

# Forward Together

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Lake County's Community Foundation





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# Dear Friends and Supporters,



Carolyn Saxton  
President



Gregory A.  
Gordan  
Board Chair

**March 13, 2020 — that's the most recent date that Legacy Foundation offices were fully staffed. We closed down that day and began a new way of working in response to the pandemic directive from the Governor of Indiana.**

During this pandemic we have been creative in moving forward to improve the lives of Lake County residents and meet the needs of the agencies. We have maintained our momentum in strategic and responsive grantmaking, provided our donors with assistance to create 24 new philanthropic funds, and supported our scholarship recipients as they have dealt with the reality of a changed educational landscape.

We moved Forward Together and established the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, in partnership with Crown Point Community Foundation and Foundations of East Chicago. Collaboration helped us quickly raise over \$1 million for COVID-19 relief and support more than 60 organizations working to meet the needs of the residents in our region.

Most recently, with support from the John W. Anderson Foundation, Legacy Foundation partnered with Porter County Community Foundation and Lake Area/Porter County United Ways to coordinate food distribution for children and families within our two counties.

During this past year we have experienced not only the pain of the pandemic and social isolation but also the pain resulting from racial disparity and social injustice that has become so apparent. Legacy Foundation responded by developing an action focused commitment statement around Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (I.D.E.A.). We have incorporated the action steps from this statement into our business model so that we are “walking the talk”. Four other regional organizations – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, Crossroads YMCA, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, and South Shore Arts – recognized the need for change and have joined us in developing plans to build equity and inclusion into their programs, service delivery, and governance. In addition, we are incorporating I.D.E.A. into our Transform Lake County grantmaking decisions.



Legacy Foundation matched a grant from Indiana Black Expo to provide \$50,000 to small business owners in East Chicago and Gary. The grants ranged from \$2,000-\$5,000 and were focused on minority/ women owned businesses that had suffered monetary losses due to the pandemic. More than 35 submitted applications for Legacy review. Over 20 businesses, many of which had been in existence for more than 30 years, received this financial support.

As we work together to build a community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive, we invite you to be a part of our commitment to equity. Nonprofit organizations interested in learning about diversity and inclusion in their places of work can take advantage of a training scholarship we created with the Urban League of Northwest Indiana. We launched Legacy's Conscious Conversations program, a series of monthly discussions on books and movies related to race. These discussions will continue throughout the year and we encourage people of all races to join us whether or not they have read the books or seen the movies.

Just like you, we look forward to attending community events in-person and spending time with our loved ones and neighbors safely. We now are focused on encouraging our residents to be fully vaccinated. Legacy is working with healthcare and social service agencies across the region to gather best ideas for reaching communities where there is a low percentage of vaccinations.

As I wrote last year, "these are troubling times no doubt". Through the partnerships we have developed and with your support we can continue to improve our Lake County communities using an equity lens. Thank you for your partnership.

Yours in Philanthropy,

**Carolyn Saxton**  
President and CEO

↑  
**Gregory Gordon**  
Chair, Board of Directors

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# Impact by the Numbers

Funds →

351

Grants Awarded →

\$2,945,972

Foundation Assets

\$82,702,603

Donations →

\$12,371,450

Scholarships Awarded →

\$1.3 million



# Donors

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John Vinzant and Linda Murphy

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ZAC Foundation for  
Children's Safety  
Mike and Marjorie Zarik  
Darren Zar



### A Legacy Foundation grant helped the ReStore purchase cleaning products and protective masks for employees.

"At the onset of the shutdown, our ReStore staff was reduced to two. After the deep cleaning of the stores and the inventory, staff began taking online orders in April. Once we were able to reopen our Griffith location in May, we quickly returned to brisk sales and saw about 50 shoppers each day."

↑ **Wende Burbridge**  
Director of Development for  
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana

# Memorial Gifts

## Alexandra Gardner Riddle Fund

In Memory of Alex Riddle

Donor | Roger F. and Elizabeth Kapla

## Austgen Family Foundation Fund “In Memory of Ronald E. Austgen”

In Memory of Ronald E. Austgen,  
Edward Austgen

Donor | Austgen Kuiper & Associates, PC

## Challenger Spark Your Imagination Fund

In Memory of Glenn Gintert

Donor | Ralph L. Fernandez

## Covid-19 Response Fund

In Memory of Johnnie Jackson

Donor | Diane Jackson

## Edith L. Sonntag Living Trust Fund

In Memory of Edith L. Sonntag

Donor | Lola Wells, Trustee

## Frank Wright Memorial Fund

In Memory of Frank Wright

Donors | Robert Allen

Karl and Carol Jeane Muster

Craig and Patty Orcutt

## Friends of Marquette Park Fund of Miller Citizens Shoreline Committee

In Memory of Lee Botts &  
Shirley Ann Roman

Donor | Bruce E. and Judith Ayers

In Memory of Shirely Ann Roman

Donors | Charles and Susan Hensel

Nancy and Allen Johnson

Paula Rooney

In Memory of Sharron E. Rothe

Donor | Ann E. Rose

In Memory of Leon Ort

Donor | Carol and Phillip Smith

## Glen Gaby Foundation for the Betterment of Griffith Fund

In Memory of Paul Hayden

Donor | Laura L. Gaby



## Humane Indiana

In Memory of Glenn M. Osborne

Donor | Rose and Arleigh Cyphert

## IBEW Local Union #697 Memorial Scholarship Fund

In Memory of	Oliver King
Jack Bair	James Kirkley
Bruce Boling	August LaMantia
David Brown	Joseph Magliocca
Jorge Clayburn	J.T. Maness
Randolph Dillon	Anthony Patrick
Howard Eckert	Thomas Richardson
Philip Faroh	Charles F. Smith
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Robert Florin	Ronald Waymire
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Michael Gutierrez	James D. Williams
Kenneth Heming	Thomas Williams
John Kabella	John T. Wilson
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Donor | IBEW Local #697

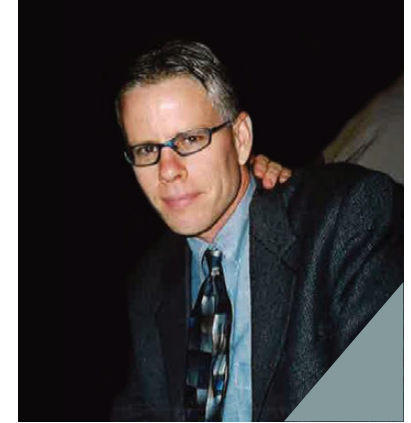
## In Memory of

### Andrew “Andy” William Dobosz

The life and times of Andy Dobosz are far too complex and nuanced for words to capture. His core being, his soul, was not meant for today’s world. To a fault he was indisputably all heart. All he ever did was give, without any desire to receive. Andy would literally give the clothes off his back and his last nickel to anyone who asked or anyone in need. His focus was always the poor, the homeless, and Veterans of the U.S. Military. He was a devoted son, a loving brother, a fun uncle, and a faithful friend

Although, he made a living as the owner and operator of Andy’s Tree Service for over 30 years, his true gift was creating vibrant beauty out of nothing. He was a master fisherman and a gifted artist. He would catch fish nobody could catch. He would draw, paint, and sculpt.

As an artist, his creativity had no bounds...soapstone, metal, wood, paint, ink, and murals.



**Andy was a dreamer  
and his art is his legacy.  
Andy’s family directed  
memorial contributions  
to Legacy Foundation  
for a fund in his memory.**

## Memorial Fund

In Memory of Andrew Dobosz

Donors | Letitia Benkovich  
Michael and Kathryn Dobosz  
Stanley and Bonnie Dobosz  
Cheryl Griffie-Zeck  
James and Julie Kocal  
Camille S. Mann  
Jim Marker  
Michael and Heide Pagano  
Fred and Judith Rauscher  
Cheryl Sorrels

## Kreitzburg Cemetery Fund

**In Memory of Audrey L. Gonella**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of William V. Kretz**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of Garry Neitzel**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of Robert Tolan**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

## Kyle and June Grady Fund

**In Memory of June and Kyle Grady**

Donors | Jerry and Barb DeYoung

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## Lake County Community Fund

**In Memory of Sheila Breeding**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of Sam Colombo**

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**In Memory of John DeBoer, Jr.**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of George "Dan" Lane**

Donor | Stanley and Sheila Peters

**In Memory of Kevin Sziovecz**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

**In Memory of Stanley P. Wagner**

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**In Memory of Ronda Henning Worden**

Donor | Beebe, Scherer, & Associates, LLC

## Lake County Public Library Fund

**In Memory of Helen K. Christo**

Donor | John Love

## Lee Botts Environmental Education Fund

**In Memory of Lee Botts**

Donor | Carol and Phillip Smith

## Legacy Women's Philanthropy Fund

**In Memory of Edward Ryan**

Donor | Kathleen M. Bernicky

## Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana, Inc. Fund

**In Memory of Afonse Braccolino**

Donors | Amanda Maynard

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Kenneth and Marlene Sledz

**In Memory of Fred C. Cicco**

Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

## Olga C. and William H. Brinkman Fund

**In Memory of Tony**

Donor | Barbara Higby

## Rachel Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship

**In Memory of Rachel Rodriguez**

Donors | Calumet Region Striders

Manuel Rodriguez





## Ronda Worden and Esther Henning Memorial Scholarship

**Ronda Henning Worden and her mother Esther Henning did many things together.**

They volunteered for various organizations, including the Independent Order of Foresters where they both were members. They were long-time Gary Railcats fans and avid bowlers. Esther worked as a clerk at the Gary Police Department and for Margo's Catering. She was an extraordinary cook and always prepared a full spread of food for each meal of the day. Ronda was a big supporter of dental hygiene, which she practiced for many years and taught at Indiana University Northwest. She was active in the Indiana Dental Hygiene Association where she served as the President, Speaker of the House, and Executive Director. Ronda and Esther were pretty incredible women! The named memorial fund celebrates their commitment to giving back. It will provide a scholarship for a student at Indiana University Northwest who is entering the second year of the dental hygienist education program.

## Richard A. Gordon Memorial Endowment Fund

**In Memory of Richard A. Gordon**

Donor | James and Deborah Kirk

## Rob Gardiner Legacy Fund for Boys & Girls Club of Greater NWI

**In Memory of Rob Gardiner**

Donor | Steven and Debra Dahlkamp

## Ronda Worden & Esther Henning Scholarship Fund

**In Memory of Ronda Henning Worden**

Donors |

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Amanda Johnston

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Michael and Kathy Nahrwold

Lyn Ramer

Mark and Trish Reid

Timothy and Trish Stutler

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Richard and Sheli Taulbee

Stephen and Laverne Whitmore

Gary Wilburn

Robert and Lynne Wiley

Doug and Jill Worden

Gary and Sara Teresa Worden

Mike and Marjorie Zarik



# In Honor Gifts

## Catherine and Calvin Bellamy Fund

In Honor of Calvin and Catherine Bellamy

Donor | Barbara Wilhelm

## Calumet College of St. Joseph Endowment Fund

In Honor of McCormack Family

Donors | Amy and Jeffrey McCormack

## Cara M. Spicer Fund

In Honor of Finn and Annabelle Spicer,  
Steve Spicer

Donor | Sara McPherson

## Friends of Marquette Park Fund of Miller Citizens Shoreline Committee

In Honor of Bill Ramos

Donor | The ZAC Foundation  
for Children's Safety

In Honor of Sharon Rose

Donor | Ann E. Rose

In Honor of Carol Smith

Donor | Susan Cohen

In Honor of Carol and Phil Smith

Donor | Mary Stark

## Shirley Heinze Land Trust Fund

In Honor of Rushi Sheth

Donor | Thomas and Theresa Cera

## The ARC Northwest Indiana Legacy Fund

In Honor of Dan Sutton

Donor | Bonnie Meyer

## Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Van Til/Bellamy Salute to Education

In Honor of Calvin Bellamy

Donor | Barbara Wilhelm

## Multi Agency Academic Cooperative Foundation

In Honor of Chief Stewart McMillan

Donor | Celina Weatherwax

↑ Meals on Wheels  
No Touch Delivery

## Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana, Inc. Fund

In Honor of Joyce Phipps Nutt  
Donor | Margot and Glenn Clark

## Richard W. and Wanda L. Gardner Endowment Fund

In Honor of Richard and Wanda Gardner  
Donor | Elizabeth G. and Roger F. Kapla

## The Pangere Fund for Retinal Research

In Honor of Steve Pangere and Hope Pangere  
Donor | Carla Estrada

In Honor of Steve Pangere  
Donor | Paul Markiewicz

## Seehausen/Boys & Girls Clubs of NWI Fund

In Honor of Peyton Elizabeth Sepiol  
Donor | Verne P. Seehausen

## W. James Spicer Scholarship Fund

In Honor of Jim and Elaine Spicer  
Donor | Sara McPherson

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# Programs

## Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility in Lake County (IDEAL) Initiative

**As the world faced an unprecedented health pandemic in 2020, it also confronted the all too familiar epidemic of racism and injustice.**

At Legacy Foundation, we reflected on the role we play in creating an inclusive community here in Lake County.

After a series of thoughtful and honest internal discussions, we put our words into actions and created a new initiative focused on developing principles of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility. We took immediate steps and put a plan in place for long-term change, to uplift and prioritize racialized and marginalized people.

"Thank you and I am looking forward to the Principles and Techniques Course. This will also be my last class in order to complete my CFRM!"

↑ **Lara Bates**

Challenger Learning Center  
of Northwest Indiana

## Nonprofit Training Scholarships

Legacy Foundation partnered with the IUPUI Lilly School of Philanthropy to offer training scholarships that helped further professional development and create stronger organizations. Scholarships covered 75% of the tuition for an online training for staff and board of Lake County nonprofit organizations. The scholarships gave priority to staff and board members who identified as Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous, or LGBTQ.



## Urban League of Northwest Indiana Partnership

Legacy Foundation partnered with the Urban League of Northwest Indiana to support nonprofits in Lake County looking to provide diversity and inclusion training for their staff and board members. We provided a grant to supplement the cost of a 2-hour Diversity and Inclusion Professional Development training. Selected organizations had 20 members of their staff and board participate in a private session tailored to the organization's needs.



Urban League of  
Northwest Indiana, Inc.

"Individuals gain insight to help them see the world through the eyes of others with whom they work and serve, and actively develop inclusive teams of greater understanding and diversity."

↑ Dr. Vanessa Allen McCloud  
Urban League of NWI

## Internal Equity Assessments for Nonprofits

Legacy Foundation seeks to build organization leadership for inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) in Lake County. We invested \$38,550 of strategic grantmaking dollars into equity consulting group, Thrivance. The Thrivance Group will lead Legacy Foundation and four other organizations through a 10-month long training to develop strategies to implement IDEA practices into our internal policies, workplace cultures, and programs and services.



## Neighborhood Voice Radio Segment

Lake County is home to many minority entrepreneurs who strengthen the local small business community. Legacy Foundation partnered with Lakeshore Public Radio 89.1 FM on the radio show *Neighborhood Voice* to bring those stories to the radio airwaves every week. We covered 18 small business owners who shared their journeys to entrepreneurship and how they adapted during the pandemic.

↑ Find all the recorded episodes at:  
[lakeshorepublicradio.org/programs/neighborhood-voice](https://lakeshorepublicradio.org/programs/neighborhood-voice)



## Conscious Conversations

In 2020, Legacy Foundation launched *Conscious Conversations* to highlight books, films, and podcasts that speak to the specific types of discrimination faced by Black people in America. Legacy Foundation staff invited community members to join them for virtual conversations, or host their own discussion groups, to talk about the selected stories as a means of understanding inequities and discrimination in our own communities.

↑ Conscious Conversations and the library of equity resources are funded with a \$45,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund.

These conversations will continue in 2021.  
Find the story schedule at [legacyfdn.org/community-programs/conscious-conversations](https://legacyfdn.org/community-programs/conscious-conversations)





# 2020 Census

## Together We Count, Lake County

All residents count. It is a message Legacy Foundation wanted to reinforce with its outreach efforts for the 2020 Census. The decennial census affects community funding, congressional representation, and more because it provides critical data that is used to determine how much federal funding is needed to sustain a community. Billions of dollars go to schools, teachers, hospitals, lawmakers, business owners, fire departments, and many other organizations that provide daily services that support our communities.

Legacy Foundation's 2020 Census outreach connected neighborhood-based organizations and municipalities across Lake County, Indiana, with a specific focus on communities that often get undercounted. Legacy Foundation worked closely with the U.S. Census Bureau and community leaders to share resources and co-promote efforts to get everyone counted.

↑ **Funding for Census grants was provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund.**

## Legacy Foundation made the following grants to assist with 2020 Census outreach efforts

### **Hammond Development Corporation**

Computer station for residents to use for census completion

### **Urban League of Northwest Indiana**

Materials and engagement activities to promote the census in Gary, Indiana neighborhoods

### **Continuum of Care Network NWI, Inc.**

Care bags and assistance completing the census for individuals experiencing homelessness

### **Town of Cedar Lake**

Census advertising materials, including posters, holiday parade float items, and placemats for small businesses

### **City of Gary**

Census poster contest with K-12 City of Gary students

### **Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana**

Outreach to meal recipients via census swag bags





# Moving Forward Together by Giving Together

**Legacy Foundation's Women in Philanthropy (WIP) group is shaped by philanthropists who believe that by giving together, we can make a greater impact.**

Since it formed in 2016, the women's giving circle has strengthened connections and impact among local women.

Awarding grants of

**\$56,300**

Building an endowment  
fund worth

**\$43,000**

"Philanthropy to me means making sure that everyone has access to a good life – to health, to safety, and to doing what they love. Being part of Women in Philanthropy helps me learn about the work that others are doing in our county and region to make it a better place, and connects me to others who want to do the same."

↑ Sue Eleuterio  
Women in Philanthropy Member

Equipped with passion and expert knowledge, WIP members review grant proposals that align with their yearly focus area and select local charities to receive funding. Although no in-person events were held, WIP members celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that guaranteed women's constitutional right to vote. Lubeznik Center for the Arts hosted WIP members and other attendees for an afternoon of compelling art and stories about women who dared to rebel against society's expectations.



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

Those grantees included:

- 1 **Ancilla (Sojourner Truth House)**  
Drive-through and walk-up pantry program for food and personal hygiene items
- 2 **Crossroads YMCA**  
Childcare for essential workers
- 3 **Fair Haven Center for Women**  
Technology equipment and software for staff to connect virtually with abuse victims and survivors
- 4 **IWIN Foundation**  
Delivery of three months of nutritious meals to the homes of Lake County patients currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer
- 5 **St. Joseph Carmelite**  
Sanitizing products and a professional cleaning company for the children's shelter



# *Forward Together*





# South Shore Neighborhood Development Corporation

**South Shore Neighborhood Development Corporation achieved nonprofit 501c3 status in 2020. It serves as a supporting organization of Legacy Foundation and helps Legacy maximize its impact on small business development, food insecurity, housing, and other community advancement initiatives.**

## NWI Biz

**SSNDC collaborated with Legacy Foundation, Crown Point Community Foundation, Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and the Center of Workforce Innovations to create and sustain local businesses and jobs.**

A \$60,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to University of Missouri-Kansas City BizHub, helped support the development of NWI BizHub locally. The website boasts over 60 different resource partners, a calendar of events, and small business spotlights.

NWI BizHub provides entrepreneurs and small business owners with free and easy access to the information they need – when they need it.



"I don't have all the answers... Feedback is crucial to building a business, which leads to my next lesson: build a good team around you."

↑ **Emily Edwards**  
Founder and CEO of Emily's Foods



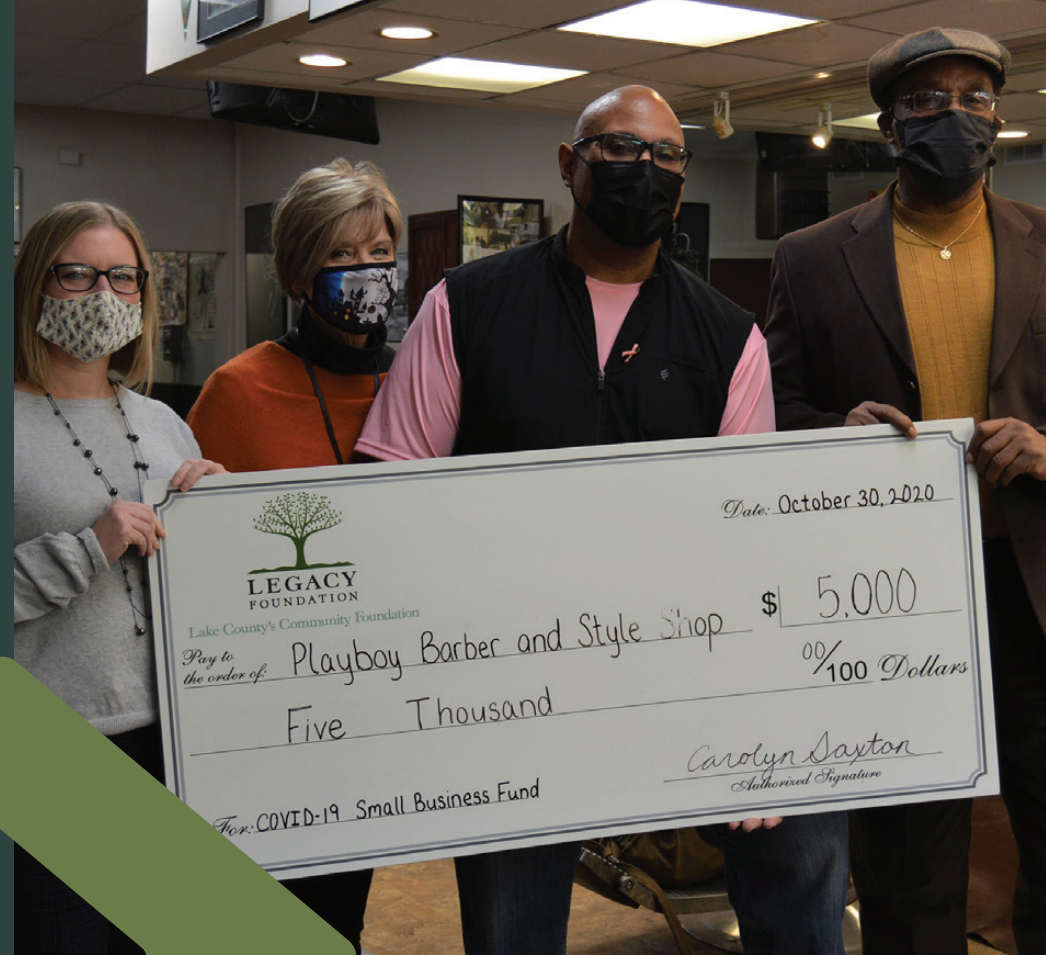
## COVID-19 Small Business Relief

**SSNDC administered \$50,000 in grants to 17 small business owners in East Chicago and Gary, thanks to a partnership with Legacy Foundation and the Indiana Black Expo.**

The grants ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The awarded businesses covered a diverse set of industries, including beauty, food, retail, childcare, and construction, and auto.

BMO Home Health Care, Inc.  
Clean Paws Mobile Grooming  
Comfortable Conversations  
Dialogue LLC  
Harbor Barbers  
J's Breakfast Club  
JMD Construction  
Main Sporting Goods

Metro Foods  
Mother's Little Tots  
Playboy Barber & Style Shop  
Rudeone Kustomz  
Shear Creations  
Sun Appliance Repair  
Triple T's Top Notch  
Homemade Sandwiches  
Uniquely Yours Beauty Salon



### Playboy Barber and Style Shop

Jeffrey Colby, one of the small business grant recipients, and owner of Playboy Barber and Style Shop in Gary, had to close for two months this year due to the pandemic.

Being around for over 50 years, Playboy Barber Shop is an institution in Gary. Colby is the family's third generation to own and operate the shop, which was started by his grandmother and mother in 1965.



## LAKE COUNTY EATS LOCAL!

### Lake County Eats Local

**In its second year, the 2020 Lake County Eats Local (LCEL) farmers market season served communities with 15 markets in East Chicago and Gary.**

The outdoor events gave shoppers the opportunity to pick-up fresh, locally grown onions, tomatoes, peppers and other produce safely. Over 40 vendors shared their made goods like honey, soap, and trail mix.

In addition to starting new markets in East Chicago and Gary, LCEL helped grow farmers markets in Crown Point and Munster. Through land-based and “On-the-Go” farmers markets, LCEL aims to make fresh food more affordable and accessible to residents. Plus, it helps local farmers increase revenue by providing marketing tools, the option to accept SNAP payments, and agricultural training.



LCEL is a program of the South Shore Neighborhood Development Corporation, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farmers Market Promotional Program. Legacy Foundation is collaborating with Purdue University Cooperative Extension of Lake County, the NWI Food Council, the City of Gary’s Department of Green Urbanism and Environmental Affairs, the City of East Chicago’s Departments of Parks and Recreation and Planning and Development.

↑ **Learn more about the farmers markets at**  
**[www.LakeCountyEatsLocal.org](http://www.LakeCountyEatsLocal.org)**



# *Forward Together* 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation  
Donor Advised Fund supports the community  
development work of the SSNDC with a grant of

\$50,000



SSNDC worked with It's Gary's Time, a nonprofit organization that employs formerly incarcerated individuals to rebuild properties. The house renovated in the Aetna neighborhood will provide a safe, updated, and affordable home to a family in Gary.



# Partnership Grants

## COVID-19 Response Fund

**Reaching out and listening to residents and nonprofits, helped us understand the varying needs of communities across Lake County.**

A one-size fits all approach could never address the unique impact that COVID-19 was having on elderly residents who felt unsafe grocery shopping, mothers who needed to quit their jobs and stay home with children, or healthcare workers in need of personal protective equipment. We trusted our nonprofit partners working on the front line to best understand how to meet the quickly evolving needs.

With significant gifts from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation, the joint effort from Legacy Foundation, the Crown Point Community Foundation, and Foundations of East Chicago raised over \$1 Million for COVID-19 relief in Lake County, Indiana.



Grace Beyond Borders provides essential care items and meals and to homeless individuals and families in East Chicago.

Legacy Foundation's  
COVID-19 Response Fund  
and the John S. and James  
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## COVID-19 Response Fund Grants

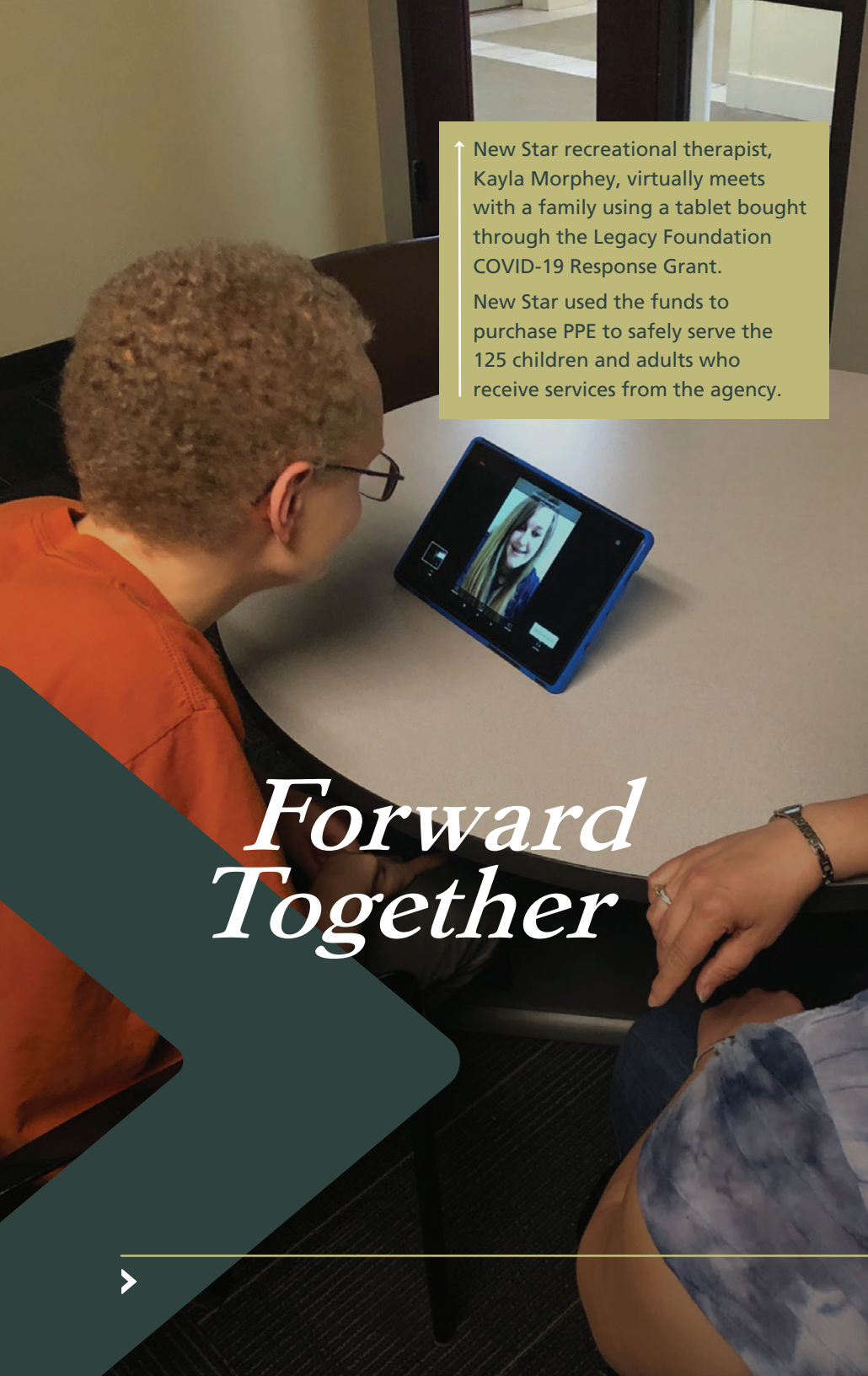
Legacy Foundation funded the following grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund.

Grantee and Program Name	Amount	Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>A Positive Approach to Teen Health (PATH, Inc.)</b> Care Package Purchase Assistance	\$8,000.00	<b>Community Help Network, Inc.</b> Buddy Bags	\$5,000.00
<b>Beachfront Dance School</b> Online Dance Education	\$7,000.00	<b>Crossroads YMCA</b> Childcare Assistance for Critical Workers	\$8,000.00
<b>Brothers' Keeper, Inc.</b> Supporting PPE, Refrigeration, Food Purchase	\$7,500.00	<b>CRWorks, Inc.</b> COVID Rental Assistance	\$8,259.00
<b>Cause 4Paws</b> Pet Food Purchase Assistance	\$1,000.00	<b>Dunes Learning Center</b> Consultant for Digital Marketing Strategy	\$5,000.00
<b>Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana</b> Destination Day Camp	\$20,000.00	<b>East Chicago Public Library</b> Mobile Computer Cabinets	\$2,500.00
<b>City Life Center</b> Care Kits and Online Student Platform Equipment	\$7,000.00	<b>Edgewater Systems For Balanced Living, Inc.</b> PPE Purchases and Expansion of Telehealth into Communities of Color	\$32,500.00
<b>Clark Road Genesis Family Center, Inc.</b> Tutoring Enhancements	\$3,000.00	<b>Faith Temple of Christ</b> Meeting the Needs of Children	\$5,000.00
<b>Community HealthNet, Inc.</b> PPE For Frontline Workers	\$7,500.00	<b>Family Life Community Youth Center</b> Securing and Distributing In-Demand Items	\$5,000.00

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</b> Meal Distribution Assistance	\$2,720.00
<b>Fractured Atlas</b> Online Migration Process	\$4,000.00
<b>Gateway Church</b> Church Food Pantry Purchases	\$105.00
<b>Gary Health Department</b> Warming Centers and Vaccine Assistance	\$50,000.00
<b>Gary Public Library and Cultural Center</b> Mobile Computer Cabinets	\$2,500.00
<b>Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and NWI</b> Girl Scouts in Lake County	\$20,000.00
<b>Grace Beyond Borders</b> Homeless Shelter Services and Meal Bags	\$29,000.00
<b>HealthVisions Midwest, Inc.</b> HEART Program	\$12,500.00
<b>Hobart Food Pantry Incorporated</b> Supporting Food Purchases	\$2,500.00
<b>Hope Christian Church Food Pantry</b> Food Pantry Purchases	\$1,000.00
<b>Humane Indiana</b> Addressing the Challenges of COVID-19	\$3,400.00

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>Jesus Christ Outreach Ministries International</b> Food Drive Purchase Assistance	\$1,000.00
<b>MBE/WBE Small Businesses</b> Small Business Grants and PPP App Assistance	\$42,000
<b>Methodist Hospital</b> Gary Healthy Food Access Coalition	\$30,000.00
<b>MOVE Church</b> Care Package Purchase Assistance	\$1,000.00
<b>New Star Services</b> PPE Equipment	\$5,000.00
<b>NWI Information Sharing and Security Alliance</b> PPE, COVID-19 Related Goods, Services Purchases	\$20,000.00
<b>Porter Starke Services, Inc.</b> Partner Pantry	\$7,500.00
<b>Respite Care Service, Inc.</b> PPE Purchases	\$5,000.00
<b>RiseNWI</b> COVID-19 Vaccine Education	\$25,000
<b>Save The Dunes Conservation Fund</b> Nature Navigator's Program	\$5,000.00
<b>South Shore Dance Alliance, Inc.</b> Increased Capacity for the Learning Center	\$2,500.00





↑ New Star recreational therapist, Kayla Morphey, virtually meets with a family using a tablet bought through the Legacy Foundation COVID-19 Response Grant. New Star used the funds to purchase PPE to safely serve the 125 children and adults who receive services from the agency.

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Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>St. Joseph Church</b> Supplies for Brown Bag Lunches	\$1,000.00
<b>St. Mary of the Lake</b> Food Pantry Purchases	\$1,000.00
<b>The Rock Church</b> Establishing as an Emergency Support Site	\$4,765.00
<b>Trinity Baptist Church</b> Expanding Educational/Tutorial Services	\$5,000.00
<b>Trustees of Indiana University</b> Mobile Art + Action Community Lab	\$15,000.00
<b>Trustees of Purdue University</b> Gary Healthy Food Access Coalition and Urban Farming	\$40,590.00
<b>United Charitable</b> NWI Athlete Mentoring Program	\$5,000.00
<b>Urban League Of Northwest Indiana Inc.</b> Non-Filer Tax Return Assistance	\$5,000.00
<b>We Are the Village, Inc.</b> 2020 Holiday Toy Drive	\$1,000.00
<b>Whiting Public Library</b> Weekly Crates	\$2,500.00
<b>YWCA of Gary</b> Continuity of Childcare	\$12,000.00

## COVID-19 Response Funds Grants

Legacy Foundation funded the following grants in partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation and Foundations of East Chicago.

Grantee and Program Name	Amount	Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>219 Health Network, Inc.</b> Obtaining PPE and Assisting the Underinsured	\$7,500.00	<b>Chicagoland Immigrant Welcome Network</b> COVID Family Support	\$2,500.00
<b>ALS Association of Indiana</b> Telehealth Assistance	\$3,000.00	<b>Communities In Schools Of Lake County, Inc.</b> Essential Subscriptions	\$2,000.00
<b>Ancilla Systems</b> Foster Care Response	\$1,000.00	<b>Crown Point Community Public Library</b> Outdoor Technology Access	\$6,000.00
<b>Best Buddies Indiana</b> Virtual Buddy Bag	\$1,000.00	<b>Fair Haven, Inc.</b> Technology for Victim Advocates	\$6,000.00
<b>Bethel Lutheran Church</b> Welcome Back Boxes	\$15,000.00	<b>First Baptist Church</b> Assistance for PPE Purchases	\$2,500.00
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs Of Northwest Indiana Inc</b> Network Access Points, Welcome Back Boxes, and the Family Dinner Program	\$17,000.00	<b>First United Methodist Church of Crown Point</b> Buddy Bags	\$4,000.00
<b>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary, Inc.</b> PPE Purchase Assistance and Care Kits	\$4,500.00	<b>Food Bank of Northwest Indiana</b> Food Purchases and Senior Food Deliveries	\$12,500.00
<b>Cedar Lake Historical Society</b> Upgrading Virtual Software and Purchasing Supplies	\$2,085.00	<b>Franciscan Health Foundation - Crown Point</b> Addressing Increased Costs of COVID Response	\$12,500.00
		<b>Friends of the Whiting Public Library, Inc.</b> Whiting Public Library's Book Bike	\$8,500.00

Grantee and Program Name	Amount	Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>G.A.P. Food Pantry</b> Food Pantry Purchases	\$2,000.00	<b>Meals On Wheels Of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b> COVID Relief for Food, Delivery, and Sanitization	\$15,000.00
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b> PPE and Disinfectant for ReStore	\$2,000.00	<b>Mental Health America of Lake County</b> Critical IT Upgrades	\$5,000.00
<b>Hannah's Hope</b> Educational Manipulative Materials	\$1,250.00	<b>Multicultural Wellness Network</b> Implementation of Virtual Programming	\$2,500.00
<b>Hanover Township</b> COVID Pantry Purchases	\$1,000.00	<b>Paladin, Inc.</b> PPE Assistance	\$7,500.00
<b>HealthLinc, Inc.</b> Telehealth Implementation and Expanding Paramedicine into Lake County	\$17,500.00	<b>Salvation Army</b> Food and Housing Assistance	\$15,000.00
<b>Healthy East Chicago, Inc.</b> COVID Resident Assistance Program	\$3,000.00	<b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society/District Council of Gary, Indiana</b> Food Pantry Purchases	\$2,000.00
<b>Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry</b> Livestock Processing Costs	\$4,000.00	<b>Sojourner Truth House</b> Food Pantry, PPE, Public Safety Needs	\$12,500.00
<b>Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc.</b> Technology for Virtual Classes	\$2,615.00	<b>St. Joseph's Carmelite Home</b> Food, Cleaning Supplies, PPE, Webcam Purchases	\$15,425.00
<b>Indiana Women In Need Foundation Inc.</b> Pink Portions Program	\$3,900.00	<b>St. Jude House</b> COVID Deep Clean	\$3,000.00
<b>International Institute Of Northwest Indian</b> Family Aid	\$5,000.00	<b>Tradewinds Services, Inc.</b> Grab and Go Bags and PPE Production Efforts	\$20,000.00
<b>Lakeshore Public Media</b> Uninterrupted Power Supply Systems Upgrade	\$12,280.00	<b>Wabash Center</b> PPE Purchases	\$3,000.00



# Fighting Hunger Fund

**A partnership of community foundations and United Ways in Lake and Porter counties received \$600,000.**

The funds were provided by the John W. Anderson Foundation to strengthen hunger relief efforts in Northwest Indiana. Legacy Foundation, Lake Area United Way, Porter County Community Foundation and United Way of Porter County are working together to better coordinate food distribution and maximize the food purchasing power of local pantries and back pack feeding programs.

**In 2020 the following distributions were made from the Fighting Hunger Fund.**

Foodbank of Northwest Indiana

\$45,144

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

\$33,343.75

VNA of Porter County

\$39,000

# Great Lakes One Water Fund (GLOW)

**Protecting our local natural resources.**

Legacy Foundation is working with three other foundations in the lower Lake Michigan region (Chicago Community Trust, Evanston Community Foundation, and Unity Foundation of LaPorte County) on a project which will provide benefits to local communities and help protect Great Lakes water quality. The foundations are part of a larger Great Lakes Collaboration known as the Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) partnership. The project focuses on taking care of green infrastructure assets, community features such as rain gardens which soak in rainwater and help reduce flooding.

**In 2020 the following grants were made from the GLOW Fund to OAI, Inc.**

On the Ground Green Infrastructure

\$30,000

Research, Engage, and Business Planning, Training

\$30,000

# Lake County Community Sponsorship Fund

The Lake County Community Sponsorship Fund offers opportunities for residents of Lake County to engage in and participate in events that will increase community involvement and education.

Events looked much different in 2020 than years past. The mandate to distance from our coworkers, neighbors, and loved ones forced us to find new ways to remain connected. Some of the community events depicted took place prior to the March 2020 statewide mandate to socially distance.



## Lake County Community Sponsorship Fund

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Greater Northwest Indiana</b> Boys & Girls Clubs: Youth of the Year	\$1,000.00
<b>Fair Haven, Inc.</b> Walk in the Park & Colorful Fun Run	\$1,000.00
<b>Gary Chamber of Commerce</b> World Civility Day 2020 and the Athlete Wall of Fame	\$2,000.00
<b>Merrillville Education Foundation, Inc.</b> Teacher & Staff Member of the Month	\$250.00
<b>Prom Genie, Inc.</b> Boutique Day/Educational Resources	\$500.00
<b>SAFE Coalition for Human Rights (SAFECHR)</b> Government Through the Eyes of Youth	\$1,000.00
<b>South Shore Arts, Inc.</b> Anti-Racism Public Art Project	\$2,000.00
<b>Transitions Resource Center</b> Professionalism Career Preparedness Workshop	\$500.00
<b>Trustees of Purdue University</b> I'm First Celebration	\$1,000.00
<b>Xcel2Fitness</b> Spring 2020 Dream Chaser Challenge	\$1,300.00

# Committee Approved Grants

The following grants were reviewed and approved through Legacy Foundation's Grants Committee.

They are supported by the Lake County Community Fund (which includes the combined donations from multiple Unrestricted Funds), the Lake County Youth Fund, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund, the College Readiness Endowment Fund, and the Maria Reiner Senior Citizens Fund.

Indiana Plan trainees participate in welding demos. The program promotes training in the building trades.



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## Lake County Community Fund

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited</b> Purchase New Tractor	\$10,000.00
<b>Gary Alumni Pathway to Students (GAPS)</b> GAPS-Inner-City Pathways Program	\$10,000.00
<b>Gary Community Partnership Corporation</b> Gary Community Partnership & Chicago Echo House Community Garden Collaboration	\$6,000.00
<b>Indiana Plan for Equal Employment</b> Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Awareness Program	\$12,500.00
<b>National Park Trust</b> Enhancing and Completing IN Dunes National Park and Greater Marquette Greenway	\$7,000.00
<b>Paladin, Inc.</b> Precautionary Safety for Individuals with Disabilities and Staff	\$6,321.00

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## Maria Reiner Senior Citizens Fund

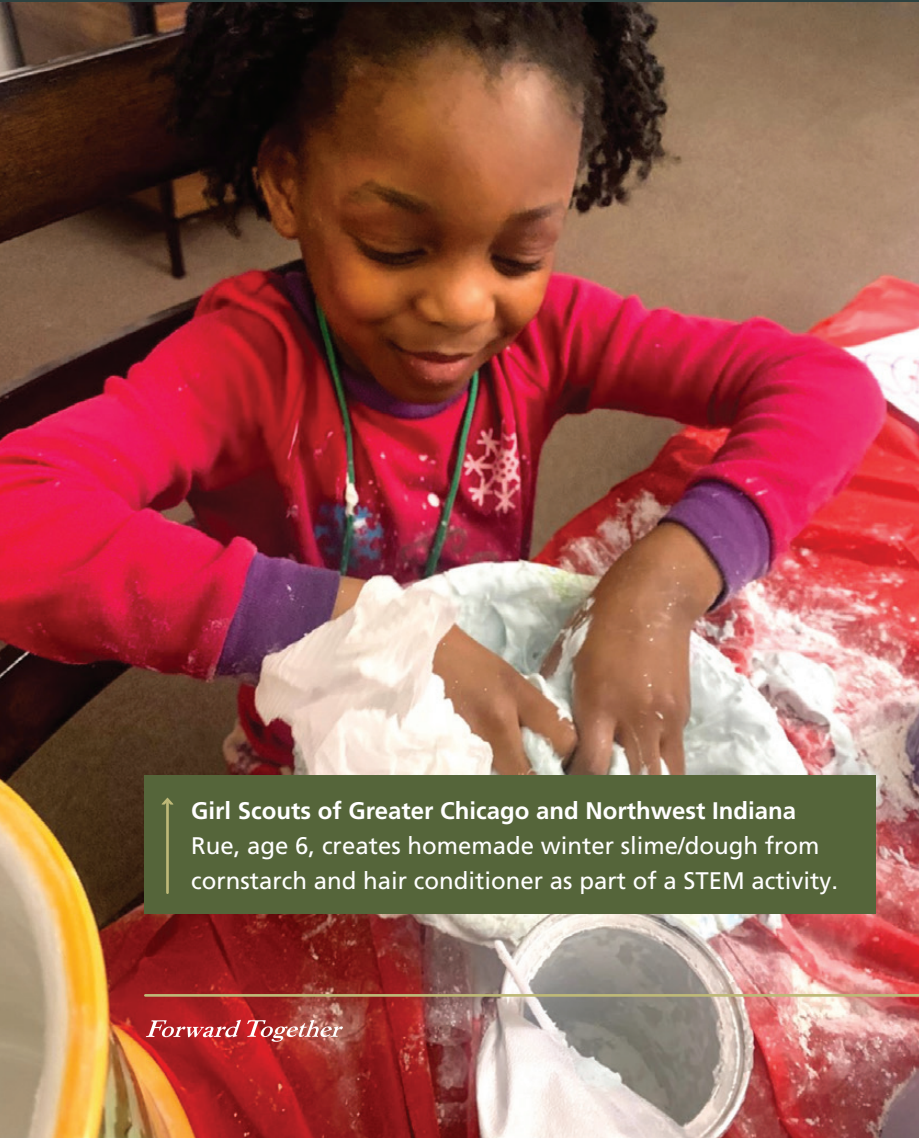
Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>Pathway To Adventure Council, Boy Scouts</b> STEM in Scouting	<b>\$21,117.00</b>
<b>Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky</b> Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Lake County Community Fund	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>St. Jude House</b> New Fencing for Client Parking Lot and Beautification of Perimeter	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>St. Michael's Parish</b> Wheelchair Ramp Ministry	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Town of Griffith - Parks &amp; Recreation</b> Cheever Park Baseball Field Renovation	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Tradewinds Services, Inc.</b> Community Employment for People with Disabilities	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>Franciscan Health Foundation, Crown Point</b> Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults - Hobart	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Maria Reiner Center (City of Hobart)</b> Operational and Administrative Support	<b>\$26,797.00</b>
<b>Meals On Wheels Of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b> Delivering Meals and Wellness Health Education Checks to Hobart Seniors in Need	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>South Lake County Community Services</b> Hobart Senior Transportation Services	<b>\$6,600.00</b>



↑ Maria Reiner Center kept senior residents engaged throughout the summer with outdoor picnics, markets, and lunches.

# Fund Distributions



↑ Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana  
Rue, age 6, creates homemade winter slime/dough from  
cornstarch and hair conditioner as part of a STEM activity.

## Arts and Culture

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Artistic Recovery</b> Nancy & Richard Clifford Donor Advised Fund	\$500.00
<b>Beachfront Dance School</b> Cara M. Spicer Fund	\$300.00
<b>DaySpring Arts &amp; Education</b> Nancy & Richard Clifford Donor Advised Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Hobart Historical Society</b> Elin Christianson Hobart Historical Society Endowment Fund	\$6,479.00
<b>Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc.</b> Cara M. Spicer Fund	\$200.00
<b>Indiana Military Museum, Inc.</b> Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	\$250.00
<b>Lakeshore Public Media</b> <b>NWI Public Broadcasting, Inc.</b> Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50
<b>Lubeznik Center for the Arts</b> Legacy Women's Philanthropy Fund	\$800.00



Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc.</b>	▼
Mabel McCants/NWI Symphony Fund	\$96.00
The Donald R. & Violet Hayes Wray Memorial Endowment for the NWI Symphony	\$715.00
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50
Nancy K. Johnson Advised Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>South Shore Arts, Inc.</b>	▼
Alexandra Gardner Riddle Fund	\$1,811.00
Anonymous Scholarship Fund	\$9,934.00
Gardner Salon Show Prize Fund	\$626.00
Gary and Sandy Neale Fund	\$2,250.00
Glen E. Bacus Fund	\$162.67
Jack and Sara Dietrich Fund	\$2,529.00
JoAnn and Chuck Long Endowment Fund	\$2,080.00
Linda & Myron Nidetz Salon Prize Fund	\$823.00
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50
Norma J. and John M. Cain, Jr. Fund	\$277.00
Orval O. and Margaret Haag Salon Show Fund	\$453.00
Patricia and Durward Schuetz Endowment Fund	\$236.00
Richard W. and Wanda L. Gardner Endowment Fund	\$4,398.00
South Shore Arts Fund	\$24,208.00
South Shore Arts Regional for Young Artists Fund	\$1,224.00
South Shore Arts Symphony Advancement Fund	\$50,000.00

Grantee and Program Name	Amount
<b>The Cavaliers Drum &amp; Bugle Corps, Inc.</b>	\$6,423.00
Cavalier Drum and Bugle Corps Fund	
<b>Theatre at the Center</b>	▼
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50
Frank Wright Memorial Fund	\$500.00
<b>USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.</b>	\$250.00
Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	
<b>WTTW11</b>	\$167.50
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	



#### Exceptional Equestrians

Cole Thompson rides Kahlua, while instructor, Jim Hamstra, walks alongside. Riders in the program have developmental and physical challenges. Trained instructors develop lesson plans based on their needs and abilities.



## Community Development

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>City of Gary</b> Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$1,750.00
<b>Community Help Network, Inc.</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$500.00
<b>Continuum Of Care Network Of NWI</b> Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$1,000.00
<b>Dyer Community Foundation</b> Dyer Community Foundation Fund	\$544.00
<b>Hammond Community Corporation</b> Hammond Community Corporation, Inc. Endowment Fund	▼ \$56,723.00
Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$2,000.00
<b>Hobart Community Foundation</b> Hobart Community Fund - sponsored by HIEDC	\$12,166.00
<b>It's Gary's Time, Inc.</b> South Shore Neighborhood Development Corp.	\$35,040.00
<b>Meals On Wheels Of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b> Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$1,500.00

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Miller Community Fund, Inc.</b> George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	▼ \$104.35
George A. Rogge RMD Birthday Gift Fund	\$756.62
Miller Community Fund	\$5,977.00
<b>Miller Garden Club</b> George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	▼ \$52.18
George A. Rogge RMD Birthday Gift Fund	\$756.62
<b>Nelson Algren Museum of Miller Beach</b> George A. Rogge RMD Birthday Gift Fund	▼ \$756.62
George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	\$104.35
<b>Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids, Inc.</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>NWI District 1 Firefighter Training Council, Inc.</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$500.00
<b>NWI Volunteer Lawyers, Inc.</b> Palmer C. Singleton, Jr. Fund	\$10,012.00
<b>Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.</b> George A. Rogge RMD Birthday Gift Fund	\$378.31

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>St. Joseph's Carmelite Home</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>St. Jude House</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$1,029.43
<b>The Society for the Restoration of the Gary Bathing Beach Aquatorium and Chanute's Place in History</b>	▼
George A. Rogge RMD Birthday Gift Fund	\$378.31
George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	\$104.35
<b>Town of Cedar Lake</b> Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$2,000.00
<b>Tradewinds Services, Inc.</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$500.00
<b>Trustees of Purdue University</b> Legacy Strategic Planning Grants	\$500.00
<b>Urban League Of Northwest Indiana Inc</b> Knight Project Fund - CENSUS 2020	\$2,250.00
<b>Whiting/Robertsdale Comm Improvement Corp.</b> Whiting/Robertsdale Community Improvement Corp. Endowment Fund	\$4,895.00



↑ Whiting Public Library delivered Creativity Crates to 65-100 doorsteps weekly, while the library was closed.

## Economic Development

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Mom's Pound Cakes</b> Peoples Bank Charitable Fund	\$2,500.00
<b>Nanas Sweets Bakery, LLC</b> Peoples Bank Charitable Fund	\$2,500.00

## Education

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Calumet College of St. Joseph</b>	▼
Bank Calumet Fund (Calumet College)	\$2,867.00
Calumet College of St. Joseph Endowment Fund	\$11,142.00
Chase Fund (Calumet College)	\$2,655.00
<b>Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana</b>	▼
Challenger/Griffith School Corporation Challenger Fund	\$2,006.00
Challenger/Griffith School Corporation 3rd grade Fund	\$2,316.00
Challenger (Hammond Schools) Learning Center of NWI Endowment Fund	\$12,126.00
Challenger/Highland School Corporation Endowment Fund	\$2,920.00
Challenger/Hobart School Corporation Fund	\$1,602.00
Challenger/Lake Station School Corporation Challenger Fund	\$419.00
Challenger/Merrillville School Corporation	\$7,914.00
Challenger Spark Your Imagination Fund	\$718.00
Challenger/ St. Mary's - Griffith Fund	\$399.00
<b>Hammond Education Foundation, Inc.</b>	\$10,497.00
Hammond Education Foundation Fund	
<b>Hope for Humanity, Inc.</b>	\$1,000.00
Nancy & Richard Clifford Donor Advised Fund	↓

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Hyles-Anderson College</b>	\$251.00
Klare E. and Marvin L. Anderson Scholarship Fund	
<b>Indiana State University Foundation</b>	\$6,700.00
Cynthia R. & Mamon M. Powers, Jr. Advised Pass Through Fund	
<b>Ivy Tech Foundation, Inc. - Indianapolis</b>	▼
Chase Fund (Ivy Tech State College)	\$1,654.00
Chase Fund 2 (Ivy Tech State College)	\$1,629.00
USX Foundation Fund (Ivy Tech)	\$2,453.00
<b>Junior Achievement of Chicago</b>	\$488.00
Junior Achievement (Northwest Indiana) Fund	
<b>Mount Mary University</b>	\$1,109.95
Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	
<b>Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; School</b>	\$10,000.00
Hobart Anonymous Donor Fund	
<b>Valparaiso University</b>	\$730.00
Valparaiso University Fund	



## Environmental and Animal Welfare

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Alaska Raptor Center</b>	<b>\$167.50</b>
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	
<b>Dunes Learning Center</b>	<b>▼</b>
Dunes Learning Center Education Fund	<b>\$1,461.00</b>
George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	<b>\$52.18</b>
Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center Fund	<b>\$2,726.00</b>
Lee Botts Environmental Education Fund	<b>\$2,032.00</b>
<b>Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest</b>	<b>\$982.00</b>
Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest Fund	
<b>Humane Indiana</b>	<b>▼</b>
Sally J. Benson Memorial Fund for Humane Indiana / Independent Cat Society	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	<b>\$167.50</b>
<b>Independent Cat Society, Inc.</b>	<b>\$222.00</b>
Sally J. Benson Memorial Fund for Humane Indiana / Independent Cat Society	
<b>ITOWN Ministries, Inc.</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Catherine Riley Boege Donor Advised Fund	
<b>Save The Dunes Conservation Fund</b>	<b>\$999.00</b>
Save the Dunes Conservation Fund	

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.</b>	<b>▼</b>
George A. Rogge and Susan M. Rutsen Miller Beach Fund	<b>\$52.18</b>
John and Myrna Newgent Stewardship Program Fund	<b>\$1,412.00</b>
Nancy K. Johnson Advised Fund	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>World Wildlife Fund U.S. Headquarters</b>	<b>\$167.50</b>
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	



## Health and Human Services

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Alehsan Foundation</b> Dana Rifai Fund	\$1,700.00
<b>American Kidney Fund</b> Frank Wright Memorial Fund	\$500.00
<b>American Veterans Collection</b> Frank Wright Memorial Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary, Inc.</b> Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary, Inc. Dr. Leo & Arlene Cooper Fund for Catholic Charities	▼ \$3,491.00 \$564.00
<b>Catholic Diocese of Gary</b> Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	\$5,549.75
<b>Catholic Medical Mission Board</b> Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	\$2,219.90
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b> Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	\$2,219.90
<b>Campagna Academy, Inc.</b> Crown Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund	\$500.00
<b>Center for Possibilities</b> Visiting Nurse Endowment Fund	\$2,200.00

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Community Cancer Research Foundation</b> Frank Wright Memorial Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Crisis Center</b> Olga C. and William H. Brinkman Fund	\$53,137.00
<b>Food Bank of Northwest Indiana</b> Nancy K. Johnson Advised Fund	\$300.00
<b>Franciscan Ministries</b> Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corp. Fund	\$20,143.00
<b>Franciscan St. Anthony Health, Crown Point</b> Franciscan Alliance, Inc. Fund	\$14,097.00
<b>Franciscan Health Foundation - Crown Point</b> Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	\$500.00
<b>FSSA</b> <b>(Indiana Family &amp; Social Services Administration)</b> Legacy Early Childhood Project Fund	\$31,939.09
<b>Hammond Public Library Foundation</b> Ruth E. Cornwell Fund	\$53,351.00
<b>Haven House</b> Visiting Nurse Endowment Fund	\$2,200.00

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount	Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Hobart Food Pantry Incorporated</b>	▼	<b>Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.</b>	\$2,219.90
Catherine Riley Boege Donor Advised Fund	\$10,000.00	Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	
Chad & Margaret Kollross Fund	\$5,000.00	<b>Mayo Clinic Foundation</b>	\$4,439.80
Edith L. Sonntag Living Trust Fund	\$82,132.00	Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund	
Hobart Anonymous Donor Fund	\$5,000.00	<b>Meals On Wheels Of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b>	▼
<b>Hospice of the Calumet Area, Inc.</b>	▼	Frank Wright Memorial Fund	\$1,000.00
Glen E. Bacus Fund	\$162.67	Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana, Inc. Fund	\$19,709.00
Hospice of the Calumet Area Endowment Fund	\$3,351.00	Thomas Ray Crowel Fund	\$962.00
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50	Visiting Nurse Endowment Fund	\$2,200.00
Sylvia M. Komyatte - Hospice of the Calumet Area Endowment Fund	\$2,132.00	<b>National MS Society, IN Chapter</b>	\$1,000.00
<b>Lake Area United Way</b>	\$15,094.00	Frank Wright Memorial Fund	
Lake Area United Way Fund		<b>Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids, Inc.</b>	\$1,000.00
<b>Lake County Public Library</b>	\$4,439.80	Frank Wright Memorial Fund	
Jerome J. Gross and Dorothy J. Gross Fund		<b>Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky</b>	▼
<b>Lowell Public Library</b>	\$7,526.00	Friends of Planned Parenthood Lake and Porter County	\$742.00
Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund		Mabel McCants/Planned Parenthood Fund	\$129.00
<b>Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter</b>	\$2,200.00	<b>Portage Township YMCA</b>	\$250.00
Visiting Nurse Endowment Fund		Nancy K. Johnson Advised Fund	
<b>Marian Wayside Foundation, Inc. (The Shrine of Christ's Passion)</b>	\$500.00		
Frank Wright Memorial Fund			



Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Salvation Army</b>	▼
Legacy Esperanza Project Fund	\$12,500.00
Marjorie A. Mills Fund	\$167.50
<b>Samaritan Counseling Center</b>	\$1,046.00
Good Samaritan Endowment Fund of Lake County	
<b>Share Foundation</b>	\$1,000.00
Frank Wright Memorial Fund	
<b>ShelterBox USA</b>	\$1,000.00
Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	
<b>Sojourner Truth House</b>	▼
Cohen Family Designated Endowment Fund	\$16,000.00
Sojourner Truth House Endowment Fund	\$2,879.00
Visiting Nurse Endowment Fund	\$2,200.00
<b>The Multi Agency Academic Cooperative Foundation</b>	\$12,552.00
Multi Agency Academic Cooperative Foundation Fund	
<b>The Night Ministry</b>	\$162.66
Glen E. Bacus Fund	

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Tradewinds Services, Inc.</b>	▼
John & Helen Sourlis Endowment Fund	\$45,569.00
Olga C. and William H. Brinkman Fund	\$53,137.00
Patricia Merrell Memorial Transportation Fund	\$12,294.00
<b>Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; School</b>	\$164,264.00
Edith L. Sonntag Living Trust Fund	
<b>VNA of Porter County</b>	▼
Edith L. Sonntag Living Trust Fund	\$82,132.00



# 2020



City Life Center created care kits for families during the stay-at-home order that included household/cleaning products, food items, board games, and activity books.



# Religion

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Illinois Conference United Church of Christ</b> Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	\$500.00
<b>Presbytery of Wabash Valley</b> Nancy K. Johnson Advised Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Ridge United Methodist Church</b> Betty Dye Memorial Fund	\$2,260.00
<b>St. John the Baptist Catholic Church</b> St. John the Baptist Church Fund St. John the Baptist Church Organ Fund	▼ \$500.00 \$500.00
<b>Westminster Presbyterian Church</b> Westminster Presbyterian Church Fund	\$1,144.00





## Youth

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Greater Northwest Indiana</b>	▼
Boys & Girls Club of N.W. Indiana Fund	\$13,714.00
Gwendolyn Sargent Fund for East Chicago Katherine House Boys & Girls Club	\$5,160.00
Nancy & Richard Clifford Donor Advised Fund	\$35,250.00
Pamela Meyer Yttri Donor Advised Fund	\$5,000.00
Ruth Cornwell/Boys & Girls Club Hammond Club	\$9,789.00
Seehausen/Boys & Girls Clubs of NWI Fund	\$563.00
Verne P. Seehausen Donor Advised Fund	\$500.00
<b>Camp Quality USA - Illinois</b>	\$637.00
James Van Senus Camp Quality Endowment Fund	
<b>Crossroads YMCA</b>	\$54,498.00
Endowment Fund of YMCA of the Hammond Area	
<b>Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	\$1,500.00
Fundamentals First Fund	
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana, Inc.</b>	\$3,340.00
Fundamentals First Fund	

Grantee and Fund Name	Amount
<b>Hammond Family YMCA</b>	\$10,000.00
George and Harriet Korellis Memorial Fund	
<b>Hands of Hope</b>	\$20,000.00
Fundamentals First Fund	
<b>Schererville Baseball League, Inc.</b>	\$1,000.00
Frank Wright Memorial Fund	
<b>St. Joseph's Carmelite Home</b>	\$10,000.00
Catherine Riley Boege Donor Advised Fund	
<b>The First Tee of Hammond, Hammond Youth Golf Academy, Inc.</b>	\$7,364.00
Hammond Youth Golf Academy Endowment Fund	
<b>YWCA of Gary</b>	\$2,530.02
Marian Berry Scholarship Fund - YWCA	

Lake County's  
Community Foundation

# Scholarships



↑ **Celeste Kettaneh**

Recipient of the Philippine Professionals Association Scholarship

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>Barbara Miller Meeker Art Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from Lake County who plan to pursue a career in the visual arts or architecture.	<b>Brandi Clemons</b>
<b>Bicentennial Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from a Hammond high school who will be admitted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, vocational school or junior college for the fall term following high school graduation.	<b>Emmanuel Moreno</b>
<b>Bill and Sue Modrak Scholarship</b> Open to graduating seniors, college students, and returning adult students who are current Modrak McDonald's employees, or who have parents or grandparents who are employees.	<b>Brittany DeMoville</b> <b>Brandon Fields</b> <b>Austin Hammond</b> <b>Angela Kelly</b> <b>Mackenzie Russell</b> <b>Brittney Sutton</b>
<b>Cara M. Spicer Scholarship Program</b> Established for children in Lake County who want to participate in fine arts activities.	<b>Alyssa Anderson</b> <b>Kamorera Dennie</b> <b>Lila Kieft</b> <b>Aaliyah Mitchell</b> <b>Yahvi Yasir</b>
<b>Cenifax/Dr. John Maniotes Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors whose parent or grandparent is a current employee of Lake County government in Crown Point or related sites.	<b>Connor Fife</b> <b>Felicity Miranda</b> <b>Donnie Parent</b>

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>Continuity of Care Scholarship</b> Established for current college students enrolled in the health science programs in the Northwest Indiana region.	Kandice Kuypers
<b>Demetrius Tirrell Williford Scholarship</b> Awarded to a high school senior who lives in and attends school in Gary, and who plans to study in the STEM field.	Collin Roberts Nicolas Washington
<b>Dr. John T. Scully Medical Scholarship</b> Supports Northwest Indiana residents attending the School of Medicine at Indiana University Northwest.	Daniel Green
<b>Dr. R.T. White Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from Munster High School who attended Elliott Elementary School.	Anne Foreit Zoe O'Shaughnessy James Shelton Clara Terry
<b>Fred and Louise Latshaw Scholarship</b> Awarded to graduating seniors from Lake County who are nominated for but do not receive the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.	Adam Nieman Xavier Lopez



"I believe that it's important now more than ever, as shown through the pandemic, for us to get our education and become part of society to help make the world a better place. I would like to say thank you for all the opportunities you've provided in making it easier to go to college."

↑ **Leslie Lara**  
 Recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

GRIFFITH > WINFIELD > HAMMOND > ST. JOHN > LAKE  
 CROWN POINT ST. JOHN > CEDAR LAKE NEW CHICAGO CROWN  
 SCHERERVILLE HOBART GARY > HIGHLAND MUNSTER SCHERERVILLE  
 EAST MERRILLVILLE GRIFFITH GARY SCHERERVILLE >  
 CHICAGO ST. JOHN CEDAR LAKE NEW CHICAGO >  
 LOWELL > HAMMOND WHITING HIGHLAND MUNSTER  
 LAKE STATION DYER CROWN POINT HOBART WINFIELD  
 GRIFFITH > LOWELL WHITING MERRILLVILLE





"I would like to give back to the community that helped me out so much. I would like to be just like Webster Cornwell and John W. Anderson. Those two have made a great impact on so many people's lives, and I would like to do the same."

**Christopher Valdez**

Recipient of the Anderson Foundation Scholarship and the Webster Cornwell Scholarship

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>George and Harriet Korellis Scholarship</b> Established for graduating seniors, college students, and returning adult students who are current Korellis Co. employees, or who have parents or grandparents who are employees.	Kaylee Adams Abigail Brosseau Alexandria Christensen Alan Enriquez Hannah Fionda Nathaniel Lukawski Nicholas Nuccio Marguerite Ponda Melanie Romo Nataly Salas Courtney Sizemore Haley Sparling Ashley Swets
<b>Good Teachers Count Scholarship</b> Supports students seeking a degree or certification in teaching/education with 50% coursework completed and currently enrolled at a college or university in North-west Indiana with plans to be a teacher.	Kristen Maldonado
<b>Halfacre Excellence in Music Scholarship</b> In honor of Dennis and Sandra Halfacre Moore. Awarded to high school seniors from Hammond School Corporation or Munster High School who will major in Music, or major in Education with a minor in Music.	Zoe O'Shaughnessy

## Scholarship Name and Description

## Scholars

### Hammond Common Council Scholarship

Awarded to graduating seniors from Hammond high schools.

Joscelyn Bell  
Megan Benson  
Hannah Denys  
Jada Diggins  
Matt Fredy  
Romulo Gutierrez  
Indya Lewis  
Litzi Maldonado  
Naja Nixon  
Miles Paz de Leon  
Kalee Skalba  
Autumn Stevens  
Ce'Etter Stevens  
Keandra Thomas  
Jasmin Williams

### Hanover Central Scholarship

Supports graduating seniors from Hanover High School who will be attending a vocational, technical, two or four year college or university.

Carina Bolanos  
Christina DeLange  
Kayla Denklau  
Elise Kratkoczki  
Tiffany Lange  
Brianna Nirtaut

### Herbert R. Kocher Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to graduating seniors from Lake County who are nominated for but do not receive the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Shaker Erbini  
Brittany Sanders

## Scholarship Name and Description

## Scholars

### John V. and George Primich Family Scholarship

Supports graduating seniors from Lake County who plan to attend Indiana University Northwest or Purdue University Northwest.

Mya Bell  
Faith Guess

### John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship

Supports graduating seniors from Lake County or Porter County with community and school involvement.

Emma Beckman  
Hope Meierkort  
Grace Whah

### Joseph Trent Morrow/Urban League of Northwest Indiana Scholarship

Awarded to graduating seniors who live in Gary, Hammond, or East Chicago, and plan to study banking or law at Indiana University Northwest or Bloomington.

Armoni Jones  
Desiree Taylor

### June Pangburn Memorial Scholarship


Supports graduating seniors from Hobart High School who will study in Nursing or the Allied Health field.

Justice Greenleaf

### Kathy Lynn Hooks Memorial Scholarship

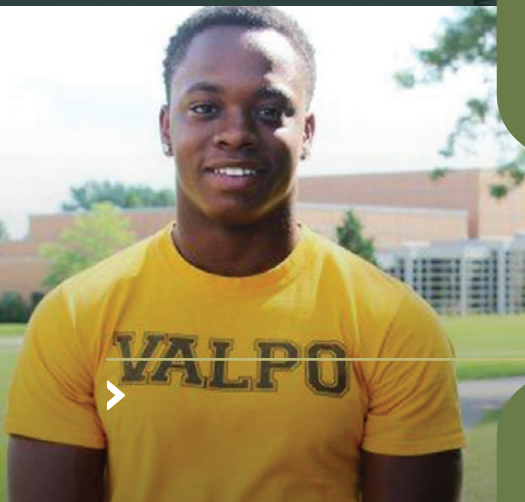
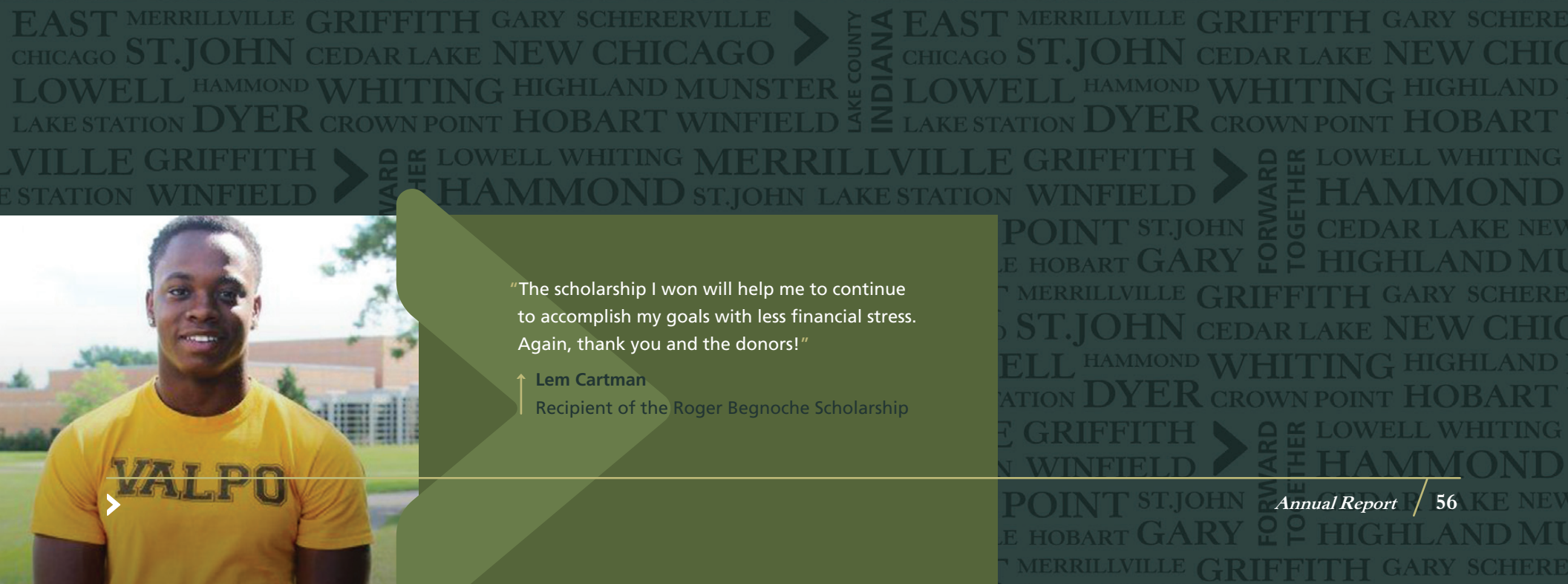
Supports graduating seniors from River Forest High School.

Rachel Pratchett

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars	Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<p><b>Lake County Athletic Officials Association Scholarship</b> Awarded to graduating seniors, or current college students who are children or members of the Lake County Athletic Officials Association.</p>	<p>Zoe Hugunin Jakob Kintzele Lindsay Kline Gabriel Kroeger Kari LaFrenier Payton Thill</p>	<p><b>Local IBEW #697 Memorial Scholarship</b> Awarded to graduating seniors or college students who are children or step children of IBEW Local Union #697 members.</p>	<p>Tiffanie Aguerro Lauren Atkinson Lauren Austgen Cameron Bell Owen Cowsert Jordan Hippie Julie Howe Joseph Lay Ella Lesnick Jaylen Matthews Steven Mayersky Marlene McGing Ashley Merath Faith Mikolajczyk Logan Mohrs Madisen Nomanson Taylor Nomanson Dylan Paul Jackson Pfister Katherine Pfister Jenai Richards Elysa Roldan Jose Sanchez Jr. Steven Shields Taylor Whitson</p>
<p><b>Lake County Fish &amp; Game Scholarship</b> Awarded to graduating seniors, or current college students who are children, grandchildren or members of the Lake County Fish &amp; Game Association.</p>	<p>Jared Bias Abbey Forbes Anthony Katona Madeline Tabisz Kevin Zaragoza</p>	 <p>↑ Priscilla Obeng Mensah Recipient of the 2020 Thrive Scholarship</p>	
<p><b>Legends Scholarship</b> Awarded to college students who are enrolled at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Indiana University Northwest, Ivy Tech of Indiana Northwest, Purdue University Northwest, or Valparaiso University.</p>	<p>Priscilla Mensah</p>		
<p><b>Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship</b> Open to high school seniors who are residents of and attend school in Lake County. Award is full-tuition, required fees and book stipend for four years at any public or private, Indiana four-year college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.</p>	<p>Haley Alexander Angelina Burroughs Chloe Coleman Brianna Dewey Michael James Leslie Lara</p>		



Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars	Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>Mardie Tuttle Thrive Scholarship</b> Awarded to a current female college student who is 25 years or older.	Priscilla Mensah	<b>Mary Gerritsen Indiana Academy Scholarship Fund</b> Established to support Lake County female students who are accepted to and attend Indiana Academy; priority to students of color, and those studying the humanities.	Quiara Dortch
<b>Mary Francis Textbook Scholarship Program</b> Provides textbook assistance for students enrolled in an accredited 2-year or 4-year degree program.	Liana Boulles Shaker Erbini Adam Nieman Rachel Pratchett	<b>Milton &amp; Ruby McClendon Memorial Scholarship</b> Supports Lake County high school or college students that attend/plan to attend Purdue University (any campus), Wabash College or Ohio State University; priority given to students with Humanities/Liberal Arts major.	Lillian Boulles



"The scholarship I won will help me to continue to accomplish my goals with less financial stress. Again, thank you and the donors!"

↑ **Lem Cartman**  
Recipient of the Roger Begnoche Scholarship

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars	Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>N.L. Trusty History Graduate Research Award</b> Supports graduate students in the history department of Purdue University Northwest.	Adam Orze	<b>Robert Rainsberger Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from Lake, North Jasper, and North Newton county who plan to study business, nursing, or a STEM field; Preference given to Crown Point, Lowell, Hebron, Hanover Central, North Jasper, and North Newton schools.	Kylee Geeve Abigail VanderMeer
<b>Norah Salt Scholarship</b> Available to graduating seniors from Hebron or Boone Grove high schools who plan to major in STEM.	Ashlee Delph	<b>Robert Rainsberger Scholarship Purdue Northwest</b> For graduating seniors from Lake, North Jasper, and North Newton counties who plan to study business, nursing, or a STEM field at Purdue University Northwest; preference given to Crown Point, Lowell, Hebron, Hanover Central, North Jasper, and North Newton schools.	Lucas Maurer
<b>O'Shea Patrick McCarthy Scholarship</b> Supports high school seniors or college students who intend to study Music and Visual Arts, or a student enrolled in the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences or at Purdue University.	Brandi Clemons	<b>Roger Begnoche Scholarship</b> For male graduating seniors and college students from Lake County who have earned a high school diploma or GED and plan to or are currently pursuing a degree in nursing or education.	Lemuel Cartman Brian Corbeille Anthony Katona Justine McClain
<b>Peoples Bank Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors or college students from Lake County or Porter County.	Mya Bell Indya Lewis Matthew Rebey	<b>Ronda Worden &amp; Esther Henning Scholarship Fund</b> Established to support an Indiana University Northwest student entering their second year in the dental hygiene program.	Hannah Talbott
<b>Philippine Professionals Association Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from Northwest Indiana; preference given to individuals of Filipino descent.	Jaclyn Bobos Mia Gail Therese Demape Francesca Flores Isabella Gozo Celeste Kettaneh Miles Paz de Leon Jude Paolo Salanio		

Scholarship Name and Description	Scholars
<b>Schrage Family Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors who are children or stepchildren of Centier Bank employees.	<b>Andrew Engels</b> <b>Yannik Singh</b>
<b>Sengupta Family Scholarship Academic Achievement</b> Awarded to the graduating senior from Lake Central High School who is ranked highest academically in the class.	<b>Martha Davis</b>
<b>Sengupta Family Scholarship Engineering</b> Awarded to the graduating senior from Lake Central High School who is ranked highest academically in the class and plans to study engineering.	<b>Lillian Zuback</b>
<b>W. James Spicer Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from West Side Leadership Academy.	<b>Kennedy Rozier</b>
<b>Webster Cornwell Scholarship</b> Supports graduating seniors from Lake County.	<b>Connor Fife</b> <b>Angela Luna</b> <b>Zachary O'Hara</b> <b>Christopher Valdez</b> <b>Nicolas Washington</b>



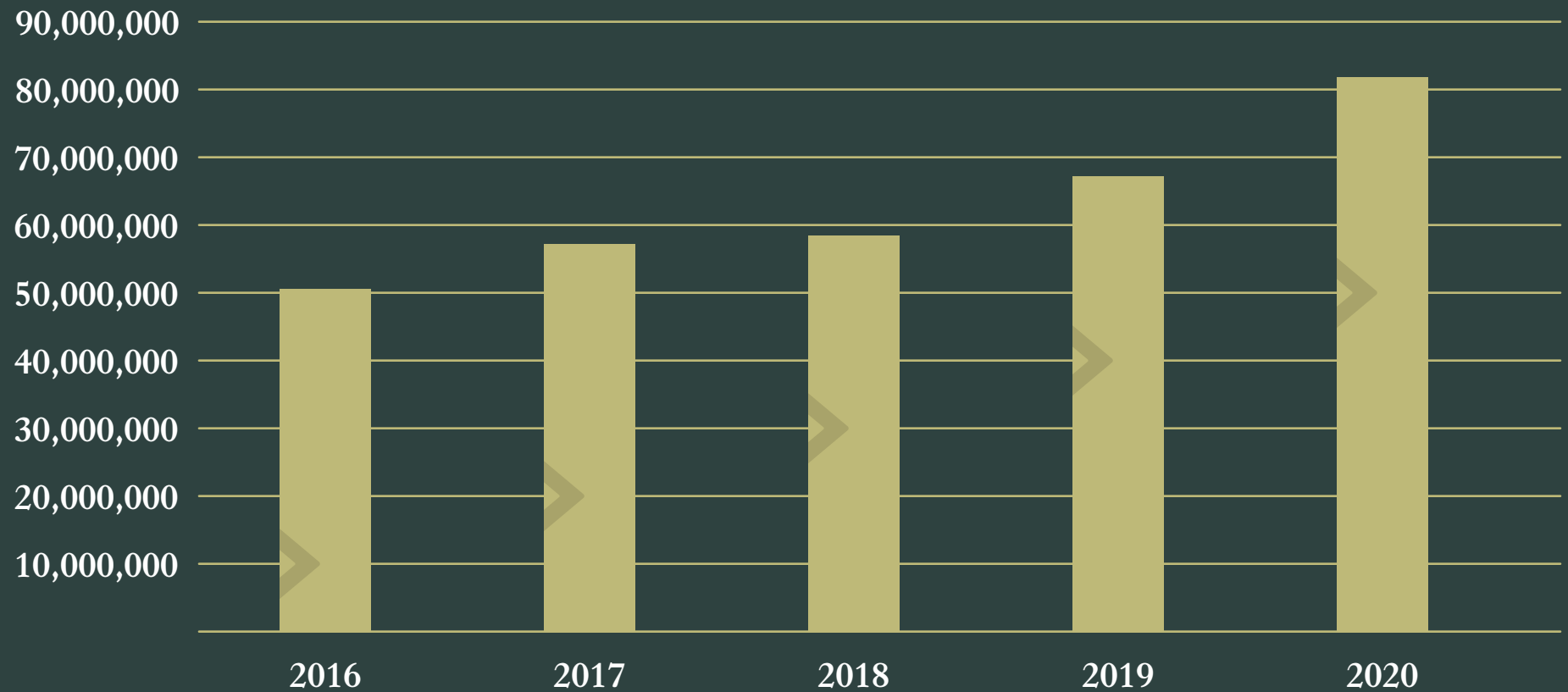
 **Matthew Rebey**  
Peoples Bank Scholarship Recipient



# Financials

## FISCAL YEAR 2020

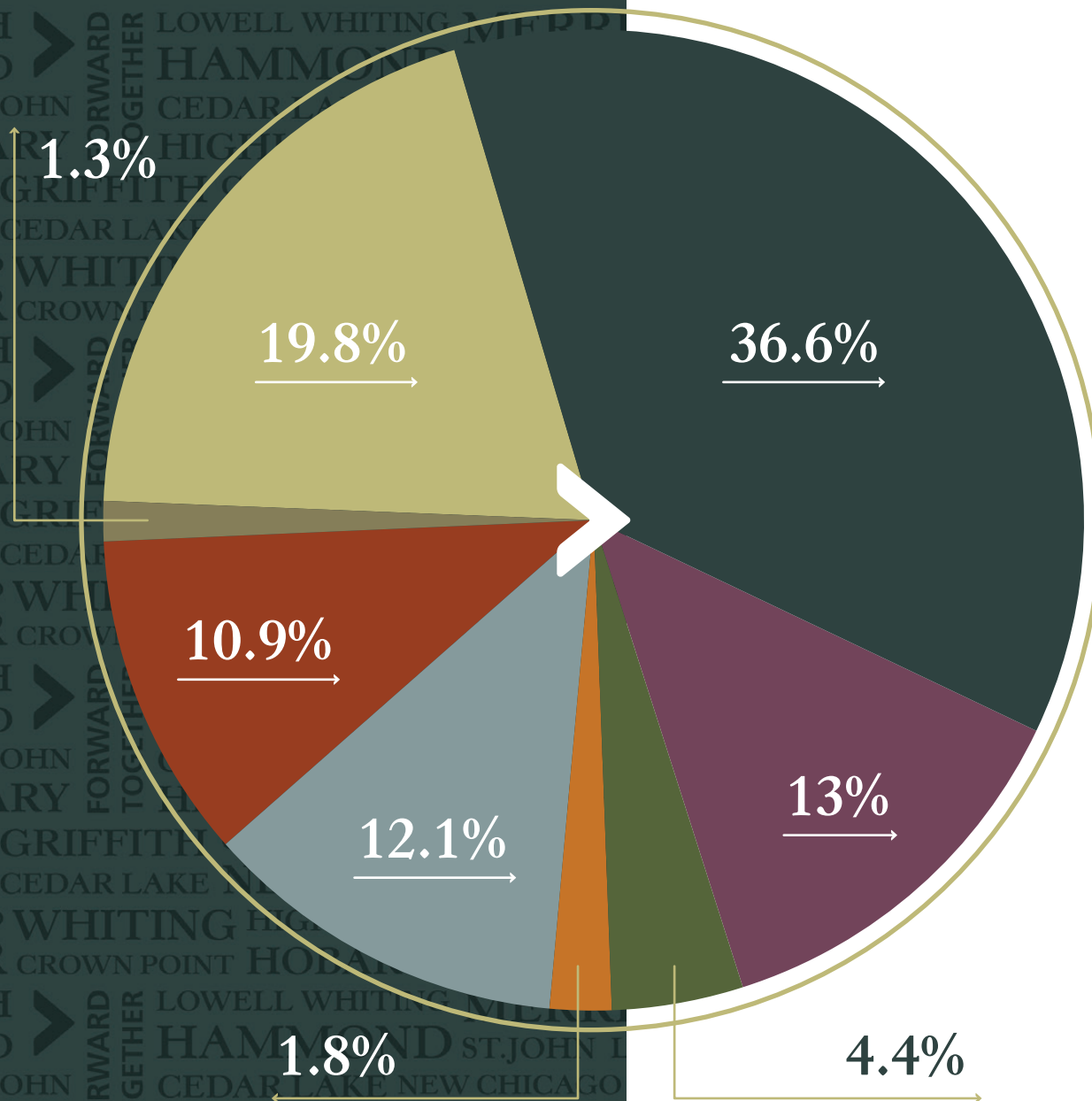
### 5 Year Total Asset Growth



<b>Assets</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,426,340	\$2,337,425
Other assets	\$101,334	\$139,581
Pledges receivable, net	\$9,334,197	-
Investments	\$69,806,293	\$65,048,702
Property and equipment, net	\$34,439	\$72,649
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,702,603</b>	<b>\$67,598,357</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$62,017	\$22,869
Accrued expenses	\$11,076	\$7,212
Grants payable	\$991,477	\$204,339
Annuities payable	\$498,958	\$477,622
Custodial funds	\$9,847,657	\$9,622,115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,411,185</b>	<b>\$10,334,157</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$1,448,820	\$1,284,385
With donor restrictions	\$69,842,598	\$55,979,815
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,291,418</b>	<b>\$57,264,200</b>
	<b>\$82,702,603</b>	<b>\$67,598,357</b>

# Fund Group Percentages

Current Year



- Designated
- Donor Advised
- Field of Interest
- Operating
- Org/Agency
- Scholarship
- Special Project
- Unrestricted
- Other





# Legacy Society and Planned Giving

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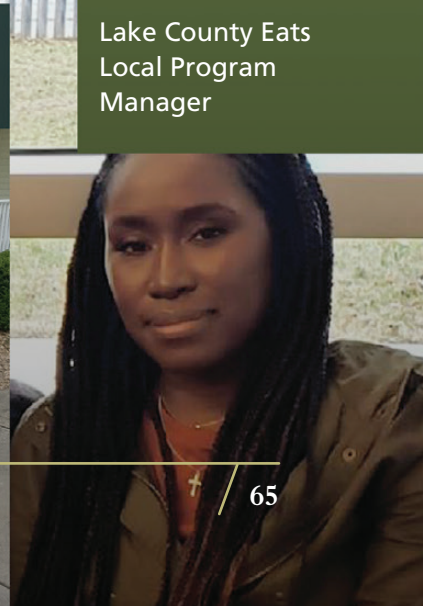
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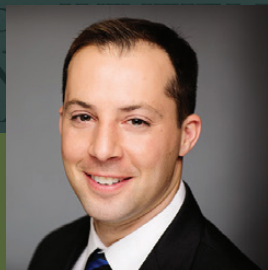


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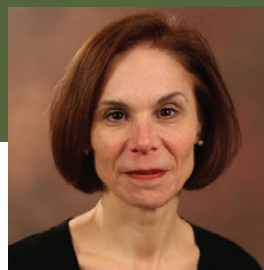
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