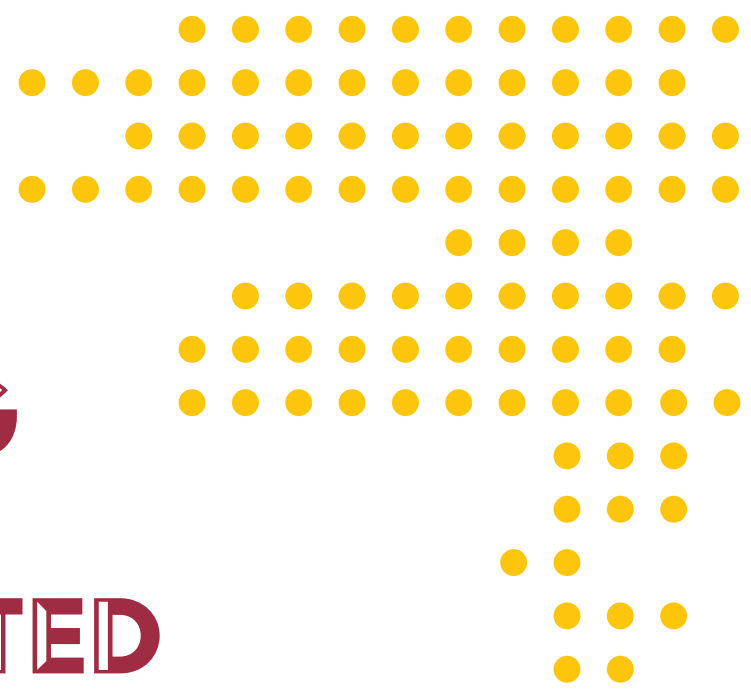


**LAGRANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2020 ANNUAL REPORT**



*Generosity, Leadership
and Service*



ADAPTING TO THE UNEXPECTED

DEAR FRIENDS:

It's hard to summarize a year of transition, difficulty, and unknowns into one letter. When we look back in history on the year 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic – what will we remember? I hope we remember our resiliency – and our ability to adapt and respond.

In 1991, when the LaGrange County Community Foundation was created, the goal was to create *permanent* funds for our community to respond to changing needs. We cannot predict the future, but we can build funds to meet those unexpected needs. We build unrestricted funds for today's needs and the future needs of our community.

We adapted. We held virtual board meetings and some directors joined from interesting locales – behind the wheel of the tractor and their kitchen tables. Technology allowed us to continue with our work and stay connected. While many in the community dealt with illness, death, and challenging situations we rallied.

The Community Foundation, with the partnership of Crossroads United Way, set aside unrestricted funds to provide grants to nonprofits working on the frontlines. Our goal was to be flexible, meet needs directly and make the process simple for the doers at the heart and strength of our community. Thanks to the generosity from our community, we provided \$78,000 in COVID support to nonprofits.

Our staff continued with our regular programming, albeit in a reduced capacity, from our homes, and some virtually, but it didn't stop us. Amid changes, cancelled plans, and daily unknowns – we persevered.

We closed the year with assets of \$19 million and provided \$450,399 in grants. After 25 years in the old Bir Hotel building, we celebrated the purchase of a new home for the Community Foundation and prepared to make the move in spring of 2021.

As we look forward to our 30th anniversary in 2021 – we keep moving forward with the goal that our earliest Board of Directors adopted: "People Helping People."

Thank you for being our partner in community philanthropy.

Onward and upward!

Octavia Yoder
Octavia Yoder
Executive Director





RESILIENCY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

THE BEGINNING OF 2020 began like any other year. The Community Foundation settled into its routine pattern, opening its spring grant cycle, and planning to host a grant-writing workshop. It all quickly changed. The statewide Stay-at-Home order went into effect in March 2020. It was imperative to stay the course, to adapt and be flexible. We continued with the spring grants program and held a virtual grant-writing workshop.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to develop there was uncertainty in our community. Social distancing, facemasks, and virtual meetings became the new normal. The Community Foundation was able to shift and provide necessary financial support to nonprofits who needed help with COVID-19 supplies or operating expenses.

With support from Crossroads United Way, we set aside grant funding to help with the short-term response and long-term recovery in LaGrange County. Two grant-funding cycles were formed – the COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants and COVID-19 Recovery Grants.

“We are thankful that we had a fund in place, the Good Samaritan Fund, established in 2008 for emergency relief. We were able to pivot and provide necessary funds to the organizations that were serving our community,” said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director.

By the end of 2020, combined grant awards reached \$78,000.

Jointly funded by the LaGrange County Community Foundation & Crossroads United Way of Elkhart, LaGrange, and Noble Counties

COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

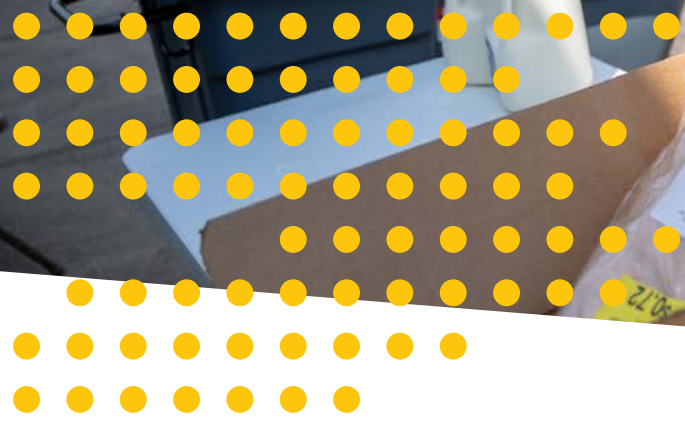
Designed to help nonprofits and community organizations provide basic human services and purchase protective equipment

Children First Center Therapeutic Support Services	\$3,000
Lakeland School Corporation Facilitating communication with Lakeland students during the pandemic	\$5,000
LaGrange County Emergency Management Agency LaGrange County First Responder Personal Protection	\$5,000
LaGrange County Council on Aging, Inc. Save Our Senior Center	\$2,000
Westview School Corporation Westview Cares - Covid-19	\$5,000
The Arc of LaGrange County Personal Protection Equipment	\$5,000
Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County Food Pantry	\$5,000
Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Inc. LaGrange County Farm Wagon Mobile Food Pantry	\$5,000
Mongo UMC Food Pantry Mongo UMC Food Pantry	\$5,000
Northeaster Center, Inc. COVID-19 PPE	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$42,500

COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANTS

Designed to help nonprofits and community organizations facing reduction in operating revenue and general support.

LCYC, Inc. LaGrange Communities Youth Centers Operation for the KIDS	\$5,000
Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. Victim Assistance	\$11,000
Compassion Pregnancy Cente 2021 Operating Expenses	\$5,500
LaGrange County Council on Aging, Inc. PPE Barrier, Protector Installation in LCAT Vans.	\$4,500
The Mongo Community Development Inc. Mongo Light the Night	\$2,000
LaGrange County Miracle Tree LaGrange County Miracle Tree	\$5,000
Agape Missions of LaGrange County Agape Missions	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$35,500



MONGO UMC FOOD PANTRY

MONGO UMC FOOD PANTRY \$5,000

THE MONGO COMMUNITY Development Association saw the need to create a food-based program to improve the health and well-being of the community in 2017 calling it the Mongo UMC Food Pantry. During the COVID-19 pandemic, families were able to receive vegetables, meat and other shelf items.

The Mongo UMC Food Pantry served 80 Lagrange County families biweekly from March through the end of the year.

“Without the generosity of the Community Foundation grant, it would have been a struggle to provide nourishment to LaGrange County families in a desperate time of need,” said Shanan Stanton, manager of Mongo UMC Food Pantry.



THE ARC OF LAGRANGE COUNTY

PPES: GEAR UP FOR SAFETY \$5,000

THE ARC OF LaGrange County is committed to all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities realizing their goals of living, learning, working and fully participating in the community. In order to remain committed to their clients they needed personal protective equipment and supplies during the pandemic. These much needed supplies provided the safety to return to somewhat of a normal schedule during an uncertain time.

“We are extremely grateful to the LaGrange County Community Foundation for their Covid-19 grant at a critical time of need,” said Debra Seman, Executive Director of ARC.



COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS are awarded based on a competitive grant application process to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. The Community Foundation seeks to fund innovative or creative projects with significant benefit to LaGrange County. These grants are made possible by donors who direct us to use their gifts wherever the needs are greatest. Nonprofit organization serving LaGrange County are eligible to apply in six areas of interest: arts & culture, health & human services, recreation, community development, environment and education.



2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

Katie's Kart Katie's Kart Distribution at Parkview LaGrange Hospital	\$2,500
Science Central Science Central Study Trips & Outreach Programming	\$5,500
Junior Achievement of LaGrange County Junior Achievement Programming	\$5,000
Veterans Headstone Project American Flag Holder Program	\$6,015
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana Client Advocate and Client Services	\$3,500
WNIT Education Counts Michiana	\$5,000
Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House Providing LaGrange Families Hope	\$5,000
McMillen Health Preventative Health Education	\$2,500
Brethren Retreat Ministries AED and Training	\$1,125
Agape Child Care Ministries Agape Room Dividers	\$4,800
LaGrange County Historical Society Window Preservation	\$5,000
Ark Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc. New roof for the Paws and Claws Bookstore	\$10,000
Early Childhood Alliance SparKits	\$2,000
LaGrange County Department of Parks & Recreation Forest School	\$5,420
Rainbow Years Learning Ministry #Kindness Campaign	\$2,000
Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana Inc. LaGrange County Farm Wagon Mobile Pantry	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$67,860

ARK ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION, INC.

PAWS AND CLAWS BOOKSTORE NEW ROOF \$10,000

SINCE 2005, Ark Animal Rescue & Adoption has operated the Paws and Claws Bookstore in Howe. The used bookstore carries more than 7,000 donated titles, with genres ranging from children's books to historical fiction to non-fiction. Staffed by volunteers, the bookstore sees nearly 6,000 visitors a year. Books are sold by donation and all proceeds support the Ark Animal Rescue and Adoption's mission of providing a safe sanctuary for animals. The building needed a new roof to protect the thousands of book titles from water damage and keep the facility in good condition.

"The Paws and Claws can remain open, serving hundreds of people throughout the year and helping hundreds of animals because of it. The grant will enable the Paws and Claws bookstore to safely serve those who frequent the store. By allowing the bookstore to remain open this allows Ark to better serve the animals in LaGrange County," said Sue Keenan, President of Ark Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc. Board of Directors.





LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

FOREST SCHOOL \$5,420

FOREST SCHOOL is a nature-based learning program for children in LaGrange County offered through the Parks Department. LaGrange County Parks Department Naturalist Leslie Arnold leads the program.

This school creates child-centered opportunities for unstructured play, exploration, and handwork in a completely outdoor setting. David Rogers Park provides the perfect setting – the small prairie, mature trees and real pioneer log cabins encourage imaginative play. Maple Wood Nature Center is also used as a site for Forest School in the spring, producing beautiful spring wildflowers and allowing the children to explore the sugar bush.

“Leslie and the forest school program have given us an opportunity to learn knowledge and skills we may never learn otherwise. It has also opened the door for more social opportunities during a time when options for socialization were few and far between. My children are shy, but they adore ‘Nature Leslie,’ and they look forward to starting forest school up again this fall. The forest school program through LaGrange County Parks is invaluable to our family, and something in which I see us participating for years to come,” said Lauren, mother of two Forest School participants.

Forest School will continue as a part of the Parks Department budget and programming.



VETERANS HEADSTONE PROJECT

AMERICAN FLAG HOLDER PROGRAM \$6,015

SINCE 2011 the Veterans Headstone Project has ensured that every man or woman who has served in the military and are buried in LaGrange County are identified with honor. Each year volunteers identify, repair, or replace American flag holders and headstones. Currently there are over 2,500 documented military gravesites in the fifty county cemeteries.

The American Flag Holder program consisted of repairing or replacing 278 flag holders for WWII gravesites. Volunteers also cleaned headstones and removed overgrown weeds and debris.

Veterans Headstone Project will continue its efforts in headstone restoration, flag holder repair, and flagging of the cemeteries.

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 Topeka Do It Best Hardware
 Topeka Pharmacy
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 Trading Post Outfitters
 Westview School Corporation
 Yoder's Shipshewana Hardware, Inc.
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CARING COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING FUND

IN MEMORY OF ROGER W. NETTROUER

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CRAIG D. NEFF/ RONDA S. NEFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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IN HONOR OF BRITTANY COWLEY

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IN HONOR OF STAN CLARK

Farmers State Bank
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 Sue Brill

LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION FUND

IN HONOR OF TERRY ANDREWS

Dr. Tracy Carmellini
 Shawn and Octavia Yoder

CARING COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING FUND

IN HONOR OF ANDY LINDER

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IN HONOR OF MIKE METZ

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SHARP FAMILY FUND

IN HONOR OF MYRON AND JOY SHARP

Dr. Rhonda and Eric Sharp

IN HONOR OF TROY AND JULIE SHARP

Dr. Rhonda and Eric Sharp

VETERANS HEADSTONE PROJECT FUND

IN HONOR OF DONNA AND LEONARD LAMBRIGHT

Tracie Disher

FUNDS

The Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types to suit each donor's personal philanthropic goals.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

Donors who establish 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 LaGrange County nonprofit organizations. The Board of Directors can also direct funds to be used for specific Foundation initiatives and desired community outcomes.

Caring Community Grantmaking Fund

Dale Sturtz Memorial Fund

Dekko Enhancement Fund

Education Fund

Founders Community Fund

Knights of Pythias LaGrange Lodge No. 144 Fund

Lambright Charitable Fund

McKenzie Family Fund

R.E. Lee Family Fund

Sharp Family Fund

Stanley "Chip" Krugh Memorial Fund

Willard Family Community Fund

AGENCY FUNDS:

Created by nonprofit organizations to provide a stream of income for their organization.

LaGrange Communities Youth Centers Agency Fund

Northeastern Center Agency Fund

Questa Education Foundation Fund

Topeka Area Historical Society Fund

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 organization or church.

ACRES Nature Preservation & Education Fund

Brethren Retreat Ministries, Inc. Fund

Community Dental Clinic Fund

Delores McNett & Talmage Family Prairie Heights FFA Washington Leadership Conference Fund

Elijah Haven Fund

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LaGrange County Amish Schools Fund

LaGrange County Council on Aging Program Fund

LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce Fund

LaGrange County Endowment Fund

LaGrange County Public Library – Dekko Fund

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Lakeland School Corporation Fund

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Mongo Community Association Fund

Northeastern Center Community Mental Health Fund

Rainbow Years Learning Center Fund

Scott Cemetery Fund

Scott United Methodist Church Fund

Topeka Civic Endowment Fund

United Fund of LaGrange County Fund

Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana Fund

DONOR

ADVISED FUNDS:

Donor Advised Funds enable donors to achieve their personal charitable goals. Individuals, families, organizations often establish these funds to direct grants to their favorite organization. These funds enable donors the ability to give like an independent Foundation with the guidance and support of the Community Foundation.

DeWayne and Mertice Bontrager Memorial Fund

E. Marie Dwight Community Fund

Keith and Doreen Lambright Family Fund

George O. Witwer Advised Fund

Huggins Family Fund

Kerm Troyer Charitable Advised Fund

Petersen Advised Fund

Zehr Family Advised Fund

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.

CAPE II Endowment

CenturyLink Economic Community Development Fund

Good Samaritan Fund

Emergency Relief Fund

Healthcare Foundation, Inc.

LaGrange County Animal Welfare Fund

LaGrange County Senior Citizens Fund

LaGrange County Youth Fund

Leadership Development Fund

LIFE Grants Fund

Mentor Moms Fund

Quality Child Care Fund

Shipshewana Community Fund

Stroh Community Fund

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.

Operating Fund

Contingency Operating Fund

LCCF Operating Endowment

Cole Foundation Administrative Endowment

NIPSCO Fund: LCCF Operating Endowment

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 the Community Foundation to offer service and leadership to the community. In some agreements, the LaGrange County Community Foundation also becomes the fiscal sponsor for the organization.

College Success Coalition Fund
Council for Drug Free LaGrange County Fund

Friends of the LaGrange County Parks Fund

LaGrange County Drug Court Fund

LaGrange County Health Coalition Fund

Save the Wolcott House Fund

Veterans Headstone Project Fund

SCHOLARSHIP

FUNDS:

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

Allread-Rife Family Scholarship

Amanda Lou Crofts Memorial Scholarship Fund

Beverly J. Todd Memorial Scholarship

Brian J. Evans Memorial Scholarship

Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Chase E. Scott Memorial Football Scholarship

Craig D. Neff & Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Florence E. & Virgil L. Hardin Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship Fund

Hope Nursing Scholarship Fund

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J.O. Mory Company Scholarship Fund

Joseph J. Willard Memorial Scholarship Fund

Judy Gage Keenan Scholarship Fund

Keith & Arline Davis Scholarship Fund

Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kevin Lewis Purdue Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Fund

LaGrange County Farm Bureau Coop Scholarship

LaGrange County Lakes Council Scholarship Fund

Lakeland Scholarship Fund

Lambright Leadership Scholarship

LIFE Endowment Fund

Lyle Smith Discretionary Scholarship Fund

Mary E. McGawn Future Teacher Scholarship

Mattea Hope Holton Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Terry Memorial Scholarship Fund

Melvin & Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship

Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship

Mory Family Scholarship Fund

Natalie Kauffman Nursing Scholarship Fund

Ned Stump Scholarship Fund

Olive B. Cole Foundation Scholarship Fund

Olivia Bay Lemings Scholarship Fund

Paul & Marian Krebs Scholarship Fund

Peggy Messer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Perkins Scholarship Fund

Prairie Heights Band Scholarship Fund

Prairie Heights Scholarship Fund

Prairie Heights Student Council Leadership Scholarship Fund

Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rheinheimer Scholastic Fund

Russell Hepler Telecommunication Scholarship

Schlemmer Scholarship Fund

Stan Anderson Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund

Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship Fund

Waddell Scholarship Fund

Westview Scholarship Fund

Wolcott Mills PTO Scholastic Fund

THE HEARTS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

SINCE 2010, the Foundation has honored individuals in LaGrange County who go beyond the call and embrace a commitment to service with the Heart of Gold award. The award recognizes individuals who have made an extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and serving others. The selection committee considers qualities that reflect their selfless acts of kindness, even in challenging situations, to help individuals and the community take advantage of opportunities and create positive change.

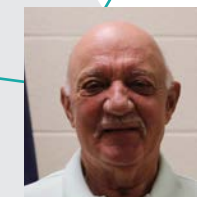
For the 2020 award, the Foundation received five nominations: **Terry Andrews** of Howe; **Stan Clark** of Wolcottville; **Erica Cook** of Wolcottville; **Brittany Cowley** of LaGrange; and **Larry Miller** of Wolcottville.

Unlike in years past when the announcement was made at the Heart of Gold celebration, we released a special video interview with each nominee and made the winning announcement with an in-person surprise entourage.

HEART OF GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2010 — David Clark
- 2011 — Rhonda Bartlett
- 2012 — Colton Strawser
- 2013 — Randall Packer
- 2014 — Jack Miller
- 2015 — Sue Keenan
- 2016 — Steve Sherck
- 2017 — Kevin Lambright
- 2018 — Larry Strayer
- 2019 — Richard Yoder
- 2020 — Erica Cook

IN MEMORIAM



LARRY MILLER, 1951-2021

Larry Miller, 69, of Wolcottville, passed away on January 6, 2021. It was a great honor to recognize his commitment to serving others with the Heart of Gold nomination. His commitments in LaGrange County revealed his true heart, serving through his church, Emma Church as well as The Farm Place's Advisory Board and the LaGrange County Economic Development board. His knowledge of this community provided insight to these organizations.

Larry served LaGrange County as a County Councilman for two terms and in 2012, he became a County Commissioner and was just beginning his third term.

A passionate golfer, Larry loved playing at Heron Creek in LaGrange. He loved fishing with his grandson and taking his granddaughter on Gator rides through the woods. His service and dedication to LaGrange County will not be forgotten.



**ERICA COOK
RECEIVES
HEART OF GOLD
AWARD**

THROUGH THE DIFFICULTY of a year affected by COVID, Erica Cook spearheaded Shine LaGrange, an online positivity campaign to bring awareness to businesses and nonprofits affected by COVID-19. Erica rallied volunteers and challenged the community to dig and support local efforts and to "shine" in the lives of others.

Cook was nominated by Tami Maxey, a Lakeland High School teacher.

"If I had to describe Erica in a word, I would begin with the word selfless. She thinks of others before herself and is never afraid of any hard work that may be a part of the process of being involved. She is continually looking for ways to make LaGrange County a better place," Maxey said.

Erica gives her time to help individuals in need and offers encouragement, Maxey said. She is often seen volunteering in youth activities, events like Night to Shine, and fundraisers for Kingdom Road Project – a nonprofit started by Erica to help support Christian ministries throughout the world.

Erica and her husband, Peter, own and operate, Cook's Bison Ranch in Wolcottville. She has served as a guardian for children in need, serves at the LaGrange Church of God, and is a past board member of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce.





2020 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Left to right: Allie Kruckeberg | Ana Wahll | Blake Egli | Cody Miller | Elizabeth Howald | Gabriel Reed | Katie Papai | Sami Scigouski

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE LAGRANGE COUNTY Community Foundation administers scholarship funds established by individuals, families, corporations and organizations to assist graduating high school students and other students in pursuit of educational expenses. With more than 45 scholarship funds under management, the Community Foundation enables students to achieve their educational

goals. 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 any educational expense.

Allread-Rife Family Scholarship

Allie Kruckeberg
Ball State University
\$1,000

John Egli
Bethel College
\$1,000

Amanda Lou Crotts Memorial Scholarship

Kate Papai
Ball State University
\$1,000

Brian J. Evans Memorial Scholarship

Alexia Lopez
Indiana University
South Bend
\$500

Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University
\$500

Craig D. and Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,000

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University
\$1,000

Electric Utility Industry Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,000

Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship

Mallori McGraw
Purdue University
\$1,000

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,000

Farmwald Scholarship

Skyler Hawk
Purdue University
Fort Wayne
\$2,000

Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship

Ana Wahll
Manchester University
\$1,000

John McCoy
Purdue University
\$1,000

James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship

Melayna Borg
Taylor University
\$1,000

Joseph Willard Memorial Scholarship

Michael Stutzman
\$1,000

Judy Gage-Keenan Scholarship

Ana Wahll
Manchester University
\$1,000

Keith and Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship

John McCoy
Purdue University
\$500

Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship

Skyler Hawk
Purdue University
Fort Wayne
\$1,250

Kevin Lewis Purdue Agriculture Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,000

LaGrange County Farm Bureau Coop Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$500

Lambright Leadership Scholarship

Ana Wahll
Manchester University
\$1,000

Chelsea Weaver
Trine University
\$1,000

Ryker Bond
Purdue University
\$1,000

Skyler Hawk
Purdue University
Fort Wayne
\$1,000

LIFE Scholarship

Allie Kruckeberg
Ball State University
\$400

Kate Papai
Ball State University
\$400

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University
\$400

Lyle Smith Scholarship

John McCoy
Purdue University
\$1,000

Mary E. McGawn Future Teacher Scholarship

Elizabeth Stroop
Indiana University
South Bend
\$1,000

Mattea Hope Holton Memorial Scholarship

Kylee Palmer
Indiana University Fort Wayne
\$400

Melvin and Majorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship

Allie Kruckeberg
Ball State University
\$1,500

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University
\$1,500

Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$750

Olive B. Cole Foundation Scholarship

Ana Wahll
Manchester University
\$1,200

Jayce Riegling
Indiana University
Bloomington
\$1,200

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,200

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University
\$1,200

Olivia Bay Lemings Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Stroop
Indiana University South Bend
\$1,000

Paul and Marian Krebs Scholarship

Elizabeth Stroop
Indiana University South Bend
\$1,500

Peggy Messer Scholarship

Amy German
Ball State University
\$300

Perkins Scholarship

Elizabeth Howald
University of Saint Francis
\$1,000

Prairie Heights Band Scholarship

Gabriel Reed
Ball State University
\$500

Prairie Heights Scholarship

Amy German
Ball State University
\$1,000

Elizabeth Howald
University of Saint Francis
\$1,000

Kyler Hall
Purdue University
\$1,000

Mike Perkins
Purdue University
\$1,000

Prairie Heights Student Council Leadership Scholarship

Mike Perkins
Purdue University | \$750

Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship

Destiny Ratajczak
Indiana University Fort Wayne | \$1,500

Rheinheimer Scholarship

Chelsea Weaver
Trine University | \$1,000

John McCoy
Purdue University | \$1,000

Russell Hepler Telecommunications Scholarship

Gabriel Reed
Ball State University | \$500

Schlemmer Scholarship

Elizabeth Stroop
Indiana University South Bend | \$500

Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship

Braden Yoder
Purdue University | \$3,000

Waddell Scholarship

Samantha Scigouski
Miami University | \$1,000

Wolcott Mills Bulldog Scholarship

Dakota Miller
Huntington University | \$600



Life

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

THE LAGRANGE COUNTY Community Foundation's youth philanthropy program – LIFE – provides an opportunity for youth to gain experience and knowledge in grantmaking, charitable giving and volunteering.

LIFE is made up of representatives from grades 8-12 from LaGrange County's public high schools: Lakeland, Westview and Prairie Heights. Students serve as advisors for youth funding decisions at the Community Foundation. LIFE members review applications for education and youth projects serving LaGrange County and grant philanthropic dollars to organizations making an impact.

LIFE awards an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from LaGrange County involved in community service and participates in community service projects throughout the school year.

SPREADING JOY TO LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

LIFE members wanted to thank healthcare workers for their countless hours and commitment to keeping LaGrange County healthy during the pandemic. LIFE members collectively decided to support local healthcare workers with gift baskets. These gift baskets provided a Christmas boost for Parkview employees.

"At LIFE we look for individuals who give their time, talent, and treasures to help better the community. Not often do we recognize workers like those in healthcare who dedicate so much time and effort to the safety and health of our community," said LIFE Member Samuel Updike (Prairie Heights, Class of 2022).

LIFE GRANTS

LCYC, Inc Summer Art and Drama Camps	\$1,000
Prairie Heights High School GROWTH	\$2,500
Prairie Height High School RealCare Shaken Baby	\$902
Reason 4 Hope Hope for Youth	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$5,402

LEGACY SOCIETY

THE LEGACY SOCIETY of the LaGrange County Community Foundation recognizes donors who believe in leaving a lasting charitable legacy in LaGrange County through a planned gift in their estate plans.

Those who remember the Foundation through a will, trust, designation, or other planned gift, are invited to inform us of their intentions and join in the Foundation's Legacy Society.

Too often, these gifts are unrecognized because we are unaware of these special gifts until the donor has passed away. At these times, proper appreciation cannot be expressed and questions regarding the specific purpose of the gift may remain unanswered. The Legacy Society provides a way to recognize and thank donors during their lifetime and ensure that your wishes are properly documented.

You may always choose to remain anonymous in your philanthropy. However, participation in The Legacy Society can be an inspirational experience and may encourage others to look toward the future and how they too may have an enduring impact on the causes they care about.

Only a statement of intent to leave a gift to the LaGrange County Community Foundation is required. No documentation of gift amount or type is necessary. Legacy Society members may designate the use of the distributions from their future gifts or may leave the distributions to the discretion of our Board of Directors. A Legacy Society gift may be used to establish a new fund or may be added to any of the Foundation's existing funds.

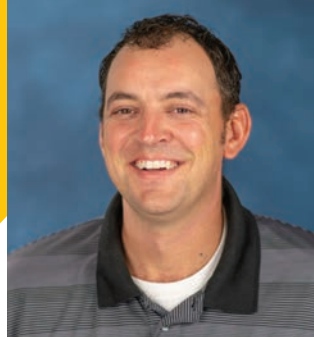
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- Keith and Linda Stanton
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- Katie Kirtley-Yoder

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CONNECTING YOU TO OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY DAY YOU make the choice about how to use your time, talent, and resources. Our staff is here to help you as you navigate fulfilling a dream, a passion, or leaving your mark in your community. Our mission is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service in LaGrange County. We connect people to charitable causes and are here to help you make a meaningful gift.

The power of the Community Foundation is the ability to bring together people and their resources to make a difference. You do not have to be a wealthy individual, nor do you need to start a fund to make a difference. Through our Caring Community Fund, \$50 gifts are pooled with \$100, \$1000 and \$5000 gifts, so that everyone plays a role in helping LaGrange County nonprofits change the lives of our community members.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE MORE IMPACT, GREATER PURPOSE, AND ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES, CONTACT US AT [260.463.4363](tel:260.463.4363).

WHY GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- We work diligently to build strong relationships with the nonprofit community
- We serve as a facilitator between people and organizations to promote partnerships that will create vibrant communities
- We connect donors to projects and causes they value
- We provide professional expertise in managing and investing your gift to support long-term needs
- We provide flexibility in giving and can accept a wide variety of tax-deductible assets

WAYS TO GIVE

- Cash
- 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

FINANCIAL POSITION

\$407,502 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$453,995 GRANTS AWARDED

	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 429,340	\$ 273,000
Investments	18,225,640	16,927,290
Note receivable	–	182,157
Property and equipment, net	592,076	381,745
Other assets	830	7,550
Total assets	\$ 19,247,886	\$ 17,771,742
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts and other payables	\$ 20,837	\$ 20,022
Funds held for others	203,937	186,208
Total liabilities	\$ 224,774	\$ 206,230
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 8,206,855	\$ 7,534,455
With donor restrictions	10,816,257	10,031,057
Total net assets	19,023,112	17,565,512
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 19,247,886	\$ 17,771,742

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