Hobart Resident Leaves a Legacy of Giving

More than great wealth, philanthropy requires a generosity of spirit and desire to improve the quality of life for others. That was the goal of Edith Sonntag, who designated a share of her estate to be gifted to Legacy Foundation for the causes she cared about in the community she loved.

Edith L. Ogden, a graduate of Wheeler High School, was born September 9, 1922 in Brocton, Illinois to Alva and Cora. She had two brothers, Floyd and Ray, and one sister, Elinor. Shortly after her 29th birthday, she married Herbert A. Sonntag; a marriage that would last 52 years. They had faithful friends, no children, and lived an active life in Hobart, Indiana. On February 16, 2018, Edith passed away at the age 95. In her life she was known as a daughter, sister, wife and friend with a very kind soul. Her legacy will reflect that. The Edith Sonntag Charitable Fund will annually support the Trinity Lutheran School Computer Science Program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobart, The Hobart Food Pantry and V.N.A. Hospice of Porter County.

We can all be remembered for our commitment to community. Those wishing to leave a legacy of giving beyond their lifetime can do so with a gift to Legacy Foundation in their will or trust. We’re here to work with you and your trusted advisors to make the process easy. You will join a select group of donors in our Legacy Society who have committed to supporting Lake County for the future.

To learn more about leaving a planned gift in your will or trust, contact me at csaxton@legacyfdn.org or (219) 736-1880.

Carolyn Saxton,
President & CEO
Local Organizations Benefit From $440,000 in Grants From Legacy Foundation

This winter, Legacy Foundation awarded $441,306 for 33 programs serving Lake County, Indiana. Funding came from our Lake County Community Fund, the Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund, and the Maria Reiner Senior Citizens Fund.

Sojourner Truth House uses On the Table Data to Support Grant for Child Enrichment Center

Education and youth development is a top priority for residents across Lake County–this information was supported by On the Table survey results. Finding quality, educational child care can be especially difficult for parents who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. A grant from Legacy Foundation to Sojourner Truth House (STH) supports their Child Enrichment Center. On average, STH serves over 2,100 women and children per month. The Child Enrichment Center ensures that clients’ children are safe and nurtured, allowing mothers to focus their full attention on the important tasks of regaining their independence and self-sustainability.

Student Conservation Association Trains Local Crew to Reduce Water Pollution

Stormwater runoff is one of the greatest threats to clean water in the U.S. according to the EPA. Rainwater runs off of our roofs and driveways and collects oil, pesticides, bacteria, and other pollutants, that collect in our water systems. We are in an area that depends heavily on the vitality of Lake Michigan for clean drinking water, among other valuable needs. A grant from Legacy Foundation to the Student Conservation Association will train a crew of local students to mitigate stormwater entering Lake Michigan from the Little and Grand Calumet watersheds.

Two Grantees Partner up for Success and Fun

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago teamed up with Whiting Mayor Stahura for an unforgettable field trip to the Mascot Hall of Fame. Legacy Foundation supported site based programming at Whiting’s BBBS program and provided a grant for the newly opened Mascot Hall of Fame.

LEARN MORE
View all of our recent grants at legacyfdn.org/recentrecipients
The Results Are In

On September 26, 2018, Legacy Foundation hosted its 2018 On the Table conversations with generous support from the Knight Foundation. An estimated 2,135 adults participated in the conversations, and 1,212 of these participants completed a post-conversation survey. The survey was conducted online and via paper by Hart Research Associates and Public Opinion Strategies. We learned that participants are hopeful about the future and eager to engage on challenging issues.

PROFILE OF ON THE TABLE SURVEY RESPONDENTS

![Gender Distribution]

- **Men**: 33%
- **Women**: 66%
- **Other not listed**: 1%

![Age Distribution]

- **65/older**: 16%
- **50 to 64**: 32%
- **45 to 49**: 32%
- **18 to 34**: 23%

![Education Distribution]

- **HS grad/less**: 19%
- **Two-year college/voc ed**: 27%
- **Four-year college grad**: 31%
- **Post-grad educ**: 23%

![Historic/Latino Background Distribution]

- **Hispanic/Latino**: 85%
- **Non-Hisp/Latino**: 15%

![Race Distribution]

- **Whites**: 67%
- **African Americans**: 21%
- **Asians**: 2%
- **Others**: 5%
- **Biracial/multiracial**: 5%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

**OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE**

- 70% are more hopeful than worried about what the future holds for their community
- 71% believe the area in which they live has a strong sense of community

**VIEWS REGARDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 51% say that their community does not provide equal opportunities for all
- Roughly half of African-American and Hispanic participants identify the need to address racism

**PRESSING ISSUES**

- Economic opportunities and safety are the top two priority issues people would like to see addressed in their communities
- Participants prioritize the availability of good jobs and providing more training and skill development opportunities for workers

**CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE**

- 53% say nonprofits and community organizations are having the greatest impact on making their community a better place to live
- 88% say they are likely to take a specific action regarding an issue they discussed at On the Table

Want to stay involved with On the Table updates? This spring, we will bring together focus groups for a series of conversations with the goal of developing an action project around the priority issues identified.

- Jobs and Workforce Development
- Public Transportation
- Crime, Violence, and Public Safety
- Youth Priorities

Sign up for a focus group at legacyfdn.org/OnTheTable
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 26
LEGACY GRANTS ORIENTATION

APRIL 3
NONPROFIT LUNCH & LEARN
Employer Self-Audit: Identifying Potential Problems Before They Arise

MAY 14
SAVE THE DATE!
LEGACY FOUNDATION 26TH ANNUAL MEETING

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