

## Keeping it Natural

Loving the outdoors — its land and creatures — was a common bond for Susan Howell Ulrich and her late husband, Dolph (Ted). They also loved to travel. They visited all 50 states and 30 foreign countries, discovering birds and animals of all species. The Ulriches' mutual love of birding inspired Susan to serve on the board of the Sycamore Audubon Society. She started the Sycamore Audubon Society Endowment with The Community Foundation in January 2021 to support Audubon's mission and programs.

In addition, Susan is involved with NICHES (Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive). She and several others founded the

NICHES Land Trust, where she served as president for the first eight years. Later, Susan and other board members created the NICHES Endowment Foundation to provide permanent funding for land protection. During a Lilly match, the board established a separate endowment with The Community Foundation. She's not afraid of getting her hands dirty, either. Susan regularly works on the RIP Squad (Remove Invasive Plants) to eradicate invasive plant species like Garlic Mustard and Bush Honeysuckle, among others, from NICHES properties and parks in West Lafayette, Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County.

The Ulriches met playing bridge in the Student Union of Oberlin College in Ohio and later moved to Detroit, where Ted received his doctorate. They came to Purdue in 1968 when Ted joined the Department of Philosophy faculty. He reached full professorship and retired in 2013. Susan also worked at Purdue in the Agronomy Department.

When Ted passed away in 2020, Susan began to explore how to honor him and the interests they both loved. Becoming a Legacy Society member made sense. "The Community Foundation simplified my life in many ways," remarked Susan. She met with Director of Philanthropy Candy Silver, and together, they mapped out a plan to carry out philanthropic wishes that will last a lifetime and beyond.

**LEARN MORE** about becoming a Legacy Society member. Contact Candy Silver at [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org).



Susan and Ted Ulrich

# Making Music

Music is the soundtrack to our lives, from lullabies to children's songs to dance music to weeping violins. The music we listen to evokes emotions and creates vivid memories that transport us instantly to another place in time. Music is good for your health: it helps you study or work out, enables you to recover from pain or reduce stress, and it helps you relax. That is why The Foundation and many donors recognize the importance of encouraging and supporting young (and old) songwriters who create the music that will make us better, happier, and healthier people.

SAMI (Songwriter's Association of Mid-North Indiana) was founded in 1992 as a nonprofit organization to provide education while encouraging emerging songwriters in our area to enrich the public through music. SAMI touches lives by providing opportunities for musicians and audio technicians to hone their craft through classes/sessions and opportunities to perform or assist in livestream productions in the community.

SAMI and REC Room Recording held its first-ever weeklong workshop for community musicians in June. The workshop featured experienced songwriting coaches with special guests Steven Memel, Ronan Chris Murphy, and Liz Redwing from Los Angeles. Their resumes include work with well-known artists such as Maroon 5, Tina Turner, and No Doubt, to name a few. The professionals remarked REC Room Recording Studio was the caliber of studios they'd find in LA, New York, or Nashville.

REC Room Recording Studio is in the Wells Community Cultural Center and is part of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF). The state-of-the-art studio was created with the support of The Community Foundation and NCHS grants. The Community Foundation granted \$34,818 for mobile livestream equipment in 2022, which is vital for streaming entertainment and programs post-pandemic. In 2023, The Community Foundation awarded \$8,574 for the purchase of a pro-level soundproof door and \$19,980 to purchase professional livestream audio and recording education equipment to enhance their offerings.

Scott Greeson, president of SAMI, and Ethan Bates, REC Room Recording Studio director, are passionate about their musical mission to educate and encourage budding songwriters. They are grateful for the grants that help them achieve their mission. "Grants are gifts," said Greeson, "gifts we give back to the community." For more information about classes, recording opportunities, or scholarships, see [samisong.com](http://samisong.com) or [recroomrecording.com](http://recroomrecording.com).



Young songwriters learned from award-winning producer Ronan Chris Murphy at the inaugural Music Recording and Performance Workshop in June 2023.

## Recent Gifts

### IN MEMORY

**Jeffrey Anderson**  
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**Jane Early Boswell**  
Barry Priest and  
Rebecca Morrison

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# Eberle Series 2024

The Not-For-Profit Board Governance Series (“Eberle Series”) was established in 2008 as part of Douglas Eberle’s (President and CEO from 2006 to 2009) vision to provide educational opportunities to nonprofits and board members. He saw a gap in our community and worked with North Central Health Services and United Way to make his vision come to fruition. When Doug passed away in 2009, The Foundation, with the help and financial support from North Central Health Services (NCHS), chose to name the series in his memory. This year marks 15 years of the Eberle Series and it continues to offer the highest quality best practices and leading-edge trends in board governance and nonprofit leadership.

Each year, The Foundation brings in subject-matter experts from all over to discuss topics such as nonprofit board responsibilities, recruiting board and committee members, engaging board members, and building a thriving board, setting vision and strategy, and more. Since 2022, The Foundation has partnered with Hedges, a BoardSource certified nonprofit consulting firm from Indianapolis, to develop a curriculum for Greater Lafayette nonprofits based on their years of experience working in the nonprofit sector.

## WE INVITE NONPROFITS AND BOARD MEMBERS TO REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is \$25 per session or \$125 for the series. Each session will take place from 11 am – 2 pm at the Lafayette Country Club with lunch provided. Our partner, United Way of Greater Lafayette, graciously manages the registration for this series on their website at: [uwlafayette.org/Eberle/](http://uwlafayette.org/Eberle/)

## WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THE 2024 EBERLE SERIES SCHEDULE:

<b>FEB 7</b>	Effectively Building and Delivering your Elevator Pitch
<b>MARCH 6</b>	Core Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards
<b>APRIL 3</b>	Evaluating Leadership Performance
<b>MAY 1</b>	Increasing Engagement in the Board Room
<b>SEPT 4</b>	Sustaining Board Governance
<b>OCT 9</b>	Activating Board Committees
<b>NOV 13</b>	Fundraising Essentials



Attendees at a 2023 Eberle Series workshop, “Leading Board Committees” receive tangible tips on engaging with and making the most of their nonprofit board committees.

## Upcoming Dates

### 100+ MEN WHO GIVE

December 5 | 5 – 6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

### 100+ WOMEN WHO CARE

December 12 | 5 – 6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

### HOLIDAY GRANTS RECEPTION

December 14 | 5 – 6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

# Grants

## MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

\$9,864 | Computers

## HEARTFORD HOUSE

\$9,950 | Building security

## WABASH VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

\$10,000 | Chamber music ensemble mobile equipment

## WE BLOOM INC. - RECOVERY CAFÉ LAFAYETTE

\$10,000 | New flooring

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$1,733 | Storage cabinet

## CIVIC THEATRE

\$8,734 | Dressing room HVAC

## GIFTS OF GRACE ADOPTION SUPPORT CENTER

\$10,000 | Office furniture and computers

## LTHC HOMELESS SERVICES

\$10,000 | Lincoln Center water heater replacement

# New Endowments

Jeff Anderson Endowment

Tom and Mary Arth Endowment

Marc and Brenda Clapper Endowment

Erdman Endowment

Frazee Family Endowment

Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt Endowment

Dr. Robert J. Hagen Scholarship Endowment for National Football Foundation

Ben and Maxine Miller Family Endowment

Ryan and Karissa Mooney Endowment

Richard R. and Sarah A. Schwarz Endowment

Meddie and Candy Silver Family Endowment

Connie and Gary Standiford Endowment for Thomas Duncan Hall

Jake and Mary Ann Wiebers Endowment

Mike and Jane Wilson Family Endowment

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