

## Climbing to Greater Opportunities

In late 2024, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette received a Community Leadership Implementation Grant of \$7.061M from Lilly Endowment Inc. through the eighth phase of the Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII) statewide initiative. Through GIFT VIII, Lilly Endowment is supporting the efforts of community foundations and their partners to strengthen quality of life for the people in the towns, cities, counties, and regions they serve.

Through this grant, The Foundation will strengthen its ties with community partners including the Greater Lafayette Career Academy (GLCA), Ivy Tech Community College – Greater Lafayette, and Right Steps Child Development Centers by developing a “Career Ladder” to support early childcare and education in Greater Lafayette.

The Career Ladder will primarily support childcare workers at various stages throughout their careers. Through the GLCA, high school students can pursue their Childcare Development (CDA) certificates while earning income. This apprenticeship prepares high school graduates to either immediately enter the workforce or continue their education in the field.

“GLCA is thrilled to offer a high school program that not only provides a crucial workforce development solution but also helps aspiring educators save on educational costs and time. The Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship also highlights the importance of collaboration with local community partners. By working together, we are ensuring a well-rounded, sustainable program that will provide long-term benefits for both apprentices and the families they serve,” said Miranda Hutcherson, Director of Career and Technical Education at the Greater Lafayette Career Academy.



Community partners to collaborate to execute the Career Ladder project objectives.

On the next step of the ladder, individuals may choose to pursue their associate's or bachelor's degrees in early childhood education through Ivy Tech or another institution. With Ivy Tech's partnership with Right Steps, students will be able to acquire practicum hours at a new Learning Lab and childcare facility, a project supported by this grant,

through faculty located at the center. Previously, earning practicum hours presented many logistical challenges, for Ivy Tech faculty and childcare centers to hurdle. With this center, students, faculty, and staff will have one central location to ensure practicum hours are met. This facility will also add over 150 new childcare spots in our community, and accommodate parents who work nontraditional hours.

This center will also be funded in partnership with the City of Lafayette thanks to the READI 2.0 program. Purdue University will provide additional funding for the center thanks to the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Community College Collaborative initiative, which provided the University with a \$25M grant to incentivize integration between the school and the community with an emphasis on early childhood education.

Finally, in an effort to acknowledge that teacher retention is a large part of the current childcare shortage, this grant will support the development of a pilot program with Right Steps to incentivize longevity in childcare positions. New childcare workers will receive incentive bonuses at the 6- and 12-month marks of employment. Extensive research and program evaluation will be done in an effort to share its success more broadly to encourage additional support of our childcare workforce long-term.

This grant provides a welcome opportunity to make a small dent in the overwhelming need to support and reform our childcare landscape, which has been a focus

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of The Foundation’s community convening and leadership efforts over the last few years. Since 2022, David Lasater has been meeting with local community leaders to discuss and attempt to address the needs surrounding early childhood education and care. “One of the key roles of The Foundation is community convening and leadership. We are proud to support an important issue facing Greater Lafayette. Accessible, high-quality early education and childcare are essential for the well-being of children and families and play a pivotal part in driving economic growth by supporting workforce sustainability and expansion throughout Greater Lafayette,” said David Lasater, The James Kirby Risk Endowed President and CEO of The Foundation.

The grant will last over 4 years. The Foundation recently hired Karen McCullough to oversee the project implementation and evaluation. To learn more about this initiative please email Karen at [karen@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:karen@inspiringgreater.org).

## New Endowments:

Jim and Sandy Bodenmiller Endowment for the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Foundation

Clark Family Endowment for The Greater Lafayette Police Foundation

Rainbow Trout Solar Endowment

Sherman Family Endowment

Sheth Family Endowment in Memory of Vinayak and Meghana Ranade

Anne and Kumares Sinha Endowment for Lafayette Urban Ministry

Angela Strader Endowment

## 100+ Women Who Care 10th Anniversary

In December 2024, 100+ Women Who Care celebrated their 10-year anniversary. The group started in March 2015 with a vision for the future and 90 members at its first meeting. By their 10th anniversary in December, the group had 177 members. Since 2015, 100+ Women Who Care has supported more than 30 different community nonprofit organizations with grants totaling \$568,000.



members. It’s a big goal but not impossible – there are so many generous people in our community looking to make a difference.”

The price to join is just \$500. That gift is split 5 ways — \$100 goes into an endowment at The Foundation which supports discretionary grantmaking and the remaining \$400 is applied to each quarterly meeting’s nonprofit organization winner.

“The growth of this group has been tremendous over the years. The impact these women have made is so inspiring and they just keep growing,” said Candy Silver, the Betty M. Nelson Director of Philanthropy. “Our next goal is to get to 200

The men’s giving group, 100+ Men Who Give will celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2025! To learn more about joining either group, please call 765-742-9078 or email Candy Silver at [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org).

## Recent Gifts OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2024

### IN MEMORY

#### Jeffrey Anderson

Lynn Anderson  
Kitty Campbell

#### Jonathan Bennett

Mike Bennett  
Roger and Jane Bennett  
Richard and Penny Bohning  
Stuart Bohning  
Richard and Carol Heath

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Jeff Boswell  
Robert Early  
Paul Preckel and Janet Winters  
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#### Mick and Shirley

McTague  
Mike McTague

#### Betty Rowe

John Rowe

#### Katie Traynor RN

Beth Branum  
Douglas and Iris Dowden  
Pam Hillerby  
Mike and Margaret Schreiber  
Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster  
Brian Traynor

# The Church's Foundation

If providing eternal support for your church is part of your estate plan, please consider the ease and expertise that The Community Foundation can provide. By creating a new endowment or contributing to an established one, you can help ensure that your church of choice is taken care of in the future.

**Netta Frey** has been an active member of Crestview Community Church for over 60 years. It has been the heart of her family's faith life. She and her husband, Ward, raised their children in the faith where they participated in life-enriching service projects. After Ward passed away in 2020 and proceeds from their farmland were available, Netta had the opportunity to make a real difference in the church they loved. She especially wanted to support future youth mission trips to benefit hurting communities and Crestview teenagers.

Her tax advisor suggested contacting The Community Foundation to set up an endowment to accomplish her wishes. Her children agreed. "It was very painless to set up. Candy Silver walked us through it step-by-step," said Netta. "It was an easy process." The Ward and Netta Frey Family Endowment for Crestview Community Church Youth accepts tax-deductible donations through The Foundation to support its mission to help youngsters experience faith in action.



**Dennis and Diane Carson** are Kossuth Street Baptist Church members and appreciate the church's local and abroad outreach efforts. Dennis said, "Although we have supported the church for years, we wanted to create something that could be a lasting long-term resource. An endowment would do just that." If you desire to support your church in Greater Lafayette, establishing an endowment through The Community Foundation keeps the resources local.

Faith-based giving to tax-exempt churches has all of the advantages of giving to traditional local non-profit organizations. There are benefits for both the community at large and the donor. "Creating the Dennis and Diane Carson Family Endowment for Kossuth Street Baptist Church was also a way to let others who may want to support Kossuth and their outreach efforts a way to do so, and hopefully spur others to create their own endowment for whatever local interest they may have," said Dennis.

To learn more about ways to support your church through an endowment, contact Candy Silver at 765-742-9078 or [candy@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:candy@inspiringgreater.org).

Supporting your church through an endowment with The Foundation is simple and effective.

## **Tony Zamora**

Paul Preckel and Janet Winters

## **Matt Zika**

Chip Zika

## **Lafayette Hearing Center**

Jody Bowman  
Jack Brothers  
Pat Chapman  
Victor Cicirelli  
Bill Craft

Gary Forbes

Joan Guess

Mabyl Hendryx

Mary Hood

Richard Huffer

Dave Huston

Laverne Kast

## **IN HONOR**

**Linda Bowman and Glenn Tompkins**

Marc and Beth Ditto

## **Netta Frey**

Chuck and Leslie Fernung

## **Greg and Barb Kapp**

Christopher Kapp

## **Betty M. Nelson**

David and Sue Lasater

## **Richard C. Nelson**

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## **Jim and Mary Jo Risk**

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## **Angela Strader**

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Jim and Liz Solberg

# More than Meets the Eye

In 2024, Bauer Family Resources received a \$10,000 grant to support the installation of an interactive mural at their location on 4th Street in Lafayette. But, as the project came to fruition, the project proved to be “so much more than just a capital project,” according to Chief Executive Officer Tristen Kerwin.

The vision, according to artist America Carrillo, was to create a collaborative graffiti-style “art experience” that allowed the opportunity for individuals to work as a team to complete. Children who participate in Bauer’s programs were able to work with Carrillo to contribute toward the mural’s completion, enabling them to feel a sense of connection, pride, and collaboration with each other and the space.

Carrillo says that collaborative art experiences can transform a group by building confidence, providing an outlet for creative expression, foster skill development, encourage peer support, and provide team-building and problem-solving opportunities. The students were able to work toward a shared vision to accomplish the task and everyone played a special role. The mural now stands near the front entrance of the facility – a daily reminder of their contribution toward beautifying the building.

As someone who benefitted from the kinds of programs that Bauer has to offer as a kid – after school programs, meals,

homework help, parental resources – Carrillo felt a special connection to this project. And now, kids in our community feel pride and ownership over the building through the art they helped create.

To learn more about America Carrillo, visit her website at [artbyamerica.com](http://artbyamerica.com).

**A grant supporting a collaborative mural at Bauer Family Resources provided empowerment and inclusion for the children who participated in its creation.**



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**100+ WOMEN WHO CARE**

May 6, Sept. 9, Dec. 2 | 5 pm - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

**100+ MEN WHO GIVE**

April 29 | 7 pm | River City Community Center

**SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION**

May 22 | 10 am - 12 pm | Lafayette County Club

**Board Chair Boot Camp**

May 2 | 11 am - 2 pm | Lafayette County Club

**Strategic Board Recruitment**

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