

# SHAPING THE FUTURE



**Unity Foundation**  
of La Porte County

Power for Good

2017-2018

UNITY FOUNDATION

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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## Giving to Unity

- Support our Community Betterment work
- Remember or honor someone special
- Build your favorite Fund (see pages 24-27)
- Start a Fund of your own – it only takes \$5,000
- Give stock, life insurance, IRA, etc.
- Mention us in your will
- Receive maximum tax deductions and savings allowable by law
- Help us maximize with GIFT VII Match

## Receiving from Unity

- A stronger County due to our Community Betterment work
- Services of nonprofits that receive Power for Good Unity grants – or have endowment funds
- Help furthering your education through scholarships
- Community information through events, publications, and social media
- Personal, knowledgeable help to reach your charitable goals
- Valuable estate planning information from our planned giving website
- Technical support for non-profits working on planning



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## Lilly Endowment Continues to Help Us Shape Our Future with \$2-for-\$1 Match

Unity Foundation is one of 94 Indiana Community Foundations invited by the Lilly Endowment Inc. to apply for funding under **Phase VII of Lilly's GIFT initiative**. This generous program allows the Unity Foundation to apply for up to \$1 million to be used to strengthen La Porte County now and forever. Additional opportunities from the Endowment include the engagement of community foundation board members and community leadership grants, based on county population.

On October 15, Lilly Endowment announced a seventh phase of its **Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) Initiative** for Indiana Community Foundations. Begun 28 years ago, the GIFT initiative was designed to help local Indiana communities develop the philanthropic capacity to address their own needs and challenges.

"GIFT VII will help us shape the future of La Porte County-for the better. We look forward to working with our partners to improve the quality of life here, now and for generations to come."

**Michele Magnuson,**  
Co-Chairwoman  
of the Unity Foundation

"The Endowment is giving us three ways to participate: 1. Power for Good matching grant — where the community raises \$500,000 in unrestricted endowment funds and Lilly will match with \$1 million in unrestricted funds. 2. Unity board member participation, and 3. Community leadership grants — the Endowment will provide planning and implementation dollars and an opportunity for a larger scale impact. The Unity board of directors will be evaluating all of these options. We'll announce those after we've carefully considered them. This is a tremendous opportunity."

**Maggi Spartz,**  
President,  
Unity Foundation

"In the 28 years since GIFT began, community foundations have demonstrated their ability to inspire imagination, generosity and commitment among local residents, donors and volunteers. Changing economic and cultural dynamics are presenting both significant challenges and important opportunities for Indiana Communities. With GIFT VII, we seek to help community foundations raise resources and further enhance their ability to lead collaborative efforts to improve the quality of life for their residents."

"Unity has been active in community leadership for many years. This opportunity will help us sharpen our focus and do things that will strengthen our communities."

**Jon Gilmore,**  
Co-Chairman  
of the Unity Foundation

**Rob Smith,**  
the Endowment's  
vice president  
for community  
development

To learn more about the \$2 for \$1 match or starting your own named fund, contact Jamie Miller, Development Officer at **219-879-0327** or email her at **Jmiller@ufic.net**.



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## Power of Community in La Porte County

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Sponsors*

### POWER OF A COMMUNITY

\$5,000



### POWER OF A COUNTY

\$2,500

Mason Investment Services

### POWER OF A CITY

\$1,000

1st Source Bank

Edward Jones

Franciscan Health

Meridian Title Corporation

Swanson & Swanson Insurance

### POWER OF A FAMILY

\$500

Harbour Trust & Investment  
Management Corporation

Purdue Federal Credit Union

Applegate & Co. CPAs

### POWER OF A PERSON

\$300

Bob and Jayne Schaefer

CLH, CPA

General Insurance Services

Mayor Ron Meer and the  
City of Michigan City

### What would you do if you could “Shape the Future” of La Porte County?

What if you knew that steps you took today, made for a better, stronger future for the communities, organizations and families of La Porte County 10, 20 & 50 years from now? And, what if you had a generous partner, like the Indianapolis based Lilly Endowment, Inc, who wants to see you as better and stronger, too?

Unity Foundation chose “Shaping the Future” as our theme. Looking back, we appreciate that the steps we took 26 years ago are paying off today. Because we took advantage of the Lilly Endowment’s GIFT initiatives starting in 1991, we have created new infrastructure that makes it easy for anyone to leave a legacy. We have over 300 different permanent funds that will support all kinds of worthy causes...forever. We have helped thousands of our families pay for college. Unity has supported hundreds of our non-profits through our grants and endowment funds that will forever support them. And our leadership has helped the community respond better to opportunities and threats.

While we are pleased with our results over the past 26 years, we believe we can do more and do it better. We can do this by sharpening our strategic focus, partnerships, innovative technologies, and inclusive conversations. Recently our board of directors decided to focus on workforce development and education with the goal of increasing local incomes and family resiliency.

We are investing time, energy and funds into the La Porte County Skill UP Network. This unique partnership, with early support from our mayors and administrative support from the Center of Workforce Innovations, is working to bridge the gap between good jobs and people who want them, but need more skills. The Network received a \$677,000 grant from the Indiana Dept of Workforce Development and the goal is to build a talent pipeline – of adults and youth, benefitting our families and our employers. Unity is championing technology in our schools and partnering with others to “Skill Up” our residents for better paying jobs & careers.

Unity founded and supports the Home Team in its effort to coordinate services to prevent and respond to homelessness since 2004. We also founded and have supported the Trail Creek Watershed Partnership since 2003. Unity operates locally, yet in step with our regional partners. The Discovery Alliance (TDA) is an organization that joins together the community foundations in Lake, La Porte and Porter counties and brought in over \$18 million for education & literacy starting in 2000. Today that group helped fund Ignite the Region: NW Indiana’s Strategy for Economic Transformation ([NWIForum.org](http://NWIForum.org)). These are all important steps taken years ago that are paying off.

As we look ahead, we are delighted to partner with the Lilly Endowment once again through GIFT VII. It promises to help us build our Power for Good Fund, which is most responsive to community needs. Lilly has added a community leadership aspect to this initiative, which includes funds for community planning and implementation. In their wisdom and generosity, they will help us take the next steps. It is these steps that will shape our future. There will be opportunities to join us in shaping the future and we hope to see and hear from you.

**Maggi Spartz**  
President

**Jon Gilmore**  
Co-Chair

**Michele Magnuson**  
Co-Chair

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*seated from left:*

**Diana Kabelin Corley**  
**Mary Lou Linnen**  
**Marti Swanson**  
**Angie Nelson Deutch**  
**Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins**

*second row:*

Co-Chair **Jon Gilmore**  
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**Paul Applegate**  
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# Power of Community

in La Porte County

## {TALENT PIPELINE}

### Focus on Workforce Development, Education and Reducing Poverty

Each year, the Unity Foundation board of directors sets aside time for planning and reflection. This year Unity utilized the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte's information platform\* to create a survey for board and staff to evaluate community priorities. The results pointed to a focus on workforce development and education, with the goal of increasing local incomes and family resiliency. We are alarmed that the rate of children living in poverty in La Porte County is still **increasing**. It is only wishful thinking that the improved economy will reduce poverty for our families. People need more skills, youth need better pathways to living wage jobs and careers, and our employers need people skilled up for work in today's jobs.

Unity plans to increase our support of education and the **La Porte County Skill UP Network** goals. This new unique and collaborative partnership was started in 2018 with critical support from our mayors and leadership from the Center of Workforce Innovations along with the North West Indiana Workforce Board. It is working to bridge the gap between good jobs and people who want them...but need more skills. The Network received a **\$677,000** grant from the **Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development** with the prime goal of building a talent pipeline of adults and youth. The Network's focus is on training workers to fill plant maintenance positions quickly, increase awareness about manufacturing and technology careers, and increase our K-12 and Career & Tech Education student's exposure and credentials for manufacturing careers. If this is successful, the Network can add areas like healthcare, and other higher paying sectors. Matching funds for the Skill Up grant were needed, and **Unity pledged \$100,000 in scholarship funds, making La Porte County's application more competitive.**

\* La Porte County data can be found at <http://www.ten2030.org>

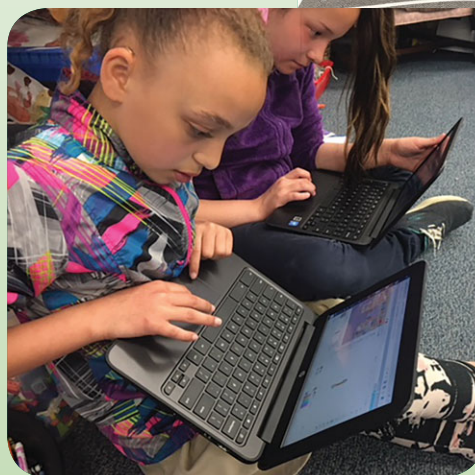




Unity currently supports workforce development and education through our education grants, scholarships, and leadership. Unity is championing technology in our schools. We have gotten over 500 Ozobots into our schools to make coding fun for K-12 students and teachers. In 2017, we invested \$217,000 in college scholarships, \$140,000 in direct education support to public & parochial schools and teachers, \$311,649 in grants to agencies that provide, food, housing, health and human services for families in need.

We also tapped a dedicated volunteer, **Linda Wiltfong**, retired South Central Superintendent, to head up some of our education & workforce development projects. Her first task was to expand the **Week of Code** to all La Porte County public schools. Week of Code is a national event which takes place in December. Learning how to create computer codes is a critical job skill and helps students learn problem solving skills, teamwork and communication...all skills employers crave. Each school will decide how to participate. The La Porte County Public Library is a key partner and has a delightful array of classroom technology kits, supported by four full-time educators.

Lake Hills students work to program their Spehero to complete a maze during Week of Code.



Students at Edgewood Elementary focus on their work during Week of Code.

With this ambitious group of partners, it is our hope that La Porte County can create and maintain a talent pipeline to benefit our families, employers and community. Wouldn't it be a relief to start seeing a decrease in the number of children living in poverty?

For more information about the La Porte County Skill UP Network, contact Unity at **219-879-0327** or the CWI [innovativeworkforce.com](http://innovativeworkforce.com).

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{EDUCATION}



The **Donald & Beverly Guse Scholarship** is a first of Unity's kind! Although, many of Unity Foundation's Scholarships are offered for students attending any La Porte County High School, this scholarship is unique as it is offered specifically for LaCrosse High School graduating seniors. Don and Bev's legacy of supporting the Cass and Dewey Township Schools will live on to serve students seeking to continue their education beyond high school.

2018

60  
SCHOLARS

\$4,200,000  
TUITION PAID

## 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 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars representing La Porte County.

**Bailey Scott** from La Porte High School and **Jorden Clemens** from South Central 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 extracurricular 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.



Jorden Clemens

Bailey Scott

**"With funding from the Lilly Endowment, we have helped 60 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 especially pleased that some of the scholars have returned to live and work right here in La Porte County!"** — Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President



# {EDUCATION} SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDED TO DEDICATED STUDENTS IN 2018



**ACME Lodge #83 F.&A.M. Scholarship**  
Karson Williams

**Bharati Agrawal Scholarship**  
Elizabeth LaFollette

**Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship**  
Bailey Severs

**Diane K. Bamberth Memorial Award**  
Janelle O'Neal

**Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzhaf Memorial Scholarship**  
Alayna Holifield, Elaina Kobitz, Conner Scott, Ashleigh Suppinger, Alissa Raby, Adam Boniface, Kelsey Burnette, Emily Hundt

**Bensz Family Scholarship**  
Nadia Flores, Jim Thomas, Korbin Williams

**Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship**  
Bailey Severs, Joe MacLennan

**William Vernon Compton Scholarship**  
Brogan Briggs

**Cunningham Scholarship**  
Katherine Kolvacik, Talya Wolf

**Anne H. Daley Youth Service Bureau Scholarship**  
Morgan Yeater

**Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship**  
Zoe Surma

**Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship**  
Keeley Higley

**La Porte County E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship**  
Allysa DeGroote, Jordan Forney

**Galena Township Scholarship**  
Gabrielle Vogeler, Holleigh Hunsley

**James A. and Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship**  
Matthew Steck

**Don & Beverly Guse Memorial Scholarship**  
Bailey Kiff, Justene Charlesworth

**Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship**  
Taylor Kincaid, Emma Patterson, Alyssa Schoof, Jacob Rudecki, Justin Rudecki, Katie Marquardt, Marisa Schutz, Rebecca Rainey, Jessica Wallen, Amalia Calderon, Tara Baxter-Kline, Lauren McQuarters, Thomas Pope, Claire Olah, Sarah Schoof

**Hensley Legal Group Scholarship**  
Erica Hesters

**Ruth M. Howe Nursing Scholarship**  
Julissa Campos-Haro

**Ingersoll Trust Scholarship**  
Emily Kasarda, Maggie Schuster, Abigail Vaughn

**Dr. King S. Jones Memorial Scholarship**  
Jenna Szaday

**Arthur & Alice Kabelin Scholarship**  
Christina Ake, Payton Stevens, Alexa Kosior, Tyler Schoof, Jacob Kasarda, Savannah Vaughn

**Kabelin Family Scholarship**  
Carter Bernth, Hannah Esmeyer, Rayven Jarvis

**K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship**  
Katelyn McIntosh, Adam Gasaway

**Kelly-Prentiss Scholarship**  
Victoria Kneller

**Robert E. LeRoy Scholarship**  
Amie Decker, Emily Osborn, Michael Varda

**Robert L. Ludington and Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship**  
Alexandria Koontz, Julia Jongkind, Izabela Mazur, Annabelle Papai

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**Jacqueline Leal** was honored with the **Irvin E. Swanson Scholarship** by **Marti Swanson**. This scholarship has supported more than 60 scholars since its inception in 2004.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

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### **Robert L. Ludington and Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship**

Emily Ames, Logan Anthony, Natalie Aragon, Brooke Baima, Paige Barenthin, Kaitlin Bildhauser, Abigail Bildhauser, Moriah Carmel, Evan Chambers, Samantha Chappell, Kara Davis, Briana Deutch, Olivia Dybing, Emily Evers, Laura Fischer, Abigail Gibbs, Camille Goethals, Megan Gushrowski, Rhiana House, Jennifer Justice, Sydney Kohn, Nicholas Koontz, Tricia Kresel, Pauline Lutton, Jacob Marsh, Gabriela Mazur, Madeleine Nunn, Gerald Randle Jr., Natalie Riley, Skylar Senseny, Grace Siefker, Eryn Sitar, Sarah Smith, Laura Sosinski, Jenna Stevenson, Hayley Webb, Raven Wood, Amber Yussum, Ryan Yussum

### **Marilouise Lundgren Lossing Memorial Scholarship**

Ashley DeWitt, Megan Riley, David Knouse, Alyssa DeWitt, Taylor Lyles, Kristina Tague, Courtney Lindquist

### **Jack Lubeznik Scholarship**

Alexis Turner

### **Terence Metcalf Memorial Scholarship**

Garrett Eggert, Emily Evers

### **Ruth and Leonard Minich Scholarship**

Garrett Eggert

### **La Porte County Nursing Scholarship**

Paige Cuma, Annabelle Papai, Shaina Perry, Thalia Garcia, MacKinnon Tracy, Heidi VanWaardenburg, Ashley Campos, Hanna Walker, Keegan Long

### **Pioneer Scholarship**

Brittney Adams, Aliza Anderson, Tessa Bauman, Jeremy Garrett, Lindsey Jackson, Melissa Rudolph, Aldair Sanchez, Emma Zaknoun

### **Robert A. & Dorothy W. Rocke Scholarship**

Kameron Browder, Austin Casto, Daniel Council, Anna Nelson, Jasmin Robles, Katerina Shuble, Grace Tarnow, Linda Tharpe

### **Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship**

Sally Bibb, Davionne Garrett, Karmen Halfacre, Megan Methner, Dalin McCully, Araya Stahoviak, Sierra Urback

### **Floyd O. & Betty L. Shunk Scholarship**

Christine Ake, Matthew Bartels, Evan Curl, Marie Didion, Joe MacLennan, Madison McKibben, Lauren McQuarters, Bailey Severs, David Toth

**Elizabeth LaFollette**, the first recipient of the **Bharati Agrawal Scholarship**, was congratulated by **Dr. & Mrs. Amarnath & Bhagirathi Agrawal**.

### **Edward B. Siperek & Grace A. Steele Siperek Scholarship**

Alejandra Puentes, Skylar Rompa

### **Irvin E. Swanson Scholarship**

Jacqueline Leal, Michael Nichols

### **Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship**

Kara Blair, Rylee Ogle, Margaret Beeler, Emily Wilmsen

### **John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship**

Myon McGee

### **Unity Foundation County-Wide Scholarship**

Christina Ake, Kristen Gushrowski, Scott Kreighbaum, Eileen Latchford, Riley Moody, Emily Murray, Shania Povlock, Ryan Stevenson, Morgan Swanson

### **Arlo & Jayne Westphal Memorial Scholarship**

Madelyn Dowty



**Matthew and Kristine Moore, Diana Kabelin Corley, and Laura Costello** of **Kabelin ACE Hardware** celebrate with scholarship winner **Carter Bernth**. **The Kabelin Family Scholarship** honors students who value the gift of work as part of their education.



**Cliff Peterson** awards certificates to the **Pioneer Scholarship** winners. **The Pioneer Scholarship** was established in honor of his mother, **Isabelle Petereson**, who had a "pioneering spirit and great tenacity!"



# {EDUCATION} TEACHER GRANTS

ENRICH STUDENT EDUCATION

## LA PORTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Kingsbury Elementary School –**  
Donna Council, Kimberly Glenn,  
Carla Marhanka

## MICHIGAN CITY AREA SCHOOLS

**Barker Middle School**  
Kathleen Gushrowski, Lisa Martin,  
Valerie Mecklenburg, Mariah Pol,  
Maria Surma, Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel

**Coolspring Elementary School**  
Rita Cochran, Brianne Covington,  
Angela Dydo, Megan Edinger, Luci Mazac

**Edgewood Elementary School**  
Melissa Glowski, Karen Marfise, Teresa Pavloff,  
Julie Pitman, Michelle Sickles, Sheri Tuesburg

**Joy Elementary School**  
Shannon Chavis

**Knapp Elementary School**  
Elizabeth Law

**Krueger Middle School**  
Shirley Allen, Janine Peo

**Lake Hills STEM Magnet School**  
Candace Archer, Diane Grams,  
Cindy LoGreco, Erin Lozano,  
Janis Mitchell, DeAnna Munoz,  
Jane Shimala, Sheri Wagner, Penny Will

**Marsh Elementary School**  
Erin Breen, Susan Shell

**Michigan City High School**  
Susan Cleveland, Stephanie Dege,  
Deanna Ehrhardt, Julie Geyer,  
Jennifer Gracyalny, David Harris,  
Catherine Lindgren, Brian Meyers,  
Daena Sisk, Amy Wojasinski-Labis

**Pine Magnet School  
for the Performing and Visual Arts**  
Sharon Arndt, Amanda Bair, Megan Orlando,  
Rachel Palleschi, Zachary Taylor

**Springfield Elementary School**  
Debra Carpenter, Stephanie Klingenmeier,  
Amber Large, Nancy Porter, Jeffrey Russell,  
Krista Tuholski, Melissa Wise



Engaged students at **Edgewood Elementary** in **Julie Pitman's** class use technology to become experts on chosen subjects like Frida Khalo, Stan Lee or Walt Disney.

## MICHIGAN CITY PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

**Notre Dame Catholic School**  
Linda Barr, Barbara Brandon, Joanna Cate,  
Katherine Chlystun, Sara Conn, Kathy Dolezal,  
Lindsay McFadden, Sandy Purcell, Angela Ruiz

**Queen of All Saints Catholic School –**  
Caryn Lee Bednarek, Maggie Gondeck,  
Diana Kopczyk, Jennifer Zerbies

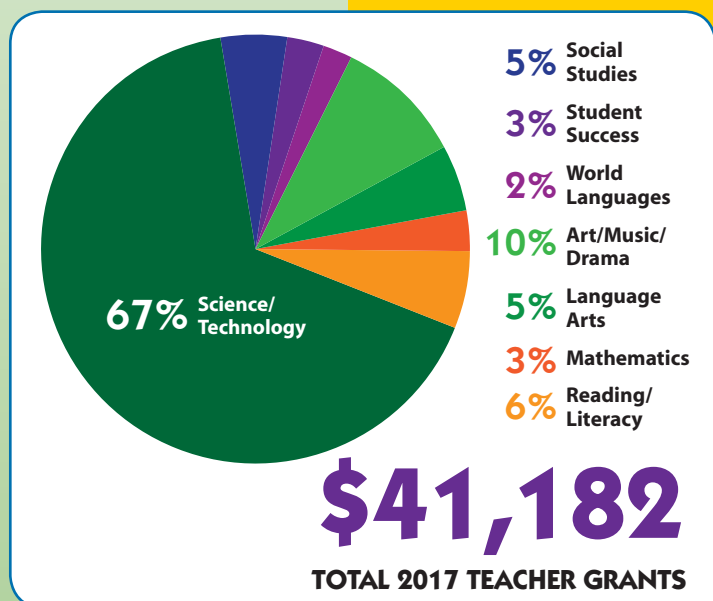
**St. Paul Lutheran School –**  
Lexa Allison, Melissa Bushnell



Teacher grants allow educators to offer creative and memorable lessons for their students, beyond what regular funding allows. To support these inventive and enthusiastic teachers consider a donation to one of our Teacher Grant Funds.

*Pictured (Top)* Candace Archer shows books used in her Lake Hills classroom.

*(Bottom R)* Teresa Pavloff displays artwork completed by students who take part in her monthly after school program "Picassos with Pavloff".





## Thomas Family Makes Immediate Impact

When Michigan City resident and former MCHS football coach, **Donnie Thomas**, passed away in May of 2017, his family knew they wanted to honor him in a way that reflected how he lived his life: supporting education and mentoring people to achieve their dreams. His wife, Peggy, instantly thought of creating a scholarship in his memory. The idea of annually honoring a qualified student with financial help for higher education seemed like the perfect fit.

While college scholarships are a great way to support continuing education in our community, it is not the only (or most effective) way to do so. After sitting down with the Unity team and sharing her goals for the fund, Peggy realized a once-a-year award would not reflect the magnitude of Donnie's impact on his community. Together, Peggy and her children Quinten and Kristen, decided to start a donor advised fund, and the Donnie & Peggy Thomas Empowerment Fund was born! Family and friends were encouraged to help grow the fund and make donations in Donnie's memory.



**"The response was tremendous," said Thomas, of the donations her fund received in honor of Donnie's larger than life personality.**

**"When he passed, so many people began to tell stories of how he had helped and supported them."**

Since starting the fund just this year they have already made 6 different grants to projects doing great work. They chose to support High School sports, provide teachers with classroom materials, helped Safe Harbor's Champion Robotics Team attend the world Championships and more. Through a partnership with the Greater Michigan City Chapter of the Drifters, Thomas was able to help 2 deserving young men afford college. Peggy and her family take pride in already helping hundreds of people vs 1 or 2 through a once a year, single scholarship.



**Peggy and her family take pride in already helping hundreds of people vs 1 or 2 through a once a year, single scholarship.**

"By establishing a fund with Unity," Thomas said, "I don't have to worry. Maggi and her staff are simply amazing. They made the process easy and were always willing to answer questions."

Unity is proud to offer community members like the Thomas Family an opportunity to support the wide variety of causes they care about. If, like Peggy and her children, you feel passion for many parts of life, this can be a great way to impact the people and programs you care about. A donor advised fund can stretch the possibilities of what it means to support your community. It's flexible, fun and forever. Donnie Thomas was a source of support and inspiration for the many lives he touched, and now, thanks to the Donnie & Peggy Thomas Empowerment Fund his legacy can continue the momentum.

**“When it comes to drafting wills,  
there’s no such thing as too early;  
there is only too late.”**

—Annie Lane, advice columnist

Annie couldn’t have said it better. Many people don’t realize that their financial life lives on for months or years after a person passes away. You can save a lot of headaches and make the most of your money by creating a will or estate plan. Unity has a new free tool that can help you! Just visit the **Planned Giving** resource on Unity’s website (just “click the beach” on [www.uflc.net](http://www.uflc.net)) to learn more about how estate planning works. On the site, you can do one of three things:

1. **Ask for a free Planning Guide**
2. **Sign up for the newsletter, or**
3. **Start creating your own plan!**

(1 minute videos show you how to use the tool and prepare for your visit with your professional.)



Visit  
**uflc.net**

*Click on the beach to visit  
the planned giving site –  
you’ll be glad you did!*

You’ll also find ideas for charitable planning that may save you tax dollars such as these:

- **IRA Charitable Rollover** – persons age 70 ½ or older can rollover up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a qualified charity like ours. This can lower your income and taxes.
- **Outright Gift of an Asset** – make a gift of stock, real estate or another asset, avoid paying capital gains tax on the transfer and receive a tax saving charitable deduction.
- **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)** – make a tax deductible gift to a DAF, which gives you the ability to make grants to your favorite charities this year and in future years.

For help getting started, contact our Development Officer, Jamie Miller, at [jmiller@uflc.net](mailto:jmiller@uflc.net).

**IGNITE**  
THE REGION

Northwest Indiana’s Strategy for Economic Transformation

We know many people may work, shop, dine, and play outside of La Porte County. That’s why Unity takes a regional approach with many of our efforts. We have partnered with our neighboring community foundations over the years. Most recently we came together to help fund the **Ignite the Region: NW Indiana’s Strategy for Economic Transformation**. Partnering with other community foundations helps us get way more done than if Unity tried to ‘go it alone.’ **Ignite the Region** has 5 key factor goals: business development & marketing, entrepreneurship & innovation, infrastructure, talent, and placemaking. To see the regional agenda, visit [NWIForum.org](http://NWIForum.org).

Ric Federighi, Mari Anthony, Deb Varnak, Debbie Sellers, Ed Seal, and Sandy Young pose after a great episode of *Livn’ The Life with Ric and Mari* on WIMS.



## Sharing the Good News!

When you are part of the Unity family, you never know where it might take you! Several of our agencies and partners joined us in the studio and on Facebook for *Livn’ the Life* with Ric Federighi and Mari Anthony this year. Each 1 hour show focuses on the amazing work people are doing. We’ve discussed everything from education and teacher grants to environmental efforts to how you (YES! YOU!) can start your own fund with Unity. The monthly program airs on WIMS AM 1420 FM 95.1, and Facebook 95.1FM/Am 1420 WIMS, the fourth Tuesday most months at 9:00 a.m. central time. We are grateful to our other local media partners who help us share the community’s good news: WEFM 95.9, WCOE FM, The NewsDispatch, La Porte County Herald Argus, The Beacher, What’s New La Porte, The Times La Porte County Life, and Regional News.

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# Unity

SUPPORTING  
MORE THAN **80**  
**LOCAL  
NONPROFIT  
PROJECTS**

BY AWARDED  
MORE THAN

**\$137,000**

**IN GRANT  
FUNDING**

## POWER FOR GOOD GRANTS SUPPORT LA PORTE COUNTY NONPROFITS AWARDED IN 2017

**A Hand Up Inc.**  
*The Changing Room*

**Arise & Shine  
Breakfast Ministry's, Inc.**  
*Power for Good/  
Feeding Our Community*

**Boys & Girls Club  
of Michigan City, Inc.**  
*My Future  
Project Learn*

**Catholic Charities  
of the Diocese of Gary**  
*Preventing Homelessness  
Through Financial Assistance  
Self-Sufficiency Workshop*

**Citizens Concerned  
for the Homeless, LLC**  
*Sand Castle Shelter's Better  
Parenting Through  
Coordinated Access  
Keys to Hope Community Resource  
Program ABC's to Self Sufficiency*

**City of Michigan City  
Department of Parks  
and Recreation**  
*Restoration Work Trailer  
& Chemical Storage Locker*

**Community Food Pantry  
of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee  
& Wills Townships**  
*Food Pantry*

**Dunebrook, Inc.**  
*Public Education*

*Family Depot*

**Duneland Beach Association**  
*Dune Restoration*

**Family Advocates, Inc.**  
*Child Abuse Prevention  
Month Community Training*

**Friends of Barker Civic Center**  
*Barker Mansion Stair Lift*

**Frontline Foundations, Inc.**  
*Art Recovery La Porte*

**Greater Michigan City Chapter  
of the Drifters Incorporated**  
*High School Senior College  
Readiness and Scholarship  
Workshops*

**Housing Opportunities, Inc.**  
*Therapy Works Counseling  
for Co-occurring Disorders*

**The Social and Learning  
Institute and Reins of Life**  
collaboration for adults with  
special needs reaped positive  
results for both organizations.



**Dancing through the  
Curriculum** encouraged  
students to express  
themselves at **Pine  
Elementary** as they  
portrayed historical events  
through dance.







Our annual luncheon is a great place to network with other community leaders like the **Paladin, Inc.** team!

## {COMMUNITY BETTERMENT}

### **Independent Cat Society**

*Let's Fix This 2.0*

### **Indiana Black Expo, Inc., Michigan City Chapter**

*City-Wide Back to School Rally*

### **Interfaith Community PADS, Inc.**

*Men & Women's Pads Programs*

### **Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana**

*Teaching La Porte's Future Workforce*

*Building a Financial Foundation for La Porte County*

### **La Porte Area Lake Association Inc.**

*Lake Weed Treatment*

### **La Porte County Public Library**

*Lendable STEAM Kits*

### **La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, Inc.**

*Children's Education Concert*

### **Lake Hills STEM Magnet School**

*The Importance of Computer Science Education*

### **La Porte County Habitat for Humanity**

*2018 La Porte County Habitat Build*

### **La Porte County Meals on Wheels**

*Blizzard Box Bonanza 3*

*HOT HOT HOT, COLD COLD COLD*

### **LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America**

*La Porte County Exploring Program*

### **Leadership**

### **La Porte County, Inc.**

*High School Leadership Program*

### **LOK Wishing Tree Foundation**

*Carbon Monoxide Safety & Awareness*

### **Lubeznik Center for the Arts**

*LCA Teen Arts Council*

### **MCAS Hours for Ours**

*Hours for Ours*

*High School Mentoring*

### **Michigan City Area Schools**

*MCAS "Dress for Success" Fund*

*MCAS "Future Wolves" Elementary*

*Sports Program*

### **Michigan City Holiday Meals**

### **North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc.**

*The Benefits of Active Learning*

*Children Vision Screening*

### **Open Door**

### **Community Alliance, Inc.**

*Open Door Community Alliance*

*Medication Assistance Program*

*Open Door Adolescent*

*Health Center (ODAHC)/*

*Student Success Team –*

*Problem Behavior Intervention*

### **Paladin, Inc.**

*Enrichment Programming*

### **READ La Porte County, Inc.**

*Tutoring at the Community*

*Corrections Center*

### **REAL Services, Inc.**

*Education and Resource Fair*

*for Dementia Caregivers*

### **Rebuilding Together**

### **La Porte County**

*Rebuilding Together*

### **Reins of Life, Inc.**

*La Porte County School Program*

*for Emotional Disabilities Classes*

*Raise the Roof*

### **Samaritan Counseling**

### **Centers, Inc.**

*Grant Writing Training*

*Prescription Drug CEU Training*

### **Save The Dunes**

### **Conservation Fund, Inc.**

*Save the Dunes Strategic Plan*

*Development for 2018-2022*

### **Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.**

*Nature Preserve*

*Trails Improvement Project*

### **Southshore Skipping Stones**

*Newborn Baby Care Basics:*

*Building Blocks of Knowledge, Know-how, and Support*

### **St. Francis Ministry**

*Sacred Heart Food Pantry*

### **St. Luke United**

### **Lutheran Church**

*Katie Luther's Mission Garden*

### **Stepping Stone**

### **Shelter for Women, Inc.**

*Youth Empowerment*

*Shelter Food Assistance Program*

### **The Child Care Consortium**

### **DBA Imagination Station**

*STEM+Family*

### **The Child Care Consortium, Inc.**

*STEM+Family*

### **The Community Reserve**

*Furnishings for Those in Need*

### **The Intrepid Phoenix**

*Fitness for Recovery*

### **The Pax Center**

*Jackson Street Garden Club*

*Good Food, Better Food*

### **The Salvation Army**

*Backpack Food for Kids*

### **The Salvation Army of La Porte**

*Pathway of Hope*

### **The Salvation Army**

### **of Michigan City**

*Men's Homeless Shelter Program*

*School Uniform Exchange*

### **The Social and Learning**

### **Institute for the Disadvantaged, Inc.**

*Music Therapy for Adults*

*with Special Needs*

*Science & Nature Exploration*

*for Adults with Special Needs*

### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

*Trinity Community Food Pantry*

### **United Way of La Porte County**

*Kindergarten Countdown Camps*

*Student United Way*

### **Urban League**

### **of Northwest Indiana**

*Project Ready*

### **Washington Park Zoo**

*Green Team Project*

### **Washington Park**

### **Zoological Society**

*Tiger Exhibit Rock Work Repairs*

### **Worthy Recovery Inc.**

### **DBA Worthy Women**

### **Recovery Home**

*Moral Resonance Therapy (MRT)*

*Jail Program*

### **Young Audiences**

### **of Indiana, Inc.**

*Dance, Writing and the*

*Indiana Dunes*

### **Young Mens**

### **Christian Association**

*Robotics Equipment for*

*School Age Childcare Sites*

*Michigan City Mentorship Program*

### **Youth Service Bureau**

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

### **of La Porte County, Inc.**

*School Buddies*

*Kids on the Block*

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# Unity HOME TEAM

{COMMUNITY  
BETTERMENT}

## VISION

To work together to create a county where all residents will live a life free from homelessness.

## MISSION

To strengthen communities in La Porte County to prevent and eliminate homelessness by establishing a comprehensive, coordinated system that is supported by local government leaders and owned by the wider community.

## LA PORTE COUNTY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS GOALS

### Prevention

1. Increase access to and funding for financial assistance
2. Prepare clients to meet with township trustee to apply for Township Assistance
3. Enhance importance of personal financial literacy
4. Prevent those being discharged from health care settings from becoming homeless
5. Prevent those being discharged from jails/prisons from becoming homeless

### Housing

6. Shelter people during unforeseen emergencies and rapidly re-house them
7. Immediately house people who are being discharged from facilities and stabilize them in the community
8. Have an adequate supply of permanent supportive housing for disabled populations
9. Increase the amount of adequate, affordable, and safe housing available
10. Organize and increase funding streams to better support Plan housing goals

### Income/Services

11. Make services more accessible
12. Increase employment opportunities
13. Increase access to income supports
14. Increase quality of client data through HMIS
15. Increase access to transportation
16. Continue to monitor and update services based on population needs
17. Increase access to health services

## The Home Team of La Porte County Partners

A Hand Up, Inc.

American Red Cross

Catholic Charities

Center Township Trustee

Dunebrook

Duneland Health Council

First Step Ministry

Goodwill Inc.

Habitat for Humanity

Head Start of La Porte County

HealthLinc

Homeward Bound Inc.

Housing Opportunities

Keys to Hope Drop-in  
Resource Center

Interfaith Community Pads

City of La Porte

La Porte County Drug Free  
Partnership

La Porte County Military  
Support Network

La Porte County Veterans Services

La Porte Salvation Army

Meridian Health Systems

City of Michigan City

Michigan City Housing Authority

Michigan City Salvation Army

PACT / Bradley Center

PAX Center

Sand Castle Shelter

and Grace Learning Center

Stepping Stone Shelter  
for Women

Swanson Center

United Way of La Porte County

Unity Foundation  
of La Porte County

We Connect



Home Team members appreciated learning ways to partner with the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority when they met with them at State Street Church in La Porte this year. Pictured from left are: **Emily Anderson**, IHCA Intern; **Lisa Pierzakowski**, Center Township Trustee; **Ed Seal**, Home Team Coordinator; **Dani Miller**, IHCA Production Coordinator; **Jacob Sipe**, IHCA Executive Director; and **Jordan Stanfill**, Executive Director Housing Opportunities.

## Home Team Advancing the Mission

The annual point in time count which measures the number of those without safe, stable shelter in our community has gone up in recent years and Unity is honored to work with those that are helping persons get housed and connected to needed services. Several Home Team partner agencies moved their mission forward in 2018. Each time we hear of an individual or family starting a new phase in their life – with a roof over their head – we are grateful for the opportunity to work with and facilitate collaboration between these important partners.

In 2018, due to the committed, impactful work by partner agencies and excellent facilitation of Home Team Coordinator Ed Seal, several occurrences helped to move the Home Team's agenda forward.

- Home Team representatives met with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, in separate meetings, to share progress and highlight the goals of our Plan to End Homelessness. State Representative Jim Pressel and former State Representative Tom Dermody coordinated these opportunities to share the way La Porte County agencies are working together to address homelessness issues in our community. As Crouch noted in her subsequent social media post, the Home Team is focused and taking action.
- A new Home Team partner, We Connect, has brought an Employer Resource Network to our community – this was a much needed service that had been a focus for the Home Team agenda and we were excited when we learned that We Connect had been formed. They work with businesses to help employees maintain their jobs by connecting them to resources when they are in need. We Connect Director, Jackie Dermody, shares, "Too often, someone thinks they have to quit their job when a personal crisis occurs – we show them how to maintain employment while dealing with the issue in front of them. Staying employed and staying housed are critical to them working through the crisis...we connect people to resources to do just that."
- The Home team also obtained funding from the Healthcare Foundation

of La Porte in 2018 and were able to hire OrgCode Consulting to complete a shelter system evaluation, which was completed in September 2018. Shelter providers and Home Team members are using the results of the study to work together to implement recommendations.

Our fourteen year facilitation of the Home Team collaboration has experienced many successes, yet there is much work to be done. If you'd like to be connected to one of the partner agencies or be involved with the comprehensive support towards a solution, email [hometeam1p@gmail.com](mailto:hometeam1p@gmail.com).

**Home Team could not complete its mission without the support of critical funders:**

 **Franciscan HEALTH**

**La Porte Hospital**

**HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE**

**Unity Foundation of La Porte County**

Improving Lives... One Person at a Time  
**Swanson Center**



**Maggi Spartz, Sandy Young, Maria Fruth, and Ed Seal** celebrate a grant awarded from the **Healthcare Foundation of La Porte**. Show your support for Home Team's efforts by making a donation to the **Home Team Fund** with Unity.



# 2017 Financial Summary

## Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2017

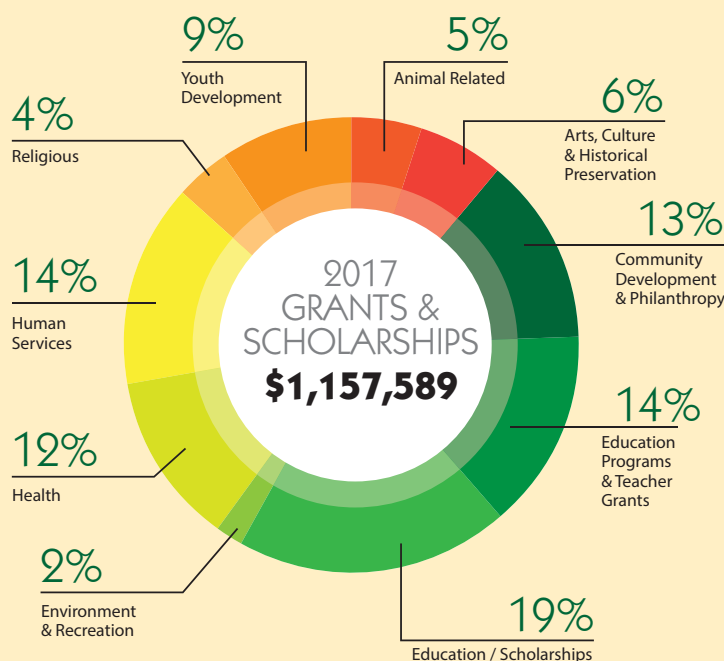
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

### ASSETS

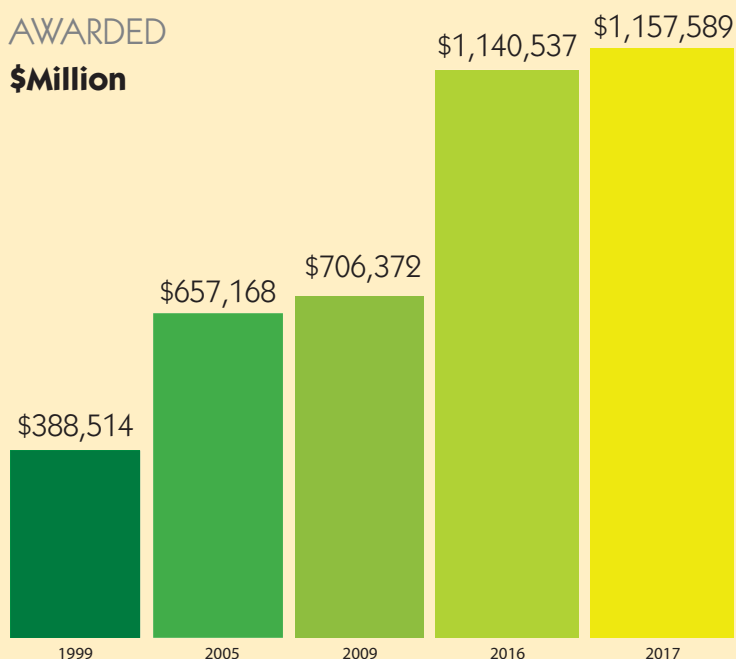
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$734,206
Investments .....	31,495,614
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	204,791
Net property and equipment .....	626,254
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$33,060,865</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	\$24,196
Non-current liabilities .....	2,207,768
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$2,231,964</b>
Unrestricted net assets.....	\$7,277,672
Temporarily restricted net assets.....	4,788,423
Permanently restricted net assets .....	18,762,806
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$30,828,901</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$33,060,865</b>



### GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED \$Million



The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2017 as audited 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 12/31/17 were 15.54% vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of 13.22%. The 3-year return was 5.86% vs. GRP of 6.00%; 5- Year: 7.19% vs. 7.92% GRP; 10 year: 5.19% vs 4.96% GRP.



## Unity Foundation of La Porte County

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

### REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

#### Investment Income

Interest and dividends .....	\$1,026,124
Realized losses .....	519,271
Unrealized losses .....	2,532,815
Contributions, grants and fees.....	1,673,196
Gift-in-kind rent .....	66,348
Rent income .....	28,785
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts.....	55,705
Special events income .....	36,349
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,815

**Total revenues, gains and other support .....\$5,940,408**

### EXPENSES

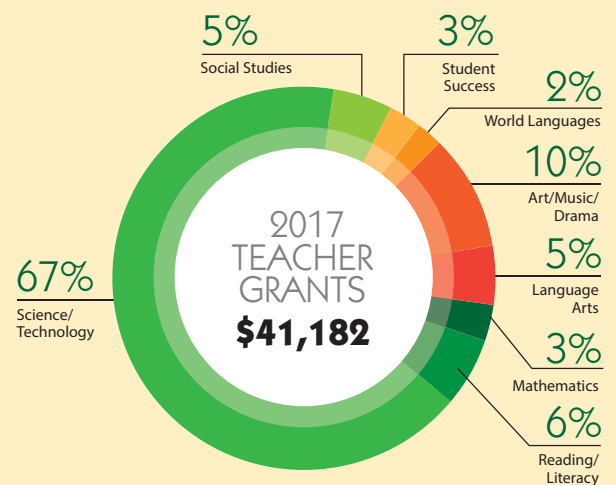
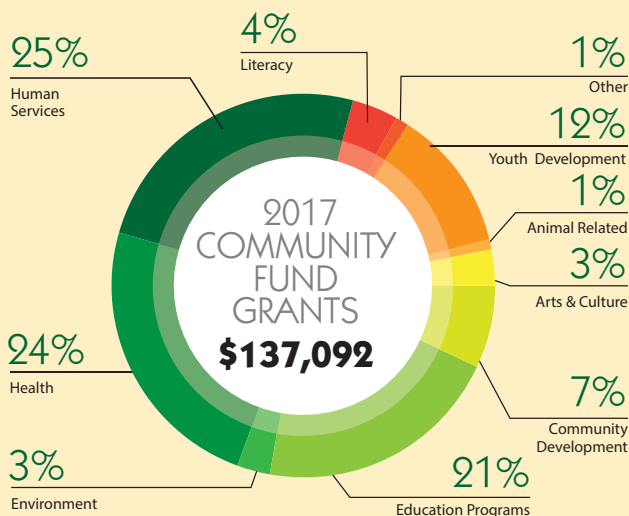
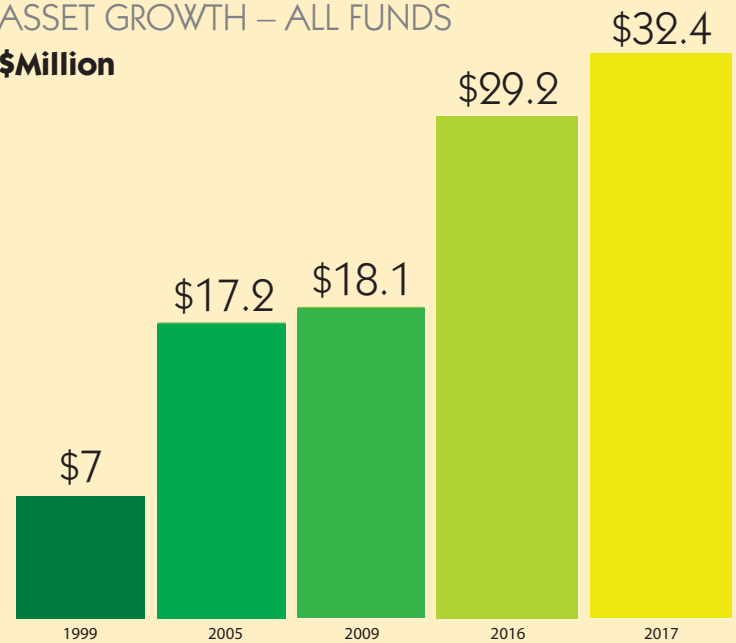
Program services .....	\$1,530,241
Supporting services.....	775,781
Fundraising.....	170,192

**Total Expenses .....\$2,476,214**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ..... \$3,464,194**

## SHAPING THE FUTURE

### ASSET GROWTH – ALL FUNDS \$Million



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## GOLD KEY SOCIETY

Unity is proud to serve our professional advisor community through annual workshops for continuing education and a robust Planned Giving website with helpful tools and up to date information. We appreciate those who help foster gifts to or through Unity Foundation as they assist their clients in attaining their philanthropic and financial planning goals. Last year, three new members joined the Gold Key Society and seven additional keys were awarded 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!

**Dave Albers**

*AFS Company, LLC*

**William Anderson, CPA**

**Paul Applegate**

*Applegate & Co. CPAs*

**Michael C. Brennan**

**Michael P. Burns**

**William and Sara Carlisle**

*Geisen-Carlisle Funeral & Cremation Services*

**Robin Clark**

*Horizon Bank*

**Nate Cobbs**

*Harbour Trust & Investment Management*

**Jess Denger**

*Edward Jones*

**V. Michael Drayton**

*Drayton, Biege, Sirugo, & Elliott, LLP*

**William A. Elliott**

*Drayton, Biege, Sirugo, & Elliott, LLP*

**Espar & Associates**

**Shaw Friedman**

*Friedman & Associates, P.C.*

**Greta Friedman**

**Tim Gartland, AAMS**

*Edward Jones*

**Alicia Gloyeske**

*Attorney*

**Richard Graham, CFP**

*Eley-Graham Financial Advisory Services*

**Steven Gronceski, CFP**

*Strategic Financial Group, LLC*



**Jess Denger,**  
*Edward Jones,*  
celebrates receiving  
his third gold key  
from Unity  
Foundation for  
assisting donors in  
meeting their  
philanthropic goals.



Gold Key members **Lori Howard, John Weithers,** and **Stephanie Oberlie** of *Harbour Trust & Investment Management* helped their clients achieve their philanthropic goals through Unity Foundation's diverse gift options.

**Lynn Haverstock**

*Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel*

**William E. Hedge**

*Attorney*

**Cynthia Hedge**

*Attorney*

**Lori Howard**

*Harbour Trust & Investment Management*

**Ralph F. Howes**

*Howes and Howes, LLP*

**Michael K. Jones, CFP**

*Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.*

**James Kaminski**

*Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones*

**John A. Kaylor**

*Schmitt & Kaylor, CPAs*

**David R. Kibbe, J.D.**

*Indiana Trust Wealth Management*

**Dale Knouse**

*Cutler Funeral Home*

**Deborah J. Koller, AAMS**

*Raymond James*

**Michael R. Kopec**

*Edward Jones*

**Scott S. Luc, CFP®**

*Wealth Management Advisor Merrill Lynch*

**Lawrence J. Mazur**

*Attorney*

**Barry F. McDonnell**

*Attorney*

**Ann Metcalf, CPA**

*Angelos & Rardin*

**Shelley A. Mulconrey**

*Horizon Trust & Investment Management*

**Stephanie K. Oberlie**

*Harbour Trust & Investment Management*

**Justin M. Padgett CFP®**

*Valeo Financial Advisors, LLC*

**Dale Parkison, CPA**

*Parkison & Hinton, Inc., P.C.*

**David F. Pendergast**

*Edward Jones*

**Lawrence Rardin, CPA**

*Angelos & Rardin*

**Patrick W. Reynolds**

*Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel*

**Michael V. Riley**

*Attorney*

**Thomas W. Root**

*Root Funeral Home*

**Bob Rose**

*Harbour Trust & Investment Management*

**Jonathan E. Salisbury, AAMS**

*Edward Jones*

**Rachel L. Saxon**

*Horizon Trust & Investment Management*

**Richard J. Schmitt, CPA**

*Schmitt & Kaylor*

**James M. Shearin, CPA**

*Schmitt & Kaylor*

**Bruce L. Stevens**

*StevINS Financial Services*

**Marti Swanson**

*Swanson & Swanson Insurance*

**Susan M. Vance**

*The Power of Money 101*

**Karen Vogelsang**

*Vogelsang Asset Management*

**Ed L. Volk**

*Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones*

**Edward J. Wainscott**

*Edward J. Wainscott, CPA*

**John H. Weithers**

*Harbour Trust & Investment Management*

**Bradley Werner, AAMS**

*Brad Werner & Co.*

**Todd Wooten, CSA, CID**

*Blue Sky Financial Partners, Inc.*





*Pictured (Left):* **Linda Wiltfong, Montana Hobby** and **Kim Presley** greet attendees at Unity's Annual Update Luncheon.



*Pictured (Right):* **Michigan City Education Foundation** committee members look on as a teacher discusses how a grant changed her year with her students.



**Tom Powley** and **Karri Krumrow**, both of **1st Source Bank**, celebrate grants that were awarded to various nonprofits in the community through **Unity's Power for Good Fund**.

# SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH **Unity** VOLUNTEERS



**Rev. Joel Zipay**, Unity Grant Committee member and Grant Committee Chairman, **Rudy Kohn**, brought great humor and celebration to this year's Unity Annual Update Lunch at the historic Civic Auditorium.

Matt & Maria Amor  
Jada Anderson  
Hassan Baydoun  
Liz Bernel  
Mike Brennan  
Kathy Brennan  
LeVana Briggs  
Denise Brown  
Julie Burke  
John Carmen  
Vane Clayton  
Nancy Clayton-Ault  
Joe Coar  
Diana Kabelin Corley  
Laura Costello  
Earl & Faye Cunningham  
V. Michael Drayton

Katie Eaton  
Tom Edwards  
Karen Ellison  
Samantha Everett  
Dale Ferraro  
Greta & Shaw Friedman  
Greg Fruth  
Tom Garwood  
Jon Gilmore  
Kevin Higdon  
Horizon Bank Facilities  
& Service Dept.  
Barb Howe  
Carol Howe  
Jim Howe  
Sandra Hudson  
Debora Hunter

Heidi Jaffee  
Jim Jessup  
Gail Johnson  
Jim Kaminski  
Dot Kesling  
Lisa Kincaid  
Debbie Klosowski  
Rudy Kohn  
Dr. Vidya Kora  
Sophie Koss  
Matt Kubik  
Paul Kysel  
Mary Laramore  
Beth LeRoy  
Jeff LeRoy  
Mary Lou Linnen  
Roger Lippold  
Paul Lloyd  
Michele Magnuson  
Eugene Matzat  
Sue McCormack  
Corinne McGrail  
Michael McKervey  
Ann & Bernard Metcalf  
Scott Miller  
Leigh Morris  
Shalanda Morrow  
Andy Neal  
Alfreda Nelson

Angie Nelson Deutch  
Connie Novak  
Nelson Pichardo  
Dick Pilcher  
Tom Powley  
Kim Presley  
Carolyn Probasco  
Sharon Raab  
Ron Ragains  
Warren Ransom  
Ann Robson  
Irene Rosevear  
Linda Saddler  
Kim Sauers  
Mark Scarborough  
Myron Schafer  
Jan Schlegelmilch  
Brenda Schultz  
Debbie Sellers  
Betty Shunk  
Dan Shunk  
Duane Seifert  
Kim Siefker  
Tom Spartz  
Drew Spartz  
Jessica Spiess

Brenda Stellema  
Marti Swanson  
Trish Tompkins  
Tonn & Blank  
Construction  
Florene Troyer  
Dale Tuholski  
Larry Tuholski  
Ed Volk  
Kathy Walker  
Richard Warner  
John Weithers  
Greg Werner  
Chuck White  
Claudia Williams  
Linda Wiltfong  
Judy Wright  
Susan Wright  
Jim Wszolek  
Sandy Young  
Rev. Joel Zipay

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**Leadership La Porte County's 34th Class**  
celebrate their graduation from the program  
that takes participants through all the ins and  
outs of our community and its leaders.

## Gifts

11/1/17 – 9/30/18

## Power of Community in La Porte County

### In Memory of

Fr. Joseph Angotti	Margaret F. Hiler
Debbie Carter Berkson	Ralph Howes, Sr.
Thomas F. Brady Jr.	Theresa Jamieson
Barbara Schlundt	June B. Kelley
Buckner	Lindsey O'Brien Kesling
Gene W. Burrows Jr.	Ed Kis
Jon Clark	Joe Knapcik
William H. Coar	Tommy Kowalick
Bob Cooper	Sandy Kowalski
Mary Ann	Joseph Krochta
(Neary) Cover	Leroy Lewis
Leon Dargis	Jacquelyn Peters Lobl
Jeff DeCamp	Audrey Lundeen
Carley Jo Dickard	Fannie McGhee
Edna Dingler	Dorothy Jean Meixel
June Drader	Ron Menke
Jake Eason	Ruth & Leonard Minich
Lucille (Smith) Emery	Steve Minich
Mark E. Essling	Shirley Missina
Richard W. Euler	Harry Moore
Caitlin Foreman	Thomas Mrozinski
Robert H. Forney	Gloria Neff
Blanch Gertrude	John Newcomb
Martha Elisa Greeb	Richard Niegos
Gerald Greenawalt	Hanna Helen Ohlund
Bobbe Gull	Lorraine Orłowski
Don Guse	Gertrude G. (Miller) Pahl
Bert Hallin	

Lynsey Kathleen Painter  
Vance Parkhouse  
Dr. Rade Pejic  
Isabelle Peterson  
Kenneth Porter  
Michael L. Riehle, Sr.  
Buzz Russell  
Coach Schreiber  
Jeanette H. Shaffer  
Richard Sherwood  
Mrs. & Mrs. Sikora  
Rodney W. Smith  
Bill Staples  
Bob Sutherlin  
Thomas Szawara  
Anne Todd  
John Troyer  
Chuck Tyler  
Sharon Van Kley  
Sam Vasquez  
Ellen Volk  
Al Whitlow  
LaVaughn Wiersma  
Cynthia Wimer  
John Yates

### In Honor of

34th Leadership Class  
Paul Applegate  
Brett Binversie  
- Polar Plunge  
Class of 1964  
Long Beach School  
Jess Denger  
Evan Ekblaw  
Eric Ekblaw  
Tim Gartland  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard  
E. Graham  
Melissa Henrichs  
Patricia Irene Hoffmann  
Linda Hough  
Lori Howard  
Brad & Shelley Kaser's  
Wedding  
Lillie Kessler &  
The Robotics Team  
Ross & Sue Lawrence  
60th Anniversary  
Michael Maesch  
MCHS Class of 1998  
Lukas Mergenthaler  
Michigan City Robo Blitz  
Robotics Team  
Leigh & Marcia Morris

Gene & Mona Pavey  
Christmas 2017  
Gene & Mona Pavey  
65th Anniversary  
Union Mills - Mill Pond  
Dean Price  
Sally Boudreau Roberts  
To honor all the great  
baseball coaches who  
devote their time and  
talents to their players  
La Porte County Row Crop  
Carol Ruzic  
Melissa Saylor  
Bob & Jayne Schaefer  
Debbie Sellers  
Maggi Spartz  
Richard & Dorothy  
Tulholtski's 60th  
Jim & Virginia Jessup  
Al Walus  
John Weithers

# UnityFUNDS | 2018

## 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  
 Petrea A. Clark 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  
 Scott & Marianne Rice Family Community 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 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

Bethany Community Fund\*  
 Economic Development Investment Fund  
 Honor Our Military 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  
 United Way of Greater La Porte County Endowment Fund  
 Unity Foundation Operating Fund  
 Unity Foundation Operating Endowment Fund

## Education

Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Fund  
 The Graduates of Isaac C. Elston High School Education Support 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  
 LOK Wishing Tree Foundation  
 Marquette Catholic HS Education Fund  
 Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation  
 Michigan City Area Schools Endowment Fund  
 Michigan City Education Foundation

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J. Robert & Marjorie Miller  
Teacher Advancement Fund  
Morgan Family Foundation Fund  
Notre Dame Catholic School  
Education Fund  
Peepers for Teachers\*

Queen of All Saints School Language Arts  
South Central Education Foundation\*  
Teacher Innovation Fund for MCAS  
Westville Schools (MSD of  
New Durham Twp) Endowment

## Emergency Housing & 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  
Fox Memorial Park Endowment Fund\*  
Friendship Botanic Gardens Fund  
June B. Kelley Garden Fund for Long Beach  
La Porte City Park Foundation Fund  
La Porte County Conservation Fund\*  
La Porte County Conservation Trust Fund  
La Porte County Park Foundation 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  
Taleamor Park Environment & Art Fund  
Trail Creek Watershed Partnership Fund\*  
Urban Forestry Fund – Michigan City  
Unity Park Endowment Fund

## 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  
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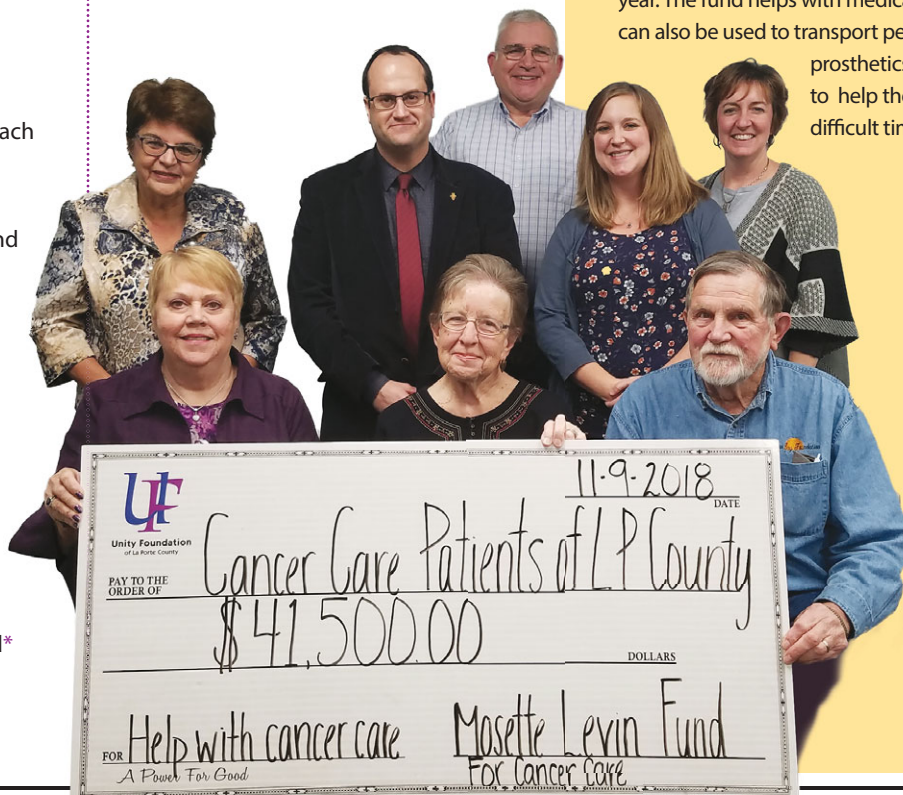
## Historic Preservation

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

## 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  
Home Team 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 Orłowski Fund  
for Housing & Homelessness

**Angel Network:** \$41,500 is granted from the **Mosette Levin Cancer Care Fund** to support people when they need it most - when fighting cancer. **New Day Foundation, Franciscan Alliance, Healthcare Foundation of La Porte,** and Unity meet annually to share resources, discuss trends and strategies used to help hundreds of people each year. The fund helps with medical treatments, but can also be used to transport people, buy wigs or prosthetics, and other things to help them through difficult times.



Unity representatives **Angie Deutch** (*far right*) and **Maggi Spartz** (*front left*) celebrate the **Robo Blitz** robotics team's victory at the State championships. **Unity Foundation**, with the help of an anonymous donor and a lot of fans, helped the team raise **\$10,000 in just one week** so they could attend the **World Championship**.



## 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  
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)  
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana  
Hands off Heroin Fund, MSD  
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Junior Achievement of Michigan City  
La Porte County Fair Unity Fund  
La Porte County Family YMCA Fund

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La Porte County Family YMCA  
MC Elston Branch Endowment Fund  
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  
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Evelyn & Robert Johnson Fund for the First Christian Church of La Porte  
La Porte Catholic Church Fund\*  
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  
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  
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

## 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  
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Harry Kelling Scholarship Fund  
Kelly-Prentiss Scholarship  
Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund for PNW

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Scholarship Fund

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Lilly Endowment  
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**Got Swine?** Nearly 20 years ago, the family of the late **Clarence Weinkauff** started a fund to encourage youth to take on extra challenges by breeding their own swine. This turns a 3 month project into a year-long effort. While home-bred swine rarely win Grand Champion, the Weinkauff Fund provides a **\$500** award to a 4-H'er who stands out. The 2018 winner was **Erica Skibinski**. Also shown are **Sue McCormack** and her daughter **Jessica Spiess**.

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