

# SHAPING THE FUTURE



**Unity Foundation**  
of La Porte County

## Power for Good

2019-2020 UNITY FOUNDATION REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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### Giving to Unity

- Fuel the engine of Unity
- Support our community betterment work
- Remember or honor someone special
- Build your favorite Fund (see pages 26-29)
- 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 Lilly matching opportunities

### Receiving from Unity

- A stronger county due to our community betterment work
- Personal, knowledgeable help to reach your charitable goals
- Valuable estate planning information from our planned giving website
- 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
- Technical support for non-profits planning for the future



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# In Remembrance



## Mary Lou Linnen

### Unity Foundation Board Member

Unity Foundation is saddened by the news of the passing of our good friend and Honorary Board Member, **Mary Lou Linnen**. Mary Lou was a loving mother, grandmother, friend, and a pillar of the community. She was an entrepreneur and philanthropist.

Mary Lou joined our board in 1995 and worked diligently to help Unity grow while simultaneously achieving her own charitable and community betterment goals. She headed the Investment Committee for many years, bringing her lifetime of experiences with her. Mary Lou 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, directly impacting countless students. In late 2018, she was elevated to Honorary Unity Board Member status.

In addition to her many contributions to Unity, Mary Lou was also a founding board member of the Michigan City Head Start program and supporter of a number of other local causes, including the Women's Care Center, LaLumiere, Notre Dame Grade School, the Barker Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Michigan City, Samaritan Center, and the University of Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art.

We are so grateful to Mary Lou and her contributions to Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Mary Lou was truly a power for good...in so many ways. She will be missed.

**Donate to the Women's Care Center in Mary Lou's Honor.**



## John Weithers

### Lilly Scholarship Committee Chair

**John Weithers** served on Unity's Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee for several years and most recently served as the chair. We were all saddened at his unexpected passing in September of 2020. John shared with us each year how excited he was to be part of

the selection process and to meet so many talented young people. John was also a member of Unity's Gold Key Society because of his role as Senior Trust Officer and CTFA, at Harbour Trust Investment Management Company. John was an integral member of his employer and the community. His presence, energy and enthusiasm for our young people will be missed.

## UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY STAFF



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*President*



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*Vice President*



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Thank you to **Deb Varnak** and **Lisa Stojanovich** for their service to Unity for the past 3 years.

Deb retired at the end of May 2020, and Lisa departed Unity in August 2020.

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### Thank You to Our 2020 SPONSORS

#### POWER OF A COMMUNITY

\$5,000



#### POWER OF A COUNTY

\$2,500



#### POWER OF A CITY

\$1,000

1st Source Bank

Edward Jones

Franciscan Health Michigan City

Harbor Trust

& Investment Management

Kabelin ACE Hardware

Newby Lewis Kaminski & Jones, LLP

Rice Farms, LLC

#### POWER OF A FAMILY

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Applegate & Co. CPAs

Estep Burkey Simmons, LLC

Meridian Title Corporation

Walsh & Kelly

#### POWER OF A PERSON

\$300

Fenker's Furniture

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or **219-879-0327**.

On behalf of Unity, we are proud of the accomplishments made in 2019 and 2020 as you will see in this report. Highlights for 2019 included kicking off of the Vibrant Communities of La Porte County process, which hadn't been done in nearly 30 years. We took pride in 2019 in making \$1.4 million in grants and scholarships that nourished the community. We responded to opportunities from the Lilly Endowment to plan and implement strategies to strengthen our county and region – where we worked closely with the Crown Point Community Foundation, Legacy Foundation and others to accomplish what none of us could do alone.

The contrast between 2019 and 2020 has been unfathomable. In 2020, Unity Foundation pivoted quickly to remote working & meeting via Zoom and office visits by appointment. We are proud of what we accomplished:

- ✓ The Vibrant Communities engagement process was completed, but stalled by COVID when it was time to unveil the Action Agenda to the community. Despite this, Unity began implementing the more urgent items such as the virtual tool to support entrepreneurs of all kinds: [NWIBIZhub.com](http://NWIBIZhub.com). We took first steps toward a county wide housing study and action agenda. Further implementation of Vibrant will commence in early 2021- with everyone's help. Visit [vibrantLPCounty.com](http://vibrantLPCounty.com) to learn more.
- ✓ We activated our La Porte County Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. We made proactive grants to several frontline organizations to get 'early' money to them for food & supplies, while other funding sources were gearing up. We expedited annual fund payments to our non-profits, which they appreciated. Our 2019 grantees were given the option to divert unused grant funds to crisis response.
- ✓ Unity will redouble our commitment to social equity, by first looking inward at ourselves and our practices, then outward to increasing opportunity for everyone, especially people of color.
- ✓ Weekly, we convened our 3 Homeless shelters and many support organizations to save lives by preventing the spread of COVID-19 amongst the homeless. La Porte County has an amazing group of leaders and funders on this front. We also convened local funders weekly to avoid duplication and to coordinate grantmaking and solutions.
- ✓ We convened bi-weekly meetings with key groups to try to prevent mass homelessness of people facing the 'eviction cliff'. A pilot program with Township Trustees is seeing results.
- ✓ Unity granted over \$1.44 million and distributed scholarships of \$280,000 to benefit local residents and non-profits!
- ✓ Unity staff did a stellar job of providing excellent services to donors, non-profits, professional advisors and the community. We welcomed Shannon Walker as our new Vice President and offer a huge thank Deb Varnak outgoing VP, for staying on for an two extra months to help at the onset of the crisis.

On the downside; our revenues dropped with the markets, making the PPP loan very helpful. Hardly any new funds have been started and annual giving amounts are lower. We hosted a virtual scholarship reception. While Power 4 Good grants were awarded, we decided against an in-person Annual Update Luncheon, which is always the highlight of our year.

While 2020 seemed unfathomable, we continue to have faith that  
"Together, we are a Power for Good."

**Maggi Spartz**  
President

**Jon A. Gilmore**  
Chair



# SHAPING THE FUTURE *with* **Unity**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-20



### HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

Romona Hay  
Daniel E. Lewis  
Robert Schaefer

### DIRECTORS

#### *seated from left:*

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

#### *second row:*

Jon A. Gilmore, Chair  
Michele Magnuson,  
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Kim Sauers

# Power of Community

in La Porte County

## Unity Foundation Awards Record Number of Scholarships for 2020-2021 Academic Year

Unity Foundation of La Porte County awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to approximately 215 students from 35 different scholarship funds for the 2020-2021 academic year. This is the largest number of scholarships and total scholarship distribution in Unity's history. Since 1992, Unity has awarded over \$5 million dollars in scholarships to La Porte County students.

This year's 196 recipients represent 10 La Porte County high schools and over 45 colleges and universities across the country.



**Kyra Dabbert**

2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalist and Ludington Scholarship recipient



**Mya Fegaras**

2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalist and Irv & Peg Swanson Scholarship recipient

Hello!

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship. In the beginning of my senior year, I made a big goal for myself: to be awarded with at least one scholarship to help my parents with the cost of tuition for college. With this scholarship, my one goal was accomplished. Most importantly, however, it is such an honor to receive this scholarship in honor of Carley Dickard. I am truly appreciative of this wonderful award. I know that

it will not only provide financial assistance toward college tuition, but it will also provide me the opportunity to continue Carley's legacy of always striving to do one's best.

With much gratitude,  
*Sophie Thompson*



**Sophie Thompson**

2020 Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship recipient

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Judith A. Amor  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Thalia Garcia

**Diane K. Bamberth  
Memorial Award**  
Kobe Sensow

**Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzaf  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Laura R. Fischer  
Nicole Hesters  
Abigail Huff  
Riley G. Moody  
Alexandra V. Palmer  
Ashlei Sonnenberg  
Ashleigh N. Suppinger  
Alexa M. Zeese

**Benz Family Scholarship**  
Nadia Flores  
Julisa Haro  
Brenda Huizar

**Lloyd G. & Betty Jane  
Clayton Scholarship**  
Jacqueline M. Leal

**Cunningham  
Scholarship**  
Crystal Battishill  
Heather Cizek

**Ernest & Mildred  
Delco Scholarship**  
Breanna D. Dove  
Gabriele Mazur

**Carley Dickard  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Sophie Thompson

**La Porte County E-Z Riders  
Horse & Pony Scholarship**  
Amelia Klute  
Gretchen Sexton  
Megan Steinhiser  
Sidney Swanson  
Annalise Warnock

**Galena Township**  
Petra Hemphill  
Amelia Klute  
Riley G. Moody

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

**Donald & Beverly  
Guse Scholarship**  
James G. Mitzner  
Morgan Wozniak

**Hensley Legal Group  
Scholarship**  
Julissa Campos-Haro

**Robert J. Hiler  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Justin J. Jayasinghe  
Claire E. Olah  
Grace C. Olah  
Benjamin J. Patterson  
Luke Patterson  
Thomas I. Pope  
Jacob C. Rudecki  
Justin J. Rudecki  
Sarah E. Schoof  
Karah Schutz  
Jamilexy Vazquez

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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

**Ingersoll Trust  
Scholarship**  
Alyssa M. Foster  
Molly A. Hodge

**Dr. King S. Jones  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jacob B. Kiser

**Kabelin Family  
Scholarship Fund**  
Madelyn Dowty  
Zoya Harris  
Erin Johnson  
Preston J. Krause  
Alexandra Leal  
Averee Thompson  
Aldair Sanchez Zuniga

**K.A.T. Volunteer  
Scholarship**  
Emily Kasarda

**Richard & Tracy  
Krause Scholarship**  
Thomas A. Eggleston  
Emily Evers  
Joel Kelley

**La Porte County  
Nursing Scholarship**  
Eva Barron  
Carley J. Ellenberger  
Thalia m. Garcia  
Karmen Halfacre  
Kasey M. Halfacre  
Julissa Campos-Haro  
Keegan Long  
Hannah L. Walker  
Abigail M. Zila

**Robert E. LeRoy  
Scholarship**  
Madeleine Nunn  
Allison J. Varda

**Marilouise Lundgren  
Lossing Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Austin Casto  
Courtney E. Lindquist  
Shelby R. Riehle

Skylar Rompa  
Maggie R. Schuster  
Grace K. Tarnow  
Seraphina M. Tucker

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

Christine J. Ake  
Aliza Anderson  
Laura Bahena  
Brooke A. Baima  
Paige B. Barenthin  
Tessa Bauman  
Kaitlin Bildhauser  
Megan Blank  
Adam Boniface  
Megan E. Boyd  
Tyler Cuma  
Kyra Dabbert  
Courtney Dickman  
Michelle Dickman  
Kamare Dunlap  
Garrett Eggert  
Jamie Ellis  
Nathan Emerick  
Bethany L. Eyrick  
Mya Fegaras  
Christopher French  
Caitlin Gately  
Emily Graves  
Kristen Gushrowski  
Megan N. Gushrowski  
Amber R. Haack  
Petra Hemphill  
Erica L. Hesters  
Victoria L. Horne  
Adam Howard  
Myah Jackson  
Arie Johnson  
Makayla Johnson  
Leigha Jones  
Jennifer A. Justice  
Alee'ya Kirkwood  
David R. Knouse  
Matthew Knouse  
Elaina Kobitz  
Katherine M. Kovalcik  
Thomas J. Krause  
Jackson P. Kubaszyk  
Quinn Larkin  
Keegan Long  
Kimber Magers  
Jacob E. Marsh



**Kobe Sensow**  
2020 Diane K. Bamberth  
Memorial Scholarship recipient

Jewel B. Meer  
Sydney C. Moody  
Grace Murphy  
Janelle O'Neal  
Sydney Palta  
Lucas F. Papai  
Benjamin P. Pizarek  
Emma S. Rice  
Virginia R. Rocke  
Megan Christine Riley  
Melissa A. Rudolph  
Hannah M. Schuster  
Bethany A. Schuster  
Sara A. Siegmund  
Eryn R. Sitar  
Sarah Nolan Smith  
Megan E. Steinhiser  
Jenna Stevenson  
Hannah H. Stevenson  
Zoe E. Surma  
Alexander Tuszyński  
Armani Torrance-Worlds  
Jim Thomas  
Sydni Thomas  
Dawson VanBuskirk  
Annalise Warnock  
Craig Welsh  
Jasmine Williams  
Adnie Wilson  
Amanda L. Yadavia  
Dominic Yanke  
Emily Young  
Andrea Zaknoun  
Zoie Zaknoun

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Unity Foundation  
Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of the La Porte County Nursing Scholarship. I am currently working full-time while trying to continue my education to better serve my community. Your assistance is a huge weight lifted off my shoulders.

Thank you so very much,  
**Kayla Wurster**

Unity Foundation Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for this year's Ingersoll Scholarship. I am beyond grateful for your assistance in helping me afford my school's tuition and other educational costs. Your generosity has shown me that hard work and dedication towards academics does not go unrecognized. I am so thankful. Thank you for your assistance in making my future dreams become possible.

Sincerely,  
**Alyssa Foster**

Dear Ludington Family Scholarship Donors,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I am so very thankful and honored to receive this prestigious award. Through your efforts and kindness, I will be using the very generous amount granted to me to pay for my tuition at Purdue University where I will be studying nutrition and dietetics.

Thank you again for your generosity,  
**Emily Young**

## ABOUT UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY

Since 1992, Unity Foundation of La Porte County has served donors, nonprofits and local communities. As La Porte County's community foundation, it manages approximately \$35 million in assets, administers more than 325 charitable funds, and has distributed more than \$21 million through direct grants and scholarships. The Council on Foundations has deemed Unity Foundation in compliance with all Indiana and national ethical and operating standards for community foundations. Unity Foundation's mission is to 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.



**“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, President, Unity Foundation of La Porte County

## Lilly Scholars 2020

The Unity Foundation is pleased to announce two students were selected to be 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars representing La Porte County.

**Logan Crawford** from New Prairie High School and **Katelyn Adams** 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. 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.



**Katelyn Adams**



**Logan Crawford**



**Katelyn Adams** is surprised by members of Unity's Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee and South Central High School as a 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship winner.



**Logan Crawford** is surprised by his family and administration at New Prairie High School as a 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship winner.





**"Originally launched in 2005, our induction ceremony celebrates the spirit of creativity and ingenuity that lights up the communities throughout Northwest Indiana. We are thrilled to be able to induct 28 individuals and team members into the Society as members of our class of 2020. Now, more than ever, our region needs these gifted, innovative leaders who are guiding our communities into the future."**

Sheila Matias, Executive Director of the Society of Innovators and Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest

**The Society of Innovators celebrates the spirit of creativity and ingenuity by discovering, honoring, and saluting innovators from across the seven-country region of Northwest Indiana.**

## **Unity Board Members Receive 2020 Innovator Awards**

Two members of Unity Foundation's Board of Directors were inducted as part of the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest class of 2020 on November 19, 2020.

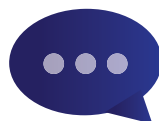


**Jon Gilmore,**  
Tonn and Blank Construction,  
team led by Jon Gilmore  
(Michigan City, Ind.)



**Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins,**  
Economic Development Corporation  
Michigan City w/ Michigan City Area Schools,  
team led by Clarence Hulse  
(Michigan City, Ind.)

More than 40 finalists were evaluated by this year's selection committee. The committee examined and analyzed the innovation(s) each nominee is responsible for to guide final decision-making. An innovation needed to provide a new solution, benefit society and create measurable value. To be eligible for induction, innovators must live or work in Northwest Indiana.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF INNOVATORS AT PURDUE NORTHWEST OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR INNOVATIONS

<https://www.pnw.edu/society-of-innovators/>

## Unity Helps Celebrate Treasures



### NAOMI BOWMAN TALBERT ANDERSON

Naomi Anderson was an extraordinary suffragist, trailblazer and a Michigan City native. Anderson was born in Michigan City in 1843 to free African American parents and became a significant suffragist, civil rights activist, orator, writer and poet. Unity is helping the Michigan City Mainstreet Association and its partners to celebrate her life.

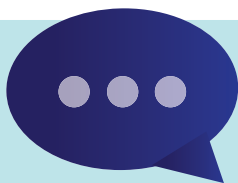
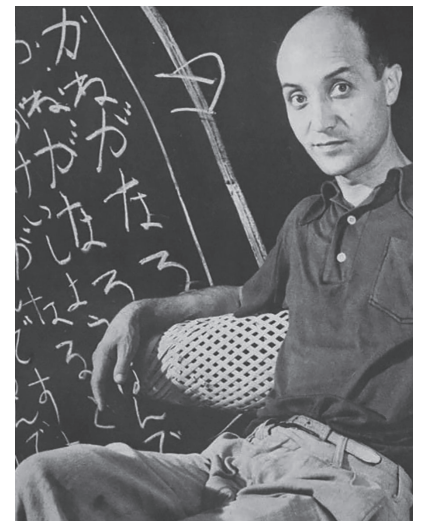
The Celebrate Naomi Anderson Fund will be used to highlight and preserve her lesser-known but incredibly impactful story. In August 2020, the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and the Indiana Main Street Council awarded a \$40,000 Preserving History Grant to the Michigan City Mainstreet Association to highlight and preserve women's history. The grant will be used to construct a sculpture, mosaic or mural (based on community and artist input) in Charles R. Westcott Park to honor Anderson. This project is in partnership with Lubeznik Center for the Arts, the NAACP La Porte County Branch – Unit 3061 and the Unity Foundation of La Porte County.

### THE SCULPTOR ISAMU NOGUCHI TRIBUTE FUND

Sculptor Isamu Noguchi may be La Porte's greatest success story, and at the same time, the least known. At the tender age of fourteen, Noguchi found himself all but stranded thousands of miles away from home among the rolling hills of La Porte County.

Art and history enthusiasts wish to celebrate the critical formative years that Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi (1904 – 1988) spent in La Porte as a teen, who then went on to become an internationally celebrated sculptor, designer and artist. Art and history enthusiasts saw the importance of paying tribute to Noguchi's life, the way La Porte and Rolling Prairie, several families and La Porte High School influenced his life, to connect La Porte with his New York museum and to promote the value of the arts.

The Sculptor Isamu Noguchi Tribute Fund was established in 2019 to support efforts to bring the story of how La Porte County residents welcomed, put him through La Porte High School and then, led by Dr. Edward Rumely, mentored him into preparation to become a leading world sculptor. The fund is poised to bring attention to La Porte's connection to Isamu Noguchi via a custom mural, attracting Noguchi enthusiasts here, distribution of Noguchi books to local libraries, schools and museums and activities connecting La Porte County to the Noguchi Museum, located in New York. The Noguchi mural is displayed at the La Porte County Public Library in La Porte, Indiana.



**To learn more about these Unity Foundation funds...**

**Celebrating Naomi Anderson Project Fund**

**<https://uflc.net/https-uflc-net-funds-contribute-online-naomi-anderson-fund/>**

**Sculptor Isamu Noguchi Tribute Fund**

**<https://uflc.net/sculptor-isamu-noguchi-tribute-fund/>**

# PLANNED GIVING

## She Worked Hard for the Money

In October 2020, an anonymous La Porte County donor left an incredible gift to Unity Foundation to benefit the community she loved so dearly.

She was not born into wealth and worked hard throughout her life. She was raised on a farm in the La Porte County area. Later in life, she worked in a factory and started building wealth when her employer started a retirement fund for all employees.

Throughout her life, many people helped her to make good decisions in buying properties and investing. Her wealth continued to grow until the end of her life. When she passed, her only next of kin was a sister, who was financially stable.

She told her financial advisor that she loved her community and wanted to give back. He listened and understood her desire to be philanthropic and suggested Unity Foundation as a solution.

Jamie Miller, Development Officer, Unity Foundation met with the donor and her professional advisor. Together they discussed how a gift to Unity would impact so many lives within La Porte County now and forever. She knew what she wanted to do. With a stroke of a pen she left a very generous beneficiary gift to Unity Foundation.

After all, she worked hard for her money and wanted it to be a Power for Good!



Learn more about Unity's array of personalized planned giving options by contacting

**Jamie Miller, Development Officer**

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call (219)879-0327 or

visit [www.ufc.net](http://www.ufc.net).



### BRUCE JOHNSON

#### *Creating a legacy today and tomorrow*

Bruce Johnson, a retired elementary teacher for almost 40 years at South Central High School and current La Porte County Historian created a planned gift to Unity Foundation that will start his scholarship for South Central High School graduating students.

Leaving a bequest to Unity will allow Bruce to leave his legacy and help future South Central graduates continue their higher education goals.



### CARRIE CAMPBELL

#### *You are never too young to start thinking about planned giving*

Carrie Campbell is a young professional and owner of her family business, Hatfield Pest Control in La Porte. While she has been very active in community and volunteer groups, she felt it was time to express her gratitude for her community and leave a planned gift.

She chose Unity Foundation because she loves that her gift make a long-term impact in her community. After all, that's the magic of an endowment. Carrie worked with her professional advisor Sarah Brown of Edward Jones and is leaving a beneficiary gift to Unity Foundation.



## Unity Foundation Announces **\$150,000** IN COMMUNITY GRANTS



**New Prairie High School Robo Club**  
members work collaboratively on a project.

Unity is supporting area nonprofit and community service agencies with its most recent round of grants, totaling nearly \$150,000 for 75 local projects throughout La Porte County. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter the way organizations serve others and the community, these grants are helping provide vital access to education, literacy, prevention and supportive services.

“Right now the need to support community organizations is more important than ever,” said Shannon Walker, Unity Foundation Vice President. “These programs are doing incredible work and Unity is proud to support their efforts.”

The applications were evaluated by a committee of dedicated members from throughout La Porte County. The grants are made possible due to the generosity of visionary donors who left unrestricted funds to Unity Foundation. Those community funds were established in the following names: AAUW La Porte, Backer Family Fund, Fred & Helen Brust, Petrea Clark, John P. & Anne H. Daley, Ernest & Mildred Delco, Pauline M. Dent, Randy & Jane Dorman, Charles T. & Pauline Dye, Mark E. Essling, Sanford Z. Friedman, David C.

Gardner, Kabelin Family, Ruth W. Pollingue, Purdue Federal Credit Union, Scott and Marianne Rice Family, Tom & Judy Ringo, Ruth C. Sabin, Phillip A. Sprague, Thomas C. & Blanch G. Stokes, Tower/Oktoberfest, Unity Foundation Power for Good Fund, John & Jean Vail and Sandra L. Young.

Funding assistance for the grants was also provided by the Benz Family Advised Fund, John A. and Dorothy Sieb Carstens Fund, Barry C. Dulyea Arts Fund for Children, Kay Franklin Commemorative Fund, Glick Foundation Fund, La Porte County Disaster Relief & Recovery Fund, La Porte County Educational Advancement Fund, La Porte County Mental Health Fund, Lorraine Gehrke Orłowski Fund and Unity Foundation Literacy Fund.



**Major Becky Simmons** stocks dairy products for the **Salvation Army** food pantry.

# 2020 Power For Good Grant awards:

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

**Arts in the Park**  
*Arts in the Park Concerts 2020*

**Barker Middle School**  
*STEM Class Mega Project*

**Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City, Inc.**  
*Cleaning/Sanitation for 2020-2021 Year*

**Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City, Inc.**  
*Marketing Support*

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary**  
*Rent and Mortgage Assistance*

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary**  
*Utility Assistance Program*

**Center Township Trustee's Office**  
*Crock Pot Friday Classes/Food for Little Pantries*

**Center Township Trustee's Office**  
*Hotel Vouchers for the Homeless*

**Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.**  
*Keys to Hope Education on Appearance, Behavior and Change*

**Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.**  
*CCH Food Rescue Initiative*

**Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Inc.**  
*Grace Learning Center New Program for Self Sufficiency*

**City of La Porte**  
*Clean-up La Porte Continuation Program*

**City of La Porte Parks and Recreation Dept.**  
*Comprehensive Inventory of Trees*

**City of La Porte Parks and Recreation Dept.**  
*Kesling/Rumley Parks & Construction of New Court at Allesee Park*

**City of La Porte**  
*Bike Route Stenciling and Wayfinding Signage*

**Community Food Pantry of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee, Wills Twps, Inc.**  
*Emergency Food/Nutrition/Resources*

**Community Reserve**  
*Furniture Bank Helping Those in Emergency Need*

**Dunebrook, Inc.**  
*Therapist Support for Children of Suspected Abuse*

**Dunebrook, Inc.**  
*Child Abuse Prevention/Education Programming*

**Family Advocates, Inc.**  
*Racial Bias Public Training*

**First Congregational Church of Michigan City**  
*Trash Pickup Support Program*

**Friendship Botanic Gardens**  
*Eco-Adventures Series of Free Educational Events*

**Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana**  
*Inspire the Girls of Michigan City*

**Hanna Lions Club**  
*Hanna Lions Club Park Basketball Court*

**HealthLinc, Inc.**  
*Virtual Care Kits for COVID-19 Positive Patients*

**Healthy Communities of La Porte County**  
*Suicide Prevention and Education*

**Independent Cat Society**  
*Let's Fix This 2020 Spay/Neuter/Care Program*

**Interfaith Community PADS, Inc.**  
*Interfaith Community PADS, Inc. Operational Support*

**La Porte Area Lake Association**  
*Weed Treatment Program*

**La Porte County Habitat for Humanity**  
*City of La Porte Home Build*

**La Porte County Symphony Orchestra**  
*32nd Annual Drayton Family Children's Educational Program*

**Leadership La Porte County, Inc.**  
*Adult Scholarship Support*

**LOK Wishing Tree Foundation**  
*LOK Young Artist Expo Program Support*

**Michigan City Area Schools**  
*MCAS "Future Wolves" Elementary Sports Program*

**Michigan City Mainstreet Association**  
*Celebrating Naomi Anderson Community Engagement Program Support*

**North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc.**  
*Health and Hygiene for Youth*

**Open Door Community Alliance, Inc.**  
*Open Door Community Alliance Medication Assistance Program*

**Open Door Community Alliance, Inc.**  
*Adolescent Health Center*

**Paladin, Inc.**  
*Group Home Mattresses*

**Pine Lake Land Owners' Association**  
*Pine Lake Shoreline Restoration Project*

**READ La Porte County, Inc.**  
*Learning Disability Program Support*

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

**Save the Dunes Conservation Fund**  
*Biodiversity through Pollinator Habitat-Style Gardens*

**Sacred Heart Food Pantry (St. Francis Ministry)**  
*Food Pantry Program*

**Social and Learning Institute, Inc.**  
*Science & Nature Exploration Program*

**Soul Steppers Drill Team, Inc.**  
*Soul Steppers Program Support/History Integration*

**South Central Jr. Sr. High School**  
*Vex Robotics Program Upgrade*

**South Shore Skipping Stones**  
*Online Prenatal and Infant Oral Health Class Support*

**Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.**  
*Shelter Food*

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*Anti-Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Program*

**The Intrepid Phoenix, Inc.**  
*Support for Those in Recovery from Substance Abuse*

**The Jack & Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts Inc.**  
*LCA Community Program Support*

**The Jack & Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts Inc.**  
*LCA Scholarship Program Support*

**The Salvation Army of Michigan City**  
*Pathway of Hope Program Support*

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

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

**United Way of La Porte County**  
*VITA Program Support*

**Washington Park Zoo**  
*Renovation of North American Raptor Exhibit*

**Washington Park Zoo**  
*Water Foundation & Bottle Refilling Station/Signage*

**Westville - New Durham Township Public Library**  
*Project LIT Westville Book Club*

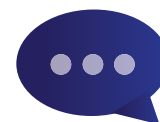
**Westville Police Department**  
*21st Century Policing Webinar Series*

**Youth Service Bureau of La Porte County**  
*School Buddies*

**Youth Service Bureau of La Porte County Inc.**  
*Kids on the Block*



Arts in the Parks La Porte participants try out musical instruments as part of a regular concert program.



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DETAILS  
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**Vibrant Communities** is an initiative to strengthen La Porte County's great communities. The movement is guided by three core beliefs: People, Places and Prosperity.



**“This support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. serves as the wind beneath our wings as we look to implement key items that arose from our community conversations.”**

Maggi Spartz, President  
Unity Foundation of La Porte County

## Vibrant Communities of La Porte County Initiative Continues with Launch of Inaugural Housing Study

Unity Foundation of La Porte County has received a Community Leadership Grant of \$150,000 as part of the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) initiative. With the grant, the Unity Foundation will be taking the next steps to continue the Vibrant Communities of La Porte County Initiative. Next steps include sharing the Action Agenda with the many communities in La Porte County, with the goal of getting others to implement parts of the plan they deem important. The funds will also go toward implementation of the two top issues identified: Conduct a housing study to create a housing action plan and strengthen our entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Unity Foundation is one of 84 foundations in Indiana receiving grants through this round of GIFT VII grantmaking. Lilly Endowment created GIFT in 1990 to help local communities in Indiana develop the philanthropic capacity to identify local needs and challenges. It launched GIFT VII in 2018 and made available a total of \$125 million to help foundations strengthen their leadership capacities in the towns, cities and counties they serve.

As part of GIFT VII, Unity was awarded a planning grant of \$75,000 in 2019 to convene nearly 1,000 local residents to identify, prioritize and assess opportunities and challenges in La Porte County. Unity teamed up with the La Porte County Convention and Visitors Bureau to lead this effort. Through a series of town hall meetings and community conversations with diverse groups of people, lack of quality housing and tangible resources for entrepreneurs to start and expand businesses quickly emerged as top priorities.



We envision La Porte County to be a vibrant collection of unique communities that invest in their diverse people, grow their economic health and vitality, and promote innovative leadership through talented citizens for a rich quality of life for all.

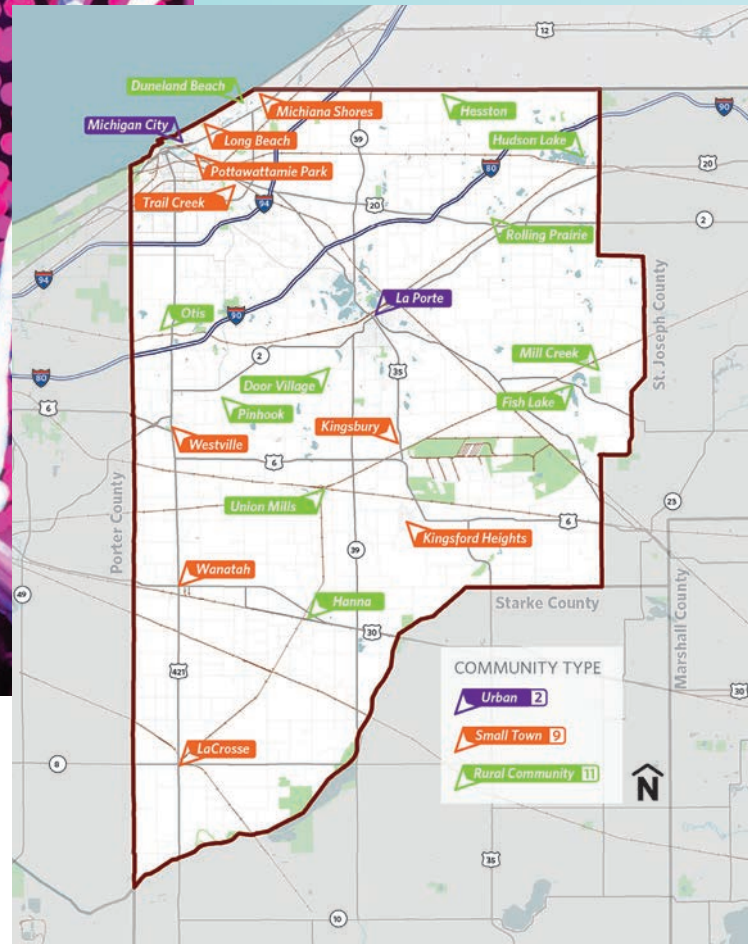


In March 2020, Unity was invited to apply for a GIFT VII Community Leadership Grant to implement strategies and activities identified during the planning period. Data from the Vibrant Communities Action Agenda and the Northwest Indiana Forum's "Ignite the Region" report helped drive the proposal. The Unity team worked tirelessly to complete the proposal, which was submitted on March 12, 2020 the day staff began working remotely due to COVID.

Unity also partnered with the Lake County Community Foundations, Legacy and Crown Point, to explore how philanthropy could play a role in fostering economic and entrepreneurial development in the region. As a result, a new entrepreneurial resource tool, NWI Biz Hub was launched on Nov. 12 at the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center's Annual E-Day Awards event, with nearly 60 regional resource partners. \$30,000 of the \$150,000 grant will be used to bolster regional small business supports, particularly important during the pandemic.

**"Before the pandemic we could see that supporting our entrepreneurs and small businesses was a vital long term strategy. It's especially true now. We are thrilled to collectively move forward thanks to the incredible generosity of Lilly Endowment, Inc."**

Shannon Walker, Vice President  
Unity Foundation of La Porte County



## Who is La Porte County?

Two urban cities, Nine Small Towns,  
and Eleven Rural Communities

A network of 22+ distinct places representing a range of community characters from Urban Cities to small towns to rural communities. Each place is supported by residents who are committed to enhancing and sharing the diverse destinations found only within the county. The unique representation of these places is one of many characteristics that sets La Porte County apart from other counties in Indiana.



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**VibrantLPCounty.org**



RESOURCES TO  
BUILD A BETTER  
BUSINESS

## Unity Foundation Joins Forces with Regional Partners to Launch NWI BizHub Online Entrepreneurial Resource Tool

A pioneering collaboration among Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Legacy Foundation, Crown Point Community Foundation, Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center and the Center of Workforce Innovations has culminated in the development of NWI BizHub ([nwibizhub.com](http://nwibizhub.com)), a new network to advance economic growth in Northwest Indiana.

Indiana is home to over 500,000 small businesses that support over 1 million jobs. After Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana is the state's second largest business population. This new online platform is the result of Ignite the Region: A Regional Strategy for Economic Transformation. "The Ignite the Region process showed that our entrepreneurial ecosystem was fragmented," said Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President. "The lead task was to create a database or tool that would help entrepreneurs of any kind, find resources more quickly. We heard it from almost every entrepreneur, 'I didn't know where to look for help. I stumbled around until I got lucky. It took a lot of time.' We are fortunate to now have NWI BizHub to solve this critical need for our community."

NWI BizHub is the first of several projects which Unity Foundation, Legacy Foundation and Crown Point Community Foundation will be supporting. Their overall goal is to encourage an ecosystem that supports all entrepreneurs to become major players in the regional innovation economy.



"We believe in the importance of equitable opportunity for all prospective and current business owners and NWI BizHub provides that access," said Carolyn Saxton, Legacy Foundation President. "We look forward to working with many owners in the Northwest Indiana region to help guide and support their continued growth and are excited to be part of the NWI BizHub effort."

NWI BizHub will provide local entrepreneurs with the resources and tools to start and grow their business through an easy, free online referral network.

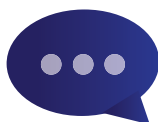
"The process of matching a small business' needs to the right resource is simple, convenient, and easy-to-use," said Donna Catalano, NWI BizHub Network Navigator. "Anyone can access the network by going to [nwibizhub.com](https://nwibizhub.com) and clicking on resources in the menu bar, or the let's work together button. Concurrently with this launch, we have been recruiting area organizations that support owners to join the network, and now feature almost 60 resource partners who are ready to connect on NWI BizHub."

NWI BizHub launched Nov. 12 as part of the 2020 E-Day Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Northwest.

"We were thrilled to host the launch of NWI BizHub during the E-Day event program, said Lorri Feldt, SBDC Regional Director and NWI BizHub partner. So fitting that an engaging new online entrepreneurial resource hub should have its premiere at the E-Day Entrepreneurial Excellence awards."

NWI BizHub joins a national network of organizations doing this work through SourceLink®. Founded in 2003, SourceLink® is a national nonprofit that has been providing consulting and technical expertise for the effort.

"I'm excited to see the NWI BizHub network launch," said Rob Williams, SourceLink® Director. "It was born out of both a need and with key collaboration partners at the table. From what I have experienced working with the team behind NWI BizHub, I expect this region will fast become a leader among our network and inspire other communities to champion and support their local entrepreneurs just as well."



For more information about NWI BizHub, go to [nwibizhub.com](https://nwibizhub.com)

or contact **Donna Catalano**, Legacy Foundation at (219) 836-1880 or [dcatalano@legacyfdn.org](mailto:dcatalano@legacyfdn.org).



Lake County's Community Foundation



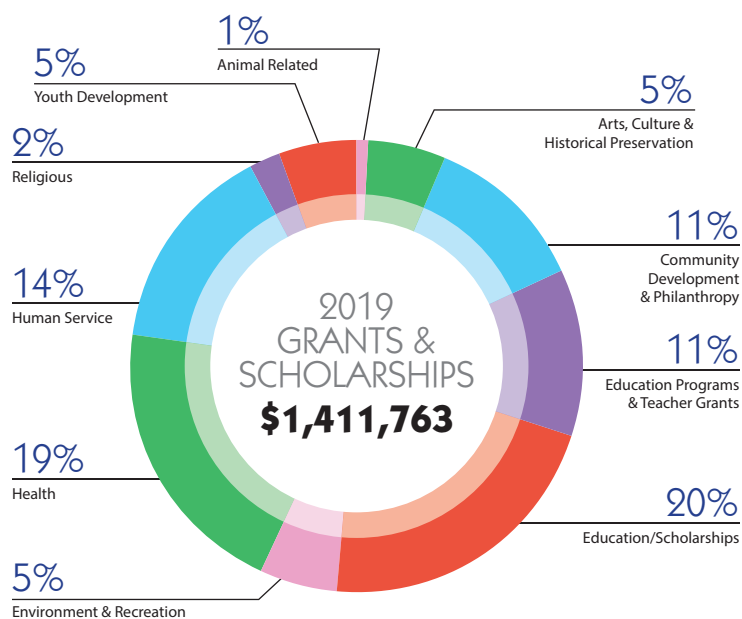
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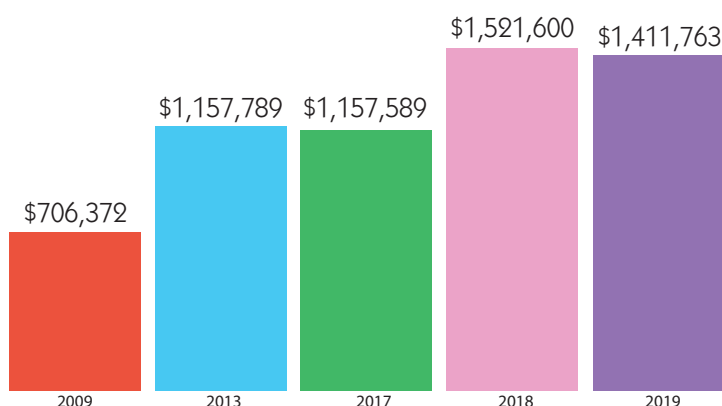
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Power for Good







## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



## 2019 Financial Summary

### Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2019

Summary Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$1,393,304
Investments.....	33,039,422
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	219,471
Net property and equipment .....	517,973
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$35,170,170</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	\$268,386
Deferred revenue .....	249,331
Non-current liabilities .....	2,103,779
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$2,621,496</b>
Net assets without donor restrictions.....	\$1,676,136
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	30,872,538
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$32,548,674</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$35,170,170</b>

The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2019 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 year to date time weighted returns, net of fees, for permanent assets under management as of 12/31/19 were 20.80% vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of 18.58%. The 3Year return was 8.50% vs. GRP of 8.15%; 5Year: 5.58% vs. 5.88% GRP; 10Year: 7.00% vs 7.37% GRP.



## Unity Foundation of La Porte County

Summary Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

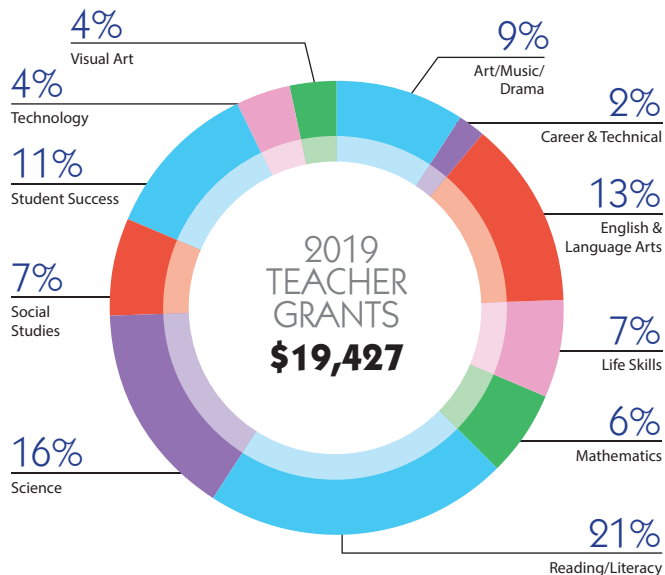
#### Revenue and support

Investment return, net .....	\$5,463,540
Contributions.....	1,944,416
Gift-in-kind rent.....	66,348
Rent income .....	77,704
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts.....	(36,939)
Special events, Project fee, Admin fee income.....	499,509
Miscellaneous Income.....	N/A
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support .....</b>	<b>\$8,014,578</b>

### EXPENSES

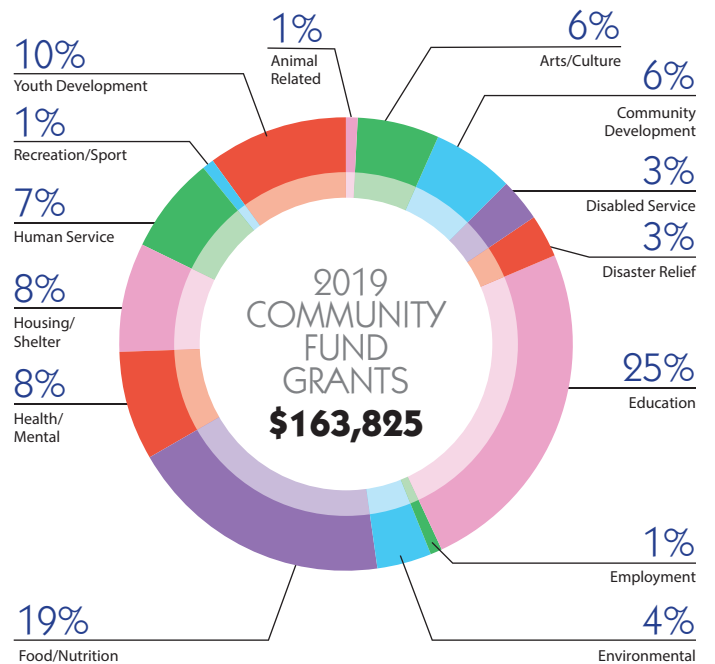
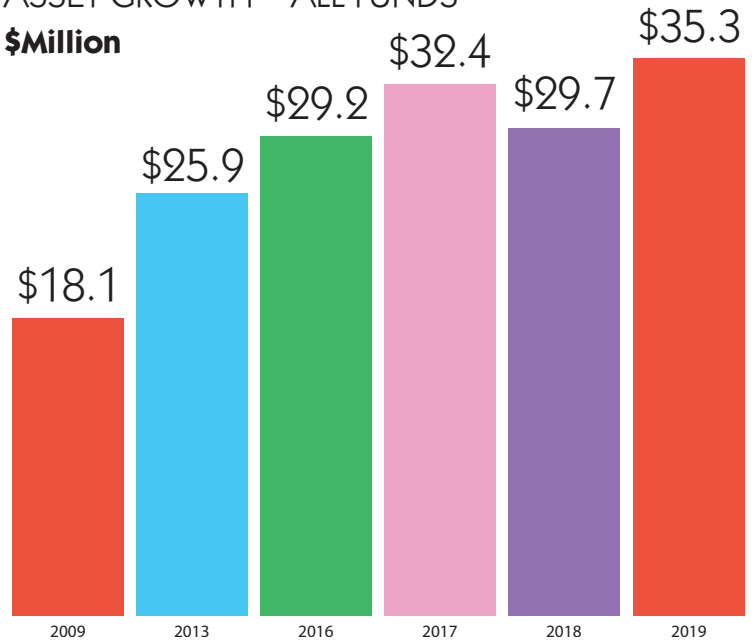
Program services .....	\$1,905,201
Supporting services.....	713,066
Fundraising.....	263,618
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$2,881,885</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$5,132,693**



### ASSET GROWTH – ALL FUNDS

**\$Million**





**Jessica O'Brien**, Development Director, Michigan City Salvation Army helps distribute food pantry items to clients in need.



**Jim Musial**, Executive Director, Citizens Concerned for the Homeless helps distribute fresh produce as part of La Porte County's food rescue initiative.

## Convening for Good

Unity Foundation continues to transform how we meet our mission of strengthening La Porte County now and forever. Through listening, learning, collaboration and convening, we are taking action to support those we serve.

Unity embarks on its 16th year of facilitating the Home Team of La Porte County, a collaborative group of individuals who work together to fulfill the vision to create a county where all residents will live a life free from homelessness. The Home Team of La Porte County is a collaboration of over 120 nonprofits, government, churches and passionate individuals concerned with housing and homelessness, an issue that is more important now than ever.

Keeping people housed is essential and much more cost effective than re-housing homeless families. Unity began convening a Rental Assistance Group to take steps to prevent mass homelessness. When rental assistance funding became available, this group promoted the program to social service agencies and residents by creating press releases urging them to apply for help at [Indianahousingnow.org](https://indianahousingnow.org).

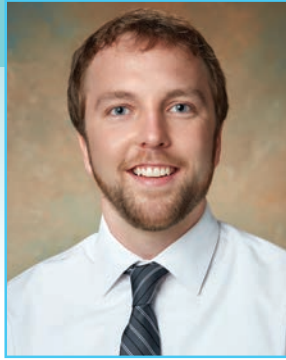
As a result, La Porte County had the 5th highest total of applications in the state. The group continues to meet bi-weekly to work to prevent mass homelessness.

As the global pandemic widened, our shelter directors and others began meeting weekly to develop a shelter protection plan to protect shelter guests and the community. The plan ultimately relied on testing people before they could enter a shelter, minimizing risk. The plan worked. Larry Butcher, La Porte County Emergency Management Administrator went above and beyond to counsel, guide and support this group to prevent the spread of coronavirus in our three shelters: Sandcastle, Interfaith Pads and Stepping Stone. Ed Seal, Home Team and Housing Opportunities Street Outreach Coordinator, with support from Unity staff, rapidly responded to emerging shelter needs and is an essential liaison between shelters, healthcare providers, funders and La Porte County government.





**Director Larry Butcher**  
La Porte County Emergency  
Management Administrator



**Jordan Stanfill**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Housing Opportunities, Inc.



**Lisa Pierzakowski**  
Center Township Trustee



**Major Rebecca Simmons**  
The Salvation Army



**Tammy Rosebaum**  
Operations Director, Citizens  
Concerned for the Homeless



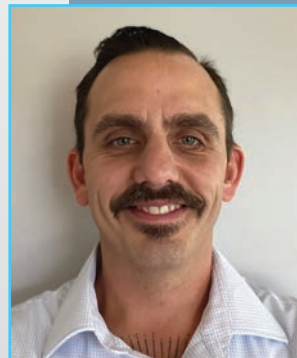
**Jim Musial**  
Executive Director, Citizens  
Concerned for the Homeless



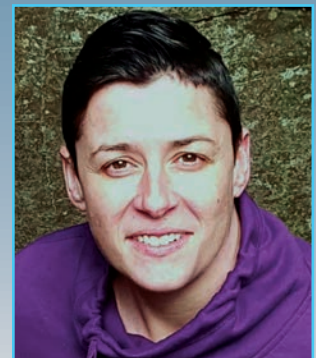
**Harrison Holtkamp**  
Executive Director,  
Interfaith Community PADS



**Nanda Danitschek**  
Executive Director,  
Stepping Stone Shelter  
for Women



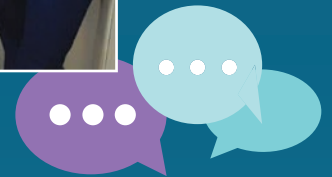
**Ed Seal**  
Home Team and ESG Street  
Outreach Coordinator,  
Housing Opportunities, Inc.



**Lindsey Patty**  
PATH Coordinator,  
Swanson Center



**Jennifer Wright** and the clinical team at HealthLinc have been critical Home Team of La Porte partners, working diligently to get shelter clients and staff rapid testing as necessary throughout the pandemic.



“Each agency plays an important role as we work together to keep people housed and curb the spread of COVID-19 in our three small but mighty shelters. With the support of our sponsors and the grant from the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, we continue to make a significant impact in La Porte County now and for years to come.”

Ed Seal, Home Team and ESG Street Outreach Coordinator, Housing Opportunities, Inc.

A special thanks to Dr. Vidya Kora for his ongoing clinical expertise and guidance to the Home Team and Shelter Committee throughout the pandemic.

Thank you to Abigail Stewart, Keys to Hope Case Manager for her ongoing assistance and coordination with the Shelter Committee and Home Team.

## FOOD RESCUE

**Tammy Rosebaum, Operations Director** and **Jim Musial, Executive Director, CCH**, collect fresh meat and dairy products as part of La Porte County's food rescue initiative.

## Collective Impact Food Rescue Program

A new food rescue initiative led by Jim Musial, Executive Director, Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (CCH) has flourished in 2020. The program provides direct access to free, fresh, nutritious food for all La Porte County communities through collective impact with Feeding America, local vendors and targeted points of distribution. Educational workshops provide added tools for healthy eating and living. This year, the program has expanded to Hanna, Kingsford Heights, Michigan City, La Porte, New Carlisle, Rolling Prairie and Wanatah.

"Collective impact" describes an intentional way of working together and sharing information for the purpose of solving a complex problem. Proponents of collective impact believe that the approach is more likely to solve complex problems than if a single nonprofit were to approach the same problem(s) on its own. (National Council of Nonprofits, 2020).

CCH launched this program to fill a basic need driven by the elimination of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana La Porte County food rescue program.

Phase 1 of the pilot food rescue program began in January 2019, which rescued and distributed 144,000 pounds of food to approximately 14 agencies. During this time, CCH also continued its existing programs of health and wellness, nutrition classes, smoking cessation, exercise and other health initiatives in partnership with La Porte County Purdue Extension, Intrepid Phoenix and with funding support Duneland Health Council, Healthcare Foundation of La Porte (HFL), United Way of La Porte County, Unity Foundation and others.

Phase 2 has resulted in major expansion of the program and providing fresh, nutritious food to those who need it most.



A new, refrigerated food distribution truck funded by HFL and Duneland Health Council has driven rapid expansion of the program in 2020. The food rescue initiative now serves over 30 organizations throughout La Porte County with an annual reach of 147,444 individuals/families per year. Added contributions from a private produce distributor in Chesterton, the USDA Farmers to Families program, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry and bonus distributions from the Food Bank of Northern Indiana have resulted in a total distribution of over 350,000 pounds of food annually to La Porte County agencies and residents in need.

In addition, the Keys to Hope Community Garden program is now in its fourth year, led by Jamie Miller, Unity Foundation. Clients learn how to plan, plant, maintain, harvest and cook fruits and vegetables from the garden. Erik Tannehill, chef and founder of the downtown Emergency Soup Kitchen in Michigan City and Melt Kitchen in the City of La Porte harvest from the garden.

Unity continues to support this innovative food rescue initiative, through the 2020 Unity Power for Good Community Grant program.



Food rescue volunteers put together bags of fresh produce as a part of a recent food distribution event.





**Jim Musial, Executive Director, CCH** has helped drive rapid expansion of the La Porte County food rescue initiative in 2020 thanks to a new, refrigerated food distribution truck funded by **Healthcare Foundation of La Porte** and **Duneland Health Council**.

“The CCH Food Rescue Initiative also promotes selflessness through volunteer opportunities and provides learning opportunities and employment opportunities. Many participants have used this opportunity as a launching pad to gain full-time employment and housing. Keys to Hope participants receive positive reinforcement from what they learn through the program and how it is applied in real life.”

— Jim Musial, Executive Director, CCH

**Jamie Miller, Development Officer, Unity Foundation** helped **Tammy Rosebaum, Operations Director, Citizens Concerned with the Homeless** plan and harvest several community gardens.



## need food assistance?

- Call **Indiana 2-1-1** to be connected with local resources
- Contact your local food pantry (for a complete list, visit the **Healthcare Foundation's** website)
- Apply for **SNAP** at [fssabenefits.in.gov](https://fssabenefits.in.gov)
- Call your local township trustee's office

[hflaporte.org](https://hflaporte.org)





# 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 added three 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 is 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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*AFS Company, LLC*

**ManDee Alevios**  
*Edward Jones*

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**Paul Applegate**  
*Applegate & Co. CPA's*

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**Bradley Werner, AAMS**  
*Brad Werner & Co.*

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

Pictured top to bottom:

Maggi Spartz & Jess Denger, Edward Jones

Tim Gartland, Edward Jones

Brian C. Merrill, Harbour Trust & Investment Management

Jamie Miller & Sarah Brown, Edward Jones



**Jamie Miller, Development Officer, Unity Foundation,** works with volunteers in the Keys to Hope community garden.

**Sydney Varnak, Unity volunteer,** wrote a 2020 grant that awarded STAR Center with a new, life-saving AED generously funded by Healthcare Foundation of La Porte.

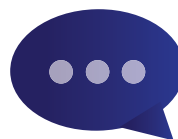
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# SHAPING THE FUTURE with **Unity**

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Girls on the Run participants excitedly cross the finish line. Unity supported **Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana** in 2020 through continued program support.

### 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.**

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Galena Township Community Endowment Fund  
Hanna, Indiana Community Fund  
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### Field of Interest Funds & Agency Funds

**These funds benefit a specific charitable organization or cause.**

#### Animal Care and Animal Education

Animal Lover's Fund  
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  
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Julia Diane Ragains Slawin Music Fund  
Sandra Young Arts Appreciation Fund  
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### 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  
Joseph & Jerome Nickels 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  
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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

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 Marquette Catholic HS Education Fund  
 Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation  
 Michigan City Area Schools Endowment Fund  
 Michigan City Education Foundation  
 J. Robert & Marjorie Miller Teacher Advancement Fund  
 Morgan Family Foundation Fund  
 Notre Dame Catholic School Education Fund  
 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

Celebrating Naomi Anderson Project Fund\*  
 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

## 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

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Maggi Spartz, President, Unity Foundation and Heather Ennis, President & CEO, Northwest Indiana Forum attend the Made in La Porte County event.

\*New Fund

Boys & Girls Club of La Porte County Endowment Fund  
 Boy Scouts of America  
 LaSalle Council #165 Fund  
 DeCamp's Band of Brothers Fund  
 Dr. Fischer LPHS Athletic Fund  
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 La Porte County Fair Fund  
 La Porte County Family YMCA Fund  
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 MC Elston Branch Endowment Fund  
 MCAS Education Enrichment & Dress for Success Fund  
 MCHS Athletic Booster Club  
 Zach McCoy Youth Development Fund  
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## 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. John's 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  
 Benz Family Scholarship Fund  
 Barbara Brandon Piano / Organ Achievement Award  
 Dr. Windham Bremer Scholarship  
 Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship Fund  
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 Earl & Faye Cunningham Scholarship  
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 R.E. Daly III La Lumiere Scholarship  
 Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship  
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 The Ingersoll Trust  
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 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  
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 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  
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## VISION

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