

Aspirations



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WABASH COUNTY CITIZENS TURN
THEIR DREAMS TO REALITY!



Community
Foundation of
Wabash County

2018-2020

Mission

We serve the citizens of Wabash County by implementing their charitable aspirations, making grants, investing and safeguarding charitable assets, providing information regarding charitable endeavors, and convening citizens and linking resources to address issues confronting our shared lives.

Vision

The Community Foundation is committed to providing leadership and service in realizing cherished values for Wabash County: independence, self-reliance, enterprise, prosperity, dignity of every individual, and equality of opportunity.

We are what we do.

Dreams, plans, aspirations – every community has them. But communities aren't known for what they want to be, they are known for what they do. After all, aspirations without action remain just that, aspirations.

The Community Foundation is privileged to lead and support efforts by the citizens and organizations of Wabash County that turn aspirations into reality. Together we are engaging the untapped spirit and potential of our community to show the world that we truly are who we aspire to be.



Patty S. Grant



Brian E. Howenstine

THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD CANNOT POSSIBLY BE SOLVED BY SKEPTICS OR CYNICS...
WE NEED MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAN DREAM OF THINGS THAT NEVER WERE.
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Aspirations-- what inspires us, guides us, and leads us to make the world a better place.

We hope you enjoy reading about the aspirations of Wabash County citizens who, with the Community Foundation, accomplished things that never were—support for first responders, post-secondary scholarships for fourth-graders, a groundbreaking playground that redefines what it means to be inclusive, a river made cleaner, more early childhood seats, and a growing repository of charitable capital to address the ever-changing needs of Wabash County.

The Foundation has grown significantly since its founding in 1954. We closed 2020 with over \$67 million in assets and since January 2018 awarded over \$7.5 million in grants and scholarships. We were pleased to support new service agencies in Wabash County, BABE of Wabash County and Hope House, and fund new homes for others, Lighthouse Missions. We are profoundly grateful for citizens who dare to dream, give generously of their time and treasure and invite us to participate.

In response to Lilly Endowment GIFT Phase VII, the Foundation earned \$500,000 in discretionary funds and the board successfully met the Endowment's board giving challenge affording another \$100,000 for discretionary spending. Joining forces with Grow Wabash County, the Foundation engaged the Community Research Institute, Purdue FW to conduct a multi-faceted study of the County's 40-year steady and menacing population loss. We conducted On the Table conversations with over 400 citizens. From these extensive studies, we were awarded Lilly Endowment planning and implementation grants and convened representatives from the City of Wabash, the County and all incorporated towns to create a 25-member steering committee, which has embarked on an 18-month process, Imagine One 85 to develop a county-wide comprehensive plan aimed at growing population.

Who would have guessed in 1990, as the Lilly Endowment encouraged Indiana counties to build unrestricted endowments that one of the ever-changing needs would be to respond to a virus. We are grateful for the many Wabash County citizens who have unselfishly contributed to our unrestricted endowments, which afforded the Foundation the resources to pivot our grantmaking and create the Covid-19 Relief and Restore Fund to help citizens who were financially disadvantaged by Covid. In this period, the Foundation earned accreditation by National Standards for Community Foundations, a seal which demonstrates a commitment to operational excellence. We remember that your trust and confidence is our most treasured asset, and we look forward to the future in our new old home at 220 East Main Street, where we endeavor to maintain the highest standards in practice and service to realize aspirations and cherish values for all of Wabash County--- Helping good people, make good things happen for Wabash County.

Patty S. Grant
Executive Director

Brian E. Howenstine
Board President

Wabash County is *Determined*



EARLY AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

While the Community Foundation of Wabash County has for decades been dedicated to promoting education in families across Wabash County, in 2012, through a strategic planning process, the Community Foundation board prioritized educational attainment as the county's most pressing need, as it is the principal driver of economic opportunity and relief from poverty. At the same time, the Wabash County YMCA created the Wabash County Promise, which has as its aim to empower every youth to reach their full potential and to close the achievement gap in low-income families.

Pictured: Gabriel Case, CFWC Early Award Scholar



The Wabash County Promise focuses on enrolling every Wabash County student in grades K-3 in a children’s savings account – Indiana’s CollegeChoice 529 Plan – by offering each student the opportunity to open an account through school channels. The results in the program’s first year were impressive: more than 55% of students in grades K-3 opened an account. This was an exciting start, but what steps might the community take to ensure students and families of all income levels continue to prepare and build assets for future education – between 3rd grade and senior year, when our students aspire to acquire skills needed for a livable wage and productive lives?

To answer this question, the Community Foundation examined its experience as a longtime administrator of traditional scholarships. Typically, students begin aspiring to attend technical school or college near the end of their high school careers. But by this time, many students do not even apply for scholarships because they did not conclude from a young age that their future is dependent upon their education. Born of a commitment to nurture young students’ college-going identities, and to help them connect their efforts in school with their ability to attend technical school or college, the Community Foundation developed the Early Award Scholarship Program. Designed in partnership with Wabash County educators and funded in part by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the program is available to all 4th-8th grade students who attend a Wabash County school.

The Early Award Scholarship Program provides financial awards for in-school achievements in math, reading, language arts, and completion of college-preparation activities and savings matches for deposits to students’ CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Accounts. The awards are deposited quarterly into each student’s Early Award Scholarship Fund, managed by the Community Foundation. For maximum effect on a child’s identity and on their family’s expectations, achievements are recognized in the newspaper, on social media, and at school sporting events. Families receive a Progress Report and Fund Statement each quarter showing the scholarships awarded to the student’s Early Award Scholarship Fund and the associated investment activity. After graduating from high school and enrolling at a qualifying post-secondary education institution, students may present a tuition bill to the Community Foundation and request a grant from their Early Award Scholarship Fund directly to that school.

Wabash County students who participate in Early Award Scholarships have:

- Higher state assessment scores
- Stronger college-bound identity
- Improved social-emotional health
- A pattern of saving more money, and saving more often

Early Award Scholarship Quick Facts

- \$1000 in scholarships offered to each student over five years
- 65% of Wabash County 4th-8th grade students are participating
- \$760,000 in assets
- 1,900 student Funds
- \$480 average 8th grade Fund balance

“When a whole community invests in children, it makes them feel special. You see them believe in a future that has endless possibilities. This is what the Community Foundation of Wabash County does. Our children know they have accounts and work harder in school because they know they can make their accounts grow on their own! It really reinforces life skills that we want our children to have!” - Early Award Scholarship Parent

Early Award Scholarships

Participating Wabash County students can earn up to \$1,000 in scholarships through completion of the program in grades 4-8. Now in its 5th year, the Community Foundation has opened funds for more than 1,900 Wabash County students. The combined assets of these funds total more than \$760,000.

While it is exciting to watch the rise in students' Early Award Scholarship Fund balances, the Community Foundation knows that children's savings accounts are more than financial instruments. As investments in economic mobility, children's savings accounts are transformative, asset-based interventions with demonstrated ability to improve outcomes for children and families on a variety of measures: academic, social/emotional and financial. Rigorous, randomized-control examinations of programs that facilitate early ownership of educational assets, as in children's savings accounts, has found that assets improve the social-emotional development needed to succeed academically.

Children's savings accounts mitigate about 50% of the negative association between material hardship and children's social-emotional development. A low and moderate income child who has school savings of \$1-\$499 prior to reaching college age is over three times more likely to graduate from college and four times more likely to graduate from college than a child with no savings account. In addition to these findings on the impact of children's savings accounts throughout the nation, research specifically on Wabash County students who participate in the Early Award Scholarship Program shows that these students have higher state assessment scores, stronger college-bound identity, improved social-emotional health, and a pattern of saving more money, and saving more often. Effects are strongest among low income students.





“Across the country, the idea of children’s savings accounts is starting to build momentum, and as that momentum builds, we are eager to gain a better understanding of what makes a program work well and how communities can come together to raise and support children’s educational aspirations. Through grants to organizations like the Community Foundation of Wabash County, Mott is seeking to tease out best practices that will help us take this idea to scale. We believe if we can get more kids and more accounts, we will begin to uncover additional positive impacts on education.”

– Benita Melton

*Director of Education Grantmaking
at the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation*

ENROLLING YOUR STUDENT IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EARLY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

All 4th-8th grade students are encouraged to participate in the Community Foundation Early Award Scholarship program. By completing in-school assignments and making regular savings deposits, students can earn scholarships to pay future post-secondary education expenses.

Parents must enroll their 4th-8th grade student in the program before they can begin earning scholarships. Participants must have a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Account and a completed Participation Agreement Form. Enrollment forms can be found online at www.cfwabash.org. Please contact us if you need assistance enrolling your child in the Community Foundation Early Award Scholarship Program.

Wabash County is Impactful



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: RALPH NARAGON

Ralph Naragon had a long and influential history with the Community Foundation of Wabash County, and because of his charitable way of life, his legacy will live on in perpetuity. The Community Foundation is extremely privileged to have had Ralph's loyalty and service for over four decades. His significant contributions have shaped the Community Foundation as well as the lives of Wabash County residents.

According to attorney Al Schlitt, one of Ralph's longtime friends and business associates, "Ralph played a large role in the success of the Community Foundation. He had a good business sense, and frequently advised clients on estate tax planning and directed them to the Foundation to help meet their needs." Many of the Foundation's endowments were created by Ralph's clients.

Of the many attributes that Ralph is remembered for, one major quality was his generosity - not only with money but also with his time. "Ralph lived to serve and serve his community," said Becky Naragon, Ralph's wife. "Material things were not important to him." Becky noted that many times, Ralph referenced and lived his life as it reads in Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given to you. For the same measure you use, it will be given back to you."

Ralph was a Certified Public Accountant at Gilbert & Naragon, during which time he developed countless client relationships and friendships. Becky, who worked for Ralph for a time, recalls that "Ralph's clients often became his friends. He valued the relationships he was able to form through his work, and expanded them beyond his professional responsibilities. He built strong connections and was extremely loyal to his friends."

One client in particular that Ralph became close with was the late Paul L. Speicher, who is credited with the invention of the broadcast spreader on wheels. Paul was a longtime client of Ralph and sought his council with his estate planning. Paul decided that he would, in his will, create the Paul L. Speicher Foundation with his estate, to which he named Ralph the sole trustee. Upon Paul's passing in 1999, Ralph began managing the Speicher Foundation, which annually supported areas and programs that were important to Paul. Under Ralph's guidance, this support reached the Community Foundation through the creation of three endowments: Paul L Speicher Foundation Good Deeds Endowment (2002), Paul L. Speicher Administrative Endowment (2002), and the Paul L. Speicher Foundation Aquatics and Fitness Center Endowment (2011).

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS – ENDOWED OR NON-PERMANENT

A FLEXIBLE GIVING OPTION FOR DONORS WITH MANY INTERESTS

Creating a donor-advised fund provides you with the benefits of having your own private foundation without the burdens. An advised fund at the Community Foundation is a flexible, low-cost, convenient and local solution to supporting your individual charitable interests. Donor-advised funds can also offer anonymity.

An advised fund allows for ongoing input from the donor or the appointed advisor, which provides opportunity to award grants to a single or wide variety of organizations and programs. Donors can appoint children, grandchildren or other individuals as the fund's advisor. The Community Foundation assists donors through council, research, reporting and management of donor-advised funds.

This type of fund is ideal for donors who wish to support a multitude of different charitable causes, or who wish to be hands-on and reactive to the needs of the community. To establish a donor-advised endowment, please contact us.

Ralph diligently served as trustee of the Speicher Foundation until his passing. At that time Becky and Al became co-trustees of the Speicher Foundation and determined it would be best to terminate the trust and transfer the assets to the Community Foundation to create the Paul Speicher – Ralph Naragon Advised Non-Permanent Fund. Al and Becky reasoned that establishing a fund at the Community Foundation was a sound business decision as community foundations are more financially efficient than private foundations due to investment and administrative costs being shared over many funds. Al and Becky no longer faced the challenges and cost of administering the trust, and the funds would never cease or need to be transferred to new trustees. Additionally, the Community Foundation is dedicated to upholding the original donor's intentions. Now, Becky and Al can serve as advisors to the fund by making grant recommendations that continue Paul's vision and adhere to his values.

The Community Foundation is humbled to be entrusted with the many funds that the Naragons established, as well as the funds that Ralph established on behalf of the Paul L. Speicher Foundation. Ralph truly lived his life to give as much as he could, and the Community Foundation, through stewardship, will honor Ralph's vision and carry on his giving spirit forever.

Pictured Right: Al Schlitt and Becky Naragon



From the time the Foundation, then called the North Manchester Community Foundation, was established in 1954, Ralph was a dedicated leader in its progress.

- Member; Board of Directors (1970-2003)
- Board President (1982 and 1998)
- Treasurer (1970-2010)
- Member; Executive, Finance, Development and Planning, and Investment Committees
- Founder of the following endowments:
 - Gilbert, Naragon, Purdy, & Company, Inc. Administrative Endowment
 - Kerry Joe Schannep Memorial Endowment
 - Ralph R. and Becky S. Naragon Endowment
 - Timbercrest Community Endowment

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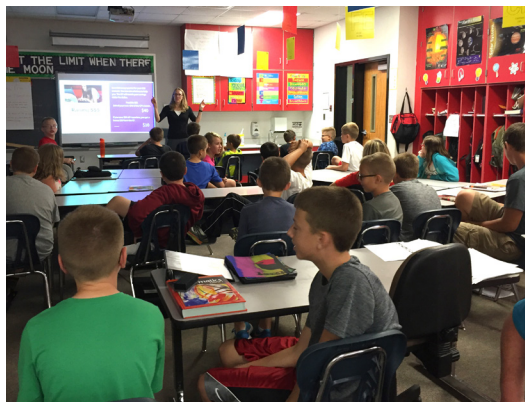
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Pictured: Barrett and Clayton Frankum

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Research shows that for every dollar a community invests in early childhood education, the return on investment to the community can be \$4-\$15 due to increases in post-secondary attainment associated with high-quality early learning, higher incomes over a lifetime and therefore more tax-paying and more contributions to the local economy, lower special education costs, reduced costs for social services, and lower costs for retention. In 2016 alone, Wabash County spent \$121,107 to retain children in kindergarten who were unprepared to learn. High-quality early learning programs save money in the long-run.



Wabash County is home to 2,000 children under the age of six. Where do these beautiful young citizens spend their days during the first years of life? For the most part, they are with a loving parent, family member, friend, or sitter. Around 320 children are enrolled in our county's licensed homes, centers, and registered ministries, which means 77% of our children who need care are not enrolled in a known programs.

The first five years of children's lives are critical to their future development. Their brains are developing with explosive speed, and the more exposure they get in their early years to experiences, interactions, language, and exploration, the more agile their brains will be as they enter school. When introduced to the world at birth, the brain begins making millions of connections, especially when that brain is placed in a growing environment, full of new sounds, sights, and experiences. These interactions could take place with Grandma or they may occur at a Level 4 preschool.

Early Education in Wabash County is making important progress in providing education-rich childcare for our developing children. Eleven childcare and early education programs in Wabash County participate in Indiana's voluntary rating system, Paths to Quality. Five rated programs have achieved a high quality rating of level 3 or 4. Two more programs will be rated soon and certified at level 3 within the year. This is exciting progress, but we still have a big gap between the families who want or need services for their children and those whose children are enrolled.

The Community Foundation is committed to increasing access to high quality early education programs where all parents, but especially parents who work, can be certain their children are in a reliable place with a quality educational environment. Families who use rated programs miss less work because of childcare crises. If childcare is affordable, they can stay in the workforce while raising young children. Those that stay in the workforce receive many more years of wage increases and job training. Employers can realize greater productivity from employees, better retention, and better return on the cost of training employees when their employees use licensed, registered childcare.

45% of parents are absent from work annual at least once due to childcare issues.

65% of parents' work schedules are affected by childcare challenges an average of 7.5 times annually.

These childcare challenges cost U.S. employers an estimated \$3 billion annually.

A coalition of early education stakeholders called First Five Wabash County has developed a strategic plan focused on increasing the availability and affordability of high quality early childhood education programs for children age 0-5 in Wabash County. The strategic plan has five key goals: 1) Increase Capacity, 2) Increase Accessibility, 3) Improve Quality, 4) Improve Affordability, and 5) Increase Parent and Community Engagement.

The Coalition hopes to strengthen the career pathway for adults seeking certifications and degrees in early childhood education. Traditionally, caring for children has been low-wage work. Early educators who gain a credential can expect to earn little more than those who have no credential. The Coalition's strategic plan also calls for developing a funding model for early education programs that provides affordable care and compensates certified educators well. Lowering overhead, developing a scholarship program, instituting sliding fees for service, and accessing vouchers for families and financial aid for college-level training are some of the ways that the community can provide more affordable care without sacrificing quality.

Without a doubt, early childhood care and education is important to Wabash County. The Community Foundation and the Early Childhood Coalition will continue to implement strategies to improve the early childhood sector and make progress towards a better Wabash County.

Wabash County is
Prepared



Pictured - Wabash County First Responders

FIRST RESPONDERS

When contemplating your legacy, will you consider a gift to your favorite charity?

In 2016, the Community Foundation received a testamentary gift from community minded Wabash County citizens, Gordon and Audrey Ridenour. Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour established the Gordon and Audrey Ridenour First Responders Endowment to benefit the work of first responders who voluntarily risk their lives to help others. The Fund provides grants to cover the costs of equipment, supplies, training, and other expenses not covered by their department budgets.

Upon Gordon and Audrey's passing in September 2016 and May 2016 respectively, the Ridenour estate funded their endowment to assist in perpetuity the efforts of first responders in Wabash County. The Wabash County groups available to apply for funding from the Ridenour Endowment include Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Departments, City Police Departments, and State Police serving the Wabash Area. In 2020, the Ridenour Endowment provided funding to Wabash County first responders in order for them to provide emergency go-bags for every classroom in Wabash County. The go-bags included items such as compression bandages, a tourniquet, flashlights, rubber gloves, and other first aid items that could be needed during an emergency.

In 2015, the Foundation also received a testamentary gift from Kathleen Daywalt to establish the John W. Daywalt Scholarship Endowment, and another from A. Eileen Meyer that benefited the Community Foundation's grantmaking. Each of these donors' gifts will continue to provide support for the causes they felt most important, even though the donors are no longer with us. Through each donor's gift to the Community Foundation, their legacy will live on forever and help countless people in Wabash County.

Individuals who leave testamentary gifts to the Community Foundation of Wabash County become members of the Mary Louise Little Legacy Society, named after North Manchester native Mary Louise Little. Ms. Little served as President of the Community Foundation and left a portion of her estate to the Foundation. Donors who name the Community Foundation in their wills, or as the beneficiary of life insurance policies, retirement accounts, gift annuities, or charitable trusts, will leave a legacy of giving by supporting their interests in perpetuity.



THERE ARE A VARIETY OF OPTIONS TO
CREATE A PLANNED GIFT AND LEAVE
A LEGACY THAT WILL BENEFIT THE
FUTURE OF WABASH COUNTY.

Bequest

With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to the Community Foundation as part of your estate plan. Irrevocable future gifts may provide current tax benefits. You can designate the Foundation as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy. With the bequest, you can also create a fund in your name or contribute to an existing fund.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity allows you to transfer cash or property to the Community Foundation, and in exchange, we pay you (or your designated annuitant) fixed payments for life. You will also receive a charitable income tax deduction.

If you have any questions about how to leave a planned gift, please contact us. We would be happy to assist you.

Wabash County is Responsible



WABASH RIVER DEFENDERS

In 2017, the Wabash River Defenders submitted a grant proposal to the Community Foundation for a two-year plan that would conduct a baseline investigation into water quality of the tributaries feeding the Wabash River. This plan would require the purchase of equipment and the engagement of an independent water-sampling contractor. Additionally, the organization sought to hire an executive director to aid long-term sustainability of the organization.

Pictured: Steve Johnson and Jen Rankin, Members of the Wabash River Defenders

Established in 2010, the Wabash River Defenders seek to improve the aesthetic and ecological conditions within the Wabash River. The organization arranges river clean up events, adult and youth-based education and outreach, habitat restoration, trail and campsite improvement, and community engagement.

The Wabash River Defenders engages 300+ volunteers annually who have worked to clear 292,000 pounds of tires, scrap steel, construction and other materials from the river clean-up events. They have also worked to reduce public dumping by getting a trash-dumping ordinance passed and placing signage around the county.

From the grant in 2017, the Wabash River Defenders purchased equipment that enabled them to execute two significant projects to collect and record a variety of water quality parameters. The data collected established a baseline to evaluate the quality of water flowing in the Wabash River, and the analysis of the data was used to create an extensive management water plan. The plan is critical for the Wabash River Defenders to apply for additional funding through large funding organizations such as the Indiana Department of Environment Management and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Steve Johnson, a member of the Wabash River Defenders said, "The \$12,000 Community Foundation grant went well beyond any short-term benefit. The grant resulted in an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours in the work of water quality improvement in the Wabash River watershed in Wabash County."

Because the Wabash River Defenders is a nonprofit organization serving a charitable activity in Wabash County, they represent an organization eligible to apply for a Good Deeds Grant. Today, the Wabash River Defenders are continuing the good work of improving our environment and our rivers.



APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Organizations serving Wabash County can apply for grants from the Community Foundation through the Good Deeds Grant Program in the spring and fall. Good Deeds Grants are small to mid-sized grants that help nonprofit organizations meet the basic needs of Wabash County citizens and provide enrichment experiences for those with limited resources and opportunities.

Good Deeds Grants may be used in any area that fills a basic human need, creates opportunities for people who ordinarily do not have them, or increases the capability of a nonprofit organization to serve people who have limited resources and opportunities. Some of the areas supported by Good Deeds Grants include the arts, recreation, health and human services, the environment, education, and civic and economic development.

Good Deeds Grants are made available from Good Deeds endowments, which are unrestricted endowments created by contributions from Wabash County citizens and Lilly Endowment, Inc. These donors elected to provide for the changing needs of our county by not restricting the purpose of their endowed gifts.

Applications for Good Deeds Grants are available through the Community Foundation website (www.cfwabash.org) and are reviewed twice each year. Organizations are only eligible to receive one Good Deeds Grant per calendar year. The application deadlines are March 15 and September 15.

Wabash County is Empowered

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Creating a space where children of all abilities can play together had been a dream of Shelly Myers since her son, Cason, was born. The inclusive play experience gives kids of all abilities the chance to interact and understand each other in a new way. Through a partnership with the Community Foundation, the Wabash Stellar Program, and the City of Wabash, Shelly's dream for an inclusive playground was realized.



Pictured: Shelly Myers and her son Cason



When the inclusive playground project first began, the Community Foundation of Wabash County served as a fiscal sponsor to the Wabash Inclusive Playground. As one of many services to the community, the Foundation assists groups who wish to complete charitable work, but that need assistance with fundraising, because they do not have 501c3 exempt status. Having 501c3 exempt status allows the organization or group to provide its donors with charitable tax receipts for their gifts. By serving as a fiscal sponsor, the Community Foundation assists community groups whose donors may want a charitable tax deduction in addition to the Foundation's oversight to ensure their gift is used as intended. The Foundation then funds the sponsored organization's project through those gifts.

The community rallied behind the project and the Community Foundation received hundreds of individual gifts for the benefit of the Inclusive Playground. Now called Friendship Hill, the playground is located in downtown Wabash and brings people of all abilities and all ages together. Unlike a traditional park, the inclusive play model allows individuals the freedom to play, explore, imagine, and create without limitations. Children are provided the opportunity to look beyond each other's abilities or disabilities and equally experience the world of play. By opening the door to understanding and opportunity, the lives of our children and our community are enriched.

Wabash County
is

Capable



ADVANCING TALENT

Wabash County strives to be more than a weekend getaway, but rather, a place to call home. Many organizations and initiatives, such as the Imagine One 85 countywide comprehensive plan, aim to make Wabash County appealing to employers, businesses, and homeowners in the midst of a steady population decline. At the core of attracting individuals to Wabash County and retaining the talent already here, is the ability to provide diverse employment opportunities. To obtain these businesses and employers, we must provide a qualified and talented workforce, which has proven to be a challenge for our county.

Pictured: Heartland Career Student, Todd Brovant



By 2025, 60% of jobs in Wabash County will require education beyond high school. However, only 35% of Wabash County residents currently have post-secondary education. In order to meet the demands of the future workforce, an average of 250 middle-skills workers must enter the workforce every year. These middle-skills jobs, including semi-truck drivers, electricians, plumbers, welders, and cosmetologists, require some extent of training or education after high school, which could include a 2- or 4-year college education or a certification program.

The Community Foundation is dedicated to supporting programs that equip individuals with the skills and certifications needed for these jobs. In 2019, the Community Foundation made a grant to Heartland Career Center and Ivy Tech, who had partnered to offer a commercial driver's license (CDL) class A licensure program for high school students and adults. The CDL program would help students gain the skills needed to obtain a class A license, which would enable them to operate any commercial vehicle including tractor trailers and livestock carriers, as well as food and delivery trucks. In 2020, the first class of seven high school students completed the program and received their CDL licenses. Trucking is one of Wabash County's high demand careers, and now, these students are ready and prepared to enter the workforce.

Wabash County is privileged to have innovative adult education organizations that work to increase and develop the skills of our county's current workforce. Some of these organizations include the Learn More Center and Ivy Tech. The Learn More Center assists adult learners with literacy and obtaining their high school equivalency diplomas while Ivy Tech provides college courses as well as workforce training and certifications for people already in the workforce. The Community Foundation looks forward to the creation of the new Heartland Learning Center, planned to open in 2022, which will provide secondary and post-secondary educational training opportunities for students of all ages in Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare.

The programs listed above are but a few supported by the Community Foundation to raise the educational attainment level of Wabash County citizens and prepare them to fill the needs of the workforce. It is our goal that with a qualified workforce, Wabash County will attract employers, businesses, and individuals to not only grow population, but also to grow talent. And when our residents are better educated, they can secure better jobs, earn higher wages, and live a more prosperous life. THIS is what we want for all of Wabash County.



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OUR LEADERSHIP, FINANCIALS,
AND DONORS



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Board of Directors

The Community Foundation is currently led by a group of 17 volunteer board members. Each member brings a perspective and expertise unique to where they live in the community, their profession, and their community interests. The Board of Directors governs the Community Foundation and oversees the committees, which are comprised of board members and community volunteers.

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Steve Hentgen



Cindy Seitz

The Community Foundation would like to express our gratitude to Steve Hentgen and Cindy Seitz. Steve provided 14 years of service and leadership to the Community Foundation. He first joined the Community Foundation's Board of Directors in 2006, and served as the Board President for 8 years. Cindy joined the Community Foundation Board in 2011 and was a member for eight years. From 2012-2018, Cindy served as both the Treasurer of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Finance Committee. The Community Foundation send Steve and Cindy our best wishes on their future endeavors.

*Pictured on Cover - Community Foundation Board Members:
Steve Hentgen, Jan Fahs, Joe Messer, Josh Petruniw, and Rusty Coulter-Kern*

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ASSETS	12/31/20	12/31/19	12/31/18
Cash and cash equivalents	3,036,000	2,284,000	2,632,000
Investments	62,422,000	53,650,000	43,199,000
Assets held in charitable trusts	1,736,500	2,052,800	1,785,000
Other Assets	42,000	38,000	30,000
Property and equipment, net of depreciation	<u>58,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>88,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 67,294,000</u>	<u>\$ 58,103,000</u>	<u>\$ 47,734,000</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Grants and other payables	174,300	128,000	624,000
Liability under trust agreement	<u>226,000</u>	<u>412,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 400,300</u>	<u>\$ 540,000</u>	<u>\$ 994,000</u>
FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 66,894,000</u>	<u>\$ 57,563,000</u>	<u>\$ 46,740,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 67,294,300</u>	<u>\$ 58,103,000</u>	<u>\$ 47,734,000</u>

INCOME

Contribution and grants	6,294,000	5,595,000	2,582,000
Realized gain (loss) on investments	1,606,000	(542,000)	\$ 3,376,000
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	3,436,000	7,872,000	(8,958,000)
Investment income	1,437,000	1,898,000	2,018,000
Administrative fee income	<u>435,000</u>	<u>380,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Other income	<u>305,000</u>	<u>209,000</u>	<u>161,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	<u>\$ 13,513,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,412,000</u>	<u>\$ (471,000)</u>

EXPENSES

Grant expense	2,972,000	3,199,000	2,501,000
Foundation administrative fees	435,000	380,000	350,000
Investment and custodial fees	175,000	161,000	156,000
Management and operating expenses	695,000	712,000	614,000
Change in trust liabilities	<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>138,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 4,182,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,590,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,647,000</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,331,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,822,000</u>	<u>\$ (4,118,000)</u>

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Introduction

PERMANENT GIFTS TO SERVE WABASH COUNTY

Through the endowments at the Community Foundation of Wabash County, you can support education, the arts, your church... or whatever aspect of life you hold most dear and wish to nurture and financially support. Forever.

How do endowments work?

The simplest explanation of an endowment is that it is a way to financially provide in perpetuity for the people, places, and organizations of this community that are dear to you. An endowment is established through a charitable contribution to the Community Foundation. We don't spend your gift; we save it and invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. Through an endowment agreement, executed at the time of your donation, the Foundation agrees to distribute a portion of the endowment's earnings to the designated charitable entity or cause you care most about. Distributions are called grants. Only a portion of the earnings are distributed in order to allow your fund to grow over time. As time passes, grants from your endowment will exceed the value of your original gift.

Why use the Community Foundation endowments as a vehicle for giving?

By giving through an endowment, you decide to provide support into the future. By using the Foundation, you are afforded the most efficient, flexible, and convenient means to support your individual charitable interests. Giving through the Community Foundation is local, it's low cost, flexible, and convenient. A named endowment created by you is like having your very own private foundation without the burdens. We take care of all the administrative services you would need, including the annual audit, IRS filings, grant evaluation and compliance, and financial reporting. Additionally, your endowment benefits from being invested with other Community Foundation endowment assets, resulting in lower investment fees and greater investment diversification. And lastly, you direct us regarding the degree of anonymity or recognition you require and the degree of specificity in grantmaking.

There are five types of endowments: unrestricted, designated, field of interest, scholarship, and donor-advised. Additionally, the Foundation offers two types of non-permanent funds: Special projects and donor-advised. Currently, the Foundation administers over 350 funds, and you can read about them and the great work they do in the following pages.

You can create an endowment to be named for a family member or loved one, in honor of, or as a memorial. An endowment can be created anonymously. You can direct the grants from your endowment broadly or narrowly to issues you care about or to wherever the needs are the greatest.

Endowments

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

Unrestricted endowments are endowments whose earnings are not designated or restricted to an organization of specific purpose, but rather are free to support a program of perpetual grant-giving designed to respond to the ever-changing needs of our community. Distributions from these endowments, called the Good Deeds Endowments, are available to the community by application and are awarded at the discretion of the Community Foundation.

These unrestricted endowments were provided to honor and memorialize friends and loved ones.

Robert E. & Verna Margaret Beauchamp Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors Robert and Verna Margaret Beauchamp. Through their successful business endeavors, support of many charitable organizations, and lifelong belief in the value of education, they have greatly contributed to the quality of life for Wabash County citizens.

John J. Ebersole Peacemaker Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and was established to honor John J. Ebersole who devoted his life to further peace, and to promote acceptance, justice, and respect for all persons.

Mohandas K. Gandhi Charitable Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors the memory of Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948), whose commitment to nonviolence in confronting the injustices of this world inspired his generation. He proved to the world the power of nonviolent action, freeing by its force an entire subcontinent from foreign rule.

A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors A. Blair and Patricia Kennedy Helman, who, in providing 30 years of leadership as President and First Lady of Manchester College, made a profound impact on Manchester College and the Wabash County community.

David & Jane (McKinley) Mann and Ovid & Marguerite McKinley Charitable Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors David, Jane, Ovid and Marguerites' commitment and dedication to numerous organizations in Wabash County that serve to help develop our youth, provide support for those with special needs and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Honorable Mayor J. Robert Mitten Charitable Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors the memory of the Honorable J. Robert Mitten, who served as Mayor of the City of Wabash from 1956 through 1968. Mayor Mitten, who cared deeply about the rights of the individual, worked tirelessly to improve Wabash and encouraged citizen participation in government.

Al Schlitt Community Servant Discretionary Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors Albert J. Schlitt for his countless years of service, and specifically for the countless hours of service related to returning the Wells Fargo scholarship funds to the care of the Community Foundation.

Howard C. & Pauline E. Sommer Charitable Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and honors Howard and Pauline Sommer. Through successful business endeavors and their work with the support of many charitable organizations, they significantly enhanced the quality of life in Wabash County.

Spirit of Community Through Faithful Living Endowment provides unrestricted funds for community grantmaking and pays tribute to Michelle and J.P. Freeman, who untiringly respond to those in need, both physically and spiritually; Rachel and Bob Gross, who lead in resolving conflicts nonviolently and work to abolish the death penalty; Katy and Jeff Hawkins, who treat all people as worthy and bring out the best in everyone; and Arlene and Cliff Kindy, who husband the earth with organic gardening and witness prophetically to the power of love.

Strauss Family Charitable Endowment honors Billie Jane and Donald Mills Strauss for living with honor, joy, charity, faith and imagination. Through their successful business endeavors, support of many charitable organizations and lifelong belief in the value of education, they have greatly contributed to the quality of life for Wabash County citizens.

The Foundation is pleased to express gratitude and appreciation to these individuals and corporations who created their named unrestricted endowments:

Agro-Chem, Inc. Unrestricted Endowment
Batteries Plus, Inc. Charitable Endowment
Beacon Credit Union Charitable Endowment
Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment
Community Foundation Board Good Deeds Endowment
Community Foundation Memorial Endowment
Community Foundation Unrestricted Good Deeds Endowment
Allen C. & Joan G. Deeter Charitable Endowment
Galley Family Charitable Endowment
David D. & Jane C. Grandstaff Charitable Endowment
Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Inc. Charitable Endowment
Alan T. & Melba L. Howenstine Charitable Endowment
Brian and Amy Howenstine Unrestricted Endowment
Kathy R. Leland & Stanley J. Leland Charitable Endowment
Dr. Howard B. & Helen F. Liebengood Good Deeds Endowment
Lilly GIFT Unrestricted Endowment

Midwest Poultry Services, LP Charitable Endowment
Lindy L. & Norma L. Lybarger Charitable Endowment
A. Eileen Meyer Charitable Endowment
Mary K. Peabody Charitable Endowment
Jack N. & Naomi K. Porter Charitable Endowment
Richard & Josephine Reinoehl Charitable Endowment
Rita Schroll Community Service Endowment
Shepherd Family Charitable Endowment
V.A. (Viv) & Neva Simmons Charitable Endowment
Paul L. Speicher Good Deeds Endowment
Spencer Family Endowment
Strauss Veal Feeds, Inc. Charitable Endowment
Wabash Electric Supply, Inc. Charitable Endowment

DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS

The founders of a designated endowment designated, or named in the agreement, the organization or charitable purpose that will receive the grants from the endowment. Donors can name more than one organization and the purpose of the grants can be broadly or narrowly defined. For example, grants can be distributed to your church annually to broadly support operations, or alternatively, specifically limited support only, for example, summer bible school.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Wabash County Animal Shelter Endowment was created by Rita Schroll to support the mission and operations of the Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

Howard B. Liebengood, D.V.M. & Helen F. Liebengood Kosciusko County Animal Shelter Endowment was created by Dr. and Mrs. Liebengood to provide funds to the Animal Welfare League of Kosciusko County, Inc. to be used to support the operations of the Kosciusko County Animal Shelter.

BEAUTIFICATION, CIVIC, CULTURAL AFFAIRS

ACRES Endowment provides support to ACRES, Inc., who owns protected natural land in Wabash County, to carry out its role and mission.

ArtShare Endowment mission is to act as a central repository, collector, agent and cataloger of artwork in Wabash County. It was established by the gift of an untitled watercolor by North Manchester native artist, Daniel Garber.

Howard M. Garver Wabash Valley Music Association Endowment was begun by V. Anne Garver in memory of Howard M. Garver to provide funds for the Wabash Valley Music Association programs, with specific emphasis on the annual Wabash County Honors Band and Choir Concert.

Honeywell House Endowment supports the operation of this cultural center and its recitals, concerts, lectures and art exhibits.

Manchester Symphony Society Endowment provides funds for the Manchester Symphony Society, Inc., which encourages the production of quality music and an appreciation of its value to the community.

Richard & Kay Neher Wabash Valley Music Association Endowment was established by family and friends to provide funding for the Wabash Valley Music Association programs. Mr. Neher served on the Association Board from 1952 through 1980.

North Manchester Parks and Recreation Endowment provides funds for the general operations of the department.

Sesquicentennial Gazebo Endowment: provides for the maintenance of the gazebo in Warvel Park, North Manchester, Indiana, which was built for the dual purpose of commemorating the 150th year of the establishment of the town of North Manchester and Hoosier Celebration '88.

Dr. Worth M. Walrod Memorial Tree Endowment was established by Mrs. Walrod in memory of her husband to provide funds to plant trees in lawns within the North Manchester town limits.

CEMETERY

The following cemetery endowments (1) provide an educational benefit to the public and promote an appreciation for community history, (2) combat community deterioration by preserving, beautifying, and maintaining abandoned or deteriorating graves as well as caring for the landscape throughout the cemetery, and (3) lessen the burdens of government by maintaining these semi-public areas.

Laketon Cemetery Endowment

Martin Luther Cemetery Endowment

Helen E. Nabers Endowment

Oaklawn Cemetery Endowment

Oppenheim/Flonacher Cemetery Endowment

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Endowment

Emma Schwenk Cemetery Endowment

CENTERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Honeywell Foundation, Inc. General Endowment provides funds to effectively and efficiently operate the Honeywell Center in Wabash as a cultural, conference and recreational facility.

Thomas Marshall Town Life Center Maintenance Endowment was established by Glen Blocher to help support the maintenance of this former Manchester school which is used as a social service and recreational center.

Charles M. and Bernice C. Minear Endowment provides funds to maintain and preserve Scout Hall in North Manchester, Indiana, which is used by scouts, senior citizens, family reunion groups and others.

Wabash County United Fund Endowment assists the mission of the United Fund and to help contain future administrative costs in order to maximize campaign funds available for actual human health and social service programs.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

Agro-Chem Cornerstone Administrative Endowment was created by Agro-Chem, Inc. to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Eileen Basicker Cornerstone Endowment provides funds for the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Beacon Credit Union Cornerstone Administrative Endowment was created by Beacon Credit Union to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Fern Benson Memorial Endowment was created by Ms. Benson to provide funds for the administrative and operational expenses of the Foundation.

Bippus State Bank Cornerstone Endowment was created by Bippus State Bank to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Community Foundation of Wabash County Cornerstone Endowment was created by contributions from Ford Meter Box Foundation and other area businesses to provide for the ongoing operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Crossroads Bank Cornerstone Endowment was created by Crossroads Bank to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

The Family of Thom D. Dunlavy Endowment provides support to the Community Foundation to cover its operating expenses and carry out its role and mission.

First Farmers Bank & Trust Endowment was created by First Farmer's Bank and Trust to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

First Financial Bank Cornerstone Endowment was created by First Financial Bank to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

First Merchants Bank Cornerstone Endowment was created by First Merchants Bank to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Christopher W. Garber Memorial Endowment was created by the Community Foundation of Wabash County Board of Directors in memory of Chris Garber and his service to the Board to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Gilbert Naragon Terrill & Co., Inc. Administrative Expense Endowment provides income for the day-to-day operation of the Community Foundation.

David D. Grandstaff & Jane C. Grandstaff Cornerstone Endowment, established by David and Jane Grandstaff, provides funds to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Patricia S. & David M. Grant Cornerstone Endowment was created by Mr. and Mrs. Grant to provide funds for the day-to-day operation of the Community Foundation.

Halderman Family Cornerstone Endowment provides support for the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Bruce A. & Bonnie S. Ingraham Cornerstone Endowment, created by Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham, supports the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Rufus B. King Memorial Endowment was established by the Community Foundation board from an unrestricted gift made through Mr. King's will. The endowment provides operational support to the Community Foundation.

Howard B. Liebengood, D.V.M. & Helen F. Liebengood Cornerstone Endowment was created by Dr. and Mrs. Liebengood to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Mary Louise Little Memorial Endowment was funded by proceeds from a charitable remainder trust created by her will. The endowment provides operational support to the Community Foundation.

Lindy L. & Norma L. Lybarger Charitable Endowment supports the administrative and operations expenses of the Foundation.

Manchester Tool & Die Company, Inc. Administrative Endowment was established to provide funds for the ongoing operational expenses of the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

Stephen O. & Marilyn F. Sexton Mason Cornerstone Endowment provides funds for the administrative and operational expenses of the Foundation.

Mutual Bank Cornerstone Endowment was created by Mutual Bank to support the administrative and operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Ralph R. Naragon Memorial Administrative Endowment was created by the Community Foundation to memorialize Ralph R. Naragon for his long and influential history with the Community Foundation. His significant contributions shaped the Community Foundation as well as the lives of Wabash County residents.

Ernest R. & Roberta Kay Peas Cornerstone Administrative Endowment was established by Ernest and Roberta Peas to provide support for the administrative and operational expenses of the Foundation.

David J. Schlitt Administrative Endowment was established by Al and Ruth Ann Schlitt in memory of David to provide funds for operating the Community Foundation.

Esther Jane Sheller Memorial Endowment was established by Mrs. Sheller's family. Mrs. Sheller and her family owned and operated the Historic Sheller Hotel and Restaurant for over one hundred years.

Paul L. Speicher Administrative Endowment created in memory of Paul L. Speicher, provides funds for the ongoing operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

Elizabeth K. Spurgeon Memorial Endowment was established by the Community Foundation Board from an estate gift.

Strauss Family Cornerstone Endowment provides funds for the ongoing operational expenses of the Community Foundation.

William and Charlene Visser Memorial Endowment was funded by trusts created during the Visser's lifetime to be used for the ongoing operational expenses of the Community Foundation. Mr. Visser was a founding member of the Community Foundation.

EDUCATION

Vanessa Anne Baer Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Vanessa's family and friends to support the Northfield High School art department.

Eleanor Blocher Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships for ministerial division or seminary students attending Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Education for Conflict Resolution Peace Makers Endowment was established by David Doudt to support Education for Conflict Resolution, Inc. in its effort to provide education, in and the promotion of, harmony and reconciliation through its various community mediation services.

Carol Horn Honorary Endowment for Conflict Resolution provides funds for purposes supporting conflict resolution in Wabash County.

Ivy Tech State College Community Spirit Scholarship Endowment provides financial aid, in the form of scholarships covering tuition and books, to qualified applicants who are residents of Wabash County, Indiana, and who attend Ivy Tech State College.

Lakeland Christian Academy Building Maintenance Endowment provides funds to maintain buildings for Lakeland Christian Academy, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Learn More Center Endowment provides funds to support the activities for the North Manchester Learn More Center, North Manchester, Indiana.

Endowment to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. provides funds to honor and celebrate annually at Manchester High School, North Manchester, Indiana, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the principles he stood for, and the methods of non-violence he believed in for social change, by means of an all school events to occur on or near January 15th, the birth date of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Manchester Junior High School Library & Audio-Visual Endowment was established by James Mishler, principal of the Manchester Junior High School for 18 years, and others to assist in the purchase of library and audio-visual materials that cannot be purchased within the existing budget allocation.

Carolyn K. Paulus Talent Scholarship Endowment was established by Jean E. Paulus to honor her daughter, a former Miss Illinois. The scholarship is awarded annually to the Miss Illinois contestant with the highest talent score from the judges.

St. Bernard's School Endowment provides funds for this Wabash School to be used for physical plant improvement, educational opportunities not covered in the general budget, and maintenance and improvements in curriculum-related technology.

Wabash City Schools Opportunity Award Endowment provides \$1,000 for WCS or St. Bernard School students in grades K-3 who are enrolled in the Wabash County Promise. For eligible students, the WCS Opportunity Award is deposited into the student's Early Award Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation. Distribution of the award is contingent upon graduation from Wabash City Schools.

Warsaw Christian School Walden Memorial Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships for students of the Warsaw elementary school whose family cannot afford to pay the full tuition charge.

FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ray & Enid Beam Wabash Street Level Ministries Endowment provides funds to Wabash Street Level Ministries, Wabash, Indiana, to be used for ministering to people through The Access.

Ray & Enid Beam White's Residential & Family Services Endowment provides funds to White's Residential & Family Services, Inc., Wabash, Indiana, to be used for enhanced services to residents of the Wabash County campus.

Boy Scouts of America Sagamore Council Fund provides support to the Sagamore Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Family Service Society, Inc. Endowment helps carry out its role and mission of providing safe shelters, education and counseling services for Wabash County individuals and families in times of crisis or for crisis prevention.

Friendship Hill Endowment supports operating expenses of Friendship Hill including, but not limited to, repair or replacement of Friendship Hill Playground site equipment, fixtures, furnishings, surfacing, utilities, landscaping, and building.

Dr. Ronald M. Frischman Family Endowment for Whites Residential and Family Services memorializes the life of Barbara J. Frischman and provides support and Christian faith opportunities to students of White's Residential and Family Services.

Wabash County Habitat for Humanity Endowment was established by Glenn A. and Nedra Hawkins in memory of his parents, Leo and Velma Hawkins. It supports the building of affordable housing for those in need in Wabash County.

Howard B. Liebengood, D.V.M. & Helen F. Liebengood 4-H Endowment provides funds to the Kosciusko County 4-H Council to be used to equally support the activities of the Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club, Hoosier Llama Lovers Club and 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Manchester Early Learning Center Endowment provides funds for the Manchester Early Learning Center whose mission is to provide a high-quality, safe learning environment for children of the greater North Manchester area.

Ellie Kate Mann Memorial Endowment was established in memory of Ellie Kate Mann and provides support to The Compassionate Friends, an organization that supports families after the death of a child.

Eleanor Steele Doll Endowment provides funds to purchase dolls and other toys for the children in need of the North Manchester area.

Gayle Thompson CASA Memorial Endowment provides support to Wabash County CASA in Wabash, Indiana.

Tribal Trails Girl Scout Council Endowment provides funds to the Tribal Trails Girl Scout Council to further their work in serving girls from Wabash County.

Tri-Kappa Children's Support Endowment helps kindergarten through grade twelve youth who have critical and emergency needs by providing monetary assistance to the Manchester Community Schools Crisis Intervention Team.

Wabash County YMCA Endowment provides funds to the Wabash County YMCA Inc., Wabash, Indiana to be used to support their operations and programming.

Wabash County YMCA Operations Endowment provides funds to the Wabash County YMCA, Inc., Wabash, Indiana, in support of its general operations and programming.

Wabash County YMCA Outdoor Programming Endowment provides funds to the Wabash County YMCA, Inc., Wabash, Indiana, in support of its operations, programming and capital improvements at the Field of Dreams/Morrett Sports Complex, Wabash, Indiana.

White's Residential and Family Services Endowment supports this Wabash County facility and the extended programs that provide focused, caring adult supervision and guidance to young people at risk.

HEALTH

Lillie Dale Medical Care Endowment provides funds to pay for care, including hospitalization and nursing assistance, for those citizens of Wabash County not financially able to pay for services.

H.O.P.E. Foundation Endowment provides funds for the Hospital Oncology Program Extension of Wabash, Inc. to supplement cancer patient care.

Eliza E. Pressler Expectant Mothers Endowment provides funds for prenatal care for expectant mothers who are residents of Wabash County and financially unable to pay for care.

Kerry Joe Schanep Memorial Endowment provides support to the Wabash County Hospital Foundation, Inc., Wabash, Indiana. Such support shall be used to enable the Wabash County Hospital Foundation to provide assistance to the Oncology Department of the Wabash County Hospital.

Wabash County Hospital Foundation, Inc. Endowment was established to help support the operation and programs that will continue patient-focused care in Wabash County Hospital.

INTERNATIONAL

Ray & Enid Beam World Vision Endowment provides funds to World Vision, Federal Way, Washington, to be used to sponsor and support care and maintenance of children.

Ralph R. Reiken Housing Endowment provides income to be used to purchase materials to construct modest housing for those living with no or substandard housing in underdeveloped parts of this world.

Speicher Foundation-Heifer Project Endowment provides funds to Heifer Project International, Little Rock, Arizona.

Charles and Helen Sutton World Friendship Endowment was established by friends to continue the interests of this pastoral couple to assist projects that build bridges of understanding between Japan and other Asian countries. The effort will be coordinated by the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Fern Benson North Manchester Library Endowment provides funds from her estate to be used by the North Manchester Library for its operating expenses and to carry out its role and mission.

Eleanor Steele Blocher Library Endowment provides funds to purchase books, magazines and other library materials for the North Manchester Public Library.

Glen L. Blocher Library Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Public Library to cover its operating expenses for the Glen L. and Eleanor Blocher Community Room.

Marie Creager North Manchester Library Endowment was established by funds provided by Mabel Hyatt in honor of Marie Creager, town librarian for nearly 50 years, to be used by the North Manchester Library to purchase items for circulation to the public.

Kevin Kyle Howenstine Remembrance Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Public Library, North Manchester, Indiana, to purchase high-quality books on tape, compact discs or other technological means that allow someone to listen to a book.

Earl M. Jacoby & Mildred T. Jacoby Library Endowment provides funds for the North Manchester Public Library to meet the needs of senior citizens, including those residing in Peabody Retirement Community and Timbercrest Church of the Brethren Home.

Martha B. Jones Endowment for American & British Literature provides funds to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, Wabash, Indiana, to purchase the works of American and/or British Literature, and to honor Martha B. Jones, who, in providing 29 years of exceptional instruction in the English language, made a profound impact on the lives of students from Wabash High School.

North Manchester Public Library Operating Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Public Library to help cover its operating expenses and carry out its role and mission.

Davonne Rogers Lectureship Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Public Library, North Manchester, Indiana, to be used to establish a periodic lecture series.

Richard M. Ross & Alice J. Grandstaff Ross Library Endowment was established for operations of the North Manchester Public Library and memorializes Richard's wife Alice, daughter Mary Lou and family friend Leila Christman. It also honors sons James Richard and George M. and daughter Jeanette Ann Ross Piott.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Operating Endowment supports the mission of the library to provide excellent service to all residents and taxpayers of the library district.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Allen C. Deeter Brethren Colleges Abroad Scholarship Endowment was established by friends and admirers of Dr. Deeter, a long-time professor in religion and philosophy at Manchester University and executive director of Brethren Colleges Abroad, BCA. This scholarship endowment provides financial aid to qualified Manchester University students wishing to study abroad.

Fahs Manchester College Professional Development Endowment was established by Eldon E. (Gene) Fahs and his family to support and encourage Manchester University administrators to advance their management knowledge, skill and performance, and to participate in workshops, conferences and degree programs.

Liegh B. & Florence T. Freed Manchester College Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to alternately benefit a music student and a science student attending Manchester University.

Jeffrey L. Grandstaff Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by David, Jane and Penny Grandstaff in honor and memory of their son and husband, Jeff. The scholarship assists students of computer science at Manchester University.

Ralph W. & Frances K. Johnson Endowed Fund for Peace Studies provide funds to Manchester University, North Manchester, Indiana, to be used to support the Peace Studies Program.

Robin D. & Jeanette M. Lahman Fund for Music provides support for the Manchester University Music Department.

Mary Louise Little Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to students of Manchester University. Miss Little, a community leader and businesswoman, served as president of the Community Foundation.

Manchester College 1889 Endowment was established for Manchester University and its students by businesses in the North Manchester area to commemorate the establishment of the college in 1889.

Manchester College Financial Assistance Endowment provides funds to financially assist worthy students from Wabash County who attend Manchester University or are wanting to continue their education there.

Janice F. Walrod Manchester College Scholarship Endowment provides funds to aid worthy students entering the Manchester University pre-medical program. Mrs. Walrod established the fund in honor of son, Worth W. Walrod, Jr.

MULTIPLE BENEFACTORS

Dwight & Edith Fritchey Endowment was established by Mrs. Fritchey to provide for the Wabash Christian Church and the Wabash Carnegie Public Library.

Lulu M. Luckey Endowment provides funds to the Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, Indiana, American Cancer Society for research, and Huntington County Help, Inc.

Viola B. Magner Memorial Endowment was established through her estate to provide funds for Wabash Presbyterian Church and Peabody Retirement Community.

Manchester Tool & Die Co., Inc. Community Endowment was established by Glen Blocher to provide funds to the Christian Fellowship Church, Inc. and the food program of the North Manchester Fellowship of Churches to cover operating expenses and to carry out their role and mission.

Ralph R. & Becky S. Naragon Edowment was established to support The Honeywell Foundation, Church of the Brethren Home, Parkview Wabash Hospital Foundation, White's Residential and Family Services, North Manchester Historical Society, North Manchester First Brethren Church, and the North Manchester United Methodist Church.

Jane Anne Scheerer & Ernest William Scheerer Jr. Memorial Endowment provides funds to St. Matthews United Church of Christ, Wabash, Indiana, to be used for the installation or maintenance of a handicapped accessible elevator and funds to support the Honeywell Foundation, Wabash, Indiana.

Jean T. & Margaret E. Stoops Endowment provides funds to DePauw University, Wheaton College, and Coral Ridge Ministries Media, Inc., to be used to carry out their roles and missions.

Nolan D. Walker Memorial Endowment provides funds to be divided equally among Manchester Church of the Brethren, Manchester University, Boy Scouts of America and the Community Foundation of Wabash County. Mr. Walker was instrumental in the founding of the North Manchester Community Foundation in 1954.

MUSEUMS · HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Glen & Eleanor Blocher Memorial Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Historical Society, Inc., North Manchester, Indiana, to be used to support the programs and operations of their museum.

Thomas R. Marshall Home Endowment was established by the North Manchester Historical Society through funds from individuals, sales of property and a gift from the Mary K. Peabody Foundation. It supports the birthplace home and 1850-era memorabilia of this Indiana governor and 28th vice-president of the United States.

North Manchester Center for History Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Historical Society, Inc., North Manchester, Indiana, to be used to support the programs and operations of their museum.

North Manchester Historical Society Endowment provides funds to the North Manchester Historical Society, Inc., North Manchester, Indiana, to be used for its general support and operations.

Wabash County Historical Museum Endowment was established to support the maintenance and operation of the museum building and its collection as a repository of historical items relevant to Wabash County and the surrounding area, for education and interpretation.

RELIGIOUS NEEDS

L. Milton "Bud" and Ruth I. Barnett Youth Missions Scholarship Endowment provides funds to the Wabash Friends Church, Wabash, Indiana, to enable youth members to participate in a missions trip as part of their discipleship growth. Ruth Stouffer Barnett grew up in the Wabash Friends Church and was involved with the church all her life. This endowment will help youth grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally in their walk with Jesus.

Ray & Enid Beam FISH of Wabash Endowment provides funds to Friends In Service Here (FISH), Wabash, Indiana, to be used for food, shelter, clothing and any basic human need in Wabash.

E. Maurine Beery Memorial Endowment was established by family and friends to recognize her love of music and will provide funds to support the Manchester Church of the Brethren Adult Music program.

Kenneth & Esther Clark Family Endowment provides funds for Christ United Methodist Church, Wabash, Indiana, to be used to carry out its role and mission.

Briannon Joelle Curless Memorial Leadership Scholarship provides funds to the Wabash Friends Church, Wabash, Indiana, so that they can provide scholarships to the youth of the Wabash Friends Church to participate in leadership training events, such as the Oakwood Academy in Syracuse, Indiana, to prepare for leadership in the youth group and other Christian ministry.

Clyde V. & Erma L. Dawson Memorial Wabash Friends Church Endowment provides support to the Wabash Friends Church, Wabash Indiana. The funds are to be provided for exclusive use by the Social Services Committee in the preparation and service of funeral dinners and other dinners at the Wabash Friends Church.

John R. & Jane D. Dragoo Wabash Christian Church Endowment was established to provide funds to benefit the Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Faith Baptist Church Endowment was established by Glen Blocher to carry out the role and mission of Faith Baptist Church, North Manchester, Indiana.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp Endowment was established by Robert and Theda Dawes to help students in Wabash County High Schools attend FCA camps and retreats.

First United Methodist Church Endowment provides support to the First United Methodist Church of Wabash, Indiana to carry out its role and mission.

First United Methodist Church Building and Grounds Endowment provides support to the First United Methodist Church of Wabash, Indiana exclusively for major repairs, improvements, non-routine maintenance, and capital expenditures to the building and grounds of the First United Methodist Church.

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here) of Wabash County, Inc. Endowment was established to meet emergency needs (not otherwise met) of persons living in or traveling through the Wabash area and given as an expression of Christian love and concern. This outreach especially meets hunger needs.

Glenn A. & Nedra J. Hawkins Endowment provides support to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Manchester, Indiana.

Russell Arden & Arleava Margerite Johnson Memorial Endowment provides support to the Wabash Christian Church in Wabash, Indiana.

Magis Fund provides funds to Saint Bernard Catholic School, Wabash, Indiana, to be used to support the operating expenses of the School.

Manchester Church of the Brethren Ministerial Education Endowment provides support to the Manchester Church of the Brethren for its ministers education expenses.

Esther I. Miller Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created in memory of Esther I. Miller and shall be used to provide support to the Manchester Church of the Brethren's preschool program.

Lloyd R. & Katherine Mae Miller Endowment shall be distributed for use in propagating the Christian faith, on a non-sectarian basis, by the planning, conduct or promotion of Christian activities, Christian endeavors, and the academic or vocational education and training of persons whose intention it is to commit and prepare themselves for employment in a recognized Christian service or profession.

Manchester Church of the Brethren Peace & Justice Endowment provides support to the Manchester Church of the Brethren for peace and justice activities and education.

North Manchester First Brethren Church Youth Outreach Endowment provides funds to continue activities that reach children and youth for the sake of Christ at the First Brethren Church of North Manchester, Indiana.

North Manchester United Methodist Church Scholarship Endowment was established through funds from the Wasem Fisher Scholarship Fund and provides scholarships to persons going into full- or part-time Christian service.

Dennis Miller Memorial Endowment was established in memory of Dennis Miller to provide funds to the First Brethren Church, North Manchester, Indiana, to be used to provide Bibles to high school seniors from the First Brethren Church of North Manchester.

Ralph and Martha Reiken Memorial Endowment provides funds for First Brethren Church of North Manchester, Indiana.

Margaret Leonard & Eileen Richards DORCAS Endowment provides funds to the Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester, Indiana, to support the mission of the Dorcas Society. "The Dorcas Ministry is committed to offer many areas in which to train and enable our women to be in touch with each other. Our ministry will disciple a woman to have a close personal relationship with our Lord, our Jesus, our Holy Spirit, and help her grow in her ability to hear and discern His will; to promote the entire work of the church, reaching out into home and community."

Eileen Mills Strauss & Daniel Arden Strauss Music Ministry Endowment was established in memory of Eileen and Arden Strauss to enrich through music the ministry of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Manchester, Indiana, by funding special musical events, instruments, choir accessories or children's musical events.

Wabash Friends Church Building Maintenance Endowment assists in the ongoing building maintenance of the Wabash Friends Church.

Wabash Friends Church Mission Endowment assists persons from the local congregation to participate in mission work.

Wabash Friends Church Music Endowment was established by Mary Elizabeth DuBois and family. It supports the furthering of the music ministry of the Wabash Friends Church.

Wabash Friends Church Scholarship Endowment helps underwrite matching grant scholarships to students from the local congregation.

Peggy D. Workman Endowment provides support to the First Brethren Church, North Manchester, Indiana to support mission work and youth programming. This endowment was established through the will of Kent A. Workman and honors his mother Peggy.

Helen C. Walter Memorial Endowment provides funds to The Presbyterian Church, Wabash, Indiana, to be used for its operating expenses and to carry out its role and mission.

Warsaw Christian School Worthy Servants Endowment provides funds to Warsaw Christian School, Warsaw, Indiana, to be used to provide support to their Worthy Servants Program.

Youth for Christ Endowment provides funds to Youth for Christ to continue their ministry in reaching unchurched children for the sake of Christ and to encourage them to choose a Christian church in which to continue their spiritual growth.

Zion Lutheran Church Educational Endowment provides scholarships for members of the Zion Lutheran Church in North Manchester who have been called to Christian service in the Lutheran Church and for congregation-wide education opportunities.

Zion Lutheran Church Endowment was established by the will of Thomas Peabody and others to provide assistance with operational expenses of this North Manchester church.

Zion Lutheran Mission & Outreach Endowment was established to support mission and outreach efforts conducted by the pastor and members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Manchester, Indiana.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES AND SENIOR CARE

Ray & Enid Beam Wabash County Council on Aging provides funds to Living Well in Wabash County, CoA, Wabash, Indiana, to be used for senior transportation in Wabash County.

Alan Howenstine Care Fund for Timbercrest Residents provides funds for those living in Timbercrest – Church of the Brethren Home, Inc., North Manchester, Indiana, whose financial resources no longer meet their needs.

Kevin Kyle Howenstine Memorial Endowment provides funds to the library services of Timbercrest – Church of the Brethren Home, Inc., North Manchester, Indiana, to purchase high-quality books on tape, compact discs or other technological means that allow someone to listen to a book.

Peabody Home Community Benefit Endowment provides funds to supplement the cost of care of Peabody residents whose personal resources have been exhausted. The primary purpose of Peabody since its founding in 1931 has been to provide gracious retirement living in a not-for-profit, full-service Christian setting.

Neva J. Simmons Endowment was established by V. A. Simmons in honor of his wife to provide funds for landscaping needs and purchase of trees for Timbercrest – Church of the Brethren Home.

Timbercrest Community Endowment provides funds to help support Timbercrest – Church of the Brethren Home's ministry to residents with limited resources. Timbercrest's mission of providing a loving and enriching community to older adults has a long history.

Wabash County Council on Aging Endowment provides funds to Living Well in Wabash County, CoA, to be used to provide essential services to senior citizens.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Arc of Wabash County, Inc. Endowment supports the goals of this provider of programs and services for developmentally disabled infants, toddlers and adults in Wabash County.

Ray & Enid Beam ARC of Wabash County Endowment provides funds to the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Wabash County, Inc., Wabash, Indiana, to be used for enhancing client benefits.

Glen A. Beery Memorial Endowment provides funds to the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Wabash County, Inc., Indiana.

Joan Beghtel Memorial Endowment provides funds to Northfield High School Special Education for L.D./Mi.M.H. students. A victim of cerebral palsy, Joan, taught special education classes for 39 years.

Lewis S. Conner & Hannah Brinton Norris Conner Memorial Endowment provides funds to the Wabash County Affiliate of the American Red Cross.

Manchester Meals on Wheels Endowment exclusively supports Manchester Meals on Wheels, which provides meals for North Manchester residents who are unable to prepare their own.

Pathfinder Foundation of Wabash County Indiana Endowment supplements the cost of care and any related services for individuals in Wabash County who are served by Pathfinder Foundation, Inc.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, Inc. Endowment provides support to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, Inc., Muncie, Indiana.

Joseph G. & Earleen Ulery Memorial Endowment, established by Kent Ulery and Joleen Ulery Sodervick and their families, provides support to the Honeywell Center Educational Outreach Programs.

Venus-Madison Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Larry and Wes Tobias and their families in memory of Larry's Mother, Venus, and Wes's daughter, Madison, both of whom lost battles with cancer. Support goes to the Indian Summer Camp, Louisville, Kentucky.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Field of Dreams, Inc. Morrett Sports Complex provides support to maintain the buildings and grounds, or provide additions to this sports and recreational complex serving Wabash area youth/adults.

Strauss-Peabody Aquatic & Fitness Center Endowment provides support to the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center. Such support shall be used only for paying for major necessary repairs and/or major replacements to the structure, signage, fixtures and equipment of the Center.

Glenn W. Ruppel Sports Complex Endowment provides support to maintain the buildings and grounds or provide additions to the Glenn W. Ruppel Park and Recreation Complex, a sports and recreational facility in North Manchester, Indiana.

Paul L. Speicher Foundation Pool Endowment provides support to the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center. Such support shall be used only for paying for major necessary repairs and/or major replacements to the structure, signage, fixtures and equipment of Center.

FIELD OF INTEREST ENDOWMENTS

The founders of a field of interest endowment designate an issue or area of need to receive financial support. The donors identify their personal area of interest and the Foundation awards grants to organizations and programs in Wabash County that are aimed at serving that interest or concern.

Pauline Barker Literacy Endowment supports programs aimed at family literacy.

CAPE Endowment provides for programs in the fields of early childhood education, K-3 literacy, student academic support, college and career planning, and adult basic education.

CARE Early Childhood Scholarship provides scholarships for childcare providers and preschool educators residing in Wabash County, Indiana, who wish to continue their education by earning a CDA Certificate or an Associates or Bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

College Bound Endowment provides funds to be used for supporting college planning and preparation activities for families residing in Wabash County, Indiana.

Thomas Earl Education Endowment provides funds for educational purposes for students attending Northfield and Manchester High School.

Good Samaritan Endowment provides financial assistance to worthy and needy children and adults residing in Wabash County, Indiana, who have a need of financial assistance as a result of injury, disease or medical condition.

Manchester Recycling Environmental Endowment provides support for programs, projects and organizations that serve Wabash County and protect and improve the environment with priority given to education in this field, community outreach programs and for general operation of recycling programs, projects and organizations.

George M. & Edith L. Merkle Memorial Golf Endowment provides support to encourage education, learning, participation, play and involvement in the sport of golf by North Manchester area youth.

North Manchester Youth Enrichment Endowment provides developmental opportunities for North Manchester area youth.

Audrey & Gordon Ridenour First Responders Endowment provides financial assistance to cover the costs of equipment, supplies and training for Wabash County first responders.

Kent A. Workman Memorial Endowment provides support for men's health, specifically related to prostate cancer, and to provide support to encourage learning, participation, and excellence in the sport of golf for youth ages 6-18 in Wabash and Miami Counties.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship endowments help a deserving student pursue higher education. Organizations, families and individuals can establish a scholarship endowment in the Community Foundation and define the eligibility and selection criteria, such as a field of study, academic or athletic achievement, community service experience or career intentions. Scholarships endowments are often used to honor or memorialize a loved one by awarding a grant to students who mirror the beloved personal traits or achievements.

Terry D. & Carol A. Agness Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created in 2011 from the Terry D. and Carol A. Agness Family Foundation Trust. Students applying for the scholarship shall attend Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, and pursue a degree in business or engineering.

Ella Truxell Baer Scholarship was created by Ella Truzell Baer's daughters, Bess and Lulu, in memory of their mother. The scholarship is awarded to Wabash High School graduates who are residents of the City of Wabash. Awards are based on the recommendations of the principal and guidance counselors of Wabash High School.

Al Bailey Vocational Scholarship was established to encourage study in a middle field, such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, high-tech manufacturing, mechanics, machining or welding.

Bromley Educational Scholarship was created by Mrs. Deane Hastings for worthy students of the City of Wabash who wish to obtain a post-secondary education in a technical, vocational or academic field.

Pat A. & Steve P. Brubaker Scholarship Fund was created by Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker to encourage graduates of Northfield High School to continue their education or skill training beyond high school.

Furel R. Burns Business Scholarship was established by Jean E. Paulus in memory of her father, a former community leader and businessman in North Manchester. The scholarship will be awarded to the Manchester High School senior excelling in Business Administration/Management who plans to study business in college.

Orval H. Butts Athletic Scholarship was established by Lucile Butts in honor of her husband Orval, who was a pharmacist, merchant and avid sports fan. The recipient will be the graduating senior at Wabash High School who has done the most for school spirit and pride in athletic competition at the high school.

Isaac Conner Educational Scholarship was established to aid students from Lagro Township who have financial need and have the academic ability to obtain a higher education.

Roy B. Craver Scholarship was established to help students obtain a college education, especially those who, like him, are willing to serve in the military, even if they do not have plans to enlist. The scholarship is awarded to residents of Wabash County who will be graduating from any Wabash County high school in the spring on the year and are nominated by the principals based on academic achievement.

Briannon J. Curless Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created by family members of Briannon Curless to memorialize Briannon's life and to carry on the memory and meaning of her life. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Southwood High School who has demonstrated a commitment to academic achievement and a desire to serve the community.

John W. Daywalt Scholarship was created by Kathleen Daywalt to provide educational scholarship to Wabash High School graduates who have been accepted into and attend Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Purdue University College of Pharmacy, or Manchester University College of Pharmacy on a full-time basis in pursuit of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

John R. and Jane D. Dragoo & Family Scholarship was created to provide for tuition, textbooks, technology, testing and lab fees for students who are accepted into and attend Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Wabash Campus.

John L. Eckert Memorial Educational Scholarship Endowment was established by family and friends in honor of Dr. Eckert and his career in public education as a teacher, administrator and superintendent. The scholarship is available to undergraduate students who are graduates of Southwood, Huntington, Rochester or Manchester high schools majoring in public education.

Robert L. & Fay M. Elliott Scholarship Endowment was created by the children of Robert L. and Fay M. Elliot established this scholarship fund in 2007 to honor the memory of their parents who taught in the Wabash City School System for many years.

Charles & Florence Emrick Scholarship Endowment was established through the Emrick's will and provides scholarships to students who have graduated from Southwood High School or White's Residential & Family Services, Inc. located in Wabash County, and are pursuing a bachelors or master's degree in education.

Farlow Family Scholarship was created by Brad and Tammy Farlow to memorialize Brad's parents, Russel and Reba Farlow. Russel and Reba were very involved with their family business, the Indiana Handle Company, a wood manufacturing company in Southern Indiana, for many years and were invested in their community. The scholarship is awarded to graduates of Southwood or Northfield Highschool who are pursuing engineering or an industry certified trade.

Ford Family Community Scholarship was created by the Ford Family to honor Wilbur and Florence Ford and their descendants who believed in investing locally, supporting community organizations, volunteering, and creating opportunities for future generations. The scholarship will be awarded to Wabash County students who were actively involved in the betterment of Wabash County through extracurricular activities, volunteer service, and participation in community events.

Tom Gilbert Memorial Scholarship was created by Joe Patton and Tim Pitts, lifelong friends and Manchester High School classmates of Tom Gilbert, to support a graduating senior of Manchester High School who was actively involved in MHS extracurricular activities. Recipients of this scholarship will be those individuals who best demonstrate Tom's values of education, helping those in need, and who have passion for sports and/or the arts.

Garth Eppley Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created to memorialize Garth Eppley by his parents Laura and Bill. The scholarship is available to those majoring or minoring in music or music education.

Gerold "Doe" Faudree Athletic Scholarship Endowment was established by the children of Gerold Faudree in his memory. The Fund provides scholarships to graduates of Manchester High School, North Manchester, Indiana, who have demonstrated outstanding athletic abilities and leadership skills, and who aspire to pursue a career in coaching and teaching.

Floyd O. Glass Scholarship was established from Floyd Glass's will and supports graduates of Southwood High School who are graduating in the current year. School officials shall recommend a recipient who has financial need, taking into account the candidate's academic achievement and demonstrated leadership ability.

Dan Hauptert Memorial Scholarship was created by the Hauptert Family and memorializes Dan Hauptert who was tragically killed in a grain silo accident in January 2020. Scholarships are awarded to students of Northfield High School who have participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA), and who have a hard work ethic and share Dan's passion for agriculture and farming.

Sarah Kaye Hauptert Memorial Dance Scholarship Endowment was established in 2011 by the friends and family of Sarah in her memory. Sarah was a 2009 graduate of Northfield High School. The scholarship is awarded to individuals who exhibit kindness, eagerness, happiness, and a positive and independent "can do" mental attitude, just like Sarah's.

Heartland Career Center Scholarship is awarded to senior students of Heartland Career Center who wish to continue their career education and training beyond high school.

William B. Hensley III Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established in 2008 by Cindy, J.R. and Todd Hensley, along with family friends, to honor and memorialize William and his love of athletics. Scholarship recipients will have graduated from a Wabash County high school and be a collegiate sport participant.

Richard L. & Marna L. Hettmansperger Scholarship Endowment was established by Mr. and Mrs. Hettmansperger to support graduates of any Wabash County high school entering an accredited graduate school to study in the area of Christian ministry or mission.

Raymond C. & Martha Ross Hood Scholarship was established by retired elementary school teacher Martha Ross Hood. Martha created the scholarship to help deserving students build the means to take care of themselves and their families.

Raymond C. & Martha Ross Hood Scholarship Endowment for Accounting Studies provides scholarship support for students who are accepted into and attend on a part-time or full-time basis, a two- or four-year Indiana public or private institution of higher learning and are pursuing a degree in accounting.

Robert & Pauline Hoover Scholarship Endowment was established in 2006 following the death of Robert, as part of his estate plan. Robert was a Chester Township native engaged in farming and banking. Selection for the scholarship is based on academic performance, community service hours, service organization leadership, along with other criteria.

Dennis Horn Cross Country Endowment was established by friends and family of this teacher and coach to recognize his 31 years of cross country coaching at Wabash High School. The fund provides college scholarships to cross country runners and supports the cross country program.

Jo's Hope Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Jolene Kastner Hensley. Jolene is lovingly remembered by family and friends for her honesty, loyalty, sense of humor and leadership. Her greatest interests were family, coaching children and making people smile. The fund provides college scholarships to Manchester High School students pursuing studies in health care or health and wellness.

Mallori L. Kastner Memorial Scholarship Endowment memorializes Mallori Lin Kastner, a 2010 graduate of Wabash High School who attended Grace College and Seminary. Mallori was a statewide volleyball standout and also played basketball and ran track. She was not only a talented athlete, but a dedicated team player and strong leader amongst her peers. The fund provides college scholarships to Wabash High School students who were on the volleyball team throughout their high school career.

Max E. & Grace L. Kester Endowment Fund was established to help level the playing field for female athletes. This scholarship is awarded to the outstanding senior female athlete at Manchester High School who intends to continue her education after high school. The recipient is selected by Manchester High School.

Gene L. & Bertha J. King Scholarship Endowment was established by Gene and Bertha and shall award scholarships to students with financial need from Northfield, Southwood, Wabash, or White's High School who are pursuing a major for a pre-professional career such as education, teaching, law, medicine, pharmacy, science or engineering.

Beryl M. Klare Scholarship was established to assist students with financial need who want to obtain a higher education. With first preference given to residents of the City of Wabash, all residents of Wabash County may be considered. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need.

Karl F. & Bonnie Dee Merritt Manchester University Scholarship Endowment was established to provide support to a student attending Manchester University who has been accepted into the Department of Education in preparation for a teaching career at the elementary or secondary level.

Ted McNabney Spartan Award Endowment was established by Ms. Rebecca Kock who wanted to honor her brother's love of Manchester University and his passion for helping students succeed. To accomplish both, the Ted McNabney Spartan Award Endowment was created, which provides up to a \$2,000 scholarship upon a student's graduation from a Wabash County high school. Students considering this scholarship, must apply during their 8th grade school year, and attend one Manchester University event each semester in high school to earn money that will be placed into their Early Award Scholarship fund held at the Community Foundation.

Ruth M. Minear Educational Scholarship was established to further the post-high school education of any graduating senior of Wabash High School who is worthy of financial help. Scholarships are awarded based on the extent to which a student is prepared or able to succeed in college and the extent to which a student will benefit from financial help.

Dr. Howard & Helen Liebengood Scholarship Endowment was established by the Liebengood family. Eligible applicants are students residing in Kosciusko County who are graduating in the top 20% of their high school class.

Paulus Music Scholarship Endowment was established by Jean E. Paulus in honor of her children, Jay E. Paulus, Kent A. Paulus and Carolyn K. Paulus, all graduates and musicians of York High School in Elmhurst, Illinois. The scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding graduating senior in the Music Department planning to become a music major in college.

Corlyle K. Paulus Athletic Scholarship was established by Jean E. Paulus in memory of her husband. The scholarship will be awarded to a Manchester High School senior excelling in athletics and planning to study physical education and athletics in college.

The Promise Early Distribution Scholarship Fund provides early award scholarships to Wabash County 4th through 8th graders enrolled in the Promise Scholarship Program who complete in-school assignments, participate in college-go activities and practice regular savings.

Jerry L. Radabaugh Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Nancy Radabaugh and provides a scholarship to a student graduating from Northfield or Southwood High School and is pursuing higher education from any accredited university, college or conservatory.

Paul Thomas Reahard Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by parents Thomas R. and Carolyn Reahard and friends. This scholarship will be made available to a deserving graduate of Whitko or Manchester High School choosing to become a teacher in the area of theatre and drama, as well as English and literature – or for a qualified student desiring to pursue a career in the performing arts. These were life interests of Paul Thomas Reahard.

Dorothy J. & William A. Rice Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Gary A. Rice and Randall W. Rice to memorialize their parents, Dorothy and William, who were devoted members of Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash, Indiana. The endowment provides funds to Christ United Methodist Church to be used to award tuition only scholarship grants to members of the church.

John & Edith Richards Memorial Scholarship was established under the terms of their will to assist worthy young residents of Wabash County who have the desire and ability to continue their education beyond high school.

Chris Rood Memorial Baseball Endowment was established by family and friends to memorialize the endeavors of this teacher and coach. The three purposes of the fund are to provide scholarships to baseball players graduating from Wabash High School, to enhance the care and maintenance of the Wabash High School baseball field and to support the Wabash summer instructional baseball league.

George W. & Donna Mae Russell Scholarship Endowment was created through George Russell's estate. This scholarship assists persons who are graduates of Wabash County, Indiana high schools in pursuit of post-secondary education.

Marietta & Paul L. Sell Memorial 4-H Scholarship was established by Doug and Barbara Vawter in memory of Barbara's parents. The Sells modeled the virtues of the 4-H pledge and motto, and believed deeply in giving thanks with grateful hearts. Candidates must have completed a minimum of six years in Indiana 4-H.

Larry Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Southwood Music Parents to provide scholarships to graduates of Southwood High School who plan to study music, music technology, music education, sound/music engineering, music performance or some other music discipline in college.

V.A. (Viv) Simmons Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to current-year graduates of Manchester High School, North Manchester, Indiana, who have demonstrated in school and community life, outstanding performance in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Una Eileen Slavens Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Una's husband Robert and provides scholarships to students who graduate from Wabash High School, Wabash, Indiana, and pursue education studies.

Casey Sparling Memorial Athletic Scholarship Endowment was established by family and friends to memorialize Casey's dedication to athletics as a player and coach. Northfield High School athletes and managers may apply the award to their college of choice.

Todd and Kari Speicher Scholarship was established by the children of Todd and Kari Speicher to honor their parents' work ethic which has done and continues to inspire and set an example for students entering the field of manufacturing and industrial technology.

Dorothy Squires Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created by Fred Squires to memorialize his mother, Dorothy. Scholarships are awarded to any Wabash County high school graduate attending a four-year public or private institution to study any subject.

Blair & Marie Tate Scholarship was established by Marie Tate to help deserving graduates of any Wabash County high school who have financial need obtain an educational or career objective beyond high school.

Franklin S. Tiede Memorial Education Scholarship Endowment was created by parents Charles R. and Julie G. Tiede in memory of their son. It assists persons between the ages of 18 and 25 who are pursuing a vocational or educational objective beyond high school level, which propagation of the Christian faith is the goal.

Leone M. & Inez R. Tyner Scholarship was established by Mr. Tyner in memory of his wife, Inez. The scholarship assists worthy and ambitious students from Wabash County, with preference for those from Lagro Township, to attend a Protestant, Christian college or university.

Harvey V. Underwood Science Scholarship Endowment was created by the family of Harvey Underwood in 2003. It was funded by his family, friends, and colleagues and provides financial assistance to a Manchester High School senior desiring to pursue a four-year science or science education degree.

Wabash County Memorial Scholarship provides a way for contributors to honor and remember those they love and respect. It combines four scholarships that were established to memorialize Dick Harvey, a Manchester Community Schools board member; Kevin Jones, a Wabash County advocate of Big Brothers-Big Sisters; Larry Lauer, the late 4-H leader and mentor; and the late Gladys Harvey, Wabash High School teacher.

Wabash County Society for Crippled Children & Adults Scholarship Endowment was created by the Wabash County Society for Crippled Children and Adults in 2002. The scholarship is awarded to a Manchester, Northfield, or Southwood High School graduate who is pursuing education in a field related to working with children and adults who have learning disabilities or who are mentally and/or physically disabled.

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to a Wabash County resident who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from an accredited Indiana institution of higher education.

Wabash High School Alumni Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to individuals, not currently enrolled in college, who have graduated from any of the accredited high schools located in Wabash County, Indiana and who are pursuing a two- or four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited Indiana institution of higher education.

Wabash High School Apache Tennis Scholarship provides scholarships to graduates of Wabash High School who were members of the Tennis team and are pursuing a two- or four-year degree.

Wabash High School Class of 1951 Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to individuals not currently enrolled in college, who have graduated from any of the accredited high schools located in Wabash County, Indiana, and who are pursuing a two- or four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited Indiana institution of higher education.

Jennie Wade Scholarship was created to assist students in obtaining academic degrees or vocational training that could be used "to benefit mankind." Recipients will be nominated by school officials based on their academic performance or vocational ability.

W. Scott Wakefield Scholarship was created by the Vice and Wakefield families in memory of their son and grandson who lost his life as a young man. The scholarship supports people pursuing an occupational or educational objective beyond high school in a technical or science-related field.

Dallas L. Winchester Scholarship provides scholarships for students who are attending on a full-time basis an Indiana two- or four-year public or private institution. Selection is based on the following factors: demonstrated community service and leadership, in-school leadership, involvement in activities and academics, academic performance, work experience and financial need.

Yopst Educational Scholarship was established to help students obtain an education beyond high school, whether in academic, technical, or vocational fields. This scholarship is awarded to students of good character who have financial need.

DONOR-ADVISED ENDOWMENTS

Donor-advised endowments, like unrestricted endowments, permit for broad distribution of grants. Donor-advised endowments allow ongoing input from their donors or designated advisers.

80/20 Foundation Trust
Edward & Genevieve Cochley Advised Memorial Endowment
Jane E. & Steven D. Hentgen Advised Endowment
Dr. Howard B. Liebengood Endowment

Ruth Scholer Liebengood Memorial Endowment
North Manchester Fine Arts Club Endowment
Donald Mills Strauss & Billie Jean Strauss Advised Endowment Fund

Non-Permanent Funds

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Our services also include the administration of non-permanent funds, which typically are only temporarily a part of the Foundation. They may be given to the Foundation for redistribution when certain conditions are met.

Bergstedt-Manchester High School Exchange Fund provides funds to Manchester Community Schools for its high school students who demonstrate financial need and who have been selected by Manchester Community Schools to participate in a short-term educational exchange with students from Bergstedt High School in Hamburg, Germany.

Daniel's Place Fund is committed to providing respite care and support services across the lifespan of persons with physical and intellectual disabilities to enable them to remain in their chosen communities. Respite care gives short-term temporary care to persons whose disabilities are such that they need continual assistance 24 hours a day. Having access to respite care allows caregivers, most often families, an option when they need a break or have tasks that require them to find care for their disabled loved one for a few hours.

Fairview Cemetery Association Fund provides support to the Fairview Cemetery Association to (1) provide an educational benefit to the public and promote an appreciation for community history, (2) combat community deterioration by preserving, beautifying, and maintaining abandoned or deteriorating graves as well as caring for the landscape throughout the cemetery, and (3) lessen the burdens of government by maintaining this semi-public area.

George W. Price Scholarship Fund provides support for early award scholarships to students attending Wabash City Schools in grade 4 who meet the reading criteria as described by the Community Foundation's Early Award Scholarship Program.

Heartland Learning Center Fund provides support to Heartland Career Center to build and equip the new Heartland Learning Center for expanded secondary and post-secondary training in advanced manufacturing and healthcare.

Hope House Wabash County Fund provides support for procuring and operating a women's Hope House sober living home location in Wabash County and providing programming and services at said location.

Nakota Blake Kelly Remembrance Fund will serve to remember Nakota Kelly and provide support to Wabash County organizations and agencies that serve to strengthen, uplift, and provide resources to families and children like Nakota. Some of the organizations that will be supported include Nakota's Neighbors, a new after-school program of the Access Youth Center that will take place in the Meadowbrook Neighborhood, Kids Hope, Blessings in a Backpack, Wabash Little League, and Babe of Wabash County.

Relief and Restore Fund alleviates suffering and financial hardships that are caused by natural disasters, pandemics, and tragedies including but not limited to fires, floods, torrential storms and tornadoes, car accidents, and life threatening disease or extended illness.

Wabash City Schools Foundation Fund focuses on the Wabash City School Corporation's plan to Build a Legacy of Opportunity. The Five Pillars of the plan are wellness, academics, innovations, citizenship, and relationships. These pillars address the physical health and social-emotional well-being of students, while advancing academic rigor, student achievement, and impactful teaching. Additionally, they aim to advance critical thinking skills, civic responsibility, and global perspectives, while supporting programs and initiatives aimed at providing students leading-edge learning opportunities, and building and strengthening relationships will all stakeholders.

Wabash County Lighthouse Missions Growth and Maintenance Fund provides support to Wabash County Lighthouse Mission, Inc. to purchase, improve, and prepare for use their new location on West Canal Street in Wabash, Indiana to carry out its role and mission.

NON-PERMANENT DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are established by individuals or organizations that retain the privilege of recommending distributions from time to time. Here, the principal, as well as earnings, are utilized in grants, and additional gifts replenish or continue the fund.

Bergstedt-Manchester High School Exchange Fund
Andrew K. & Betty J. Butterbaugh Charitable Fund
Paula Dee Memorial North Manchester Center for Histroy Fund
Dr. & Mrs. John R. Dragoo Charitable Fund
Friends of the North Manchester Public Library Advised Intermediate Fund
David D. & Jane C. Grandstaff Charitable Fund
David M. & Patricia S. Grant Charitable Fund

Robert L. & Sarah S. Krouse Donor Advised Fund
David L. & Mary P. Lahman Non-Permanent Donor Advised Fund
Robin D. & Jeanette M. Lahman Non-Permanent Donor Advised Fund
Daniel P. & Willoughby L. Naragon Chartiable Fund
Paul Speicher – Ralph Naragon Advised Non-Permanent Fund
Strauss Family Advised Non-Permanent Fund

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Fiscal Sponsorships are established in partnership with local non-501(C)(3) organizations who wish to fundraise for programs and initiatives. With Fiscal Sponsorships, all contributions are received through the Community Foundation and are classified as charitable tax-deductible gifts.

Babe of Wabash County Fund has a mission to create positive, healthy family cultures through building community connections, providing educational materials, and offering resources for families in Wabash County.

Somerset Preservation Fund provides support for use, improvement, and maintenance of public spaces, which include a community building and adjacent playground in the community of Somerset, Indiana. Support will be used for items such as, but not limited to, new playground equipment, new doors and HVAC for the community building, repair of town signs, landscaping, and gravel for the parking lot adjacent to the community building and playground.

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

Special project funds are established by the board to support a specific charitable activity or community project that is consistent with the priorities of the community and the exempt purposes of the Foundation.

Artshare Endowment
College Success Coalition of Wabash County Special Project Fund
Early Learning Indiana Fund
Lagro Canal Foundation Fund
North Manchester Community Enrichment Fund
North Manchester Town Forum Pass-Through Fund
Manchester Main Street Special Project Fund
River Walk Special Project Fund
Sparrow Fund for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
Town Life Center Special Project Fund
Wabash Inclusive Playground Construction Fund



New Funds

ESTABLISHED 2018-2020

2018

Endowments

Al Schlitt Community Servant Discretionary Endowment
First United Methodist Church Building and Grounds Endowment
First United Methodist Church Endowment
Friendship Hill Playground Endowment
Ralph R. Naragon Memorial Administrative Endowment
Todd and Kari Speicher Scholarship Endowment

Funds

The Fund for Daniel's Place
Heartland Career Center Scholarship Fund
Somerset Preservation Fund
Wabash County Lighthouse Missions Growth and Maintenance Fund

2019

Endowments

Ted McNabney Spartan Award Endowment
Wabash River Trail Endowment

Funds

80/20 Foundation Trust
Babe of Wabash County Fund
George W. Price Scholarship Fund
The Fund for a Durable Future
Tracy and Brian Peas Charitable Fund
Wabash City Schools Foundation Fund

2020

Endowments

Farlow Family Scholarship
Ford Family Community Scholarship
Kent A. Workman Memorial Endowment
L. Milton "Bud" and Ruth I. Barnett Youth Missions Scholarship Endowment
Peggy D. Workman Endowment
Tom Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
Wabash City Schools Opportunity Award Endowment

Funds

Dan Hauptert Memorial Scholarship Fund
Fairview Cemetery Association Fund
Heartland Learning Center Fund
Hope House Wabash County Fund
Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund
Nakota Blake Kelly Remembrance Fund
Relief and Restore Fund
Wabash City Schools Opportunity Award Fund



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OUR GRANTS



Community
Foundation of
Wabash County

2018-2020

Good Deeds Grants **\$476,168**

between 2018-2020

The Community Foundation of Wabash County's unrestricted endowments, the Good Deeds Endowments, are our community's savings and investment accounts. Hundreds of people who care about the future of our community have donated to build a permanent, flexible source of charitable capital to respond to the community's most pressing issues of today – and tomorrow. The Good Deeds Endowments are a collection of 38 named funds that have established and sustained services ranging from arts education programs to supplemental food assistance programs, and everything in between.

Good Deeds Grant	Amount	Good Deeds Grant	Amount
85 HOPE Inc.	\$13,000	North Manchester Civic Symphony Society, Inc.	\$8,500
Access Youth Center	6,260	North Manchester Parks & Recreation	19,500
Advantage Housing, Inc.	5,000	Northeast Indiana Fund	10,000
American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana	1,000	Reins and Rainbows, Inc.	5,000
Arc of Wabash County	10,000	Ride for a Cause	1,000
Aspire Indiana	1,000	Rock Solid Teen Center	3,000
Blessings in a Backpack	22,500	Sagamore Council	1,000
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	3,000	Second Harvest Food Bank	10,500
Daniel's Place, Inc	9,000	Somerset Lions Club	5,000
Education for Conflict Resolution	5,000	Timbercrest Church of the Brethren Home	5,000
Family Services Society	3,500	Tippecanoe Audubon Society	3,653
FISH of Wabash County	632	Visiting Nurse	3,000
Foundation for Art and Music in Education (FAME)	1,250	Wabash Area Community Theater	3,500
Friends Counseling Center	4,250	Wabash Church of the Brethren (Growing Grounds)	1,300
Garber Simmons Senior Center	5,000	Wabash County 4-H Council, Inc.	2,700
Grow Wabash County	1,250	Wabash County 4-H Junior Leaders	5,000
Habitat for Humanity of Wabash County	540	Wabash County Early Childhood Education Coalition	4,000
Honeywell Foundation	27,000	Wabash County Lighthouse Missions	15,000
Hoosier Shakes, Inc.	8,500	Wabash County Museum	15,899
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry	5,000	Wabash County Probation Department	5,000
Kids First Child Care Ministry	5,000	Wabash County Soil & Water Conservation District	20,000
La Fontaine Learning Community	15,000	Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition	7,000
Lagro Canal Foundation	10,000	Wabash County YMCA	17,000
Lark's Song Inc.	3,200	Wabash Inclusive Playground	2,000
Learn More Center	20,000	Wabash Presbyterian Church -Presbyterian School	1,400
Life Center	1,800	Wabash Women's Club House Association	815
Little Friends Day Care	7,025	WCS	5,000
Living Well in Wabash County CoA	27,683	WCS - OJ Neighbours Elementary School	3,000
Manchester Community Child Care Association	4,907	WCS - Wabash High School	900
Manchester Early Learning Center	10,352	WCS - Wabash Middle School	5,000
Manchester Fellowship of Churches, Inc.	5,000	White's Residential & Family Services	14,000
Manchester University	8,000	Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana	1,000
MCS Manchester Jr/Sr High School	5,852	Youth Service Bureau of Huntington County	4,000
MSD of Wabash County	5,000	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church	4,000
New Beginnings Ministries of Wabash County, Inc.	2,000		

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For more detailed information on Good Deeds Grants, visit cfwabash.org

Strategic Initiative Grants

Strategic Initiative Grants align with the Foundation's Education Impact Strategy to break the cycle of poverty by advancing educational attainment. Between 2018 and 2020, over \$317,000 was granted toward this effort.

Grantee	Description	Amount
Early Childhood Education		
Wabash County Child Care Centers, Ministries, and Preschools	Curriculum and classroom modifications for the expansion of seats and an increase in the quality of care at child care centers, preschools, and ministries in Wabash County.	\$93,341
Wabash County Child Care Centers, Ministries, and Preschools	Professional development training for early childhood employees in Wabash County working to improve skills and knowledge, or obtain their child development associate (CDA) certificate. Grants covered expenses for conference fees, textbooks and training stipends for preschool teachers.	\$12,818
Wabash County Child Care Centers, Ministries, and Preschools	Twenty early childhood education scholarships to help low-income families receive high-quality care for their children	\$38,416
Kindergarten and School Readiness		
MSD Metro North Elementary and WCS OJ Neighbours Elementary	Beginndergarten kindergarten readiness program	\$49,500
Wabash County YMCA	SPARK summer learning loss prevention program	\$6,885
High School Career Exploration		
Heartland Career Center	Support for Career Expos, Ag Bio Science curriculum, and a new Wire EDM training machine	\$18,432
Wabash County Community Learning Center	Support for Ivy Tech MATH, Comm, and CDL dual credit courses	\$8,000
WCS- Wabash City Schools	Early College High School Teacher Credentialing	\$10,000
Competitive K-12 Schools		
Carol Lindquist, Education Consultant	Phase II Studies for Advancement of Wabash County K-12 schools	\$2,795
Talent Development		
Grow Wabash County	Support for talent development programs including Co.Starters social entrepreneurship training, Young Professionals of Wabash County, Leadership Development Wabash County	\$4,550
Ivy Tech Community College	Workforce investment training	\$2,360
Adult Education		
Grow Wabash County	Support for talent development programs including Co.Starters social entrepreneurship training, Young Professionals of Wabash County, and Leadership Development Wabash County	\$93,341
Ivy Tech Community College	Workforce investment training	\$2,360

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OUR SCHOLARSHIPS



Community
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Wabash County

2018-2020

Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Wabash County offers a wide variety of post-secondary education scholarships to traditional, non-traditional, and graduate students. With nearly 70 scholarship endowments created through the generosity of donors, the Community Foundation awarded roughly \$938,000 to 416 students between 2018 and 2020. These scholarships help lessen the financial burden for Wabash County students pursuing post-secondary education, including 2- and 4- year degrees, vocational training, and industry certifications. The complete list and descriptions of Community Foundation Scholarships can be found online at cfwabash.org.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars



2015 – Michael Lengel
Southwood High School



2016 – Koltan Kersey
Southwood High School



2017 – Cheyenne King
Wabash High School

Pictured on the Cover: Jordan Elick

The goal of the Community Foundation's scholarship program is to increase educational attainment in Wabash County, in order to develop talent and build strong community leaders. Our scholarships support a wide range of students and are either financial-need or merit based. Many scholarships represent the students' interests as some are catered to a student's future studies and some reward the student's participation in high-school athletics. Some scholarships also support students seeking industry certifications while others are awarded to students pursuing a four-year degree.

Each of the Community Foundation's scholarships were created by individuals and families who wanted to create educational opportunities for Wabash County students. Many of these scholarships were created by families in memory or in honor of a loved one and are awarded to students who share similar values and ambitions. If you or a family member are interested in establishing a scholarship to help relieve the financial burden and provide educational opportunities to our county's bright students, please contact Julie Garber, julie@cfwabash.org.

"I'll never forget the awards night where my hard work in high school paid off. The Community Foundation scholarships I received made me feel so supported going into my first year of college at Valparaiso, and it was a blessing to not have looming debt over my head as well as the freedom to pursue a career I am passionate about. It's incredible to see how other students use this financial support to help them pursue a degree and launch them into their careers. It speaks to the generosity and kindness of Wabash County's people!"

Rachel Brandenburg, 2015
Scholarship Recipient

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is designed to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and increase the ability of Indiana's community foundations to offer scholarships. Recipients of this prestigious scholarship receive full tuition, required fees,

and up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



2018 – Jessica Bott
Southwood High School



2019 – Faith Macy
Northfield High School



2020 – Payton Sodervick
Wabash High School