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What's in a Name?

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WHITLEY COUNTY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE
INTEGRITY

HOPE
VISION

STRENGTH
APPRECIATION



OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL

For those curious about the Community Foundation of Whitley County, our name says it all – it's where we come together to unite the generosity of some for the good of many. "Foundation" is our middle name; we were built on solid, ethical and transparent principals when founded in 1991. Whitley County is better and brighter thanks to its good-hearted residents; donors who give as they are able, to make this a great place to call home.



WE PROMISE TO...

- Assist donors in achieving their charitable goals.
- Honor donor intent and the spirit of their gift.
- Be responsible stewards of the assets entrusted to our care.
- Encourage partnerships to build a better community.
- Exercise leadership to address new and emerging needs through thoughtful and effective grant making.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Building a Good Name

If I had a nickel for every time someone asked me if I was born in September, I'd have A LOT of nickels. Names are fascinating. They can give you an idea of who is related to whom (particularly valuable in a small community); they can hint at ethnicity, and historically, you'll probably find that the Weavers had a weaver on the family tree. A few years ago, we changed our name to Community Foundation of Whitley County, Inc. It seemed that having Whitley County come first caused a lot of folks to think we were part of County government. We aren't.

One thing is for sure; you are certain to find this annual report is brimming with names.

Our core is built on strong endowment funds that will meet community needs now and in years to come. We proudly hold 172 different endowments such as Sierra's Fund which exists to help would-be adoptive families bring their child home or the Terry and Gloria Smith Fund that was recently created to help support grants to deserving charities. Speaking of charities, you'll also find names of vibrant non-profit organizations such as TROY School, Churubusco Childcare and Whitley County 4-H, which were on the receiving end of our community's generosity in 2017. In total, the Community Foundation was able to award \$2.4 million in grants to deserving scholars and projects for good last year. If that seems remarkable, turn to the list of donors, perhaps the most important names of all. These are the individuals whose gifts, large and small, allowed us to direct their contributions for the betterment of Whitley County. Every grant we made came from someone who believed in a cause.

Some of the most respected names in our community can be found in the listing of our Board members. These thoughtful, dedicated and invested volunteers guide the Foundation's direction as they discern the most pressing local needs. Also named are several residents who love calling Whitley County home and have agreed to serve on one of our committees. When it comes to employees, we don't have a team name – but we should. Vanessa Bills, John Lefever, Sheena Stewart, Chelsey Barrell, Andrew Thompson and John Slavich all play important roles on our team, ensuring that our organization operates professionally, ethically and transparently, with equal measures of compassion and common sense. We aspire to earn the continued trust and respect of all who are connected to our Foundation because at the end of the day, we're only as good as our name.

September (born in May) McConnell, CEO
Community Foundation of Whitley County, Inc.



ENDOWMENTS

Endowed Giving - You Name it!

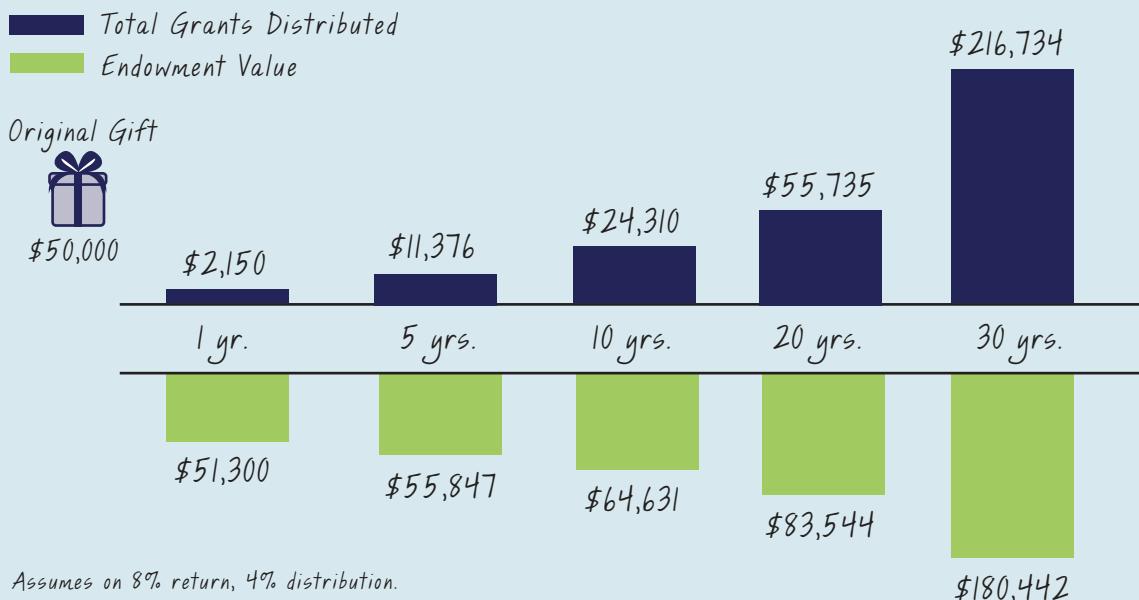
There's a name for charitably-minded people who choose to invest in causes they care about – they are called philanthropists. Contrary to old beliefs that it takes a Rockefeller or a Bill Gates to be philanthropic, here in Whitley County local residents have found they can make a positive difference with gifts large and small, to support causes and organizations serving to meet needs and enhance our community.

When they make gifts to an existing endowment fund or create one of their own, our donors understand that their contributions will never be spent. Ever. Instead, their gifts are saved and wisely invested to produce earnings that are used to make grants or fund scholarships. A legal Fund Agreement ensures the Community Foundation is obligated to distribute the earnings pursuant to the donor's intent. This means a fund started to support history will always support history. A nursing scholarship will always be awarded to a student who wants to become a nurse.

Typically, only a portion of the earnings are distributed each year, allowing endowment funds to grow over time and last forever. As the years go by, grants or scholarships generated by the endowment will far exceed the amount of the donor's original gift.

Whether donors want to create a named fund or direct their gifts to any number of causes, we're here to assist. You name it!

HOW ENDOWMENTS GIVE FOREVER



ENDOWMENTS

Agency Endowments

These endowment funds benefit the non-profit organizations for which they are named by creating a stable, annual income stream. While they benefit specific organizations, they are an asset of the Community Foundation.

ACRES Land Trust

W. Byron & Marian Bollinger South Whitley/
Cleveland Township Library Fund

Camp Whitley Fund

The Center for Whitley County Youth Fund

Churubusco Public Library Fund

Faith Christian Academy Fund

Freedom Academy Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Whitley County Fund

Interfaith Mission Fund

Junior Achievement Fund

Passages to the Future Fund

Peabody Library Endowment Fund

Simon J. Peabody Library Endowment Fund

TROY Center School Fund

The Honeywell Fund for Art Education*

United Way of Whitley County Fund

Whitley County Council on Aging and Aged Fund

Whitley County Historical Society Fund

Whitley County Literacy Council Fund

Whitley County YMCA Fund

YWCA Whitley County Fund

Bernice Kessler Whitley County Humane Society Fund

*Established in 2017



Camp Whitley's Endowment Fund continues to grow thanks to the generosity of former campers who warmly remember summers spent exploring Tinkham's Woods and splashing around in TROY Cedar Lake. Their gifts make sure that camp will be around for generations to come.

ENDOWMENTS

Designated Endowments

These funds were created to support specific causes or organizations.

4-H Beef Club Fund
Les Bills' Family Firemen's Christmas Fund
CCHS Speech & Debate Fund
Christian School Fund*
Columbia City Firefighters Christmas Candy Fund
Columbia City United Methodist Church Fund
George Scott & Mildred Smith Gates Fund
Lloyd & Maryjane Geyer/Denzil & Betty Schrader Memorial Fund
HANDS Fund
Imagination Library Fund
Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund
Sherman & Marjorie M. Kneller Fund
Loon Lake Conservation Fund
Walter Malicki Whitko Art Fund

Margaret Priscilla Waterfall Whitley County Dazzlers Fund
Methodist Federation of Social Action Fund
Mihsikhinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund
Old Settlers Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
Old Settlers Association Fund
Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital Fund
George Franklin Schultz Fund
Sierra's Fund*
Splash Pad (Columbia City) Fund
South Whitley United Methodist Church
W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger South Whitley United Methodist Church Fund
Stepping Stones Childcare Endowment Fund
Whitley County Cancer Care Fund
YMCA Life Lessons Endowment Fund



Named a winner of the Foundation's coloring contest that kicked off awareness for the new Honeywell Endowment Fund for Arts Education, Celia Nicholson poses with her prize winnings.



An endowment fund exists to offset the costs of running and maintaining the Splashpad in Morsch's Park.

ENDOWMENTS

Donor Advised Endowments

These funds allow for on-going input from the donors and permit distribution to any charitable project or cause. The donor, their designees, or an advisory group makes recommendations as to where grants should be made. Final grant making authority rests with the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Benton W. & Thelma L. Bloom Fund

Copp Family Fund

M. Russel Fahl Family Fund

John & Laura Lefever Fund

James & September McConnell Family Fund

Patricia A. McNagny Crooked Lake Conservation Fund

Steve & Gloria More Fund

C. Taron & Gloria Smith Endowment Fund*

Field of Interest Endowments

As the name suggests, these funds help to support an area of interest such as the arts or recreation rather than a single organization.

Arts Alive! Fund

Centurylink Fund

Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund

Shirley A. Gates Fund

Edwin E. & Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund

Roy Kilby Youth Sports Endowment Fund

Oak Grove Church of God Children's Ministries Fund

Mildred & Theodore Schultz Fund

John Slavich Fund for Whitley County Youth

South Whitley Facilities Fund

Walter & Dorothy Weick Memorial Fund

Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health Fund

Whitley County Hospice Fund

Victoria & James R. Wise Endowment Fund



Team building exercises were the name of the game when students met for the first time to participate as members of ACTS, the Foundation's most recent youth philanthropy venture, offered in partnership with The Center, TROY School and home schooled students.

ENDOWMENTS

Unrestricted Endowments

When a donor creates or contributes to an unrestricted fund, they understand that community needs are ever changing and that the earnings from their gift will be directed wherever the need is the greatest. Grants from Unrestricted Funds are available by application and are awarded at the recommendation of the Grants Committee and acceptance of the Board of Directors.

Don Armstrong Community Fund
Don & Sharlene Berkshire Community Fund
Tim & Beth Bloom Community Fund
Jerry Busche Community Fund
Dekko Enhancement Fund
Gary & Ann Dillon Community Fund
Greg & Ann Fahl Community Fund
Ferber Family Fund
Alan Fox Community Endowment Fund
Donna K. Harl Fund

Don & Jane Langeloh Community Fund
Jean & Roger Long Community Fund
The Honorable Phil M. & Patricia A. McNagny
Community Fund*
Jack & Judy Moore Community Fund
Andy & Toni More Community Fund
William & Barbara Overdeer Community Fund
Scientific & Regulatory Consultants Community Fund
Rosemary Steiner Community Fund
Clark Waterfall, DVM Community Fund*
Whitley County Greater Good Fund



Naming Rights - A generous contribution made by the family of Russel and Evelyn Fahl secured memorial naming rights for the new aquatics center in Columbia City. Having assisted Russel Fahl with his philanthropic aspirations, the Foundation was honored to work with Karen Cook, Pam McCoy, Joe Fahl and Max Fahl as they sought out a meaningful way to honor their parents' lifelong dedication to family and sports recreation in Whitley County. Above, children and grandchildren of Russel and Evelyn Fahl participate in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

ENDOWMENTS

Scholarship Endowment Funds

These funds allow for on-going input from the donors and permit distribution to any charitable project or cause. The donor, their designees, or an advisory group makes recommendations as to where grants should be made. Final grant making authority rests with the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

4H Beef Club Scholarship Fund
4H Helping Hands Scholarship
Tyler Andreas Scholarship
Kenny Beck Changes in Latitude Scholarship Fund
Diane R. Behrens Nursing Scholarship
Daniel E. Bolinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Buesching-Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lawrence & Frida Bunnell Scholarship Fund
Gene C. Carter Scholarship Fund
Bernice Carver Scholarship of Hope Fund
Churubusco High School Fine Arts Production Thespian Scholarship Fund
Columbia City High School FFA Scholarship Fund
Columbia City High School Founders Scholarship Fund
Columbia City High School French Club Scholarship Fund
Columbia City High School Memorial Scholarship Fund
Columbia City High School Spanish Club Scholarship Fund
Columbia City Rotary Scholarship Fund
Class of '63 Scholarship Fund
Joey Devito Scholarship Fund
Devol Award Fund

Irma & Donald Ferber Scholarship Fund
Roark Fizer Scholarship Fund
Max Gandy Scholarship Fund
Betsy Jayne Gates Memorial Scholarship Fund
James E. & Janice M. Hammer Academic Team Scholarship Fund
Timothy Hearld Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Norman Henry and John Anthony Norman Theater Scholarship Fund
Ernest Earl Heimbach Scholarship Fund
Lindsey Hively Scholarship Fund
Randall & Patricia Holler Business Scholarship for Manchester University
Robert Hood Scholarship Fund
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jakes Scholarship Fund
Robert & Grace Karst R.N. Scholarship Fund
Ben Konger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Korean War Awareness Scholarship Fund
Margo Langohr Scholarship Fund



Columbia City High School FFA Students pose together at the District III FFA Convention. They brought home several awards that evening, and even had an event team head to the state finals!

ENDOWMENTS

The Malicki Family Scholarship
Brandon Minier Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Daniel Mullett "For the Love of a Child" Scholarship Fund
Natalie Mason Mullen Scholarship
Norman L Murphy Fund
Tom Ness Scholarship Fund
Ohki Scholarship Fund
Tiffany N. Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tina Parker Award Fund
Richard "Kit" Redman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eric Reed Scholarship Fund
Pat Reed Art Scholarship
Daniel D. Rock Scholarship Fund
Paul Schmidt Football Scholarship Fund
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants Scholarship Fund

Joseph H. Shull Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund
Johnathan Lewis Simmons Scholarship Fund
Kenny Simon Scholarship Fund
Andy Spencer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lucille L. Staples Business/Journalism Scholarship Fund
William D. Staples Athletic Scholarship Fund
Nicholas and Laurel Steill Scholarship Fund
Ashley Morgan Storm Memorial Scholarship Fund
James Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Alan Tio Advanced Manufacturing Scholarship Fund
Turtletown Players Scholarship Fund
Ross Unverzagt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jerry Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Waugh Scholarship Fund
Howard and Mimi Wherry Memorial Scholarship Fund
Harold "Potch" Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charles White Scholarship Fund
Whitley County Builders Association Fund
Whitley County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund
Whitko Scholarship Fund
B.V. and Flossie Widney Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lester and Joy Worrick Memorial Scholarship Fund*
Megan Young Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rely C. and Izora Zumbrun Education Fund



Chelsea Pettigrew and Jayla Wigent, both graduates of Columbia City High School's Class of 2017, were recipients of scholarship awards offered through the Community Foundation.

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Non-Permanent Funds

Established to assist small organizations with financial book-keeping for their charitable projects, the Community Foundation acts as a fiscal sponsor by holding non-permanent funds under our umbrella. Unlike gifts to endowments that can never be spent, gifts to non-permanent funds can be spent in their entirety. Gifts to these funds are tax-deductible as long as no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.



It's never too soon to fall in love with the wonders of Science. Students at this day camp have a chance to explore and learn problem solving skills all while having fun.

Abbie Little Playground Fund
Kenny Beck Golf Outing
Kenny Beck Scholarship
Randy Bills Memorial Scholarship
Boomerang Backpacks
Camp STEAM Ahead
Camp Whitley Fund
Chaplain Fund
Children First Fund
Christmas Parade Fund
Churubusco Business Education Community Fund
Churubusco Pool Fund
Coesse PTO Fund
Columbia City Aquatics Center
Columbia City Downtown Business Alliance
Columbia City High School Alumni Association
Columbia City High School Baseball Boosters

Columbia City High School Boys Basketball Booster Club
Columbia City High School Boys Golf Team Booster Club
Columbia City High School Girls Basketball Booster Club
Columbia City High School Girls Soccer Booster Club
Columbia City High School Football Booster Club
Phyllis Crace Unrestricted Fund*
Dillon Family Scholarship Fund
Dime at a Time Achievement Award Fund
Distinguished Young Women's Pageant
Edith Nylander Trust/Eberhard Lutheran Church
Eppleman Family Fund
Evelyn Fahl Columbia City Aquatics Fund
Faith Christian Academy PTO
Faith Christian Academy Expense Fund*
Families of Autism Coming Together Fund
Friends of Fire and Police
Friends of the Peabody Library
Every Kids Dreamland

NON-PERMANENT FUNDS

Alan Fox Non-Permanent Donor Advised Fund
CCHS FFA Boosters Fund*
Christian School Fund*
Downtown Business Alliance Fund*
G.A.P. Canaan Education Fund
HANDS Foundation Youth Philanthropy Fund
Tammy Horne Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathy Heuer Non-Permanent Donor Advised Fund
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Junior Lady Eagles Basketball
Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund
Eugene and Rosalind Klingerman Family Fund
Leadership Whitley County Fund
Leatherneck Coffee Club Fund
Nicholas Carson Linville Speech and Debate Fund
Little Turtle Elementary PTO
Main Street Association
Mary Raber PIE
Micropulse Charity Fund
Mihsikhinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund
Noble County Livestock Judging Team
Northeast Indiana Warbirds Fund*

Northern Heights Parents in Education
Old Settlers Non-Permanent Fund
Piggy Bank Pals
The Potter's Hands Fund
Steven K. Raypole Memorial Art Award
Schrader Family Fund
Kelley Sheiss Servant Leadership Scholarship
South Whitley Camp Invention
South Whitley Community Facilities Committee
Dollis Dillon Studebaker Fund
Jacob Tarleton Memorial Scholarship
TROY Center School Fund
Vietnam Memorial Fund
Whitley County Art Guild
Whitley County Arts Commission
Whitley County Autumn Arts Festival
Whitley County Cares
Whitley County Dazzlers
Whitley County Domestic Violence Task Force Fund
Whitley County Humane Shelter Fund
Whitley County Promise
Whitley County On the Move
Whitley Weigh In
Young Adults in Action



Remembering the Names of Those Who Gave All - After months of work and planning, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was placed at the Whitley County Courthouse in November 2017, during a special dedication ceremony. Whitley County resident Ty Murphy, himself a veteran, was inspired to create the monument to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. The Foundation proudly partnered with Ty to receive and acknowledge gifts from a grateful community. Any remaining funds will go toward helping Whitley County Vietnam Veterans bring a guest on upcoming Honor Flights.

FEATURE STORY

What's in a Name? Family!

Sierra's Fund Established to Offer Adoption Assistance

Matt and Hallie Grant are recognized as respected business leaders through their successful, international company, Sailrite; but first and foremost, they are parents. Like many families today, the Grant's story is anything but traditional. The details as to how their family circle was made complete led the couple to establish **Sierra's Fund** through the Community Foundation of Whitley County. The fund, named for their daughter, is an endowment meant to assist Whitley County residents navigating the adoption process to build their own families, now and for generations to come.



The most recent family photo of the Grant Family; Left to right Tanner, Sierra, Katie, Zach, Hallie and Matt.

With raising Zach and Tanner, two energetic young sons and a thriving business to oversee, the Grants were anything but bored back in the mid-90s, but after 4 years of unsuccessful attempts to have a third child they decided to explore adoption. Amid questionnaires and home studies, they soon realized that the process was not only emotionally daunting but also financially challenging. Then a call from Texas changed their lives forever. Their baby daughter was waiting for them to bring her home to Columbia City. The whirlwind trip put Sierra in their arms and so began a celebration of love.

“The moment Sierra was placed in my arms can’t be explained. The tears came streaming down my face, I couldn’t believe she was our daughter. The adoption process is full of highs and lows but I am here to tell you it is so worth it. I can’t image our family without her, she is exactly where she was meant to be.”

Now 15 years later the final piece of Sierra’s adoption story recently came via a generous gift from the Grants, who hope to help other local families share the joy of adoption. Open to Whitley County residents exploring both domestic and international adoption, distributions from the endowment can be used to offset costs including but not limited to home study costs, placement fees, post-placement supervision fees, and travel related expenses.

Everyone deserves a family; a strong last name to share.



FEATURE STORY

There's a Name for That!

Sometimes you just can't put a name to it -- that overwhelming sense that something is altogether right and good; as it should be. It shines from the faces below, but before you can fully understand where they are now, it helps to understand how they got there.

Over two decades ago, TROY School started out as the Probation Department's Youth Improvement Center, housed in an area of the former Marshall Middle School. It was a last chance kind of place for struggling teens to get on track before they landed into more punitive situations. A handful of exceptional, private teachers entered the mix and suddenly the possibility for obtaining an education outside of traditional classrooms became more than a possibility. Students who didn't fit in or couldn't learn sitting behind a desk found they had a place to be nurtured and counseled and loved -- and then educated. Young mothers had a place to complete their high school degree requirements while rocking their babies. Area school systems became partners, referring some of their most troubled students -- often those who had been expelled or harbored emotional challenges -- to the organization. Time passed, young people found success and new challenges emerged.

Plans for the Marshall building led the YIC to relocate in the basement of what is now The Center for Whitley County Youth. Paint and elbow grease made the windowless area satisfactory for a time until flooding took their computers and left classrooms damp. Members of the First Church of God Church kindly opened their doors and invited the organization to utilize an upstairs area of their building where students were guests for three years. In time, they outgrew borrowed quarters and moved again to the former ETNA TROY School in Northern Whitley County. It was here their name changed to TROY School (Teaching and Reaching our Youth) and leadership opted to pursue the designation of a freeway school, an official 501 (c)3 organization, independent of the local court system.



TROY Center graduates waiting anxiously for their diplomas at their graduation ceremony.

FEATURE STORY



Plagued by a costly, unending list of repairs, transportation challenges and minimal security, TROY School moved again in 2014 to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Church members were generous, yet as with any good guests, the need to move on lingered.

Fast forward to the photo above.

After years of watching a caring organization find student success while struggling with a location, the Community Foundation found itself in a position to help make a lasting difference. Funds from a generous, anonymous, donor allowed the Foundation to fund a \$100,000 grant to help acquire a permanent home for TROY School in 2017. A large capital campaign unfolded and additional dollars were raised to remodel the facility, making it a healthy and inviting place to learn.

The new home is a place that says, "This community knows you can succeed; we believe you deserve sunlight and warmth and above all, the educational support to thrive and become productive citizens." There's a name for that – in Whitley County it's called TROY.

GRANTS

2017 Unrestricted Grants

TROY School	\$100,000
Russel and Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Center	\$ 50,000
Interfaith Mission	\$ 45,000
Churubusco Youth Foundation	\$ 15,000
Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc.	\$ 14,985
South Whitley Park Board	\$ 11,000
Youth for Christ	\$ 10,000
Columbia City United Methodist Church	\$ 8,500
The Center for Whitley County Youth	\$ 5,000
Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House	\$ 5,000
WCCS and Smith-Green Community Schools	\$ 5,000
Whitko Middle School	\$ 4,422
Jeep Jamboree Festival for Veterans	\$ 3,500
Helpline of Whitley County	\$ 3,500
Whitley County Farmer's Market	\$ 3,500
Community Harvest Food Bank of NE Indiana	\$ 3,000
The Impact Center	\$ 2,700
American Red Cross	\$ 2,500
Junior Achievement	\$ 2,500
GRADWAY	\$ 2,000
Camp Invention	\$ 1,500
Salvation Army	\$ 1,300
Cancer Services of NE Indiana	\$ 1,000
Churubusco Public Library	\$ 1,000
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 450
Whitley County Probation Department	\$ 360



Whitley County's rich farming heritage is celebrated each year at the annual 4-H Fair. The Community Foundation holds the 4-H Beef Scholarship and the 4-H Helping Hands Scholarship which are awarded to deserving students each summer.

GRANTS

2017 Field of Interest Endowment Fund Grants

Alan Fox Community Fund

South Whitley Community Public Library \$ 1,000

Arts Alive Fund

CCHS Fine Arts Department \$ 750

Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc. \$ 750

Cancer Care Fund

Cancer Services of NE Indiana \$ 700

Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund

Churubusco Community Child Care Fund \$ 5,000

Embarq Economic Development Fund

Whitley County EDC \$ 500

Shirley Gates Fund

Cancer Services of NE Indiana \$ 700

John Slavich Fund for Whitley County Youth

Camp Invention \$ 1,500

Whitko Middle School \$ 1,000

Whitley Co Giving Circle for Women's Health

Girl Scouts of NE Indiana-Michiana \$ 2,455



The Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund is a Field of Interest endowment that exists to support projects and programs that help the youngest community members to bloom developmentally.



Name that Tune! Exposing children to music during early development helps them to learn the sounds and meaning of words while also allowing them to practice self-expression. In 2017, a Community Foundation grant to Churubusco Child Care Center allowed students to reap the benefits of having a music therapist visit their classrooms.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2017

Revenue and Support:

Contributions	\$ 2,254,561
Investment Income	414,400
Administrative Fee Income	309,454
Scholarship Loan Related Income	13,281
Realized Gains on Investments	548,990
Unrealized Gains on Investments	1,699,403
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	(5,281)
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	5,234,808

Expenses:

Grants	\$ 2,410,747
Program Related Expenses	120,412
Bank Trustee Expenses	80,613
Operating Expenses	151,826
Administrative Fee	302,663
Fundraising Expenses	83,794
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	3,150,055
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	2,084,753
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year, as Restated	<hr/> 22,677,160
Net Assets at End of Year	<hr/> \$24,761,913

DID YOU KNOW?

Every penny of every dollar gifted to an endowment fund at the Community Foundation goes directly into that fund?

Gifts to the Foundation receive the maximum tax advantage allowable under federal law?

DONORS

Roll Call

Our thanks to the following names; the donors who stood up and said "here!" in support of our Community Foundation in 2017.

80/20 Inc	Mr. Jerry D. Bales	Ms. Charlotte Blair	Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown
A.E. Denison	Ball Furniture Company, Inc.	Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Blakley	Ms. Denise Brown
Adventures in Ballooning	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bandelier	Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Blaszak	Ms. Dorothy Mae Brown
Ag Plus Inc.	Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Barlow	Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Bloom	Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browning
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Ms. Melinda Antell	Beard Family Farms, LLC	Bone's Theater	C & H Concrete Construction
Mr and Mrs. Louis Arambula	Mr. Bradley Beazell	Ms. Jennifer Born	Ms. Sandra Calhoun
Arby's	Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bechdol	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bouteille	Mr. and Mrs. John Camden
Mr. James Argerbright	Mr. and Mrs. Todd Bechtold	Ms. Jan Bouteille	Mr. and Mrs. John Camden II
Mr. Donald Armstrong	Beck's	Bovo Bonding Agency LLC	Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Castillo
Ms. Jamie Arnold	Ms. Diane Behrens	Ms. Candy Bower	CCHS Volleyball Booster Club
Arts United	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beiswanger Jr	Ms. Esther Gates Bower	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cearbaugh
Ms. Rachel Atkins	Benchmark Properties	Box Tops for Education	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cearbaugh
Ms. Judy Auker	North East	Payment	Central Supply Company Inc.
Automation Technologies	Benevolent & Protective	BoydMachine & Repair Co, Inc.	Century 21
Automotive MD	Order Elks Lodge 1417	Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bradford	Mr. and Mrs. Chad McCoy
Ms. Debra Avent	Mr. Benjamin Ogden	Ms. Roberta Bradford	Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCann
B.E. Computers	Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Berg	Bradford Farm	Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCay
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Mr. and Mrs. Kent Badskey	Beve House	Bravo Home & Gifts	Representative
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Ms. Sherry Bair	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bills	Bridgeport Homes LLC	Church of the Nazarene
Terry Bair	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bills	Mr. Richard Brock	Churubusco Family Dentistry
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bills	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brodkaus	Churubusco Schools
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Baker	Bippus State Bank	Ms. Jennifer Brogan	
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bishop	Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Brookes	
Mr. Buford Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Blackburn	Mr. and Mrs. Chad Bross	
	Blackburn	Ms. Linda Bross	
	Blackburn & Green	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown	

DONORS

Churubusco United Methodist Church
City of Columbia City
City Wings
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clason
Class of '52
Class of '57
Mr. Travis Clear
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Ten years ago, Clark Waterfall took the time to show his great grandchildren around the Foundation. Today, we proudly hold an endowment fund in his name.

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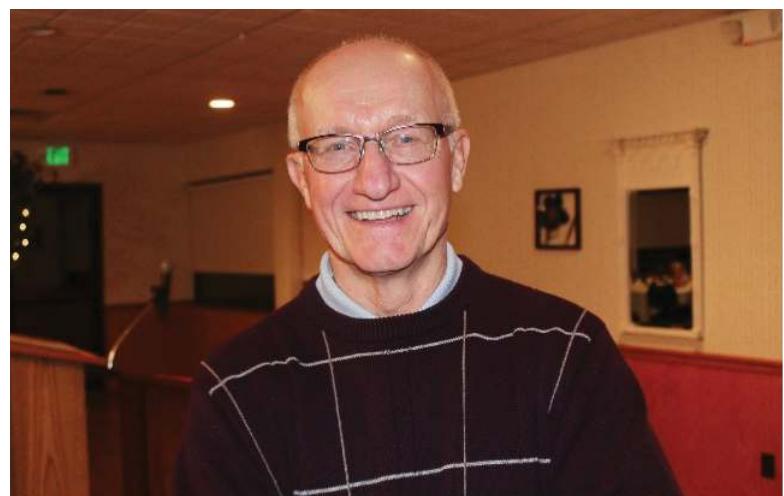
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John Slavich can remember names of students he had decades ago. That love of teaching was one of many reasons we knew he should be part of the Community Foundation team when he retired from Whitley County Consolidated Schools in 2000. His second career lasted 17 years here at the Foundation. In addition to his thoughtful oversight of our grant making program, John also ran our H.A.N.D.S. program, sharing philanthropic and leadership skills with local youth. While he officially retired in June of 2017, he started a new role with us the following month, as a consultant for A.C.T.S., a new youth philanthropy initiative offered through the Center.

IN HEAVEN'S NAME

“Waterfalls!”

That's one name, one voice, sorely missed.

Whether it was us calling him to say checks were ready for signing, or someone else contacting him while we sat across his kitchen table, when his phone rang, Doc never failed to enthusiastically answer “Waterfalls!”

When it came to our Community Foundation, there were a number of other things to which Dr. Clark Waterfall never failed. For a decade, he never failed to contribute thoughtful ideas or sound advice when he proudly wore the hat of board member. He never failed to speak up when he thought we could be doing something better, and he never failed to admit when he'd been wrong (which wasn't very often). If he missed a meeting (again, not very often), it was because he was in Montana – “God's country” working on the family cabin and fishing for trout. That said, he was always glad to be home again amidst Whitley County folks. Together with his good pal Bob Cornmesser, Doc dreamed up the Heart of Gold Awards; an annual Foundation event that has recognized the kindness of local residents for over 20 years. He never failed to attend the event.

He never failed to smile genuinely when he heard about the Whitley County Dazzlers. When Doc lost his beloved wife in 1995, he created the Margaret Priscilla Waterfall Fund in her name. Years later, upon learning about the incredible opportunities for inclusion the Dazzlers provide to children with special needs, he re-directed Margaret's memorial fund to support the organization. “She would've loved this,” he often reflected with a grin.

He never failed to ask questions when signing checks. For over 16 years – long after he'd rotated off the Board, he served as a conscientious and responsible volunteer treasurer for our organization. In his final days during the summer of 2017, as his family gathered around to offer him love and comfort, they called to let us know he was ready for us to come so he could sign checks.

He was a soldier, a veterinarian and a proud grandpa. He was also a walking history book, a poet, a story-teller, and a red coat. Above all, he was a devoted Christian who walked the walk in a way that most of us can only aspire to achieve.

Every director brings something to the Foundation's Board table. Doc's name brought credibility.

Forget that he was our Treasurer. He was simply a treasure.



The Community Foundation of Whitley County exists to inspire philanthropy, enrich community and serve donors by creating an enduring source of charitable assets.

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