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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

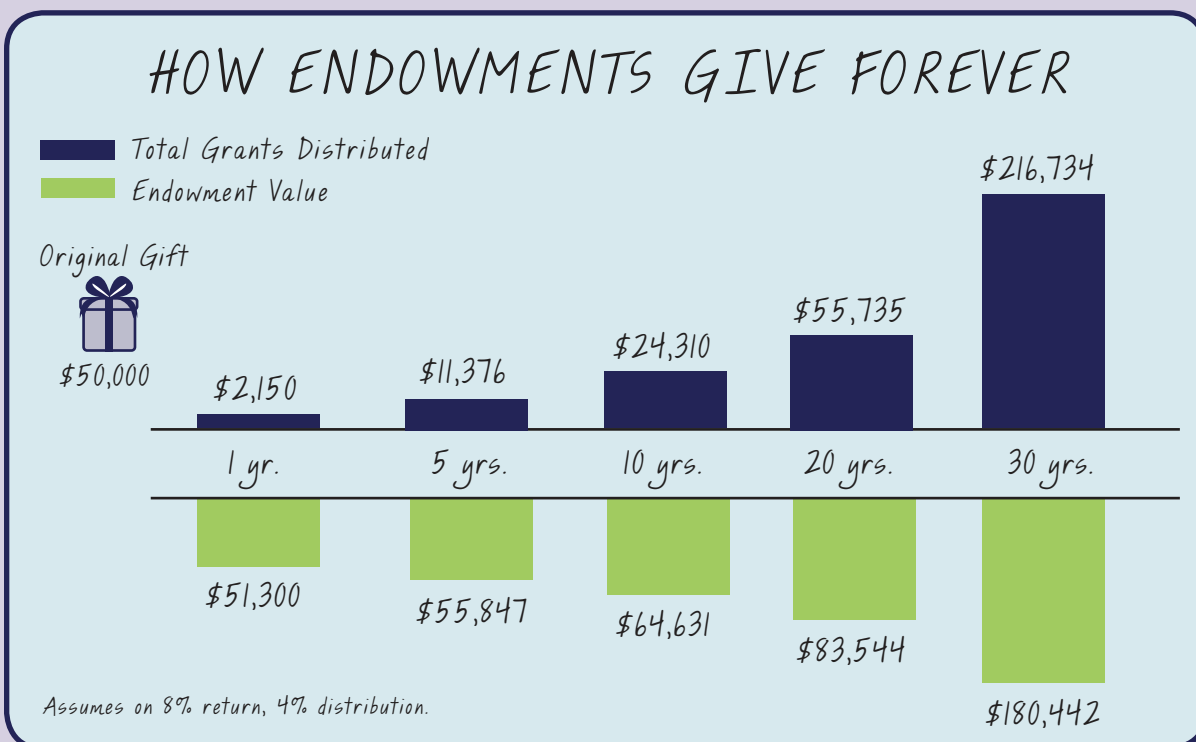
## Endowed Giving - You Name it!

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!



# 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 Morsches 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. McNaggy  
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 Mullan 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  
Mihsihkinaahkwa 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 guests on upcoming Honor Flights.*



## *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.



## *Sierra's Fund*

## 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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Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	2,084,753
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year, as Restated	<hr/>
	22,677,160
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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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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alles	Ms. Cynthia Bartley	Ms. Connie Boggs	Mr. Francis Bundy
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Amber	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartrom	Sherrill Delores Boggs	Mrs. Waneta Bundy
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Mrs. Mary Ann Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. James Bayman	Mr. Jon Bomberger and Mrs. Kathryn Roudebush	Buttermore Appliances
Andy's Car Wash	Beacon Credit Union	Bone's Theater	Ms. Joan Byer
Ms. Melinda Antell	Beard Family Farms, LLC	Ms. Jennifer Born	C & H Concrete Construction
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arambula	Mr. Bradley Beazell	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boutelle	Ms. Sandra Calhoun
Arby's	Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bechdol	Ms. Jan Boutelle	Mr. and Mrs. John Camden
Mr. James Argerbright	Mr. and Mrs. Todd Bechtold	Bovo Bonding Agency LLC	Mr. and Mrs. John Camden II
Mr. Donald Armstrong	Beck's	Ms. Candy Bower	Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Castillo
Ms. Jamie Arnold	Ms. Diane Behrens	Ms. Esther Gates Bower	CCHS Volleyball Booster Club
Arts United	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beiswanger Jr	Box Tops for Education	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cearbaugh
Ms. Rachel Atkins	Benchmark Properties	Payment	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cearbaugh
Ms. Judy Auker	North East	Boyd Machine & Repair Co., Inc.	Central Supply Company Inc.
Automation Technologies	Benevolent & Protective	Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bradford	Century 21
Automotive MD	Order Elks Lodge 1417	Ms. Roberta Bradford	Mr. and Mrs. Chad McCoy
Ms. Debra Avent	Mr. Benjamin Ogden	Bradford Farm	Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCann
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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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Front L to R: Sharlene Berkshire, Jacie Worrick, Gloria Smith  
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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.

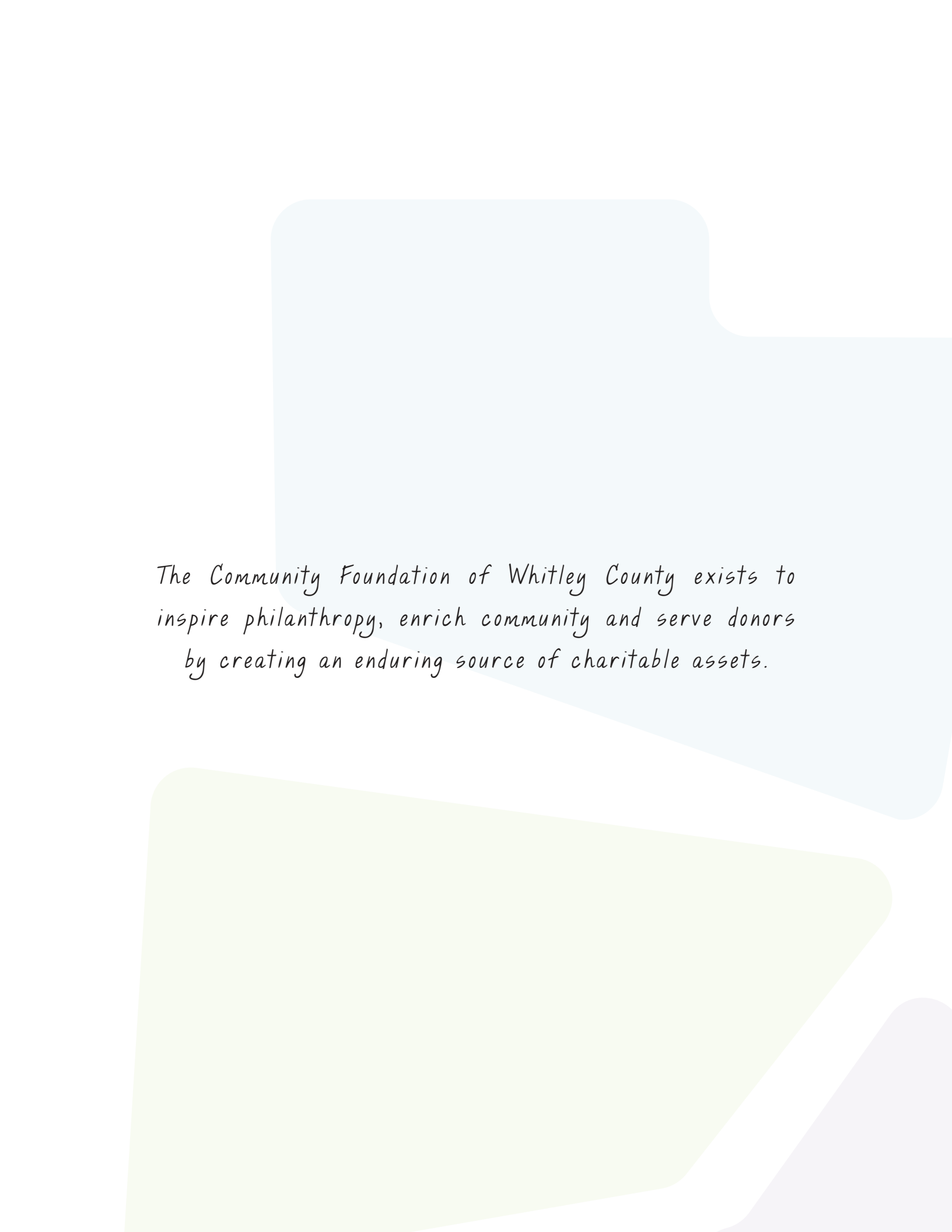
He never failed to ask questions when signing checks. For over 16 years – long after he’d rotated off the Board, he served as a conscientious and responsible volunteer treasurer for our organization. In his final days during the summer of 2017, as his family gathered around to offer him love and comfort, 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.





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