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## MARY LOU LINNEN ELEVATED TO HONORARY MEMBER OF THE UNITY BOARD



Mary Lou Linnen was elevated to Honorary Member status in late 2018. She joined the board in 1995 and did whatever she could to help Unity grow. She headed the Investment Committee for many years, bringing her lifetime of experiences with her. She co-founded the Michigan City Education Foundation, under Unity's umbrella, which has granted over \$250,000 – directly into Michigan City public and parochial school classrooms, making learning and teaching a lot more fun! Mary Lou provided a lot of behind the scenes leadership. She learned how to help Unity grow while at the same time, achieving her charitable and community betterment goals. Mary Lou planted trees under which she will never sit...she will always be a "power for good." Thank you Mary Lou!



## C. EDWARD RAAB

We are saddened by the passing of one of the Unity Foundation's founding board members, **Ed Raab**.

Ed was critical to the success of the Unity Foundation especially in the early days. As a professional with Crowe Chizek CPA's, Ed provided important guidance on Unity's financial and governance issues. Through Ed and Crowe

Chizek, the Unity Foundation found its first office in Michigan City, which is now where the Lubeznik Center for the Arts is located. Crowe Chizek provided space, administrative and accounting support for Unity's very first years. Ed served on Unity's board from 1992 through 2003 and helped Unity grow to \$15 million in assets.

Ed's wife and best friend, Sharon volunteers with Unity supporting the Michigan City Education Foundation and has done so for more than 20 years. This group recommends grants to support teachers in the Michigan City public and parochial schools, bringing teaching to life for students in grades K-8. They also personally visit each classroom to meet the teachers and see the project in action. The students and teachers love it when the "The Ladies" come to see them.

We are so grateful to Ed Raab and his contributions to the start-up and nurturing of the Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Ed was truly a power for good....in so many ways. He will be missed.

## UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY STAFF



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Ed & Debra Kammrath  
Mayor Ron Meer and the  
City of Michigan City  
The Zebra

The theme "Shaping the Future" was adopted after celebrating our 25th anniversary. It signaled the Unity Foundation moving to our next phase. Little did we know that our good friends in Indianapolis, the Lilly Endowment, Inc., would be enabling us to do just that...shape the future of La Porte County and our region.

How does one "Shape the Future?" At Unity, we believe it starts with a vision and is propelled by good planning and lots of strategic effort. In order to update the vision for La Porte County, we have partnered with the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, raised funds and hired planning NEXT to help us engage with residents to hear what they have to say. The last time this process was done was 30 years ago under the Purdue Cooperative Extension program called "Take Charge." Now is the time to conduct a bottom up and top down discussion on what would be best for our communities.

Last fall, the Lilly Endowment announced GIFT VII, which is a multi-tiered opportunity to strengthen Unity, La Porte County and the region. Unity applied for planning dollars as allowed. We decided to use some for La Porte County specifically and some to look at what could help La Porte County if done on a regional basis.

To date, we have engaged with nearly 1,000 residents who attended listening sessions, meetings or completed our on-line survey questions. We will continue to ask for community input, then marry it with data and analysis of existing community plans to further narrow it down. Our goal is to create a community- centered action agenda that everyone can help to implement. When we say everyone, we've learned over the years that no one organization or person can do it all, and no one can do it alone.

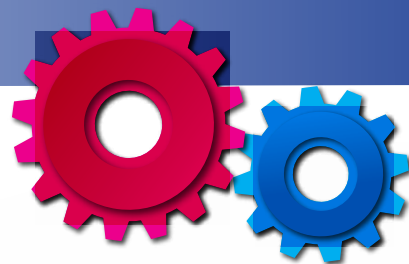
The Vibrant Communities of La Porte County effort has gotten people excited. For many it was the first time they had written a 'future headline' about what we could be in 30 years. It was the first time they'd been asked to think about what makes them optimistic or concerned, or what places they consider strong and which ones could be better. This discussion is leading us to think about our people, places and prosperity and how we can create a higher quality of life for all.

Please join us as we look to 'Shape the Future' for us, our families, our fabulous natural resources and those who will follow after us. Visit [Vibrantlpcounty.org](http://Vibrantlpcounty.org) to follow the process and to see how you can help "Shape the Future."

**Maggi Spartz**  
President

**Jon Gilmore**  
Co-Chair

**Michele Magnuson**  
Co-Chair



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*Honorary  
Board Members:*  
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*seated from left:*

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**Marti Swanson**  
**Angie Nelson Deutch**  
**Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins**

*second row:*

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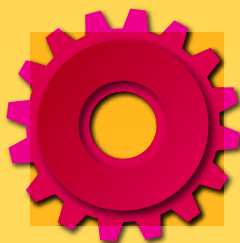
in La Porte County



# SHAPING THE FUTURE with Unity

## EDUCATION/TECH

### Getting Technical with La Porte County



**"We want our kids to have an advantage when they graduate, and definitely not be left behind. The goal is to reach 100% student involvement within the next 3 years."**

— Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation president

The future of La Porte County's workforce will look different than it does today, and Unity Foundation is excited about that potential! Continuing our work with partners like the **La Porte County Skill UP Network**, our schools, the NWI Society of Innovators at PNW and the NWI Forum's "Ignite the Region", we are passionate about exposing La Porte County students & teachers to coding and STEM skills. To reach the goal, Unity Foundation Professional Volunteer, **Linda Wiltfong**, worked with our partners to expand the "Week of Code" efforts in 2018.

**The result: Nearly 12,000 (70%) La Porte County K- 12 students spent at least one hour in hands-on computer science and coding activities. This embodies problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills needed for the workplace.**

Students aren't the only ones who need to sharpen their coding and technical skills. Teachers do too. That's why Unity Foundation partnered with the six school corporations, La Porte County Public Library, the La Porte County Skill UP Network, Purdue University Northwest, and Ivy Tech to host the first ever Summer Technology Teacher Training. For two days, the free and local event, brought more than 80 educators together to learn new ways to use tech in their classrooms. Attendees were inspired by keynote speaker; Blair Milo, Indiana's first Secretary for Career Connections and Talent; a panel of employers describing their living wage jobs and the skills needed; and fun, hands-on breakout sessions conducted by experienced local teachers.

A Unity donor's gift assured that all teachers had tech tools in each school building when school began. "I really enjoyed getting to experience the kits that are coming to our schools," one teacher said in a post-event survey, "It allowed me to gain insight and information into how to use these devices with my students." 100% of teachers who attended said they would participate in future "Hour of Code" events.

Supporting our students and teachers through Week of Code and the Summer Teacher Tech Conference is one way Unity is working to help "Shape the Future."



Driving robots is just one way to help students realize that coding and STEM activities can be exciting ways to learn complex information.



**Kelly Molchan**, Sullair, and **Linda Wiltfong**, Unity Foundation, celebrate that Sullair employees surprised our Summer Technology Conference participants with a truckload of school supplies to help restock their classrooms!



Local educators took time to attend the 2019 Summer Technology Conference and sharpen their coding and computer technology skills at PNW Westville!

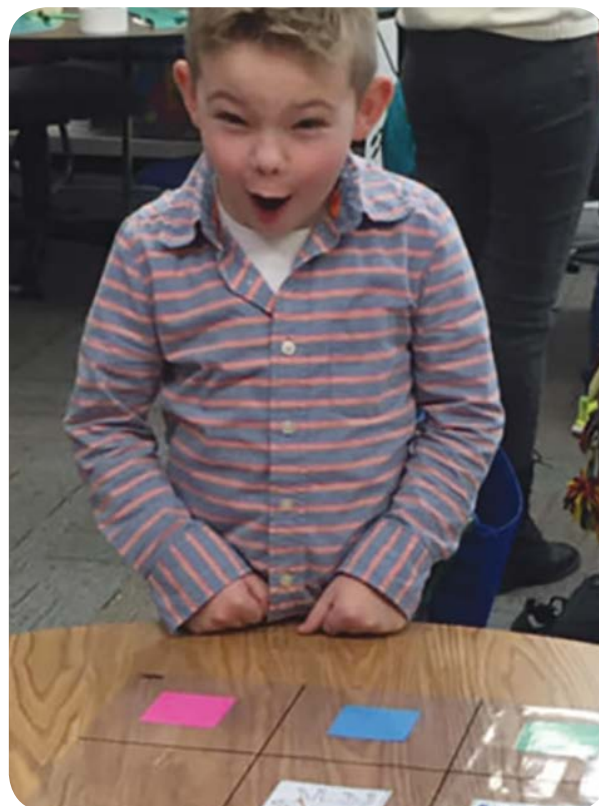


## Local Scholarship Impact

Robert and Anita Ludington embodied the “American Dream.” The Robert L. and Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship with Unity is now helping other’s dreams come true.

Both Robert and Anita believed that learning was the greatest gift one could give or receive. In 2019, this scholarship helped several returning college students attending Ivy Tech pursue their own dreams. Scholarships were awarded for specific skills training such as welding and early childhood education courses. Assuring that our community has high quality well-trained employees is an important goal, and the Ludington family’s vision is helping achieve it!

Creating excitement about coding for students like **Finely** at South Central helps prepare them for 21st century careers!



For additional details visit [uflc.net](http://uflc.net)



# SHAPING THE FUTURE with Unity

## EDUCATION

### Messages of gratitude received in Thank You notes from Scholarship Recipients

"A million thanks to the Scholarship committee for choosing me as a recipient this year. I am beyond grateful to be awarded this scholarship as I continue my education post-undergrad."

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Ingersoll Trust Scholarship. Your generosity has provide me with the opportunity to continue to pursue my education. This award further motivates me to succeed in my education and do my very best."

"I greatly appreciate the \$1,000 that will benefit my college expenses. I am excited for my future at St. Mary's College that will be full of knowledge, experience, and volunteering."



The **Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship** rewards students with increasing awards each year of successful college completion - helping them stay motivated to pursue their dreams!



The **Irv and Peg Swanson Scholarship** recipients celebrate with **Marti Swanson** as they look forward to the fall knowing that these funds will help minimize their college debt.



More than a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships were awarded to deserving recipients in 2019 - all from Funds created by caring donors in our community.



# 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Diane K. Bamberth  
Memorial Award**  
Emerson Easton  
Abigail McCormick

**Judith A. Amor  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Marie Didion

**Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzhaf  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Adam Boniface  
Megan Boyd  
Thomas Eggleston  
Elaina Kobitz  
Sydney Moody  
Alexandra Palmer  
Ashleigh Suppinger  
Alexa Zeese

**Benzs Family Scholarship**  
Bailee Laux  
Amanda Sparks  
Sydney Starks

**Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton  
Scholarship**  
Bailey Severs

**Cunningham Scholarship**  
Aliza Anderson  
Kaitlin Bildhauser

**Ernest & Mildred Delco  
Scholarship**  
Alayna Holifield  
Sarah Smith

**Carley Dickard  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Shelby Riehle

**La Porte County E-Z Riders  
Horse & Pony Scholarship**  
Zachary Petri  
Angela Shebel

**Galena Township Scholarship**  
Riley Moody  
Sydney Moody  
Kenzie Williams

**James A. & Phyllis A. Garwood  
Memorial Music Scholarship**  
David Knouse

**Donald & Beverly Guse  
Scholarship**  
Hannah Leffew  
James Mitzner

**Hensley Legal Group  
Scholarship**  
Kimber Magers

**Robert J. Hiler  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Justin Jayasinghe  
Lauren McQuarters  
Claire Olah  
Grace Olah  
Benjamin Patterson  
Emma Patterson  
Thomas Pope  
Rebecca Rainey  
Jacob Rudecki  
Justin Rudecki  
Alyssa Schoof  
Sarah Schoof  
Noah Schutz  
Karah Schutz  
Gabriel Silfa  
Leanna Smith  
Jamilexy Vazquez

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

**Ingersoll Trust Scholarship**  
Elisabeth Novak  
Allison Varda

**Dr. King S. Jones  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Kristen Gushrowski

**Arthur & Alice Kabelin  
Scholarship**  
Christine Ake  
Molly Hodge  
Summer Huber  
Jacob Kasarda  
Courtney Lindquist  
Edgar Villa

**Kabelin Family Scholarship**  
Alyssa Foster  
Emma Watterson

**K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship**  
Chloe Cloutier  
Katelyn McIntosh

**Richard and Tracy Krause  
Scholarship**  
Callie Metzger

**Robert E. LeRoy Scholarship**  
Brogan Briggs  
Madeleine Nunn

**Marilouise Lundgren Lossing  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Alyssa DeWitt  
Ashley DeWitt  
David Knouse  
Courtney Lindquist  
Taylor Lyles  
Megan Riley  
Kristina Tague

**Robert L. Ludington  
and Anita Huppenthal  
Ludington Scholarship**  
Emily Ames  
Brooke Baima  
Austin Belkiewicz  
Megan Boyd

Gavin Buchanan  
Jocelynn Coleman  
Evangelea Dabagia  
Olivia Dybing  
Garrett Eggert  
Kieri Everett  
Madeline Fleshman  
Nadia Flores  
Chris French  
Abraham Gray  
Megan Gushrowski  
Amber Haack  
Keeley Higley  
Wyatt Hinz  
Erik Hultgren  
Jennifer Justice  
Emily Kasarda  
Alexandria Koontz  
Alexa Kosior  
Eileen Latchford  
Gabriela Mazur  
Julia Miller  
Rory Neary  
Sarah Painter  
Lucas Papai  
Emma Rice  
Megan Riley  
Ashley Ronvik  
Jillian Ross  
Katelyn Rudolph  
Katie Schoof  
Hannah Schuster  
Skylar Senseny  
Sara Siegmund  
Eryn Sitar  
Laura Sosinski  
Chloé Stantz  
Zoe Surma  
Hannah Swanson  
Bria Thomas  
Abigail Vaughn  
Presley Willoughby  
Raven Wood

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**Robert L. and Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship** recipients were out in full force at Unity's Annual Scholarship Reception!

# SHAPING THE FUTURE with Unity

## EDUCATION

**"This is one way Unity 'invests in our people' to make La Porte County and our nation even stronger. The cumulative impact is seen in the great work being done by our county's past Lilly Scholars nationally, regionally, and right here in La Porte County!"**

— Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President



Lily Carmel

Abigail Roberts

**Lily Carmel** celebrates receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship with NPHS administration.



**Abigail Roberts** celebrates being awarded the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship with LPHS School administration.

## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

### CONTINUES TO HELP LA PORTE COUNTY STUDENTS PURSUE THEIR DREAMS

The Unity Foundation is pleased to announce two students were selected to be the 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars representing La Porte County.

**Lily Carmel** from New Prairie High School and **Abigail Roberts** from La Porte High will receive tuition to the Indiana colleges of their choice, and an annual \$900 stipend for required books and equipment. The key elements of exemplary academic achievement, service to others, and impactful extracurricular involvement were strongly exhibited by both recipients.

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.

## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS *(continued from previous page)*

**ACME Lodge #83  
F.&A.M. Scholarship**  
Mikayla Rosenbaum

**Terence Metcalf  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Benjamin Pizarek

**Ruth & Leonard Minich  
Scholarship**  
Emily Evers  
Melissa Rudolph

**La Porte County  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Ashley Campos  
Paige Cuma  
Thalia Garcia  
Keegan Long  
Shaina Perry  
Heidi VanWaardenburg  
Hannah Walker  
Kayla Wurster  
Abigail Zila

**Pioneer Scholarship**  
Laura Bahena  
Tessa Bauman  
Javante Blakely

Austin Casto  
Anna Nelson  
Janelle O'Neal  
Skylar Rompa  
Alexis Woods  
Amber Yussum  
Ryan Yussum

**Robert A. & Dorothy W.  
Rocke Scholarship**  
Jocelynn Coleman  
Daniel Council  
Kelsey Creager  
Breanna Dove  
Maggie Schuster  
Jacob Marsh  
Nicholas Pearish  
Jasmin Robles  
Virginia Rocke

**Donald F. Scott  
Motivational Scholarship**  
Dalín McCully  
Davionne Garrett  
Karmen Halfacre  
Kasey Halfacre  
Bibb Sally  
Sierra Urback

**Floyd O. & Betty Shunk  
Scholarship**  
Austin Belkiewicz  
Evan Curl  
Thalia Garcia  
Jacqueline Leal  
Lauren McQuarters  
Andrew Plank  
Bailey Severs  
David Toth  
Hannah Walker  
Emily Wilmsen

**Edward B. and Grace A. Steele  
Siperek Scholarship**  
Megan Blank  
Savannah Starr  
Amelia Surma

**Irvin & Peg Swanson  
Scholarship**  
Abraham Gray  
Jacqueline Leal

**Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship**  
Madeline Fleshman  
Emily Gushrowski  
Katelyn Rudolph  
Jack Smith

**John R. & Florene A. Troyer  
Scholarship**  
Sydney Kohn

**Unity Foundation  
County-Wide Scholarship**  
Evangalea Dabagia  
Olivia DeWitt  
Laura Fischer  
Victoria Horne  
Jacob Kiser  
Thomas Komay  
Myon McGee  
Riley Moody  
Claire Salyer  
Jenna Stevenson

**D.I. Walker Scholarship**  
Preston Krause  
Thomas Krause

**Arlo & Jayne Westphal  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Madeline Berg



Grant recipient **Teresa Pavloff** and retired principal, **Peggy Thomas** of Edgewood Elementary explain how *Paintings with Pavloff* engages students and their families with the arts.



**CELEBRATING  
25 YEARS!**

## TEACHER GRANTS

### MICHIGAN CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANTS

Erica Ackerson  
Sharon Arndt  
Kathy Bair  
Holly Beadles  
Melissa Bushnell  
Kenneth Callaway  
Debra Carpenter  
Laura Charpentier  
Shannon Chavis  
Ashlyn Combs  
Hannah Cox  
Nadia Dabagia  
Gayle Davis  
Andrew Dudeck  
Angela Dydo  
Diane Gasaway  
Kathleen Gushrowski  
Amy Hamann  
Beth Keehn  
Christine Kiser  
Elizabeth Law  
Erin Ledyard  
Erin Lozano  
Brigid McKee  
Janis Mitchell  
Kathy Moskovich  
DeAnna Munoz  
Teresa Pavloff  
Janine Peo  
Mariah Pol  
Kayana Pryor

Joshua Schultz  
Susan Shell  
Mary Shepperd  
Michelle Sickles  
William Sigler  
Maria Surma  
Sheri Tuesburg  
Abigail Vittatoe  
Mary Wellinski  
Penny Will  
Melissa Wise

### JANET (COLLINGS) DRAYTON TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS

Kim Glenn  
Donna Council  
Carla Marhanka

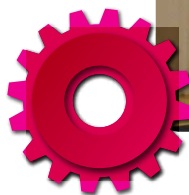
### BARBARA A. CARMEN MEMORIAL GRANTS

Jill Grabowski  
Stephanie Rozinski  
Christine Kiser  
Susan Shell  
Joshua Schultz  
Melissa Wise  
Andi Haas

### TEACHER INNOVATION FUND FOR MCHS GRANTS

Adam Goebel  
Amy Wojansinski-Labis  
Ashley Kohler  
Ashley Zahrt  
Cheri Whitler  
Denise Ndukwu  
Laura Daly  
Mary Koselke  
Rhonda LaMarr  
Susan Cleveland

- Awarded over \$240,000 to K-8 Michigan City teachers in both public and parochial schools.
- Celebrates and honors recipients each year with a reception
- Started in 1994 to provide small grants to support teachers who develop innovative approaches and methods to make learning more effective and exciting in the classroom for grades K-8



Grant recipient **Debra Carpenter**, of Springfield Elementary, showcases how students may utilize the mirror in *Cool Down Corners*, a program that offers students a variety of items to help prevent out of control behaviors.

# SHAPING THE FUTURE with Unity

## CORPORATE GIVING

### When a Business is also a Philanthropist

From the outside, Enprotech Steel Services looks just how you'd imagine: large, metal, and imposing. But on the inside the La Porte business is filled with hardworking employees and leaders who have a passion for giving.

The company knew there were amazing things happening in its community and wanted to show support. Through their "Community Outreach" program they donated \$500 each to 3 funds with Unity: 4-H of La Porte County, DeCamp Band of Brothers, and La Porte County Family YMCA. These gifts were all made with one check, and through the power of endowment, will continue to help these organizations forever...not just once.

Donations to any of the many funds at Unity is a great way for businesses to show their support for the communities their employees live in. Some businesses decided to take it a step further by starting a corporate named fund. In 2015, Purdue Federal Credit Union (PFCU) was looking for a way commit itself to the La Porte County market. By establishing a permanent fund with Unity, PFCU can say it's here for the long haul and support its communities. The new PFCU fund has started making grants through Unity's Grant Committee. On top of that, the PFCU gifts generated matching funds, creating even more impact.

**"We enjoy being involved in our neighborhoods, participating in outreach projects whenever possible, and we encourage our employees to take part as well. We are deeply committed to supporting organizations that help people live more productive, educated, and enriched lives."**

—Joey Harmon, Enprotech



Peepers in Michigan City, asked Unity to help with their corporate philanthropy goals and now support education through their Peepers for Teachers Fund at Unity. They want to remember their past by honoring our local students—their future—and preparing them to make an impact on our world and pay the kindness forward.

But perhaps the quickest and easiest ways for companies to give is through sponsorships. This annual support provides critical fuel for Unity to do the work for which we are uniquely positioned.

So whether a business, big or small, is looking to give back, start a fund, or to fuel Unity; ask us about the many ways you can be a business AND a philanthropist.



**Not a business, but work for one?  
Ask your employer if they have matching  
donation programs!**





**Jim Musial**, Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, and **Harrison Holtkamp**, Interfaith Community PADS, are key contributors to the Home Team Coalition. In 2019, both agencies implemented innovative projects and worked together closely, formalizing their organizations' relationships and support of our community members in need.

**"The committed work of our partner agencies continues to amaze me. We are a strong team with each member playing a critical role. That, coupled with the support of our sponsors and the grant from the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte has resulted in significant progress in 2019."**

— Ed Seal, Home Team & Swanson Center PATH Coordinator

## Home Team Celebrates 15 Years!

In 2019, the Home Team of La Porte County celebrated 15 years of collaboration under Unity's umbrella! Then and now, many groups work together to fulfill the vision to *create a County where all residents will live a life free from homelessness*. This year, thanks to a generous grant from the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, members participated in impactful case management and diversion training led by nationally recognized leader, OrgCode Consulting, Inc. The grant also allowed us to work through Housing Opportunities, Inc. to help more persons gain permanent supportive housing. County-wide, many agencies had individual successes that were applauded and supported by the collaboration.

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



**La Porte Hospital**



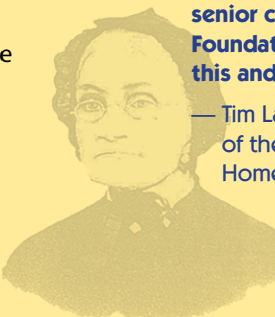
To learn more, email  
[hometeamlp@gmail.com](mailto:hometeamlp@gmail.com)

## Ruth Sabin Continues 130 Year Legacy

When the Ruth Sabin Home closed, The Board of Trustees wished to continue Mrs. Sabin's legacy in the most impactful way and starting the Ruth Sabin Community Fund was the perfect fit.

Mrs. Sabin built the Ruth Sabin Home in La Porte in 1889 to provide safe, affordable living facilities for hundreds of women and later men for 128 years. Her vision was ahead of her time!

The Home's Trustees made a gift of \$100,000 to start the Ruth Sabin Community Fund – and the gift attracted a \$2 for \$1 match from the Indianapolis-based, Lilly Endowment Inc. as part of the current GIFT VII initiative.



**"Our board wants the community to remember Ruth's contributions to La Porte County, her genuine concern for senior citizens. The Unity Foundation was built to do this and we are grateful."**

— Tim Larson, president of the Ruth Sabin Home board of trustees

Ruth Sabin Home's Board of Trustees continued her important legacy by starting a community fund in her name.



To find out more about the current GIFT VII initiative, contact Jamie Miller. To learn more about Ruth C. Sabin and her legacy or to make a contribution to the fund, visit [www.ufic.net](http://www.ufic.net).

## Elston Class of '68 Starts Education Fund, Challenges Other Classes

When the 1968 graduating class of Michigan City's Isaac C. Elston High School celebrated their 50 year class reunion, they chose to "give back" to their community by starting a fund with Unity! Tom Cipares and Jim Kniola led the charge – and the The Graduates of Isaac C Elston High School Education Support Fund was created! Its purpose is to support the educational, social, and personal development for students served by the Michigan City Area Schools, with a special emphasis on programs that may not receive state or federal funding.

Given the Red Devils' competitive nature, they then issued a challenge to other alumni years: raise the amount of your graduating year to help grow the Fund and its impact!

The class of 1969 did just that in 2019 and the challenge continues! **Kathy Pahs Rhodes** and **Linda Nowatzke Swedenberg** led the charge for the class of 1969, and presented a check to **Jamie Miller, Development Officer**, for \$1,969. We can't wait to see which class is next!

Thanks to all of the founding donors:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cipares

Jim Kniola

Mr. & Mrs. Barbara Macudzinski

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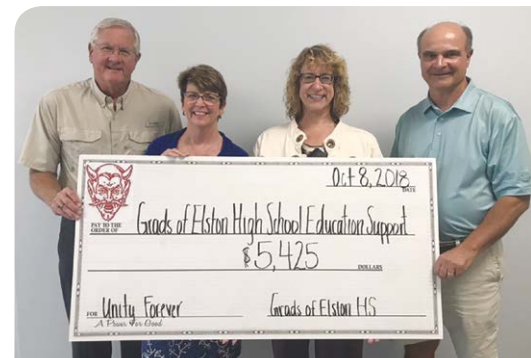
Daniel Linn

Laura Hansen Dean

Paula Reckley

Paula Voss & C. Edwin Shoemaker

**Tom Cipares** and **Jim Kniola** led the charge for the class of 1968 and presented a check to **Jamie Miller**, Development.





# SHAPING THE FUTURE

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## GRANTS

**80** LOCAL  
NONPROFIT  
PROJECTS  
MORE THAN  
**\$140,000**  
IN GRANT FUNDING

## POWER FOR GOOD GRANTS

### BENEFIT CHARITABLE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT LA PORTE COUNTY

In 2018, more than \$1.5 Million was granted from Funds at Unity Foundation to support projects and programs affecting the quality of life in La Porte County. Unity's annual Power for Good community small grant program accounted for just over \$140,000 of those grants, making it possible for charitable organizations to apply for funding for specific projects in our communities.

This program is primarily made possible through our Community Funds. Community Funds are set up by caring individuals who want to help their community with what is most needed now or in the future...they are unrestricted funds which give Unity the ability to make grants from them to fill our current and ever-changing community needs. A list of our Community Funds is on page 23 of this Annual Report - we appreciate the vision and trust of those that established them.



Students from **The Social and Learning Institute** connect to nature with hands-on outdoor experience through their Science & Exploration program.



# 2018 POWER FOR GOOD GRANTEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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

**Arts in the Park**  
*Band Scheduling*

**Arts in the Park**  
*Pre-Concert Hour Scheduling*

**Advancing Christ's Kingdom Ministries-Michigan City Food Bank**  
*ThanksGIVING Turkeys*

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

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary**  
*Preventing Homelessness Through Financial Assistance*  
*Lifeline Utility Assistance for Families and Individuals*

**Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.**  
*Grace Learning Center-High School Equivalency Program*

*Keys to Hope Community Resource Program ABC's to Self Sufficiency*  
*Sand Castle Shelter's Better Parenting Through Coordinated Access*

**City of Michigan City Department of Parks and Recreation**  
*Public Charcoal Receptacles*

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

**Dunebrook, Inc.**  
*Public Education*  
*Child Advocacy Center*

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

**Frontline Foundations, Inc.**  
*Family Support Group Program*

**Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc.**  
*Homeless Veteran Supply Supplement*

**Greater Michigan City Chapter of the Drifters Incorporated**  
*STEM GEMS Club*

*Til Death Do you Tweet - Anti-Bullying and Social Media Program*

**Healthy Communities of La Porte County Inc.**  
*Suicide Prevention and Education: Question, Persuade, Refer*

**Homeward Bound, Inc.**  
*Update Office Equipment*

**Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry**  
*"Meat" the Need 2018*

**Independent Cat Society**  
*Let's Fix This 3.0*

**Interfaith Community PADS, Inc.**  
*Men's Nightly Shelter*

*Women's Nightly Shelter*

**Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana**  
*Wanatah's Future Workforce*  
*Westville's Future Workforce*

**La Porte Area Lake Association Inc.**  
*Lake Weed Treatment*

**La Porte Circuit Court**  
*LaPorte Circuit Court Juvenile Symposium*

**La Porte Community School Corporation**  
*Slicer Success Closet*

**La Porte County Public Library**  
*Early Literacy*

**La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, Inc.**  
*Children's Education Concert*

**La Porte County Habitat for Humanity**  
*2019 La Porte County Habitat Build*

**La Porte County Meals on Wheels**  
*Blizzard Box Bonanza 4*  
*Meals on the MOVE*

*Restructuring Project*  
**La Porte Park Foundation**  
*Clarke Park Renovation*

**LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America**  
*Michigan City Marsh School Learning For Life*

**Leadership La Porte County, Inc.**  
*High School Leadership Program*

**LOK Wishing Tree Foundation**  
*Carbon Monoxide Outreach*

**Lubeznik Center for the Arts**  
*Literacy Through the Arts*

**MCAS Hours for Ours**  
*Hours for Ours High School Mentoring*

**MC Seniors, Inc.**  
*Bench Replacement*

**Michigan City Area Schools**  
*MCAS "Dress for Success" Fund*  
*MCAS "Future Wolves" Elementary Sports Program*

**Michigan City Holiday Meals**

**New Disciple Love Fellowship Church**  
*Manna From Heaven*

**New Prairie Education Foundation**  
*JUMPSTART - Tutoring Towards Success*

**New Prairie Middle School**  
*Mentoring4Success*

**New Prairie United School Corporation**  
*MAD-learn After School*

**Open Door Community Alliance, Inc.**  
*Open Door Community Alliance Medication Assistance Program*  
*Open Door Adolescent Health Center*

**Paladin, Inc.**  
*Augmentative Communication Devices*  
*Barker Woods Facility Updates*

**READ La Porte County, Inc.**  
*Supplementary Curriculum for Literacy Students*

**REAL Services, Inc.**  
*Aging in Place*

**Reins of Life, Inc.**  
*Equine-assisted Program for Veterans*

**Safe Harbor Robotics Program**  
*Beyond Coding: The Engineering Design Process*

**Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Inc.**  
*La Porte County Educational Hike and Workshop Series*

**Soul Steppers Drill Team, Inc.**  
*The Art of Stepping For Health and Total Well Being*

**Southshore Skipping Stones**  
*Newborn Baby Care Basics: Building Blocks of Knowledge, Know-how, and Support*

**St. Francis Ministry**  
*Sacred Heart Food Pantry*

**Saint Vincent de Paul/ Saint Joseph Church**  
*Opening the (La Porte) Door to Opportunity(Service, Volunteering, Development, Potential)*

**Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.**  
*Living Beyond Domestic Violence*  
*Shelter Food Assistance Program*

**The Community Reserve Beds for Children**  
*Furniture for those in need due to disasters, homelessness, foster care, etc.*

**The Intrepid Phoenix**  
*Fitness Programs for Persons in Recovery*

**The Pax Center**  
*Fresh Produce Grant*  
*Jackson Street Garden Renovation*

**The Rotary Club of Michigan City**  
*Eyeglasses for Children*

**The Salvation Army**  
*Weekend Backpack Food for Kids*  
*Pathway of Hope*

**The Salvation Army of Michigan City**  
*Emergency Services*

**The Singing Company of LaPorte County**  
*The Singing Co. of LaPorte County Children's Chorus Annual "It's Christmas" Holiday Concert*

**The Social and Learning Institute for the Disadvantaged, Inc.**  
*Reins of Life Program: Equine Assisted Learning*  
*Science & Nature Exploration*

**Town of LaCrosse**  
*Hidden Pond Park Improvement Project*

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
*Trinity Food Pantry*

**United Way of La Porte County**  
*Kindergarten Countdown Camps*

**Washington Park Zoological Society**  
*Safety Handrails for Visitors*

**We Connect**  
*We Connect ERN Licensing*

**Worthy Recovery Inc. DBA Worthy Women Recovery Home**  
*Moral Resonation Therapy (MRT)*  
*Jail Program*

*Worthy Women Care Support*

**Young Audiences of Indiana, Inc.**  
*Dancing Through the Curriculum*

**Young Men's Christian Association**  
*Michigan City Mentorship Program Enhancements*

**Youth Service Bureau Big Brothers Big Sisters of La Porte County, Inc.**  
*School Buddies*  
*Kids on the Block*

Unity Power for Good grants help Lubeznik Center for the Arts inspire through arts and culture in their own community.



For additional details visit  
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# SHAPING THE FUTURE

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Justin Kiel



L to R: **Sophia, Tara, and Drew Bush** share a variety of perspectives at the Community Conversation at the La Porte Civic.

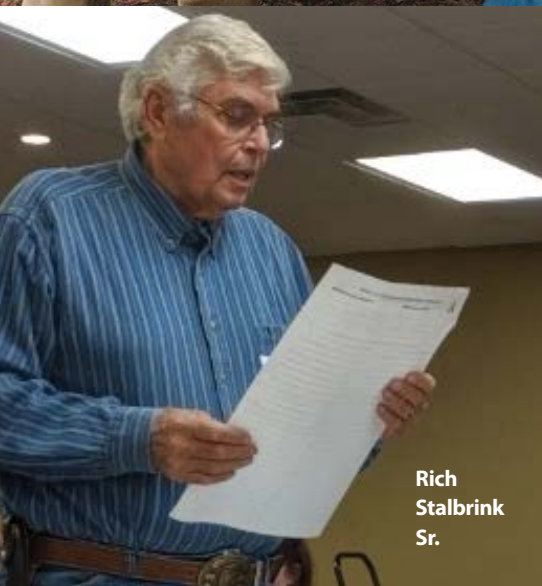
## Vibrant

COMMUNITIES OF LA PORTE COUNTY

### What is it?

Vibrant Communities is everyone's opportunity to shape the future of La Porte County. La Porte County is the 2nd largest county in Indiana and made up of many different communities. The Vibrant Communities process was designed to ensure our communities remain strong, diverse, and prosperous! It's a chance to determine where we are today, where we want to be in the future and how we might get there. Our goal is to come away with a unified vision and an Action Agenda that the community can embrace. The last time anything like this was done on a county-wide scale was 30 years ago.

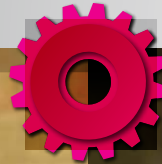
Unity Foundation and the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau have teamed up to lead the process. A 25 member Steering Committee helps guide the process, encourages participation and shapes the discussions. A dozen sponsors have funded Vibrant Communities and more are welcome.



Rich  
Stallbrink  
Sr.







Engaged community members provided helpful insights at the five community conversations that were held throughout LP County in fall 2019.



Community leader and steering committee member **Jim Jessup** shares his thoughts at one of the five Community Conversations.



## What Have We Done So Far?

We've talked...to a lot of people!  
We began engaging residents of the broader LaPorte County community in October 2019. Between October and November 2019, over 750 people participated in both in-person meetings and through online engagement. These participants were representative of diverse groups throughout LaPorte County. We spoke to people who live in our cities, farms, and in between. Opportunities for small group meetings were identified to ensure participation from all residents of LaPorte County, including those most vulnerable (Keys to Hope, Grace Learning Center, Meals on Wheels, etc.). These engagement activities represented the first round for the Vibrant Communities Initiative with opportunity to engage more residents during Round Two.



## Where Are We Headed?

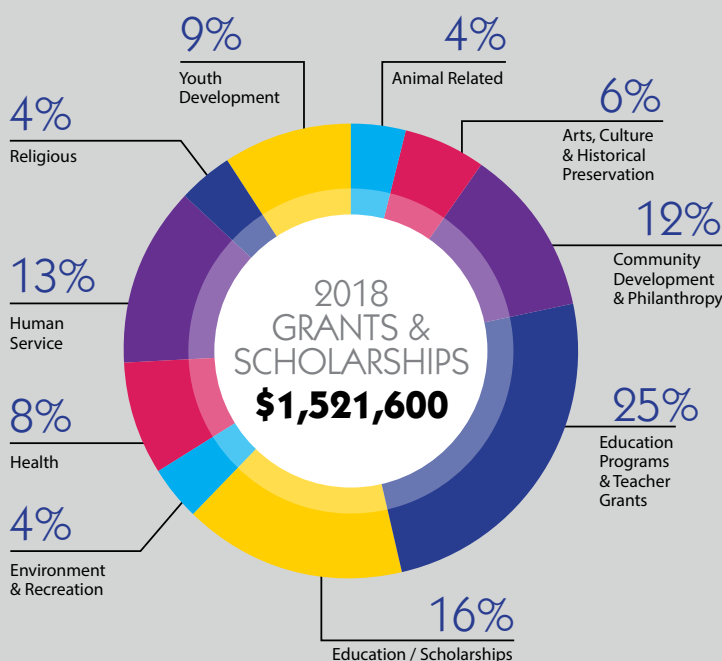
Into the future! Vibrant Communities is all about getting us focused for a more prosperous place to live, work and play. We will take the input from our community conversations, review existing plans and data and get more input from the residents on what is most important. From this effort, La Porte County will have a roadmap which will help determine the types of programs and projects we want to implement. We'll have an agreed upon direction in which to steer our communities, providing leadership and funders clearer priorities and goals.

Michigan City residents participate in Vibrant Communities community conversation hosted at Blue Chip.

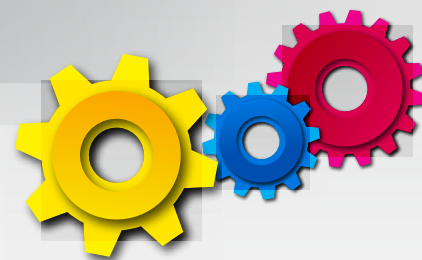
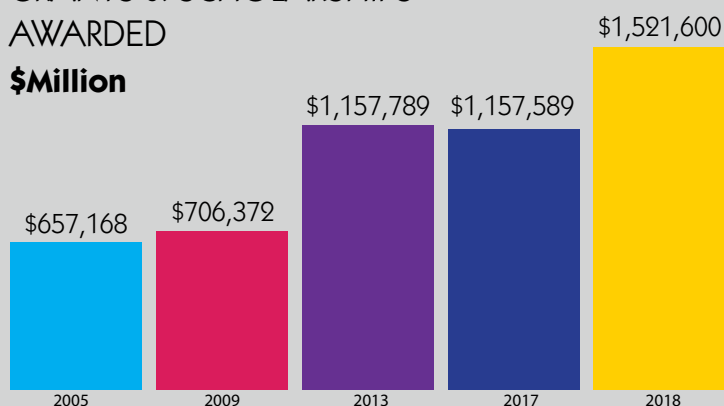
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**VibrantLPCounty.org**

# SHAPING THE FUTURE with Unity



## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED \$Million



## 2018 Financial Summary

### Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2018

Summary Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$1,822,147
Investments.....	27,730,750
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	216,873
Net property and equipment .....	572,089
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$30,341,859</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	\$116,237
Deferred revenue .....	832,093
Non-current liabilities .....	1,977,548
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$2,925,878</b>
Net assets without donor restrictions.....	\$1,495,004
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	25,920,977
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$27,415,981</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$30,341,859</b>

The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2018 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 12/31/18 were -8.48 vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of -5.86%. The 3-year return was 5.11% vs. GRP of 4.59%; 5- Year: 2.19% vs. 3.48% GRP; 10 year: 7.52% vs 7.84% GRP.





## Unity Foundation of La Porte County

Summary Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

### REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

#### Revenue and support

Investment loss, net.....	\$(2,376,614)
Contributions.....	1,149,758
Gift-in-kind rent.....	66,348
Rent income .....	90,550
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts.....	11,718
Special events, Project fee, Admin fee income .....	462,250
Miscellaneous Income.....	99
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support .....</b>	<b>\$(595,891)</b>

### EXPENSES

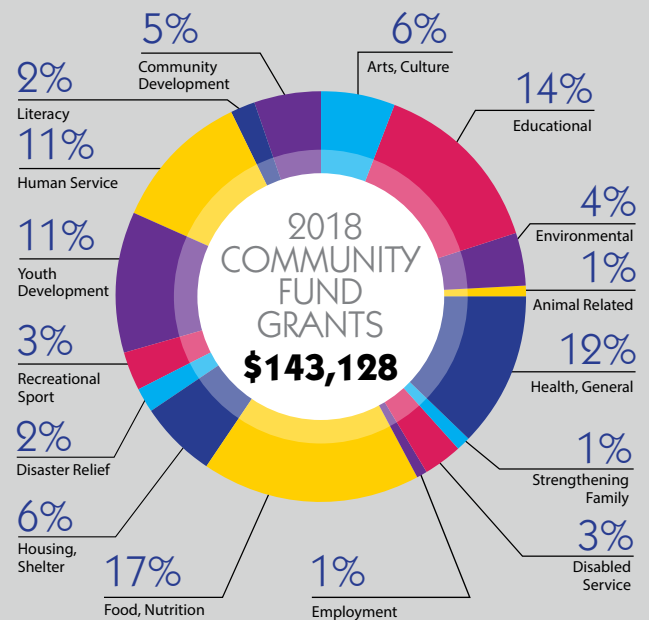
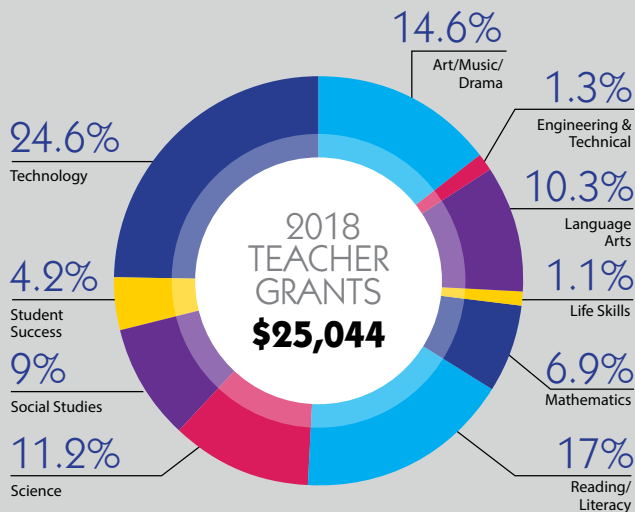
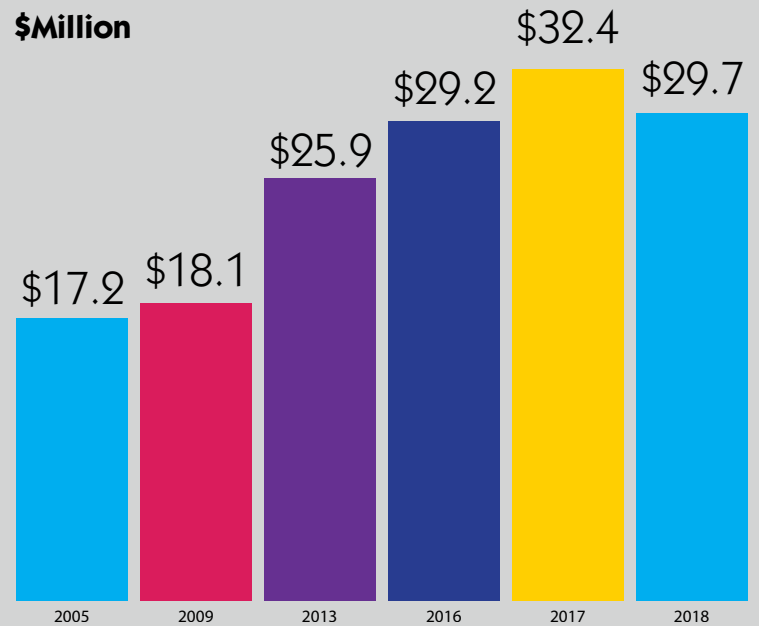
Program services .....	\$1,884,907
Supporting services.....	672,275
Fundraising.....	259,847
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$2,817,029</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$(3,412,920)**

## SHAPING THE FUTURE

### ASSET GROWTH – ALL FUNDS

**\$Million**



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## GOLD KEY SOCIETY



**Dave Sirugo** of Drayton, Biege, Sirugo, & Elliott, LLP joins the Gold Key Society through assisting a client in achieving his philanthropic goals.



New Gold Key Society member **Rhonda Graves** was awarded two gold keys in 2019 while helping families remember their loved ones in a special way through philanthropy.

# 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. Since our last annual report publication, we gained 3 new members to the Gold Key Society and awarded fourteen additional keys to advisors for assisting clients in strengthening 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!

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Dan Siford of South Central High School presents ways to incorporate coding and computer technology into lesson plans at Unity's 2019 Summer Technology Conference.

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## VOLUNTEERS

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Megan Adkins  
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Toni Kester  
Justin M. Kiel  
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Rudy Kohn  
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Leah Konrady  
Dr. Vidya Kora  
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Mary Laramore  
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Sandra Wood  
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Susan Wright  
Jim Wszolek  
Sandy L. Young  
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# Gifts

10/01/2018 - 09/30/2019

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Betty Bailey  
Kenneth Leroy Baker  
Dr. Milton L. &  
Sylvia R. Bankoff  
Brian Barker  
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Tommy Kowalik  
Ruth Kreighbaum  
Joseph Krochta  
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Dorothy Levandoski  
Lindsey Kesling  
Pat Langsford  
Jacquelyn Peters Lobl  
Marcia Marker  
Zach McCoy  
John McKeague  
Jennifer Mellen Thorne  
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Earl and Catherine  
Mohlke  
The Mothers of  
Barb Howe  
& Jane Kerstner

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Vance Parkhouse  
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### In Honor of

Beth Berkson  
Tom & Cathy Calvin  
Dion Campbell  
The Isaac C. Elston High  
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Michigan City Teachers  
Gene & Mona Pavey  
Stephan Raymond  
Honorable Richard  
Stalbrink  
Peggy Thomas  
Tonn & Blank  
Rebecca Yaw

Several members of the  
Home Team celebrate  
grants at Unity's Annual  
Update Luncheon.



Power of Community  
in La Porte County



# SHAPING THE FUTURE

with Unity Funds



STAR Center, home of Unity and 4 other non-profits, finds great value in our membership with Michigan City Chamber of Commerce and was excited to be chosen as one of their monthly appreciation members.

## 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  
 Bowers & Smyrl Families Community 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  
 Purdue Federal Credit Union Fund  
 Ruth Sabin Community Fund\*  
 Scott & Marianne Rice Family Community Fund  
 Tom & Judy Ringo Community Fund  
 Tower/Oktoberfest Community Fund\*  
 Philip A. Sprague Community Fund  
 Thomas C. & Blanch G. Stokes Community Fund\*  
 John & Jean Vail Advised Fund  
 Sandra L. Young Community Fund  
 Unity Foundation Power for Good 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  
 Canterbury Guild Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Dunes Arts Foundation Endowment  
 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  
 Sculptor Isamu Noguchi Tribute Fund\*  
 Stisher Family La Porte High School Band\*  
 Taleamor Park Environment & Art 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  
 La Porte County Celebration Fund  
 Michigan City Lion Charities, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Ron Wood Jr. Memorial Water Safety 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  
 Vibrant Communities of La Porte County\*  
 Wanatah Lions Club 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  
 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

\*New Fund



# UNITYFUNDS

Michigan City Education Foundation

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

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

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

## 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

Homeward Bound, Inc., Endowment Fund\*

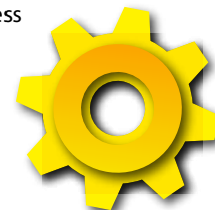
Housing Opportunities Endowment Fund

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



**Richard and Tracy Krause** enjoyed celebrating with their first-ever scholarship recipient **Callie Metzger** and her parents **Mike and Shannon Robinson** at our annual Scholarship Awards Reception. Receiving a scholarship allowed Richard to attend Indiana University and changed his life - he is now paying it forward by touching lives through the Richard and Tracy Krause Scholarship Fund!



# UNITYFUNDS



The Home Team celebrated 15 years of collaboration 2019 - **Maggi Spartz** and **Sandy Young** attended both the inaugural meeting in 2004 and the celebration in 2019!

## 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 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  
New Durham Twp Schools  
Imagination Station Fund

Imogene L. Dahl Purdue Extension Fund  
Junior Achievement of Michigan City  
La Porte County Fair Fund  
La Porte County Family YMCA Fund  
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  
First United Methodist Church of La Porte Endowment Fund  
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

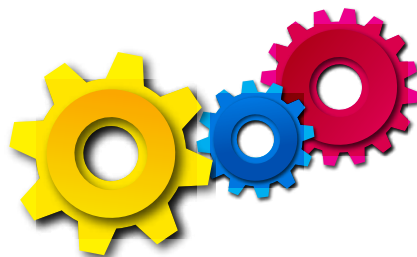
## Awards and Scholarships

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  
Kabelin Family Scholarship  
K.A.T. Volunteer Scholarship  
Harry Kelling Scholarship Fund  
Kelly-Prentiss Scholarship  
Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund  
Richard & Tracy Krause Scholarship Fund  
The La Porte County E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship Fund  
La Porte Amateur Musical Scholarship  
La Porte County Nursing Scholarship Fund  
La Porte County Symphony Orchestra Deborah DePoy Scholarship\*  
Robert E. LeRoy Tennis Scholarship

\*New Fund

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  
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. & Peg Swanson Scholarship  
Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship Fund  
Neil G. Thompson Memorial Scholarship  
John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship  
Unity Foundation County-Wide  
Scholarship Fund  
D.I. Walker Scholarship Fund  
Arlo & Jayne Westphal  
Memorial Scholarship



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Milton L. & Sylvia R. Bankoff Memorial Foundation	Hay Family Advised Fund
Bensz Family Advised Fund	Jack L. Jones Advised Fund
Muriel R. & Myron E. Berkson, M.D. Fund	Kabelin Family Fund
Brennan Family Fund	Kora Family Fund
Fred & Helen Brust Fund	Lake Family Fund for La Porte County
Sara & Bill Carlisle Advised Fund	Lake Family Fund
Dent & Sterger Families Foundation Fund	Levine Family of La Porte Fund
Jeff & Dawn Dunifon Family Fund	Lighthouse Place Charitable Fund
Shaw & Greta Friedman Advised Fund	Shirley Lubeznik Advised Fund
	Rose & Walter Machnyk Donor Advised Fund
	Magnuson Family Advised Fund

Manges Family Fund\*  
Bruce & Julia Manner  
Social Capital Fund  
McDermott Family Fund  
Terence Metcalf Memorial Fund  
Leigh & Marcia Morris Fund  
Nelson & Deutch  
Community Fund  
Christian J. Nickels  
Memorial Fund  
Jerome C. & Kathy A. Orcutt Fund  
Pontius Family Foundation  
William & Marie Priebe  
Memorial Fund\*  
Random Acts of Kindness Fund  
Ransom Family Foundation  
Cheryl J. Reinhart Advised Fund

T.H.E. Fund  
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Empowerment Fund  
Tom & Judy Ringo Advised Fund  
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Eugene & Elaine Shurte  
Family Fund\*  
Scott E. & Kimberly A. Siefker Fund  
Stalbrink & Lapaich Family Fund\*  
Ticsay Family Charitable  
Foundation  
Ulery Family Fund  
Varnak Family Foundation\*  
Robert W. & Sharon L. Wright  
Community Fund  
Anonymous Funds

Washington Park Zoo is one of our many agency funds that recognizes the power of endowment. Have you checked out the aviary and seen the swans recently?



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# SHAPING THE FUTURE

with Unity

## MISSION

The Unity Foundation will strengthen La Porte County now and forever by building permanent endowments; providing leadership; offering philanthropic vehicles for everyone; and, being a catalyst for social and economic vitality.

## VISION

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

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