Women in Philanthropy (WIP), a Legacy Foundation giving group, just completed its first year. What a year it was! Michelle Larson, president and CEO of the Adler Planetarium, was the keynote speaker at the inaugural luncheon last October. Attendees were asked to join WIP by committing an annual donation of $1000 to the Women’s Philanthropy Fund. We allocated 75% of the funds raised for immediate grant-making and the remainder to establish an endowment supporting projects for women and girls.

In the spring, members reconvened to learn more about the cause they deemed a focus area for the year: education. Dr. Sue Ellspermann, the first female president of Ivy Tech Community Colleges statewide and former Lt. Governor of Indiana, spoke about the opportunities and challenges facing women seeking a degree in Indiana. The learning opportunity helped WIP members determine how to allocate $20,000 of grant funding to local organizations providing educational opportunities for women and girls.

Right now we are just around the corner from the second annual Women in Philanthropy Luncheon. On November 14, we will gather to share highlights from the past year, learn about the grant recipients, and hear an inspiring speech from Dr. Sandy Goldberg. If you or a woman you know is interested in joining a vibrant network of philanthropists in Lake County, I encourage you to attend or share the event. Each woman who joins strengthens the group’s impact on long-lasting, positive change. Visit www.legacyfdn.org/wip.php for more information.

Yours in Philanthropy,
Carolyn
President
On September 26, thousands of Lake County, Indiana, residents gathered together across the region to share a meal and discuss ways to make our neighborhoods stronger.

Participants in these On the Table conversations were asked not only to discuss ideas for improving our communities, but also to make a commitment to work collectively or independently to improve Lake County communities and inspire others to do the same.

Estimated Conversations: 133
Estimated Participants: 2,080 (1,594 adults; 486 youth)
Conversations took place in 18 cities and towns across Lake County:

- Cedar Lake
- Crown Point
- Dyer
- East Chicago
- Gary
- Lowell
- Merrillville
- Munster
- Schererville
- Griffith
- Hammond
- Highland
- Hobart
- Lake Station
- St. John
- Whiting
- Winfield
- Shelby

Legacy Foundation is one of 10 community foundations across the U.S. replicating the On the Table initiative this year with funding from the Knight Foundation. Support for On the Table is one part of Knight Foundation’s efforts to help cities attract and keep talented people, expand economic opportunity and create a culture of civic engagement.

A special thank you to our sponsors for their generous support of On the Table.

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NEXT STEPS On the Table Community Action Awards

On the Table conversations sparked ideas to address transportation, homelessness, education, divisiveness, after-school activities, mental health awareness, local news, and many other issues.

Now, Legacy Foundation wants to help residents move from conversation to action. We put out a call for On the Table participants to submit actionable projects discussed during their conversation. Legacy received over 25 project submissions. Ten projects will receive a $1,000 Community Action Award to turn their ideas into reality. Winners will be announced the week of November 6.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Professional Advisor Seminar
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
11:30AM – 1:30PM
Free Professional Education Credits
Register at www.legacyfdn.org/events.php

Women in Philanthropy Luncheon
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
11:30AM – 1:30PM
Gamba Ristorante
Register at www.legacyfdn.org/wip.php

Brownfields Conference 2017
DECEMBER 5-7
Register at www.brownfields2017.org

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Legacy Foundation 25th Anniversary
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018
Marquette Park Pavilion

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Look for our new address in 2018

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