

SMART GIVING

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WHITLEY COUNTY
Annual Report | 2018



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"Where there is charity and wisdom, there
is neither fear nor ignorance."

-St. Francis of Assisi



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Smart Giving

I have a much-loved, greatly-admired friend who has been battling cancer for the last couple of years. She is my hero, so when her birthday rolled around I sought a meaningful gift. Weeks before, she'd linked me to someone she met in the lobby of her oncologist's office. This new acquaintance was really struggling physically, emotionally and financially. Photos on her social media page broke our hearts; she was gaunt with dark circles under her eyes, and connected to tubes and monitors. So, in honor of my friend's birthday, I contributed to her new friend's Go Fund Me page. My longtime pal was delighted; I was happy – I'd found the perfect gift. Until we learned that the person she had befriended was a fraud who has gone to extreme measures to appear terminally ill while stealing thousands of dollars by posing as a cancer patient. She is apparently under investigation by the FBI, having served two prison sentences for the same deception in the past. Among her tricks she had a port, took injections, shaved her head, stole brain scans, faked ER visits to acquire hospital bracelets and lied.

Which brings me to lessons learned.

I've worked in the field of philanthropy, championing the spirit of giving for over twenty years. Should I have known better? Yes. I gave with a loving heart; I just wish my brain would have been a bit more involved in the process. Will it stop me from giving again in the future? No. I've just been reminded about the importance of trust, transparency and credibility. Ironically, long before any of this happened, we'd decided the theme of this annual report would be Smart Giving.

While the Community Foundation can't direct money to individuals, we do hold a number of funds that support great organizations helping people. Our Whitley County Cancer Care Fund is often used to support Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana as they meet the needs of local cancer patients. Through trusted referrals and a committee offering oversight, our Edwin E. and Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund has helped families facing health crises for the past two decades. Agency funds such as those for Mission 25 or Passages are also great conduits for carefully supporting people who really need help.

Here at the Community Foundation our Board has approved policies to protect our donors. We make it our job to understand needs in Whitley County, then we share what we know to help donors make informed decisions about their charitable gifts. But smart giving isn't just about using caution in donating. The Community Foundation staff is knowledgeable about a variety of tools that can help contributors be savvy when it comes to maximizing tax savings through charitable giving and estate planning. We work in tandem with professional advisors to explore opportunities and meet challenges.

The Community Foundation also owes it to our donors to be informed and thoughtful when it comes to grant making. We do our best to make smart decisions; we view our grants as investments in community. There is no guarantee that every grant will be a home run, but together with our grantees we learn and adjust to improve our understanding of what works.

Sadly, there are corrupt people in the world. Fortunately, this report is evidence that there are far more individuals motivated by love and kindness. Just look at the list of people who gave generously for bettering Whitley County in 2018. We thank each and every one for their trust in our work and confidence in our abilities.

Here's to smart giving.



September McConnell

September McConnell, CEO
Community Foundation of Whitley County, Inc.



ENDOWED FUNDS

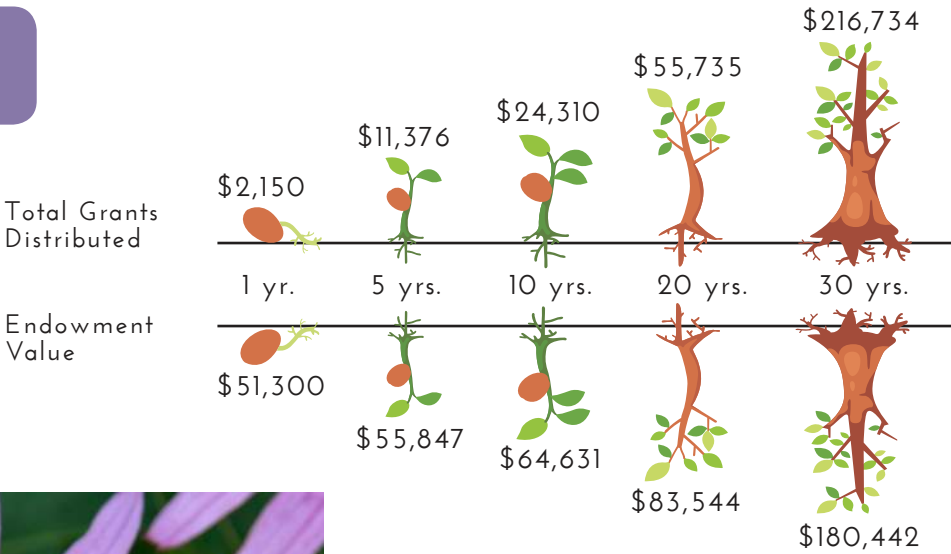
Smart Giving

A WISE CHOICE

Endowments created through the Community Foundation represent a shared belief in a better tomorrow. Here's how they work: When a donor makes a charitable gift to establish or support an existing endowment fund, we don't spend the donation. Ever. Instead, we save the gift and invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. A portion of those earnings are used to make grants or fund scholarships. With appropriate investment and spending policies, the endowment's purchasing power will be preserved over time. An endowment fund that generates income to assist in running a shelter or offer a scholarship today can be designed to produce income to fund the same causes twenty years from now and beyond. Endowments grow over time and can receive additional gifts from multiple donors.

How Endowments Give Forever

Original Gift: \$50,000
Assumes on 8% return
& 4% distribution.



The Community Foundation holds an agency endowment for ACRES Land Trust which exists to protect local land. Thanks to their efforts, nature is allowed to thrive.

Agency Endowments

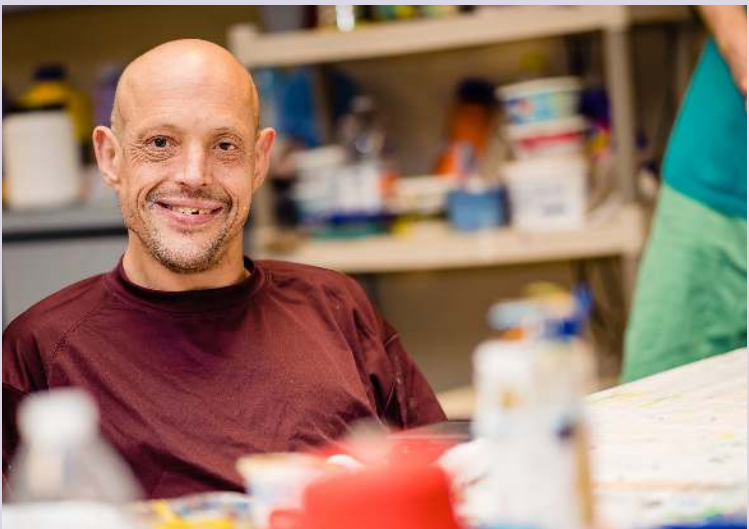
These endowment funds benefit the non-profit organizations for which they are named by creating a stable, annual income stream. While they benefit specific organizations, they are an asset of the Community Foundation.

- ACRES Land Trust
B.A.B.E. Fund*
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
George Franklin Shultz YMCA Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Whitley County Fund
Mission 25 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
Maryln Sellers Whitley County Humane
Society Fund

* Established in 2018

Donor Advised Endowments

A Donor Advised fund is an easy and cost-effective way to support your favorite nonprofits anywhere in the country, at any time you choose. Gifts to your fund qualify for an immediate tax deduction, regardless of when you decide to recommend grants. Community Foundation staff will confirm that your recommended charities meet IRS requirements and then issue grant checks to the organizations. The donor retains an advisory capacity in recommending grants from the fund which is individually named and identified with reference to the donor, donors or donor family members.



The Passages to the Future Fund is an agency endowment which exists to support the great work being done at Passages on behalf of local residents with physical and/or intellectual challenges.

- Benton W. & Thelma L. Bloom Fund
-
- Copp Family Fund
-
- M. Russel Fahl Family Fund
-
- John & Laura Lefever Fund
-
- James & September McConnell
-
- Family Fund
-
- The Hon. Phil M. & Hon. Patricia A.
-
- McNagny Crooked Lake Conservation Fund
-
- Steve & Gloria More Fund
-
- C. Taron & Gloria Smith Endowment Fund*

* Established in 2018

Field of Interest Endowments

A *Field of Interest fund* allows donors to specify an interest area, either broadly or narrowly defined. The Foundation has discretion to make grants within the donor's interest area. Funds can be endowed, or principal may also be available for grants depending on donor intent.

Arts Alive! Fund
David & Barbara Bilger Family Fund*
Centurylink Fund
Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund
Dominic & Susan Devito 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

Richland Township Community 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

* Established in 2018

Designated Endowments

A *Designated fund* is an ideal choice when you want to support one of more favorite nonprofits in perpetuity. Once you designate a charity, we automatically issue the grant check each year. When you endow your designated fund, your giving will provide a lasting legacy to sustain the nonprofits you select. Should any of your designated nonprofits cease to exist or change its mission, the Community Foundation will ensure that the funds are redirected to a similar organization that meets your charitable intent.

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
Crooked Lake Conservation Fund est. by John & Aileen Meier
Alan H. Fox U.S. Veterans Transportation Fund*
George Scott & Mildred Smith Gates Fund
Lloyd & Maryjane Geyer/Denzil & Betty Schrader Memorial Fund
HANDS Fund Imagination Library Fund
The Janet Hinen Giving a Helping Hand 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
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
Whitley County EMS Fund

* Established in 2018

Unrestricted Endowments

An *Unrestricted fund* is an ideal choice when you want to give where the need is the greatest at any point in time. Grants from these funds help communities and residents throughout Whitley County overcome obstacles, seize opportunities and thrive. You can establish and name an endowed unrestricted fund during your lifetime or create one through an estate plan. The Community Foundation has complete discretion in grant making.



Gifts from Unrestricted Endowments are turned into grants that can meet local needs. Projects to spruce up the Whitley County 4-H grounds have found support through the Foundation.

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
Donna K. Harl Community Fund
Don & Jane Langeloh Community Fund
Jean & Roger Long Community Fund

The Honorable Phil M. & Patricia A. McNagy 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
The Wood Family First Olive Fund*

* Established in 2018



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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MAKING DREAMS REALITY

A Scholarship fund lets you help students realize their educational dreams, or you can support the schools and universities of your choice. You determine the criteria for selection of scholarship recipients, and we administer the entire process of making the awards.

Whitley County 4H Beef Club Scholarship
Whitley County 4H Helping Hands Scholarship
Tyler Andreas Memorial Football Scholarship
Kenny Beck Changes in Latitude Memorial Scholarship
Diane R. Behrens Nursing Scholarship
Daniel E. Bolinger Memorial Scholarship
The Buesching-Tucker Memorial Scholarship
Lawrence & Frida Bunnell Memorial Scholarship
Gene C. Carter Memorial Scholarship
Bernice Carver Scholarship of Hope
Churubusco High School Fine Arts Production
/Thespian Scholarship
Columbia City High School FFA Scholarship
Columbia City High School Founders Scholarship
Columbia City High School French Club Scholarship
Columbia City High School Memorial Scholarship
Columbia City High School Spanish Club Scholarship
Columbia City Rotary Scholarship
Class of '63 Scholarship
Joey Devito Memorial Scholarship
Devol Award
Irma & Donald Ferber Scholarship
Maxwell Roark Fizer Memorial Scholarship
Max Gandy Scholarship
Betsy Jayne Gates Memorial Scholarship
James E. & Janice M. Hammer Academic
Team Scholarship
Timothy Hearld Memorial Scholarship

Andrea Norman Henry and John Anthony
Norman Theater Scholarship
Ernest Earl Heimbach Scholarship
Lindsey Hively Scholarship
Randall & Patricia Holler Business Scholarship
for Manchester University
Robert Hood Memorial Scholarship
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship
JAKES Scholarship
Robert & Grace Karst R.N. Scholarship
Ben Konger Memorial Scholarship
Whitley County Korean War Veterans
Memorial Scholarship
Margaret "Margo" Kaler Langohr Art Scholarship
The Malicki Family Scholarship
Brandon Wade Minier Memorial Scholarship
The Daniel Mullett "For the Love of a Child"
Scholarship
Natalie Mason Mullon Scholarship
Tom Ness Memorial Scholarship
Ohki Scholarship
Tiffany N. Parker Memorial Scholarship
Tina Parker Award Fund
Richard "Kit" Redman Memorial Football Scholarship
Eric Reed Memorial Scholarship
Pat Reed Art Education Scholarship
Daniel D. Rock Memorial Scholarship
Paul Schmidt Football Scholarship
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants Scholarship

Joseph H. & Irene Shull Tri Kappa Memorial Scholarship
Johnathan Lewis Simmons Memorial Scholarship
Kenny Simon Scholarship
Andy Spencer Memorial Scholarship
Lucille L. Staples Business/Journalism Scholarship
William D. Staples Athletic Scholarship
Nicholas and Laurel Steill Scholarship
Ashley Morgan Storm Memorial Scholarship
James Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Alan Tio Advanced Manufacturing Scholarship
Turtletown Players Scholarship
The Unverzagt Family Memorial Scholarship
Jerry Walker Memorial Scholarship
Dean Hoffman 4H Beef Scholarship

Susie & Lee Waugh Scholarship
Howard and Mimi Wherry Memorial Scholarship
Senator Harold "Potch" Wheeler Memorial Scholarship
Charles White Scholarship
Whitley County Builders Association Scholarship
Whitley County Retired Teachers'
Association Scholarship Fund
Whitko Scholarship
B.V. and Flossie Widney Memorial Scholarship
Lester and Joy Worrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Megan Christine Young Memorial Scholarship
The Young Family Fund*
Rely C. and Izora Zumbrun Education Scholarship
Wilbert & Louise Luderman Scholarship Fund

** Established in 2018*



Thanks to a generous community, 1 in 4 of our County's high school graduates receive tuition assistance from the Community Foundation in the form of college scholarships.



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDS

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A GIFT THAT GROWS

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.

- Abbie Little Playground Fund
- Kenny Beck Scholarship
- Randy Bills Memorial Scholarship
- Boomerang Backpacks Fund
- CMBJ Waterfall Fund for Coesse School*
- Camp STEAM Ahead Fund
- Camp Whitley Fund
- Chaplain Fund
- Chase Warner Memorial Scholarship Fund*
- Children First Fund
- Christmas Parade Fund
- Churubusco Business Education Community Fund
- Churubusco High School Alumni and Friends Fund*
- Churubusco Pool Fund
- Coesse PTO Fund
- Columbia City Aquatics Center Fund
- Columbia City Downtown Business Alliance Fund
- Columbia City High School Alumni Association Fund
- Columbia City High School Baseball Boosters Fund
- Columbia City High School Boys Basketball Booster Club Fund
- Columbia City High School Boys Golf Team Booster Club Fund
- Columbia City High School Cross Country Booster Club Fund*
- Columbia City High School Girls Basketball Booster Club Fund

- Columbia City High School Boys Soccer Booster Club Fund*
- Columbia City High School Girls Soccer Booster Club Fund
- Columbia City High School Football Booster Club Fund
- Phyllis Crace Unrestricted Fund
- Dillon Family Scholarship Fund
- Dime at a Time Achievement Award Fund
- Distinguished Young Women's Program Fund
- Edith Nylander Trust/Eberhard Lutheran Church Fund
- Eppleman Family Fund
- Russel & Evelyn Fahl Columbia City Aquatics Fund
- Faith Christian Academy PTO Fund
- Faith Christian Academy Expense Fund
- Friends of Concordia Cemetery Fund*
- Friends of Fire and Police Fund
- Friends of the Peabody Library Fund
- Every Kids Dreamland Fund
- CCHS FFA Boosters Fund
- Downtown Business Alliance Fund
- G.A.P. Canaan Education Fund
- H.A.N.D.S Foundation Fund
- Youth Philanthropy Fund
- Tammy Horne Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Junior Lady Eagles Basketball Fund
- Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund

* Established in 2018



The Friends of Peabody Library volunteer group helps raise dollars to support classes and programming at the library. Above, children work together to plant a container garden on the back patio at the library.

- Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund
- Eugene and Rosalind Klingaman Family Fund
- Leatherneck Coffee Club Fund
- Nicholas Carson Linville Speech and Debate Fund
- Little Turtle Elementary PTO Fund
- Main Street Association Fund
- Mary Raber PIE Fund
- Micropulse Charity Fund
- Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow Fund
- Northeast Indiana Warbirds Fund
- Northern Heights Parents in Education Fund
- Old Settlers Non-Permanent Fund
- Piggy Bank Pals
- The Potter's Hands Fund
- Steven K. Raypole Memorial Art Award
- Sharing His Love Scholarship

- Kelley Sheiss Servant Leadership Scholarship
- South Whitley Camp Invention Fund
- South Whitley Community Facilities Committee Fund
- Dollis Dillon Studebaker Fund
- Jacob Tarleton Memorial Scholarship
- Vietnam Memorial Fund
- Whitley County Arts Commission Fund
- Whitley County Autumn Arts Festival Fund
- Whitley County Cares Fund
- Whitley County Dazzlers Fund
- Whitley County Domestic Violence Task Force Fund
- Whitley County Humane Shelter Fund
- Whitley County Promise
- Whitley Weigh in Fund
- DeMoney-Grimes Life Sciences Scholarship

THE WOOD FAMILY FIRST OLIVE FUND

“The first olive is the hardest one to get out of the jar.”

While that may sound like a Confucius saying stuffed into a fortune cookie, it is actually a Don-ism inspired by Don Wood, a local entrepreneur who built a magnificent company and carved out a legacy that will impact Whitley County residents, and really all of Northeast Indiana, forever.

While this annual report is a reflection of activity that took place at the Community Foundation in 2018, it is being compiled in 2019. And what a difference a few months make. We lost Don in April of this year. Gone ahead, but never, never to be forgotten because unbeknownst to many, the savvy businessman had a philanthropist's heart.

Don understood the power of planned giving and he had one last dream to accomplish. With a team of professional advisors and a nod to family, he laid the framework for what would become the 80/20 Foundation Trust, a private foundation dedicated to transforming the industrial workforce in Northeast Indiana. By generating opportunities for individuals and institutions in the place he called home, Don's lasting gift promises to have a transformative impact on our region of the state, enhancing the areas of engineering technology, industrial technology, machine technology, sales, leadership and entrepreneurship.

How thankful we are that Don Wood and his sons chose Whitley County as the site for their businesses years ago. We were blessed again in late 2018 when a gift from the Wood Family allowed the Community Foundation to meet the GIFT VII challenge match made possible by Lilly Endowment. The donation resulted in a new endowed fund that will offer unrestricted grants for the greater good of our community. Among the first of many great things to unfold as a result of Don's generosity and vision, we've named it The Wood Family First Olive Fund and like olive trees that can live thousands of years, we are appreciative in knowing that this new fund will bear fruit for generations to come.



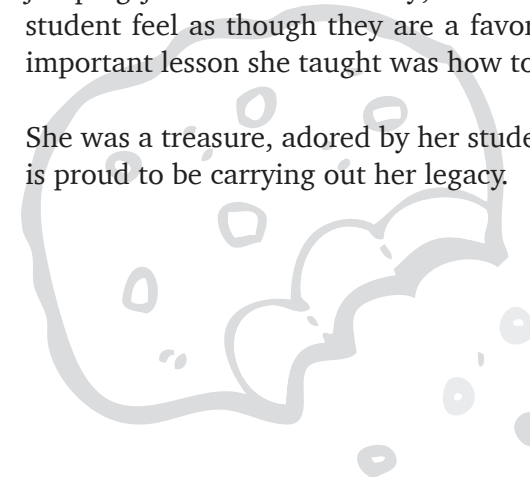
Janet Hinen dedicated her life to raising some smart cookies. If she had a secret recipe, it was simply to make learning fun. She understood that kids had a lot going on in their lives outside school and sometimes loving them was more important than a red grade at the top of a paper. Known for inviting entire classrooms of students to her home for end-of-year water fights, hosting Tickled Pink fundraisers where kids could tell a joke for a quarter, and bringing in treats for no reason, Janet's true gift was showing those around her the true meaning of kindness. That said, nothing gave her more pleasure than seeing her students grow and learn.

A graduate of Columbia City High School and Ball State University, Janet spent her entire career teaching at Whitley County Consolidated Schools before retiring in 2016 due to illness. Prior to her passing, she established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Whitley County to share her love of teaching. The Giving a Helping Hand Fund was entirely her idea and for generations to come, it will benefit K-5 elementary school teachers new to Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

The endowment fund will provide grants to help each teacher make their classroom a special place. The money can be used for decorations, snacks or supplies for a unique classroom project; the choice is theirs. Grants will be made to teachers in both traditional and special needs classrooms during their first year of employment at WCCS.

Janet's hope was that her love of teaching will be carried forward. You'll know that is occurring when you come across a teacher who is a shelter for the quirky kids, allowing them to be who they are and celebrating their differences; a teacher who tells jokes and laughs at theirs; who sings, dances or does jumping jacks to start the day; and a teacher who, at some point during the school year, makes each student feel as though they are a favorite. Janet urged each student to be their best self, but the most important lesson she taught was how to be a good person.

She was a treasure, adored by her students, loved by her family and friends. The Community Foundation is proud to be carrying out her legacy.





2018 UNRESTRICTED GREATER GOOD FUND GRANTS

Smart Giving

Camp Steam Ahead, \$16,000 for operating two years of STEM Summer Camp

Camp Whitley, \$1,000 toward offsetting costs of foster care children attending Camp

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, \$5,000 toward costs of serving Whitley County residents

The Center for Whitley County Youth, \$22,000; \$5,000 for match at 2019 Dinner Campaign; \$10,000 toward a matching grant for capital projects and \$7000 to help replicating their services to students in the South Whitley area

Churubusco Community Child Care Center, \$7,000 to rehab bathrooms

Churubusco Public Library, \$1,000 for summer concerts

Churubusco Main Street, \$3,000 for light fixtures on Main Street

Churubusco Parks, \$12,000 in matching funds for tennis court repair

Churubusco United Methodist Church, \$5,000 for projection equipment to be used for community based programs

Columbia City Main Street Association, \$1,000 toward the costs of outdoor movies on the Courthouse Square

Community Harvest Food Bank, \$5,000 to bring the Farm Wagon program to Whitley County

Fort Wayne Philharmonic, \$2,000 for the Holiday Pops concert next December

Giving Gardens of Indiana, \$3,000 for materials for children's gardening programming

Helpline, \$2,500 for beds and furniture

Impact Center, \$1,500 for a storage shed

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Summer Reading Camp, \$2,250 toward the cost of up to six Whitley County students to attend a reading remediation camp

Mad Anthony Children's Hope House, \$5,000 to offset the costs of Whitley County resident's stays

Mission 25, \$35,000 to assist with operating expenses for Shelter as well as the new prevention center

National Inventors Hall of Fame, \$4,000 for STEM Summer Camp for Whitko students

Royal Family Kids Camp, \$2,000 toward offsetting costs of Whitley County foster care children attending Camp



The Community Foundation happily supported The Center for Whitley County Youth as they expanded their caring out-reach and programming to students in South Whitley.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, \$5,100 for Jail Ministry and aftercare of jail inmates

South Whitley Emergency Food Bank, \$500

South Whitley Youth League, \$5,000 for athletic equipment

TROY School, \$12,000 to offset transportation costs

Whitley County 4-H, \$10,000 toward sidewalk and ramp construction costs

Whitley County Corrections, \$10,000 to provide mental health assessments and services to criminal offenders

Whitko High School Band, \$1,000 toward the cost of band uniforms

Whitley County Farmer's Market, \$3,500 for the Double Bucks Program

Whitley County Probation, \$2,100 for bullet proof vests

Youth For Christ of Northern Indiana, \$7,100 toward the expense of volunteer training

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended December 31, 2018

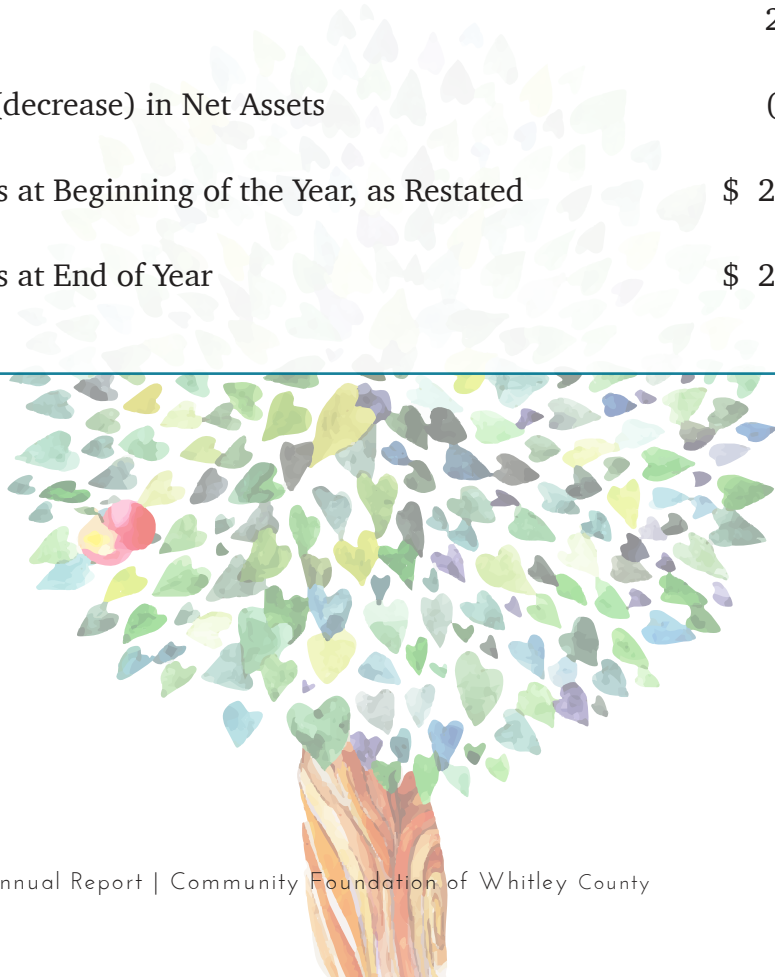
Revenue and Support:

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| Contributions | \$ 3,270,416 |
| Investment Income | (1,006,548) |
| Administrative Fee Income | 312,808 |
| Scholarship Loan Related Income | 12,234 |
| Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements | (17,287) |
| | <u>2,571,623</u> |

Expenses:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Program Services | 2,252,697 |
| Management and General | 496,725 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 93,587 |
| | <u>2,843,011</u> |

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| Increase (decrease) in Net Assets | (271,388) |
| Net Assets at Beginning of the Year, as Restated | \$ 24,761,913 |
| Net Assets at End of Year | \$ 24,490,525 |



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WITH SINCEREST APPRECIATION

To the many donors who have placed their trust in the Community Foundation to carry out their charitable giving, we offer our sincerest appreciation. Your vote of confidence is our top priority. We have made every attempt to acknowledge each gift. If a mistake has occurred, please let us know so that we can correct our records and promptly acknowledge your contribution.

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Melissa Bradberry
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Bradley Company
Dennis Bragg
Gary and Karen Brandon
Tara Brandon
Kathleen Brennan
Brian and Sonya Emerick Family
Foundation
Brian and Lynnette Bridegam
Rachael Brodbeck
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Jason and Angela Brown
Stanley and Elaine Brown
Gene and Dutie Browning
Edna Bryant
Kevin and Carrie Bryniak
Rob Bryson
BSN Sports
Buchanan Automotive, Inc.
Karen Bucher
Buescher Construction
Evan Burlingame
Joseph and Krista Busz
Krista Calhoun
Sandra Calhoun
John and Mary Beth Camden
John and Vicki Camden II
C & A Tool, Inc.
Columbia City High School
Volleyball Booster Club
C City Gas N Dash, LLC

Fred and Sharon Cearbaugh
Central Supply Company Inc.
Daniel and Annette Chalk
Jason and Jennifer Chappell
Jennifer Christie
ChromaSource, Inc.
Churubusco Family Dentistry
Churubusco Schools
City Chevrolet
City of Columbia City
City Wings
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Timothy and Deborah Collier
Columbia City Automotive
Supply, Inc.
Columbia City Dock, Inc.
Columbia City High School
Columbia City Optometry
Columbia City Plastics
Columbia City United Methodist
Church
Columbia City Wrestling Club
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Louisville
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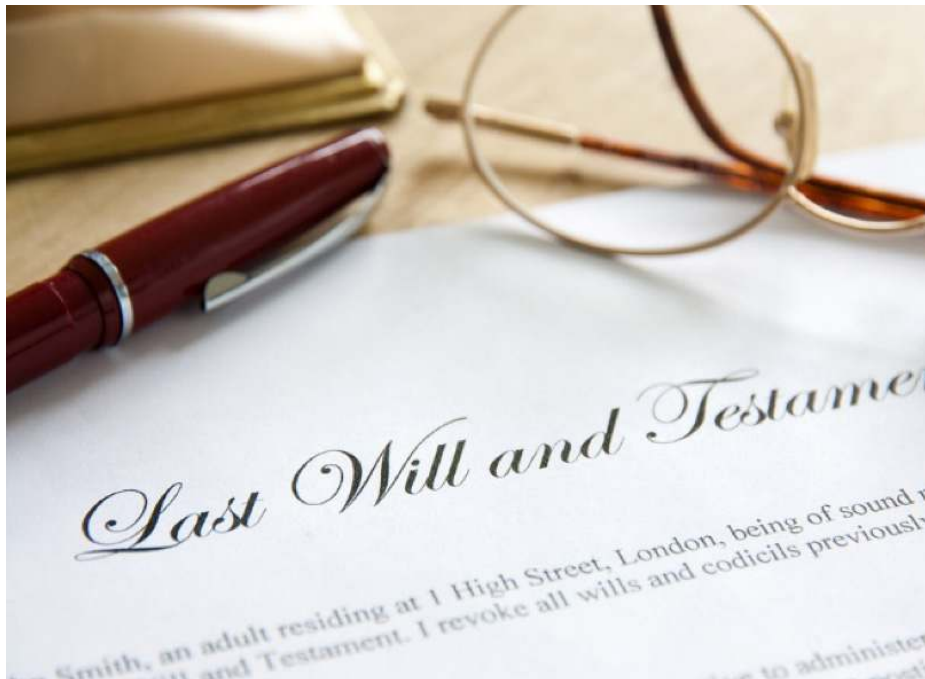
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organizations we supported, and the special ways we connected with others. A carefully fashioned estate plan can be an important component of a personal legacy as you determine how you will distribute your tangible assets to heirs, charity and others you care about.

As a part of your estate plan, a will or living trust can be more than a practical tool for efficient distribution of your estate—it can be a reflection of your values, expectations, and concern for family and loved ones. The Community Foundation of Whitley County exists as a resource to help you consider giving options that may include maximizing dollars available to loved ones or which charitable causes you might like to include in your planning. Whether you opt to remember a local non-profit, your college alma mater, a church or a charity on another continent, we can offer suggestions and a variety of tools to help you meet your intent. We can also be a resource for your professional advisors and are more than happy to talk with attorneys, accountants and insurance representatives.

If you do not have a will, or if you haven't reviewed your will in the past few years, plan to visit your attorney. Over half of Americans die without leaving a valid, up-to-date will. The results can be tragic: complete loss of control over asset distribution, unnecessarily higher taxes, and added expenses due to extraneous costs. Don't let procrastination keep you from properly planning. If you need a place to start, give us a call here at the Community Foundation – (260) 244-5224; there's no cost involved – we're here for good and for those who want to do good!



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