

Impact Grant

Last fall, The Foundation’s board of directors opened the doors to a unique grant opportunity for local nonprofits, known as the 2023 Impact Grant. This initiative aimed to significantly aid an organization’s efforts by making \$130,000 available for projects valued \$50,000 or more.

Given The Foundation’s involvement in the recent efforts to address the pressing need for quality and reliable childcare services in Greater Lafayette, the board strategically prioritized projects from organizations catering to this essential aspect of our community.

Among the many worthy Impact Grant applicants, the STEAM Academy and Star City Early Learning Academy were chosen due to their efforts to add childcare spaces in our community. STEAM Academy’s project, focused on enhancing childcare infrastructure, was chosen for an \$85,000 grant. The grant enabled the academy to invest in state-of-the-art furniture and cabinetry, facilitating the creation of four new classrooms. This expansion, in turn, will add 36 new childcare spots for infants and toddlers, addressing the critical demand for early childhood education.

“The interactive age-appropriate furniture will help engage the children, add to their safety, and offer the teachers a more supported and functional environment,” says Lisa Glaser, Executive Director of STEAM Academy.

Star City Early Learning Academy also received a \$45,590 grant to fuel their project. Their endeavor involved the installation of plumbing and technology upgrades in existing spaces, a crucial step towards expanding childcare services for up to 70 more children. The Foundation’s support not only empowers the childcare center but also strengthens the fabric of our community by providing much-needed relief to families seeking reliable and high-quality childcare options.

Natasha Davis, Star City Early Learning Academy Senior Director, said, “The Impact Grant has proven instrumental in providing quality childcare, through directing resources to this key area, we have successfully cultivated a safer and more supportive environment for children.”

As we celebrate the Impact Grant’s success in 2023, we look forward to witnessing the enduring positive impact it will have on Greater Lafayette. The Foundation’s commitment to addressing community needs in innovative ways continues to elevate our region and foster a stronger, more vibrant community for all.



STEAM Academy and Star City Early Learning Academy provide enriching and educational care for Greater Lafayette children.

Standing Sure

ZTA House Board at Purdue, The Community Foundation Board, and her passion, the Thomas Duncan Hall Board.

Fourth-generation farmers in Tippecanoe County, Connie and Gary Standiford, have invested their lives in our community from the ground up. The first generation came from Germany and started a legacy of caring for the land that passed to Connie's father, Howard Daughtery, then to Connie (their only child) and her husband, Gary, and now to their daughters and their families.



Connie and Gary Standiford

Farmers are a special breed. They are geneticists, mechanics, agronomists, meteorologists, animal scientists, electricians, carpenters, plumbers—they are whatever it needs to get the job done.

Connie grew up on the farm in Lafayette, and Gary grew up in Southern Indiana, where his family had a canning business. They exchanged places when she went to Indiana University to study elementary education, and he came to Purdue to study Food Science. After they married, they moved to Hoopeston, Illinois, where they worked in their disciplines. After several years, the family farm called them back to Tippecanoe County when Connie's parents needed them to take over and the farming tradition continues today.

Besides raising their two daughters, Connie was very involved in volunteer work—with her church and as a member of the Tippecanoe Park Board, the

When asked to be a board member of The Community Foundation in 2020 at age 80, Connie said, "It's a great organization, and I was proud to be part of it. I'd have enjoyed it even more if I were younger!" She served four years, proving you can be any age to make a difference!

"When you are fortunate to have success, we felt we owed the community in return," said Connie. While on The Community Foundation Board, Connie served

on the Grants Committee and learned of the many needs facing Greater Lafayette. That prompted her and her husband of 63 years to start a discretionary endowment that allows board members to designate funds to the most worthy needs of the community.

The second endowment, the Gary and Connie Standiford Endowment for Thomas Duncan Hall, is a designated fund to perpetuate the organization's good works. Connie's mother was a previous board member of the organization, which started the first kindergarten class in Lafayette and hosted a speech by JFK in 1959. Today, Duncan Hall hosts cultural, educational, and celebratory events for the community.

The endowment supports the organization's mission to enrich the community in the historic 1931 building on Ferry Street. "It's our honor, duty, and privilege to help keep it going," said Connie.

Recent Gifts

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER - 2023

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Ryan and Stephanie Long

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John Rowe

Gold Key Society Event

On January 17, The Foundation hosted a group of local professional advisors for the second annual Gold Key Society for Professional Advisors luncheon. The event gave members an opportunity to network and learn about how The Foundation can aid them in providing charitable giving options to their clients.

Andy Gutwein, an attorney, former Foundation Board Chairman, and long-time Gold Key Society member spoke. “We all know giving to a charity doesn’t have to be complicated. But, if our client wants to create a legacy, support our community, or just provide a stream of income to their favorite charity, then The Community Foundation can help them accomplish their goal,” said Gutwein.

2024 GOLD KEY SOCIETY MEMBERS

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For information about joining the Gold Key Society for Professional Advisors, please contact Candy Silver at candy@inspiringgreater.org.



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Upcoming Events

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

April 18 | 7 pm
Lafayette Country Club

100+ MEN WHO GIVE

May 7 | 5 - 6:30 pm
Lafayette Country Club

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE

May 14 | 5 - 6:30 pm
Lafayette Country Club

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANT DEADLINE

May 24 | 12 pm



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New Endowments

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