

# GIVING LOCAL

## *Lake County, Indiana*

Legacy Foundation's Newsletter



Lake County's Community Foundation

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Grant Application Open  
April 1 - May 1

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2019 photo of Women in Philanthropy member, Judy Lindsey, visiting the STEM Scouts program that received a grant from the Women's Philanthropy Fund.

## Legacy's Women in Philanthropy Impact

Now in its 5th year, Legacy Foundation's Women in Philanthropy Group has strengthened connections and impact among local women. Equipped with passion and expert knowledge, Women in Philanthropy members review grant proposals that align with their yearly focus area and select local charities to receive funding.

In 2020, members voted to give \$15,000 to organizations for COVID-19 relief efforts. Those grantees included:

- CROSSROADS YMCA childcare for essential workers
- FAIR HAVEN CENTER FOR WOMEN technology to connect virtually with victims and survivors of abuse
- IWIN FOUNDATION meals delivered to Lake County patients undergoing treatment for breast cancer
- SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE food and personal care items
- ST. JOSEPH CARMELITE HOME cleaning supplies for the children's shelter

Continued inside - hear from two of the group's newest members.

## NEWEST MEMBERS, SHAWN STRACK AND TAI ADKINS, SHARE THEIR PASSIONS FOR PHILANTHROPY.

Shawn Strack is a senior executive with over 29 years of experience in the travel and tourism industry. Shawn said, "I enjoy giving my time, advice and expertise and helping wherever is needed. I especially enjoy volunteering helping people develop skills to get back into the workforce." Shawn has a leadership philosophy of developing people and teams as a key to achieving sustained results. "I have been blessed in my life to have had wonderful examples, support systems, friends, and opportunities. Because of this, it is important for me to give back; particularly in manners that give people a hand up and an opportunity to thrive in their own way."

Tai Adkins currently serves as the Vice President and 4th District councilperson on the Gary City Council. Tai said, "I enjoy being a leader within my community as a member of the Gary Common Council, serving as a non-profit board member and being a mentor to youth within our area." Tai is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and currently serves as the President of the Indiana Democrat African American Caucus – Northwest Indiana Chapter. "Philanthropy is an important tool, which when used effectively can help facilitate the closing of socioeconomic disparities within underrepresented areas. The giving circle model for philanthropy is appealing because it helps to promote diversity of charity support."



Shawn Strack



Tai Adkins

# \$56,300

Total grants awarded from the Women in Philanthropy group since its launch in 2016.

Total held in the Women's Philanthropy Endowment Fund, supporting women and children in Lake County, IN.

# \$43,000



## Legacy Foundation reaches out to former scholarship recipients to Pay It Forward.

A scholarship can be life changing. It can open up doors of opportunity that previously seemed closed. Few people know the benefit better than Legacy Foundation's past scholarship recipients. After 25 years of awarding scholarships to Lake County high school and current college students, we are asking them to give back.

We keep in touch with many past scholarship recipients who have shared how their award helped them become a successful engineer, public servant, attorney, or scientist. Some have stayed local and some have moved across the country. One thing remains true, they continue to show up when called to serve their communities. The opportunity to pay it forward will insure students just like them receive the same chance for a successful future.

The Pay It Forward Scholarship will pool donations from past scholarship recipients and other contributors into a new fund. The collective contributions will allow Legacy Foundation to award a new scholarship to a high school senior in Lake County, Indiana.

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"It is good to be reminded that even when I am far from home, I have a community back home that is supporting me." - Nayeli Arredondo, Legacy Foundation scholarship recipient (2019).







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## Upcoming Events

### Conscious Conversations

April's Conscious Conversation covers the book, *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson. Join a Legacy hosted conversation or host your own discussion.

Learn more and find our May pick at: [legacyfdn.org/community-programs/conscious-conversations](https://legacyfdn.org/community-programs/conscious-conversations)

### TLC Grant Opportunity

The Transform Lake County grant cycle is open through the month of April. Nonprofit organizations serving a city or town in Lake County, Indiana, may apply.

Applications due May 1 by 5 PM CST.

Find more information at:

[legacyfdn.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant](https://legacyfdn.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant)