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Women in Philanthropy
Virtual Fall Lunch
Tuesday, November 10
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Register at
[legacyfdn.org/community-
programs/upcoming-events](https://legacyfdn.org/community-programs/upcoming-events)

A special event celebrating
the power of local women
who organize, encourage, and
uplift our community.



An Endowment Fund Helps Vulnerable Family Members Connect Virtually

Current COVID-19 restrictions have been challenging for all of us, but there is a unique hardship for parents and family members with a newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Dr. Daniel McCormick, Franciscan Health Crown Point president and CEO, found a way to connect the tiny patients and their families.

With the annual distribution Legacy Foundation makes to Franciscan Health from its endowment fund, in addition to donor gifts, the Crown Point hospital was able to purchase a new AngelEye Health camera system.

Adding the new equipment means that family members can virtually engage with their newborns in the ICU when they have to be away. Friends and grandparents who want to see the baby but cannot visit, will be allowed to interact virtually while keeping the baby and them safe.

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Additional benefits include:

- Mom or dad can talk to baby via a one-way communication capability.
- Virtual interaction alleviates the financial hardship associated with travel and time off work.
- Family members can check-in on newborns 24/7 over a secure, internet-based video & audio system.
- Each camera is password protected & HIPAA compliant.

At Legacy Foundation, we work to build a better future for Lake County – that includes the many healthcare organizations that care for our community. For many organizations, creating an endowment fund adds financial stability that can help with planning for programs and equipment purchases.

When an organization partners with Legacy Foundation, we focus on building a sustainable financial future, so the organization can better achieve its mission.

Interested in learning more about setting up a fund. Contact Legacy Foundation President, Carolyn Saxton, at csaxton@legacyfdn.org or 219-736-1880.

Research has shown
a mother's voice
helps her baby grow
and develop and is
the most important
voice for a newborn
to hear.



75 The number of Agency Funds that
Legacy Foundation holds for
nonprofit organizations.

The remaining 250 funds are set-up by individuals or
businesses to support scholarships and other charitable
causes of the donor's choosing.



Foundation leaders visit Venture Cafe Miami.

Legacy Foundation Receives a \$300,000 Lilly GIFT VII Community Leadership Grant

Even before the novel coronavirus hit our community, devastating mom and pop shops, we knew that current and aspiring small business owners needed support. Listening and learning from residents during On the Table, helped Legacy Foundation prioritize small business development and entrepreneurship as the focus for a recent grant application to Lilly Endowment Inc.

"We spoke to people around the table, at board meetings, and in focus groups and the same issue kept coming up: we need more ways to encourage entrepreneurship and local business ownership," said Carolyn Saxton, Legacy Foundation President and CEO.

Legacy Foundation, in partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation, has received a Community Leadership Grant of \$300,000 as part of Lilly Endowment's GIFT VII initiative.

Unity Foundation of LaPorte County and Center of Workforce Innovations in Porter County will help support these efforts regionally.

With the grant, the two Lake County based community foundations will create programs that reduce barriers for start-ups and current business owners, broaden access to entrepreneurial resources and deepen the pipeline of future entrepreneurs.

"Throughout the planning process we learned about opportunities from local stakeholders that reached beyond the county line; opportunities that would strengthen Lake County and the region as a whole," said Mary Nielsen, President, Crown Point Community Foundation.

NEW PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE

- NWI BizHub - an online hub for entrepreneurial resources, launching in November.
- A mentorship program to assist local entrepreneurs as they grow their business and think through innovations.
- A youth program, which will engage students interested in entrepreneurship and walk them through the process of launching an enterprise.



Foundation leaders visit Tribe co-working space.



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Adapting to the Times – Wednesdays with Sam

Like many organizations, Legacy Foundation spent this summer strategizing a return to the office. When would it be safe? How would we navigate common spaces, like the kitchen and printer areas? In the weeks leading up to our reentry, Legacy's Office Manager, Rose Cyphert, came in and set-up plexiglass shields around the front counter. With rolls of red and white tape, she marked places for us to sit in the conference room. Individual baskets of hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray greeted us at our desks. We felt prepared.

As schools moved toward e-learning, Legacy staff with young children needed a way to balance coming into the office with their children's online schooling. Kelly Baer, Legacy's Administrative Assistant, developed a creative solution for her daughter to work alongside her. One day a week, seven-year-old Sam joins us in the office – fondly called Wednesdays with Sam. We hear her softly answering questions about spelling, while we engage in our own virtual meetings. When her school work is done, Sam enjoys delivering items to staff from the printer and pretending to answer the phone.

Pictured: Kelly Baer with daughter Sam

