to accomplish their missions. "You can't have programs if you don't have the infrastructure," said Pris.



Cody Mullen

## Lilly and Beyond

High school students in Indiana with an eye toward college reach for the gold standard in scholarships — the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. It provides full-tuition and fees as well as a book stipend to any Indiana four-year college or university, public or private. The program is administered locally by community foundations, and statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana with funding from the Lilly Endowment.

Cody Mullen, a 2007 Lilly Scholar from Tippecanoe County, attained his degrees from Purdue and IU-Indy. He is a Clinical Associate Professor and Purdue's Director of Master of Health Administration Program. Cody joined The Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee in 2015 to give back to The Foundation that helped him pursue his dreams.

"Being a Lilly Scholar was an honor back in high school for the fact that they recognized my activities and a relief knowing that tuition was covered," said Cody. "I am still learning what a gift it was—no debt, no student loans. It gave me greater flexibility in my career." Giving back to the community had always been part of the plan. He enjoys being on the Scholarship Committee to interview potential candidates. "I love being a little part of the magic for these well-deserving students."

## Recent Gifts JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH - 2023

### IN MEMORY

**Nicole Ahl Durbin**  
Joseph and Judith Dufficy  
**Jane Early Boswell**  
Jeff Boswell  
Barry Priest and  
Rebecca Morrison  
Larry and Marianne Rose  
**Shirley B. Curtis**  
Larry and Marianne Rose

**W. Nicholas Delgass**  
Elizabeth Delgass  
**Robert And Dorothy Hughes**  
Joan Hughes  
**Olga Jeffares**  
David and Carol Luhman  
**Lynn Layden**  
Max Layden  
**Diana Sue Leslie**  
Jim Leslie

**Thomas Oliver Long**  
Paul and Ellen House  
**Jerome and Shirley McTague**  
Maggy McDaniel  
Andy and Marty Pavlovich  
**Jay Mermoud**  
Larry and Marianne Rose  
**Judi Painter**  
Larry and Marianne Rose  
**Christy Smith**  
James and Virginia Clemenko

**Katie Traynor RN**  
Danielle Bluhm  
Janice Dulaney  
Terry Printz  
Sheila Smoot  
John and Jenni Vravick  
Gary and Cindy Traynor

### IN HONOR

**Larry Rose**  
Tara Balfe Clifford



## 2023 Scholars

### **CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN PURSUING STEM**

Sarah Bhuiya, Purdue University (2020)  
Anna Hildebrand, Purdue University (2020)  
Sarah Hauser, Purdue University (2020)  
Madelyn Pequignot, Purdue University (2021)  
Hailey Sandquist, Carroll High School (2022)  
Rachel Uchtman, Carroll High School (2022)  
Alexandra Wright, Purdue University (2021)

### **GEORGE BALFE SCHOLARSHIP**

Mackenzie Misner, Jefferson High School

### **ROGER BLALOCK SCHOLARSHIP**

Terrence Blades, Purdue University

### **JANE EARLY BOSWELL SCHOLARSHIP**

Aria Davis, Jefferson High School

### **TARA BALFE CLIFFORD SCHOLARSHIP**

Noelle Medrano, Jefferson High School

### **SAMUEL AND PEARL MAE FRITTS COLE SCHOLARSHIP**

Kaylee Horn, Carrier Mills High School  
Brock Newman, Eldorado High School

### **SAMUEL C. CURTIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Daniela Manzanero, Jefferson High School

### **MAX AND ELSIE GOKEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Kinsey Williams, University of Indianapolis  
Alyssa Knochel, Boston Architectural College  
Shreenidhi Saravanan, West Lafayette High School  
Malachi McRoberts, McRoberts Academy

### **ROBERT AND DOROTHY HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edith Moser, Harrison High School  
Riley Fritchley, McCutcheon High School

### **JEFF HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Chester "Chet" Adams, Jefferson High School  
Monzerrat Aquino, Jefferson High School  
Naomi Castillo-Huesca, Jefferson High School  
Kayla Gibson, Jefferson High School  
Kollin Leap, Jefferson High School  
TaSharra Moore, Jefferson High School  
Karlie Potempa, Jefferson High School  
William Renie, Jefferson High School  
Kelby Tarter, Jefferson High School

### **LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Zachary Kerr, Central Catholic High School  
Marlee Matz, McCutcheon High School  
Cora Wood, Harrison High School

### **ELIZABETH MACKAY SCHOLARSHIP**

Caitlyn Miller, McCutcheon High School  
Christine Habib, West Lafayette High School

### **SHIRLEY AND MICK MCTAGUE SCHOLARSHIP**

Micah Meister, Harrison High School

### **HARLAN W. AND DOROTHY W. PARR SCHOLARSHIP**

Mavis Akom, Purdue University  
Favour Ojike, Purdue University  
Oluwatosin Benjamin Fakunle, Purdue University  
Oseremi Olivia Jagbojo, Purdue University  
Kevin Affoukou, Purdue University

### **ROLAND G. PARRISH BLACK CULTURAL CENTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Alana Powell, Purdue University

### **PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF TARRUS RICHARDSON**

Devyn-Simone Barton, Purdue University  
Larysa Pagel, Purdue University  
Peyton Williams, Purdue University  
Eric Vasser, Purdue University

### **PRICE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. PRICE**

Autumn Miller, Harrison High School

### **PURDUE UNIVERSITY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Nicholas Gomez, Purdue University  
Kyle Thomas, Purdue University

### **DAVID SMYSER SCHOLARSHIP**

Josh White, Jefferson High School

### **BETTY M. SUDDARTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Grace Park, Harrison High School

### **KATIE TRAYNOR, RN SCHOLARSHIP**

Hailey Munson, Purdue University  
Paighton Derrick, Purdue University

### **TRUITT FAMILY WEST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Evan Cooke, West Lafayette High School  
Krisha Shah, West Lafayette High School

### **ROBERT AND MARILYN WHITSEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Madeline Estep, Harrison High School  
Chloe McGuire, Harrison High School

### **JACOB E. AND MARY ANN WIEBERS SCHOLARSHIP**

Elijah Patton, Faith Christian High School

### **WEST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Meredith Benhart, West Lafayette High School



# Grants

## SPRING GRANTS

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

\$24,295 | ReStore expansion project

### LAFAYETTE URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION, INC.

\$20,000 | Wabash Avenue gateway handrail and lighting project

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

\$12,214 | New security doors

### LARA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

\$20,000 | Computer and technology equipment

### LONG CENTER

\$33,203 | Subwoofers replacement and theatrical production control switches

### LTHC HOMELESS SERVICES

\$22,505 | Family Campus repairs

### ROBERT AND ELLEN HAAN MUSEUM OF INDIANA ART

\$43,268 | Upgrade of Haan Museum elevator



Lafayette Urban Ministry's Executive Director, Wes Tillet and Youth Programs Director, Kristi Hogue pose with the security door they received via a grant this spring.

### WABASH CENTER INC.

\$15,600 | Computer equipment

### YMCA CAMP TECUMSEH

\$11,444 | Radio system

### YWCA OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$12,066 | Security, communication, and technology needs

### NOW

### ART MUSEUM OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$10,000 | Security system replacement

### CAREGIVER COMPANION

\$7,638 | Office upgrades

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAFAYETTE

\$9,400 | Property care and maintenance equipment

### IMAGINATION STATION

\$10,000 | Carpet replacement

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$10,000 | iPads and cases

### LEGAL AID CORPORATION

\$4,274 | Computer equipment

### WONDERLAND EDUCATION

\$2,701 | Computer equipment



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## INSPIRING GREATER POSSIBILITIES

**EBERLE SERIES**  
 Leading Board Committees | September 6 | 11 am - 2 pm | Lafayette County Club  
 Increasing Engagement in Digital Media Communications | October 4 | 10 - 11:30 am | Virtual  
 Building Corporate Partnerships | November 1 | 11 am - 2 pm | Lafayette County Club

**DEADLINES**  
 Fall Grant Application Deadline | August 3 | 12 pm

**GIVING CIRCLES**  
 100+ Men Who Give | September 12 | December 5  
 100+ Women Who Care | September 19 | December 12  
 5 - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

## Upcoming Dates

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