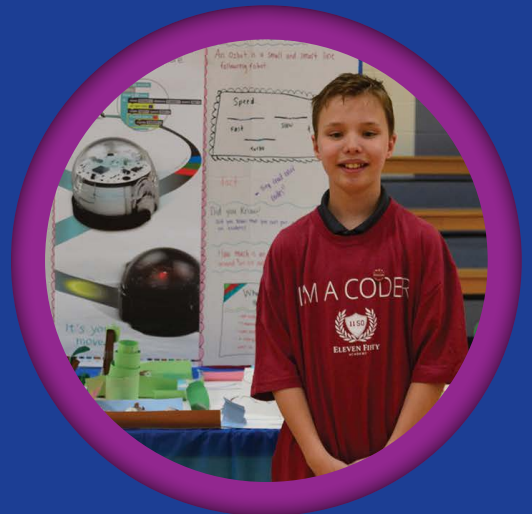


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UNITY FOUNDATION
REPORT TO COMMUNITY

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POWERFUL REASONS



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Unity Foundation
of La Porte County

Power of Community in La Porte County

Power of Giving

- Give to support Unity's work
- Give to remember or honor someone else
- Build your favorite fund
- Start a fund of your own – it only takes \$5,000
- Use automated giving
- Give stock, life insurance, IRA, etc.
- Mention Unity Foundation in your will

Power of Receiving

- Get help furthering education through scholarships
- Enjoy services of nonprofits that receive Unity grants – or have endowment funds
- Learn about the community through studies and info Unity collects & shares
- Check out volunteer opportunities through United Way Volunteer Center

UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY STAFF



Maggi Spartz
President



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Vice President



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Accounting Manager



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Lilly Endowment
Intern (PT)



Margie Nasser
Administrative
Assistant (PT)

COVER PHOTOS:

(bottom left) La Porte County Soil & Water Conservation District coordinates Trail Creek Week, which connects kids to their natural environment and helps them see how our ecosystems are interdependent. Photo: Wilderness Inquiry.

(top right) Cool Coding Week student, Zachary Volckmann, eagerly shows how he and his classmates programmed an Ozobot to solve problems.

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Maggi Spartz,
President ▶

Spartz Celebrates 25 Years at the Helm

In 2017, Unity Foundation not only celebrated its 25 year anniversary, but also enjoyed recognizing its President, Maggi Spartz, for her 25 years at the helm of the organization. Maggi was Unity's first President. She is the second longest serving community foundation president in the State. She helped the Foundation grow from a new organization to one with more than \$30 million in assets that gives out more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships annually.

In her tenure, Maggi helped Unity meet each of its Lilly Challenges, garnering more than \$13 million for La Porte County from the Lilly Endowment. The number of funds under Unity's management has grown beyond 300; and more than \$16 million has been given out in grants and scholarships since 1992.

In addition to leading Unity, Maggi provides leadership in many community roles, offers technical assistance to non-profits, and is a champion of innovation. She is a board member for the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance and active in many regional initiatives. Maggi helped establish the Home Team and its plan to end homelessness; she was a founder of the Trail Creek Watershed Partnership, and helped lead the first ever La Porte County Plan in 1992. She is proud of Unity Park and its recent recognition by the Society of Innovators.

Having grown up in the area, there is no better representative, and no more staunch supporter, of all the good La Porte County and the region has to offer.

Unity is very fortunate that Maggi, with the support of her husband, Tom, and sons, Emerson, Dylan, and Drew, has chosen to serve her community as Unity's President.

**Congratulations on
25 years, Maggi!**

▶ Maggi with husband, Tom, and sons Emerson and Drew at the Swanson Center Awards.



STAR CENTER



▶ Unity Board
tours the
STAR Center.



▲ STAR Center partners:
Mary Laramore of NIEF,
Maggi Spartz of Unity,
Kris Pate of United Way
and **Jennifer Olson**
of Healthy Communities/
Covering Kids & Families

4 organizations | 7,000 square feet Countless Collaboration

Unity Moved to The STAR Center in 2017!

In May 2017, Unity Foundation walked its talk of valuing collaboration and partnerships when it moved into the **Shared Technology and Resources Center (STAR Center)** at 422 Franklin Street on the second floor. This innovative co-working space, shared with United Way of La Porte County, Healthy Communities/Covering Kids and Families of La Porte County, and the Drug Free Partnership of La Porte County, brings collaboration to a new level in La Porte County. The partners split the costs of technology, fiber, meeting space, utility costs, supplies, etc. – getting solid amenities for lower cost. While the cost savings is a great reason for the shared space, it is the “And” in the “STAR” that is making an even greater impact. We’ve had several cases where we’re already impacting people’s lives and we’ll be sharing them with you in future stories.

None of this would have been possible without the vision of the Northern Indiana Education Foundation (NIEF). Under the leadership of the late Dr. Robert McBride, NIEF provided a free 20-year lease, with the STAR partners managing and paying for the renovations. With support from NIEF and a generous grant from NIPSCO/NiSource, the partners are using your donations and our scarce resources most wisely, putting more funds into community betterment and less to basic occupancy expenses. Innovation, collaboration, connection, and partnering – these actions are proven to increase outcomes. Unity is proud to be part of the STAR Center where we put them into action!

**Call Unity at 219-879-0327 for a
STAR Center tour or more information.**





Margaret Frances Hiler, (1920-2017) known as Fran to her friends, passed away this year. Fran was a founding member of the Unity Foundation board and served for 14 years. During her tenure she shared her belief in the power of the Unity Foundation and the good it will do – forever. Her thoughtful leadership and good questions helped us grow and become better, stronger. During those 14 years, several important milestones were reached. The Unity Foundation grew from \$30,000 to nearly \$19 million in total assets. More than \$5 million supported local families and non-profits in the form of grants and scholarships.

Under Fran's leadership, the Hiler Family started the Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship, which has awarded 180 scholarships to date and will continue to help students advance their education for generations to come.

Fran and her family were strong supporters of the Unity Park project- to keep the view of our beautiful lake open to everyone- forever. And in the last weeks of her life, she exercised her leadership and vision to provide the lead gift for our 25th Anniversary Give Day matching pool, which leveraged more than \$360,000 in dollars from others.

Our good friend Fran, will be missed. She was and will continue to be...a Power for Good in La Porte County.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

2017 was a year of many firsts.

We celebrated with 280 friends at the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex at Purdue Northwest on October 7th. It was elegant, fun and brought a wide range of people together in celebration. Our volunteers, sponsors and staffs made it all come together. We tied La Porte County GIVES, a 30 hour on-line giving event, to the gala and raised \$360,000 in gifts and matching funds to be invested now and forever. Since then, we've enjoyed giving out BIG checks to the winners! Founder and former Unity Co-Chair Mike Brennan also thanked Maggi for her 25 years at the helm of Unity during the event.

In the spirit of doing more with less, we completed the build-out of the 7,000 square foot STAR Center, (Shared Technology and Resources Center) where Unity, United Way, Healthy Communities and Drug Free Partnership live and work together. We all moved into STAR in May of 2017, which is a stellar example of smart use of your community resources. Good things have happened since we got together, and more good things are to come.

We continue to support economic, community, and workforce development, by being involved with La Porte County Career Tech education, sponsoring Made in La Porte County, and co-sponsoring the first Cool Coding week with the Economic Development Corporation of Michigan City and Horizon Bank. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have gotten tiny tools called Ozobots into most of our school corporations, which will help schools implement the new State standards for computer science and expose K-12 students and teachers to the fun of computer coding, something the workforce will demand more of.

Our board is changing with the retirement of Jim Jessup, who served since 1999 and continues to volunteer in county-wide planning projects. We were saddened by the passing of one of our founders, Fran Hiler in October, who even near her last day, was exercising leadership through the first ever La Porte County GIVES matching pool. We are excited that three new board members will be joining us: Barbara Eason-Watkins, Scott Rice and Kim Siefker. Ed Volk, long time Co-Chairman, handed the reins to Michele Magnuson who is the first female Co-Chair for Unity. Our board continues to embrace our history while looking forward to the challenges of the future.

Unity is entering its next 25 years poised for stronger partnerships and even bigger impact. Working together, we are a power for good...now and forever.

Maggi Spartz
President

Jon Gilmore
Co-Chair

Michele Magnuson
Co-Chair

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in La Porte County



Seated from left:

Co-Chair **Jon Gilmore**,
President **Maggi Spartz**,
Co-Chair **Edward Volk**.

Second row:

Tom Edwards, **Liz Bernel**, **Mary Lou Linnen**,
Diana Kabelin Corley, **Marti Swanson**,
Michele Magnuson, **Dr. Vidya Kora**.

Back row:

Ron Ragains, **Kim Sauers**, **Jim Jessup**,
James Kaminski, **Paul Applegate**,
Angie Nelson Deutch, **Mike Brennan**.

Spirits were high
as the crowd celebrated
**Unity's 25 Year
Anniversary**
along with the success of
**La Porte County
GIVES!**

UNITY FOUNDATION TOPS \$360,000 DURING LA PORTE COUNTY GIVES

Unity Foundation chose to celebrate our **25th Anniversary** with a Gala and GIVE Day event titled **La Porte County GIVES**. Through the generosity of community-minded match donors, prizes provided by Unity Foundation, and the generous gifts from supporters, the total that was raised during the 30 hour event to support the great work being done in La Porte County was \$360,000!

The Funds may spend half of their Give Day donations immediately, along with any special prize and matching grant monies. The additional gifts are placed in their Unity endowment, providing "forever" funds to support their causes and assure long-term impact.

The event culminated at the sold-out 25 Year Anniversary Gala Celebration event held at Purdue Northwest's James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex where guests enjoyed a meal designed by La Porte High School graduate Chef Max Gulab and danced to the foot-tapping music of live band Hutson and the FX Project.

"We're thrilled with the turnout and participation by so many members of our community," said Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President, who also celebrated her own 25 year anniversary with Unity in 2017. She continued, "This is a testimony to how much La Porte County cares about meeting needs right here at home."

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who participated and who helped us celebrate our 25th Anniversary. It wouldn't have been possible without our guests, volunteers, and sponsors, including our lead sponsor Horizon Bank."

Mike Brennan, Unity founder, tells how unity got its name when the leaders 'unified' behind **one** foundation in 1992.



Power of Community in La Porte County Shines Bright



◀ La Porte native **Nick Bernel** & friend **Kaitlin Corey**, came in from Washington, D.C. to join his mother, **Liz Bernel** at the gala.



▲ **Brandi Lewis** & **Maggi Spartz** react when the Boys & Girls Club was revealed as the big winner.



◀ La Porte **Mayor Mark Krentz** & his wife **Laura**, celebrate with Unity board member, **Jim Kaminski**.

La Porte County GIVES

\$125,000 in Matching Funds

We reached out to “visionary and big picture thinkers” and asked them to pledge matching funds to be granted on a pro-rata basis among the participating funds. We believed that this added incentive would get more people to give on-line, write checks, and just get excited about giving!

A very special thanks to those who made it happen:

Susan & Jimmy Aaron	Kabelin Family Fund
Anonymous	Michele & Jim Magnuson
Milton & Sylvia Bankoff	McKeague Family Fund
Memorial Foundation	Matthew Frank Moore
Michael & Kathy Brennan	Foundation
Leonard & Irene Brown	Morgan Family
Foundation	Foundation
Margaret F. Hilmer	Tim & Marcia Taebel
Horizon Bank	Nathan & Kristen Ulery



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Gala/Give Day

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\$25,000 in Grant Prizes were made possible from the Power for Good Fund

“ We are especially grateful to the group of donors that contributed \$125,000 in matching grants for this fantastic event. Their gifts encouraged others who wanted to take advantage of the matching funds!”

Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President

THE TOP FUNDRAISERS

<p>1</p> <p>The Boys and Girls Club Michigan City</p> <p>\$43,809</p> <p>GIFTS \$34,245</p> <p>MATCHING DOLLARS \$21,788</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PRIZES</p> <p>FIRST PLACE \$5,000</p>	<p>2</p> <p>LOK Wishing Tree Foundation</p> <p>\$34,123</p> <p>GIFTS \$23,285</p> <p>MATCHING DOLLARS \$14,815</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PRIZES</p> <p>SECOND PLACE \$4,000</p> <p>Eager Beaver \$300 Party Starter \$1000 Procrastinator \$1000 Most Friends \$1500</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Care Center of Greater La Porte County</p> <p>\$19,826</p> <p>GIFTS \$14,040</p> <p>MATCHING DOLLARS \$8,933</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PRIZES</p> <p>THIRD PLACE \$3,000</p> <p>Early Bird \$1000</p>	<p>4</p> <p>La Porte County Family YMCA Elston Branch</p> <p>\$19,208</p> <p>GIFTS \$13,535</p> <p>MATCHING DOLLARS \$8,611</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PRIZES</p> <p>FOURTH PLACE \$2,000</p> <p>Lunch Buddies \$1000 25th Anniversary \$1000</p>	<p>5</p> <p>The Salvation Army of Michigan City</p> <p>\$13,222</p> <p>GIFTS \$10,815</p> <p>MATCHING DOLLARS \$6,881</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PRIZES</p> <p>FIFTH PLACE \$1,000</p>
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Click on any of the above Top Fundraisers to be redirected to their specific website

TEACHER GRANTS

ENRICH STUDENT EDUCATION



◀ MCHS art teachers show one of many student-created murals that liven the halls.

LA PORTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Kingsbury Elementary School –
Donna Council, Carla Marhanka,
Tearsa Schable

La Porte High School
Erin Parker

MICHIGAN CITY AREA SCHOOLS

Barker Middle School –
Tim Blakeney, Jill Grabowski,
Kathleen Gushrowski, Valerie Mecklenburg,
Mariah Pol, Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel

Coolspring Elementary School –
Brianne Covington, Luci Mazac

Knapp Elementary School –
Elizabeth Law, Joshua Schultz

Krueger Middle School –
Shirley Allen, Janine Peo, Kathyryn Triemstra

Edgewood Elementary School –
Courtney Barber, Teresa Pavloff,
Michelle Sickles, Sheri Tuesburg

Joy Elementary School –
Amy Bartels, Andrew Dudeck,
Lauren Stacks, Samantha White

Lake Hills STEM Magnet School –
Candace Archer, Kelley Gertner, Diane Grams,
Renee Hall, Erin Lozano, Janis Mitchell,
DeAnna Munoz, Sheri Wagner, Penny Will

Marsh Elementary School –
Alisa Carlson, Susan Shell

Michigan City High School –
Lynne Clinkert, Deanna Ehrhardt,
Jennifer Gracyalny, Jame Newman,
Rebecca Shaman, Lucas Snyder, Bruce Stahl,
Ceri Whitler, Amy Wojasinski-Labis

**Pine Magnet School for the
Performing and Visual Arts** –
Holly Beadles, Samantha Kubik,
Samantha Lakin, Tessa Maguire, Julie Schmidt,
Elizabeth Schreeg, Theresa Wilkins

Springfield Elementary School –
Debra Carpenter

MICHIGAN CITY PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Notre Dame Catholic School –
Trish Backwiewicz, Kate Bobillo, Joanna Cate,
Sandy Purcell, Natasha Magnuson,
Barbara Brandon, Jennifer Scriba, Angela Ruiz,
Nancy Donoghue

Queen of All Saints Catholic School –
Laura Bennett, Andi Haas, Carla Neary,
Stephanie Kush

St. Paul Lutheran School –
Lexa Allison, Melissa Bushnell



◀ Students at Barker Middle School use microscopes to identify normal and abnormal cell growth.



For more information on the projects visit uflc.net

◀ 2016 Teacher Innovation Grant Recipients



▲ Students at Edgewood Elementary perform "To Be A Star".

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LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

CONTINUES TO HELP HOOSIER STUDENTS PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION

The Unity Foundation is pleased to announce that two La Porte County students have been selected to be the 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars representing La Porte County.

Danielle Adams from South Central High School and **Bree Winter** from La Porte High

School will receive tuition to the Indiana colleges of their choice, and an annual \$900 stipend for required books and equipment. Both students had exemplary academic achievement, service to others, and extra-curricular involvement. They were selected from amongst 74 outstanding applications received from throughout the county.

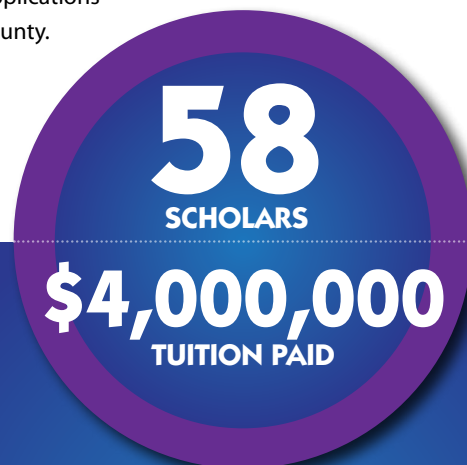
The Unity Foundation elects to participate in this program each year and manages the screening and interview process. Final review and decisions are made by the Independent Colleges of Indiana.



Bree Winter



Danielle Adams



“With funding from the Lilly Endowment, we have helped 58 amazing young people achieve their educational dreams. This is one way Unity is ‘investing in our people’ to make La Porte County and our nation even stronger. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments. We are especially pleased that some of the scholars have returned to live and work right here in our region.

Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President



SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDED TO DEDICATED STUDENTS IN 2017

▲ Pioneer winners **Emma Zaknoun, Raven Wood & Aldair Sanchez** join **Mario Rosa & Judy Smith**, (Pioneer representatives) at the 2017 reception

Agricultural Scholarship

Erica Hesters, Melissa Rudolph

Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship

Deneza Jadol

Diane K. Bamberth Memorial Award

Alexa Kosior

Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzhaf Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Campos, Moriah Carmel, Erica Hesters, Alayna Holifield, Riley Moody, Maura Romstadt, Conner Scott, Kenzie Williams

Benz Family Scholarship

Alexis Biggers, Karmen Halfacre, Pauline Lutton, Jenna Szaday, Glorious Taylor, Arcadia Woods, Madison Evans

Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship

Gabriela Mazur, Megan Noe

William Vernon Compton Scholarship

Brogan Briggs

Cunningham Scholarship

Abigail Bildhauser, Thomas Byvoets

Anne H. Daley

Youth Service Bureau Scholarship

Zoe Surma

Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship

Emily Osborn, Ashley Rimmel

Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship

Haley Buchanan, Melissa Rudolph

La Porte County E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship

Nicole Hartsburg, Jessica Gilmore, Olivia West

Galena Township Scholarship

Tessa Bauman, Lexis Williams

James A. and Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship

Matthew Steck

Harold and Rowena Hargrave Scholarship

Kayla Wurster

Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship

Dayna Bounprasay, Ana Maria Garcia Huerta, Taylor Kincaid, Katie Marquardt, Lauren McQuarters, Emma Patterson, Thomas Pope, Rebecca Rainey, Jacob Rudecki, Justin Rudecki, Alyssa Schoof, Marisa Schutz, Leanna Smith, Jessica Wallen

Ruth M. Howe Nursing Scholarship

Hillary Havlin

Ingersoll Trust Scholarship

Olivia Cannon, Megan Riley, Abigail Vaughn

Dr. King S. Jones Memorial Scholarship

Megan Gushrowski, Kaelie Winebrenner

Arthur & Alice Kabelin Scholarship

Emily Barsic, Marie Didion, Emily Marovich, Jessica Parker, Michael Varda, Savannah Vaughn

Kabelin Family Scholarship

Jarret Black

K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship

Brooke Baima

Harry Kelling Trust Award

Brogan Briggs, Heather Neely, Bailey Severs, Abigail Vaughn, Savannah Vaughn

Robert E. LeRoy Scholarship

Brogan Briggs, Amy Decker

Robert L. Ludington & Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship Fund

Kaitlin Bildhauser, Samantha R. Chappell, Abigail E. Gibbs, Emily A. Kasarda, Bailey T. Kiff, Nicholas Koontz, Courtney E. Lindquist, Madison A. McKibben, Mikayla L. Rosenbaum, Sage N. Santana, Tyler L. Schoff, Sara A. Siegmund, Eryn R. Sitar, Sarah N. Smith, Kaitlyn M. Steinhiser, Amber N. Yussum

Marilouise Lundgren Lossing Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa DeWitt, Brianna Hill, Olivia Jongkind, Jacob Kasarda, Jackson Kubaszyk, Bree Morgan, Heather Neely

Jack Lubeznik Scholarship

Jennifer Justice

Terence Metcalf Memorial Scholarship

Pauline Lutton

Dr. Edwin C. & Alice J. Mueller Scholarship

Melissa Coffeen

La Porte County Nursing Scholarship

Paige Cuma, Thalia Garcia, Deneza Jadol, Annabelle Papai, Shaina Perry, Skylar Senseny, Courtney Spencer

Pioneer Scholarship

Lindsey Jackson, Aldair Sanchez Zuniga, Payton Stevens, Raven Wood, Emma Zaknoun, Jacob Walsworth, Olivia Glowacki

Redington & Rootes Scholarship

Christine J. Ake, Brooke A. Baima, Alyssa S. DeWitt, Ashley K. DeWitt, Jake Eason, Mitchell Espinosa, Keegan Kuzdas, Emily Osborn, Kayla Wurster



▲ Alexa Kosier was honored with the Diane Bamberth Award by Kristen Bamberth Ulery



◀ Brogan Briggs accepts the Robert E. LeRoy Scholarship from Beth LeRoy



◀ Hannah Campbell was excited to earn the Troyer Scholarship. Most Unity scholarships are \$1,000 or more.

POWERFUL REASON #5

Paying thousands of dollars towards college tuition

Robert A. & Dorothy W. Rocke Scholarship

Matthew Bartels, Nicholas Blank, Daniel Council, Katelyn Luce, Hailey Parr, Angel Sosa-Ontiveros, Seraphina Tucker, Nicholas Willoughby, Ashley DeWitt

Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship

Zachary Biggs, Dante Cardenas, Araya Stahoviak, Kristen Thomas, Sierra Urback, Amanda Yadavia, Megan Methner

Floyd O. & Betty L. Shunk Scholarship

Christine Ake, Brooke Baima, Matthew Bartels, Nicholas Blank, Marie Didion, Carter Huber, Joseph MacLennan, Gabriela Mazur, Stephanie Peo, Bailey Severs

Edward B. Siperek & Grace A. Steele Siperek Scholarship

Natalie Aragon, Austin Belkiewitz, Bethany Eyrick

Irvin E. Swanson Scholarship

Julia Jongkind, Mason Kosior

Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship
Zoe Surma, David Toth

John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship
Hannah Campbell

Unity Foundation County-Wide Scholarship
Emily Ames, Kristen Gushrowski, Katherine Kovalcik, Emily Murray, Hannah Swanson, Madison Wolff,

D.I. Walker Scholarship
Molly Hodge

Arlo & Jayne Westphal Memorial Scholarship
David Knouse

POWERFUL REASON #7

Dressing kids for success

POWERFUL REASON #6

Offering opportunities for youth to learn the value of philanthropy



▲ Helping Families: \$187,000 in tuition support was granted in 2017 at the reception held at Heston Hills. (Not including Lilly Scholars)

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POWER FOR GOOD GRANTS 2016



A Hand Up, Inc.

- *The Changing Room*

Arise & Shine Breakfast Ministries, Inc.

- *Arise & Shine Breakfast Ministry*

Arts for Learning, Indiana Affiliate of Young Audiences, Inc.

- *Dance, Writing, and the Indiana Dunes*

Beverly Shore Museum & Art Gallery

- *Memorial Month Museum Display*

Boy Scouts of America - LaSalle Council

- *Safe Harbor After School Scouting Program*

Boys and Girls Club of Michigan City

- *My Future*
- *Project Learn*

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Gary

- *Financial Assistance/Self-Sufficiency Workshop*

Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.

- *Grace Learning Center: Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead*
- *Keys to Hope Resource Center: Community Volunteer Growth Program*
- *Sand Castle Shelter: Break the Cycle of Unhealthy Living*

Community Food Pantry of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee, and Wills Townships

- *Food Purchase*

Dunebrook, Inc.

- *Westville Little School*
- *Parent Café*

Frontline Foundations, Inc.

- *Age Specific Group Treatment Program for Indigent La Porte Residents*

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana

- *New Troop Start-Up Program*

Hailmann Elementary School

- *Meyer's Mile*

Hanna Lions Club, Inc.

- *Improving Our Park*

Harmony House/CASA Program of La Porte County, Inc. dba Family Advocates

- *Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Training*

Head Start of La Porte County

- *Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Program*

Healthy Communities of La Porte County Inc.

- *Covering Kids and Families of La Porte County*

Home Team of La Porte County

- *Employer Resource Network*

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry

- *"Meat" the Need 2016*

Housing Opportunities

- *Washington Street Apartments*

Independent Cat Society

- *Let's Fix This: Spay and Neuter*

Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts

- *Literacy Through the Arts*

Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana

- *Empowering Westville's Future*
- *Teaching La Porte's Future Workforce*
- *Building Wanatah's Financial Foundation*

La Porte Area Lake Association Inc.

- *Lake Weed Treatment*

La Porte Circuit Court

- *Neighborhood Accountability Board*

La Porte County Family YMCA

- *Enhance® Fitness Program Improvements*
- *Pine Educare Improvements and Credentialing*
- *Creative Curriculum for T-Two's, Twos and T-Three's*

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity

- *2017 Habitat Home Construction*

La Porte County Meals on Wheels

- *Blizzard Box Bonanza 2*

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

- *Children's Education Concert, Indiana Stories*

La Porte City Meals on Wheels

- *Cover Food Cost Increase*

Leadership La Porte County, Inc.

- *High School Leadership Program*

LOK Wishing Tree Foundation

- *Carbon Monoxide Awareness Campaign*

Michigan City Area Schools

- *MCAS "Dress for Success" Fund*
- *Hours for Ours High School Mentoring Program*

Michigan City Holiday Meals

- *Holiday Meals*

Michigan City Mainstreet Association

- *Farm to Table SNAP Matching Program*

Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department

- *Public Beach Access Wheelchair Program*

North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc.

- *Learning, then Helping your Child(ren) in Math*
- *Skills Training-Promoting Health and Personal Development*

Open Door Adolescent Health Center

- *MCHS Student Success Team-Problem Behavior Intervention*

Open Door Community Alliance, Inc.

- *Medication Assistance Program*

Parents & Friends, Inc.

- *Community Match for Vans*
- *Day Services*
- *Residential Activities*

The Pax Center

- *Get Cooking Pilot Program*
- *Healthy Choices Eating Initiative*
- *Jackson Street Garden Club*

Purdue University Northwest

- *Library Sprouts Family Literacy Program*

▶ **LeVana Briggs and granddaughter celebrate Power of Community at Annual Luncheon**



◀ **Westville Students Practice Soft Skills and Explore Careers during JA in a Day Program.**

Read La Porte County, Inc.

- 2016 English Language Classes

REAL Services, Inc.

- Senior Nutrition Program

Rebuilding Together La Porte County, Inc.

- Rebuilding Together La Porte County

Reins of Life, Inc.

- La Porte County School Program

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

- St. Francis Ministry Food Pantry

The Salvation Army of La Porte

- Backpack Food for Kids
- Diaper Class
- Toys for Teens

Samaritan Counseling Centers, Inc.

- At-Risk Children's Unmet Mental Health Needs

Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.

- CIMBY Environmental Education Project

The Social and Learning Institute

- Interactive Technology for Special Needs Adults
- Music Therapy for Special Needs Adults
- Therapeutic Yoga Program for Special Needs Adults

Solidarity Hall

- South Shore SOUP

South Shore Leadership Center

- SLYCE Community Partner Project for La Porte County

Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.

- Shelter Food Assistance Program
- Youth Empowerment

Supplemental United Pantry, Inc.

- Winter Wonderful Party

POWERFUL REASON #8
Building non-profits through technical assistance and grants

POWERFUL REASON #9
Helping disabled individuals excel

POWERFUL REASON #10
Improving the eyesight of local children through vision screenings

POWERFUL REASON #11
Giving cancer patients hope



▲ **Rudy Kohn recognizes Power for Good Grant Recipients**

Trinity Episcopal Church

- Trinity Community Food Pantry

United Way of La Porte County

- Kindergarten Readiness Camp

Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

- Project Ready — College Readiness

Worthy Women Recovery Home

- S.E.G.U.E. Project (Systematic Education for Ultimate Employment)
- MRT Cognitive Behavior Program

Young Audiences of Indiana, Inc.

- Dance, Writing and the Indiana Dunes

Youth Service Bureau Big Brothers Big Sisters of La Porte County

- Kids on the Block
- School Buddies

For additional details visit uflc.net

Community Power for Good Grants were made possible through the following funds:

American Association of University Women La Porte Community, Backer Family, Fred & Helen Brust, John P. & Anne H. Daley, Ernest & Mildred Delco, Pauline M. Dent, Randy & Jane Dorman, Charles T. & Pauline J. Dye, Mark E. Essling, Sanford Z. Friedman, David C. Gardner, Nancy L. Gorman, Kabelin Family, Ruth W. Pollingue, Purdue Federal Credit Union, Tom & Judy Ringo, Phillip A. Sprague, and John & Jean Vail, Sandra L. Young, Unity Power for Good Fund, Kay Franklin Commemorative Fund; La Porte County Mental Health Fund; Polad Animal Care Endowment Fund; La Porte County Educational Advancement Fund; and Charles Westcott Youth Fund.

2016 Financial Summary

Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2016

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

ASSETS

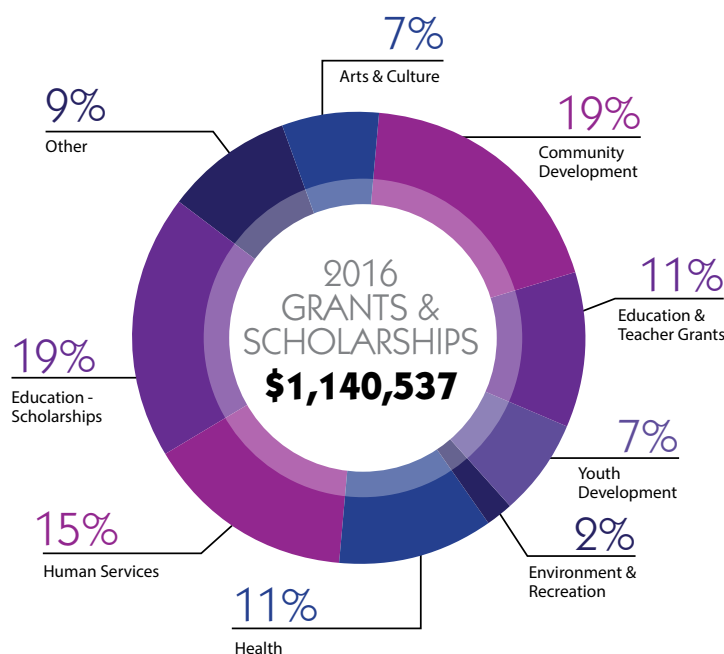
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$1,152,118
Accounts receivable	931
Investments.....	27,539,183
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	149,557
Net property and equipment	157,592
Total Assets.....	\$28,999,381

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

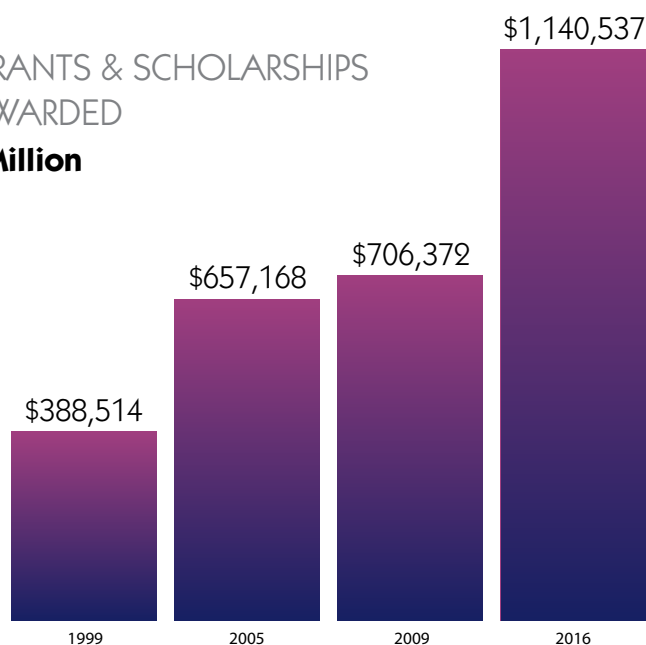
Accounts and grants payable	\$33,611
Other liabilities	1,601,063
Total Liabilities.....	\$1,634,674
Unrestricted net assets.....	\$6,268,495
Temporarily restricted net assets.....	2,970,606
Permanently restricted net assets.....	18,125,606
Total Net Assets.....	\$27,364,707
Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....	\$28,999,381

The above represents condensed financial data for the year ending December 31, 2016 as provided by Estep, Burkey Simmons, LLC. A complete audited financial report is available upon request. The Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, Inc., is a tax-exempt public charity under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3).

As reported by our independent investment advisors, The Mason Companies, the historical time weighted returns, net of fees, for permanent assets under management as of 12/31/16 were 9.83% vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of 7.36%. The 3-year return was 1.74% vs. GRP of 3.66%; 5- Year: 6.73% vs. 7.67% GRP; 10 year: 5.98% vs 4.89% GRP.



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED \$Million





Unity Foundation of La Porte County

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

Investment Income	
Interest and dividends	\$659,296
Realized gains/(losses)	(52,951)
Unrealized gains/(losses).....	1,663,347
Contributions, grants and fees.....	3,561,949
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts	(53,695)
Special events income	6,090
Miscellaneous Income	553
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$5,784,589

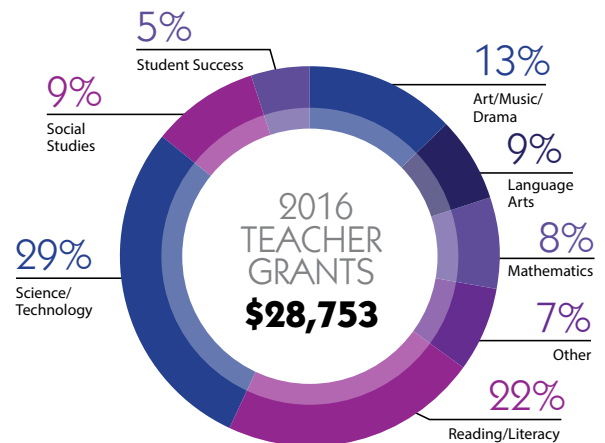
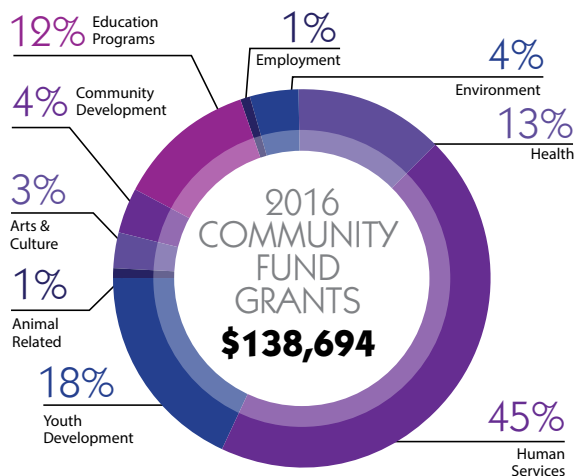
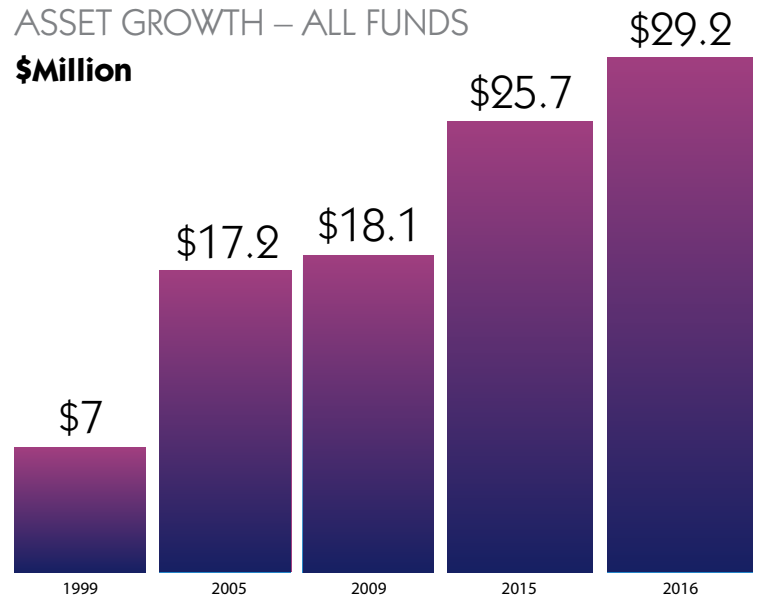
EXPENSES

Program services	\$2,039,137
Supporting services.....	692,192
Fundraising.....	108,416
Total Expenses	\$2,839,745

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$2,944,844

ASSET GROWTH – ALL FUNDS

\$Million



Community Planning

- Brings people together to plan their futures
- Can help attract grants and resources
- People can feel more connected through meeting and talking
- Build talent & capacity of people

UNITY'S ROLE IN COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Over the past 25 years, the Unity has become an important partner in overall community development. Community development includes economic, workforce, social and sustainability factors in both our natural and 'built' environments.

How do we improve the 15 unique communities that make up La Porte County? That's just what the Unity Foundation has had in mind. We dreamed that each community would have a vision for itself and build the capacity to identify and respond to opportunity and threats. We envision each community, our county and our region to be stronger and more vibrant, equitable and more competitive on the global stage.

Unity's roles can include being a: champion, connector, funder, partner, historian, advocate, collector and sharer of information, mediator, facilitator, backbone, and builder of community talent and capacity.

The infographic tells the story of Unity's role and investment in community betterment.



VIBRANT
ECONOMY



STRONG SOCIAL
ASSETS
& CULTURE



HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENT
NATURAL
& BUILT



Cool Coding Week

- Exposes kids and adults to computer coding
- Teaches problem solving skills and teamwork
- Better prepare us for the Internet of Things & jobs of the future - now

Youth2Youth Philanthropy Program

- Middle School youth grant makers, make grants to youth grant seekers
- Learn many life skills, like budgeting & decision making
- Students learn to care about others
- Bailey Chavis, Joy Elementary 5th grader earned a Y2Y grant for sticky notes to spread joy

Photo: Kim Nowatzke of The News-Dispatch

Scholarships

- Making educational dreams come true
- Support working families
- Preparing kids and adults for workforce
- Help donors help others get ahead

Trail Creek Watershed Partnership

- Protect and enhance the 65 mile watershed, Lake Michigan
- Students get real life experiences on and around water
- Better recreational opportunities
- Landowners get help to care for land, water & wildlife

Unity Park

- Protecting view of beautiful Pine Lake
- A place for anyone to enjoy
- Attracted more investment around the park - Holiday Inn Express \$6 million
- Will connect to future trail system to downtown

STAR Center

- A place for non-profits to connect and collaborate
- Wise use of donor gifts
- Surprising results for good
- Build non-profit capacity



Power of Community

in La Porte County

GOLD KEY SOCIETY

is a special group of professional advisors who help foster gifts to or through the Unity Foundation. This year 4 new members joined the Gold Key Society and 9 additional keys were awarded to current members for assisting clients in helping their community by introducing them to Unity and the diverse options it offers to be philanthropic. Whether it's tax savings, the desire to fund a special cause, or the importance of leaving a future legacy, Unity has vehicles to help everyone!

David Albers
AFS Company

William Anderson, CPA

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Applegate & Co. CPAs

Espar & Associates

Michael P. Burns
Burns Law Firm

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Horizon Bank

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Harbour Trust & Investment Management

Leon Dargis
Harbour Trust & Investment Management

Jess Denger
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Rachel L. Saxon
Horizon Trust & Investment Management

Richard J. Schmitt, CPA
Schmitt & Kaylor, CPAs



▲ **2016 New Gold Key Member:**
Jon Salisbury, Edward Jones

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Schmitt & Kaylor, CPAs

Lori Sopko
Harbour Trust & Investment Management

Bruce Stevens
StevINS Financial Services

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Harbour Trust & Investment Management

Brad Werner, AAMS
Brad Werner & Co.

Todd Wooten, CSA, CID
Blue Sky Financial Partners, Inc.



▲ **2017 New Gold Key Members:** **Jess Denger, Edward Jones,** and **Bruce Stevens, StevINS Financial Services**



Michigan City
Education Foundation
Committee Members
at Annual Teacher
Reception

VOLUNTEERS

Matt & Maria Amor

Linda Arney

Rod Bensz

Liz Bernel

Steve Bernth

Mike Brennan

Kathy Brennan

LeVana Briggs

Denise Brown

Dale Brown

Julie Burke

Jada Bush

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Katie Eaton

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Pam Fleming

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Tom Garwood

Jon Gilmore

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Horizon Bank Facilities
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Jim Howe

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Heidi Jaffee

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Liz Kaminski

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Lisa Kincaid

Debbie Klosowski

Rudy Kohn

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Kristen Patterson

Shaneta Patterson

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Susan Pluto

Jenna Pluto

Kim Presley

Sharon Raab

Ron Ragains

Warren Ransom

Mary Reimink

Ann Robson

Mario Rosa

Irene Rosevear

Linda Saddler

Kim Sauers

Mark Scarborough

Myron Schafer

Brenda Schultz

Debbie Sellers

Betty Shunk

Dan Shunk

Stephanie Smith

Angie Smoker

Tom Spartz

Drew Spartz

Chloe Stantz

Janet Stefano

Brenda Stellema

Marti Swanson

The Tree Mann

Tonn & Blank
Construction

John & Florene Troyer

Dale Tuholski



Celeste Orlowski, Mary Jo Orlowski & Sandy Young
volunteer at Gala

Larry Tuholski

Chris Varnak

Ed Volk

Richard Warner

John Weithers

Greg Werner

Maddie West

Claudia Williams

Susan Wright

Jim Wszolek

Sandy Young

Rev. Joel Zipay

POWERFUL REASON #12

Touching souls
through arts
and culture



Michele Magnuson
& Mary Lou Linnen

New mentor at
YMCA MC Elston
Branch, partially
funded with a 2017
Community Grant



LOK Wishing Tree Foundation

LOK Wishing Tree Foundation saw many successes in 2017 including La Porte becoming the first Indiana city to adopt a local ordinance requiring carbon monoxide alarms in all new residential construction. Since then, other cities and counties have followed suit. These local efforts are vital since Indiana remains one of just a few states with no statewide requirements for CO alarms.

Meanwhile, **LOK Wishing Tree Foundation** continues its grassroots efforts to save lives by educating people about the dangers of CO poisoning through local events with firehouses, and this year began expanding education through a unique art program with the **Lubeznik Center for the Arts**. Children in the **Safe Harbor** after school program learned to draw what a "safe home" looked like and were gifted with a free CO alarm. Free CO alarms from LOK to families in need have resulted in at least two La Porte county families crediting the alarm they received with saving their lives.

Learn more at www.lokwishingtree.org.



Lindsey O'Brien Kesling
WISHING TREE FOUNDATION

UNITYFUNDS

POWERFUL REASON #13

Strengthening
our rural way
of life

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.

AAUW La Porte Community Fund
Backer Family Fund
Fred & Helen Brust Community Fund
John P. & Anne H. Daley Community Fund
Ernest & Mildred Delco Community Fund
Pauline M. Dent Memorial Fund
Randy & Jane Dorman Foundation Fund
Charles T. & Pauline J. Dye Endowment Fund
Mark E. Essling Community Fund
Sanford Z. Friedman Community Fund
David C. Gardner Community Fund
Kabelin Family Community Fund
Ruth W. Pollingue Community Fund
Power for Good Community Fund
Purdue Federal Credit Union Fund
Tom & Judy Ringo Community Fund
Philip A. Sprague Community Fund
John & Jean Vail Advised Fund
Sandra L. Young Community Fund

City, Town, Township Funds

John A. & Dorothy Sieb Carstens Fund
Galena Township Community Endowment Fund
Hanna, Indiana Community Fund
Westville, Indiana Community Fund

Field of Interest Funds & Agency Funds

These funds benefit a specific charitable organization or 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 & Culture

Arts in the Park Fund
Arts United Fund of La Porte County
Bankoff Family Fund for the Sinai Sunday Evening Forum
Beverly Shores History Museum & Art Gallery Fund
Barry Dulyea Arts for Children Fund
Dunes Arts Foundation Endowment
Festival Players Guild Endowment Fund
Eugene & Marilyn Glick Arts Fund
Indiana Humanities Fund
La Porte County Symphony Fund
La Porte Little Theatre Club Endowment Fund
La Porte Music Club, Inc. Fund
Dale E. Landsman Arts Foundation
Jack & Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts
Jerry Peters Memorial Fund
Ted & Ruth Rohrabough Fund for the Michigan City Lakefront Amphitheater
Julia Diane Ragains Slawin Music Fund
Sandra Young Arts Appreciation Fund

Community Development & Philanthropy

Celebration Fund for La Porte County
Economic Development Investment Fund
Jim Jessup Future Leaders Fund
Kankakee Valley Workforce Development Fund
Kiwanis Club of La Porte Charitable Fund
Michigan City Lion Charities, Inc. Endowment Fund

Rotary Club of Michigan City
Foundation Fund
George H. & Madeline A. Smrt
West Side Neighborhood Fund
STAR Center Fund
United Way of Greater La Porte
County Endowment Fund
Unity Foundation Operating Fund
Unity Foundation Operating
Endowment Fund

Education

Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Fund
Janet Collings Drayton
Teacher Innovation Fund
Haiti Children's Education Fund
Ivy Tech MC Pejic Campus Fund
La Lumiere School Endowment Fund
La Porte County Educational
Advancement Fund
La Porte Educational Development
Foundation Endowment Fund
La Porte High School Class of 1952 Fund
Leadership La Porte County Fund
Language Arts Fund
for Queen of All Saints
League of Women Voters Education Fund
Marquette Catholic HS Education Fund
Michigan City Area Chamber
of Commerce Education Foundation
Michigan City Area Schools
Endowment Fund
Michigan City Education Foundation
J. Robert & Marjorie Miller
Teacher Advancement Fund
Morgan Family Foundation Fund
Notre Dame Catholic School
Education Fund
Queen of All Saints School Language Arts
Teacher Innovation Fund for MCAS
Westville Schools (MSD of
New Durham Twp) Endowment



UNITYFUNDS



Emergency Housing and Services

La Porte County Chapter –
American Red Cross Endowment Fund
LC Disaster Relief & Recovery
Sand Castle Shelter for Children & Families
The Salvation Army of La Porte
Endowment Fund
The Salvation Army of Michigan City
The Salvation Army of Michigan City
Major Building Repairs Fund
Stepping Stone Shelter Endowment Fund

Environment, Parks, & Recreation

Barker Woods Stewardship Fund
Beechwood Golf Course Endowment Fund
Dunes Environmental Learning Center
Tuition Assistance Fund
Environmental Improvement Fund
for La Porte County
Fort La Play Porte Endowment
Friendship Botanic Gardens Fund
June B. Kelley Garden Fund for Long Beach
La Porte City Park Foundation Fund
La Porte County Conservation Trust Fund
La Porte County Park Foundation Fund
La Prairie Environment & Art Fund
Long Beach Tree Fund
Mill Pond Park Fund
Jan Nona Environmental Stewardship
Award Fund
Rotary Special Projects Fund
Save the Dunes Conservation
Fund Endowment
Shirley Heinze Land Trust Endowment
for La Porte County
Trail Creek Watershed Partnership Fund
Urban Forestry Fund – Michigan City
Unity Park Endowment Fund

Funds | 2017

Family Support

Children's Fund (Child Abuse
Prevention) – Dunebrook
Family Advocates (CASA) Fund
La Porte Family YMCA
Child Care Center Fund
La Porte Jaycees Deserving Children
Endowment Fund
Women's Care Center of Greater La Porte
County Endowment Fund
Womens Well-Being Fund

Health Care Related

Center for Hospice Care Fund
Duneland Health Council Fund
Erdheim – Chester Disease
Global Alliance Fund
Franciscan St. Anthony Health,
Michigan City Fund
La Porte Hospital Foundation Fund
LOK Wishing Tree Foundation
Open Door Community Health Alliance
Endowment Fund
Dr. R. Thomas Rocke SMILE Foundation
Mosette Levin Cancer Fund
VNA of La Porte County Endowment

Historic Preservation

Long Beach Historical Society
Michigan City Lighthouse
Catwalk Maintenance
Rumely/Allis-Chalmers La Porte
Heritage Center Fund
Washington Park Bandstand Fund



UNITYFUNDS

POWERFUL REASON #17

Supporting
economic
development
efforts

POWERFUL REASON #18

Filling
thousands
of empty
stomachs

POWERFUL REASON #19

Preserving
historical
structures

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
Housing Opportunities Endowment Fund
La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
La Porte County
Meals on Wheels Endowment
Michigan City Holiday Meals Foundation
Lorraine Gehrke Orlowski Fund
for Housing & Homelessness

Literacy and Library Services

Kay Franklin Commemorative Fund
La Crosse Public Library Fund
La Porte County Public Library
Endowment Fund
Marquette Catholic High School Library Fund
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
Endowment Fund

Positive Youth Development

4-H of La Porte County
Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund
Boy Scouts of America
LaSalle Council #165 Fund
DeCamp's Band of Brothers Fund
Dr. Fischer LPHS Athletic Fund
Foundations for Youth (Youth Service Bureau,
Big Brothers/Big Sisters)
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana
Hands off Heroin Fund, MSD
New Durham Twp Schools
Imagination Station Fund
Imogene L. Dahl Purdue Extension Fund
Junior Achievement of Michigan City
La Porte County Fair Unity Fund
La Porte County Family YMCA Fund
La Porte County Family YMCA
MC Elston Branch Endowment Fund
LOK Wishing Tree Foundation
MCAS Education Enrichment
& Dress for Success Fund
MCHS Athletic Booster Club
Zach McCoy Youth Development Fund
Aaron McNew Memorial Fund
Hanna Helen Ohlund Memorial Fund
New Prairie Athletic Capital Fund
Kent D. Ribordy Youth Fund
Philip A. Sprague Care & Share Fund
Teen Dream Fund
Tuholski & Oberlie Environment
& Arts Fund for Youth
Charles Westcott Youth Fund
Youth 2 Youth Endowment Fund

Religious

Bethel Presbyterian Church
of Union Mills Fund
First Congregational Church
of Michigan City Fund
First United Methodist Church
of La Porte Endowment Fund
Evelyn & Robert Johnson Fund
for the First Christian Church of La Porte
Music Fund for First United
Methodist Church of La Porte
Presbyterian Church Foundation of La Porte
Presbyterian Church of La Porte
Endowment Fund
Sinai Temple of Michigan City Endowment
St. Johns United Church of Christ,
Michigan City
St. Peter Catholic Church of La Porte
Trinity Church Fund, Michigan City
Wanatah Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Senior Citizen Well Being and Other-abled

Agrawal Family Fund for Social
& Learning Institute
Legacy Fund for the Swanson
Activity Center for Older Adults
Library Services for the Disabled Fund
Paladin Endowment
Parents & Friends, Inc. Endowment
Reins of Life Michigan City Endowment Fund
Gardner & Guerrucci Memorial Endowment
Fund for Social & Learning Institute
Senior Independence Fund
SHARE Foundation with the
Handicapped Fund



Crystal Bennett PNW Early Childhood Candidate
Class of 2018 and Gavin Hutchinson, Westville

Awards and Scholarships

Agricultural Scholarship
The Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship
Diane Kay Bamberth Memorial Award
Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzhaf Scholarship Fund
Benzs Family Scholarship Fund
Barbara Brandon Piano / Organ Achievement Award
Dr. Windham Bremer Scholarship
Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship Fund
William Vernon Compton Scholarship
Earl & Faye Cunningham Scholarship
Anne H. Daley Youth Service Bureau Scholarship
R.E. Daly III La Lumiere Scholarship
Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship
Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship Fund
Galena Township Scholarship Fund
James A. & Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship
J. & J. Guerrucci Family Foundation
Donald & Beverly Guse Scholarship Fund
Harold & 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
Kabelin Family Scholarship
K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship
Harry Kelling Scholarship Fund
Kelly-Prentiss Scholarship
Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund for PNC
The La Porte County E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship Fund
La Porte Amateur Musical Scholarship
La Porte County Nursing Scholarship Fund
Robert E. Le Roy Tennis Scholarship
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
William P. & Mary Lou Linnen Fund for St. Mary's College
Linnen Memorial Fund for La Lumiere
Marilouise Lundgren Lossing Memorial Education Fund
Jack Lubeznik Scholarship Fund
Robert L. Ludington & Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship Fund

Terence Metcalf Memorial Scholarship
Ruth & Leonard Minich Scholarship Fund
M.C. Summer Festival Scholarship Fund
Dr. Edwin C. & Alice J. Mueller Scholarship Fund
Loyal Perlich Outstanding Speaker Award
Pioneer Scholarship
Redington & Rootes Scholarship
Ida M. Reffett Debate Scholarship
Robert A. & Dorothy W. Rocke Scholarship
Frank & Dorothy Schellin Scholarship
Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship

Floyd O. & Betty L. Shunk Scholarship
Edward B. Siperek & Grace A. Steele Siperek Scholarship
Irvin E. Swanson Fund
Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship Fund
John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship
Donnie M. Thomas Memorial Fund
Unity Foundation County-Wide Scholarship Fund
D.I. Walker Scholarship Fund
Arlo & Jayne Westphal Memorial Scholarship

Donor Advised Funds

These funds are for charitable purposes recommended by the Donor Advisor. Their recommendations are honored as long as they are deemed legal and charitable in nature.

Agrawal Family Fund
Amberg & Spartz Family Fund
Paul & Sharon Applegate Family Foundation
Milton L. & Sylvia R. Bankoff Memorial Foundation
Benzs Family Advised Fund
Muriel R. & Myron E. Berkson, M.D. Fund
Brennan Family Fund
Fred & Helen Brust Fund
Dent & Sterger Families Foundation Fund
Jeff & Dawn Dunifon Family Fund
Shaw & Greta Friedman Advised Fund
Micky Gallas Family Fund
Gilmore Family Fund
GoMetz Farm Fund
Charles K. & Janet Greenwald Family Fund
Hay Family Advised Fund
Jack L. Jones Advised Fund
Kabelin Family Fund
Kora Family Fund
Lake Family Fund for La Porte County
Lake Family Fund
Levine Family of La Porte Fund

Lighthouse Place Charitable Fund
Shirley Lubeznik Advised Fund
Rose & Walter Machnyk Donor Advised Fund
Magnuson Family Advised Fund
Bruce & Julia Manner Social Capital Fund
McDermott Family Fund
Leigh & Marcia Morris Fund
Nelson & Deutch Community Fund
Christian J. Nickels Memorial Fund
Jerome C. & Kathy A. Orcutt Fund
Pontius Family Foundation
Random Acts of Kindness Fund
Ransom Family Foundation
Cheryl J. Reinhart Advised Fund
Tom & Judy Ringo Advised Fund
Salmon Family Fund
Paul & Terri Sammann Fund
Donald F. Scott Fund
Seegers Family Fund
Scott E. & Kimberly A. Siefker Fund
Ticsay Family Charitable Foundation
Ulery Family Fund
Robert W. & Sharon L. Wright Community Fund
Anonymous Funds

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Gifts

10/1/16 – 10/31/17

Power of Community in La Porte County



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