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# GIVING LOCAL Lake County, Indiana

#### Legacy Foundation's Newsletter



# **FEATURES**

A Commitment to Special Education

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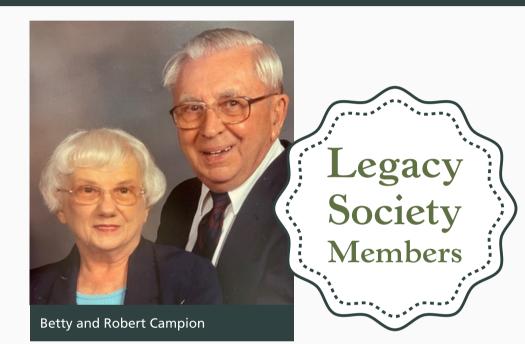
### **EVENTS**

Continuing Education Seminar November 4 | 8:30 am

Transform Lake County Grant Application Open October 1 - November 1

Conscious Conversations October Book Pick, White Fragility

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### A Commitment to Special Education

Betty and Robert lived in Crown Point, IN, into their 90s. They were members of the First United Methodist Church and very involved in their community. Betty was a member of Crown Point Women's Club, Friends of the Library and Big Ten Federated Club. Robert was a World War II Army Veteran and taught Chemistry & Physics at Prairie State College. They both volunteered at Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana.

Their bequest to Legacy Foundation will honor their commitment to education. Named for their son, the Scott Campion Scholarship for Special Education Teachers will support students in Lake and Porter counties on their paths to becoming special education teachers.

The Legacy Society honors those donors who have named Legacy Foundation as the beneficiary of a planned gift. To learn more about leaving a charitable gift in your will or trust, contact Carolyn Saxton at <u>csaxton@legacyfdn.org</u>.

# ASSISTING VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH

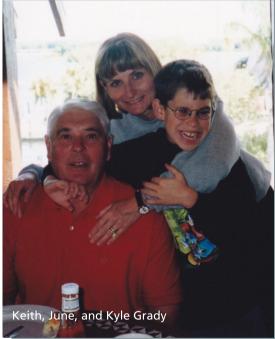
The greatest joy in June Grady's life was raising her son, Kyle, with her husband, Keith. Kyle was diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma at seven months old. He had one eye removed and underwent several rounds of chemo and radiation. Despite being left legally blind, Kyle had an amazing attitude and approached life with great enthusiasm.

June took great pride in helping Kyle experience everything the world had to offer him. Tragically, as Kyle was undergoing final exams during his first year away at college, he was diagnosed with a sinus sarcoma. He fought bravely for over a year and passed away in August 2012. June was reunited with Kyle when she passed on April 25, 2019. The Kyle and June Grady Fund honors their memory.

The Kyle and June Grady Fund will support Lake County, IN, libraries that would like to purchase new or upgrade assistive technology for visually impaired youth.

Assistive technology refers to devices, equipment or services that assist individuals with disabilities to function independently in the areas of work, home or school. For the purpose of this grant, requests must be to enhance services or equipment for individuals with low vision.





Grants are up to \$2,000. Applications due Nov. 1st.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Kyle and June Grady Fund and access the application. Products could include but are not limited to:

- magnifying devices
- braille machines
- accessible software
- screen readers

# Meet Legacy's Newest Board Members



#### Debra Bolanos

A life-time resident of East Chicago, Debra is the President of Sociedad Cultural Y Civica La Reforma, a nonprofit organization that fundraises for scholarships. Debra is also Director of Xel-Ha Escuela de Danza, a nonprofit organization where she teaches Mexican Ballet Folklore.

Debra owned her own travel agency for over 25 years until her retirement in 2020. She recently received the Indiana Heritage Fellowship Award at Indiana University because of her outstanding contributions to her artistic tradition and her community.

Michael Dobosz

Michael was born in East Chicago and graduated from Griffith High School. He is a dedicated attorney at Hilbrich Law Firm, where he focuses primarily on personal injury cases. He received his Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law.

Michael is admitted to practice in the U.S. Federal District Court and the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. He is a member of the Lake County Bar Association, IN State Bar Association, and IN Trial Lawyers Association.





#### Dr. Sean Egan

Dr. Egan is a school administrator with over 30 years' experience in public, private, and charter schools. He is the founding school leader of the Hammond Academy of Science and Technology, a STEM school in downtown Hammond.

Dr. Egan holds a doctorate in School Leadership from Northern Illinois University and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He is a past president and treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. When not in a school setting, he is likely traveling or gardening.

#### Crystal L. Johnson

Crystal is the owner of the Law Office of Crystal L. Johnson, where she practices business, tax controversy /dispute resolution, and real estate. Raised in Gary, Crystal obtained her Juris Doctorate from Valparaiso University Law School. Prior to attending law school, Crystal worked at a CPA/Law firm for 21 years.

Crystal is the Vice President of e-Engaging Northwest Indiana Business Women and serves as General Counsel for the Bernie Mac Foundation. She is a member of many associations, including the American Bar Association; American Society of Tax Problem Solvers; James C. Kimbrough Bar Association; and, Indiana State Bar Association.





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Lake County's Community Foundation

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### Creative Planning with Non-Cash Assets and Cryptocurrency

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November 4, 2021 | 8:30 - 10:30 AM | Virtual 2hr CLE, pending approval from the Indiana State Bar Association

Topics:

- The basics and beyond of cryptocurrency for the donor, the charity and the advisor.
- Maximizing your clients' charitable giving and deductions through untapped assets.

Find out more at:

legacyfdn.org/community-programs/upcoming-events

# Upcoming Events

### TLC Grant Opportunity

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

Applications due NOV 1 by 5 PM central. Find more information at: <u>legacyfdn.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant</u>

### **Conscious Conversations**

October's Conscious Conversation covers the book, White Fragility, by Robin DiAngelo. Join a Legacy hosted conversation or host your own discussion. See our November book selection at: <u>legacyfdn.org/community-programs/</u> <u>conscious-conversations</u>