



## 2014 Community Grant Awards

- A Hand Up Inc:** The Changing Room: Program to provide low income individuals with appropriate clothing, shoes, & hygiene products to prepare for a job interview. After securing a position they will also receive 5 job appropriate outfits. .... **\$1,800**
- American National Red Cross:** Technology Upgrades: Funding to purchase laptop computers with Wi-Fi which will allow caseworkers the ability to input data at the scene of an emergency. .... **\$1,700**
- Arts for Learning, the Indiana Affiliate of Young Audiences:** School Partners in Michigan City: Support for the provision of supplementary arts education programs serving approximately 740 children at Pine Elementary & one additional MCAS school..... **\$1,000**
- Boy Scouts of America LaSalle Council:** Safe Harbor After School Scouting: A program providing boys activities such as creating boats & cars, hiking & sports, & community service through a toy drive & collecting food for local food pantries. .... **\$1,800\***
- Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City:** Club Tech: An array of programs to help Club professionals build members' computer skills & integrate technology in all areas of programming..... **\$1,800\***
- Catholic Charities - Diocese of Gary, Inc.:** Financial Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Workshop: A program assisting families in danger of eviction/foreclosure by providing 1 month rent/mortgage payment and requiring participation in a workshop to address their financial situation..... **\$2,250**
- Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc:** ABC'S to Self-Sufficiency: A program designed to focus on three primary area's "under one roof" to help homeless & disenfranchised individuals return to self-sufficiency & financial independence. A, appearance, addresses fundamental hygiene & dress, B, addresses behavioral changes. & C addresses case management for courage to change. .... **\$1,800**
- Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.:** Sand Castle Shelter Learn & Earn Program: An evening education program rewarding residents with achievement based gift cards for compliance with evening cognitive behavioral, nutrition, smoking cessation, & first aid classes. .... **\$1,800**
- Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.:** Grace Learning Center's Job Preparation & Retention Program: This program works with 5 at-risk adults for 1 month at a time to help them obtain & retain steady employment in an effort to eliminate & prevent homelessness & poverty. .... **\$1,800**
- Committee for Garner Foundation:** Holiday Meals: Providing home cooked holiday meals (Thanksgiving & Christmas) for the homeless, shut in, & disenfranchised. .... **\$1,000**
- Dunebrook, Inc.:** Family Depot: A program encouraging parents to remain engaged in their home visitation program by establishing & achieving goals earning them points to redeem at the Depot. .... **\$1,800**
- Dunebrook, Inc.:** Body Safety: An educational program presented at elementary schools teaching children that they own their bodies, & are empowered to keep them safe by saying "NO" to inappropriate, unwanted touches. Students also learn proper body part names to dispel the embarrassment that may prevent disclosure. .... **\$2,250**
- Dunebrook, Inc.:** Stewards of Children: A sexual abuse prevention program, featuring survivor stories, expert advice, & practical guidance, which teaches adults how to recognize & react responsibly to child sexual abuse. .... **\$3,000**
- Frontline Foundations, Inc.:** Certified Treatment Center Program Expansion: Funding to address the urgent need for additional substance abuse treatment providers in La Porte County. .... **\$3,000**

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| <b>Hailmann Elementary School:</b> Together We Achieve: A program providing after school educational intervention & enrichment opportunities for students. ....  | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>Hanna Lions Club, Inc.:</b> Community Improvement Conversations: Hanna Tomorrow: A series of community conversations with the residents to plan for the future & improve the Hanna community. ....  | <b>\$375</b>    |
| <b>Harmony House/CASA Program of La Porte County, Inc.:</b> Community Training Opportunity: Funding to provide a training opportunity for service providers working with families & children who are affected by substance abuse. ....   | <b>\$1,350</b>  |
| <b>Housing Opportunities Inc.:</b> Michigan City Housing Security Lighting: Installation of security lighting at 9 locations (23 units) housing individuals & families with disabilities/low income. ....  | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>Independent Cat Society:</b> Community Cats: Spay & Neuter: A program to spay or neuter cats or kittens, inoculate each for rabies, and purchase additional supplies. ....  | <b>\$1,705*</b> |
| <b>Junior Achievement serving La Porte County:</b> 3rd Grade Elementary Program: Funding to support Junior Achievement classes for 3rd grade students in La Porte County. ....   | <b>\$2,150</b>  |
| <b>Lake Hills STEM Magnet Elementary School:</b> Implementing an Integrated, Innovative STEM Curriculum with iPADS: Funding for students to enhance their knowledge of current technology tools to research, organize, evaluate, & communicate information across the content areas. ....  | <b>\$2,250*</b> |
| <b>La Porte County Meals on Wheels:</b> "The Meals They Are A Changin": Funding to attend national Meals on Wheels Association of America conference to enhance the services provided in La Porte County. ....   | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>La Porte Family YMCA:</b> Child Care & Learning Center Enhancement: Supplies & equipment that help insure continued accreditation by the National Early Childhood Program & the Indiana Paths to Quality IV. These programs assure quality child care, outstanding literacy, & kindergarten readiness for the children served. .... | <b>\$1,800*</b> |
| <b>Leadership La Porte County, Inc.:</b> High School Program: A series of four consecutive workshops for five students from each La Porte County high school. Program strives to enhance community knowledge & involvement, servant leadership, team-building, personal development, & community leadership skill development. ....    | <b>\$2,000</b>  |
| <b>Marquette Catholic High School:</b> Marquette Community Garden: The creation of a community garden on the school's campus which will provide fruits & vegetables to community members while encouraging them to focus on leading healthy lifestyles. ....   | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>Michigan City Area Schools:</b> Dress for Success Fund: Funding to provide items of clothing for low-income students to help them meet requirements of MCAS' "Dress for Success" uniform dress code. ....   | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>Michigan City Area Schools:</b> Hours for Ours High School Program: A school-based mentoring program that matches students with caring, nurturing adults in the community during lunch hours or after school. The high school mentoring program will enhance student college & career readiness. ....                               | <b>\$2,250</b>  |
| <b>Michiana Marine Detachment #1348:</b> 2014 Toys for Tots Campaign: Funding to supplement donations of new toys for distribution to less fortunate children, ages infant to 14 years, at Christmas. ....   | <b>\$1,000</b>  |
| <b>New Prairie Middle School:</b> Mentoring Program: Funding for a part-time administrative mentoring coordinator for our lunch hour middle school mentoring program serving students in grades 6-9. ....  | <b>\$2,595</b>  |
| <b>Open Door Adolescent Health Center:</b> Student Success Team- Violent Behavior Intervention: Funding to continue mental health services in the area of violence prevention & intervention. ....   | <b>\$3,000*</b> |

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| <b>Open Door Community Alliance Inc.:</b> Medication Assistance Program: Funding to provide access to health care for the uninsured & underinsured in the community, specifically for those who are unable to afford prescription medications. ....   | <b>\$3,000</b>  |
| <b>Parents &amp; Friends, Inc.:</b> Nonviolent Intervention Program: Funding to provide a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Certification Program. This critical training provides & skills to safely & effectively respond to anxious, hostile, or violent behavior while balancing responsibilities. ....   | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>Parents &amp; Friends, Inc.:</b> Residential Living Day Camp & Y membership: A program tailored to adults with intellectual disabilities benefiting from the 24 hour supervision of direct support professionals in one of four PAF group homes. ....  | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>Purdue North Central:</b> Center for Early Learning - Library Sprouts: Growing Through Books & Play!: A family literacy program at Wanatah & Westville libraries for children, birth to age three, with an adult caregiver. PNC early childhood students lead stories, songs & play to focus on language development & create positive interactions with literacy..... | <b>\$1,800*</b> |
| <b>READ La Porte County, Inc.:</b> English Language Classes: Funding to provide free English language classes for La Porte County residents who wish to learn English as a Second Language or improve their English language skills. ....   | <b>\$2,250</b>  |
| <b>REAL Services, Inc.:</b> Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Providing home modifications, improvements, & upgrades for senior citizens & disabled persons in La Porte County, as well as providing the opportunity for volunteers to make a difference in their own community. ....  | <b>\$2,500</b>  |
| <b>Rebuilding Together La Porte County Inc.:</b> Startup Costs: A program to provide critical repairs, accessibility modifications & energy efficient upgrades to low-income homes & community non-profit organizations at no cost to service recipients.....   | <b>\$2,250</b>  |
| <b>St. Francis Ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Church:</b> Food Pantry: A weekly program providing food & household/hygiene items to needy families.....  | <b>\$1,000</b>  |
| <b>The Salvation Army of La Porte:</b> Backpack Food For Kids: Program provides backpacks filled with nutritional food items for needy students in the La Porte Community School District. Six complete meals are sent home in the children's backpacks every Friday during the school year. ....   | <b>\$3,000</b>  |
| <b>The Salvation Army of La Porte:</b> Christmas Food Boxes: Funding to provide toys/gifts & a Christmas Food Box to families & seniors. ....   | <b>\$1,800</b>  |
| <b>The Salvation Army of La Porte:</b> Senior Feeding & Fellowship Program: A program to provide healthy meals and fellowship opportunities to a senior population often forced to choose between paying for healthcare/ prescriptions & purchasing food. ....  | <b>\$2,665</b>  |
| <b>The Salvation Army of Michigan City:</b> Diaper Bank: Funding to provide individuals with age-appropriate children at 32 diapers per child per week. Each child also receives an extra package of diapers during the Christmas distribution. ....  | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>The Salvation Army of Michigan City:</b> Homeless Men's Shelter: A program providing a place to sleep, breakfast & dinner, hot showers, hygiene products, & a safe environment for homeless men from October 15th to April 15th. ....  | <b>\$3,000</b>  |
| <b>The Salvation Army of Michigan City:</b> Backpack Feeding Program: A program providing an average of 120 students with nutritional meals for the weekends. ....  | <b>\$3,000</b>  |
| <b>Samaritan Counseling Centers, Inc.:</b> Counseling for Student Behavior Modification & Success: Weekly services (group & individual as needed based on student discipline referrals) at two Michigan City elementary schools. ....   | <b>\$2,250*</b> |

**The Social & Learning Institute:** Music Therapy Program: Funding to incorporate music therapy into the current educational & social programming offered to mentally & developmentally challenged adults. .... \$1,800

**State Street Community Church:** Health Choice Food Pantry Program: An initiative to add healthier choices to the pantry and encouraging clients to include fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, & milk in their diet. .... \$3,000

**Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.:** Shelter Food Assistance: Funding to supplement the food budget for the emergency shelter. .... \$3,000

**Stepping Stone Shelter for Women:** Strengthening Families: Funding to provide this critical program for transitional housing residents. .... \$3,000

**Supplemental United Pantry, Inc.:** Winter Full Pantry: Funding to supplement donations received during the holiday season & winter months. .... \$1,000

**Swanson Center:** Emergency Housing: Funding to assist homeless mentally ill patients who seeking help for their mental health issues. .... \$500

**Worthy Recovery Inc.:** Domestic Violence Intervention Training: Funding to provide MRT® DV Intervention Training in an effort to reduce rearrests of batterers, reduce medical expenses of spouses typically abused, & reduce abuse inflicted onto the children of La Porte County families. .... \$2,250

**Youth Service Bureau Big Brothers Big Sisters of La Porte County, Inc.:** Kids On The Block: A scripted puppet presentation that educates second graders on the issues of physical abuse, sexual abuse, & neglect. .... \$2,250

**Youth Service Bureau Big Brothers Big Sisters of La Porte County, Inc.:** School Buddies: A program providing a caring adult role model for children who would benefit from a mentoring relationship. .... \$2,250

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**Polad Animal Care Endowment Fund:** Independent Cat Society-Spay It Forward

**Charles Westcott Youth Fund:** Boy Scouts of America LaSalle Council: Safe Harbor After School Scouting, Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City: Club Tech, & Lake Hills STEM Magnet Elementary School: Implementing an Integrated, Innovative STEM Curriculum with iPADS

