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\$1 MILLION

RAISED TOWARDS

COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING

... and counting!



Thanks to your continuous support of our **Lake County Forever** campaign, we have surpassed **50%** of our goal! Join us in our largest effort to raise funds for endowed community grantmaking.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR \$2 - TO - \$1 MATCH OPPORTUNITY!



Dean A. Frigo Shining Star Fund

Dean Andrew Frigo was born July 25, 1989 and he passed away tragically in a car accident the sad morning of November 30, 2006, on his way to school. He was only 17 years old and a Junior Student at Lowell Senior High School in Lowell, Indiana. Family and friends described him as selfless, kind, loyal, and a friend to all. In his short time here, Dean positively impacted so many people and it continues today.

Since his passing, his mother Nancy Frigo Svetanoff and his sister Desiree Frigo Wood, have created the 33 RDP Dean A Frigo Foundation, hosted annual 5k walks, awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to Lowell students, and recently opened an unrestricted endowment fund with Legacy Foundation that will "Pay It Forward" for years to come!

Anderson & Anderson P.C. Fund

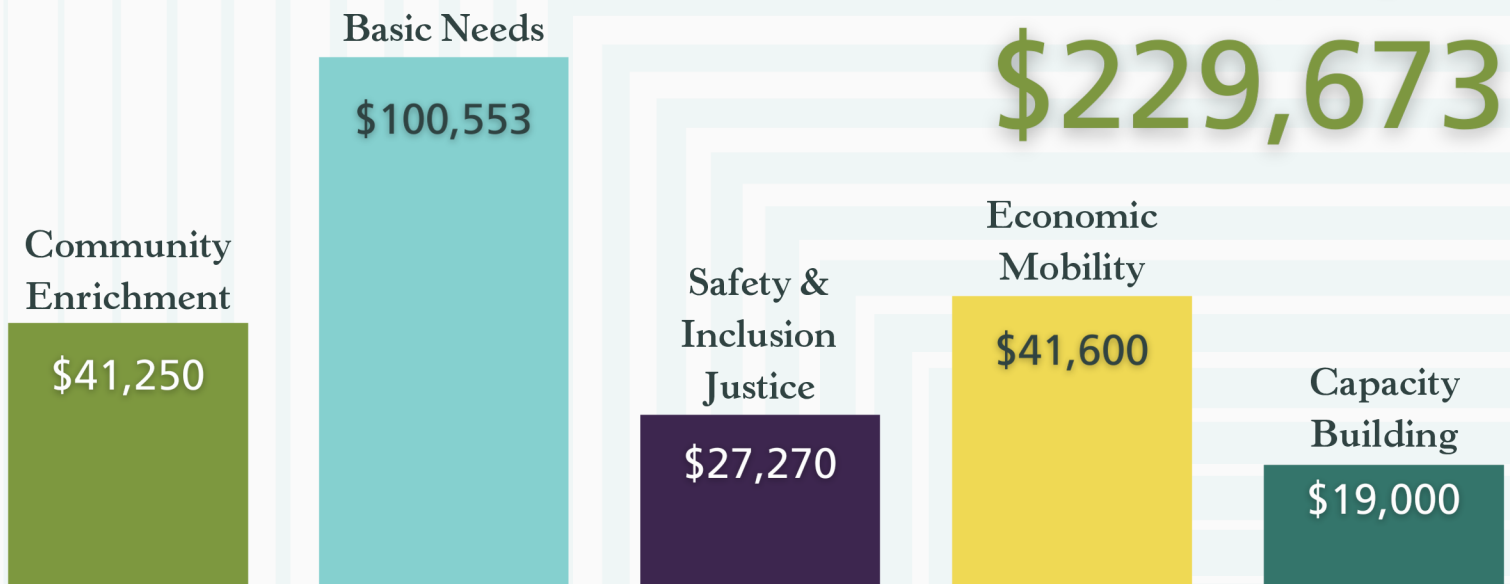
When Richard Anderson began practicing law in 1973, he had no idea of the impact he would make on his family, clients, and Northwest Indiana. Anderson & Anderson, P.C., a law firm run by Richard, alongside his two sons, Michael and Mark Anderson has become a community staple. Over the years, the firm has focused their practice in several areas, like Real Estate, Corporate and Business Law, Wills, Trusts and Estates, as well as Creditors' Rights.

In addition to their success, the firm has prioritized donating to need based nonprofits like Food Bank of NWI, Meals on Wheels, and countless others; naturally leading them to Legacy Foundation. Creating their fund has given the firm another way to support the growth of Lake County!



Unrestricted Grant Making | Impact by the Numbers!

Total Amount Awarded for Spring 2024



Support Our Lake County Forever Campaign at legacyfdn.org/lake-county-forever-fund



"Not only did I help for a summer, I felt like I grew a fundamental relationship with the kids, and hopefully pushed them in the right direction and put a smile on their face at the end of the day."

-Sally Pintakaew, Intern & River Forest High School Student c/o 2025

Grantee Spotlight

TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO
PARKS DEPARTMENT

Spring 2024 Transform Lake County Grant Recipient

Funding from Legacy Foundation assisted the Town of New Chicago Parks Department in successfully hosting year two of its Summer Lunch & Learn program. With additional help from town council members, River Forest food programs, and a new intern, they managed to serve over 52 households with children in grades K-12. Families who previously participated were more involved and past partners readily signed up to be involved.

New partnerships were formed, expanding the program's offerings to include more than 20 new activities this year! Attendees learned about patterns in nature, food science, entomology, and so much more. Engaging the kids in hands on activities, like creating art to improve the park's aesthetic offered them an opportunity to learn how they could positively impact their community.

Scholar Spotlight

HOPE MEIERKORT

John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship Recipient

We recently received a heartfelt letter from 2020 John W. Anderson Foundation scholarship recipient, Hope Meierkort. In her letter, Hope announced that she completed her Bachelor of Liberal Studies with minors in Studio Art and English a year early this past December with the highest distinction and zero debt, due to the generosity of the John W. Anderson Foundation and dedicated support of Legacy Foundation.

As an honor student, Hope used her time to explore academic paths, gain experience professionally through internships, serve on club committees, and evolve her perspectives of the world. Hope has since moved to NWI and began her career as a graphic designer for a hospitality branding agency, using the skills she honed in her undergraduate Arts classes. With all of her successes, Hope is a meaningful and palpable reminder of how scholarships can change lives.



"To Legacy Foundation and the John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship donors, I thank you for the chance you gave me. Choosing me as a scholarship recipient, you strengthened my resolve, lifted my financial burden, and gifted me with the means to reach my potential."

Tribute Gifts: March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Cicco Family Memorial Fund

In Memory of Theresa Cicco

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In Memory of Collis Hooks

Donor | Collis C. Hooks Revocable Living Trust c/o Centier Bank

Dean A. Frigo Shining Star Fund

In Memory of Dean A. Frigo

Donor | Chad Ulanowski

Eddie & Kevin Ryan Memorial Fund

In Memory of Eddie & Kevin Ryan

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In Memory of Eleanor F. Kutchek

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In Memory of Harvey Roller

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IBEW Local Union #697 Memorial Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

Jack Downs

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Theresa Cicco with her daughter Gloria and granddaughter Gina

Lake County Community Fund

In Memory of

Ester Garcia

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In Memory of

Carolyn Ribordy

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In Honor of

Legacy Foundation Staff

Donors | Arleigh & Rose Cyphert

Lake County Forever Fund

In Memory of

Theresa Cicco

Donor | The Sports Hub Inc.

In Memory of

Richard Gordon

Donors | Greg & Diane Gordon

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Dennis Wilkening

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In Honor of

**Trinity United Church of Christ-Gary/
Rev. John E. Jackson Sr.**

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**Lakeshore Public Media Educational
Programming**

In Honor of Elizabeth Gingerich

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Lois Reinet

Meals on Wheels of NW Indiana, Inc. Fund

In Memory of

Margaret Braccolino

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The Blink Family

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Margaret & Alfonse Braccolino

Legacy Foundation is excited to partner with Community Heart & Soul, a national model designed to help build stronger, healthier, and more economically vibrant communities through a resident-driven planning process. Building upon our Neighborhood Spotlight initiative, Community Heart & Soul will bring a unique opportunity to residents and municipal leaders to work together to develop a plan for the future.

We launched the Community Heart & Soul program to help Lake County towns build community through a resident-driven process and take action on what matters most to its residents. To learn more visit: legacyfdn.org/heart-soul



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How to Give Through Stock & Retirement Funds

Donate Stock

A tax-effective way to gift appreciated securities in 3 easy steps!

1. Contact us to request a transfer form.
2. Send form to your wealth advisor to complete.
3. Wealth advisor sends form to Legacy Foundation's investment manager, Northern Trust.

Complete a Qualified Charitable Distribution From Your IRA

Owners of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), who are age 73 or older in 2024, must plan to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) annually.

To complete a QCD from an IRA to a charity, the IRA owner must:

1. Be at least age 70 ½ on the date of distribution.
2. Submit a distribution form to the IRA custodian requesting that the check be made payable directly to the charity.
3. Ensure that no tax withholding is being taken from the QCD.
4. Send the check payable to the charity directly to the charity or to the IRA owner to be forwarded to the charity.
5. Have the check clear the IRA by year-end.

CONTACT US ABOUT GIFTS OF STOCK OR OTHER NON-CASH ASSETS TODAY!
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Legacy Foundation Welcomes New Board Members!

MEET OUR NEWEST
ADDITIONS!



Rod Gayda

As President of Gayda & Associates, Rod focuses on insurance sales, tax preparation, and property management. In addition to graduating from Merrillville High School, he earned his undergraduate degrees from Calumet College of St. Joseph and Commonwealth Business College. Rod is currently a member of the American Apartment Owners Association, the National Association of Tax Professionals, and the Indiana Association for Insurance Agents. Over the years, Rod has served on many boards, including Valparaiso Utility, Opportunity Enterprises, and now Legacy Foundation!

Gary native and 1989 graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School, David Wright currently serves his community as the Planning & Marketing Manager for Gary Public Transportation Corporation. In this role, he is responsible for oversight of route planning, grant-writing, special projects, and outreach. Prior to joining GPTC, he worked as the City of Gary's Director of Planning for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). David received his Bachelor of Science in Community & Regional Planning from Iowa State University. Throughout his career, David has served on the board for Health by Design, Dunes Learning Center, and now Legacy Foundation!



David Wright Sr.

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GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5



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and learn about your candidates!



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UPCOMING LEGACY FOUNDATION EVENTS

Register for events at: legacyfdn.org/upcoming-events



FutureCast 2025: Economic Outlook

Celebrate our 1 year
anniversary!

November 15, 2024

Avalon Manor
Merrillville, IN



Popular Ideas for Charitable Gift & Estate Planning

Continuing Education Credit
for Professional Advisors
led by Phil Purcell

December 12, 2024

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2024 Holiday Open House

Join us for holiday cheer &
light refreshments.

December 17, 2024

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