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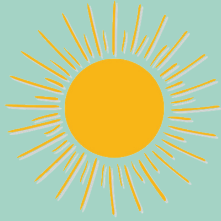
# GROWING GOOD



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407



**GIFTS**

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\$907,726



**TOTAL ASSETS**

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\$16.6M



**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

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11



**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

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27



**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

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54



**AGENCY FUNDS**

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6



**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

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16



**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

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13





# TO OUR DONORS: THANKS TO YOU, WE SIT IN THE SHADE

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We love the Greek proverb that says: *“A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”* That type of powerful thinking and foresight by our donors is what has allowed the LaGrange County Community Foundation to transform into the organization we are today.

The generosity of our donors, since our beginning in 1991, has allowed us to help create beautiful parks for families, assist hundreds of students attending college, provide countless educational opportunities for school-age youth and support efforts to transform our community into a place that we all love.

In 2017, with your support, our community foundation continued the path of growth, leadership and philanthropy. In the pages of this book, you will find a few of the highlights and exciting moments for the year. We wished a happy retirement to our longtime leader and friend, Laura Lemings; honored leaders in volunteerism; and invested nearly \$500,000 in our wonderful community.

Thank you, to all of you, who have supported our mission and trusted that what you donated to the foundation would grow into something great; because it has.



Looking into the future together as a foundation and community, we will take the opportunity to plant a tree for another generation to sit beneath but today, we **THANK YOU** for the shade that you have already provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Brown". The script is fluid and cursive.

**George Brown**  
Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Tuttle". The script is elegant and cursive.

**Jennifer Tuttle**  
Executive Director

# MILESTONES & MEMORIES



## FEBRUARY

# 06

### Food and Clothes Basket of LaGrange County receives We Give Thanks award

The 2016 We Give Thanks Challenge, which so many generous donors support, was awarded to the Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County at the beginning of the year. The grant supports ongoing efforts to help families in our community who need a helping hand.

## MARCH

# 31

### Laura Lemings retires as Executive Director after 15 years of service

After 15 years at the helm, our longtime director retired to a new and exciting phase of life. During her tenure, Laura provided leadership throughout the community, helped the foundation double its asset size, and brought new partners to the foundation.

## MAY

# 30

### LaGrange County high school seniors receive \$38,050 in scholarships

Graduating seniors in LaGrange County schools received 51 awards for post-secondary education. These scholarships are only possible with the generous support of YOU! Our donors helped 25 graduating seniors take a step toward their dreams.





**JULY**

**22**

**Franky Sherman 4-H Building Fund honors 4-H legend & leader**

To honor a man who meant so much to the LaGrange County 4-H community, supporters gave more than \$100,000 to build a new show pavilion in memory of Franky Sherman. The memorial fund was announced during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair Auction, netting more than \$50,000 in one day.

**NOVEMBER**

**17**

**Matching grant supports LaGrange County kids who need a helping hand**

LCCF pledged a \$10,000 matching grant to support students in LaGrange County who are food insecure. With our match to donations received from the Power of the Purse event hosted by the LC Chamber, Boomerang Backpacks and Blessings in a Backpack helped students for an entire school year.

**DECEMBER**

**13**

**Arianna Smith receives the 37th Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**

We surprised Lakeland High School senior Arianna Smith of Howe with a full-tuition scholarship to attend the Indiana college of her choice. Arianna plans to attend Purdue University to study computer science, along with her twin sister, Kiara, a finalist for the same award.

# 2017 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL

*Brian Evans Memorial  
Scholarship*

Jenna Ferguson

*Bricker Memorial Scholarship*

Michaela Burchett

*Bruce Brown Memorial  
Scholarship*

Michaela Burchett

*Chase E. Scott Memorial  
Football Scholarship*

Hunter Clawson

*Craig D. and Ronda S. Neff  
Memorial Scholarship*

Chloe Long

*Hardin Memorial Scholarship*

Summer Poe

*Holly Petersen Memorial  
Science Scholarship*

Chloe Long

*H.O.P.E. Nursing Scholarship*

Darrian Combs

*Judy Gage-Keenan*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Darrian Combs

*L.I.F.E. Scholarship*

Brittany Linn

*Lambright Leadership Scholarship*

Chloe Long

*Lambright Leadership Scholarship*

Brittany Linn

*Mattea Hope Holton Memorial  
Scholarship*

Jenna Ferguson

*Matthew Terry Memorial*

Brittain Isaacs

*Mary E. McGawn Future Teacher  
Scholarship*

Jenna Ferguson

*Olive B. Cole Foundation Scholarship*

Chloe Long

*Olivia Bay Lemings*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Jaden Conard

*Paul and Marian Krebs*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Darrian Combs

*Schlemmer Scholarship*

Jenna Ferguson

*Terry Schmidt Memorial*

*Basketball Scholarship*

Brittain Isaacs

*Waddell Scholarship*

Chloe Long

## WESTVIEW JR.- SR.

### HIGH SCHOOL

*Bricker Memorial Scholarship*

Taylor Eash

*Community Scholarship*

Seth Schrock

*Farmwald Scholarship*

Karyssa Davis

*James Kalb Memorial Scholarship*

Derek Miller

*Keith and Arline Davis*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Houston Haney

*Kerry Wilt Spradlin Memorial*

*Scholarship*

Taylor Eash

*Lambright Leadership Scholarship*

Houston Haney

*Lambright Leadership Scholarship*

Karyssa Davis

*L.I.F.E. Scholarship*

Karyssa Davis

*Lilly Endowment*

*Community Scholarship*

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*Lyle Smith Scholarship*

Shantelle Etchason

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*Memorial Scholarship*

Logan Lewton

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Karyssa Davis

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## PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

### HIGH SCHOOL

*Amanda Lou Crotts*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Elizabeth Grossman

Genesis Reed

*Bricker Memorial Scholarship*

Ty Rowdon

*Ellsworth Fanning*

*Memorial Scholarship*

Kaitlyn Cooper

*Howe-Notestine Scholarship*

Amanda Prough

*LaGrange County Farm*

*Bureau Co-op Scholarship*

Kaitlyn Cooper

*L.I.F.E. Scholarship*

Ty Rowdon

*Olive B. Cole Foundation*

*Scholarship*

Ty Rowdon

*Peggy Messer Memorial Scholarship*

Amanda Prough

*Prairie Heights Scholarship*

Kaitlyn Cooper

*Prairie Heights Student Council*

*Leadership Scholarship*

Cory Burkholder



## COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Helping Students Succeed in Education

We manage more than 50 unique scholarship funds on behalf of our donors to support a wide range of educational goals. Scholarships are awarded in May.

## LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

### Providing Opportunities

Each year we have the opportunity to award a full-tuition scholarship to a LaGrange County graduating high school senior. The scholarship emphasizes community service, academic achievement and leadership. Students must go through an application and interview process. The recipient is announced in December of each year.

## WESTVIEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Supporting Scholars

Thanks to a large group of donors, Westview graduates are eligible for a one-time award of \$750 up to two years following graduation.

### Amount of scholarships awarded

# \$97,050

### Number of scholarships awarded

# 114



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP ARE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: HUNTER CLAWSON, SUMMER POE, JADEN COARD, JORDAN MILLER, TAYLOR EASH, KAITLYN COOPER, KARIS BREWER AND MICHAELLA BURCHETT.

# 2017 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT AWARDS

## Nonprofits improving LaGrange County

Each year we award competitive grants from our community funds to nonprofits who are meeting the needs of residents in LaGrange County.

<b>ACRES, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Agape Childcare Ministry</b>	<b>\$3,380</b>
<b>Community Harvest Food Bank</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>
<b>Early Childhood Alliance</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Lakeland HS (College Visit Program)</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>LaGrange Church of God (Night to Shine)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>McMillen Health</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Michiana Public Broadcasting</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Otis R. Bowen Center</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Reason 4 Hope, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

2017 UNRESTRICTED GRANT AWARDS

**\$78,610**



## Helping families thrive and get back on their feet

### Agape Missions of LaGrange County

Established in 2014, Agape's mission is to help families who are in need of emergency housing. A group of concerned citizens purchased a home in LaGrange and began renovation. With renovation completed in 2017, Agape opened its doors to the community. The Agape home, called Brian's House, can accommodate up to three families who can stay up to three months while they seek a permanent home.



**\$5,360**

ROOF REPAIR AND RENOVATION





## Expanding science education for elementary students

### Science Central Science 4U Outreach

An exciting mix of traveling labs and demonstrations, Science Central takes its show on the road to instill confidence in students that anyone can do science. The interactive workshop motivates students to ask questions, solve problems and explore science concepts. Science Central brought outreach programs to Lima-Brighton, Topeka and Wolcott Mills Elementary School, reaching 1,047 students.



**\$5,000**

MOBILE SCIENCE LABS  
AND DEMONSTRATIONS



## Preserving history and supporting veterans

### Veterans Headstone Project

Jean Fremion-McKibben's passion for veterans and history ensures that LaGrange County veterans are honored for their service. A number of community volunteers support the repair and replacement of damaged headstones throughout our county's cemeteries. Jean, with the help of close advisors, meticulously researches each veteran's history and shares her findings in the local newspaper and online.



**\$2,120**

REPLACEMENT HEADSTONES  
AT JORDAN CEMETERY

# DESIGNATED FUND HIGHLIGHT: MENNO-HOF

Menno-Hof is a nonprofit information center in Shipshewana that teaches visitors about the faith and life of Amish and Mennonites. The late **Goldie Lambright** established the Menno-Hof Fund to support their mission as they share the heritage of the Amish and Mennonite community of LaGrange County. Each year, Menno-Hof receives support from LCCF for various needs. In 2017, grant funds were used to replace air conditioners, upgrade audio/visuals, buy an office copier and replace carpet in the children's area.

**Fund Launched**

**April 17, 1997**

**Total Grant Funding Received**

**\$153,830**

**Years in Operation**

**30 years**

**Number of Visitors**

**992,622**





# MENNO-HOF

## AMISH & MENNONITE STORY





# MEMORIAL FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 2017

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## **THE E. MARIE DWIGHT COMMUNITY FUND**

Marie Dwight was a compassionate, caring individual who was passionate about helping others. She was involved with Red Hat Society, Ruth Circle, Clothes and Food Basket, Habitat for Humanity, and many others. To honor her mother's legacy of volunteerism and community service, Marita Dwight-Smith established a donor advised fund to support programs that Marie was so passionate about.



## **NATALIE KAUFFMAN MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Natalie Kauffman was a vibrant, young woman pursuing her nursing degree in hope of helping individuals suffering from depression. After Natalie's passing, her family wanted to honor the wonderful, caring person she was, help other students realize their goal of going to nursing school and bring a message of hope to anyone suffering from depression. Natalie's fund was established in her memory.



## **FRANKY SHERMAN 4-H BUILDING FUND**

Franky Sherman was known for his generosity and desire to support the kids in the LaGrange County 4-H Program. At the 2017 auction, the 4-H community pulled together to raise over \$100,000 for the Franky Sherman Fund. In honor of his love of the 4-H program and kids that it supports, the funds will be used in the construction of a new show pavilion at the 4-H Fairgrounds.



# PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

2017 Heart of Gold award  
for Outstanding Service  
to the community

## WINNER

**Kevin Lambright**

## FINALISTS

Katie Bowman  
Sharrita Carpenter  
Brenda Snyder  
Sons of the American Legion  
Richard Yoder  
Tom Miller  
Russell Baker  
Mont Arnold  
James Norris



Each year we are excited to hear the stories of dedicated volunteers in LaGrange County! We received 10 nominations for our 8th annual Heart of Gold award, honoring inspiring volunteers in our community. We were honored to award the 2017 Heart of Gold award to Kevin Lambright of Shipshewana. Lambright has served for seven years as a member of Parkview LaGrange Hospital's board of directors – for which he is currently the outgoing chairman – and was a founding member of the Parkview LaGrange Foundation Advisory Committee, on which he has served for nine years.

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# 2017 SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THE SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE** is a group of volunteers who help review scholarship applications in March and April. We cannot thank them enough for the countless hours they spend reading essays and reviewing applications. Their support allows us to award funds to students pursuing higher education.

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In front, from left, are 2017 scholarship recipients from Westview Jr. - Sr. High School: Angie Handshoe, Shantelle Etchason, Karis Brewer, Derek Miller, Karyssa Davis and Norman Miller. In back, from left, are Logan Lewton, Seth Schrock, Houston Haney, Taylor Eash and Jordan Miller.

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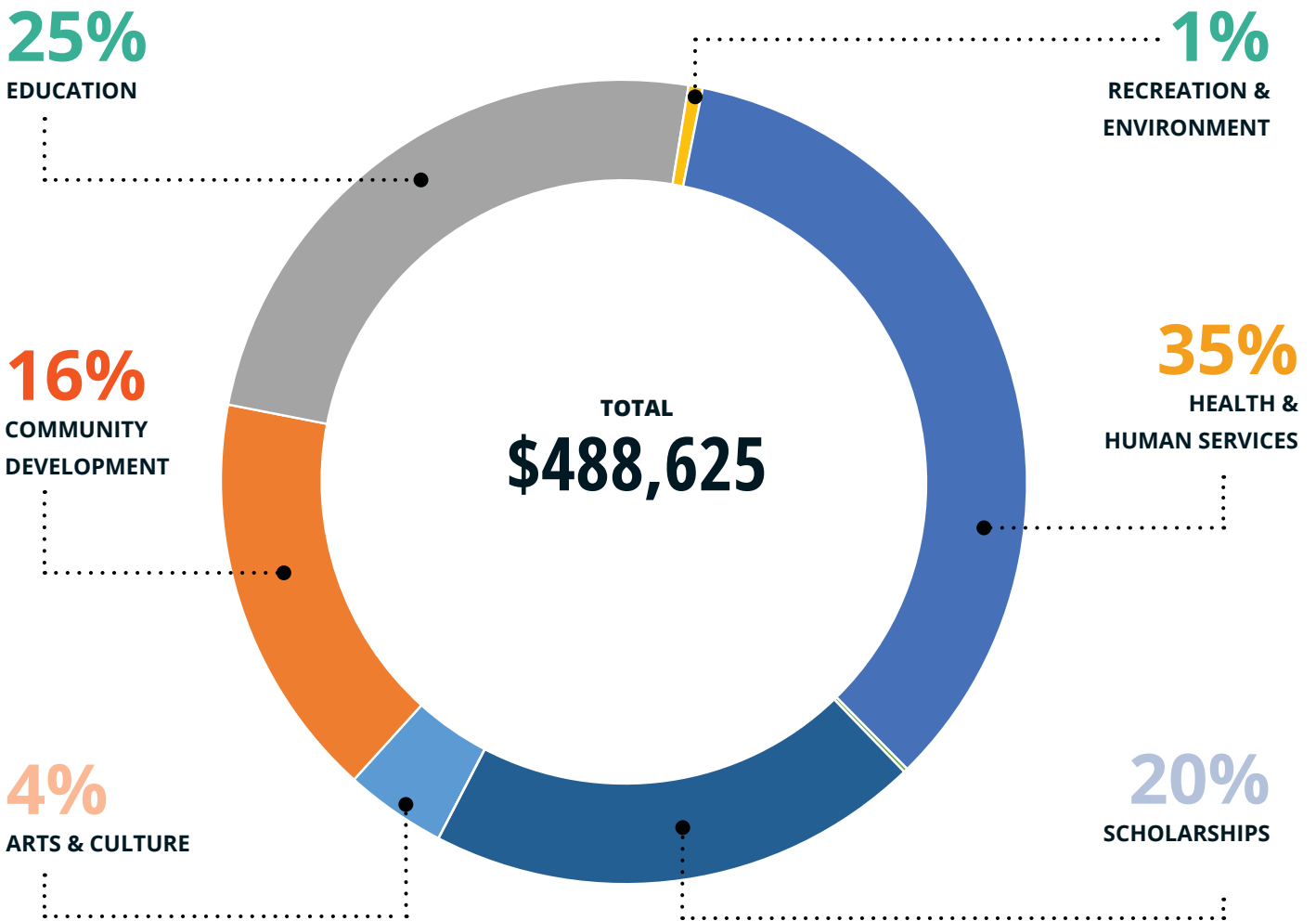
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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## GRANTMAKING BY PROGRAM AREA

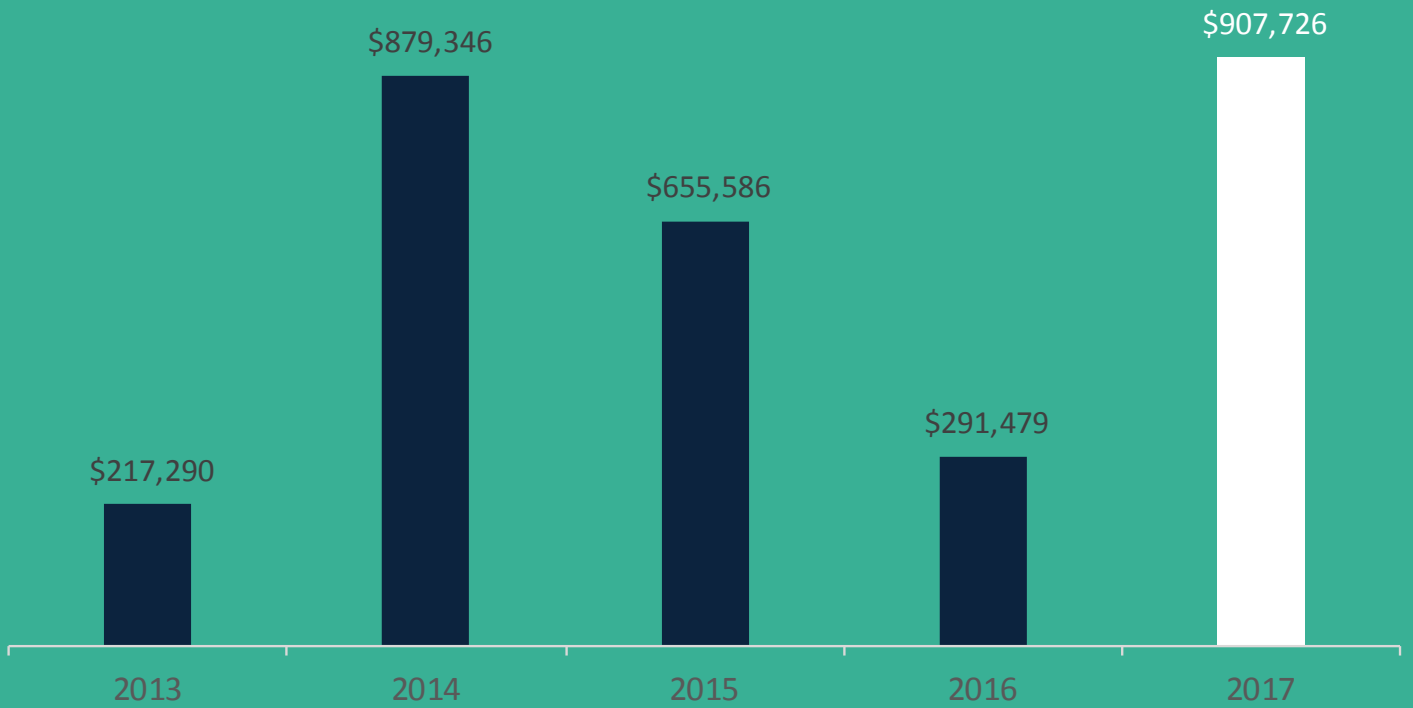
With the support of you, our donors, the LaGrange County Community Foundation was able to grant more than \$480,000 back to our community. Our goal is to identify programs that benefit LaGrange County residents and

assist organizations to fulfill those needs. Each grant signifies a specific program area such as health and human services and lifelong education. Based on donor advisement, grant committee recommendation and board evaluation, LCCF strives to support the needs of our community.



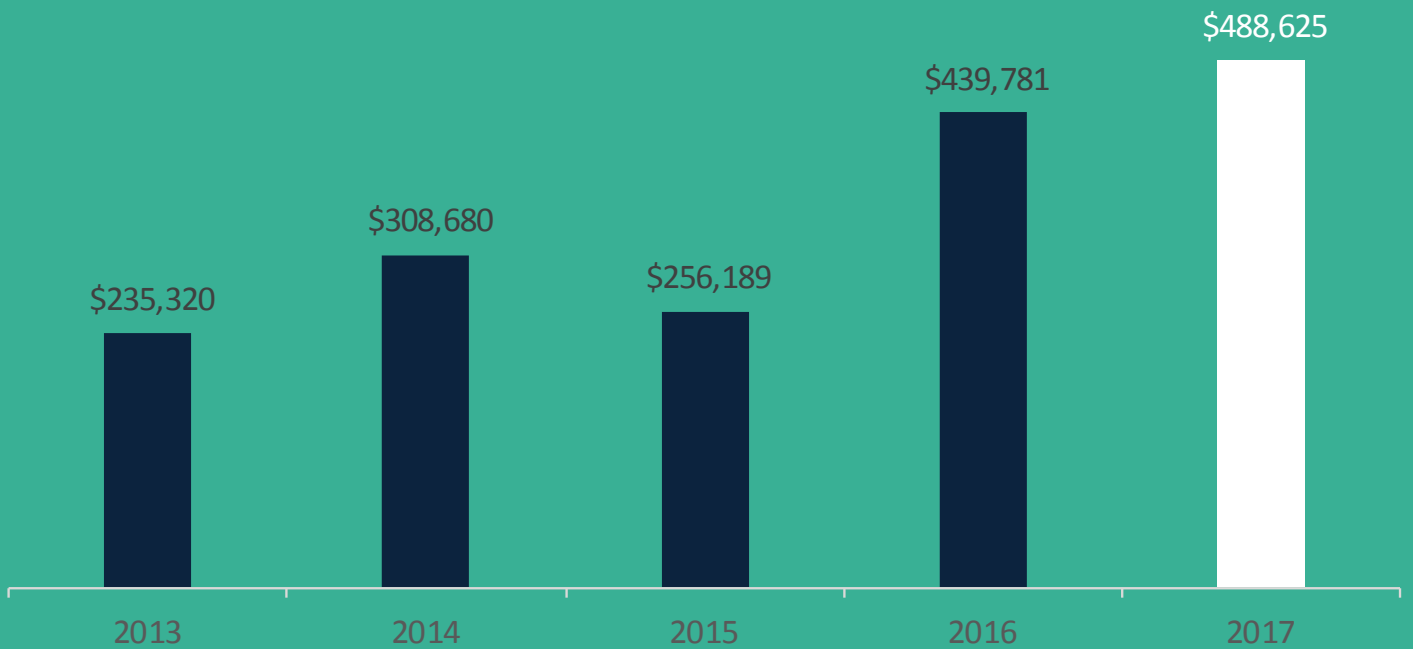
## CONTRIBUTIONS

Total



## GRANTS

Total





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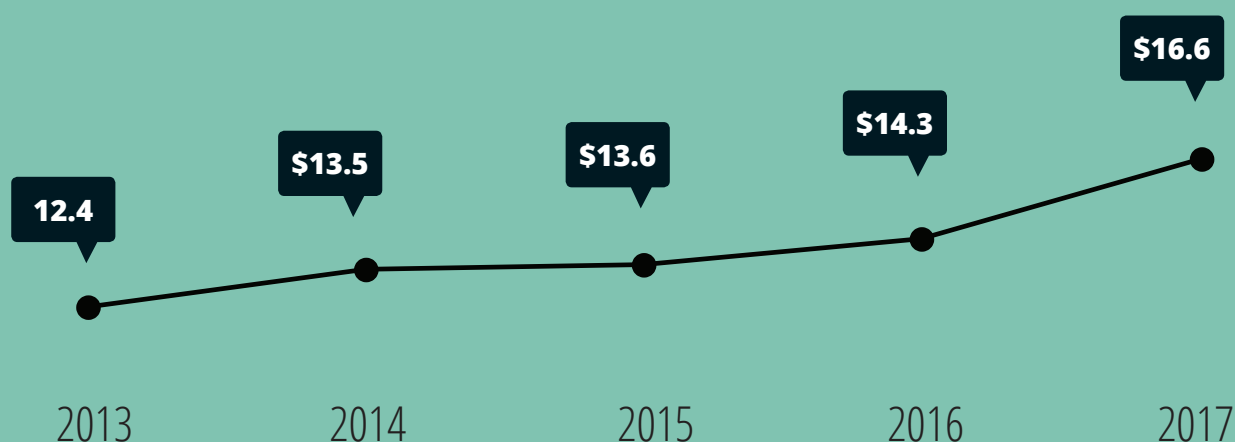
The stewardship of community assets is a critical responsibility of the Board of Directors. Our investment philosophy is to preserve the power of assets entrusted to our care. Philanthropic dollars should provide as much service 100 years from now as they do today. Investment and distribution decisions are made with that goal in mind.

## TOTAL ASSETS

**\$16.6**  
Million

## FUNDS HELD

**165**



FINANCIALS

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	653,419	345,536
Investments	15,538,493	13,778,463
Note receivable	204,277	217,873
Property and equipment, net	171,961	-
Other assets	6,845	6,102
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$16,574,995</b>	<b>\$14,347,974</b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts and other payables	105,745	39,700
Funds held for others	191,463	164,865
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>297,208</b>	<b>204,565</b>

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted	6,328,317	5,557,774
Temporarily restricted	3,432,149	2,239,337
Permanently restricted	6,517,321	6,346,298
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>16,277,787</b>	<b>14,143,409</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$16,574,995</b>	<b>\$14,347,974</b>
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*The LaGrange County Community Foundation engages an independent firm to conduct an annual audit in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and it involves an examination of the financial records, accounts, business transactions, accounting practices and internal controls.*





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