Building Community Annual Report 2022
Building Community

We all play an essential role in building a vibrant and inclusive community.

Legacy Foundation believes that lasting and meaningful change happens when all residents are able to contribute. As a means of obtaining community feedback, Legacy Foundation partnered with local artist, Ish Muhammad, to create “String Theory,” a painting whose bright colors represent the diversity in landscape, industry, and people that make up Lake County, Indiana.

The interactive art piece, which has traveled to many community events and now hangs in Legacy’s front lobby, collects residents’ hopes and wishes for their community. We invite you to visit the digital report to view wishes that have been received. These wishes represent the voices and visions of a community’s most important building blocks: its residents.

Legacy Foundation will use these collective wishes to inspire future programming and community investments across Lake County to ensure equitable opportunities for all communities.
Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 1992, a group of local leaders created the Legacy Foundation to serve as a stable source of support to strengthen and build our community. Thirty years later, the organization is still going strong. In 2022, we had the opportunity to reflect while celebrating our 30th Anniversary. Outgoing Board Chair, Greg Gordon, was recognized for his tireless work through uncharted territory, leading the organization through the “COVID years.”

This last year was also an exciting time as Legacy Foundation embarked on a new chapter of our journey while continuing to achieve critical community impact. We are excited to be appointed as new Board Chair and President/CEO at Legacy Foundation, and we are thankful for the support and commitment of our partners across Lake County.

As we move forward with 2023 and reflect on 2022, we are pleased to share some highlights of our work over the past year. Thank you for being an important part of this journey with us.

Thank you!

Carey A. Yukich
Chair, Board of Directors

Kelly Anoe
President & CEO

Impact by the Numbers

$3.04 Million Grants
$1.36 Million Scholarship Awards
$75,705,654 Foundation Assets
$2.87 Million Gifts
366 Total Funds

This year Legacy Foundation celebrates 30 years of providing impactful philanthropy to Lake County, Indiana.

Since inception, we have provided over $53 million in grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and students. Generous donors committed to building local resources for charitable causes, combined with prudent stewardship, have grown our assets to nearly $80 million.

The year also honored the retirement of Carolyn Saxton, who served as Legacy Foundation’s President and CEO for nearly the last 9 years. During our annual celebration, Carolyn “passed the baton” to Kelly Anoe to become Legacy Foundation’s sixth President and CEO.

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$0.00
$15,000,000
$30,000,000
$45,000,000
$60,000,000
$75,000,000


Celebrating 30 Years
Vic Sahagun Scholarship Fund

Vic was an outgoing, hardworking, and friendly guy with an amazing smile.

He graduated from Whiting High School and chose to give back to other students by coaching football and offering encouragement to kids in need. Vic was an assistant coach for the Whiting High School football team who instilled hard work, discipline, and consistency in his team. He enjoyed coaching and spending time with his family and friends.

Vic’s sudden passing in 2014 left loved ones grieving, but also wondering how to honor someone who was deeply connected to Whiting’s sports program and community. His family created the Vic Sahagun Scholarship Fund at Legacy Foundation to support college scholarships for Whiting High School athletes.

“One of Vic’s best friends, Brett Jennings, actually approached us with the suggestion. We were very excited and welcomed the idea. He was such a giving guy and we want to keep giving in his honor,” said Elizabeth Aguilar, Vic’s sister.

We would like to give a student the opportunity to further their education while keeping Vic’s memory alive.

- Elizabeth Aguilar

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Legacy Foundation’s Women in Philanthropy (WIP) Group

A network of philanthropists committed to transforming the lives of women and children in Lake County, Indiana.

WIP uses the collective power of women learning, giving, and leading together to build long-lasting positive change. WIP members review grant proposals that align with their focus area, connect with grantees through site visits, and participate in unique networking events. In 2022, WIP awarded $16,400 to five organizations.

Women in Philanthropy 2022 Grant Awards
• Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
• Hearts in Motion
• School House Children’s Charity, Inc.
• St. Jude House • The Caring Place, Inc.

“Being a member of WIP affords an effective way to give back to my community while interfacing with phenomenal women throughout the region. The application review process and site visits to see how dollars are being spent are ideal ways for us to stay actively engaged in decision-making. I truly believe that my involvement is making a difference.”

— Chelsea Whittington

Women in Philanthropy Member

Endowment Built $60,689
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“Legacy Foundation is the linchpin of my estate planning. By naming Legacy as the beneficiary of a designated fund, I have the peace of mind that comes from knowing my gift will be applied to two organizations that benefit the quality of life in Miller Beach: Nelson Algren Museum of Miller Beach and the Miller Community Fund. With the Legacy’s stewardship, my contributions will be distributed and monitored after my passing.”

— Susan M. Rutsen
Edward L. Burke
Burke Costanza & Carberry Edward L. Burke Law School Scholarship.

A life-long Lake County, Indiana resident, Edward L. Burke dedicated his professional and personal career to the betterment of his community and those around him. He was a 1947 graduate of Horace Mann High School and attended the University of Notre Dame for both undergraduate and Juris Doctorate.

Edward was a strong believer in the importance of education. Colleagues recall Edward saying, “Money spent on education is always a good investment,” and he stressed to his colleagues that there’s always an opportunity to learn, and skills can always be sharpened through education.

To honor his 50-year legal career and passion for education, Burke Costanza & Carberry established the Edward L. Burke Scholarship to financially support local law students.

“We created this annual law scholarship for law students who have grown up in Northwest Indiana,” said Tory Prasco, of Burke Costanza & Carberry. “Ed has always been a gentleman, a pillar of the community, and a great mentor to young lawyers by teaching them how to practice law effectively while still being collegial.”

The scholarship is awarded to a second or third year law student from NWI who plans to practice law within the region.

The scholarship is a fitting legacy to Ed Burke, who we all remember as an advocate of education. The scholarship symbolizes the firm’s commitment to assist law students from Northwest Indiana with the tuition costs associated with their legal education. - Mark Terborg, Burke Costanza & Carberry

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A lawyer by trade, Erica wanted to expand her community service into the classroom. Over the years she has served as a substitute teacher, after school and Title 1 tutor, technology associate, and sports banner coordinator for the School Town of Highland.

In 2022, Erica set a goal to run for school board in Highland and make an even greater impact on her community. Erica said, “I think it is important to have parents and community volunteers on the school board, especially those who advocate for the underrepresented. I want our community to continue to grow in a positive direction!”

As a first-time school board candidate, Erica utilized community resources to learn about running a successful school board campaign. “I understood the work that needed to be done if elected as a school board member, but I knew nothing about running a successful campaign,” she explained.

Rise NWI
Legacy Foundation’s civic engagement program.

For the last twenty years, Erica Smith-Gomez has been an active member of her community, Highland, Indiana, dedicating her time to nonprofit organizations, athletic clubs, and committees. As nonpartisan positions, school board candidates have unique campaign rules and little support from political parties. For this, Erica turned to Legacy Foundation’s Rise NWI program.

Erica received a scholarship from Legacy Foundation to attend the Indiana State School Board Association (ISSBA) Candidate Training. The ISSBA training provided first-time school board candidates tools for executing a successful campaign and being a quality school board member if elected. Erica said, “I learned a lot about what candidates can and cannot do. It also reinforced my understanding of how school boards operate and how members should work collectively to best support the school corporation.”

Through the training and education received, Erica executed a successful campaign and was elected to the School Town of Highland School Board. Erica’s favorite part about being a school board member is getting to know new people, and helping students, their families, and the community.

Lake County Emergency Rental Assistance
Legacy Foundation has helped over 200 Lake County residents stay in their homes and receive utility assistance. Through a partnership with Geminus, Legacy Foundation administered the Lake County Emergency Rental Assistance program from March to December 31, 2021. People whose income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic received $1.2 million in rental, utility, and energy assistance. In 2022, recertifications and payment assistance continued with applicants receiving 100% of their rent for up to a year.

“...I was laid off at the start of the pandemic, causing me to rely heavily on the unemployment benefits I received through the company I worked for. Even when work resumed, the intermittent layoffs continued due to manufacturing shortages, but unfortunately, there was not enough time in between to apply for unemployment again. But thanks to the LCERA program, I was able to cover my rent without the concern of being laid off again.”

- Myla Taylor, Lake County resident

Housing Rehabilitation
It’s Gary’s Time

Legacy Foundation has partnered with the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission to build resilient, adaptive, and inclusive neighborhoods. Through this partnership, The City of Gary Redevelopment Commission donated two properties in the Aetna community to Legacy Foundation for rehabilitation to provide quality housing that’s affordable.

“This partnership has allowed It’s Gary’s Time to provide employment and training opportunities to individuals who are re-entering the workforce while reducing blight throughout the community.”

- Roger Hayward

Legacy Foundation is collaborating with local nonprofit, It’s Gary’s Time, to execute all construction. It’s Gary’s Time provides tools, job skills, certifications, mentoring, and life skills training to previously incarcerated individuals.

“...Our goal is to provide an opportunity for individuals who are coming back into society after serving time in jail to rebuild, learn a new skill, and be employment ready,” explained Roger Hayward, It’s Gary’s Time founder.
Lake County Eats Local

Founded with the purpose of making fresh food more accessible.

Lake County Eats Local is a four-year initiative funded by the USDA from 2018-2022 to establish new and strengthen existing farmers markets in food deserts, East Chicago and Gary. While food accessibility was the primary purpose of Lake County Eats Local, the program also supported local small businesses, including artisans, bakeries, and farmers. In total the markets generated $193,375 in vendor sales.

A regular Lake County Eats Local vendor, Bob’s Backyard, views the program as more than just another farmers market.

“When I first heard about Lake County Eats Local, I was just a hobby farmer trying to figure out new methods of growing,” said Bob Wahl, owner of Bob’s Backyard. “I wasn’t even a business owner at first, but when I saw the mission of the program, I knew I wanted to be part of it; Lake County Eats Local gave me the impetus to begin Bob’s Backyard.”

Over the years, Bob’s passion for Lake County Eats Local grew. “My favorite part about attending each market were the interactions and relationships built week after week with both customers and fellow vendors,” Bob said. Lake County Eats Local had an impact on the communities it served.

Through partnerships with Bob’s Backyard, NWI Food Council, St. Catherine Hospital, and Edgewater Health, a sustainable model has been developed that will continue building on the growth of these new markets.

Community Leadership

Legacy Foundation’s commitment to providing leadership to address community needs was strengthened by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.’s GIFT VII.

The awarded projects bolster entrepreneurship by supporting early stage businesses, making it easier to find small businesses nearby, and developing a pipeline of future entrepreneurs. Legacy Foundation is working in partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation to implement this grant.

Youth Innovation

Boys and Girls Clubs Teen Tech Center

Legacy Foundation supported the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana to establish Best Buy Teen Tech Centers to meet the needs of young entrepreneurs, start-up companies, educators, and employers within Lake County. Since the ribbon cutting of the Tech Center located at the Boys and Girls Club in Gary, the organization has established Satellite Centers at other Lake County Boys and Girls Club sites, including Hammond, Lake Station, and Cedar Lake.

Entrepreneurship

NWI BizHub

NWI BizHub is an online resource connecting Northwest Indiana entrepreneurs to assistance no matter where they are in their business journey. NWI BizHub has partnerships with over 75 local nonprofit organizations specializing in small business support, working one-on-one with local entrepreneurs to address unique business challenges.

Placemaking and Trails

Interactive Trail Kiosk

Bikers and walkers along popular trails will see new signage for nearby business districts. Legacy Foundation’s partnership with Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and municipal trail managers brought trail kiosk maps to the most traveled trails in Lake County to direct bikers and walkers.

Lake County Eats Local

Bob Wahl
Owner of Bob’s Backyard

Entrepreneurship

NWI BizHub

Placemaking and Trails

Interactive Trail Kiosk

Total Sales

$193,375

Attendees

36,392

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- Center for Workforce Innovations
- Northwest SBDC
- Unity Foundation of LaPorte County
Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance

Invest in Education: Prevent a Wrongful Conviction.

The Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance (CJPA) at Purdue University Northwest seeks to address the prevention of wrongful convictions and, when one occurs, provide support to those who have been impacted directly and indirectly.

With the support of a Legacy Foundation Transform Lake County grant, The Center for Justice and Post-Exoneration Assistance has developed and is disseminating a course on wrongful convictions to inform and educate Lake County, Indiana police officers on strategies and common investigative tools that have led to wrongful convictions.

“A modified course presentation will also be held for Lake County high school students and the greater community. This innovative initiative aims at addressing root causes of wrongful convictions, raising public awareness, and articulating pathways focused on the prevention of wrongful convictions — helping the public play a vital role in ensuring its local justice system is equitable.”

“Through these training events, we have been able to engage officers, including department chiefs and detectives, on tactics to prevent wrongful convictions. During this two-hour event, we dive into real life examples that show common investigative tools that have led to wrongful convictions,” explains Dr. Jackson.

Receiving a Legacy Foundation grant has impacted our programming as it allows us to work with Lake County police departments to discuss wrongful convictions on a national and regional level. This is a first of its kind program for Lake County that has the opportunity to transform our local justice system.

Dr. Nicky Ali Jackson, Executive Director of the CJPA.
## 2022 Legacy Foundation Grantees

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| Families Anchored In Total Harmony   | $60,000.00|
| Family Life Community Youth Center   | $7,500.00|
| Feline Community Network             | $3,070.71|
| Fight Club Survivor, Inc.            | $2,000.00|
| First United Evangelical Lutheran Church | $23,000.00|
| Fried's Cat Shelter, Inc.            | $3,560.95|
| Franciscan Ministries                | $24,659.00|
| Franciscan Health, Crown Point       | $12,019.00|
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| Food Bank of Northwest Indiana       | $106,320.00|
| For the Love of the Arts, Inc.       | $1,000.00 |
| Force For Good Community Development Corp. | $5,000.00|
| Franciscan Health Foundation         | $4,000.00 |
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| Gary Chamber of Commerce             | $1,000.00 |
| Gary Community Partnership           | $24,500.00|
| Gary Harm Reduction                  | $323.00   |
| Gary International Black Film Festival | $1,500.00|
| Gary Public Library and Cultural Center | $60,351.00|
| Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and NWI | $10,000.00|
| Girls On The Run Of Northwest Indiana, Inc. | $10,000.00|
| Grace Beyond Borders NWI, Inc.       | $6,016.81 |
| Grace For You Foundation             | $1,200.00 |
| Highland Orchestra Boosters, Inc.    | $100.00   |
| Historical Society of Ogden Dunes, Indiana, Inc. | $300.00 |
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Omar Enayeh
Webster Cornwell and Dream Catcher Scholarship recipient.

For many high school students, junior year is filled with school dances, researching colleges, and enjoying time with friends. Omar spent his junior year fleeing the Syrian war. At 17, he left his country and his parents and moved to Northwest Indiana to live with his college-aged brother. Moving to the United States meant starting a new school, learning a new language, and becoming financially independent. It’s also where he found a new home and the true meaning of community.

“Being so far from my family has been difficult, but I am confident I made the best decision for myself. Since moving to Northwest Indiana, I have felt the support of the community, which motivates me to not only be the best version of myself but also helps me improve the lives of those around me.”

Omar received two scholarships from Legacy Foundation to pursue his college education. He was awarded the Dream Catcher Scholarship, which supports students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He also earned the Webster Cornwell Scholarship that will provide tuition and book support throughout Omar’s four years of undergraduate studies.

Now 19 and a student at Indiana University Bloomington, Omar still values his Northwest Indiana community, as well as the college community surrounding him, and hopes to help others the way he has been supported.

“I have been welcomed with open arms and provided the support needed to succeed. Every decision I make about my future is focused on how I can help others like those who have helped me.”

Omar is currently a biology major on a pre-medical track with the ambition to be a neurosurgeon. After completing his education, he plans to return to Indiana to help his community live healthier lives.

“I am honored and humbled to be a scholarship recipient of the Webster Cornwell Scholarship and Dream Catcher Scholarship at Legacy Foundation. Since I am an independent student, attending college has additional financial challenges. Because of Legacy Foundation, I am able to attend the school of my dreams, which I previously didn’t think was possible.”

Omar Enayeh

Scholarship Funds

Barbara Miller Meeker Art Scholarship
BCC Edward L. Burke Law Scholarship
Bi-Centennial Memorial Scholarship
Bill and Sue Modrak Scholarship
BP Products North America Scholarship
Broadway Scholarship
Cara M. Spicer Scholarship
Cenfax Scholarship
Continuity of Care Scholarship
Daniel Chavez Memorial Award
Demetrius Treliff Willford Memorial Scholarship
Dream Catcher Scholarship
Fred and Louise Latshaw Scholarship
George and Harriet Korellis Memorial Scholarship
 Gerritsen Indiana Academy Scholarship
Halfacre Excellence in Music Scholarship
“In memory of Dennis Halfacre and Sandra Halfacre Moore”
 Hammond City Council Scholarship
 Hanover Central High School Scholarship
 Herbert R. Kocher Memorial Scholarship
 Highland Orchestra Scholarship
 IBEW Local Union #697 Memorial Scholarship
 Indiana Pandemic Poetry Project
 James F. Van Senus Swimmers Team Spirit Award
 Jeft Van Hecke Memorial Scholarship
 Joan and Ernest S. Berry Scholarship
 John V. and George Primich Family Scholarship
 John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship
 Joseph T. Morrow Urban League Scholarship
 June Pangburn Memorial Scholarship
 Kathy Lynn Hooks Memorial Scholarship
 Lake County Athletic Officials Association Memorial Scholarship
 Lake County Bar Association Scholarship
 Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship
 Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Van Til/Bellamy Salute to Education
 Legacy Scholarship
 Legacy Pay it Forward Scholarship
 Legends Scholarship
 Mardie Tuttle Thrive Scholarship
 Mary Francis Textbook Scholarship
 Milton and Ruby McClendon Memorial Scholarship
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 O’Shea Patrick McCarthy Scholarship
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 Ronda Worden and Esther Henning Scholarship
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 Sengupta Family Scholarship
 The Dr. John T. Scully Medical Scholarship
 The Dr. R.T. White Scholarship
 The Four Girls Scholarship
 The Good Teachers Count Scholarship
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