2023 ANNUAL REPORT
NURTURING GROWTH

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ELKHART COUNTY
In the late 1980s, our founders planted the seeds to establish your Community Foundation. Lilly Endowment Inc. and others nurtured those seeds. The generosity of thousands of others has helped the Community Foundation grow into a thriving organization that has an impact on the community.

As we prepared this annual report, Joel Duthie, board member of Wellfield Botanical Gardens, told us how the gardens represent all the aspects of our lives as people celebrate births and birthdays there, as they get married at Wellfield, and even as they honor a life well-lived. At Wellfield, trees grow from saplings, flowers take root, and community ties are strengthened.

Our community, particularly the nonprofit sector, could be viewed as a garden. New organizations sometimes sprout up alongside the sturdy oaks that are well-established. Donors seed new programs. New donors demonstrate by example how generosity keeps roots strong and the soil vibrant.

As we look around the community, we see people creating paths such as the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and Nappanee Art Path for people to enjoy. We see the roots deepening as historic buildings such as the Jimtown Community Center are restored and given new life. We walk alongside families honoring loved ones by creating the Walorski Memorial Scholarships and a new visitors center at Wellfield.
The Community Foundation is sometimes asked to help envision a new section of the garden. Sometimes we provide fertilizer, tools, and connections to volunteers. Other times, we offer training through The Learning Center for our nonprofit partners to thrive. We are thrilled to work alongside all those, particularly nonprofit staff, board, and volunteers who do so much to help our community.

The Community Foundation’s assets are now more than $400 million. Our staff, board, and committee members serve as stewards of the community resources. We are deeply humbled by and grateful for all the ways generous people use the Community Foundation to accomplish their philanthropic goals. As you review the foundation’s financial performance in this annual report, we believe you will be pleased to note the Community Foundation received a total of $25.6 million in gifts in the Fiscal Year 2022-23. We are also delighted to report the investment portfolio produced an annual return of 8.5 percent. We were able to distribute $42.7 million in grants.

As we nurture growth in our community, we are amazed to see all the ways generosity impacts the places we live, the communities we love, and the people with whom we work at making our garden beautiful.

Warmly,

Pete
PETE MCCOWN
President

Cie
CIEN ASOERA
Board Chair

By the Numbers
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

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2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cien Asoera  
Chairman
Dave Weaver  
Vice Chairman
Todd Cleveland  
Treasurer
Deborah Beaverson  
Secretary
Becky Bontrager
Angie Eggering
Raquel Espinosa
Jan Farron
Theresa Gunden
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Kurt Janowsky
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Sharon Liegl
Galen Miller
Dan Morrison
Tom Fletcher
Kerri Ritchie
BJ Thompson
Isaac Torres
Ola Yoder

FOUNDING MEMBERS  
Names in italics are deceased.

Charles Ainlay  
Jon Armstrong  
Lehman Beardsley  
Wilbert H. Budd  
Arthur J. Decio  
Dr. John Foreman  
Samuel Hoover  
William P. Johnson  
Lee Martin  
James McNamee  
William Myers  
Richard Fletcher  
Laura Rydson  
Oscar Schricker  
Thomas Warrick

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOUNDING DONORS

Founding Donors are those individuals or organizations that contributed $50,000 or more from the inception of the foundation in 1989 through June 30, 1995. The names of the donors will always be prominently displayed in the foundation’s Annual Report as the original endowment builders and supporters of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County.

Bashor Home Endowment Fund  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Goshen Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert H. Budd  
Charitable Fund of the First Congregational Church  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corson  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deahl  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Decio  
The Decio Family:  
Terence Decio  
Jamee Decio  
Lindy Decio Reilly  
Jay Decio Christman  
Leigh Decio Laird  
Sherrill and Helen Deputy Family  
Elkhart County Council on Aging  
Elkhart County 4-H Endowment  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fidler  
Dr. and Mrs. John Foreman  
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hartman  
Mr. F. L. Hascall  
Goshen College  
Goshen Rotary Club  
Scholarship Fund  
Greencroft Foundation  
Gunden Family Fund  
Paul and Joyce Hultin Family Fund  
KeyBank  
Lacasa, Inc.  
(formerly LaCasa of Goshen)  
Lilly Endowment, Inc.  
Mervin D. Lung Family  
Martin Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin  
Mr. William F. Martin  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Naquin  
Northridge High School Dollars for Scholars  
Oaklawn Foundation  
Mrs. Lee A. Rieth  
Ms. Martha Rieth  
Mr. and Mrs. Marly Rydson  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sailor  
Salvation Army Elkhart Corps Endowment  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sherman  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schricker  
Ina L. Strasser Endowment  
Trinity United Methodist Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Basil S. Turner  
United Way of Elkhart County  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanDerKarr  
Maynard W. Wells Family  
YMCA/YWCA Joint Community Project
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MISSION AND VALUES

Mission
To improve the quality of life in Elkhart County by inspiring generosity.

Values
The Community Foundation is committed to the following as essential to our effectiveness. We aspire to reflect the following values as we serve the community:

• **Integrity**: An abiding pledge to honesty, professionalism, humility, and respect.
• **Inclusion**: We seek and elevate diverse voices. We are most impactful when our organization and deliberations include people from varied backgrounds, opinions, and perspectives.
• **Excellence**: In our every endeavor.
• **Collaboration**: We believe in teamwork, both internally and externally. We desire to be trusted partners with community members, civic leaders, and not-for-profit organizations to provide high-impact programs and services benefiting the broadest possible constituency.
Founding Donors are those individuals or organizations that contributed to the Fund for Excellence through the Lilly Gift VI Initiative from 2014 through 2016. The names of the donors will be prominently displayed in the Community Foundation's Annual Report as the original endowment builders and supporters.

Names in italics are deceased.

Gary and Connie Adamson
Dick and Deb Armington
Paris and Becky Ball-Miller
Megan and Troy Baughman
Deborah and David Beaverson
Roy Beck
Bill Deputy Foundation
Brian and Margot Borger
George and Marty Buckingham
Corson Family Foundation
Rob and Vicki Cripe
Cripe Family Foundation
Arthur J. Decio
Lois Dusthimer
Estate of Guy David Gundlach
John and Lois Fidler
David and Susan Findlay
John and Gwen Gildea
Gordon McCormick Corporation
Joseph and Holly Hosinski
Dean and Ruth Hupp
Irions Foundation
Jayco
Rick and Sandy Jenkins
William P. and Toni Johnson
Thomas and Donna Kauffman
Donna Kercher Schrock
Levi and Joanna King
Delmar and Sherri King
Richard and Susan Klepinger
Chuck and Betty Lamb
John and Jane Leavitt
Allan and Karon Ludwig
Pete and Wendy McCown
Bob and Sue Miller
Gordon and Marie Moore
MutualBank Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Dzung and Françoise Nguyen
Myrl and Phyllis Nofziger
Mike and Judy Pianowski
Donald Fletcher
Marly and Laura Rydson
Mike and Vicki Schoeffler
Oscar and Marilyn Schricker
Bob and Marie Schrock
Brian and Lauri Smith
Carl and Emilie Tiedemann
Thomas and Patricia Warrick
David Weed
Jeff and Phid Wells
Madelon Wells
Welter Foundation
John and Carolyn Wolf
WHAT WE STAND FOR

We are Part of the Unfolding Story of Generosity in Elkhart County

In 2015, the Community Foundation chose to identify itself with the ginkgo tree as it represents many of the traits it values. The ginkgo is distinctive, has a remarkably strong root system, offers beauty to the landscape, and has the ability to survive harsh circumstances. The ginkgo is also tenacious and is one of the longest-living species.

Its leaves have been used for remedies, just as the Community Foundation strives to support nonprofits and various endeavors that improve the health of our community, our businesses, and our people.
Though the year presented a range of financial challenges, we are pleased to report that the Community Foundation of Elkhart County had a good year. The Community Foundation received a total of $25.6 million in gifts in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and because of past giving and investment, we were able to give $42.7 million in grants. We are committed to stewarding the community’s assets even during challenging times. Thank you for your generous gifts of time and resources to help us tend the community’s assets.
The Community Foundation’s assets grow from gifts and investment management. Donors continue to deepen their relationships with the foundation as partners to make the community stronger.
Since 1989 we have been working with passionate individuals, families, organizations, and businesses who are building a stronger community by supporting causes that strengthen and improve Elkhart County. Once we understand a donor’s goals and establish their intent, we work with them to decide which funding option best brings their vision to life.

**2022-2023 Assets By Fund Type**

$405m TOTAL ASSETS

- **27% DESIGNATED**
- **16% DONOR-ADVISED**
- **7% SCHOLARSHIP**
- **45% UNRESTRICTED**
- **5% OTHER ASSETS**
Most of the grants that the Community Foundation is trusted to manage are for specific areas designated by donors. Some of the grants are unrestricted, empowering the Community Foundation to respond to needs and make strategic grants to better our quality of life. A description of how these unrestricted grants were used to improve our community is found on pages 51–62 of this report.
2022-2023

GRANTS BY FUND TYPE

$43m
TOTAL GRANTS

Donor-Advised: 35%
Fund for Elkhart County: 21%
Designated: 15%
Other: 23%
Scholarship: 6%

 Grant Breakdown by Fund Type:
- $9m
TOTAL GRANTS
- Placemaking: 25%
- Kids & Families: 29%
- Matching Grants: 10%
- Opportunities: 12%
- Career Pathways: 24%

Fund for Elkhart County

The Fund for Elkhart County, our unrestricted fund, supports our community’s greatest opportunities and emerging needs with responsive contributions. This year, $9.1 million in grants were awarded in areas of emphasis for the Community Foundation.
Statements of
FINANCIAL POSITION


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| **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** |         |               |
| Accounts payable     | $70,000       | $167,000      |
| Grants payable       | $3,906,000    | $5,275,000    |
| Gift annuities payable | $411,000     | $435,000      |
| Operating lease liability | $1,518,000 | $1,612,000    |
| Custodial funds      | $40,344,000   | $45,377,000   |
| Other liabilities    | $282,000      | $262,000      |
| Net assets - without donor restrictions | $4,523,000 | $4,725,000 |
| Net assets - with donor restrictions | $354,033,000 | $335,006,000 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** | $405,087,000 | $392,859,000 |
### Statements of ACTIVITIES

*Unaudited Financial Statements for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023 and 2022.*

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* Accounting standards require certain incoming monies to be presented as a change in the Custodial Funds liability. For the Annual Report, these monies are reported as gifts. As such, gift activity reflected throughout the report varies from Contributions and Grants reflected in the Statements of Activities.

** The Annual Report is designed to showcase the grant recommendations received from fundholders and the commitments made by the Board of Directors. Accounting standards, which stipulate what qualifies as a grant for financial reporting purposes, do not fully capture the recommendations received and commitments made. As such, grant activity reflected throughout the report varies from the grant expense amount reported as a component of Program Services on the Statements of Activities.
Cultivating gardens

Marly’s Gift

His generosity created a “wonderful problem” for Wellfield Botanic Gardens

You never know what will result when the phone rings at the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. Marlyn “Marly” Rydson had an idea for a way to honor the woman he loved in a place he loved and picked up the phone one day in early 2021.

Pete McCown, president of the Community Foundation, warmly greeted Marly and learned he wanted to honor Laura, whom he’d married 59 years earlier, with a donation for a new visitors center at Wellfield Botanic Gardens.

Marly encouraged the Community Foundation to also make a donation and then Wellfield’s board and staff could raise more money to construct the building.

Pete was soon on a call with Joel Duthie, Wellfield’s board chairman, and Eric Garton, the Robert and Peggy Weed Executive Director of the garden. He told them what Marly wanted to do and said, “This gives you a wonderful problem.”

The challenge was that the master plan for the garden didn’t call for a visitors center at this point. An outdoor pavilion was the next priority in the plan.

As a member of the Elkhart Rotary Club, Marly had been involved in the botanic gardens’ creation. Construction began in 2006 on the 36-acre site, half of which is covered by water. Since the 1800s, the site’s 13 wells have provided much of the Elkhart’s drinking water. Ponds became water features. As dirt moved, gardens emerged. Now Wellfield has more than 20 different features and spaces with just a few left to be constructed. More than 75,000 people visit
the living museum each year, with more than 25,000 people alone coming through to see the holiday lights.

Eric Garton says, “The advice we’ve been given from the very beginning is don’t forget you’re a garden. Our motto is ‘world class and homegrown.’”

Wellfield’s growth followed the master plan created in the early 2000s. Replacing the cottage at the front of the gardens with a visitors center was estimated to cost up to $6 million for an organization with an annual budget of just over $1 million.

Then Marly called.

“Someone told us we’d be fools if we didn’t do this,” says Eric Amt, the first Wellfield executive director and an ongoing volunteer and ambassador.

Two days later, Marly gave $2 million to the project he initiated.

At the next meeting of the Community Foundation’s board, it agreed to give $2 million to the project.

With strong support from the Wellfield’s board of directors, Eric Garton started fundraising. Because of the garden’s agreement with the city of Elkhart, construction couldn’t begin until he and the board had raised the entire amount. Like the flowers sprouting in the garden, the project grew to include a 12,000-square-foot visitors center that hovers over and overlooks the main pond. It will include event spaces, a cafe, and tributes to the Rydsons and David Gundlach, whose donation to the Community Foundation made the $2 million gift possible.

A pavilion was needed for concerts, weddings and other events. Constructing a space for more than 500 people as part of the visitor’s center project made sense and was good stewardship, says Joel Duthie, who remains on the board. The pavilion will have space for more than 500 guests. Parking expansion,
“It’s much more than gardens. It’s every sort of lifecycle of our community here in the gardens...”

Joel Duthie, Board President of Wellfield Botanic Gardens
Joel Duthie (left), former board president of Wellfield Botanic Gardens, and Eric Amt, former executive director, walk a path in the gardens they love and work alongside others to improve.
relocation of the cottage and endowment to help pay ongoing expenses bring the project total to $16.5 million.

Vendors who have worked on the garden have been generous over the years. Hundreds of volunteers give time. Donors have given, often not even asking for recognition. Would this be different?

Not at all. Large donations rolled in during the quiet phase of a capital campaign. One donor told Joel, “We love the gardens. We love Elkhart. We love giving back to the community.”

The South Bend - Elkhart Regional Development Authority gave $1.3 million toward the project from Indiana’s Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative.

Site preparation started this summer and DJ Construction is expected to be completed with its work in late 2024 or early 2025.

Marly is thrilled. Years ago, he helped do the electrical wiring for a new bathroom at the garden to replace thousands of feet of extension cords for events. It was the first building constructed at Wellfield. Now another will bear his and Laura’s name.

Laura had been a founding board member of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, which was called the Elkhart County Community Foundation when it was founded in 1989. For those first ten years or so, she volunteered as a secretary and office manager. As Marly tells it, “She was the chief cook and I was the bottle washer.” The couple had always been generous with both time and money for community causes. He would go with her to Nappanee to help produce and print the foundation’s annual reports, he says.

Marly’s gift is foundational for how Wellfield Botanic Gardens will grow and how visitors will enter and experience it. “At the end of the day, we wanted to make sure our visitors are getting out in the spaces and this is a way to facilitate that,” says Joel.

Eric Garton is excited about how the new visitor’s center and amphitheater will allow Wellfield Botanic Gardens to grow its offerings.
But when rain falls, outdoor weddings can move indoors rather than under a tent, saving thousands of dollars annually. Additional events can be planned. Revenue is expected to grow.

Communities need beautiful spaces. Wellfield Botanic Gardens’ beauty becomes part of so many lives. “I love everything that it means to our community,” says Joel. “It’s much more than gardens. It’s every sort of lifecycle of our community here in the gardens — from bringing kids out to the Children’s Garden, to when people are getting married, to having memorial services here. The full journey of one’s life is encapsulated here in the gardens.”

“The advice we’ve been given from the very beginning is don’t forget you’re a garden. Our motto is ‘world class and homegrown.’”

Eric Garton, the Robert and Peggy Weed Executive Director of Wellfield Botanic Gardens
Martha Walorski and Dean Swihart have sat through a year of ceremonies and events honoring their beloved daughter and wife.

People also still walk up to Martha, Jackie’s mother, in the grocery store, give her a hug, and tell her a story about Jackie Walorski, who died tragically in a car crash at age 58 on Aug. 3, 2022.

They have sought their own way to honor her legacy of faith and service, as well as her love for education. They believe she would want them to get to work helping others even as they honor her.

She wanted you to call her “Jackie,” despite the fact that she may have been your State Representative in the Indiana General Assembly or your Congresswoman in the U.S. Congress. In the Statehouse from 2005 to 2010 and in Congress from 2012 to 2022, she participated in the formality required of lawmakers, but what she loved was interacting with her constituents.

“She enjoyed being close to the people,” Martha says. She was the only one of three siblings to go to college. After graduating from Taylor University in 1985, she came back to northern Indiana and worked in journalism and then moved into nonprofit, development and public policy roles.

She met Dean Swihart in the singles group at Calvary Temple and they married in 1995. Publicly, she was known as Jackie Walorski. Privately, she was Mrs. Swihart. “Been called Mr. Walorski many times. I just smile,” he says.

As she worked at the South Bend Chamber of Commerce and he as a musician and music teacher, they went on short-term missions trips in 1997 and again in 1998. They felt called to be Christian missionaries and left in June 1999. They were planning to go to Ukraine and ended up in Romania, where they worked with children in a burn unit or living on the street. They were church planters and supported a bible college. They navigated a world changed by 9/11. When Raymond Walorski, Jackie’s father, got cancer and she was having back problems, they returned to Indiana in 2003.

“We decided we needed to do something,” Dean says.

“*She enjoyed being close to the people.*”

Martha Walorski, Mother of Jackie Walorski
She had been interested in politics and sought out State Rep. Richard Mangus. He was retiring due to his own cancer diagnosis and said that she would be his choice to take his seat, says Dean. He took Jackie under his wing, teaching her how to work a room and dress for the occasion and type of voters to whom she was speaking.

She won the election handily and then won two more terms.


She became an advocate for veterans in her work as a lawmaker. “She loved doing things for people,” says Martha.

She got a servicemember reunited with his dog to help with post-traumatic stress disorder. She told the head of the Veterans Administration how a veteran who had been misdiagnosed needed their help. “She didn’t want to hear no,” Martha says.

Nor could she sit still. Though she often had back pain, she would tell her husband and mother, “I’m not just going to sit here,” and off they’d go to do something.

She could speed-read books and proposed bills, but also retain what she read. She remembered the
names of nearly everyone she encountered. “With Jackie, everybody thought they were her best friend,” says her mother.

You could also count on her word. “She saw her position in Congress as a ministry opportunity,” Dean says. “I can’t tell you how many times we prayed that her job would be used for the gospel, more than anything else.” Few people knew how she worked across the political aisle, devout in her own beliefs, but working with those with whom she disagreed, he says.

Her death on S.R. 19 south of Wakarusa in 2022 was a deep loss for many. The last year has been “hell,” Martha says.

As she and Dean wrestled with how to honor Jackie, they were having dinner with several family friends, including Tim Portolese. Tim urged Dean and Martha to seek the Community Foundation’s help. “There are a lot of people who want to do something for a loved one who has passed or a child who has a disease,” he says. “A lot of people struggle to make it happen. The foundation has succeeded in helping people do that and is a great way to make such things happen.” He helped connect Dean and Martha with people at the foundation and discuss
how to establish the scholarship. After several conversations, the Jackie Walorski Memorial Scholarships were created to go to students from the Second Congressional District, currently spanning all or part of 10 counties. The scholarships will be given to those pursuing a four-year degree as full-time college students. The Memorial Scholarship will be given to students in programs related to public affairs, politics, or journalism. The Memorial Ministry Scholarship will be for those in ministry- or mission-related fields.

Both will honor a woman of deep faith and commitment to others. Pete McCown, president of the Community Foundation, says, “Jackie was unapologetically a woman of faith.” Her character, patriotism, and faith were interwoven, he added. Those who wish to honor her legacy can contribute funds toward the scholarships. Students who apply can learn from her example of service to others.

“She saw her position in Congress as a ministry opportunity.”

Dean Swihart, husband of the late Jackie Walorski
Emily Stiglitz sat with her five-month-old daughter, Sophie, in a room at Riley Hospital for Children after an MRI.

Sophie had awakened from sedation for the MRI on that day in January 2021. Emily thought the worst was over.

A young doctor came into the room and was obviously uncomfortable. He told Emily that the MRI showed a rare brain condition. Emily got her husband, Joe, on the phone since he was waiting downstairs due to COVID restrictions.

He told them Sophie’s cerebellum and pons, part of her brainstem, were smaller and underdeveloped. He told them she wouldn’t have normal development and they should see a geneticist.

When he left the room, Emily sobbed. “I just bawled. I was in shock,” she says.

She wanted answers and not to lose hold of all the dreams for her daughter and their family. Within days, Joe and Emily were with their daughter and all their questions at an appointment with a geneticist in Chicago.

More appointments followed, with blood draws and gene sequencing. They waited months for answers.

Ten months after Sophie’s birth in August 2020, they finally received the dire diagnosis of microcephaly with pontine and cerebellar hypoplasia caused by Sophie missing a part of her CASK gene, which likely plays a role in brain development during infancy.

Sophie isn’t just one in a million with the condition. She’s one of only 254 in the world known to have it, though it’s likely others go undiagnosed. Because of it, her brain and motor skills develop slower than average.

Many of Sophie’s doctors hadn’t encountered her condition before. It’s not curable. And the outcome is unclear. What is evident is the deep love of her family and her parents’ commitment to not only her future but that of others who have CASK-related disorders.

Emily had worked in human relations at Welch Packaging, her family’s company, prior to Sophie’s birth. Joe helps oversee the company’s finances. As young, married professionals, they had moved back from Indianapolis to Emily’s hometown of Elkhart. Her pregnancy had been smooth. Now they were facing questions about what kind of life Sophie would have, what kind they would have.

As Sophie Stiglitz battles a rare genetic disorder, her family is both helping her grow and raising funds for research and other families like theirs.
“While that phone call wasn’t one we were expecting, and to be frank wasn’t one we wanted to hear, we at least have an answer now,” Emily wrote in a piece she called “Serendipitously Sophie.” “Whether it’s the answer we wanted or not, we now know why Sophie’s head is smaller and why her brain MRI looked the way it did. Even though we can’t ‘cure’ Sophie’s condition (yet), we are now able to identify therapy programs to try and intervene with Sophie’s development early on. We’re able to be proactive and to get her necessary doctor’s appointments scheduled. This is the good that comes from the earlier diagnosis.”

They immersed themselves in research and tackling the questions. They joined a Facebook support group for people whose kids have CASK-related conditions. They found researchers at Virginia Tech University who help Sophie with intensive therapy sessions. The first year she went for four weeks, she was able to crawl. The second year, she was walking and using utensils to eat, Joe says.

As they love on their daughter and explore ways to improve her quality of life, Joe and Emily started a fund...
with the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. They learned how Amish and Amy Shah created a fund called Sydney’s Secret Rainbows to support children in Riley’s neonatal intensive care unit, where their daughter had been after childbirth.

Joe and Emily created Sophie’s Smile at the Community Foundation and invited others to contribute. Emily wrote a heartfelt letter inviting contributions to the Donor Advised Fund and local friends and family responded with kindness and generosity. They want to raise $1 million to support CASK research and other children and their families. They will be able to help others from the fund others have supported. “I truly think it is so amazing what we have here,” Emily says. “Elkhart is truly special.”

Their daughter is also special and continues to amaze them. She smiles often, flashing her perfect teeth.

In late summer, she wasn’t yet verbal, though the three-year-old could communicate with simple sign language and her broad smile. “She’s going to show us and write her own story,” says Emily.

She seems to be doing very well. She learns at a different rate, has rigid movements, and is at risk for seizures, yet succeeded in a preschool setting. “She learned so much from those children,” Emily says.

Sophie has taught her parents a different perspective on life. They have learned to enjoy today and see it as a gift. A coworker of Joe’s told him, “Worry about tomorrow tomorrow,” and they try to live that way.

They navigated a second pregnancy, with Samson being born in 2022. They were worried during pregnancy, but he was born without CASK-related issues. He teaches his sister as well as they both develop.

“We just want Sophie and Sammy to be happy and have all the opportunities,” says Joe.

They have watched her learn to walk, something that first doctor said may not happen. Now she’s starting to give hugs and even kisses. Joe and Emily are choosing to be hopeful and those moments are full of joy.
Steady growth

Betty Chatten quietly grew wealth to share with others

Her legacy gift is a story of kindness, contentment, and philanthropy

For her 100th birthday party, Betty Chatten wanted three things: pizza, wine, and lots of people.

She sported a sparkly pink hat with “100” on the front. Mayor Rod Roberson stopped by Brentwood at Elkhart Independent Living to celebrate a woman who was described as easygoing and kind.

She was born January 21, 1920 in Milford, Indiana. During World War II, Betty helped make bandages for soldiers. From 1949 to 1959, she worked for Chatten Motor Sales, which her father Merrill owned, operated, and then sold. She went to work at First National Bank (now KeyBank) and later retired from there.

In the mid-1960s, her parents, Merrill and Netta started a trust to help nonprofit organizations and also support their daughter. Betty didn’t seem to worry much about money, according to those who knew Betty late in life.

When KeyBank had events at Elcona Country Club for some of their private banking clients, Betty would be the first to arrive and sit with a drink in her hand and a big smile. “Every single time, she was there.”
“Legacy gifts can be a springboard for nonprofits to do things they wouldn’t otherwise be able to do.”

Sean McCrindle, President/CEO of Bashor Children’s Home
Restoring fertile soil

Jimtown Community Center restoration revives beloved building

New generations will be able to connect with community in historic space

Bruce Clark looked up toward the rafters in the old gymnasium with a slight smile and a twinkle in his eye. This gym has sat near the corner of county roads 22 and 3 for all of Bruce’s life. A building went up there in the 1920s, but without a gym. “The joke in town was we were the gymless Jimmies,” says Byron Sanders, current superintendent of Baugo Community Schools.

Following a fire, the building was saved and the community constructed a gym in 1929 for basketball games, but also choir concerts, pageants, and even the formation of the Baugo Lions Club, the primary service club in the community.

Growing up, Bruce would often sneak into the building with friends to play basketball without the crowd. “There was always a window open
somewhere,” he said.

When the Jimtown Jimmies played basketball in the building, Bruce was one of the youngsters on the stage of the building watching his Cook uncles play basketball. Sandy Plotner watched her uncles on the same teams. A few years later, she moved to the district across the street from the school building — where her mother had attended. Jimtown High School opened in the mid-1960s and neither attended school in the building as some of their parents, aunts, and uncles had, but they were fond of that building. Bruce says, “Every time I watch the movie ‘Hoosiers,’ when you say a crackerbox gym, I know that’s what ours was.”

Sandy remembers going to a sock hop in the gym and climbing on the roof with friends. It seems as if many folks who went to school in the small, rural district that has 18 square miles have similar memories.

For a time, the building was where the high school wrestling team practiced. Then starting in the late 1990s, it sat mostly unused — except for storage.

The memories people had of the building and their hopes for what it could be again never waned. In 2017, Bruce and Sandy took their wedding pictures in the old gym. They’d reunited at a class reunion in 2014. The crush she’d had on him years ago was fanned into a flame and they started dating. “It’s really nice being with someone you’ve known 60 years,” she says.

Byron Sanders kept hearing people express hope that it would become usable. “You just couldn’t dismiss this building,” he says. A decade ago, a blue-ribbon committee explored how the building, which is on national and state historic registries, could be returned to glory.

When Byron became superintendent in 2019, school board members moved forward with him to find a way to restore the old building. A feasibility study followed and then conversations with how to follow through on turning the building into a community center.

Community Foundation staff joined conversations about potential funding and made connections to Kevin Deary, then president/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County, about putting programming into a possible community center.

“That resonated in the community as well,” says Byron. “Ultimately we wanted the community center to be a place to belong.”

Craig and Teneen Dobbs, who both graduated from Jimtown in 1982, have fond memories of their time as Jimmies. Her father, Jack Davis, was the high school baseball coach who brought Ernie Banks to Jimtown.
and hosted him at their home. When the Cubs star spoke to the community, he pulled Teneen out of the crowd to demonstrate a proper swing.

Teneen was a cheerleader and the homecoming queen. They ran against each other for the class presidency. After college, they started dating and got married. They live in Carmel, but “our heart’s here,” she says.

They also have a heart for children. The Children’s TherAplay Foundation, which they started, helps provide play-based therapy for children with spina bifida in central Indiana, where they live.

They wanted to assure that Jimtown kids stay engaged in activities — and belong as they did.

The school board committed money via a bond issue. Byron Sanders developed a pitch touting the 1929 building with its salt-glazed brick, hanging balcony, and fixed bleachers, but also adding modern amenities such as a warming kitchen for events and accessibility via ramps and lifts.

The Community Foundation’s Career Pathways Committee approved a $350,000 for the project, which is expected to cost $3.5 million. Byron approached the Clarks, who quickly gave a lead gift. Bruce says that he always thought that if they did something with the building, he’d want to support the effort. “I really didn’t want to see it torn down,” he says. The two former locker rooms in the building will be conference spaces that honor the four families — Cook, Clark, Plotner and England — in which Bruce and Sandy are rooted.

Their gift opened the floodgates and many people gave generously. Craig and Teneen matched the lead gift and the new building will be called the Craig and Teneen Dobbs Jimtown Community Center. They are also creating an endowment fund at the Community Foundation to support the building.

Chip Coleman Jr., senior project architect for Arkos Design, has the challenge of honoring the history while updating the building. Preparation for the project cleared out the space and putting on a new roof showed how well the building was constructed. He said it will have the appearance of an older building, but be able to host a range of events in the 21st century. “We’re grabbing every space we can and making it usable space,” he says.

The building, like the Jimtown community, is sturdy and full of memories. By the end of 2024, it could again be a place where children make new memories and where they are nurtured to belong.

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Byron Sanders, Superintendent - Baugo Community Schools
As Khenan Mitchell walks the Nappanee Art Path, the two-year-old picks up pine cones or other debris from the trail that winds past 125 sculptures. If something is out of place, he puts it back. He greets the sculpture of a fox, one of his favorite sculptures. “He knows when he wakes up, he gets some waffles in a cup, and takes a walk in the woods,” said his mother, Kaci, who moved back to her hometown in May 2023 with her son and her husband, Vincent.

She never expected to come back to Nappanee from Indianapolis, but returned to be close to her family, including her parents, Mark and Jenni Heeter.

This summer, the Heeters started walking from their nearby home with Khenan to the path. It soon became not just a daily routine, but something they would do multiple times a day. “We come every day, morning and night,” says Jenni.

Khenen knows the path well and tends it on the walks. “When I do walk with him, it’s definitely a blessing to find joy as he’s excited to be outside,” says Kaci.

He usually doesn’t stay in the stroller as they follow their routine of walking through the woods to see the Woodland Creatures. The stretch through the woods on the north side of McCormick Creek Golf Course...
Khenen Mitchell walks the art path with his family, including mother, Kaci (kneeling), grandparents Mark and Jenni Heeter (center), and artist Abby Morganthaler (right).

includes sculptures of critters and creatures. Paved portions wind past the original apple sculptures, the Flower Garden, Junkyard Dogs, Tour de Nappanee, and through the Tunnel of Love.

Jeff Stillson, a graphic designer, artist, and photographer, was inspired by sculptures of cows in Chicago and elk in Elkhart to create a public art installation in Nappanee. With a historic apple festival happening each September, he enlisted artists to paint 24 half-apples. Sponsors helped pay for the art that was in downtown Nappanee from 2013 to 2016.

Mayor Phil Jenkins asked Jeff to create the Nappanee Arts Council to decide what to do with the apples and work on future projects. Chris Davis, superintendent of the Nappanee Park and Recreation Department, and Jeff found the spot on the path along C.R. 7 on the east side of town and for the collection of the three-foot-high sculptures called The Apple Orchard.

Jeff and the other members of the arts council proceeded to enlist artists and sponsors for installations of flowers and dogs and kept going. Each series becomes a group of sculptures along the path, which stretches over a mile.

The 100th sculpture was installed in May 2023. Jeff’s butterfly, created with artist Jennifer Tompos, is in a water feature along the path. The Tunnel of Love features sculptures around the theme of love. This fall, metal butterflies are expected to migrate from downtown to the Art Path.

The Community Foundation has given nearly $150,000 in grants to support the path since 2018. Those match contributions from donors to help art
NAPPANEE ART PATH

Artists receive $1,500 to envision and enact a metal sculpture. Abby Morgenthaler, an arts council member and art teacher at NorthWood Middle School, created the fox Khenen loves by drawing it to scale and having a welder construct it. She then painted and sealed the sculpture.

Goshen artist Sunday Mahaja is a metal sculptor and welder who often contributes pieces, but Abby and Jeff hire welders, even Amish ones, to help create their works.

“I think 2D and these are very 3D,” says Abby. Her students tell her, “Mrs. Morgenthaler, I saw your piece on the Art Path.” Making public art is exciting for her and engages her students to think about how their creativity may be displayed. “You want people to see your work,” she says.

The path often has walkers, runners or bicyclists, but the popularity of the trail was made most apparent by the response to the “Trails and Treats” event the arts council planned in October 2022. More than a thousand people came to see sculptures, now lit at night thanks in part to a Community Foundation grant, and get a bit of candy. Arts council members were both thrilled and overwhelmed.

In addition to the invitation to create sculptures, artists are invited to create other types of work at the new Nappanee Arts Center downtown. The arts council opened a gallery and creator space at 253 W. Market St. Like the path, the arts center grew from community and Community Foundation support.

“I am overwhelmed with the response in Nappanee...”
in terms of support,” Jeff says. “This is a tight-knit community and it’s been very easy. We also couldn’t do it without the grants from the Community Foundation or the support of the city and parks department.”

The art scene in Nappanee is thriving and the public art makes the city more vibrant.

The path continues to grow and nurture those who walk it, including Khenen and his family.

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Jeff Stillson, Graphic designer, artist and photographer

Abby Morganthaler is an artist whose creations are among those along the Nappanee Art Path. She is also a member of the Nappanee Arts Council.
Connect in Elkhart County
growing and connecting trails

Elkhart County initiative is thriving

The goal of Connect in Elkhart County is for trails and pathways to spread throughout the county like a well-planned vine.

More than 30 years ago, the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail started as a wild idea and over the last three decades has become one of the county’s most-loved and best-used trails. The former railroad corridor from Goshen to Shipshewana has a trail that is used by several hundred thousand people a year.

The final stretch of the trail is being completed this fall, allowing runners, walkers and bicyclists to traverse the 17-mile trail without riding on county roads south of Middlebury.

The Friends of the Pumpkinvine Board is working on strategic planning alongside Connect in Elkhart County for what happens next. Momentum from the completion of the original Pumpkinvine trail is fueling additional conversations about trail growth across Elkhart County.

Connect in Elkhart County is an initiative of the Community Foundation to connect and grow the trails in our community. The success of the...
Bicyclists (along with walkers and runners) are seeking out pathways in Elkhart County and excited as they grow, evolve and connect.

Pumpkinvine and the partnerships that created it have created fertile ground out of which additional efforts, in partnership with municipalities and other organizations, can grow.

The Placemaking Committee of the Community Foundation has contributed significant dollars to build trails in our community, but over the last several years, the efforts grew to create Connect in Elkhart County and hire Brittany Short as the initiative director in 2022.

Over the last year, the River Greenway Trail opened in Elkhart from the Elkhart Environmental Center to the River District downtown. The Community Foundation contributed $205,000 alongside city and state funds to create the beautiful, 1.86-mile stretch of trail along the Elkhart River. A ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 11 included Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Elkhart Mayor Rod Roberson, who touted the economic value of trails in the state and this community.

“Great things are happening,” says Short, who also spoke at the event opening the trail. “We have connection and collaboration and the initiative is slowly growing. That allows the work to gain speed.”

Nonprofits are working with municipal highway departments to advocate for trail projects. Planners and engineers who work on plans for their community are now more aware of what similar folks are doing in neighboring communities.

New sections of trail are underway in Elkhart County.

The River Mill Trail in Middlebury is under construction in Middlebury. A mile-long stretch near downtown is expected to be done in 2024. Middlebury received just over $700,000 in state funding and the Community Foundation granted $212,125 toward that effort.

One of the most exciting possibilities is a trail connecting the town of Wakarusa and the city of Nappanee. The idea sprouted from Vibrant Communities conversations. Now, residents from both communities are working to promote the idea of a six-mile trail. It could be used recreationally, but also by young people who want to safely ride bicycle to a WaNee school. “It’s really a grassroots thing,” says Short. “It’s just a matter of bringing it to life.”

The Community Foundation is helping trails grow and intertwine with each other. “We’re gaining momentum and it’s super exciting,” says Short.
helping programs grow

health education programs in region are producing needed professionals

GC, IUSB, and Ivy Tech are expanding offerings

Every community needs people willing to provide medical care, which requires more specialized education than many other fields.

In the South Bend - Elkhart Region, a number of educational institutions have strong nursing programs and the Community Foundation of Elkhart County is helping them expand, as well as associated programs.

Here’s how three local colleges and universities are expanding offerings, with Community Foundation support, so that more local students have opportunities to learn and then serve others in the community.

Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend/Elkhart campus

Nursing program expansion in 2021, $24,554, Dental Lab Capital Project in 2022, $125,000

Ivy Tech Community College had 300 applications for 60 seats in the nursing program in late 2019 and its administrators saw an opportunity to expand.

“Students wanted to be nurses but we just didn’t have the capacity to enroll more than we were taking in,” said Sharvon D. Robinson, dean of the School of Nursing for the South Bend/Elkhart campus.

Ivy Tech got a matching grant from the Judd Leighton Foundation and the Community Foundation of Elkhart County was one of the partners who stepped up. “We were able to expand our lab and increase our enrollment by 50 percent, which was great and awesome,” said Robinson.

With support from the Community Foundation, Ivy Tech partnered with Beacon Health System to help remove barriers for students by offering tuition support, stipends, a job after graduation and a state board review course.

Ivy Tech offers a two-year associate degree program for registered nurses and a three-semester program for licensed practical nurses. A transition track helps students merge into the two-year program. Altogether, enrollment has expanded to 160 students a year who can seek nursing degrees and the partnership with Goshen College helps them transition easily to a bachelor’s program.

Robinson said the community effort and partnerships have helped expand labs and bring in more students. With additional faculty, they could add even more to serve the community.

In Elkhart, Ivy Tech is also offering programs to help students who want degrees and certifications in dental, emergency medical, and respiratory therapy fields. Medical assistant programs are also at the Elkhart location. “We’re just looking to partner with others in the area to increase those enrollments as well,” Robinson said.
The first cohort of speech language pathology students graduated from Indiana University South Bend graduated in May 2023.

Indiana University South Bend
Elkhart Center Health Sciences Expansion $500,000 in 2016-2018

The Elkhart campus of Indiana University South Bend is centered around three master's programs in the health sciences: nursing, speech language pathology, and occupational therapy.

Most undergraduate studies in the nursing program happen in South Bend, but in Elkhart, students can get master's degrees that further their careers in the South Bend - Elkhart Region.

“The three programs receive a lot of applicants from Elkhart County. Most of the students come from the region,” said Jesús Garcia-Martinez, dean of the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences. “Our students are from the community and then when they graduate they stay here.”

The first cohort of 18 students graduated from the speech language pathology program in May 2023. The program started in the Elkhart Center and 100 percent have passed the licensing exam and nearly all of them had jobs awaiting them at graduation, working in educational or healthcare settings. Students work at a clinic at Elkhart Center, which has a waiting list of children, and helps with screenings in local schools. Two other cohorts are in progress for that 24-month master’s program.

Students are required to work in clinics in the community. “All of our community partners tell us how well-prepared our students are. That speaks really well of the program and the program directors,” said Garcia-Martinez.

The master of science in occupational therapy impressed accreditors and is graduating its first cohort this fall. A lab in the Elkhart Center helps students learn how to help patients navigate cooking and other tasks that challenge them.

The Elkhart Center is thriving with the new focus on health education. “The investment from the Community Foundation has paid off,” he said.
One of the oldest nursing programs in the state of Indiana will get a boost from the renovation of a historic building.

Goshen College’s first nurses graduated in 1950, the same year as Indiana University first awarded bachelor’s degrees. Even now, 12 to 15 percent of GC’s grads leave with nursing degrees. “It’s certainly been a strength of ours and consistently one of the best-enrolled programs for us,” said Ann Vendrely, academic dean. “Enrollment is really diverse and that really helps us serve the community.”

After President Rebecca Stoltzfus arrived in 2017, she began focusing on how to modernize a strong program with great faculty, but cramped, old facilities. Administrators and the board agreed to pursue grants, including a unique one from the federal government, to rehabilitate Westlawn, a building on the most public corner of campus that was underutilized after it stopped being a dorm nearly three decades ago. The Community Foundation’s Career Pathways Committee and board awarded a $1 million grant to the project. A $4 million grant from the U.S. Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration is helping fund the $21 million project.

The project has begun to put an 18,000-square-foot nursing education complex on the second floor, tripling the space of the current program.

The college offers a bachelor of science in nursing, master of science in nursing, and a program for adults to complete an associate’s degree. Students in the public health track are also part of some classes. Students can also come to GC for degree completion to get a bachelor of science in nursing in 18 months, Vendrely said. A partnership with Ivy Tech Community College will allow students from there to transfer credits into GC’s bachelor degree programs.

The college has a strong partnership with healthcare providers, particularly Goshen Health, whose hospital is across the street from GC’s campus.

“Students often get hired during their clinicals and they stay. And we enroll a lot of local students,” said Vendrely. “We are certainly grateful for the Community Foundation’s support, but also Ivy Tech, and the hospitals. It really is a connected effort across the community.”

Goshen College

$1 million grant in 2022 for the Nursing & Health Sciences Capital Campaign
Building Strong Brains is focused on helping the youngest members of our community be ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

The community initiative that launched in November 2022 is taking the long view to get there — both in assessing what we have and directing where we go as a community.

“The whole point is to look at this from the systems perspective and align the great work already happening in Elkhart County,” says Kimberly Boynton, the first coalition director for Building Strong Brains.

She is employed by the Community Foundation to work in conjunction with Horizon Education Alliance; The Source, hosted by Oaklawn; CAPS – Child and Parent Services; and Crossroads United Way. The five organizations, with guidance from the Tamarack Institute, worked together over the last several years to launch this initiative.

More than 50 percent of children in Elkhart County arrive at kindergarten without the necessary tools to succeed. This initiative is focused on building a comprehensive, systems-based approach to helping them do so.

Boynton joined the team on June 1, though she has been part of the work to help young people in our community succeed for a number of years. She has worked primarily as a speech language pathologist for young children. As her career progressed, it expanded beyond direct services to young children and she has worked for nonprofits, public education, and higher education in the South Bend - Elkhart Region. As a practitioner in this field, she joined conversations in the early stages of Building Strong Brains. This spring, she was invited to become the coalition director.

“This is an opportunity that is so different than what we’ve done before and we have a real chance to impact the lives of young children and their families,” she says.

She is collaborating with members of a steering team to guide the next phase of the work. Building Strong Brains is seeking grants to help fund this far-reaching change in Elkhart County. Even grant writing is collaborative as entities join together to apply.

She is recruiting and inviting a range of folks from Elkhart County to join a community advisory team that will guide the system-level work. This group of key leaders from business, education, and nonprofit backgrounds will join together with parents and experts in early childhood development to understand our current situation through a system lens and help our community move toward transformative change. Collective efforts across the community will be required to achieve the outcomes all our children deserve.

Boynton and others are pleased with the progress the community is making and also emphasize that this work will take at least a decade and likely longer.

“I think people are excited about the comprehensive systems shift,” she says. “I think people are noticing a difference in a more comprehensive focus. I’ve heard more people say we’re right on the cusp of something because we’re looking at this differently and looking at it together. We are genuinely hopeful.”

Community Foundation of Elkhart County
News from 2022-23

Kevin Deary hired as coach for nonprofits

It didn’t take long for Kevin Deary’s phone to start ringing once news got out that he was joining the Community Foundation as its first director of professional and organizational development.

The longtime president/CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County brings four decades of experience working with young people. He oversaw seven successful capital campaigns. He took direction from up to six different boards overseeing aspects of the organization.

“Bringing Kevin on has been a huge win for the Community Foundation,” says President Pete McCown. “He is well-known and respected in Elkhart County and helps extend our mission of helping nonprofits be more successful in serving others.”

Deary has been expanding the CEO Roundtables that offer support for leaders. He oversaw the planning of the upcoming season of events for The Learning Center, which offers free training to nonprofits.

He also helps nonprofit staff and board members directly as they navigate fundraising and other challenges. He has met with hundreds of people in his first months on the job and often visited their facilities. “As I’ve toured nonprofits in Elkhart County and those serving our county, I have been amazed at the diversity of what they do and all the amazing ways they enrich the lives of those who live here,” Deary says. “It is an utter joy to work with them to be stronger and better equipped.”

You can reach Kevin at Kevin@inspiringgood.org or (574) 295-8761.

Tolson expected to open in November

Tolson Center for Community Excellence is set to open to the public in early November.

Construction has progressed well this spring and summer, says Breanna Allen, executive director. “We’re on track to open in November,” she says.

As the building has moved toward completion, the nonprofit organization has been hiring staff. Four full-time staff, three part-time staff, and an intern are making plans for programming, including music classes for young people, life enrichment for seniors, financial empowerment for adults, and recreation for a cross-section of the community.

The center has historic roots along Benham Avenue in Elkhart. The reimagining and construction of a new center has strong community support. A team including Tolson staff and board, and the Community Foundation have secured more than $16 million in pledges and contributions for construction. Rising construction costs have prompted a second phase of fundraising to complete outside amenities at Tolson.

Allen is thrilled with the progress. “This is the community’s center. This is theirs. It will have something for everybody,” she says. “We’re going to be ready to welcome the community in early November when we open. That’s humbling, remarkable, and so exciting.”
Acts of Service helping fill volunteer needs

Acts of Service continues to find ways to match volunteers with places in the community where they can serve.

Acts of Service became a program of the Community Foundation in 2019 with the focus of encouraging generosity of time and talent, alongside financial giving. Since that time, Ashley Jordan, director of the program, has worked to help nonprofit partners fill volunteer needs. Often that is through local companies who believe that community service is part of a healthy business operation.

The last number of years have been challenging. The COVID-19 pandemic changed how people volunteer and continues to affect service. A rollercoaster economy is changing the rhythm of how people work in our community. Yet, we are being successful in helping connect people willing to serve with areas of need.

In April, more than 70 people attended a training on “The Many Hats of a Volunteer Manager” provided by The Learning Center. This free workshop provided by the Community Foundation brought together business and nonprofit partners to learn together and collaborate on how to support volunteerism in our community.

Acts of Service can help nonprofits find volunteers and help businesses connect their employees to volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Ashley Jordan, ashley@inspiringgood.org or (574) 295-8761.

Community Foundation ranked among top in country

The Community Foundation of Elkhart County continues to be among the top-ranked foundations in the United States, according to the latest CF Insights Annual Survey.

The annual survey, which in the past was called the Columbus Survey, gathers information from nearly 200 community foundations. Half of those are in the Midwest.

The most recent survey covers Fiscal Year 21, which for the Community Foundation of Elkhart County was July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The rankings were:

- 31st in per capita giving. The figure of $122.68 was calculated by dividing the $25.4 million in received giving by the county’s population.
- 43rd for the number of transactions (7,496)
- 64th in total assets ($418 million)
- 103rd in distribution rate (6 percent. Twenty other community foundations also awarded 6 percent of asset totals annually.)

“If you add these metrics together, we believe we rank in the top 50 community foundations in the country and that is simply remarkable, particularly for a community of our size,” says President Pete McCown.
JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

THE LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center of the Community Foundation has a mission to provide learning opportunities for area nonprofits so they can continue to successfully serve Elkhart County. The events are meant to inform as well as inspire and reinvigorate nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers by providing opportunities for leadership, development, continuing education, and occasions to network and collaborate. In addition to workshops and CEO roundtables, TLC also offers an annual two-day retreat for nonprofit CEOs to network and reflect on their contributions to Elkhart County.

To learn more, visit inspiringgood.org/the-learning-center or reach out to Kevin Deary, Director of Professional & Organizational Development, at kevin@inspiringgood.org

ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF ELKHART COUNTY

Staying on top of the latest information in estate planning is not always easy. The Elkhart County Estate Planning Council is open to professionals who advise their clients on all facets of planning their estates. The Estate Planning Council, which meets quarterly, provides multidisciplinary education and a place for accountants, attorneys, bank officers, wealth, trust advisors, and other professionals who work within estate planning to network with each other. Participants are able to earn Continuing Education Unit Credits for continued professional education. Annual membership is $100.

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100 WOMEN WHO CARE ELKHART COUNTY

More than 100 women giving $100 each. That’s the simple concept of 100 Women Who Care Elkhart County. If you are looking for a way to give generously in a fun social setting, consider 100 Women Who Care Elkhart County. Four times a year, the organization gathers at the Matterhorn Conference Center. Women give $100 individually or can split the cost with a friend; $100 equals one vote. Members nominate local nonprofits and pick one each meeting to receive that quarter’s $10,000 contribution. This incredible group of women has given away nearly $400,000 to local nonprofits.

For more information visit inspiringgood.org/organization/100-women-elkhart-county
The Legacy Society is a group of generous individuals who believe in impacting their community. Their stories and hearts are inspiring! The following list includes the names of those who have left us estate gifts or have informed us of bequests, policies, trusts, and other end-of-life planned gifts, for the purpose of encouraging others. This list also includes people who have a donor-advised fund with us, where they are living out their legacy during their lifetime.

Some members of the Legacy Society, however, have chosen to inform us but otherwise keep their decision confidential.

Names in italics are deceased Legacy Society members.

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Wilbur and Sarah Bontrager
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Thomas Borger and
Elizabeth Naquin Borger
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## KIDS AND FAMILIES

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MATCHING GRANT

The Community Foundation of Elkhart County increases the impact of giving by matching 25 percent of contributions to endowment funds. All cumulative gifts made by individuals totaling $100,000 were matched in this fiscal year with an additional $25,000 to the corresponding fund. Your generosity establishes more milestones as we progress together in our community.

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