Our Vision For La Porte County

We envision La Porte County to be a dynamic county, recognized for its investment in its people, economic vitality, and rich quality of life, and to be a model for innovative leadership and supportive citizenry.


Build a Bridge with Unity

Work with Unity to...

• Have the spirit and intent of your charitable wishes honored
• Give to remember or honor someone else
• Receive maximum tax deduction and savings allowed by law
• Help develop Unity’s funds to strengthen the community
• Accomplish charitable objectives in a variety of ways:
  - With our Simple Giving Program, electronic donations may be set up on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis
  - Gift of stock, life insurance, property, etc.
  - Include Unity Foundation in your will or trust
  - Establish a fund to create an endowment and leave a permanent legacy
  - Contribute to existing funds – find your favorite on pages 20 – 23

Getting From Unity

Look to Unity for...

• Personal attention and in-depth knowledge when trying to find the best fit for your charitable priorities, financial goals and personal preferences
• Help to establish, manage and administer a charitable fund
• Help to identify areas of greatest and unmet need within the community
• Help to further your education through our many scholarships
• Information on services from other non-profits that receive grants from or have endowment funds with Unity
• Community awareness through the studies and information Unity collects and shares
• Ways to volunteer

About Our Theme

We chose the theme Bridging to our Future because Unity Foundation bridges generations by managing funds that will be here for the next 100 years, connecting people with causes they care about, and by bridging between traditional givers and using technology expected by young givers.

Email us your photos of interesting local bridges, for use in future Unity publications!

The National Standards Seal by our name indicates official confirmation from the Council on Foundations that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy. It affirms our commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. It says our grantmaking includes an open, competitive process designed to address the changing needs of our community. The National Standards Seal also confirms our history of honoring donors’ wishes – to support the arts, cultivate gardens, save endangered species, cure illness, expand literacy, feed children – and support countless other important causes.
Co-Chairmen’s and President’s Comments

Good organizations are not constant. They evolve. They improve. Unity continues to evolve and improve itself. In the past three years we updated our mission, vision and narrowed our focus to three areas:

1. Strengthening the Unity Foundation itself
2. Building Assets
3. Strengthening the communities of La Porte County

How have we done this past year?

Strengthening Unity
• Moved our office into a shared space with United Way in the NIEF, Northern Indiana Education Foundation building.
• Implemented new technology for grantmaking and convenient online giving.
• Became more of a 24/7 organization with an improved website and social media.

Building Assets
• 2012–13 marked the most fund growth in Unity’s history.
• Held our 4th Professional Advisor Workshop to educate attorneys, accountants, and others to help their clients save taxes and give back to the community that was good to them. You too can get by giving!
• Friends Helping Friends Give Day raised $168,000 for today and tomorrow funds for 50+ non-profits. We celebrated our 20th Anniversary with 300 of our friends on April 27th.

Strengthening Community
• Love Our Lakes – 1010 Pine Lake Avenue park project: We continued to make progress on the effort to preserve the view of Pine Lake forever. So far we have commitments of $845,000 out of a $1.2 million goal. The property has been cleaned up in preparation for a parking lot and amenities due in 2014.
• Investing in our community through grants and scholarships of nearly $900,000.
• Involved in many other projects: Artspace Artist Live – Work apartments in Michigan City, facilitation of the Home Team – focused on housing and homelessness in La Porte County, watershed planning for both the Trail Creek and La Porte-Kankakee watersheds. Unity also provides grant and technical assistance to local non-profits to make them stronger.

In 2014, you can look forward to Give Local America on May 6th: Celebrating the 100 years of community foundations. Anyone, anywhere can support La Porte County through this national fundraising event!

We hope you enjoy the Unity Foundation’s 2012–13 Community Report. Please join us as we work to build bridges to our future. Future generations are counting on us.

President Maggi Spartz, Co-Chairmen Mike Brennan and Ed Volk
WE KNOW OUR NAMES ARE SIMILAR, BUT HERE’S THE DIFFERENCE...

Unity Foundation SAVINGS Account

Community Foundations, like Unity, strive to build permanent funds to benefit the community forever – often through people giving assets or through estates. Funds are invested to provide an annual stream of income to charities.

United Way CHECKING Account

United Ways raise funds each year through workplace campaigns and individual donations. Donors designate their gifts or give to a general fund that is distributed each year to meet immediate needs in the community.

Staff members pictured left to right: Gabby Dziadkowiec, Marketing/Webmaster (PT); Debbie Sellers, Program Assistant; Megan Lothamer, Development Assistant (PT); Warren Ransom, Professional Advisor Liaison (PT); Sandy Gleim, Vice President; Maggi Spartz, President.


Honorary Board Members: Fran Hiler, Robert Schaefer, Romona Hay
Though their adorable daughters are very young, Shannon and Adam Hannon embrace the concept that it’s never too early to instill a love of supporting your community with your time and treasure.

“We want them to be successful, and not only think about themselves, but the community they live in,” Adam, a detective with the La Porte County Sheriff’s Office, says.

Both parents enjoy numerous volunteer activities. Shannon, who is Administrative Director with the IU Health Physician Network, is especially pleased to serve as secretary on the La Porte School Board as she has a passion for education. She is in a second term as president for Women in Leadership of La Porte County, sits on the Northern Indiana Human Resource Management Association board, and presents Junior Achievement in the classroom.

Adam joins the family participating in bowl-a-thon events and is active with the Jaycees Roof Sit and Christmas “deserving children” shopping expeditions. He further volunteered to work security at IU Health Foundation’s successful Tour de La Porte event.

Both Adam and Shannon are passionate advocates of Leadership La Porte County, having graduated from the nine-month course in 2011 and 2012, respectively. Shannon has volunteered with Leadership summer youth camps, and was recognized in 2013 with the Hiler Award for outstanding community service.

The couples’ dedication to community was passed down from their families. “Both our parents raised us to think about others and to give our money and time when you can for things you are passionate about,” she explains.

Following that tradition, they not only model the spirit of giving and volunteerism, but also talk about its importance with daughters Layla, 5, and Maya, 2. When asked what it means to volunteer, big sister Layla promptly answers, “It means you help other people.”

As Shannon sees it, giving of your time and money means, “We are investing not only in everybody elses’, but also our own kids’ futures.”

Unity Foundation is a strong supporter of Leadership La Porte County’s excellent adult and youth programming, through grants and volunteerism. We are pleased to work together to create a bridge of talents between current and future leaders in our communities.
Local middle school students embrace the fun and learning experience of making grants to benefit their community through the Youth to Youth (Y2Y) program, in collaboration with Leadership La Porte County, the Youth Service Bureau, and Unity Foundation.

They accept grant applications from individuals or groups of students for beneficial projects, and then award amounts ranging from $50 to $500. Projects funded in part by Youth to Youth include: an Eagle Scout pergola construction project in Kiwanis Teledyne Park, Boston Middle School Student Ambassadors “The Magic of Reading” program, and “Taking Care of Business” Presbyterian Church of La Porte Youth Group clothing drive in support of Worthy Women Recovery.

Corrinne Lawrence and Austin Casto are 8th graders at Kesling Middle School who’ve been involved with Y2Y for three years. She explains, “I was always taught if you help someone you will get good in return. My parents are very giving so it comes second nature to me.”

Austin plans to become a doctor, and looks forward to sharing his good fortune. “I’ve said to myself countless times, when I make money, I want to give back to this and other organizations.”

Brother and sister Lauren and Mitchell Anglin are Boston Middle School students who come from a community-minded family, as well. Lauren says, “There are five kids in our family and at dinner Mom asks: “Did you help someone or do something that will give back to the community?”

The students appreciate that making Youth to Youth grants helps them to learn more about their community and to participate in philanthropy. “I feel like I’m helping someone do something good for the community,” Mitchell says.

It’s a serious commitment, as 100% attendance is required of committee members, Leadership Executive Director Monica Komasinski explains. She adds that in addition to providing the unique opportunity for youth to get involved and learn about philanthropy, grant-making / writing and volunteerism, adults can support the effort through donations and business partnerships.

For more information on how to become involved with Y2Y, call 219-325-8223.
15 years ago Lilly Endowment developed a grand concept to help further educational attainment in our state by helping the best and brightest attend the Indiana college or university of their choice. **50 outstanding La Porte County students** have received full tuition support, plus an additional stipend to cover books and other necessary supplies. **This assistance has totaled more than $3.5 million! Thank you Lilly Endowment!** Some of those graduates keep in touch with us. So here are a few of their inspiring stories:

As an early Lilly scholar, **Elizabeth VanHook** has been a staff pharmacist since 2006 at IU Health La Porte Hospital after attaining her degree from Purdue University. She’s pleased that the scholarship let her focus on academics rather than financials, which allowed a summer internship in nuclear pharmacy in Denver. “I was appreciative that I was able to come back here without having a lot of loans to pay back. It was nice to know the county had my back and I could return and be happy with what I was able to accomplish at school.” For students hoping to achieve the scholarship, she suggests they job shadow, and “go above and beyond. Volunteer for what you’re interested in.” Elizabeth and her husband, Brent, live in New Prairie with children Grace and Matthew.

Thanks in part to receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, **William Kelly** has been able to pursue what he terms “a non-linear career trajectory” – studying Great Books, working in Paris, studying International Human-Rights Law in Costa Rica, opening a business, and getting a law degree. William attended the University of Notre Dame, then worked as an English teacher in two public schools in the northern suburbs of Paris. He lived at Shakespeare & Co., a bookstore on the left bank where he exchanged carpentry work for a bench to sleep on. He graduated from DePaul University College of Law in December 2012, passed the Indiana bar exam, and is looking for work as a lawyer. Last summer, William helped open Beach Glass Cafe in Long Beach, which serves coffee, ice cream, and pastries.

Recent Purdue University graduate **Jackson Troxel** says, “The Lilly Scholarship has changed my life. Looking back at my collegiate career, it is amazing to see how blessed I have been through the Endowment.” Jackson was named the 2013 David and Stacy Hefty Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Economics, and was honored as the outstanding student leader with the France A. Córdova Leadership in Action Award. He has relocated to the Indianapolis area, and is working in Noblesville for venture capital firm, Slane Capital, as part of a two year Orr Fellowship, which focuses on building Indiana’s next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs. He also is celebrating a recent engagement to Paige Meyer. If the opportunity presents itself, Jackson would love to move home to his family’s dairy farm in LaCrosse.

After achieving a Biology degree in 2012 from Anderson University, **Yana Alekseeva** is attending Indiana University School of Medicine. “I am definitely going to pursue the Doctors Without Borders program once I have my M.D. My ultimate goal is to work in the U.S. most of the time, but to also take two to three trips a year out of the country to serve on a medical team in underprivileged areas. I find this kind of service to be the most fulfilling way to use the talents that God has given me. I feel very blessed.” Yana is very thankful for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship support, and attributes a college medical mission trip to Honduras as a life-changing event that solidified her desire to become a physician.
At Purdue, Jill Fischer had two internships with John Deere – one in Waterloo, Iowa, and the other in Bruchsal, Germany. She has moved to Davenport, Iowa and is in a two-year rotational program at John Deere, with each six-month rotation covering a different segment of manufacturing engineering. Not having to focus on finances, she enjoyed being a member of Purdue’s “All-American” Marching Band, performing at all home games and some away games, the Detroit and Dallas bowls and the 2010 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. “In my last semester of school, Spring 2013, I traveled with the Purdue Marching Band to Ireland. We toured several cities over the course of a week and concluded with a performance in the Dublin St. Patrick’s Day parade. It was one of the highlights of my entire college career.”

Class of 2013

New Lilly Scholar Jared Dyjak is attending Valparaiso University. Jared exhibits an entrepreneurial aspect in that he partners with two brothers in a business to raise goats. He was a 10-year 4-H member, serving as club president, and has won Grand Champion Doe awards. He mentored others by assisting younger members with animal projects. Despite being almost legally blind, he exhibited leadership as team captain in school baseball and volleyball and playing basketball at LaCrosse High School. Jacob was on the school Academic Super Bowl for four years, as co-math team leader.

2013 Lilly Scholar Benjamin Gibbs attends Butler University, studying Electrical Engineering. Ben’s exceptional service to others includes an overseas and U.S. mission trips, which have broadened his empathy, especially on the issue of world hunger. He states the mission trips “have made me who I am.” Ben was a leader at his church, and at South Central High School through numerous activities, including cheer lifting, student council, student government, Spanish Club, Farm Bureau FFA rep, and as a tuba player in the band. He also was president of his 4-H club. Work history includes home repair, with aspects that help prepare him for an electrical engineering degree.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME A Lilly Scholar

Lilly Scholar
Teacher Grants Build a Bridge to Classroom Innovation

1

Twenty years ago, the **Michigan City Education Foundation (MCEF)** formed under Unity to provide small grants to elementary and middle school teachers encouraging them to excel and make learning more relevant. Three groups came together – Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, Bud and June Ruby, and Mary Lou Linnen – to develop MCEF. Each contributed funds to create a permanent endowment that has given more than $181,000 to benefit 20,000 students!

At the end of each school year, grant winners gather to share the successes of their projects. In 2013, three Barker Middle School teachers talked about the success of “Rock Around the Pyramids,” studying ancient Egyptian culture in a cross-curricular unit. They told how math students constructed scale pyramids, and young scientists designed a model for moving rocks. Egyptian culture was explored in social studies, while language arts students created picture books about the fascinating process of building the pyramids.

2

With such success in mind, in 2012 former Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Superintendent Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins created the **MCAS Teacher Innovation Fund** to reward high school, career and technology teachers’ innovative project ideas. Joined by a Michigan City Chamber award in honor of Joe Mellen, the growing fund has provided 12 grants totaling nearly $4,000.

3

The **Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Endowment Fund** was established in her memory in 1992 to support enrichment programs, classroom supplies and learning materials to further elementary education in Michigan City public and private schools. Mrs. Carmen was a Michigan City school teacher for many years, and more than $41,500 has been given by her family to promote excellence in the classroom.

Applications and deadlines for the teacher grants featured on these pages are available on Unity’s website at www.uflc.net. To make a donation to an existing teacher grant fund – or to create a new fund for another county school district, call Unity at 219-879-0327. We’d love to bridge your desire to support enhanced education for area students!
La Porte teachers also have access to grants encouraging innovation in their classrooms.

The La Porte Education Foundation Fund’s mission is to enrich the lives of students in the La Porte Community Schools by providing support and resources to enhance educational experiences. This specialty fund opened with Unity in 2013, offering mini-grants designed to encourage teachers, administrators and others within the corporation to provide innovative programs that cannot be funded through the regular school budget.

Teachers at Kingsbury Elementary School, in the La Porte district, can apply to the Janet Collings Drayton Teacher Innovation Fund to open “a world of opportunity” in the classroom. The fund was started by Janet’s husband, Michael, upon her passing in 2010.

The 36-year Kingsbury School teacher often used her own monies to inspire her third grade students through field trips and special materials, with emphasis on sharing the history of La Porte County.

In 2012, fourth grade teacher Kathy Spurling achieved the grant to raise her students’ abilities through innovative classroom aids, such as Brain Pop, Study Island, and Net-Books. Her goal was to teach students to “learn how to learn – which is one of the most valuable tools a child can achieve!”

In 2007, Drs. David and Lovera Miller created a lasting way to honor their parents by encouraging teacher excellence and innovation. They developed two “Field of Interest” funds with Unity, meaning that the foundation handles the details and awarding of the monies.

The J. Robert and Marjorie Miller Teacher Advancement Fund promotes teacher excellence through professional enrichment, renewal and revitalization leading to more engaged teaching and students within the La Porte Community School Corporation. The fund provides grants for advanced education opportunities not normally provided by the corporation – such as summer programs, projects, internships and site visits – to learn new skills or improve existing ones.

The Millers also created the Dr. Bill and Kitty Wolf Art Teacher Advancement Fund to encourage teacher excellence, specifically in the area of the arts.
Bridging the Eras to Honor Mother’s Gardening Talents

June B. Kelley’s avid love of gardening is still beautifully evident in the Long Beach community, even though she passed away five years ago.

Her son, Dennis, created the June B. Kelley Garden Fund for Long Beach to support public gardens on Oriole Trail between the former Long Beach Elementary School and the Town Hall.

“I grew up about a block from Long Beach school,” Dennis said. “I was playing in the Long Beach play area and spent many years in that garden area. I wanted to commemorate our family, and certainly my mother, for what she did for the community.” He shares that she was very active with the Long Beach Garden Club and had a beautiful rose garden and backyard patio.

Returning from Indianapolis to visit, Dennis was concerned to see the garden area become overgrown, so he decided to return it to the glory of the 1950s and ’60s. About 10 years ago he created a memorial for his Long Beach 8th grade class of 1964 with a nice garden along Oriole Trail. Then he made a garden for the Kelley family. “I decided we’d move ahead and revitalize the whole area. We have made great progress but there’s more to do.”

Dennis has defined goals for the future of the project.

He makes frequent trips to work on the project, and is pleased that “people who live there and enjoy walking through in the mornings will stop and say how nice it looks.”

Dennis found a constructive way to honor his mother’s memory. What could you do to commemorate your loved ones?

Dennis Kelley is busily planning the 50th reunion of the Long Beach School class of ’64 for July 2014. He proudly relays that many of his classmates are very successful, including musicians, authors, a female Air Force general, a Disney teacher of the year, and Marty Franks, the executive vice president of CBS who recently retired. Dennis himself is in the nuclear field with government nonproliferation programs and nuclear weapons.

The Long Beach gardens also will figure into the reunion. “We’ll be commemorating our lost ones at the garden,” Dennis said.

Adding Your Nickels Worth

A recent study shared the astounding statistic that there is $16 billion in matured, un-cashed Savings Bonds in the United States! This “found money” is a great way to benefit your favorite local cause(s). If you’re the fortunate bearer of such bounty, consider using them to support your favorite fund in the Unity Foundation. See pages 20–23 for the list of choices. Another great option: fund a Charitable Gift Annuity through Unity Foundation, which provides you with lifetime revenue, then reverts to support community good on your passing.
Every season yields a special view of Pine Lake from the two acres of property preserved by Unity Foundation of La Porte County: from bright fall foliage to thick winter ice, to the shimmering swirl of summer boats.

Unity Foundation and many generous donors are keeping a two-acre vista open for all to see one of La Porte’s greatest treasures – Pine Lake.

The Love Our Lakes Campaign aims to: pay for the land at 1010 Pine Lake Avenue; get it ready for public use; and give it to the community with a supporting endowment. This summer, an artist rendering was released to show the potential visual impact of the project on the now-vacant plot.

To-date, more than $845,000 has been raised toward a $1.2 million goal, with invaluable support from a development committee headed by Susan Aaron, and including Unity board members Michele Thompson, Marti Swanson, Kim Sauers and Liz Bernel.

Supporters include: Unity Foundation & all its board members; Department of Natural Resources; Bicentennial Nature Trust; La Porte Park Foundation; Horizon Bank; Alcoa Foundation; The La Porte Savings Bank; La Porte Area Lake Association; NIPSCO/ NiSource; Construction Advancement Foundation (NW IN); Howes & Howes; La Porte Urban Enterprise Zone; IU Health La Porte Hospital; Bruno Enterprises; La Porte Lions Club; General Insurance Services; American Licorice Company; Individuals and families; Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones – in-kind; Tonn and Blank Construction – in-kind.

For more information, visit www.uflc.net or the Love Our Lakes Facebook page.
Give Days: On-line Giving Events for People to Donate in New Ways to Unity Funds

Celebrating 100 Years of U.S. Community Foundations

Numerous nonprofit and donor funds shared in special Give Day prizes, which helped boost their permanent endowments, and also provided some current spending money.

Get ready for May 6th, 2014!

Give Local America is our next Give Day – to connect donors around the country with nonprofits in the largest 3 day giving event in US history! Any Unity fund is eligible to opt in. Matching funds and special prizes will be offered. For more details, log on to www.uflc.net.

Give Day 2013 Recap

More than $168,000 was raised April 26-27, 2013 to benefit local nonprofits and special projects through Unity Foundation of La Porte County’s Friends Helping Friends Give Day event.

In celebration of Unity’s 20th anniversary, the board of directors approved $20,000 in special grant prizes, which were awarded to the competing funds during the 39-hour Give Day.

57 of Unity’s nonprofit and donor funds chose to participate in the event, and the top five fundraisers split $15,000. They included:

- Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City
- Salvation Army of Michigan City
- Lindsey O’Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation
- La Porte County YMCA
- Ivy Tech Michigan City Pejic Campus

Fred Brust was a founding member and strong advocate of the Unity Foundation. His memory is honored forever through the Fred and Helen Brust Family Fund. From left, Jessica Young-Brust and husband, Kurt Brust, joined his mother, Helen, and financial advisor Steve Gronceski in enjoying Unity’s anniversary celebration.

Volunteer support helped Unity achieve more than $168,000 during its April 2013 Give Day and 20th anniversary gala. Sharon and Robert Wright joined Charlie Roberts in taking on-line donations to benefit area nonprofit and donor funds.
Artspace Bridging Artistic Talents in La Porte County

Uptown Artist Lofts is a sustainable, mixed-use, community arts project in downtown Michigan City. Now in predevelopment, the project will transform the vacant six-story Warren Building at 717 Franklin Street into an affordable live-work facility containing 44 units of space for low-income artists and their families, as well as ground level community arts and gallery space. Unity is supportive of this innovative project to benefit the Franklin Street Historic District of downtown Michigan City. The project is expected to be fully operational by late 2015.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2012

FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents $20,538
Other Current Assets 50,000
Land 561,211
Equipment (Net of Depreciation) 1,628
Investments 23,070,688
Other Assets 93,381

Total Assets $23,797,446

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Payables $45,633
Deferred grant revenue 50,000
Other Current Liabilities 128,286

Total Liabilities $223,919

Unrestricted Net Assets 4,394,740
Permanently Restricted Net Assets 19,178,787

Total Net Assets $23,573,527

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $23,797,446

Consolidated Statement of Activity for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Investment Income
  Interest and Dividends $682,714
  Net Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains 1,614,786
  Administrative Fees Earned 9,186
  Contributions and Grants 3,143,116
  Management Fees (self-charged) 272,737
  Subrental Income 9,774
  Change in Value of Charitable Remainder Trusts 4,400

Total revenues, gains and other support $5,763,713

EXPENSES

Grant Program $887,624
Supporting Services 853,549

Total expenses $1,741,173

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

$4,022,540

The above represents condensed financial data for the year ending December 31, 2012 as provided by Applegate & Co. CPAs. A complete audit report is available upon request. The Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Inc., is a tax-exempt public charity under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3).

As reported by our independent investment advisors, Fund Evaluation Group, Inc., the returns for permanent assets under management (as of 12/31/12) were 13.0% vs. our peer group benchmark of +12.7%. The 3-year return was 7.9% vs. our benchmark of 9.2%. The 5 year return was 3.2% vs. a benchmark of 3.1%. The 10 year return was 7.7% vs. a benchmark of 7.2%.
### Community Fund Grants 2012 – $127,918

- **Community Development & Philanthropy**: 9%
- **Education Programs & Teacher Grants**: 24%
- **Arts & Culture**: 3%
- **Human Services**: 39%
- **Youth Development**: 5%
- **Health**: 17%
- **Environment & Recreation**: 3%
- **Religious**: 2%

### All Grants 2012 – $934,075

- **Community Development & Philanthropy**: 13%
- **Education Programs & Teacher Grants**: 16%
- **Arts & Culture**: 9%
- **Health**: 17%
- **Human Services**: 6%
- **Youth Development**: 5%
- **Animal Related**: 2%
- **Religious**: 2%
- **Environment & Recreation**: 3%
- **Education–Scholarships**: 16%

### Asset Growth—All Funds

- 1997: $3,500,000
- 2002: $13,500,000
- 2007: $23,500,000
- 2012: $23,800,000

### Grants & Scholarships Awarded

- 1997: $130,000
- 2002: $420,000
- 2007: $822,000
- 2012: $934,075
American Legion Post 83
American Red Cross - La Porte County Chapter
Boston Middle School
Boy Scouts of America - LaSalle Council
Boys and Girls Club of Michigan City
CASA / Harmony House
Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary
Catholic Charities Family Center

Maestro Philip J. Bauman and the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra performed a dynamic 40th Anniversary program entitled “Now and Then.”

New Prairie Activity Center was able to add a formal reading curriculum through a community grant. Students worked with Judy Machota to improve their oral and group reading.

Center of Workforce Innovations, Inc.
Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.
Council on Foundations
Dunebrook
Dunes Art Foundation
Eta Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi
Festival Players Guild
First Congregational Church
First United Methodist Church
Food Bank of Northern Indiana
Food for the Poor
Friends of the La Porte County Library, Inc.
The Garner Foundation
Grace Learning Center
Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation on behalf of La Porte County Economic Development Alliance, Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, and Economic Development Corporation of Michigan City
Hailmann Elementary School
Healthy Communities of La Porte County
Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital Foundation/Spectrum Health Foundation
Homeward Bound Walk 2012
Housing Opportunities
Independent Cat Society
Indiana Grantmakers Alliance
International Friendship Gardens
IU Health La Porte Hospital Foundation
Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts
Joseph Betustak, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Inc.
Junior Achievement Serving La Porte County, Inc.
Kingsford Heights Wesleyan Church
La Lumiere School
La Porte City Park Foundation
La Porte County Conservation Trust Fund
La Porte County Habitat for Humanity
La Porte County Small Animal Shelter
La Porte County Symphony Orchestra
La Porte Family YMCA
La Porte Family YMCA Child Care Center
La Porte Park and Recreation Department
La Porte Service League
2012 Grants

Leadership La Porte County
Lincoln Street Boys & Girls Club
Little Wish Foundation
Love Our Lakes Project Fund
Marquette Catholic High School
Metropolitan School District of New Durham Township
Michiana Humane Society & SPCA
Michiana Resources, Inc.
Michigan City Area Schools
Michigan City Chamber Music Festival Inc.
Michigan City Municipal Band
Michigan City Public Library
Mosette Levin Cancer Fund Recipients
New Prairie Middle School
New Prairie United School Corporation
Newspapers in Education
North Central Community Action Agencies
Notre Dame School Foundation
Open Door Adolescent Health Center
Parents & Friends, Inc.
Presbyterian Church Foundation of La Porte
Purdue University North Central
Queen of All Saints Catholic School
READ La Porte County, Inc.
Rotary Club of Michigan City Foundation, Inc.
Rumely/Allis Chalmers La Porte Heritage Corporation
St. Anthony Memorial Health Center Founder’s Circle
St. John’s United Church of Christ
St. Mary’s College
The Salvation Army - La Porte
The Salvation Army - Michigan City
Samaritan Counseling Center, Inc.
Sand Castle Shelter for Children and Families
Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
Share Foundation
Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.
Sinai Forum Presented by PNC
The Social & Learning Institute
Soul Steppers Drill Team
South Shore Dance Alliance
Stepping Stone Shelter For Women, Inc.
Supplemental United Pantry, Inc.

Gordon Clapp appeared as Robert Frost at the December 2012 Sinai Forum, supported by a Unity grant.

Swanson Activity Center for Older Adults
Swanson Center
United Way of La Porte County
University of Akron
Urban League of NW Indiana, Inc.
Women’s Care Center
Worthy Women Recovery Home, Inc.
Youth Service Bureau of La Porte County

President Maggi Spartz was recognized regionally as the 2013 “Most Influential Woman in Nonprofit.”
Unity Foundation has a fund to meet every need. It only takes a little to get one of your own started. Call us to find out more! The following is a list of the existing funds held by Unity. For a description of each fund, please refer to our Website at www.uflc.net.

**COMMUNITY FUNDS**

These funds are established to benefit the specific community to which they are directed. They are flexible funds, responsive to ever-changing needs. A knowledgeable group of local people monitor community needs and resources and have the challenging task of deciding how to best use the funds.

Unity Foundation Community Fund  
Ruth W. Pollingue Community Fund  
John P. & Anne H. Daley Community Fund  
Ernest and Mildred Delco Community Fund  
John A. & Dorothy Sieb Carstens Fund  
Pauline M. Dent Memorial Fund  
Charles T. & Pauline J. Dye Endowment Fund  
Hanna, Indiana Community Fund  
Galena Township Community Endowment Fund  
Westville, Indiana Community Fund  
Philip A. Sprague Community Fund  
John & Jean Vail Fund

**Donor Advised Funds**

These funds are for charitable purposes suggested by the Donor Advisors. The Foundation honors their suggestions as long as they are deemed legal and charitable in nature.

Bensz Family Advised Fund  
Brennan Family Fund  
Milton L. and Sylvia R. Bankoff Memorial Foundation  
Muriel R. and Myron E. Berksen, M.D., Fund  
Fred and Helen Brust Family Fund  
Dent and Sterger Families Foundation Fund  
Micky Gallas Family Fund  
Hay Family Advised Fund  
Jack L. Jones Advised Fund  
Kabelin Family Fund

Lindsey O’Brien Kesling Foundation  
Kora Family Fund  
Lake Family Fund for La Porte County  
Lake Family Fund  
Lighthouse Place Charitable Fund  
Shirley Lubznik Advised Fund  
Rose & Walter Machnyk Donor Advised Fund  
Bruce and Julia Manner Social Capital Fund  
McDermott Family Fund  
Leigh and Marcia Morris Fund  
Nelson and Deutch Community Fund  
William E. Nickels Memorial Fund  
Jerome C. and Kathy A. Orcutt Fund  
David M. Parry Foundation  
Pontius Family Foundation  
Random Acts of Kindness Fund  
Ransom Family Fund  
Cheryl J. Reinhart Advised Fund  
Tom and Judy Ringo Advised Fund

All grantee representatives happily posed before heading out to continue their good work to benefit the county. See more details about the grants on Unity’s website, www.uflc.net.
Field of Interest Funds & Agency Funds
These funds benefit a specific non-profit or charitable cause.

Animal Care and Animal Education
Independent Cat Society
La Porte County Small Animal Shelter
Michiana Humane Society
Polad Animal Care Fund
Washington Park Zoo Fund
Clarence Weinkauff Jr. Grant Fund

Arts and Culture
Arts United Fund of La Porte County
Bankoff Family Fund for the Sinai Sunday Evening Forum
Barry Dulyea Arts for Children Fund
Beverly Shores History Museum and Art Gallery Fund
Dale E. Landsman Arts Foundation
Dunes Arts Foundation Endowment Fund
Eugene & Marilyn Glick Arts Fund
Festival Players Guild Endowment Fund
Indiana Humanities Council Fund
Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts
La Porte County Symphony Fund
Ted and Ruth Rohrbaugh Fund for the Michigan City Lakefront Amphitheater

Community Development & Philanthropy
Economic Development Investment Fund
Jim Jessup Future Leaders Fund
Kankakee Valley Workforce Development Fund
Kiwanis Club of La Porte Charitable Fund
Michigan City Lions Charities, Inc.
Rotary Club Foundation of Michigan City
George H. and Madeline A. Smrt West Side Neighborhood Fund
Unity Operating Endowment Fund
United Way of Greater La Porte County Endowment Fund
Unity Foundation Operating Fund

Education
Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Fund
La Lumiere School Endowment Fund
Janet Collings Drayton Teacher Innovation Fund
Haiti Children’s Education Fund
Ivy Tech Community College Pejic Campus – Michigan City Fund
Language Arts Fund for Queen of All Saints
La Porte County Educational Advancement Fund

La Porte Educational Development Foundation Endowment Fund
La Porte High School Class of 1952 Endowment Fund
Leadership La Porte County Fund
League of Women Voters Education Fund
Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation
Michigan City Area Schools Endowment Fund
Michigan City Education Foundation
J. Robert and Marjorie Miller Teacher Advancement Fund
Teacher Innovation Fund for MCAS
Westville Schools (MSD of New Durham Twp) Endowment Bill and Kitty Wolf Art Teacher Advancement Fund

American Red Cross Volunteer Dave Burke helped unload clean-up kits, which were given to families who suffered from flooding or a fire. Unity dollars contributed to food, clothing and shelter.

Emergency Housing and Services
La Porte County Chapter – American Red Cross Endowment Fund
Sand Castle Shelter for Children and Families
The Salvation Army of Michigan City
The Salvation Army of Michigan City Major Building Repairs Fund
Stepping Stone Shelter Endowment Fund
Connecting Funding to Beneficial Causes

Environment, Parks, & Recreation
Barker Woods Stewardship Fund
Environmental Improvement Fund for La Porte County
Fort LaPlay Porte Endowment
Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center Tuition Assistance Fund
International Friendship Gardens Fund
June B. Kelley Garden Fund for Long Beach
La Porte City Park Foundation Fund
La Porte County Conservation Trust Fund
La Prairie Environment and Art Fund
Long Beach Tree Fund
Mill Pond Park Fund - Union Mills
Jan Nona Environmental Stewardship Award Fund
Pine Lake Project Endowment Fund
Rotary Special Projects Fund - Michigan City
Save the Dunes Conservation Fund Endowment
Shirley Heinze Land Trust Endowment for La Porte County
Urban Forestry Fund - Michigan City

Family Support
Children’s Fund (Child Abuse Prevention) - Dunebrook
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Fund
Imagination Station Fund
La Porte Family YMCA Child Care Center Fund
Women’s Care Center of Greater La Porte County Endowment Fund
Womens Well-Being Fund

Health Care Related
Duneland Health Council, Inc.
IU Health La Porte Hospital Foundation Fund
Open Door Community Alliance Endowment Fund
Dr. R. Thomas Rocke SMILE Foundation
Franciscan St. Anthony Health, Michigan City Fund
Mosette Levin Cancer Fund
VNA of La Porte County Endowment

Historic Preservation
Rumely/Allis Chalmers La Porte Heritage Center Fund
Washington Park Bandstand Fund
Michigan City Lighthouse Catwalk Maintenance

Housing and Food
Affordable Housing Fund for the Greater Michigan City Area
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary
Food Bank of Northern Indiana Fund
The Garner Foundation
Homeward Bound Walk Fund
Housing Opportunities Endowment Fund
La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Endowment Fund
La Porte County Meals on Wheels Endowment
Lorraine Gehrke Orlowski Fund for Housing & Homelessness

Literacy & Library Services
Kay Franklin Commemorative Fund
LaCrosse Public Library Endowment Fund
La Porte County Public Library Endowment Fund
Marquette Catholic High School Library
Michigan City Public Library Unity Fund
Read La Porte County Literacy Fund
Reading is Fundamental Fund of AAUW
Unity Foundation Literacy Fund

Mental Well Being
Mental Health Fund of La Porte County
Samaritan Counseling Centers Fund
Worthy Women Recovery Home, Inc. Endowment Fund

Positive Youth Development
4H of La Porte County
Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City
Boy Scouts (LaSalle Council #165)
Hanna Helen Ohlund Memorial Fund
Charles Westcott Youth Fund
Foundations for Youth (Youth Service Bureau, Big Brothers/Big Sisters)
Hands off Heroin Fund, MSD New Durham Twp Schools
Junior Achievement Serving La Porte County
La Porte County Fair Unity Fund
La Porte County Family YMCA Fund

Worthy Women Recovery Home is determinedly rehabbing this building to house women leaving jail, providing reentry skills to reduce recidivism and substance abuse addiction. Residents will benefit from the Moral Reformation Therapy program, supported in part by a Unity grant.

Unity Foundation of La Porte County
MCAS Education Enrichment & Dress For Success Fund
New Prairie Athletic Capital Fund
Philip A. Sprague Care & Share Fund
Tuholski & Oberlie Environment and Arts Fund for Youth
Youth 2 Youth Endowment Fund

**Religious**
Bethel Presbyterian Church of Union Mills Fund
Evelyn and Robert Johnson Fund for the First Christian Church of La Porte
First Congregational Church of M.C. Fund
First United Methodist Church of La Porte Endowment Fund
Music Fund for the First United Methodist Church of La Porte
Presbyterian Church Foundation of La Porte
Presbyterian Church of La Porte Fund
Sinai Temple of Michigan City Endowment
St. John’s United Church of Christ, Michigan City
Trinity Church
Wanatah Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**Senior Citizen Well Being and Other-Abled**
Legacy Fund for the Swanson Activity Center for Older Adults
Library Services for the Disabled Fund
Michiana Resources, Inc. Endowment
Parents & Friends, Inc. Endowment
Social & Learning Institute for the Disadvantaged Endowment
Senior Independence Fund

**Awards and Scholarships**
Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship La Porte County
E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship
Agricultural Scholarship
Diane Kay Bamberth Memorial Award
Gustav J. and Elma A. Banzhaf Scholarship Fund
Bensz Family Scholarship Fund
Barbara Brandon Piano/Organ Achievement Award
Dr. Windham Bremer Scholarship
Lloyd G. and Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship
William Vernon Compton Scholarship
Earl and Faye Cunningham Scholarship
Anne H. Daley Youth Service Bureau Scholarship
R.E. Daly III La Lumiere Scholarship
Ernest and Mildred Delco Scholarship
Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. and Mrs. Carl N. Fischer Scholarship Fund
Gail’s Gift Scholarship
Galena Township Scholarship Fund
James A. and Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship
J. & J. Guerrucci Family Foundation
Harold and Rowena Hargrave Scholarship
Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship
Ruth Howe Memorial Nursing Scholarship
The Ingersoll Trust
Dr. King S. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund
Arthur & Alice Kabelin Scholarship
2013 Grants for Teachers

LA PORTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

La Porte High School - Laura Krentz

Kingsbury Elementary School - Kathy Spurling

Lincoln Elementary School - Donna Hale

MICHIGAN CITY AREA SCHOOLS

Barker Middle School - Shirley Allen, Sara Blank, Kenneth Callaway, Ralph Gee, Gary Gray, Kathy Gushrowski, Amy Hamann, Scott Masson, Mandy Sherrick, Jill Worsham

Coolspring Elementary School - Megan Edinger, Sue Hudson

Elston Middle School - Kara Curran, Samantha Greenwood, Adam Goebel, Kathryn Triemstra, Amy Wojasinski-Labis

Joy Elementary School - Susan Baldwin, Mary Beres, Nadia Dabagia, Elizabeth Falbo, Meg Kanyer, Natasha Magnuson, Virginia Przybylinski, Ann Schreng, Carol Sloane, Kimberly Stepp

Knapp Elementary School - Holly Zborowski

Krueger Middle School - Erica Ackerson, Brenda Christianson, Sharon Schuman

La Porte County Career and Technical Education/A.K. Smith Area Career Center - Lauren Bridges-Santana

Michigan City High School - R. Allen Boone, Charles Brennan, Kortney Brennan, Lee Dabagia, Robert Gray, Frank Haughee, Andy Jasicki, Michael Livovich, Danielle Roach, Rebecca Sanders, Bruce Stahl, Benjamin Strole, LaReina Valdez

Pine Magnet School for the Performing and Visual Arts - Holly Beadles, Jeanne Bolen, Danielle Delgado, Angie Dydo, Mary Gish, Linda Kahn, Jane Malott, Nicole Parry, Lou Ann Porter, Lindsay Willis

Springfield Elementary School - Michelle Jones, Kristin Smith, Janelle Spolyar, Sheri Tuesburg, Kimberly Wigley

MICHEgan CITY Parochial SCHOOLS

Notre Dame Catholic School - Linda Barr, Barbara Brandon, Luci Mazac, Ben Potts, Sandra Purcell, Edwin Shelton, Brandi Sobanski, Patricia Steffel

Queen of All Saints Catholic School - Andi Haas, Elda Smith

St. Paul Lutheran School - Debbie Boone, Becky Lane, Abby Schmidt, Michele Sickles

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic School - Kristi Harmon, Lexa Allison

Through the Ready, Set, Experience program at Elston Middle School, Samantha Greenwood provided hands-on projects to experience what life was like in the American colonies, during the Civil War, and through the westward expansion.

St. Paul Lutheran School students proudly display their bridge building project.

Krueger Middle School Teacher Erica Ackerson describes her Cast Away project, wherein she purchased fishing aids to incorporate outdoor activities in the physical education program. Students developed angling skills and learned about aquatic resources.
Agricultural Scholarship -
 Brandon Ames, Nolan Sampson

Diane Kay Bamther Memorial Award -
 Gabriela Mazur, Izabela Mazur

Gustav J. and Elma A. Banzhaf Memorial Scholarship -
 Brandon Ames, Brooke Barber, Jeremiah Burke, Lisa Fischer, Deanna Jack, Deanna Menke, Diana Salgado-Ferrer, Derek Scott

Benzs Family Scholarship -
 Deneza Jadol, Ernest Sewood

Lloyd G. and Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship -
 Kjia Hindsley, Brady Severs

William Vernon Compton Scholarship -
 Brody Kutch

Cunningham Scholarship -
 Ian Schult

Anne H. Daley Youth Service Bureau Scholarship -
 Victoria Klimczak

Ernest and Mildred Delco Scholarship -
 Reid Gast, Staci Mrozinski

Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship -
 Addison Boardman, Jessica Dove, Bree Morgan

Dr. and Mrs. Carl N. Fischer Scholarship -
 Cole Kellogg, Paul Lloyd

Gail’s Gift Scholarship -
 Christine Brennan, Jared Gardner, Hannah Knouse, Ashley Ronvik, Emily Yussum

Guerrucci Family Fund -
 Monday Musicale Award -
 Matthew Steck

Harold and Rowena Hargrave Scholarship -
 Aaron Kuzdas

Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship -
 Tara Baxter, Diana Garcia, Jacob Marquardt, Cesar Medina, Amanda Pinks, Natalie Pope, Paige Pope, Ian Price, Michelle Price, Diana Salgado-Ferrer, Kristopher Wofford

Ruth M. Howe Nursing Scholarship -
 Elizabeth Hanke, Candace Jongkind

Ingersoll Trust Scholarship -
 Kayla Dunbar, Whitney Hart, Olivia Jongkind

K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship -
 LeeAnna Ciastko, Izabela Mazur, Paige Pope

Arthur and Alice Kabelin Scholarship -
 Martin Garcia, Halie Hajek, Coburn Hoffman, Skyler Shortt

Kabelin Family Scholarship -
 Molly Adamczyk, Ryan Golan

Harry L. Kelling Memorial Scholarship -
 Rachel Edlen, Alison Searle, Rebecca Spevak, Andrew Steck

Kelly-Prentiss Scholarship Fund -
 Jacob Roshanmanesh

Dr. King S. Jones Memorial Scholarship -
 Riley Gasi, Michal Krol, Stephanie Lee, Kristina Parrish

Robert E. LeRoy Scholarship -
 Ryan Hawkins, Alison Searle

Marilouise Lundgren Lossing Memorial Scholarship -
 Holly Buresh, Madison Charlier, Haley Hannon, Celia Hernandez, Alexander Redmon, Kaitlyn Taylor

Jack Lubeznik Scholarship -
 Edward Babinec, Ian Schult

Terence Metcalf Memorial Scholarship -
 Marinda Landry

Dr. Edwin C. and Alice J. Mueller Scholarship -
 Samantha Holtfield, Heather Mead

Jan Nona Environmental Stewardship Award -
 Purdue North Central Sustainability Committee

La Porte County Nursing Scholarship -
 Jenna Burke, Megan Campos, Megan Eggert, Elizabeth Hanke, Jordyn Headley, Sarah Mumma, Haley Roberts, Spencer Sacks, Raelynn Tannahill, Clare Wistoff

Loyal Perlich Outstanding Speaker Award -
 Meaghan Murphy

Pioneer Scholarship -
 Parker Buell, Dillon James, Nolan Sampson

Redington and Rootes Scholarship -
 Callie Miller, Courtney Miller, Brittney Morgan, Brady Severs, Brittany Severs, Scott Vaughn, Gabrielle Weber, Stuart West

Ida M. Reffett Debate Scholarship -
 Meaghan Murphy

Robert A. and Dorothy W. Rocke Scholarship -
 Caitlin Anderson, Jacob Applegarth, Sarah Harrison, Daniel Hill, Victoria Hooley, Lucas Lanie, Brittney Morgan, Adam Tschida

Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship -
 Kimberly Baczut, Virginia Borolov, Eddie Fowler, Catherine Huynh, Karmyn Walker

Floyd O. and Betty L. Shunk Scholarship -
 Andrew Bartels, Holly Buresh, Alec James, Candace Jongkind, Kyle Nole, Elijah Owen, Haley Roberts, Olivia Steele, Cassandra Swanson, Andrew Taschler, Gabrielle Weber, Stuart West

Edward B. Siperek and Grace A. Steele Siperek Scholarship -
 Taylor Baima, Patrick Cannon, Conner Post, Bronson Severs, Daniel Struebing

Irvin E. Swanson Scholarship -
 Emma Detttme, Zachery Liberatore, Paige Pope, Rebecca Spevak

John R. and Florene A. Troyer Scholarship -
 Megan Daurer

Unity Foundation County-Wide Scholarship -
 Laura Capps, Sabrina Jongkind, Jessica Menke, Quinn Porter

D.I. Walker Scholarship -
 Hailey Sprouse, Olivia Steele

Clarence Weinkauf, Jr. Award -
 Madisyn Walter

Arlo and Jayne Westphal Memorial Scholarship -
 Morgan Swistek

The Howe siblings commemorate their mother with the Ruth M. Howe Nursing Scholarship. Jim Howe represented the family in making an award to Olivia Jongkind.

Mary Tobar’s family benefits students with both the D.I. Walker and K.A.T. Volunteer scholarships. Mary was happy to meet 2013 recipients at the Unity Scholarship Reception.

Long-time educators John and Florene Troyer greeted recipient Megan Daurer at the Unity scholarship reception.
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