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LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2018 Annual Report

Inspire

It takes people with full and altruistic hearts to encourage people to make a difference. People who breathe life into new ideas can change a community forever.

You are those people. You are excitement, persuasion, motivation, and inspiration.

You are the spirit of the LaGrange County Community Foundation and we are better every day for how you inspire people to make a difference and pursue their dreams.

Greetings from the Directors

Inspiration is a deep-rooted passion and motivation to do something. We are all inspired in different ways and a sudden moment or interaction can change the future.

For some of us, we are moved by a deep sense of love of place. We believe in creating a place for the next generation and leaving behind something better.

Others want to protect an ideal, a memory, or honor an individual. All of us are moved to action by inspiration.

LaGrange County is a wonderful place to make good things happen. The people in our community inspire us each day with their compassion, triumph and determination.

Inspiration is all around us – from the natural beauty of our lakes and parks to the engagement of our community to people who volunteer their time and expect nothing in return. It is rewarding to work in all of our communities because of our generous donors, committed grant recipients, dedicated partners and motivated scholarship winners.

We hear stories each day of people who want make good things happen. In this report, you will see what we mean. We share the story of how a fraternal organization generously gave a last goodwill gift. We share the story of a scholarship that will create new opportunities for a LaGrange County student. We chronicle

the story of a couple who gave back to their community, and how a newspaper article inspired the creation of a nonprofit.

We are encouraged by the dedicated people in LaGrange County who care to make tomorrow better. You inspire us each day. The LaGrange County Community Foundation's mission is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service in our community.

Thank you for joining us in the journey.

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Neal Wolheter
Board President

Octavia



Octavia Yoder
Associate Director



"The members of our Lodge no. 144 feel very fortunate to have our donation grow and benefit several organizations..."

— Gordon Olds & Mahlon Bontrager

Inspire Generosity

What can you do with \$55,000? For the Knights of Pythias LaGrange Lodge no. 144 they made a last goodwill gift. The fraternal organization made the difficult decision to disband after 135 years.

The Knights sponsored Little League baseball teams, supported police departments and gave to local nonprofits. At the Corn School street festival, the Knight's caramel apples were a favorite treat and helped fund some of their charitable endeavors.

Mahlon Bontrager, a Knight and former Community Foundation Board Member, encouraged the group to consider creating a permanent fund for the community. The timing for the Knight's gift was serendipitous. One month before, Lilly Endowment announced a matching grant for the Community Foundation. Any gift to an unrestricted fund would be eligible for a 2-for-1 match. Inspired by the opportunity, the Knights created an unrestricted endowed fund to support community needs. What had been a gift of \$55,000 now became \$165,000.

Because of their generosity, LaGrange County will continue to reap the reward. Income from the fund will be made available for grantmaking as directed by the Board of Directors.

"The members of our Lodge no. 144 feel very fortunate to have our donation grow and benefit several organizations thanks to the LaGrange County Community Foundation," says Gordon Olds, a member of the Knights.





“The Lord has been good to us and we need to give it back.”

– Miles and Judith Perkins

Inspire Community

The small community of Stroh holds a special place for Miles Perkins. It’s why he and his wife Judith formed the Stroh Community Fund in 2000. The field of interest fund supports grants for churches, schools, parks and projects that benefit the Stroh community.

With the lack of a large business presence in Stroh, Miles wanted to create a way to support local charitable needs. “What can we do to help everybody?” Miles asked. “I’m from Stroh and sometimes it has seemed like a forgotten part of the county.”

Since its inception, the Stroh Community Fund has supported improvements to the Stroh Ball Park, new field lights for the Prairie Heights High School softball field, Christmas lights in Stroh and an expansion of the Stroh Ball Diamond.

Miles and Judith have been a part of the Stroh community for decades. In 1915, his grandfather and a small group of Stroh area citizens organized a bank for the new LaGrange County settlement: Farmers State Bank.

Farmers State Bank survived the Great Depression and grew to 11 banking locations in northeast Indiana and southwest Michigan. His father, Floyd, served as the bank president. Miles followed his example, serving 24 years as president.

Giving in large and small ways is part of the couple’s mentality; the two have been long-term supporters of the Community Foundation. In 2011, they started the Perkins Scholarship Fund, which supports a college-bound Prairie Heights senior pursuing a bachelor’s degree.

Miles also served as one of the founding board members of the LaGrange County Community Foundation in 1991. When the Community Foundation needed office space, Miles provided the first foundation director, Elsie Willard, with an office in the basement of Farmers State Bank.

“The Lord has been good to us and we need to give it back,” says Miles.

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opportunities possible."

– Arianna Smith



Inspire Possibilities

When Arianna Smith applied for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, she wasn't thinking about working for Microsoft. She just wanted the opportunity to attend a quality college and study computer science. Now, Arianna has completed her first year at Purdue University and will spend this summer interning at the Microsoft headquarters in Seattle, Wash.

The 37th recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, Arianna received a full-tuition scholarship to attend the Indiana college or university of her choice. The scholarship is awarded annually a well-rounded student who displays a commitment to academics, community and school involvement.

College affordability was a concern for Arianna. Without the scholarship, she would not have considered going to Purdue, despite its top ranking among universities for computer science.

A Lakeland High School graduate, Arianna taught herself how to code and led Spark – a coding club with her twin sister, Kiara, at Lima Brighton Elementary School. She also overcame obstacles that motivated her career choice. At the age of 11, Arianna was diagnosed with cancer. While her treatments affected her ability to be in class, she and her sister took courses online until they were able to return to school in high school.

Inspired by the quality care she received, Arianna wants to work in healthcare technology and make access to that same care equal for all. From her experience, she might not have been able to survive her cancer diagnosis without access to good healthcare. She knew others who were not so fortunate. "Information provided by technology makes opportunities possible," says Arianna.

"I knew at that moment
what I had to do."

– Marge Malone



Inspire Tomorrow

Howe resident Marge Malone picked up her local newspaper and read a front-page story of what has become too common in northeast Indiana: children suffering in the aftermath of their parents' methamphetamine addictions.

The children might not have food or a bed. They could be sharing a couch with their siblings. For some it's just a sleeping bag, with dirty plates and animal feces around them. In the end, the children move into foster care, taking with them the weight of trauma.

"I knew at that moment what I had to do," says Marge. "I heard a voice say, 'You know how to fix this.' It was clear I needed to do something," she adds.

A successful business owner, a nonprofit founder and a community leader, Marge leapt into her next venture. Her idea was to create a neutral place for foster children to find solace and counsel through the companionship of animals. In 2015, she called a committee together to help children in foster care.

Out of the committee, came the Farm Project, a faith-based initiative whose mission is "to provide a safe, nurturing and restorative place for children in need through animal companionship and other therapeutic methods."

As the founder of Ark Animal Rescue, Marge knew the special connection between children and animals. The Farm Project's mission will be to work with local agencies, such as the Department of Child Services, and local foster families, to provide a calming environment where children can meet with their parents on approved visits and can receive therapeutic care through companionship.

The nonprofit rallied its supporters and purchased land on SR 9, just north of LaGrange. In 2018, the Community Foundation awarded the Farm Project a \$25,000 grant to support the construction of a foster home. A licensed foster family will live in the home, and provide a place for children who need immediate placement. The next phase is to build the barn at the site, with several meeting rooms.

At age 86, Marge says her work with the Farm Project is almost done and she will be glad to charge the next generation of leaders to continue the fight and create a better tomorrow.

"There's evil in this world. You can't ignore it," says Marge. "We want to give them back their childhood and normalcy."



The Rainbow Years Learning Center Fund supports the enhancement and care of children attending Rainbow Years Learning Ministry in Shipshewana. Created by a donor in 1998, the designated fund provides annual income to the organization.

Funds

New 2018 Funds

Community Project Funds

LaGrange County Health Coalition Fund supports the mission and vision of improving the overall health and well-being of LaGrange County. The Health Coalition was established after Purdue Extension conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment in October 2016.

The Council for Drug Free LaGrange County Fund supports awareness of health problems associated with use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Since 1989, the group has coordinated the efforts of individuals, schools and organization and agencies as they address the community health issues created by the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Caring Community Grant Making Fund was created by the gifts of many generous donors wishing to benefit the community as a whole. People from all walks of life have pooled contributions into this fund, creating a permanent legacy for our community. 1991

Education Fund was created by the LaGrange County College Club. 2015

Founders Community Fund was created by past board members during Lilly GIFT VI. 2015

Stanley "Chip" Krugh Memorial Fund was created in memory of a lifetime LaGrange County resident. Stanley worked as a farmer who owned and operated Stanley's garage. 2014

Lambright Charitable Unrestricted Fund was established by Kevin and Carrie Lambright to support general grantmaking. 2015

Funds

Community Funds (Unrestricted)

Donors who establish Community Funds, also called "Unrestricted Funds" understand these funds are key to the Community Foundation's ability to meet emerging needs. Community Funds provide flexible resources to address the needs and opportunities of our beloved communities as they change over time. Income from these funds is granted in response to grant applications from area nonprofit organizations.

R. E. Lee Family Fund was created in memory of former board president Robert E. Lee. 2015

McKenzie Family Fund supports general grantmaking. 2015

Sharp Family Fund was created by Eric and Rhonda Sharp to support general grantmaking. 2015

Dale Sturtz Memorial Fund supports general grantmaking in the memory of Dale Sturtz – a LaGrange County Sheriff, LaGrange County Councilman and member of the Indiana House of Representatives. 2015

Willard Family Community Fund was established with proceeds from the sale of the Willard property to Parkview LaGrange Hospital. 2015

Agency Funds

Agency Funds are created by a nonprofit organization to provide a stream of income for their organization.

Council on Aging Agency Fund was established to provide services and support to senior citizens of LaGrange County. 2015

LaGrange Communities Youth Center Agency Fund provides support for LCYC to carry out their mission of "inspiring the youth of today to build successful adults for tomorrow." 2017

Northeastern Center Agency Fund supports the organization's mission of helping individuals achieve emotional and mental wholeness through accessible, affordable and quality behavioral health services. 2014

Questa Education Foundation was established to support the mission of the Questa Education Foundation to benefit LaGrange County residents. 2016

Scott Cemetery Fund is focused on providing financial support for maintenance, upkeep and future expansions of the Scott Cemetery. 2014

Topeka Area Historical Society supports the charitable and other exempt purposes of the society. 2013

Designated Funds

Designated Funds benefit a specific nonprofit organization for as long as that organization is in existence and is fulfilling its intended purpose. Typically, a donor establishes a designated fund to benefit a favorite church or organization.

4-H Association Fund was created to maintain the buildings, structures and surroundings of the LaGrange County 4-H Association. 1998

ACRES Nature Preservation & Education Fund was created to provide support to ACRES Land Trust in supporting nature preserves and nature education programs that protect the land and the environment. 2005

Amish School Fund was established to support and assist the LaGrange County Amish Schools. 1993

Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake was created to support the Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake. 2010

CAPE II Endowment Fund was created to provide lifelong learning programs for LaGrange County. 2002

LaGrange Civic Theatre Fund established to support the LaGrange Civic Theatre. 2000

Community Dental Clinic Fund supports the maintenance for the clinic located in Topeka. 2005

Funds

Continued

LaGrange County Council on Aging Program Fund provides support to fulfill the goal of providing in-home services and transportation for LaGrange County Senior Citizens. 2004

Elijah Haven Fund was established to maintain the building and structures of Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. to carry out its mission. 1998

Emergency Relief Fund provides emergency relief to the communities suffering from a devastating loss. 2012

Franky Sherman 4-H Building Fund was created to provide financial support to the LaGrange County 4-H Club Association for the Franky Sherman 4-H Memorial Building Project. 2017

Jr. Achievement of LaGrange County Fund is to provide support for LaGrange County Jr. Achievement. 2003

Kenny Burkett Health Fund was created to benefit the overall health and well-being of the residents of LaGrange County. 2016

LaGrange County Endowment Fund is to support public activities of LaGrange County including but not limited to education, community development, health & human services, the arts and culture. 1996

Lakeland School Corporation Fund was established to promote the educational objectives of Lakeland School Corporation. 1999

LaGrange County Public Library Fund was created to support the library. 1992

LaGrange County Public Library - Dekko Grant Fund supports the library's role and mission of providing programs for youth and adults. 2004

Lima United Methodist Church Fund was created to support maintenance and upkeep or the benevolent portion of the budget of the Lima United Methodist Church. 1996

Delores McNett & Talmage Family Prairie Heights FFA was created to provide support to the Prairie Heights FFA Chapter and encourage student attendance at the FFA Washington Leadership Conference. 2011

Menno-Hof Fund is to be used to further the culture, history, education, art, religion and heritage of the Amish/Mennonite Community of LaGrange County and surrounding areas. 1997

Westview Scholarship - Pretzel Fund was established to support grants to Westview graduates. 1996

Rainbow Years Learning Center Fund supports the enhancement and care of children attending Rainbow Years Learning Ministry. 1998

Scott Cemetery Fund is to provide funding for maintenance, upkeep and necessary expansion of the Scott Cemetery as determined by the Scott Cemetery Association. 1993

Scott United Methodist Fund is to provide income for the benevolent portion of the Scott United Methodist Church operating budget. 1992

Shed Endowment Fund is used to provide support to The Shed to offer a safe environment for teens to be themselves, develop a sense of belonging, build positive relationships and give them an opportunity to lead by example. 2007

Topeka Civic Endowment Fund is to encourage civic development in Topeka. 1999

United Fund of LaGrange County Fund was created to provide support for operating budget of the LaGrange County United Fund. 2000

The Wolcott Mills PTO Scholastic Fund is to provide support for the Wolcott Mills PTO scholarship program. 1996

Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana was established to assist with the budget for Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana. 1999

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds specify that income from the fund is to support a donor's particular area of concern, such as the arts, education, care of the elderly or environment without naming a specific organization to which grants will be made.

CenturyLink Economic Community Development Fund was created to provide support for and assistance to the education and economic development of LaGrange County citizens. 1995

Cultural Art Council of LaGrange County, Inc. Fund was created to provide support for the LaGrange County Cultural Arts Council and its programs in LaGrange County. 1993

Good Samaritan Fund was established to provide support for to LaGrange County nonprofit organizations helping LaGrange County families who need assistance. 2008

Healthcare Foundation, Inc. Fund was created to assist with health-related issues in the LaGrange County area. 1992

LaGrange County Animal Welfare Fund was started to respond to the needs of the animals of LaGrange County. 2002

LaGrange County Promise was established to support 529 Education Plans. 2014

Leadership Development Fund was created to promote community leadership development programs. 2006

LIFE Grants Fund supports developing the skills of philanthropy and volunteerism in young people by allowing them the experience of making recommendations of philanthropic funds through the LIFE grantmaking program. 1999

Life Long Learning Fund provides support for grants in the area of education in LaGrange County. 2015

LIFE Operating Fund provides support for the LIFE grantmaking program. 1996

Mentor Moms Program Fund provides program support for LaGrange County mothers. 2006

Quality Child Care Endowment Fund is to improve the quality of childcare in LaGrange County by affecting the children, the centers and the individuals who provide quality childcare services. 1998

LaGrange County Senior Citizens Fund addresses the concerns that affect the senior citizens of LaGrange County. 1996

Save the Wolcott House Fund was created to support the rescue of a Greek Revival home in Wolcottville built circa 1837 by the town's founder and namesake, George Wolcott. 2015

Shipshewana Community Fund is to benefit the Shipshewana Community. 2008

Stroh Community Fund was established for Stroh area projects such as the Fire Department, parks, youth sports, Lions Club, schools, churches, lake improvements, etc., but not limited to these. 2000

LaGrange County Youth was established to address concerns impacted by LaGrange County youth. 1996

Operating Funds

Operating Funds are the engines that keep the Community Foundation going. By contributing to these funds, you are helping the Foundation grow faster to improve the quality of life for all of LaGrange County. These funds support the day-to-day operations of the Community Foundation.

Cole Foundation Administrative Fund's primary purpose is to provide operating support to the LaGrange County Community Foundation. 1993

LCCF Operating Endowment Fund provides operating support to the LaGrange County Community Foundation as directed by the Foundation's board of directors and governing documents. 1996

Community Project Funds

Community Project Funds are temporary funds held at the LaGrange County Community Foundation for various projects and groups within LaGrange County. They provide an opportunity for LCCF to offer service and leadership to the community. The LaGrange County Community Foundation becomes the fiscal sponsor for the organization. Donations to these type of funds are eligible for a federal tax deduction.

Council for Drug Fee LaGrange County supports the activities of CDFLC as they raise awareness of health problems associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. 2018

College Success Coalition Fund supports the network of local organizations interested in increasing college and career access for young people in LaGrange County. 2015

Friends of the LaGrange County Parks Fund was established to provide support to the LaGrange County Parks Department through fundraising and receiving contributions of LaGrange County Parks. 2012.

LaGrange County Drug Court Fund provides support for the activities of the LaGrange County Drug Court Program. 2017

LaGrange County Health Coalition Fund promotes the overall health and well-being of LaGrange County. 2018

LaGrange County Youth Leadership Camp Fund provides support for a leadership camp for LaGrange County students. 2015

LaGrange County Extension Homemakers Association First Books for Kids Program provides books for young children in the community. 2014.

Stroh Lions Club Fund supports activities and grants for the club. 2013

Veterans Headstone Project Fund was created to provide historic cemetery markers for LaGrange County veterans. 2012

Funds

Continued

Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds enable students to achieve their educational dreams. Individuals, families, organization or businesses often establish these funds.

Amanda Lou Crotts Memorial Scholarship was established to support Prairie Heights graduates entering the teaching or nursing profession. 1999

Brian J. Evans Memorial Scholarship provides a scholarship for a Lakeland High School student. 2013

Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded annually to a student athlete whose actions exemplify the Christian beliefs and lifestyle exemplified by Bruce Brown. 2005

Chase E. Scott Memorial Football Scholarship is awarded each year to a Lakeland student who is committed to team effort and excellence in football. 2012

Craig D. Neff and Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship Fund provides educational support to a LaGrange County graduating senior attending any technical, vocational or traditional two-or four-year college. 2000

Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship Fund was established for the encouragement of higher agriculture and agri-business education of post high school students in LaGrange, Elkhart and Noble Counties in Indiana and St. Joseph and Cass Counties in Michigan. 1996

Farmwald Scholarship Fund provides educational opportunities for Westview graduating seniors. 1998

Florence E. & Virgil L. Hardin Memorial Scholarship Fund supports the educational pursuits of LaGrange County students through scholarships to students in the area of healthcare. 1997

George O. Witwer New-Sun Journalism Scholarship Fund was established to support a graduating senior who is pursuing an advanced education and career in journalism. 1993

Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship Fund was established to provide educational support to a LaGrange County student who pursuing a degree in the field of science. 1993

Hope Nursing Scholarship Fund supports students pursuing a career in the nursing field. 2000

James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship Fund provides educational financial support to Westview students. 2000

J.O. Mory Company Scholarship Fund was created to encourage and support the opportunity for higher education to graduating seniors who intend to pursue a career in Northeast Indiana within the wide range of opportunities in the residential, commercial and industrial construction trades. 2006

Joseph J. Willard Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to encourage and provide support to a graduating senior pursuing an engineering degree. 2002

Judy Gage Keenan Scholarship Fund provides financial support to students pursuing a four-year Bachelor's degree in a health care field of study. 2004

Keith and Arline Davis Scholarship Fund provides educational financial support to a Westview High School graduating senior. 2000

Kerry Wilt Spradlin Memorial Scholarship was established to provide support to a Westview student who pursuing a degree in communications, government, healthcare, medicine, journalism or public affairs. 2009

Kevin Lewis Purdue Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Fund is to support a Prairie Heights High School graduate who is studying agriculture at Purdue University. 1998

LaGrange County Farm Bureau Coop Scholarship is to encourage and support a student going into higher education pursuing the field of agriculture. 2009

Lakeland Scholarship Fund was created to provide support to Lakeland High School graduating seniors. 2013

Lambright Leadership Scholarship was established to provide support to four Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists. 2013

LIFE Endowment Fund supports one scholarship at each of the LaGrange County high schools based on their record of community involvement. 1997

Lyle Smith Discretionary Scholarship Fund was established to support a Westview student who has big dreams and aspirations for their future. 2012

Olive B. Cole Foundation Scholarship Fund provides renewable scholarships to four LaGrange County students. 2007

Mattea Hope Holton Memorial Scholarship was established to support a Lakeland student who displays leadership as a softball athlete. 2016

Matthew Terry Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to promote the educational objectives of a Lakeland graduating senior who plays baseball. 2002

Mary E. McGawn Future Teacher Scholarship was created to support a Lakeland senior pursuing education as both their passion and their career path. 2012

Melvin & Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship applies to those students who have served in a leadership position for at least one year in community service organization. 2010

Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship was established for a Westview student involved in school extracurricular activities and active in LaGrange County 4-H. 2016

Mory Family Scholarship Fund supports the educational pursuits of students in LaGrange County in the technical areas of mechanical and electrical skills. 1996

Natalie Kauffman Nursing Scholarship Fund provides support a Lakeland High school graduate enrolled in a nursing program. 2017

Ned Stump Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to LaGrange County graduating seniors pursuing education studies or who have been involved in 4-H or FFA. 2006

Olivia Bay Lemings Scholarship Fund provides support to a senior female student at Lakeland High School who has been active in girl's basketball for four years. 1996

Paul and Marian Krebs Scholarship Fund was created to provide educational support to a Lakeland High School graduate who is entering the field of study in education, music, religion or medicine, including nursing. 2006

Peggy Messer Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to support a Prairie Heights student who participated in four years of high school softball and baseball. 2016

Perkins Family Scholarship Fund was created to support educational opportunities for a graduating senior of Prairie Heights High School. 2009

Prairie Heights Band Scholarship Band was created by the Prairie Heights Band Boosters to support the educational goals of young people who have pursued their musical interest through band. 2012

Prairie Heights Scholarship Fund was created to provide support for Prairie Heights graduating seniors pursuing higher education. 2013

Prairie Heights Student Council Leadership Scholarship Fund provides one scholarship to a graduating senior who has served in a Student Council leadership role for two years. 2001

Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to support students with a strong academic record of accomplishment and demonstrated financial need who are pursuing studies in the healthcare field. 1988

Rheinheimer Scholastic Fund assists with higher education costs of two Westview High School graduates each year. 1995

Russell Hepler Telecommunication Scholarship was established to benefit a Prairie Heights student pursuing education in telecommunication studies. 2016

Stan Anderson Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund was established to benefit a male athlete who has participated in at least one year of golf at Prairie Heights High School. 2007

Schlemmer Scholarship Fund provides support to a graduating senior from Lakeland High School. 2000

Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship Fund was created to encourage a Lakeland male basketball athlete to pursue further education at an accredited two or four-year school. 1999

Westview Scholarship Fund provides support to Westview graduates who complete at least a semester at a college, university or trade school. 2013

Waddell Scholarship Fund was created to encourage a Lakeland student to pursue a career as a newspaper reporter. 1999

Donors & Memorial Gifts

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ARC, Inc.
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Fruirip-May Funeral Home
Hardin Charitable Fund
HJK Farm, LLC
Horizon Bank
Howe United Methodist Church
Indiana Public Health Association
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Jerry's Standard
LaGrange Area Ministerial Assoc.
LaGrange Country Dodge
LaGrange County 4-H Auction
LaGrange County 4-H Dairy Club
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Milford Township Trustee
Miller Poultry
Monsanto Fund
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
National Fish & Wildlife Federation
Network for Good
Noble Specialized Transport, Inc
Northern Indiana Golf, Inc. DBA Heron Creek
Obeca, Inc
Olive B. Cole Foundation
Parkview Health
Pepsico Foundation
Prairie Heights High School
Purdue University
Shipshe Automotive Service Inc.
Sons of the American Legion - Post #215
Town of LaGrange
Westview Junior-Senior High School
Westview School Corporation

Grants

Community Impact Grants are awarded based on a competitive grant application process. These grants are made possible by donors who direct us to use their gifts wherever the needs are greatest. Nonprofit organizations serving LaGrange County are eligible to apply in five areas of interest: arts & culture, health & human services, recreation, environment and education.

Reason 4 Hope Camp Hope	\$2,000
Compassion Pregnancy Center Detroit Street Remodel	\$10,621
Shore Church Rainbow Years Learning Ministry Playground	\$20,000
LaGrange First Church of God Night to Shine 2019	\$2,200
LaGrange Council on Aging LCAT Van	\$10,300
The Farm Place Foster Home	\$25,000
LaGrange Communities Youth Centers, Inc. Art and Drama Camp	\$2,420
Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana, Inc. LaGrange County Campus Life	\$1,500
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry Meat Processing	\$5,000
Ark Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc. Pet ID Machine	\$1,500
Early Childhood Alliance Parents as Teachers	\$5,000
Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House Operational Support for LaGrange County	\$2,000
Kate's Kart LaGrange County Book Distribution	\$2,500
Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. Batterer's Intervention Program	\$3,900
Community Harvest Food Bank of NE IN Inc. LaGrange County Farm Wagon	\$5,000
Total	\$98,941



Rainbow Years Learning Ministry

Established in 1995 by Shore Church, Rainbow Years Learning Ministry's mission is to provide quality childcare to the local community. They offer care for children from birth to age 11. To expand on their outdoor education, Rainbow Years sought to replace its outdated playground equipment, along with new fencing and age-appropriate activity structures for children. The playground will include outdoor stations with natural elements to allow children to explore music and movement, building and loose parts, sand digging, water and garden space. Rainbow Years also sought to update its curriculum program, which focuses on social and emotional learning and preparing children for kindergarten.

\$20,000 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, LEARNING STATIONS & CURRICULUM PROGRAM

LaGrange County Council on Aging

The LaGrange County Council on Aging provides public transportation for LaGrange County through LaGrange County Area Transit. Seniors, along with any county residents, are able to use LCAT's services. With a fleet of 11 vans running daily, LCAT provided 55,387 trips to residents in 2017. With the Community Impact Grant from the Community Foundation, the Council on Aging was able to leverage a grant for a new van from the Indiana Dept. of Transportation. Income from the LCAT program helps support the Council on Aging's senior programs.

\$10,300 LAGRANGE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT VAN

LaGrange Communities Youth Centers, Inc.

LCYC's mission is "inspiring the youth of today to build successful adults tomorrow." Each summer, LCYC provides an art and drama camp for LaGrange County youth. The free camps teach young people skills such as team building, interpersonal relations and cultural understanding. Art Camp (grades 3-4) culminates with a Community Art Show. In Drama Camp (grades 5-8), children work with a professor from Trine University and learn how to shine in their own unique way.

\$2,420 ART AND DRAMA CAMPS



Functional Skills Class Kitchen Island



LIFE Retreat



LIFE Retreat



Warrior Café

Youth Philanthropy

The LaGrange County Community Foundation's youth philanthropy program – LIFE – provides an opportunity for youth to gain experience in grantmaking, charitable giving and volunteering.

The students engage in a variety of community projects and provide oversight of the LIFE funds at the Community Foundation. LIFE members represent each LaGrange County school corporation: Lakeland, Westview, and Prairie Heights, and Howe Military Academy. One student is selected to represent their school from grades 8-12.

LIFE members review applications for education and youth projects serving LaGrange County and grant philanthropic dollars to organizations making an impact.

2018 Awards

Reason 4 Hope, Inc. Hope for Youth School Assembly Program	\$2,500
Purdue Extension Robotics Club	\$748
Prairie Heights Middle School Seating For All Learners	\$1,749
Lakeland High School FFA Farm Senior Project	\$2,000
Westview Jr-Sr. High School Warrior Café	\$1,680
Westview Jr-Sr. High School Unlock Inquiry-Based Learning	\$1,962
Westview Jr-Sr. High School Applied Skills Class Kitchen Island	\$3,200
Westview School Corp. PLUS Mentoring Program	\$1,200

Scholarships

The LaGrange County Community Foundation administers scholarship funds established by individuals, families, corporations and organizations to assist high school and other students in pursuit of educational expenses. Each scholarship fund has its own individual criteria and requirements. Our volunteer Scholarship Advisory Committee reviews applications from qualified candidates and makes award recommendations to our Board of Directors. These awards are charitable grants that the recipient is not required to pay. Scholarships may be used for educational expenses such as tuition, fees and books. With more than 45 scholarship funds under management, LCCF enables students to achieve their educational dreams.

Featured Recipients

- Ashley Brown ¹
- Elizabeth German ²
- Lawton Yoder ³
- Olivia Hibbs ⁴
- Kent Eagleson ⁵
- Codey Shafer ⁶
- Lydia Rang ⁷
- Karley Alleshouse ⁸



Brian Evans Memorial Scholarship
Nolan Isaacs
Purdue University
\$500

Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Taggart
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$400

Chase Scott Memorial Football Scholarship
Lawton Yoder
Vincennes University
\$500

Community Scholarship
Austin Hoffelder
Indiana University
\$1,000

Lauren Bontrager
Purdue University
\$1,000

Hope Brandenberger
Anderson University
\$1,000

Sierra Weaver
Purdue University
\$1,000

Craig and Ronda Neff Memorial Scholarship
Madeleine Sherman
Tiffin University
\$400

Lambright Leadership Scholarship
Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,000

Ashley Brown
Indiana University
\$1,000

Taylor Taggart
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,000

Miranda Kresse
Purdue University
\$1,000

Abigail Miller
Indiana Wesleyan University
\$1,000

Brittany Linn
Purdue University
\$1,000

Erin Miller
University of Indianapolis
\$1,000

Ashler Gingerich
Taylor University
\$1,000

Rene Lewis
Purdue University
\$1,000

Karyssa Davis
Grace College & Seminary
\$1,000

Chloe Long
Purdue University
\$1,000

Jessica Valentine
Indiana University
\$1,000

Taylor B Eash
Trine University
\$1,000

Kiara Smith
Purdue University
\$1,000

Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship
Kelty Bratton
Ivy Tech Community College
\$1,000

Farmwald Scholarship
Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
\$2,000

Abigail Miller
Indiana Wesleyan University
\$2,000

Andrew Yoder
Huntington University
\$2,000

Karyssa Davis
Grace College & Seminary
\$2,000

Florence and Virgil Hardin Memorial Scholarship
Kamryn Murley
Trine University
\$500

George O. Witwer News-Sun Journalism Scholarship
Raul Martinez
Huntington University
\$1,000

Hope Nursing Scholarship
Karley Alleshouse
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$500

Howe-Notestine Scholarship
Elizabeth German
Purdue University
\$500

Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship
Margaret McCoy
Purdue University
\$750

Joseph Willard Memorial Scholarship

Margaret McCoy
Purdue University
\$500

James Kalb Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$500

Judy Gage Keenan Memorial Scholarship

Karley Alleshouse
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
\$500

Kerry Wilt Spradlin Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$500

Keith and Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship

Reghan Heffner
Purdue University
\$500

LaGrange County Farm Bureau Coop Scholarship

Lawton Yoder
Vincennes University
\$500.00

LIFE Scholarship

Lexis Giggy
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$300

Taylor Taggart

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$300

Alicia Walter

Ball State University
\$300

Lyle Smith Scholarship

Ashley Brown
Indiana University
\$500

Matthew Terry Memorial Scholarship

Nolan Isaacs
Purdue University
\$250

Mary McGawn Future Teacher Scholarship

Shayla Huffman
Indiana State University
\$1,000

Mattea Holton Memorial Scholarship

Grace Arend
Purdue University
\$400

Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis
\$750

Ashley Brown

Indiana University
\$750

Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Miller
Glen Oaks Community College
\$500

Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship

Lexis Giggy
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$400

Olive B. Cole Foundation Scholarship

Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,200

Ashley Brown

Indiana University
\$1,200

Margaret McCoy

Purdue University
\$1,200

Taylor Taggart

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,200

Abigail Miller

Indiana Wesleyan University
\$1,200

Austin Hoffelder

Indiana University
\$1,200

Heather Krapfl

Anderson University
\$1,200

Karyssa Davis

Grace College & Seminary
\$1,200

Chloe Long

Purdue University
\$1,200

Taylor B Eash

Trine University
\$1,200

Sidney Byrnett

Indiana University
\$1,200

Sierra Weaver

Purdue University
\$1,200

Travis Riddle

Trine University
\$1,200

Ty Rowdon

Columbia University
\$1,200

Olivia Bay Lemings Scholarship Award

Taylor Taggart
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,000

Paul and Marian Krebs Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Taggart
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,000

Peggy Messer Memorial Scholarship

Codey Shafer
Trine University
\$300

Alicia Walter

Ball State University
\$300

Perkins Family Scholarship

Shelby Fish
University of North Florida
\$1,000

Prairie Heights Band Scholarship

Ashton Reed
Bradley University
\$500

Prairie Heights Scholarship

Kaitlyn Cooper
Purdue University Fort Wayne
\$1,000

Meghan Kolkman-Stayner

University of Saint Francis
\$1,000

Elizabeth German

Purdue University
\$1,000

Prairie Heights Student Council Scholarship

Shelby Fish
University of North Florida
\$500

Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Hibbs
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
\$1,000

Rheinheimer Scholarship

Lydia Rang
Ball State University
\$1,000

Ashley Brown

Indiana University
\$1,000

Schlemmer Scholarship

Kent Eagleson
Bethel College
\$500

Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship

Joshua Grogg
Purdue University Fort Wayne
\$1,500

Waddell Scholarship

Heather Krapfl
Anderson University
\$1,000

Chloe Long

Purdue University
\$1,000

Garett Chrisman

Purdue University Fort Wayne
\$1,000



Ashley Miller, middle, receives the 2018 Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a senior at Westview High School active in 4-H and extracurriculars in memory of Morgan Hunter. Awarding the scholarship are Andrew, Laura, Isaac and Joshua Hunter.

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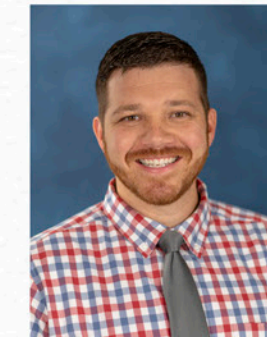
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Every day you make choices about how to use your time, talent and resources. We want to help you think about the choices you can make to fulfill a dream, a passion, create a masterpiece, or leave your mark, your legacy, on our community in an beautiful way.

The LaGrange County Community Foundation can provide the canvas and help you create one of your most meaningful works of art.

Why Give

- We help donors make bigger impact by pooling their resources with those of other donors.
- We know the community and create partnerships to have the best impact.
- We connect donors with the projects and causes they value.
- We create endowments by investing and managing donor funds to support current and future needs.
- We offer the maximum tax advantages allowed.

Ways to Give

- Cash
- Crops or livestock
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated assets such as stock or property
- Beneficiary designation on a retirement account or pension plan
- Estate gift (in your Will)
- Private Foundation Transfers

If you would like more information about how LCCF can help you achieve more impact, greater purpose and endless possibilities, contact us at 260-463-4363.

"The idea is not to live forever, but to create something that will."
Andy Warhol

LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc.

Summary of Financial Position

	DECEMBER 31	
	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 728,341	\$ 653,449
Investments	\$ 14,263,135	\$ 15,538,493
Other Assets	\$ 385,025	\$ 383,053
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 15,376,501</u>	<u>\$ 16,574,995</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$ 192,864	\$ 297,208
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 6,109,023	\$ 6,328,317
With donor restrictions	\$ 9,074,614	\$ 9,949,470
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 15,183,637</u>	<u>\$ 16,277,787</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 15,376,501	\$ 16,574,995

Summary of Combined Statement of Activities

	DECEMBER 31	
	2018	2017
SUPPORT REVENUE AND GAINS		
General Contributions	\$ 638,956	\$ 907,726
Investment Income	\$ (1,055,395)	\$ 1,751,481
Administrative and Other	\$ 349,802	\$ 310,113
<i>Total support, revenues and gains</i>	<u>\$ (66,637)</u>	<u>\$ 2,969,320</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$ 811,189	\$ 616,997
Management and General	\$ 184,095	\$ 183,546
Fund-raising	\$ 32,229	\$ 34,399
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$ 1,027,513</u>	<u>\$ 834,942</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (1,094,150)	\$ 2,134,378
Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 16,277,787	\$ 14,143,409
Net assets at end of year	\$ 15,183,637	\$ 16,277,787

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IS TO
Inspire
and sustain
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