

Immersion Approach

When Jennifer and Brock Russell moved to Greater Lafayette 18 years ago, they jumped right into the life of the community. Coming from Illinois, the Russells came to Lafayette for Brock's position with the State Police. Jennifer is a financial advisor for Edward Jones. Jennifer and Brock are raising their two sons in the place they consider home. To best learn a foreign language, total immersion in the new culture is recommended. So it was with Jennifer and Brock after they got involved with a clothing closet ministry and food pantry at their church. Brock volunteered as a Big with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Jennifer went through Leadership Lafayette in 2009 and soon after served on the Boards of Bauer Family Resources and of Franciscan Health Foundation, Western Indiana.

Jennifer's first experience with The Community Foundation was serving on the Grants Committee in 2017. "I realized how vast the impact to the community The Foundation was," she said. "It was really fun—you couldn't help but feel like Santa helping the nonprofits while gaining a deep understanding of their missions." She served on the committee until 2023, helping the community's nonprofits weather pre- and post-pandemic conditions.

As a financial advisor, Jennifer became a member of the Gold Key Society, helping her clients fulfill their charitable goals and legacies by offering options through The Community Foundation. Blending her financial knowledge with her passion for community service is a perfect fit. She served as a board of director and was the Chair of the Finance Committee until 2023.

Now that she is off the Board, the Russells' focus is building their discretionary endowment, which started during a previous matching campaign.



Brock and Jennifer Russell with their children

With insider knowledge of the community, Jennifer and Brock opted to allow their endowment the flexibility to address its most urgent needs. For future giving, they included The Community Foundation in their estate plans and are members of the Legacy Society.

"The Community Foundation is an impressive organization," said Jennifer. "I'm enthralled with what they do all the time. The organization's leadership over the last 50+ years has proven to be trustworthy and sustainable for the long-term with a commitment to the community in perpetuity."

"I encourage everyone to get involved," said Jennifer. "It could be as simple as joining the dynamic 100+ Men Who Give or 100+ Women Who Care giving circles, which have a small entry level for giving four times per year. Or, in larger ways, by funding a scholarship or helping the community in specific ways. The Community Foundation can help you navigate whatever dream you have."

2024 Scholars

GEORGE BALFE SCHOLARSHIP

Natalie Seef, Jefferson High School

TARA BALFE CLIFFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Alessandra Cruz-Vazquez, Jefferson High School

ROGER BLALOCK SCHOLARSHIP

Sabrina Pinnix, Purdue University

JANE EARLY BOSWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Marshall Huston, Jefferson High School

SAMUEL AND PEARL MAE FRITTS COLE SCHOLARSHIP

Brianna Cullers, Carrier Mills High School

Sydney Farmer, Eldorado High School

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)

SAMUEL C. CURTIS SCHOLARSHIP

Giovanni Flores-Hernandez, Jefferson High School

MAX AND ELSIE GOKEN SCHOLARSHIP

Maria Aboujaoude, Harrison High School

Lillian Hyde, West Lafayette High School

Alyssa Knochel, Boston Architectural College

Noah Wykoff, McCutcheon High School

ROBERT AND DOROTHY HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP

Sophia Crowder, McCutcheon High School

JEFF HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail Black, Jefferson High School

Ana Gonzalez-Lopez, Jefferson High School

Giovanni Hayes, Jefferson High School

Christy Hickman, Jefferson High School

Uziah Maes, Jefferson High School

Cora Powell, Jefferson High School

Enrique Zavala, Jefferson High School

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Joshua Bolton, Faith High School

Estrella Perez, McCutcheon High School

Eamon Seeley, Culver Military Academy

ELIZABETH MACKAY SCHOLARSHIP

Lillian Hyde, West Lafayette High School

Macey Johnston, McCutcheon High School

SHIRLEY AND MICK MCTAGUE SCHOLARSHIP

Micah Meister, Harrison High School

HARLAN W. AND DOROTHY W. PARR SCHOLARSHIP

Kevin Affoukou, Purdue University

Mavis Akom, Purdue University

Olivia Jagbojo, Purdue University

Hema Lingireddy, Purdue University

Olivier Ntaganzwa, Purdue University

ROLAND G. PARRISH BLACK CULTURAL CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Barnes, Purdue University

Shingisai Marondera, Purdue University

Favour Momodu, Purdue University

Samson Tesfagiorgis, Purdue University

PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF TARRUS RICHARDSON

Alexander Ash, Purdue University

Khari Dennis, Purdue University

Brooke Sanders, Purdue University

Rufael Weldetensae, Purdue University

PRICE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. PRICE

Brisa Del Real Marquez, McCutcheon High School

PURDUE UNIVERSITY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Tarandeep Sran, Purdue University

Sierra Woods, Purdue University

DAVID SMYSER SCHOLARSHIP

Camden Bettag, Jefferson High School

BETTY M. SUDDARTH SCHOLARSHIP

Autumn Rendina, Harrison High School

KATIE TRAYNOR, RN SCHOLARSHIP

Paighton Derrick, Purdue University

Kaela Hoatlin, Purdue University

TRUITT FAMILY WEST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Adrienne Tolen, West Lafayette High School

Cooper Kitchel, West Lafayette High School

ROBERT AND MARILYN WHITSEL SCHOLARSHIP

Garrett Grossman, Harrison High School

Abigail Black, Jefferson High School

JACOB E. AND MARY ANN WIEBERS SCHOLARSHIP

Kirsten South, Faith High School

WEST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP

Huda Hussain, West Lafayette High School

2024 scholarship recipients



A Proper Resting Place

Until a grant provided by The Foundation in the spring of 2024, those who passed away in Fairfield Township with no known relatives were graciously cared for by Fisher Funeral Home with the assistance of the County Coroner. However, a plan is necessary due to space limitations and the desire to provide a meaningful permanent burial site for these individuals.

With the grant, Fairfield Township will be able to renovate an 1800's Receiving Vault at the Greenbush Cemetery to be the final resting place of these community members.

Township Trustee, Monica Cassanova said of the project, "Our Greenbush Cemetery is a nationally recognized historic cemetery. Many of the city's founders are buried there, including William Digby. However, there are unclaimed members of our community who have passed away and are not remembered or recognized. With grant funds from The Community Foundation, we will be able to provide dignity to unclaimed remains the Township has taken financial responsibility for.

We will repurpose the Cemetery's cold storage to build a columbarium to inter the unclaimed remains and provide a dedicated space to memorialize the unclaimed remains of the most dispossessed in our community."



A grant from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette will provide funds for Fairfield Township to renovate an 1800's Receiving Vault at Greenbush Cemetery.

Recent Gifts JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH - 2024

IN MEMORY

Jeffrey Anderson
Gloria Klutzke

Mracia Louise Beranek
Mary Beranek
Aamir Bharmal
Geoffrey Castillo
Garrett, Jennifer and
Susan Cheney
Danny Lee

Jane Early Boswell
Stuart and Mary Bollock
Katherine Patrick
Paul Preckel
Barry Priest and
Rebecca Morrison

Byron Carter
Bill and Gail Gettings

Richard Charles
Sue Carr

W. Nicholas Delgass
Elizabeth Delgass

Nicole Ahl Durbin
Joseph and Judith Dufficy

Dr. Robert J. Hagen
J. Edward and
Nancy Wagoner

Lois Evelyn Olds
Marc and Brenda Clapper

Katie Traynor
Kevin and Gail Bosman
William Brechtel

Tony Zamora
Paul Preckel

IN HONOR

**John and
Prella McBride**
Ann Phillips

Betty M. Nelson
Meddie and
Candy Silver
Karen Mosson

David Lasater
Karen Mosson

NEW ENDOWMENTS:

Jimmie L. Barton Endowment

W. Nicholas and Elizabeth H. Delgass
Endowment for Imagination Library

Bob and Rhonda Feuer Endowment
for Children's Needs

Larry and Becky Lyons Wainwright
Endowment for Food Insecurities

Umesh and Monal Patel Endowment

Ted and Sue Ulrich Endowment

Grants

SPRING

BRAVELY WOMEN'S HEALTH

\$15,974 | Updated Printer, Copier, Furniture, and Fetal Monitor

CIVIC THEATRE

\$16,000 | Lightboard Console

HANNA COMMUNITY CENTER

\$17,727 | Desks and Laptops

HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$35,000 | Skid Steer

LAFAYETTE FAMILY YMCA

\$36,355 | Parking Lot

LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

\$7,400 | Minibus Support

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, WABASH VALLEY REGION

\$30,000 | Carpet Replacement

RIGHT STEPS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

\$30,520 | Technology

STAR CITY CHURCH

\$25,825 | Furniture, Learning Supplies, and Fence

NOW

CIVIC THEATRE

\$9,842 | Digital Theatre Marquee

FOOD FINDERS FOOD BANK

\$7,846 | Upgraded Computers for the Food Resource and Education Center

\$7,250 | New Batteries for Electric Pallet Jacks

GIFTS OF GRACE ADOPTION SUPPORT CENTER

\$4,865 | Office Furnishing Improvements

GREENBUSH CEMETERY

\$10,000 | Burial Site for Individuals without Families and Homeless of Fairfield Township

HOOSIER BURN CAMP, INC.

\$6,432 | Ventilation Fan and Louver for Storage Building

JOYFUL JOURNEY

\$6,295 | Technology and Computer Equipment

LONG CENTER

\$10,000 | Box Office Furniture

LYN TREECE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

\$10,000 | Asphalt Removal for Programming Space

SURF CENTER

\$10,000 | Emergency Sewer and Interior Plumbing Repairs



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**COMMUNITY
OF GREATER
LAFAYETTE**

Inspiring Greater **POSSIBILITIES**

December 11 | 5 - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

HOLIDAY GRANTS RECEPTION

September 11 | 12 pm

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Upcoming Events

NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 595
LAFAYETTE IN