

# 2025

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The Community Foundation  
of Greater Lafayette is a  
force for philanthropic good  
in Tippecanoe County.

We exist to foster  
enduring, positive change for both  
current and future residents.



# Starlight in the Making

Nearby stars can take many years for their light to reach us, and starlight from the deep regions of the Milky Way can take tens of thousands of years, or more, before we can see its light. Likewise, one act of generosity today can reach others far into the future. The words we say, the kind acts we perform, the nonprofit organizations we support, the scholarships we fund, all make an impact through time, long after we are gone. We have the privileged opportunity to make a lasting impact on future generations, and The Community Foundation is honored to play a role in the effort.

Several key factors have contributed to The Foundation’s continued success for over 55 years. By developing relationships with donors to achieve their philanthropic goals now and in the future, individuals are confident that their wishes are heard and professionally executed. The Community Foundation provides leadership strategies and valuable educational and networking opportunities to nonprofits through the Douglas W. Eberle Not-for-Profit Board Governance Series. We collaborate with the broader community’s business and organization leaders to identify present and future needs of Greater Lafayette. We are a time-tested steward of the resources entrusted to our care. The 2025 assets surpassed \$123M, as a testament to the generosity of our donors and the trust they place in us.

We strive to enrich the community through grants in various areas, including arts and humanities, education, environment and animals, health, human services, and public/society benefit. We awarded over \$3.5M in grants (including White County) to 135 nonprofit organizations. Fifty-nine scholarships were awarded to deserving candidates, young leaders of tomorrow.

Look inside to see the causes championed by passionate donors, the problems solved through grant-giving, and the lives touched by the starlight generated years ago by forward-thinking philanthropists. Our mission is to continue illuminating our community, both today and for generations to come.

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# A Look at 2025



Brenda Clapper



W. David Lasater

As we reflect on 2025, we are deeply grateful and energized by the incredible progress our Community Foundation has made. This year our assets surpassed \$123 million, which is a testament to the unwavering generosity and dedication of our donors, partners, and community members.

Thanks to this growing support, we provided grants to 135 nonprofit organizations, empowering them to continue the critical work they are doing. Additionally, 59 individuals were awarded scholarships, investing in the promise of future community leaders. We added 25 new endowment funds, which ensures long-term impact for generations to come.

In 2025, The Foundation had the opportunity to put grant dollars received from the Lilly Endowment Inc. into action. Funds from the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII) grant supported pay for aspiring early childhood professionals as they worked hours to earn credentials and further their education in the field. A pilot cohort completed its first year of grant activity, and a first full cohort has been enrolled – with 100% of Child Development Associate (CDA) graduates in the program employed in the field and reporting “meaningful learning opportunities”. Together with our grant partners, we eagerly anticipate the groundbreaking for the Dennis Burton Center and Learning Lab in 2026.

Education and nonprofit leadership remain central to our mission. The Douglas W. Eberle Not-For-Profit Board Governance Series provided invaluable training to over 350 nonprofit board

and staff members, equipping them with resources and best practices for effective governance. In response to requests for expanded preparation for potential board chairs, we offered two extra sessions of a *Board Chair Bootcamp* to the series for 60 individuals in our community interested in board leadership. Additionally, our Board directed resources to host two Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy fundraising courses in Lafayette, expanding access for local nonprofits to world-class instruction in fundraising best practices at a subsidized rate.

Meanwhile, our Giving Circles both experienced significant milestones, with 100+ Women Who Care surpassing 200 members, and 100+ Men Who Give celebrating their 10th anniversary. The Men contributed a combined \$46,100 in 2025 and continue to recruit above and beyond the 120 member mark, expanding the group’s impact in our community. The Women ended the year 203 members strong and reached \$642,000 in grants awarded since their founding.

The Foundation continues to support the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) in its seventh year. A full update on WHIN’s 2025 efforts and accomplishments is included in this report.

As we move forward into another year, we look forward to **Inspiring Greater** – greater giving, greater impact, and greater possibilities for all. This work is only possible because of you – our donors, partners, and friends. Thank you for creating a brighter future for our community.

Brenda Clapper, Chair  
W. David Lasater, James Kirby Risk Endowed President and CEO

## NEW AND ENDURING ENDOWMENTS

Christena Louise Baugher Endowment for United Way of Greater Lafayette  
Jane and Jeff Boswell Endowment  
Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn Endowment for Community Cancer Network, Inc.  
Bill Cardwell Family Endowment  
Cavanaugh Family Endowment

Clark Family Endowment  
Dan and Suzanne Collins Family Endowment  
Steve Cotten Endowment for Harrison Bands  
Lauren Pennell Galbraith Endowment  
Lew and Sue Graham Endowment

Gary and Michelle Henriott Donor Advised Pass-Through Fund  
Keene Family Endowment  
Michael and Christine Ladisch Endowment  
Lafayette Urban Ministry Endowment  
Lafayette Indiana Salvation Army Endowment

# We Are on a Mission

*Every facet of our work is guided by well-planned and well-executed principles and practices.*



## **Our Purpose**

To inspire, nurture, and practice philanthropy, stewardship, and leadership in the community we serve.

## **Simplicity**

Establishing a fund is easy. Donors meet with Community Foundation representatives to review options and The Community Foundation handles the paperwork and the process.

## **Performance**

A permanent entity, The Community Foundation preserves the principal of funds, generally disbursing a portion of the investment earnings.

## **Flexibility**

Donors may choose among fund options, using various kinds of assets to start a fund. Funds may be designated for a specific purpose or given without restriction on how the money will be used to benefit the community.

## **Tax Benefits**

Contributions qualify for maximum deductibility under tax laws.

## **Accountability**

Annual independent auditing, tax return filing, and a carefully chosen volunteer board ensure that funds are used in the public interest and as donors intend.

Love Family Endowment  
Madren Family Endowment  
Doug and Joyce Mansfield  
Endowment  
Matthew 25 Care & Share Soup  
Kitchen Endowment  
John K. and Prella P. McBride  
Endowment for United Way of  
Greater Lafayette

Laurie and Bill Selby Endowment  
Ketan and Tanuja Sheth Endowment  
Curtis M. Swan Endowment for  
Lafayette Family YMCA  
Youth Scholarships  
Thomas Family Endowment  
Robert B. and Patricia Peyton Truitt  
Endowment for United Way of  
Greater Lafayette

# 25

**new endowments in 2025**

# Community Spirit

*The Foundation fosters community spirit by supporting giving groups and providing learning opportunities for nonprofit boards.*

## GROUP GIVING

Two philanthropic groups learn about and support local nonprofits at quarterly meetings.

### 100+ Women Who Care

203 women reviewed about a dozen nonprofit organizations and contributed a combined \$74,000 bringing the total in Grants to \$642,000 since its founding. The recipients in 2025 were: Cars for Keeps, It's My Closet, Greater Lafayette Family Shelter, and Tricia's Hope.



Lois Maickel

*"I like to think it was divine intervention that brought me into 100 Women Who Care. Community says it all, bringing women together from all walks of life. As I attended my first meeting, I found I knew several women and they were very welcoming. And there was a light buffet! Who knew?!"*

*Also, I am impressed as to how the meeting is run, very efficient time wise and also abiding by all the rules.*

*What a wonderful feeling knowing we have helped organizations in our community make life a little better for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our giving amount is substantial; there is strength in numbers. On those Tuesday nights 4 times a year ... it's my happy place!"*

**Lois Maickel**

### 100+ Men Who Give

120 men reviewed about a dozen nonprofit organizations and contributed a combined \$46,100 bringing the total in Grants to \$354,900 since its founding. The recipients in 2025 were: Joyful Journey, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Matthew 25 Soup Kitchen, and Transformed Birth Services.

*"Men Who Give is one of Greater Lafayette's best-kept philanthropic treasures—a dynamic space for discovering outstanding nonprofits and building meaningful connections. At each meeting, members have the opportunity to spotlight a local cause they're passionate about before more than 100 like-minded men who share a commitment to making a difference. This platform provides more than financial support. It amplifies awareness, sparks new relationships, and opens doors to lasting opportunities — empowering organizations in our community to grow, thrive, and deepen their impact."* **Kris Kessler**



Kris Kessler



Tricia Rausch

### Agency Giving Circle Recipient: Tricia's Hope

*"The incredible support Tricia's Hope received from 100+ Women Who Care in 2025 is a beautiful reflection of the strength and generosity of our Greater Lafayette community. This meaningful gift allows Tricia's Hope to reach even more local cancer patients, providing support during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. It also highlights the power of coming together; how much good can be accomplished when individuals unite with a shared purpose. Tricia's Hope is deeply grateful to 100+ Women Who Care and the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette for standing with us in our mission to support individuals and families affected by cancer."* **Tricia Rausch**

**Tricia Rausch | Founder and Executive Director | Tricia's Hope**

## BOARD GOVERNANCE SERIES

The 2025 Douglas W. Eberle Board Governance Series, funded by NCHS and co-sponsored by The Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Lafayette provided nonprofit leadership and board members with the opportunity to participate in seven educational sessions focusing on board oversight and leadership. We once again partnered with Hedges, a BoardSource certified consulting group, to provide an integrated curriculum for participants along with resources that organizations can apply immediately. The series featured a wide range of sessions from Executive Staff and Board Roles to Managing Board Conflict and Strategic Board Recruitment. We were especially pleased to be able to offer two iterations of a “Board Chair Bootcamp” in response to community requests for introductory and comprehensive training to develop future nonprofit board leaders.



Douglas W. Eberle Not-for-Profit Governance Series Attendants



WHIN and partners learning from local farmers at Annual Ag Summit

## WABASH HEARTLAND INNOVATION NETWORK (WHIN)

### 2025 WHIN Year in Review

2025 was a year of continued progress and growing impact for Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN), as several core initiatives expanded and delivered tangible results across the region. By connecting local industry, agriculture, and public partners with practical technology solutions, WHIN helped ensure the region remains competitive, resilient, and forward-looking.

Innovation as a Service (IaaS) remained a central focus. Building on early successes, WHIN expanded hands-on

support for manufacturers adopting smart technologies and helping partners move more quickly from exploration to implementation. Through on-site testing, integration support, and training, IaaS continued to flatten the technology learning curve, enabling manufacturers to modernize operations, improve efficiency, and reduce waste without disrupting legacy systems. In 2025, IaaS increasingly served as a repeatable, trusted pathway for digital transformation across Indiana.

WHIN also continued to support agricultural innovation across the region, working with farmers to move proven technologies from pilot projects into day-to-day use. Tech partners introduced in prior years saw expanded adoption, with growers leveraging data and automation to improve decision-making and on-farm efficiency. Insights gathered over multiple growing seasons helped refine deployment strategies, increasing confidence in practical, ROI-driven solutions.

Broadband investments continued to deliver value in 2025. In White County, a collaborative effort with county leadership helped expand access to high-speed wireless broadband in underserved areas - supporting local businesses, farms, and households while enabling more advanced technology adoption across sectors.

Throughout the year, new partnerships continued to take shape, and interest in WHIN’s collaborative approach grew as more organizations looked to North-Central Indiana as an example of how coordinated innovation can drive lasting community impact. Together, these efforts reinforced WHIN’s role as a connector, implementer, and trusted guide for innovation in the Wabash Heartland.

# Many Ways to Give

*Giving to The Community Foundation is as easy as choosing what avenue is most appropriate for you. Donors may establish a fund by transferring assets to The Foundation now, by planning to make a deferred gift later, or by giving both ways.*

## TYPES OF GIFTS

### Gifts of Cash

Donors may contribute any amount to any existing fund by check to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. Whether in honor or memory of someone or to meet personal charitable wishes, cash gifts help support many community needs. Donors may also give to an agency endowment to support a specific organization.

### Publicly Traded Securities

Contributions of securities are attractive to those who have held stocks or bonds for a long time. Donors with appreciated securities can contribute them and avoid significant capital gains taxes.

### Real Estate

The Foundation can facilitate gifts of real estate whether during a donor's lifetime or through estate plans.

### Life Insurance

Donors may name The Community Foundation as owner and beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy, receiving a current income tax deduction on premium payments.

### IRA Distribution Rollover

Rolling over required IRA yearly distributions directly into an endowment at The Community Foundation provides a way to make tax-free contributions to chosen charities.

### Online Giving

Contributions in any amount, charged to donors' credit cards, debit cards, or bank accounts, may be made at [www.inspiringgreater.org](http://www.inspiringgreater.org).

## DEFERRED GIFTS

### Bequests

Donors may designate bequests to The Foundation in wills or living trusts, in set amounts, as a percentage of an estate's value, or with residual amounts. These bequests are exempt from estate tax.

### Charitable Gift Annuity

With a charitable gift annuity, donors agree to transfer cash or stock to The Foundation in exchange for lifetime income. Tax benefits and attractive, age-based payout rates are available.

### Individual Retirement Accounts

Designating The Foundation as beneficiary of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is an excellent way to make a charitable gift, using an asset that otherwise might be heavily taxed as part of the donor's estate.

### Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable remainder trusts allow donors to place cash, securities, real estate, or other assets in a trust, which The Foundation invests. The trust provides income to the donor or a loved one for life; the balance goes to The Foundation for a charity of the donor's choice.

## ENDOWMENT FUND TYPES

Endowment funds may be started with a \$5,000 gift. Once discretionary and designated funds reach \$10,000 in gifts, grantmaking begins. Distributions on all other funds begin once the endowment reaches \$25,000, or a scholarship reaches \$50,000, in gifts. Donors may establish a fund in their name or those they would like to honor.

### Advised Endowment Funds

Advised endowment funds allow donors to participate in grant recommendations. These funds are a viable, cost-effective, and simplified alternative to establishing a private family foundation.

### Designated Endowment Funds

Donors wishing to support one or more specific charitable organizations in perpetuity may establish a designated endowment fund.

### Discretionary / Unrestricted Endowment Funds

Discretionary endowment funds are used to address the most pressing community capital needs and are not designated for a specific agency or interest.

### Field-of-Interest Endowment Funds

Donors wishing to support a specific interest, such as arts, education, health, children, or the environment, may establish field-of-interest endowment funds. Based on the donor's interest, The Foundation selects appropriate projects to support.

### Scholarship Endowment Funds

Donors who want to help individuals with education or training expenses may establish a scholarship endowment fund in their name or those they would like to honor.

## OTHER GIFTS

### Memorials, Tributes

Gifts in memory of or to honor others may be given to The Foundation for general community use or may be designated to a specific fund.

# Foundation Stewardship

**394**  
funds administered

*The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette administers more than 394 funds (plus two held for other community foundations), ranging in size from \$5,000 to over \$3 million. The Foundation serves as steward to those funds listed here in addition to all of the scholarships and funds on the Legacy Society page.*

## ADVISED FUNDS

*Donors or their successors recommend grant distributions.*

Allie's Gift  
Alpha Endowment Fund  
Jeffrey M. Anderson Endowment  
Anonymous  
Roger and Cathy Bauer Family Endowment  
Phyllis Boehning Endowment  
Mike and Patty Cassidy Spirit of Matthew 25:40 Endowment Fund  
Jim and Sheila Cochran Endowment  
Bill and Donna DeFouw Fund  
Charles B. Dieterle Randolph Township Fund  
Vince and Roxanne Drnevich Endowment  
Nicole Ahl Durbin Endowment  
Tom and Laurie Frey Endowment  
Ward and Netta Frey Family Endowment  
John and Kathy Gambs Endowment  
Gernhardt Family Endowment  
Hearing Loops and Assistive Technology Endowment Fund  
Gary and Michelle Henriott Donor Advised Pass-Through Fund  
Jerome F. and Shirley R. Klinker Endowment  
Kronos Family Endowment Fund  
Lafayette Aviators Fund  
Lafayette Savings Bank – John Purdue Benevolent Endowment  
Lafayette-West Lafayette Urban Forestry Fund  
Lehman Family Endowment  
Diana Sue Leslie Endowment  
William H. and Susan C. Long Community Fund  
The Madrid Family Fund  
Jim Mailloux and Jim Smith Endowment  
Ben and Maxine Miller Family Endowment  
North Central Health Services Nonprofit Executive Development Initiative Fund  
Olson Community Endowment Fund  
Olson Fund  
Olson Heritage Endowment  
Props Family Endowment  
Michael R. Raisor Memorial Endowment  
James K. and Mary Jo Risk Pass-Through Fund

Rick and Sarah Schwarz Women's Initiative Endowment  
Sheth Family Endowment in Memory of Vinayak and Meghana Ranade  
Arlan and Sharon Stavnheim Endowment  
Stein Family Fund  
Taylor Family Endowment Fund  
Larry J. Tompkins Memorial Fund  
Ted and Sue Ulrich Endowment  
JoAnn P. Vorst Endowment  
Michael G. and Jane A. Wilson Endowment

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

*Donors support specific organizations; The Community Foundation ensures that grants remain relevant over time.*

50th Anniversary Endowment for The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette  
AgrInstitute, Inc. Endowment Fund  
James P. Albregts Endowment Fund for Almost Home, Wabash Center, YMCA, YWCA-DVIPP  
Elizabeth Patout Alting Endowment for Community Cancer Network, Inc.  
Janet St. John Amy Fund for Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Foundation  
Anonymous Endowment Fund  
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Art League Fund

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Education Fund  
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Endowment Fund  
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Foundation Endowment Fund  
Christena Louise Baugher Endowment for United Way of Greater Lafayette  
Tom & Leitha Binney for Civic Theatre Endowment  
Boardman Family Fund for Wabash Center, Inc.  
Jim and Sandy Bodenmiller Endowment for the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Foundation  
Bravely Women's Health Endowment  
Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn Endowment for Community Cancer Network, Inc.  
Burnett Creek Elementary School Endowment Fund  
Dennis and Diane Carson Family Endowment for Kossuth Street Baptist Church  
Children's Music Foundation Endowment  
Civic Theatre Endowment Fund  
Clark Family Endowment for The Greater Lafayette Police Foundation  
Jeanne C. and W. Dale Compton Endowment for Lafayette Urban Ministry, Tippecanoe County Council on Aging – Meals on Wheels, Food Finders Food Bank



**A grant supported progress for the 'On the Banks of the Wabash' Bicentennial sculpture.**



**Montessori School of Greater Lafayette's Tulip Classroom, kept warm by a new furnace made possible with grant funding.**

## FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP

Barbara I. Cook Endowment for Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.  
 Steve Cotten Endowment for Harrison Bands Court Appointed Special Advocates for Kids, Inc. Endowment  
 Culver Academies Endowment  
 Shirley B. Curtis Fund for YWCA – DVIPP  
 Lynne L. & Paul J. Di Fabio Endowment for the Emergency Shelter at Lafayette Urban Ministry  
 David R. Dove and Mary Lou Dove Endowment Fund for Purdue University  
 Warren N. Eggleston Legal Aid Endowment Fund  
 Miriam K. Epple-Heath Endowment for Wabash Center, Inc.  
 Farm at Prophetstown Fund  
 Food Finders Food Bank Board Endowment for the Backpack Program  
 Food Finders Food Bank Endowment Fund  
 Fowler House Mansion Trust Endowment Fund  
 Ward and Netta Frey Family Endowment for Crestview Community Church Youth  
 Mary Fuqua Endowment for Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, Inc.  
 Gene and Susie Goodson Operating Endowment Fund for Bach Chorale  
 John and Mary Ruth Graham Endowment for Riggs Community Health Center  
 Greenbush Cemetery of Lafayette Endowment  
 Thomas Griffin Endowment for the 42nd Royal Highlanders

Haan Family Acquisition Endowment for the Haan Museum  
 Haan Family Maintenance Endowment for the Haan Museum  
 Haan Family Operations Endowment for the Haan Museum  
 Haan Museum Endowment Fund  
 Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette Fund  
 Dr. Robert J. Hagen Scholarship Endowment for National Football Foundation  
 Billie F. Hathaway Endowment for Almost Home Humane Society, Inc.  
 Hartford House Endowment  
 Winfield F. Hentschel Fund for The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette  
 Hockerman Education Endowment Fund for Bach Chorale  
 J. Frederick Hoffman Fund for Tippecanoe County Parks & Recreation Foundation  
 Home with Hope, Inc. Endowment  
 Robert and Dorothy Hughes Community Fund supporting CASA For Kids Fund and discretionary scholarships  
 Indiana University Health Arnett Foundation Endowment  
 Isaiah 117 House Endowment  
 Joyful Journey Adult Day Service Endowment  
 Junior Achievement Serving Greater Lafayette Endowment  
 Christiane E. Keck Endowment for Community Cancer Network, Inc.  
 Leta Kelley Endowment for CASAs for Kids Fund

Pamela Kay Underwood Kerr Endowment for YMCA Camp Tecumseh  
 Erich Klinghammer Wolf Park Endowment Fund  
 Charles E. and Nelda M. Kramer Endowment for Lafayette Family YMCA  
 Lafayette Chamber Singers, Inc. Fund  
 Lafayette Citizens Band Fund  
 Lafayette Indiana Salvation Army Endowment  
 Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation Fund  
 Lafayette Rotary International Endowment  
 Lafayette School Corporation Education Endowment  
 Lafayette Urban Ministry Endowment (2)  
 Joseph and Anne Lift Endowment for Students in Tippecanoe County and Riggs Community Health Clinic  
 Long Center Endowment in Honor of Jan André Bootsma and Ken Bootsma  
 Long Center Fund  
 LTHC Homeless Services Endowment Fund  
 Larry and Becky Lyons Wainwright Endowment for Food Insecurities  
 Sonya and Dale Margerum West Lafayette History and Research Center Endowment for West Lafayette Public Library  
 Matthew 25 Care & Share Soup Kitchen Endowment  
 McBride Family Endowment for Food Finders Food Bank Backpack Program at Miller Elementary  
 John K. and Prella P. McBride Endowment for United Way of Greater Lafayette  
 John K. and Prella P. McBride Endowment Fund for Art Museum of Greater Lafayette  
 John K. and Prella P. McBride Endowment Fund for Lafayette Symphony Orchestra  
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. McPherson String Instrument Scholarship Fund, in Honor of Their Children, Gregg A. McPherson and Kimberly McPherson Vratil, for Lafayette Symphony Orchestra  
 Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County, Inc. for Crisis Intervention Endowment  
 Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region in honor of Jennifer Flora  
 Robert F. Mertz Endowment Fund for Tippecanoe County Historical Association  
 The Mighty Wurlitzer of Long Center Endowment  
 Debra St. John Mishler Fund for Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Foundation  
 Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment for Imagination Library  
 Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn Endowment for Imagination Library  
 Jim and Sheila Cochran Endowment for Imagination Library  
 W. Nicholas and Elizabeth H. Delgass Endowment for Imagination Library  
 John and Kathy Gams Endowment for Imagination Library  
 Christiane E. Keck Endowment for Imagination Library  
 Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow Endowment for Imagination Library



## FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP

Pris Gerde Endowment  
Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt Endowment  
Michael and Carolyn Gery Family Endowment  
Bill and Gail Gettings Family Endowment  
Marjorie Gipe Endowment  
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Blue Ribbon Fund in honor of Rachel E. Faust  
Max and Elsie Goken Endowment Fund  
Connie F. and Richard E. Grace Endowment  
Lew and Sue Graham Endowment  
Andy and Linda Gutwein Endowment  
Dr. Caroline Hass Endowment  
Gary and Shelly Henriott Endowment  
Steve and Pam Horne Endowment  
Les and Rita Huddle Endowment  
John C. Jamison Endowment  
Greg and Barb Kapp Endowment  
Christiane E. Keck Endowment  
Keene Family Endowment  
Jack and Leta Kelley Endowment  
Jim and Nancy Klusman Community Endowment Fund  
Michael and Christine Ladisch Endowment  
Lasater Family Endowment  
Lilly Endowment, Inc. Fund  
T.L. Lin and C.C. Wu Endowment  
Ryan and Stephanie Long Family Endowment  
Love Family Endowment  
Terry and Maryann Lucterhand Family Endowment  
Mary and Mark Lundstrom Endowment  
Elizabeth Mackay Endowment  
Madren Family Endowment  
Doug and Joyce Mansfield Endowment  
Sonya L. and Dale W. Margerum Endowment  
Martin Family Endowment  
David and Anita McGaughey Endowment  
Mick and Deb Mikels Family Endowment  
Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment  
Ryan and Karissa Mooney Endowment  
Betty M. Nelson Community Endowment Fund  
Betty M. Nelson Director of Philanthropy Endowment  
Richard C. Nelson Endowment  
Richard C. and Betty M. Nelson Endowment  
Mariellen and Gerry Neudeck Endowment  
John L. and Marian W. Oberholtzer Endowment  
The Kathryn E. Olson Endowment  
Parent Family Endowment  
Monal and Umesh Patel Endowment  
Thomas M. Price Family Endowment  
Rainbow Trout Solar Endowment  
George and Nerlene Ramsey Endowment Fund  
James Kirby Risk President and CEO Endowment



Grant funds supported productions at the Long Center

Richard and Violet Road Endowment Fund  
Linda Rohrman Family Endowment  
Marianne and Larry Rose Endowment  
Russell Family Endowment  
Dennis and Sharon Schlott Endowment  
Schultz Family Endowment  
Richard R. and Sarah A. Schwarz Endowment  
Bernie and Joe Seaman Endowment  
Laurie and Bill Selby Endowment  
Ketan and Tanuja Sheth Endowment  
Charlie Shook Endowment  
James C. Shook Endowment  
Ruthie Shook Endowment  
Meddie and Candy Silver Family Endowment  
Gregory C. Smith Endowment  
John and Jane Smith Family Endowment  
Kendall S. and Mary Carson Smith Fund  
Linda M. and Robert S. Sorensen Endowment  
Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow Endowment  
C. Virgil and Ruth W. St. John Endowment  
Gary and Connie Standiford Endowment  
STAT Endowment  
Dr. Jerome J. Stefaniak Endowment  
Angela Strader Endowment  
Suddarth Endowment  
Burr and Anne Louise Swezey Fund  
Thomas Family Endowment  
Bob and Patti Truitt Endowment  
Donald and Mary Twiddy Endowment  
Kathy and Randy Vernon Endowment  
Tom Walsh Endowment  
Sally Watlington Community Endowment Fund  
Bob and Marilyn Whitel Endowment Fund  
Jake and Mary Ann Wiebers Endowment  
Mike and Jane Wilson Family Endowment

## FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

Donors focus on particular charitable areas: The Foundation assures that their wishes are carried out.

### Arts & Humanities

Louisa Lee France Endowment Fund for Music Education for Disadvantaged Children  
Fund for Musical Performing Arts

### Education

Education Fund for Tippecanoe County  
Mithoefer Family Endowment for Preschool Literacy  
Betty M. Nelson Endowment for Literacy

### Environment & Animals

George and Betty DeVault Fund for Community Beautification  
Virginia B. Huth Endowment Fund for Community Beautification  
Lafayette Savings Bank Wabash River Enhancement Endowment  
Pookie and Gracie Dog Rescue Fund

### Health

Indiana Care Circle Fund  
Esther L. McConaughay Endowment Fund for Cancer Research and the Care and Treatment of Cancer Patients  
Suicide Prevention Fund

### Human Services

Linda Bowman and Glenn Tompkins Children's Endowment  
Exchange Club of Lafayette Foundation for At-Risk Youth  
Bob and Rhonda Feuer Endowment for Children's Needs  
Fund for Children's Needs  
John and Marjorie Martin Endowment for Health and Human Services  
Randy and Kathy Vernon Endowment for At-Risk Youth

### Public & Society Benefit

Pookie and Gracie Endowment Fund

# A Greater Legacy

*“Greater Lafayette has been a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Bob and I wanted to give back to this community and determined one of the best ways to do this was to give to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.”* **Linda Sorensen**



**Bob and Linda Sorensen**

## 2025 LEGACY SOCIETY

### PROMISING GIFTS TO COME

Planning to contribute to The Community Foundation through a bequest, charitable gift annuity, or charitable remainder trust fulfills the giving wishes of many in our community. We appreciate the promised gifts of these individuals, known as our Legacy Society members, who have chosen to include The Community Foundation in their estate plans.

*Donors include The Community Foundation in their estate plans. Please contact Candy Silver at The Foundation to be listed.*

Anonymous (11)  
Lynn Anderson  
Tom and Mary Arth  
Jacob J. Bahler  
Dan Balfe  
Richard Boehning

Linda Bowman  
Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn  
Rachel A. Cheeseman  
Jim and Sheila Cochran  
Maurie and Mary Jane Denney  
Christine Ahl Durbin  
Jennifer and Robert Eberly  
Edward E. Eiler  
Ronald Faith  
Tom and Laurie Frey  
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# Donor Spotlight



Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn



Jane and Mike Wilson

## OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE

Steve and Marie Cherie (“Cherie”) Bruhn were practically beaming while they spoke about their involvement with the Greater Lafayette community. Steve, a retired CPA, and Cherie, a retired registered nurse, are very invested in civic organizations that focus on youth. Through the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club, they’ve raised money for local teacher grants and provided financial and hands-on support for a wide variety of youth organizations.

Steve and Cherie are committed to reading literacy. Giving children an early foundation in reading helps them become more successful in school and in life. They established the Steve and Cherie Bruhn Endowment for Imagination Library through The Community Foundation in 2023.

The Bruhns have been married for almost 25 years. Cherie’s two children, David and Heather, and three grandchildren, Lily, Ruby, and Liam, add joy to the Bruhn family. But into every life a little rain must fall. Steve was diagnosed with cancer in 2020, which made them realize how difficult it must be for those without transportation or family help. Not to mention the financial hardships of undergoing treatment. The Bruhns recently started an endowment through The Community Foundation to help the Community Cancer Network in its outreach.

Steve and Cherie continue to be optimistic about their future and exhibit their positivity by investing in the community they’ve come to love.

## NO TIME TO WASTE

Young at heart and passionate about improving the lives of others, you’d never guess Mike Wilson was retired, let alone 80 years old. He’s been an active member of the Kairos Prison Ministry in Westville, Indiana, for the last ten years. Kairos helps create Christian communities within prison walls.

Mike was happily married for 58 years to Jane, the love of his life, until she passed away in April of 2024. They met at a school dance in Albany, Indiana and both graduated from Purdue University. Jane was the kind of person who reached out and pulled others up through her community activities.

Their philanthropic relationship with The Community Foundation started in 2022 when they established the Michael G. and Jane A. Wilson Endowment, a donor-advised endowment to support local nonprofits. Then in 2023, they established the Mike and Jane Wilson Family Endowment to address the most pressing needs of nonprofit organizations. Mike also instituted a scholarship for day service assistance at Joyful Journey in Jane’s name, and now the Jane’s Smile Scholarship keeps her smiling influence alive for others.

The couple has two children, Kathy and Lance, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. They loved to travel and did so around the world. Jane’s beautiful cross-stitch renditions of their favorite travel spots adorn a wall of their condo. “We didn’t waste time. Still don’t,” said Mike.

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# Doing Good Through Grants



Jeremy Vegter and Bob Anderson with the Brush with Kindness truck.

## A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

Things happen. As most homeowners soon discover, purchasing a house is just the first step in securing a place to live. Appliances break, faucets leak, gutters clog, or the house requires accessibility upgrades. That's why the Brush with Kindness program exists.

As an arm of Habitat for Humanity, A Brush with Kindness has its first dedicated program director, Jeremy Vegter, whose entire attention is focused on addressing the community's need for minor home repairs and renovation projects. Labor, usually a prohibitive expense, is provided free of charge by volunteers. Since the program's inception in 1984, over 1,400 people in Greater Lafayette have received critical repairs to make their homes safer, more secure, and more accessible.

Criteria stipulate that recipients must own their homes, not rent, and pay for the project materials (or make payments to the program). For extensive renovations, like roof or window replacements, A Brush with Kindness refers homeowners to trusted local contractors. A new program, CARE (Community Assistance for Repairs and Equity), enables residents to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 for select home renovations. Applications for CARE and A Brush with Kindness can be submitted online at [lafayettehabitat.org/bwkapp](http://lafayettehabitat.org/bwkapp) or called in at (765) 423-4590, extension 112.

Most volunteers possess specific "handyman" skills, but others, such as student groups, spruce up, mulch, or paint where needed. Jeremy's goal is to increase the number of volunteers who are the lifeblood of the program's success.

The Foundation awarded the program a \$30,000 grant to purchase a truck for hauling ladders, mulch, and building materials to job sites. "I'm continually reminded to be thankful and help those around me. Our mission is to make a difference through kindness," said Jeremy.

## LET THE SHOW GO ON

In 1931, the Lafayette Little Theatre was formed to provide entertainment during the dark days of the Depression. It allowed community members to live vicariously in different theatrical roles, while giving patrons a chance to escape ordinary life. Live entertainment was precious then, bringing hope, laughter, and a sense of community, and it remains just as important today in our digital and AI-influenced age.

Renamed the Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette in 1966, the organization is the second oldest, continuously running live theatre company in Indiana. Moving to the historic Monon Depot in 1980 was a showstopping gamechanger. The beautiful 1901 Colonial architecture train station, once a luxurious building, was transformed to become a perfect, permanent venue for intimate theatre experiences.

But history has a price. Staff must continually maintain the older building and systems and make vital upgrades so the show can go on. Raquel Lopez, Civic's producing artistic director, applied for and earned a Fall Grant of \$21,861 to replace two aging HVAC systems that were negatively affecting the costume/set production shop and Civic office spaces.

Raquel also applied for a grant to purchase more body microphones for stage actors. Larger casts in musicals necessitate more mics for clear transmission of songs and words to the audience. The mics use hearing loop technology to accommodate those with hearing aids. Improving the sound quality makes it a more enjoyable experience for everyone. Four new body mics were purchased with a Community Foundation grant of \$8,867.

"I am blown away by what the CFGL does," said Raquel. "We're so grateful for the grants and access to capital resources for our theatre, office, and shop."



New body mics being premiered in the Civic Youth Theatre production of Beetlejuice Jr.

# Grants Awarded

*In all, 135 nonprofit organizations received grants, and 59 individuals received scholarships totaling \$2,831,783 in 2025. Many grants were for those one-time capital expenses that nonprofits struggle to fund and desperately need. Soliciting and screening applications, verifying eligibility of recipients, and awarding funds are vital ways The Foundation is leading philanthropy initiatives and enriching lives.*

Groups Receive Over

\$2M

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**GRANTED: \$505,767**

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Jane Early Boswell Art Scholarship	\$ 2,500
Mike and Patty Cassidy Spirit of Matthew 25:40 Endowment	\$ 15,500
CHS Women Pursuing STEM Scholarship Fund	\$ 8,000
Tara Balfe Clifford Scholarship	\$ 9,500
Samuel and Pearl Mae Fritts Cole Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000
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Vince and Roxanne Drnevich Endowment	\$ 2,189
John and Kathy Gambs Endowment	\$ 2,566
Gernhardt Family Endowment	\$ 2,000
Hearing Loops and Assistive Technology Endowment	\$ 6,000
Jefferson High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,250
Jerome F. and Shirley R. Klinker Endowment	\$ 7,400
Kronos Family Endowment Fund	\$ 10,000
Lafayette-West Lafayette Urban Forestry Fund	\$ 1,088
Lehman Family Endowment	\$ 3,000
Diana Sue Leslie Endowment	\$ 10,000
William H. and Susan C. Long Community Fund	\$ 18,000
The Madrid Family Fund	\$ 121,500
Ben and Maxine Miller Family Endowment	\$ 1,701
Olson Community Endowment Fund	\$ 90,454
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Olson Heritage Fund	\$ 16,093
Harlan W. & Dorothy W. Parr Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,745
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Presidential Leadership Endowment	\$ 2,250
David Smyser Scholarship Fund	\$ 900
Arlan and Sharon Stavnheim Endowment	\$ 1,532
Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship Endowment	\$ 1,700
Taylor Family Endowment Fund	\$ 24,223

Larry J. Tompkins Memorial Fund	\$ 1,980
Katie Traynor, RN, Scholarship Fund	\$ 10,000
Truitt Family West Lafayette High School Athletic Leadership Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,000
JoAnn P. Vorst Endowment	\$ 3,597
West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,250
Michael G. and Jane A. Wilson Endowment	\$ 1,050

## FIELD-OF-INTEREST

**GRANTED: \$181,486**

### Arts & Humanities

Louisa Lee France Endowment for Music Education to Disadvantaged Children	\$ 7,476
Fund for Musical Performing Arts	\$ 1,000

### Education

Education Fund for Tippecanoe County	\$ 22,434
Mithoefer Family Endowment for Preschool Literacy	\$ 1,442
Betty M. Nelson Endowment for Literacy	\$ 53,475

### Environment & Animals

George and Betty DeVault Fund	\$ 11,869
Virginia B. Huth Endowment	\$ 5,292
Lafayette Savings Bank Wabash River Enhancement Endowment	\$ 2,167
Pookie and Gracie Dog Rescue Fund	\$ 7,100

### Health

Indiana Care Circle Fund	\$ 768
Esther L. McConnaughay Endowment Fund	\$ 37,391
Suicide Prevention Endowment	\$ 1,668

### Human Services

Linda Bowman and Glenn Tompkins Children's Endowment	\$ 4,543
Exchange Club of Lafayette Foundation Endowment for At-Risk Youth	\$ 6,128
Bob and Rhonda Feuer Endowment for Children's Needs	\$ 320
Fund for Children's Needs	\$ 3,584
John and Marjorie Martin Endowment for Health and Human Services	\$ 8,370
Randy and Kathy Vernon Endowment for At-Risk Youth	\$ 5,872

**Public & Society Benefit**

Pookie and Gracie Endowment \$ 587

**DESIGNATED**

**GRANTED: \$1,168,971**

50th Anniversary Endowment  
The Community Foundation of  
Greater Lafayette \$ 2,989

AgrlInstitute, Inc. Endowment Fund \$ 3,161

James P. Albregts Endowment Fund  
Almost Home Humane Society \$ 34,533  
Lafayette Family YMCA \$ 34,533  
Wabash Center \$ 34,533  
YWCA-DVIPP \$ 34,533

Elizabeth Patout Alting Endowment  
Community Cancer Network, Inc. \$ 840

Janet St. John Amy Fund  
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Foundation \$ 1,908

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette  
Art League Fund \$ 5,607

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette  
Education Fund \$ 2,583

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette  
Endowment Fund \$ 10,954

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette  
Foundation Endowment Fund \$ 7,303

Tom & Leitha Binney Endowment  
Civic Theatre \$ 1,057

Boardman Family Fund  
Wabash Center, Inc. \$ 15,055

Steve and Marie Cherie Bruhn Endowment  
Imagination Library at Right Steps  
Child Development Centers \$ 428

Burnett Creek Elementary School  
Endowment Fund \$ 10,272

Dennis and Diane Carson Family Endowment  
Kossuth Street Baptist Church \$ 1,028

Children's Music Foundation Endowment \$ 884

Civic Theatre Endowment Fund \$ 1,860

Jim and Sheila Cochran Endowment  
Imagination Library at Right Steps  
Child Development Centers \$ 222

Jeanne C. and W. Dale Compton Endowment  
Food Finders Food Bank \$ 9,305

Lafayette Urban Ministry \$ 9,305

Tippecanoe County Council on Aging -  
Meals on Wheels \$ 9,305

Barbara I. Cook Endowment  
Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. \$ 2,887

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
for Kids, Inc. Endowment \$ 2,590

Culver Academies Endowment \$ 587

Shirley B. Curtis Fund  
YWCA - DVIPP \$ 2,584

David R. Dove and Mary Lou Dove  
Endowment Fund  
Purdue University \$ 61,906

Warren N. Eggleston Legal Aid Endowment Fund \$ 13,220

Miriam K. Epple-Heath Endowment  
Wabash Center, Inc. \$ 1,097

Farm at Prophetstown Fund \$ 4,616

Food Finders Food Bank Board  
Endowment for Back Pack Program \$ 445

Food Finders Food Bank Endowment Fund \$ 3,464

Ward and Netta Frey Family Endowment  
Crestview Community Church Youth \$ 539

Mary Fuqua Endowment  
Area IV Agency on Aging and  
Community Action Programs, Inc. \$ 1,705

John and Kathy Gambs Endowment  
Imagination Library at Right Steps  
Child Development Centers \$ 621

Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt Endowment  
5th Quarter Summer Learning Program  
at Lafayette Urban Ministry \$ 698

Gene and Susie Goodson Operating  
Endowment Fund  
Bach Chorale \$ 2,761

John and Mary Ruth Graham Endowment  
Riggs Community Health Center \$ 1,353

Greenbush Cemetery of Lafayette Endowment \$ 859

Thomas Griffin Endowment for the 42nd  
Royal Highlanders \$ 2,978

Haan Family Maintenance Endowment \$ 51,094

Haan Family Operations Endowment for the  
Haan Museum \$ 495

Haan Museum Endowment \$ 12,346

Haan Museum Family Acquisition Endowment \$ 5,015

Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette Fund \$ 3,426

Dr. Robert J. Hagen Scholarship Endowment  
National Football Foundation \$ 350

Billie F. Hathaway Endowment  
Almost Home Humane Society, Inc. \$ 3,523

Winfield F. Hentschel Fund  
The Community Foundation of  
Greater Lafayette \$ 2,582

Hockerman Education Endowment Fund  
Bach Chorale \$ 1,766

J. Frederick Hoffman Fund  
Tippecanoe County Parks & Recreation  
Foundation \$ 40,353

Robert and Dorothy Hughes Community Fund  
CASA For Kids Fund \$ 3,053

Indiana University Health Arnett Foundation  
Endowment \$ 8,077

Isaiah 117 House Endowment \$ 732

Christiane E. Keck Endowment  
Community Cancer Network, Inc. \$ 1,545

Christiane E. Keck Endowment  
Imagination Library at Right Steps  
Child Development Centers \$ 853

Leta Kelley Endowment  
CASAs for Kids Fund \$ 1,032

Pamela Kay Underwood Kerr Endowment  
YMCA Camp Tecumseh \$ 5,612

Erich Klinghammer Wolf Park Endowment Fund \$ 3,733

Charles E. and Nelda M. Kramer Endowment  
Lafayette Family YMCA \$ 3,331

Lafayette Citizens Band Endowment Fund \$ 1,654

Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation Fund \$ 42,206

Lafayette Urban Ministry Endowment -  
Immigration Clinic Program \$ 602

Diana Sue Leslie Endowment  
5th Quarter Summer Learning Program  
at Lafayette Urban Ministry \$ 508

Joseph and Anne Lift Endowment  
Public Schools Foundation \$ 13,645

## GRANTS AWARDED

Riggs Community Health Center	\$ 13,645	Kirby and Carolyn Risk Endowment Fund	
Long Center Endowment in Honor of Jan André Bootsma and Ken Bootsma	\$ 25,509	Art Museum of Greater Lafayette	\$ 3,941
Long Center Fund	\$ 33,735	Leadership Lafayette	\$ 11,824
LTHC Homeless Services Endowment Fund	\$ 6,219	Tippecanoe County Historical Association	\$ 3,941
Sonya & Dale Margerum West Lafayette History & Research Center Endowment		Betty Rowe Endowment	
West Lafayette Public Library	\$ 9,772	Bauer Family Resources, Inc.	\$ 37,447
McBride Family Endowment		Sidney "Sarge" and Jo Sargent Endowment Fund	
Food Finders Food Bank Backpack Program at Miller Elementary School	\$ 3,428	Tippecanoe Arts Federation	\$ 10,441
John K. and Prella P. McBride Endowment Fund		Scheumann Family Endowment	
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette	\$ 1,770	Imagination Library at Right Steps Child Development Centers	\$ 630
John K. and Prella P. McBride Endowment Fund		Dennis and Sharon Schlott Endowment	
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 2,500	5th Quarter Summer Learning Program at Lafayette Urban Ministry	\$ 468
Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. McPherson String Instrument Scholarship Fund, in Honor of Their Children, Gregg A. McPherson and Kimberly McPherson Vratil		Mickey Shook Memorial Fund	
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 4,200	Art Museum of Greater Lafayette	\$ 6,127
Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County - Crisis Intervention Endowment	\$ 1,668	Ruthie Shook Endowment	
Mental Health America - Wabash Valley Region in honor of Jennifer Flora	\$ 13,485	Food Finders Food Bank	\$ 845
Robert F. Mertz Endowment Fund		Ruthie Shook Endowment	
Tippecanoe County Historical Association	\$ 26,885	Lafayette Urban Ministry	\$ 838
Mighty Wurlitzer of Long Center Endowment	\$ 1,394	Anne and Kumares Sinha Endowment	
Debra St. John Mishler Fund		5th Quarter Summer Learning Program at Lafayette Urban Ministry	\$ 2,093
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Foundation	\$ 1,850	Anne and Kumares Sinha Endowment	
Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment		Food Finders Food Bank	\$ 3,140
Imagination Library at Right Steps Child Development Centers	\$ 4,589	Christy Smith Leadership Lafayette, Inc. Endowment	\$ 36,350
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Moeller Fund		Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow Endowment	
St. James Lutheran Foundation	\$ 3,153	Imagination Library at Right Steps Child Development Centers	\$ 1,703
Montessori School of Greater Lafayette Endowment	\$ 894	Tom and Mary Jo Sparrow Endowment	
Tom and Ruth Moran Endowment		Food Finders Food Bank	\$ 1,309
Civic Theatre	\$ 2,050	Spring Vale Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$ 5,132
Richard C. and Betty M. Nelson Endowment		Cynthia Stauffacher Podium Endowment Fund	
5th Quarter Summer Learning Program at Lafayette Urban Ministry	\$ 4,792	Bach Chorale	\$ 4,070
NICHES Endowment	\$ 3,459	Stefaniak Family Clarinet Endowment Fund	
Edgar B. Olson Endowment		Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 1,600
Long Center	\$ 1,798	Stefaniak Family Flute Endowment Fund	
Omega Columbarium Fund		Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 1,800
First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette	\$ 16,316	Marion W. and Jerome J. Stefaniak Fund	
Louis Pearlman, Jr., Fund		YWCA	\$ 2,700
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 3,800	Betty Suddarth Endowment	
Pookie Endowment		Imagination Library at Right Steps Child Development Centers	\$ 386
Sycamore Audubon Society	\$ 2,786	Sycamore Audubon Society Endowment	\$ 526
Andrew P. Powers Endowment		Joe Tiller Chapter Endowment	\$ 6,375
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette	\$ 1,770	Tippecanoe Arts Federation Endowment Fund	
Dr. Wendell A. and Eleanor C. Riggs Endowment		in Memory of Suzie Coles	\$ 658
Riggs Community Health Center	\$ 13,091	Tippecanoe Chamber Music Society, Inc. Endowment	\$ 3,352
Right Steps Child Development Centers Endowment	\$ 4,661	Tippecanoe County Historical Association Endowment Fund	\$ 1,751
Risk Family Endowment		Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation Foundation Endowment Fund	\$ 101,242
Junior Achievement	\$ 6,552	Tippecanoe County Public Library Endowment Fund	\$ 2,120
		Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation, Inc. Endowment	\$ 2,876
		Tippy Connect Young Professionals Endowment Fund	\$ 678
		Tree Lafayette Endowment Fund in Honor of Larry L. Rose	\$ 8,626
		Lyn Treece Boys and Girls Club Fund	\$ 8,920



Float Jam 2025 on the Wabash

Truitt Family Endowment	
Imagination Library at Right Steps	
Child Development Centers	\$ 1,149
Unitarian Universalist Church Kay Asher	
Religious Education Endowment Fund	\$ 1,563
Unitarian Universalist Church Building	
Endowment Fund	\$ 2,835
Unitarian Universalist Church	
Jean B. Carlson General Endowment Fund	\$ 15,689
Unitarian Universalist Church Ferris-Harvey	
Social Justice Endowment Fund	\$ 1,681
United Way Endowment Fund	\$ 79,640
Lynn T. and John W. Van Etten III Endowment	
Imagination Library at Right Steps	
Child Development Centers	\$ 391
Arvind and Karen Varma Endowment	
Bharatiya Temple and Cultural Center	
of Greater Lafayette	\$ 832
Dr. Harry M. Von Tobel Endowment Fund	
Long Center	\$ 3,621
Wallace Triangle Island Endowment Fund	\$ 831
Tom Walsh Endowment	
Tree Lafayette	\$ 402
West Lafayette Public Library Endowment	\$ 1,411
Rick Westerman and Linda Swihart	
Technology Endowment	
Tippecanoe County Historical Association	\$ 1,205
Willowstone Family Services Endowment	\$ 2,921
Richard D. Wood Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,500
Susan and Kingsley Wu Charitable	
Endowment Fund	
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette	\$ 5,157
Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette	\$ 5,157
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	\$ 5,100
YMCA Camp Tecumseh Fund	\$ 2,097
Tony Zamora Jazz Club Endowment	\$ 1,468

**DISCRETIONARY**

*GRANTED: \$975,557*

100 Women Who Care Endowment Fund	\$ 9,230
James H. and Sandra H. Bodenmiller	
Endowment	\$ 1,343
Jim and Mary Beth Buescher Endowment	\$ 4,231
Community Fund	\$ 55,544
Cook Medical Endowment	\$ 2,913
Barbara I. Cook Endowment Fund	\$ 5,592
Ron and Jan Ditto Endowment	\$ 622
Drnevich Family Endowment	\$ 1,879
Duncan Fund	\$ 52,525
Douglas W. Eberle Endowment	\$ 4,220
Warren N. Eggleston Fund	\$ 2,840
Families Serving Greater Lafayette Endowment	\$ 552
Frederick R. and Mary H. Ford Endowment	\$ 2,219
LaNelle A. and Leslie E. Geddes Endowment	\$ 187,335
Pris Gerde Endowment	\$ 3,419
Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt Endowment	\$ 279
Michael and Carolyn Gery Endowment	\$ 752
Bill and Gail Gettings Family Endowment	\$ 1,095
Marjorie Gipe Endowment	\$ 38,530
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Blue Ribbon Fund	\$ 1,716
Max and Elsie Goken Endowment Fund	\$ 45,579
Connie F. and Richard E. Grace Endowment	\$ 1,374
Andy and Linda Gutwein Endowment	\$ 2,421
Dr. Caroline Hass Endowment	\$ 6,482
Gary and Shelly Henriott Endowment	\$ 8,015
Steve and Pam Horne Fund	\$ 1,184
Les and Rita Huddle Endowment	\$ 565
John C. Jamison Endowment	\$ 6,213
Greg and Barb Kapp Endowment Fund	\$ 2,389
Christiane E. Keck Endowment	\$ 1,106
Jack and Leta Kelley Endowment	\$ 4,608
Jim and Nancy Klusman Community	
Endowment	\$ 2,110

## GRANTS AWARDED

Lasater Family Endowment	\$ 729	Richard and Violet Road Endowment Fund	\$ 7,401
Lilly Endowment Fund	\$ 108,194	Linda Rohrman Family Endowment	\$ 2,282
TL Lin and CC Wu Endowment	\$ 2,096	Marianne and Larry Rose Endowment	\$ 5,862
Ryan and Stephanie Long Endowment	\$ 659	Russell Family Endowment	\$ 629
Mary and Mark Lundstrom Endowment	\$ 414	Dennis and Sharon Schlott Endowment	\$ 505
Elizabeth Mackay Endowment	\$ 49,734	Scholarship Administration Fund	\$ 1,492
Dale and Sonya Margerum Endowment	\$ 2,693	Richard R. and Sarah A. Schwarz Endowment	\$ 284
Martin Family Endowment	\$ 27,230	Charlie Shook Endowment	\$ 685
David and Anita McGaughey Endowment Fund	\$ 1,385	James C. Shook Endowment	\$ 27,366
Jerome J. and Shirley McTague Endowment Fund	\$ 4,500	John and Jane Smith Family Endowment	\$ 19,223
Men Who Give Endowment	\$ 5,262	Kendall S. & Mary Carson Smith Fund	\$ 9,546
Mick and Deb Mikels Family Endowment	\$ 794	Linda M. and Robert S. Sorensen Endowment	\$ 5,510
Stan and Kay Mithoefer Endowment	\$ 1,759	Mary Jo and Tom Sparrow Endowment Fund	\$ 7,806
Betty M. Nelson Community Endowment Fund	\$ 4,964	C. Virgil and Ruth W. St. John Fund	\$ 16,657
Betty M. Nelson Director of Philanthropy Endowment	\$ 10,003	Gary and Connie Standiford Endowment	\$ 816
Richard C. Nelson Endowment	\$ 26,591	STAT Endowment	\$ 3,651
Richard C. and Betty M. Nelson Endowment	\$ 7,156	Dr. Jerome J. Stefaniak Endowment	\$ 1,033
Mariellen and Gerry Neudeck Endowment	\$ 1,199	Suddarth Endowment	\$ 2,343
John L. and Marian W. Oberholtzer	\$ 1,613	Burr and Anne Louise Swezey Fund	\$ 12,696
Kathryn E. Olson Endowment	\$ 11,530	Bob and Patti Truitt Endowment	\$ 260
Parent Family Endowment	\$ 836	Donald and Mary Twiddy Endowment	\$ 592
Price Family Scholarship in memory of Thomas M. Price	\$ 1,900	Unrestricted Fund	\$ 56,136
Thomas M. Price Family Endowment	\$ 3,783	Sally Watlington Community Endowment	\$ 2,020
George and Nerlene Ramsey Endowment Fund	\$ 1,298	Bob and Marilyn Whitsel Fund	\$ 7,295
James Kirby Risk President and CEO Endowment	\$ 33,624	Robert and Marilyn Whitsel Scholarship Fund	\$ 7,000
		Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000
		Jake and Mary Ann Wiebers Endowment	\$ 1,739

## GRANTS FROM DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

*In 2025, discretionary scholarships totaling \$59,300 were awarded to 15 individuals and grants totaling \$975,557 were awarded to the following 57 organizations:*

Boy Scouts of America, Sagamore Council  
 Bravely Women's Health  
 Caregiver Companion Inc.  
 Cars for Keeps  
 Civic Theatre  
 Deaf Kids Code  
 Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.  
 Franciscan Alliance Foundation, Inc.  
 Girl Scouts of Central Indiana  
 Group Homes for Children  
 Robert and Ellen Haan Museum of Indiana Art  
 Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette  
 Hanna Community Center  
 Heartford House  
 The Historic Five Points Fire Station Educational Center  
 Homestead Resources

Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.  
 Imagination Station  
 Isaiah 117 House  
 Ivy Tech Foundation  
 Joyful Journey, Inc.  
 Junior Achievement of Greater Lafayette  
 KLD Foundation  
 Lafayette Family Shelter  
 Lafayette Family YMCA  
 Lafayette Symphony, Inc.  
 Lafayette Tree Fund, Inc.  
 Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association, Inc.  
 Lafayette Urban Ministry  
 LARA Educational Opportunities  
 Legal Aid Corporation  
 Life Has No Boundaries Co.  
 Long Center  
 LTHC Homeless Services  
 Mackey Family Children's Cancer Foundation  
 Mental Health America - Wabash Valley Region  
 Millie's Thrift Stores

Modified Athletics for Kids, Inc.  
 Montessori School of Greater Lafayette  
 NICHS Land Trust  
 North Central Health Services, Inc.  
 Paul's Plan Ministries Inc.  
 Right Steps Child Development Centers  
 Rotary District 6560 World Community Service Foundation, Inc.  
 Safe Families for Children Central Indiana  
 Songwriter's Association of Mid-North Indiana  
 Star City Early Learning Academy  
 The Arts Federation  
 United Way of Greater Lafayette  
 Voyageur Ancient Fife and Drum Corps  
 Wabash Center Inc.  
 West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation  
 West Lafayette STEAM Academy  
 Wolf Park  
 Woodhaven Rescue Farm  
 Youth Action Collective, Inc.  
 YWCA of Greater Lafayette

# How to Apply for a Grant

*Because of the generosity of many donors, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette invests in Tippecanoe County nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code and who have a clear mission, effective operations, proven success, strong staff and board leadership, responsible accounting and fiscal management, and sustainability.*

over  
**\$2M**  
 awarded in grants



Exploration Acres

The Foundation likes to help organizations that collaborate with others, promote a thriving community, and respond to the needs of people in the neighborhoods and areas served.

## GRANT GUIDELINES

Grants typically fund capital needs. The Foundation is especially interested in providing grants that further these impact areas: arts and humanities, education, environment and animals, health, human services, and public/society benefit.

Depending on the circumstances, The Foundation considers funding startup interim, emergency, operating

expenses, and programs at the NOW grant level of \$10,000 or less. Requests from tax-supported organizations, such as schools, are also considered when tax money cannot be used for the purchase.

Review includes evaluating want versus need, potential impact, other funding sources, and the number of people who will benefit.

The Foundation does not fund endowments, program or capital acquisitions already completed, ongoing operating expenses, religious institutions, political organizations, or candidates.

## GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

### NOW Grants

Available any time from January 1 through November 30, 2026 less than \$10,000

### Spring Community Grants

March 12, 2026 noon, \$10,000 and above

### Fall Community Grants

July 29, 2026, noon, \$10,000 and above

### Field-of-Interest Grants

May 22, 2026, noon, various amounts

(see [www.inspiringgreater.org](http://www.inspiringgreater.org))

- At-risk youth
- Cancer research and care
- Childhood literacy
- Children's needs
- Community beautification
- Dog rescue and care services
- Elder care
- Health and human services
- Literacy
- Music education for disadvantaged youth
- Suicide prevention
- Wabash River enhancement

Applications and guidelines are available at [www.inspiringgreater.org](http://www.inspiringgreater.org). Those with questions after reading the guidelines should contact The Foundation at [grants@inspiringgreater.org](mailto:grants@inspiringgreater.org).

# Investing in Education

*Scholarship-specific funds and other endowments with The Community Foundation regularly award scholarships to area students. For a full listing, visit [www.inspiringgreater.org](http://www.inspiringgreater.org)*

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**scholarships awarded  
to area youth.**



**2025 Community Foundation Scholars**

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

George Balfe Scholarship Fund, in Honor of George Hamilton Balfe, George Louis Balfe, and George Dan Balfe

Roger Blalock Scholarship Fund

Jane Early Boswell Art Scholarship

Carroll High School Scholarship for Women Pursuing STEM

Tara Balfe Clifford Scholarship

Samuel J. Cole and Pearl Mae Fritts Cole Scholarship Fund

Samuel C. Curtis Scholarship Fund

Max and Elsie Goken Scholarship

Robert and Dorothy Hughes Scholarship

Jefferson High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Elizabeth Mackay Scholarship

Shirley and Mick McTague Scholarship Fund

Harlan W. and Dorothy W. Parr Scholarship Fund

Roland G. Parrish Scholarship Fund

Presidential Leadership Scholarship Endowment Fund in Honor of Tarrus Richardson

Price Family Scholarship in Memory of Thomas M. Price

Purdue University Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Scholarship

David Smyser Scholarship Fund

Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship Endowment Fund

Katie Traynor, RN, Scholarship Fund

Truitt Family West Lafayette High School Athletic Leadership Scholarship

West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarship Fund

Robert and Marilyn Whitsel Scholarship Fund

Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship Fund

# 2025 Scholarship Recipients

## George Balfe Scholarship

Karina Casas | Jefferson High School

## Roger Blalock Scholarship

Mylon Turner | Purdue University

## Jane Early Boswell Scholarship

Mandorallyn Robertson | Jefferson High School

## CHS Women Pursuing STEM

Hailey Sandquist | Carroll High School

Rachel Uchtman | Carroll High School

## Tara Balfe Clifford Scholarship

Yanitza Gaeta | Jefferson High School

## Samuel and Pearl Mae Fritts Cole Scholarship

Tyli Lynn Harp | Southeastern Illinois College

Carson Nash VanDyke | Southeastern Illinois College

## Samuel C. Curtis Scholarship

Charles Kallock | Jefferson High School

## Max and Elsie Goken Scholarship

Bethany Dinius | Harrison High School

Olivia Estep | Harrison High School

Alyssa Knochel | Boston Architectural College

Gabrielle McAtee | Jefferson High School

## Robert and Dorothy Hughes Scholarship

Avarey Benker | McCutcheon High School

Chloe Louk | Jefferson High School

## Jeff High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Briseida Aquino | Jefferson High School

Alexis Baumgartner | Jefferson High School

Erin Bloomer | Jefferson High School

Willow Buchholz | Jefferson High School

Riley Cabrera | Jefferson High School

Maizie Corbin | Jefferson High School

Emily Kurtz | Jefferson High School

Mandorallyn Robertson | Jefferson High School

Jaylin Salas-Gomez | Jefferson High School

Corbin Stanchfield | Jefferson High School

## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships

Jada Dior | Jefferson High School

Braylyn Gudeman | Faith Christian High School

Jesse Sierra | McCutcheon High School

## Elizabeth Mackay Scholarship

Carly Corbett | Harrison High School

Sarah Luban | 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

Kwabena Bayity | Purdue University

Oseremi Olivia Jagbojo | Purdue University

Hema Lingireddy | Purdue University

Kaley Mumma | Purdue University

Elizabeth Ogar | Purdue University

James Sadler | Purdue University

Mariah Schaeper | Purdue University

## Roland G. Parrish Scholarship

Armani Bearden | Purdue University

Jonathan Jones | Purdue University

Chukwulozie Onwuta | Purdue University

Sydney Smith | Purdue University

## Presidential Leadership Scholarship in Honor of Tarrus Richardson

Kelsey Goodwin | Purdue University

Londyn Williams | Purdue University

## Price Family Scholarship in Memory of Thomas M. Price

Madigan Boesch | West Lafayette High School

## Purdue University Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Scholarship

Jessica Purcell | Purdue University

Ashley Schmitt | Purdue University

## David Smyser Scholarship

Elaina Gorringer | Jefferson High School

## Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship

Hope Pfeiffer | Harrison High School

## Katie Traynor, RN, Scholarship

Lianna Clendenny | Purdue University

Owen Skoglund | Purdue University

## Truitt Family West Lafayette High School Leadership Scholarship

Lincoln Furry | West Lafayette High School

Bree Johnson | West Lafayette High School

## West Lafayette High School Golden Scholarship

Allison Creech | West Lafayette High School

## Robert and Marilyn WhitseI Scholarship

Natalie David | West Lafayette High School

Katelyn Ford | Harrison High School

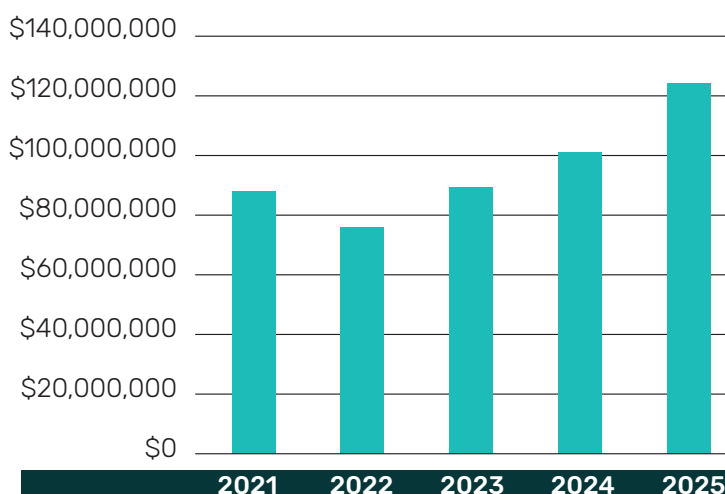
## Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship

William King | Faith Christian High School

# Fiscally Responsible

The Community Foundation's net assets totaled \$123,568,931 at year end 2025. These charts highlight financial activities in 2025 and previous years. Copies of the latest audited financial statements are available at The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. The following financial reports include the Community Foundation of White County, an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.

## FOUNDATION NET ASSETS

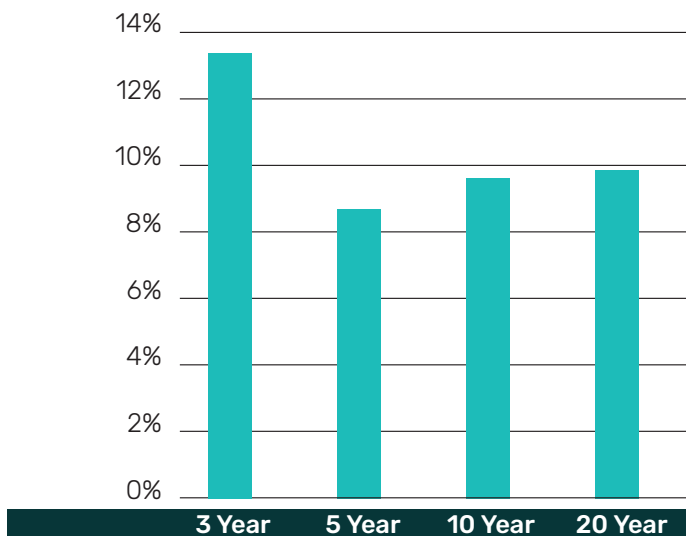


The Foundation's net assets totaled \$123.57M in 2025.

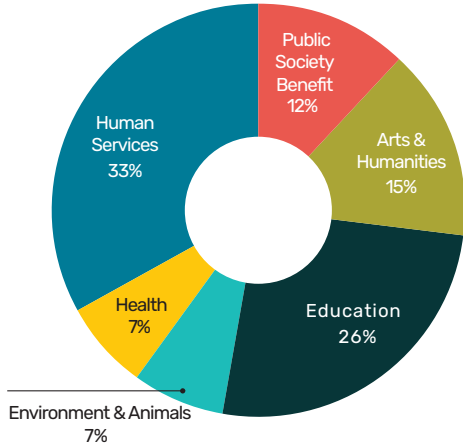
135 grants to nonprofits  
59 scholarships totaling

**\$2.8M**

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

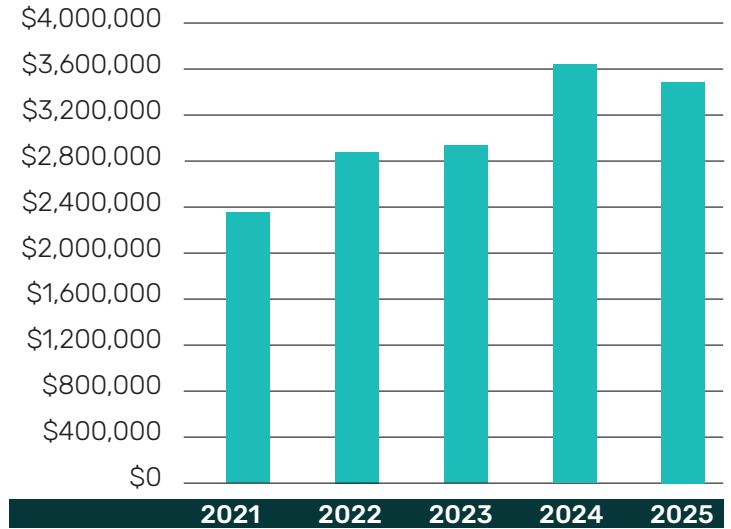


### GRANTS BY CATEGORY



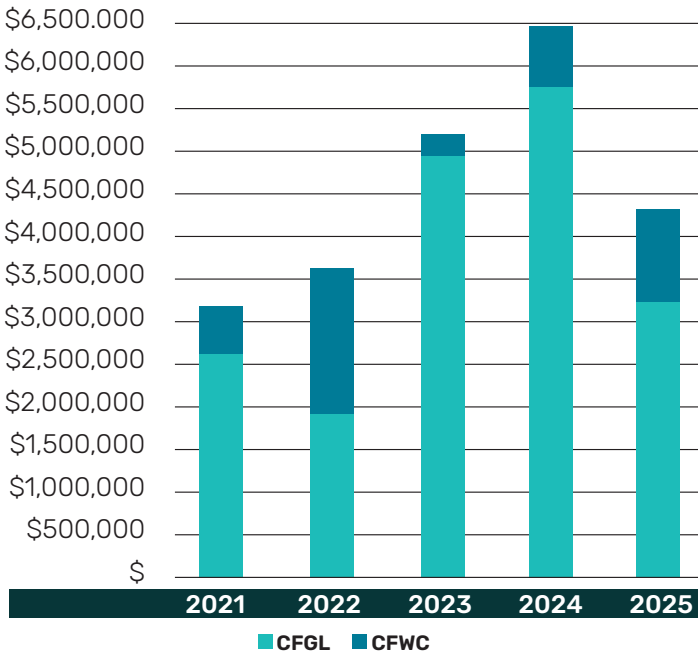
*The Community Foundation encourages philanthropy to further education, human services, public/society benefit, arts and humanities, environment and animals, and health.*

### GRANTS



Total Grants (including White County) \$3,504,470  
 CFGL Only: \$2,838,483

### GIFTS RECEIVED



Total Gifts Received: \$4,327,054  
 CFGL: \$3,224,072  
 CFWC: \$1,102,981





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