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2020-2021 UNITY FOUNDATION
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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A POWERFUL FUTURE

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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

Giving to Unity

- Fuel the engine of Unity
- Support our community betterment work
- Remember or honor someone special
- Build your favorite fund (see pages 27-30)
- 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

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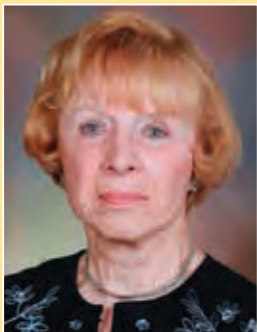
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Fenker's Furniture
Mayor Duane Parry
and the City of Michigan City

Thank you for fueling Unity.

Contact our Development Officer, **Jamie Miller**, at jmiller@uflc.net

In Remembrance



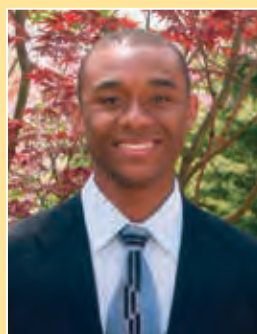
Romona Hay

Unity Foundation Board Member

Former Unity Foundation board member, **Romona Hay** (1927-2021) passed away on January 23, 2021. She served with Unity for 12 years from 1997 to 2009. Romona was especially passionate about education. She served on the general Scholarship Committee and helped launch the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship committee for La Porte

County, which began in 1998. During her tenure, more than \$4 million in scholarship dollars helped lift students and their families toward a better future. Romona and her late husband, Dr. Gene Hay, were involved in many other volunteer and philanthropic organizations. They started the Hay Family Fund to benefit the people of La Porte County, now and forever.

As a board member, she helped the Unity Foundation grow to \$17 million in total assets. Romona shared her belief in the power of the Unity Foundation and the good it will do – forever. Our dear friend Romona was and will continue to be...a Power for Good.



Brett McNeal

La Porte County Lilly Endowment
Community Scholar

Brett McNeal (1985-2020) passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2020 of natural causes. Brett was the first of our Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to leave us. We celebrate what was and grieve for what could've been.

He graduated from Michigan City High School in 2004 with honors. He was section leader of the marching band, on the track team, in the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Spanish Club, Senior Class Representative to student government, and a delegate to Hoosier Boys State.

In 2004, he earned the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship through the Unity Foundation. He was the first, and to date, only African American/Black male from La Porte County to win this honor and generous scholarship. He attended Butler University where he immediately became active in service organizations. During his junior year he received a grant that allowed him to study abroad in Hong Kong. In 2008, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree – honors designation. He also served faithfully in the Youth Christian Education at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Michigan City.

Maggi Spartz recalled, "We were very proud of Brett and the way he grabbed on to life. He traveled, served others and kept on learning and making friends everywhere. He would share his activities with our staff with great enthusiasm. Brett was grateful to Unity for his scholarship. He was one of the Lilly's who would send a check periodically to 'pay it forward' to help others. This is a testament to his loving parents, Samara and Richard McNeal."

UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY

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Maggi Spartz
President



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Chief Financial Officer
(P/T)



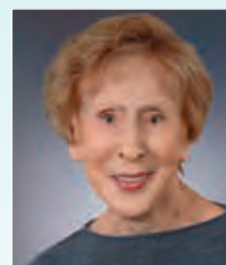
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Assistant (P/T)



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Lilly Endowment
Community Intern



UNITY FOUNDATION IS ENTERING ITS 30TH YEAR POISED FOR STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS AND EVEN BIGGER IMPACT IN LA PORTE COUNTY, OUR REGION AND OUR STATE.

WE HOPE YOU JOIN US.

Unity Foundation is celebrating its 30th birthday! In 1992, we became a non-profit and held a "Kick-off Dinner" at the historic Barker Hall, where we worked hard to get 80 people to attend. In a congratulatory letter John Mutz, then president of the Lilly Endowment Inc, said, *"We believe that the creation of the Unity Foundation may be one of the most important events in the county's history."* He ended with, *"In doing so, you are the heroes we hoped for. Congratulations."*

We don't think of ourselves as heroes. We view ourselves as servant leaders, here to help strengthen the county and its many communities now and forever. 30 years ago, the Unity Foundation was a new idea to the people of La Porte County. Since then Unity has had 30 inspirational years thanks to thousands of caring individuals, families and organizations.

What if Unity had never been formed? Because of Unity...

1. Donors have a trusted, professionally managed organization that connects them to causes they care about.
2. Non-profits are better off through grants and annual income from their endowment funds - funds they count on year after year.
3. La Porte County has more leadership capacity to help plan, respond to opportunities, attract resources and take the long view.
4. Scholarship funds have decreased tuition bills of thousands of students, lifting families and increasing our levels of education.
5. Our community has more 'forever givers.' If everyone who could, were to leave a "nickel or 5%" of their estates to Unity, our impact would be exponential!

We're proud of our successes since our 25th anniversary. Highlights include:

- ✓ Successfully met the Lilly Endowment's GIFT VII \$1 million challenge match
- ✓ Provided critical leadership and funding throughout the pandemic
- ✓ Launched Vibrant Communities of La Porte County to engage our diverse residents in shaping the future (VibrantLPCounty.com)
- ✓ Completed La Porte County's first ever Housing Study and Action Agenda (VibrantLPCounty.com/resources/people)
- ✓ Invested heavily in "Skilling Up" our people and education, particularly STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering/ Environment and Math) in our schools
- ✓ Partnered with our neighboring community foundations in Lake and Porter County to support the NWI Forum's "Ignite the Region" plan. (NWIForum.com/ignite) This process is paving the way for a more cohesive region and led to NWIBizHub, an entrepreneurial resource tool. (NWIBizHub.com)
- ✓ Increased our assets and the annual grants and scholarships we give each year
- ✓ Began working more closely with public servants - to solve complex problems
- ✓ Installed donor recognition art at Unity Park, finishing the dream that began in late 2010!

Unity Foundation is entering its 30th year poised for stronger partnerships and even bigger impact in La Porte County, our region and our state.

We hope you join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maggi Spartz".

Maggi Spartz
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon A. Gilmore".

Jon A. Gilmore
Chair

A POWERFUL FUTURE WITH UNITY

UNITY FOUNDATION 2020-2021 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

seated from left:

Laura Francesconi
Elizabeth Bernel
Marti Swanson
Angie Nelson Deutch

second row:

Dale Parkison
Stephanie Oberlie
Kim Sauers
Edward L. Volk
Scott Rice
James W. Kaminski
Jon A. Gilmore, Chair
Maggi Spartz, President

Michael Brennan
Paul Applegate, CPA
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Ronald J. Ragains
Diana Kabelin Corley
Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS (NOT PICTURED)

Daniel E. Lewis
Robert Schaefer

30 INSPIRATIONAL YEARS → A POWERFUL FUTURE

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SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 Diane K. Bamberth Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Stephanie Komaskinski



Sophie Sorg

This award honors the memory, courage and character of Diane K. Bamberth and is awarded each year to one or more students who exemplify humility, tenacity, and strength of character during adversity.

Unity Foundation Awards Scholarships for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Unity Foundation of La Porte County awarded over \$330,000 in scholarships to approximately 153 students from 43 different scholarship funds for the 2021-2022 academic year. Since 1992, Unity has awarded over \$2.6 million dollars in scholarships to La Porte County students. This year's recipients represent 10 high schools serving La Porte County students and 46 colleges and universities across the world.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bhagirathi Agrawal Scholarship

Lukas Fugate

Row Crop Agricultural Scholarship

Garrett Eggert
Megan Riley
Katelyn Rudolph

Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship

Abigail Zila

Diane K. Bamberth Award

Stephanie Komaskinski
Sophie Sorg

Gustav J. & Elma A. Banzhaf Memorial Scholarship

Tessa Bauman
Nicole Hesters
Blake Kessler
Riley Moody
Sarah Price
Olivia Schroeder
Jacob Sherrick

Benz Family Scholarship

Jibreel Hoskins
Arturo Alex Munoz
Mia Taylor

Lloyd G. & Betty Jane Clayton Scholarship

Hannah Schuster

Cunningham Scholarship

Aviana Garner
Anna Kmiecik

Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship

Janelle O'Neal

Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Marxman

Galena Township Scholarship

Petra Hemphill
Wreese Hemphill
Wrigley Hemphill

James A. & Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship

Matthew Knouse

Donald & Beverly Guse Scholarship

Emily Pontbriand
Kaylee Welkie

Harold & Rowena Hargrave Scholarship

Madeline Nunn

Robert J. Hiler Memorial Scholarship

Justin Jayasinghe
Grace Olah
Benjamin Patterson
Luke Patterson
Sarah Schoof
Karah Schutz

Ruth M. Howe Nursing Scholarship

Emily Samuelson

Ingersoll Trust Scholarship

Paige Maudlin
Madeleine Nunn
Janelle O'Neal

Bruce R. Johnson Scholarship

Adelaide Young Brust

Arthur & Alice Kabelin Scholarship

Emily Kasarda
Janelle O'Neal
Megan Riley
Riya Verma

Kabelin Family Scholarship

Aaron Greve
Makayla Robinson
Leslie Seadorf

Harry L. Kelling Memorial Scholarship

Mya Fegaras
Erin Johnson
Payton Neely
Samantha Shei
Micah Spatt

Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Scholarship

Eva Barron

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SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Richard & Tracy Krause Scholarship

Emily Evers
Joel Kelley

La Porte County E-Z Riders Horse & Pony Scholarship

Alexandria Bailey
Rebekah Novak
Hallee Petri
Allison Schweller

La Porte County Nursing Scholarship

Eva Barron
Carley Ellenberger
Keegan Long
Hannah Walker
Abigail Zila

Marilouise Lundgren Lossing Memorial Scholarship

Christine Ake
Zachary Archambault
Alyssa Foster
Jacob Marsh
Shelby Riehle

Jack Lubeznik Scholarship

Rory Neary

Robert L. Ludington & Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship

Alexander Ake
Christine Ake
Zachary Archambault
Tessa Bauman
Rachel Bellah
Maria Bibian
Kaitlin Bildhauser
Amanda Brown
Chloe Cloutier
Daniel Council
Breanna Dove
Jordan Forney
Alyssa Foster

Jade Foster
Emily Gushrowski
Kristen Gushrowski
Megan Gushrowski
Ashley Hannon
Trevor Henckel
Erica Hesters
Nicole Hesters
Jibreel Hoskins
Jessica Jara Huizar
Jennifer Justice
Emily Kasarda
Blake Kessler
Gabrielle Kimmel
Jacob Kiser
Sydney Kohn
Katherine Kovalcik
Michael Lakin
Bailee Laux
Jacqueline Leal
Bayli Lebo
Jacob Marsh
Rebecca Marxman
Paige Maudlin
Josiah Miller
Riley Moody
Sydney Moody
Arturo Munoz
Molly Neary
Rory Neary
Logan Notaro
Madeleine Nunn
Janelle O'Neal
Austen Ott
Hallee Petri
Paige Pizarek
Emily Pontbriand
Sarah Price
Emma Rice
Shelby Riehle
Megan Riley
Caleb Rosa
Katelyn Rudolph
Emily Samuelson
Aldair Sanchez
Hannah Schoner
Olivia Schroeder
Bethany Schuster
Hannah Schuster

Mareeya Scully
Jacob Sherrick
Sara Siegmund
Hunter Smith
Sarah Smith
Sophie Sorg
Sydney Starks
Savannah Starr
Mia Taylor
Bria Thomas
Riya Verma
Kaylee Welkie
Amanda Werner
Adelaide Young Brust
Andrea Zaknoun
Allison Zila

Ruth & Leonard Minich Scholarship

Madeleine Nunn
Katelyn Rudolph

Dr. Edwin C. & Alice J. Mueller Scholarship

Jillian Matzke

Jan Nona Environmental Stewardship Award

Michael Lakin

Pioneer Scholarship

Laura Bahena
Amanda Brown
Marcus Gray
Jessica Jara Huizar
Jennifer Justice
Aranza Leon
Jada Majied
Arturo Munoz
Savja Santana
Hannah Schoner
Mia Taylor
Bria Thomas

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"I am so incredibly grateful to be awarded the Ernest and Mildred Delco scholarship. This award will significantly help me during this academic year at Indiana University."
— Janelle O'Neal



"I appreciate all you have done for me. This scholarship will allow me to pursue a business degree from Indiana University. It has really relieved the stress of earning enough money to be able to attend college. Thank you again!"
— Nathan Stevenson



"Thank you for awarding this scholarship to me. I am applying to medical schools this year, and this scholarship will not only assist me in paying my current tuition, but also help me pursue my dream of becoming a physician."
— Ashleigh Suppinger



"I would like to thank the scholarship donors of the Unity Foundation for their generous scholarship. This scholarship will help me achieve my dreams and career goals, and without you it would not have been possible."
— Austin Casto

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Redington & Rootes Scholarship

June Brault
Arianna Cooley
Lefteri Fegaras
Adam Manering
Elisabeth Novak
Madeleine Nunn
Janelle O'Neal
Abigail Zila

Robert A. & Dorothy W. Rocke Scholarship

Rachel Bellah
Mya Fegaras
Bayli Lebo
Bailey Lenig
Drew Noveroske
Jacob Pinkerton
Tori Satchwell
Bethany Schuster
Allison Zila

Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship

Jibreel Hoskins
Davionne Garrett
Kasey Halfacre
Thomas Komay
Dalín McCully
Sophie Sorg

Floyd O. & Betty Shunk Scholarship

Chloe Cloutier
Breanna Dove
Jordan Forney
Jessica Jara Huizar
Jacqueline Leal
Katelyn McIntosh
Emily Samuelson
Hannah Walker
Emily Wilmsen
Abigail Zila

Edward B. & Grace A. Steele Siperek Scholarship

Janaya Blakely

Irvin & Peg Swanson Scholarship

Jacqueline Leal
Bayli Lebo

Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship

Lia Thomas

Neil G. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Roziland McCoy
Ryin Ott
Kaylee Smythe

John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship

Savannah Starr
Grace Wyness

Unity Foundation County Wide Scholarship

Austin Casto
Olivia DeWitt
Garrett Eggert
Katlyn Fine
Laura Fischer
Taylor Gertner
Marcus Gray
Nicholas Gushrowski
Thomas Hertges
Larissa Herzog
Abigail Huff
Elaina Kobitz
Hannah Misch
Payton Neely
Elisabeth Novak
Nathan Stevenson
Ashleigh Suppinger
Sidney Swanson

D.I. Walker Scholarship

Sophie Sorg

ABOUT UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY

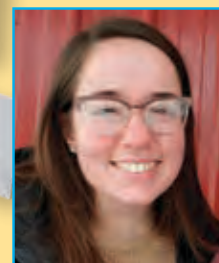
Since 1992, Unity Foundation of La Porte County has served donors, nonprofits and local communities. As La Porte County's community foundation, it manages approximately \$45 million in assets, administers more than 325 charitable funds, and has distributed more than \$22 million through direct grants 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.

in appreciation, from our recipients



"Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient for the county-wide scholarship! This money will help cover some of my tuition bill."

— Sidney Swanson



"Thank you so very much for choosing me to receive a scholarship this year! I am incredibly humbled by your generous and continued support of my education. I'm excited to continue my education and begin my career as a nurse!"

— Elisabeth Novak

LILLY SCHOLARS



Reese Attar is a student at Indiana University in Bloomington.

2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipients

The Unity Foundation is pleased to announce two students were selected to be 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars representing La Porte County.

Reese Attar from Michigan City High School and **Jillian Maudlin** from La Porte High School will receive tuition to the Indiana colleges of their choice, and an annual \$900 stipend for required books and equipment. 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.



Jillian Maudlin is studying at the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, MCAS Superintendent and MCAS representatives surprise **Reese Attar**, MCAS Senior at home to announce she's one of two La Porte County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients.

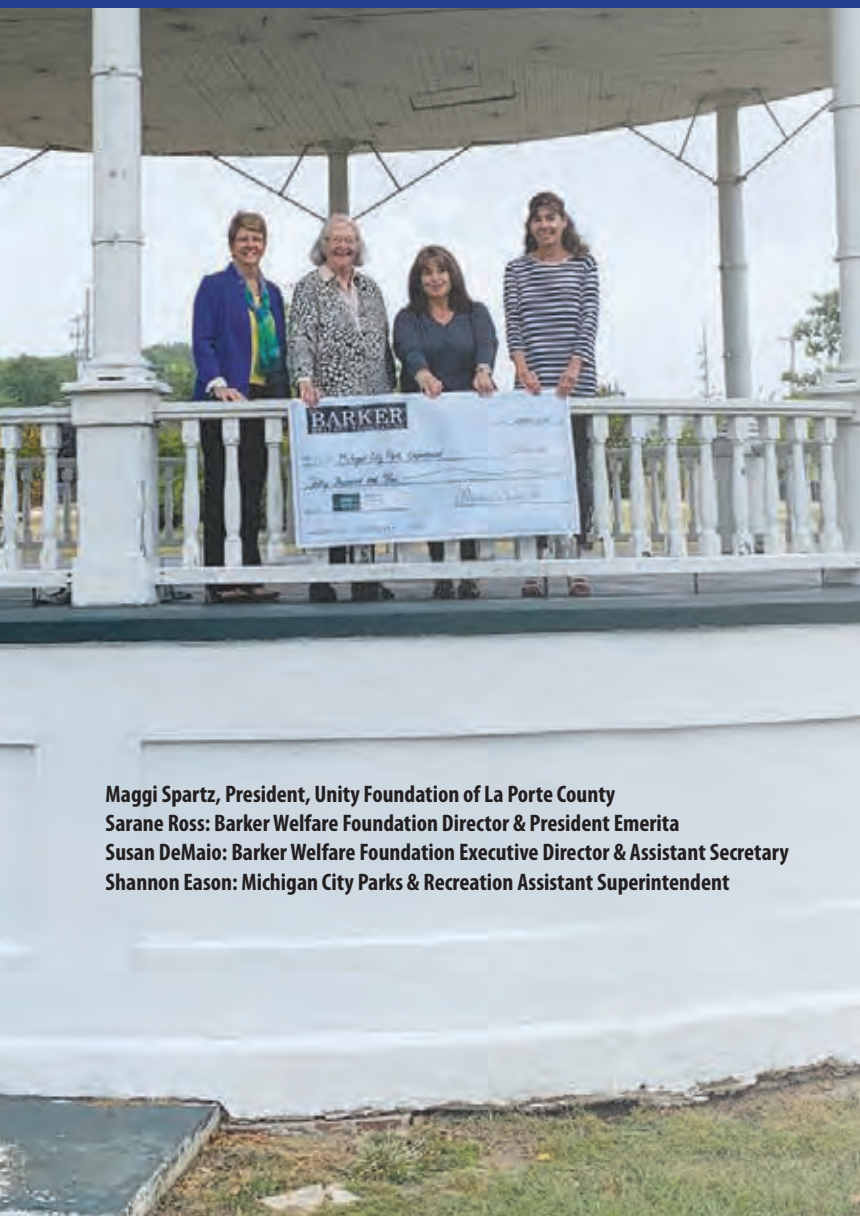


Dr. Chris Alber, LPHS Principal and members of the LPHS Guidance Office surprise **Jillian Maudlin** with the news she's one of two La Porte County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients.

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Washington Park Bandstand Restoration



Maggi Spartz, President, Unity Foundation of La Porte County
Sarane Ross: Barker Welfare Foundation Director & President Emerita
Susan DeMaio: Barker Welfare Foundation Executive Director & Assistant Secretary
Shannon Eason: Michigan City Parks & Recreation Assistant Superintendent

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department has launched a campaign to restore and preserve the Historic Washington Park Bandstand, an icon of Michigan City history. The Unity Foundation is supporting them by serving as a non-profit collection point for non-government fundraising dollars, through a fund created just to support our beautiful bandstand. Shannon Eason, Assistant Park Superintendent secured a \$100,000 grant from the Lake Michigan Coastal Program. This grant must be matched \$1 for \$1. Two organizations have already given or pledged matching funds; the Michigan City Historical Society for \$5,000 and the Barker Welfare Foundation for \$50,000, leaving \$45,000 yet to raise by mid-2022.

The original Bandstand, donated by John H. Barker in the 1890's was destroyed by fire in 1911. The current structure was designed by City Engineer H. M. Miles and dedicated on July 6, 1911. This Bandstand was the home of the Michigan City Municipal Band which played weekly summer concerts under its stately dome for 70 years until a new amphitheater was constructed in 1978. The old Bandstand was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 26, 1991 and was the site for President Bill Clinton's visit in 1996.

In a report titled, *Washington Park 1911 Bandstand Preservation Project*, the renovation includes: replacement of the electrical system and lighting with LED technology, tuck pointing brick foundation walls, replacement of steel column roof bracing, painting and restoration of the stairway railing and more.

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department hopes the recent donations from the Barker Welfare Foundation and the Michigan City Historical Society will spark an interest by other community-minded people and organizations to donate and preserve this icon of Michigan City and La Porte County history—for the next 50 years. You can be a part of it!

To learn more or donate contact **Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent, Michigan City Parks & Recreation** at **219-873-1506** or call **Jamie Miller, Development Officer, Unity Foundation** at **219-879-0327**.

You can make gifts for the Bandstand project online at: ufc.net/funds/contribute-online

POWER FOR GOOD



Girls on the Run of NWI uses physical activity as a platform for teaching life skills and promoting health outcomes for girls. They received a 2020 grant to support the Heart & Sole program.



A child and volunteer inspect an insect at the 2021 Bug Safari, a part of the Eco-Adventures Series of Free Educational Events for which Friendship Botanic Gardens received a Community Grant.

Unity Foundation Announces \$200,000 in Community Grants

“Community organizations are doing incredible work throughout La Porte County, and Unity is proud to support their efforts.”

Shannon Walker,
Unity Foundation
Vice President

Unity Foundation of La Porte County is supporting area nonprofit and community service agencies with its most recent round of ‘Power for Good’ Community Grants, totaling nearly \$200,000 for 74 local projects throughout La Porte County. These grants will help local organizations provide vital access to education, literacy, prevention and supportive services for local residents.

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 A. 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, Christopher B. Jollief, 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/Oktobersfest, Unity Foundation Power for Good Fund, John & Jean Vail, and Sandra L. Young.

Funding assistance for this year’s grants was also provided by the Bensz 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 Educational Advancement Fund, Robert L. Ludington & Anita Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship Fund, La Porte County Mental Health Fund, Christian J. Nickels Family Fund, Lorraine Gehrke Orlowski Fund, Polad Animal Care Endowment Fund, George H. and Madeline A. Smrt West Side Neighborhood Fund, Unity Foundation Literacy Fund, Charles Westcott Youth Fund, and Womens Well Being Fund.



Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (CCH) Executive Director Jim Musial and Interfaith Community PADS Executive Director Harry Holtkamp load the refrigeration truck in preparation for food deliveries.



New Prairie's STAND Club takes part in Sexual Assault Awareness month with Stepping Stone Shelter for Women.

POWER FOR GOOD

2021 Grant Recipients and their programs/projects receiving funding are as follows:

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

American Red Cross NWI Chapter
Home Fire Relief

Anam Cara Stables
Drumming for Healing

Anthony Adams House
Save our Youth

Arts in the Park
Arts in the Park

Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County
Kingsford Heights Expansion

Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County
Westville Expansion

Catholic Charities
Lifeline: Utility Assistance Program

Catholic Charities
Safe Haven: Homelessness Prevention

Center of Workforce Innovation
Adult Ed High School Equiv. Scholarships

Center Township Trustee
Crock Pot Friday/ Outdoor Food Pantry Boxes

Center Township Trustee
Emergency Shelter/Hotel Vouchers

Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (CCH)
CCH Food Rescue Initiative

Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (CCH)
Grace Learning Center Collective Impact and Virtual Technology

Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (CCH)
Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families Case Management Facilitator ("SCS")

Community Food Pantry of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee, Wills Townships, Inc.
Food Pantry Operations

The Greater Michigan City Chapter of the Drifters, Inc.
Economic and Health Equity Workshops

Dunebrook, Inc.
Child Advocacy Center Child Abuse Victim Therapy

Dunebrook, Inc.
Parent and Family Education Program

Family Advocates
Increase Mission Awareness

First Church of God
Community Playground Equipment

Fly High Youth Services, Inc.
S.O.A.R.

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana
Girl Scout Leadership Experience in La Porte County

Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc.
Senior Employment Training

HealthLinc, Inc.
Monitoring Diabetes in LaPorte County

Healthy Communities of LaPorte County
Covering Kids & Families

Independent Cat Society
Let's Fix This 2021!

Independent Cat Society
Safe and Healthy Shelter Doors

Interfaith Community PADS
Interfaith Community PADS Emergency Shelter

Interfaith Community PADS
Water Fountains for Sacred Heart

International Friendship Gardens Music Festival, Inc.
Friendship Botanic Gardens Eco-Adventures

International Friendship Gardens Music Festival, Inc.
Holiday Light Show

Intrepid Phoenix
Fitness Program and Fellowship for recovery from substance use

Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana
Junior Achievement Preparing Enterprising Youth for a Sustainable Economy

La Porte County Draft Horse Association
20th Annual La Porte County Draft Horse Show

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity Inc.
Habitat Home Build Project 2022-23

La Porte County Meals on Wheels
Blizzard Box Bonanza 6

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
33rd Annual Drayton Family Children's Educational Concerts

La Porte Little Theatre Club
Improved Stage Lighting for La Porte Little Theatre Club

Leadership La Porte County, Inc.
High School Leadership Program

LPHS Engineering
Machine Control

LPHS Engineering
Machine Programming

Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Strategies and Initiatives at LCA

Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts
Student Learning Tours

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

Michigan City Holiday Meals
Holiday Meals for the Community

Michigan City House of Hope
Power for Good Community Grant

**Michigan City
Mainstreet Association**
Celebrating Naomi Anderson

NWI Food Council
*Strengthening Local Food Systems
in La Porte County Through
Tool Sharing Library*

**Open Door
Community Alliance, Inc.**
*Open Door Adolescent Health Center
(ODAHC)*

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

Paladin INC
*Improve overall quality of life
through Sensory Art*

The Pax Center
Brighton Street Kids Garden Club

READ La Porte County, Inc.
Learning Disability Program Support

Real Services, Inc.
LaPorte County Nutrition Sites

**The Salvation Army
of LaPorte Indiana**
*The Salvation Army emergency
needs for people and pets*

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

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

**Service League
of Michigan City, Inc.**
*Service League Equipment
Inventory Additions*

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

Soul Steppers Drill Team, Inc.
Stepping To The Next Level

South Central Jr. Sr. High School
3-D Printing Station

**Stepping Stone Shelter
for Women, Inc.**
Shelter Meal Services Program

**Stepping Stone Shelter
for Women, Inc.**
*Step Into The Light Human
Trafficking Outreach and
Prevention Education*

Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Church Food Pantry

United Way of LaPorte County
*VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)
Program*

Washington Park Zoo
African Tortoise Yard Improvements

Washington Park Zoo
Wallaby and Emu viewing window

Westville Police Department
Body Cameras

Worthy Women Recovery Home
Worthy Programs for Success

YANA Service Club Inc.
*YANA Service Club
Facility Improvements*

**Young Audiences of Indiana, Inc.
dba Arts for Learning**
Arts-Integrated Education Residencies

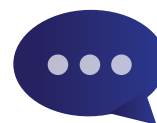
**Youth Service Bureau
of LaPorte County**
Kids on the Block

**Youth Service Bureau
of LaPorte County**
School Buddies

Corporate sponsors help Unity Foundation support and manage many community projects.

Unity would also like to thank the La Porte County community and all donors for their ongoing support and celebration of the Power of Community in La Porte County.

Applications for the next round of Power for Good Grants will be available in late spring 2022.



FOR ADDITIONAL
DETAILS
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POWER FOR GOOD



Youth Service Bureau's Kids on the Block presentation uses puppets to teach second graders what child abuse is, what it is not, and what to do if it happens.



Habitat for Humanity Volunteers completed two Michigan City homes in 2020-21 with support of a Power for Good Community Grant.

A POWERFUL FUTURE WITH UNITY

UNITY FOUNDATION 2020-2021 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



A Vibrant Vision for Our County's Future

Vibrant Communities of La Porte County is a “once in a generation” opportunity to define our path forward. This community betterment effort continues to move full steam ahead as diverse stakeholders from throughout La Porte County work toward implementation of key items to enhance and strengthen our communities. While Unity Foundation and the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau continue to lead the effort, it takes all of us to write and tell the story of La Porte County.

In 2019, community conversations identified the areas where we should focus our efforts first, identifying the issue of chronic lack of housing as a top priority. In 2021 we completed the first ever La Porte County Housing Analysis and Action Agenda in partnership with the La Porte County Office of Community & Economic Development. The “Welcome Home Task Force” that worked closely with Indianapolis-based consultant Greenstreet Ltd. to inform the study, brought county, city and town officials together and set a precedent for a new way of working together in La Porte County.

The completion of the study is just the beginning. The Action Agenda called for us to establish and communicate a clear vision for housing growth, build a spectrum of housing to unlock growth, establish a housing trust fund, support commercial centers with dense, walkable housing, manage growth at the edge, and continue the conversation. Read the full results of this transparent process and learn how to get involved at vibrantlpcounty.com/resources/people.

Residents identified entrepreneurial support as another need, not just in our county, but throughout our Northwest Indiana region. Unity Foundation joined with Legacy Foundation, Crown Point Community Foundation, Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center and the Center of Workforce Innovations to launch NWI BizHub in November 2020. The overall goal is to provide resources to build a better business. NWI BizHub connects entrepreneurs and small business owners to the right resources at the right time, no matter where they are in their journey of

starting, accelerating or expanding their business. To see how NWI BizHub helps current or aspiring entrepreneurs, visit nwibizhub.com.

A Lilly Endowment Gift VII Community Leadership grant has allowed us to continue this important implementation work and make progress on a number of key action items, and partner organizations around the county are working toward our shared vision. It takes all of us to create a more vibrant La Porte County for all! Learn more, get involved and adopt the vision at vibrantlpcounty.com.



Vibrant

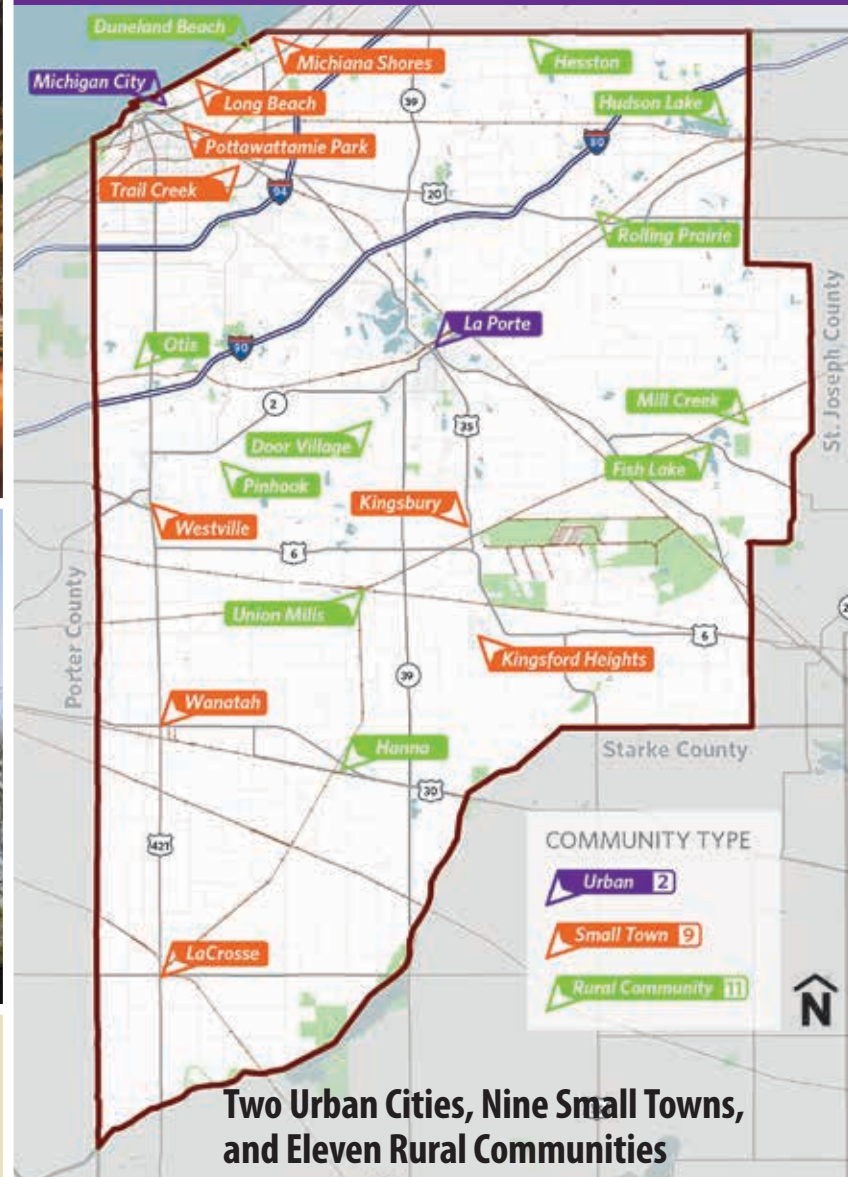
COMMUNITIES OF LA PORTE COUNTY

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.



Vibrant Communities contributed to the prizes for the high school art contest for Noguchi November at the La Porte County Public Library. More than 180 works from high school artists throughout the county were submitted. The winning submissions are pictured: first place **Emma Mitschelen** (center); second place **Elizabeth Santos** (left); third place **Katherine Bellah** (right).

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VibrantLPCounty.com



A Vibrant History

- 2017** Preparation, planning & kickoff
- 2019** Thinking big about the county's future – engagement through community conversations and the Summit on the Future
- 2020** Recommendations from the community become the Action Agenda—a roadmap toward making each community more prosperous.
NWI BizHub launch
- 2021 & Beyond:** Implementation of action items



A curious preschooler in Brigid McKee's class at Notre Dame Catholic School participates in STEM activities funded by the Michigan City Education Foundation Fund held at Unity Foundation. (2020-2021 grant cycle)

Unity Foundation Announces Michigan City Area Teacher Grant Recipients

Unity Foundation of La Porte County is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2021-2022 cycle of grants for Michigan City educators. These grants aim to support teachers as they find innovative ways to make learning possible for students – particularly during the pandemic.

Since the mid-1990s, three grant programs, established by caring donors who believed in teachers as the critical factor for learning, have awarded grants to over 1,000 teachers for projects of their own design. This year's group of recipients is receiving more than \$10,000. Funding assistance for this year's grants was also provided by the Christian J. Nickels Family Fund.

"Our local schools are full of exceptional teachers who go above and beyond for their students. Unity is honored to facilitate these grant programs that provide for additional learning opportunities for local students," said Shannon Walker, Unity Foundation Vice President.

The **Michigan City Education Foundation** provides grants for Michigan City public and parochial elementary and middle schools. Teachers may use their grants for hands-on or virtual activities in any academic area or life skills. MCEF was founded in 1994 when the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, Mary Lou Linnen and Bud and June Ruby came together to empower teachers.

This year's recipients, schools and project titles are:

Erica Ackerson, Krueger Middle School, *In a Pickle*

Kate Bobillo, Notre Dame Catholic School, *Gather the Mud and Collect the Mulch, it's Time to Create!*

Barbara Brandon, Notre Dame Catholic School, *Bucket Blast*

Ashlyn Combs, Edgewood Elementary, *Bookflix: Yes We're Still Reading*

Angela Dydo, Coolspring Elementary, *Solving Problems to Help Others*

Jill Grabowski, Krueger Middle School, *World Citizens Unite*

Kathleen Gushrowski, Barker Middle School, *No Time to Waste*

Katie Haughtington, Marsh Elementary, *Poetry Café*

Meg Kearton, Notre Dame Catholic School, *Art Supplies*

Kelli Kelly, Marsh Elementary, *Let's Get Ready to Kinder!*

Ryan Panos, St. Paul Lutheran School, *Hydroponic Tower Garden Growing*

Laurie Rockensuess, Edgewood Elementary, *"Drums Alive" project*

Susan Shell, Marsh Elementary, *We Like to Move It, Move It!*

Michelle Sickles, Sheri Tuesburg, **Ashlynn Combs**, Edgewood Elementary, *Reading is LIT (Learning Ignites Thinking)*

Leanna Smith, Edgewood Elementary, *Reading/ELA Independent Centers*

Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, Barker Middle School, *The Art of Chromebook Photography: from Selfies to Self-Portraits*

Mary Wellinski, **Laura Lohse**, **Kathy Moskovich**, Queen of All Saints Catholic School, *Providing Xtra Math*

Mary Wellinski, Queen of All Saints Catholic School, *Putting Books in Students' Hands*



New motivational signage is posted at Krueger Middle School as part of Ryan Labis' grant project, "Healthy Minds" funded by the Michigan City Education Foundation Fund held at Unity Foundation. (2020-2021 grant cycle)

The **Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Endowment Fund** is dedicated to the memory of Barbara A. Carmen, a former Michigan City kindergarten and first grade teacher in both the public and parochial schools. The Carmen fund makes grants for items that will enrich curriculum or enhance teacher's ability to meet student needs.

This year's recipients, schools and project titles are:

Kelly Benson, Edgewood Elementary, *Calming Corner*

Kristal Chenault, Marsh Elementary, *Poetry Café*

Sara Conn, Notre Dame Catholic School, *Technology Plus Writing = YES!*

Jill Grabowski, Krueger Middle School, *Taming the Trees*

Stephanie Jones, Pine Elementary, *Emotion Regulation with Sensory Supports*

Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, Krueger Middle School, *Putting the "A" in SEL = SEAL: Social Emotional Art Learning*

The **Teacher Innovation Fund for Michigan City Area Schools** is a grant program for Michigan City High School and La Porte County Career and Technical Education A.K. Smith Career Center teachers and professionals. It is designed to support educational professionals as they strive to reach their students – especially during COVID. MCAS Superintendent Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins and former Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie provided the idea and the seed money from their own personal funds for this program. Grants can be used to purchase equipment, supplies, tools for special programs or for ideas to enrich curriculum and enhance each professional's ability to meet his/her students' needs.

This year's recipients, schools and project titles are:

Beau Bruemmer, MCHS, *History of Rock and Roll- A Flashback in Time*

Susan Cleveland, MCHS, *Fiber Art: Weaving on the loom*

Crystal Freeman, La Porte Co. Career & Technical Education A.K. Smith Career Center, *Garden of Herbs*

Kristen Freitag, MCHS, *Keeping Students "Charged UP" for school: this award is supported by the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce in memory of AK Smith graduate and long time Horizon Bank employee, Joe Mellen.*

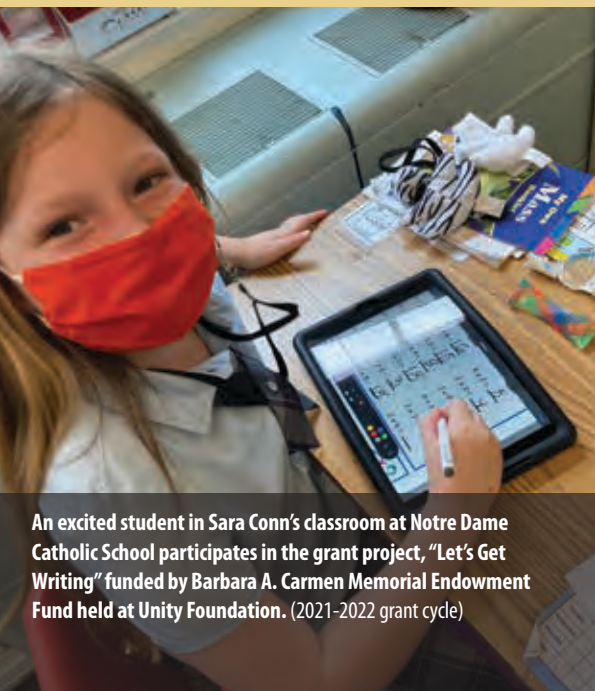
Adam Goebel, MCHS, *Environment in a Jar*

Rachel Pauer, MCHS, *Classroom Greenhouse*

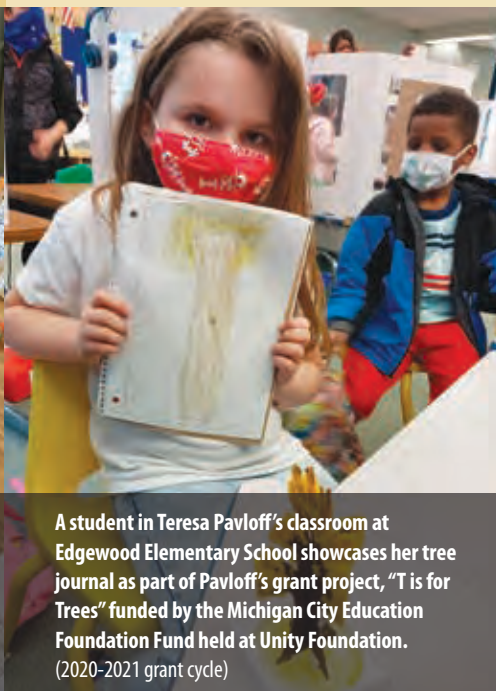
Danielle Reed, MCHS, *Counselor Corner*

Cheri Whitler, MCHS, *DIY Tshirts*

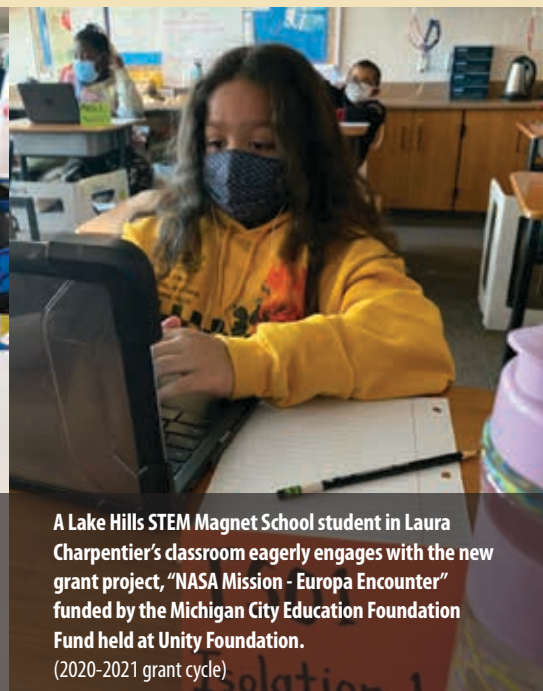
Amy Wojasinski-Labis, MCHS, *Comfy Learning*



An excited student in Sara Conn's classroom at Notre Dame Catholic School participates in the grant project, "Let's Get Writing" funded by Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Endowment Fund held at Unity Foundation. (2021-2022 grant cycle)



A student in Teresa Pavloff's classroom at Edgewood Elementary School showcases her tree journal as part of Pavloff's grant project, "T is for Trees" funded by the Michigan City Education Foundation Fund held at Unity Foundation. (2020-2021 grant cycle)



A Lake Hills STEM Magnet School student in Laura Charpentier's classroom eagerly engages with the new grant project, "NASA Mission - Europa Encounter" funded by the Michigan City Education Foundation Fund held at Unity Foundation. (2020-2021 grant cycle)

The next round of grants for Michigan City Teachers will open in summer 2022. All La Porte County teachers are eligible to apply for Unity's Community "Power for Good" Grants. That application period will open in late spring 2022. For more information on Unity's grant programs or to make a donation visit uflc.net.

2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY, INC.

2020 Financial Summary

Summary Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2020

Summary Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2020
Source: Audited Financial Statements



Unity Foundation
of La Porte County

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$2,990,802
Investments.....	34,533,955
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	211,947
Net property and equipment	464,654
Total Assets.....	\$38,201,358

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$191,844
Non-current liabilities	2,086,662
Total Liabilities.....	\$2,278,506
Net assets without donor restrictions.....	\$1,897,045
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	34,025,807
Total Net Assets.....	\$35,922,852
Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....	\$38,201,358

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

Revenue and support	
Investment return, net	\$2,395,620
Contributions.....	3,200,737
Gift-in-kind rent	66,348
Rent income	89,960
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts.....	(41,185)
Special events, Project fee, Admin fee income.....	459,618
Total revenues, gains and other support.....	\$6,171,098

EXPENSES

Program services	\$1,889,535
Supporting services.....	650,097
Fundraising	257,288
Total Expenses	\$2,796,920

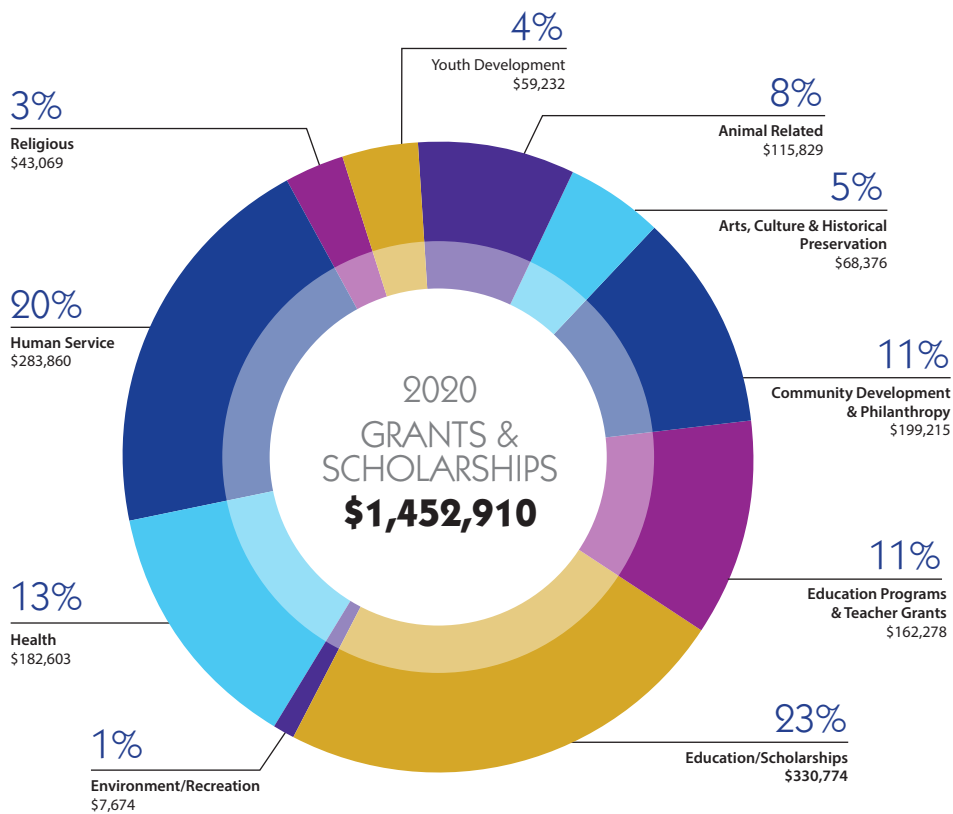
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$3,374,178

The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2020 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).

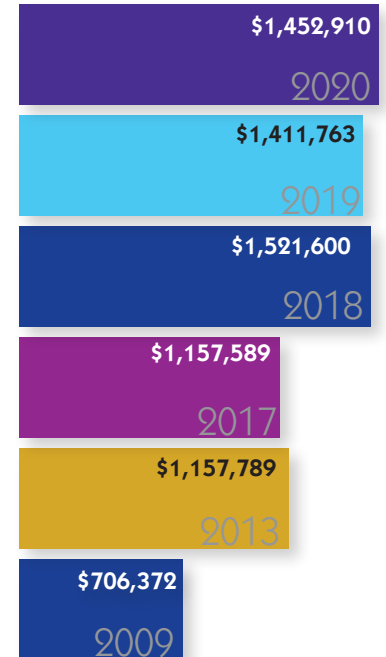
As reported by our independent investment advisors, The Mason Companies, the year to date time weighted returns, net of fees, for permanent assets under management as of December 31, 2020 were 10.14% vs. Equity Based Growth Reference Point (EBGRP) of 10.75%. The 3Year return was 6.78% vs. EBGRP of 7.37%; 5Year: 9.08% vs. 9.13% EBGRP; 10Year: 6.69% vs 7.72% EBGRP; and since Inception (1995): 6.78% vs. 7.31% EBGRP.

2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY, INC.

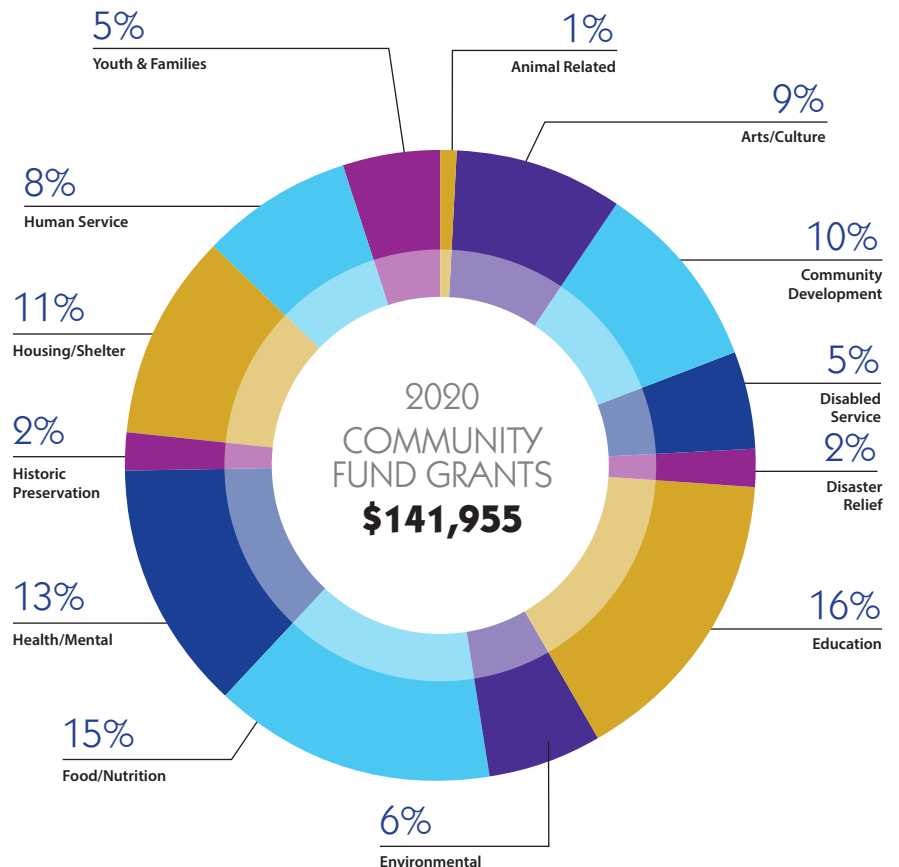
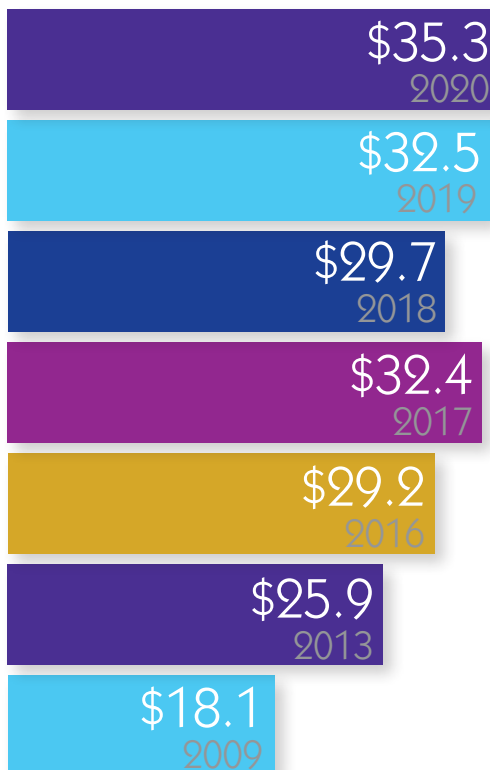


GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



ASSET GROWTH - ALL FUNDS

\$ Million





Unity Foundation
of La Porte County

30 Inspirational Years...

A POWERFUL FUTURE



A HISTORY OF UNITY

1992



Founding Board Kickoff held at the historic Barker Hall

1993



\$80,000 awarded from Lilly for 4 Demonstration Grants: Town of Union Mills (population 400) raised an incredible \$150,000 in matching funds to ensure a vibrant ecosystem for Union Mills Pond.

1998



Unity's endowment reaches \$5 million – money that will benefit La Porte County forever as it continues to grow.

2000



The Discovery Alliance, a partnership with our neighbors in Lake and Porter counties has brought \$18 million to our region for education and literacy programs.



Leadership & Convening

- Comprehensive Community Studies
- Literacy & Education
- Homelessness
- Health
- Nonprofit Capacity Building
- Technical Support
- Major Funders
- Regional Initiatives
- Rural & Agricultural Development

2001



Moved into 619 Franklin St., Michigan City

2012



Unity Celebrates 20 years and raises nearly \$170,000 for 50+ non-profits at Give Day.

Unity relocates office to 115 East 4th Street in Michigan City



Completion of *A Tale of Two Creeks: Trail Creek Watershed Management Plan* – Unity collaborated with the City of Michigan City and other stakeholders to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty of Trail Creek.

2007



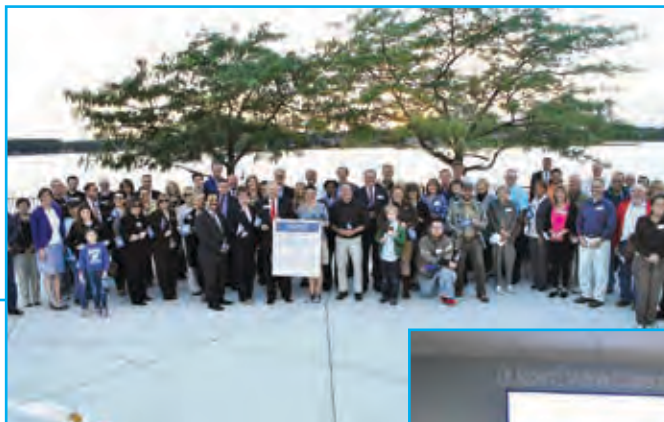
Unity reaches \$20 million in assets and raises \$125,000 for local non-profits during 15th anniversary gala.

2015

\$25M

Thanks to generous donors, Unity's endowment reaches \$25 million, enabling more good work to be done in the community each year.

2016



Unity Park is gifted to the City of La Porte. The partnership between Unity Foundation and the La Porte Park Foundation keeps two acres of land open to the public and preserves the view of Pine Lake for all.

2017

Creation of STAR Center
Unity's home until 2037.
Thank you NIEF!



2019



Finishing Touches -
Donor recognition
art installed at
Unity Park

1992-2020



Met all GIFT Challenge Matches generously offered by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

GIFT Challenge Match grants are designed to encourage residents and others to give generously to grow community foundation endowments and to fund local community needs.

GIFT = Give Indiana Funds for Tomorrow

Thank you Lilly Endowment!

Vibrant La
Porte County
community
engagement
completed



Vibrant
COMMUNITIES OF LA PORTE COUNTY

EDUCATION

2020



Counties come together
for NWI BizHub



Home Team marks 15 years
of service



Leadership La Porte County Youth Summer Camp has become a summer tradition for aspiring youth leaders in La Porte County.

Unity has supported a number of education initiatives in La Porte County over the past 30 years. Highlights include:

- Skill Up
- Support of Robotics teams, Makers Faire
- Michigan City Education Foundation's 25+ years of grants to teachers
- Youth philanthropy with Leadership
- Supported "Made in La Porte County" – 2,500 students learned about local manufacturers
- Cool Coding Week reached 70% of all La Porte County public schools
- Summer Tech Conferences: 200 teachers participated virtually in 2021; In 2019, 80 teachers learned about integrating technology into curriculum during an event at PNW.
- Tech tools deployed in most school buildings in La Porte County, giving teachers instant access
- Supported Trail Creek Week, exposing 6,000 4th graders to environmental stewardship
- Contributed to the success of La Porte County Public Library Exchange

2021

Investment in People
– Over \$22 million in
direct scholarships and
grants since 1992



First-ever La Porte County
Housing Study Completed

\$45M

Unity reaches \$45 million



Thank you to Unity's Professional Volunteer **Linda Wiltfong** (pictured right). Her commitment to education and workforce development in our community helped shape the lives of students and teachers. We are grateful for her contributions to the initiatives listed above.

GOLD KEY SOCIETY

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 five new members to the Gold Key Society and awarded 18 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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James Kaminski, Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones, LLP
Angela Smoker, Angela F. Smoker, CPA, PC
Jessica Blumenfeld, Edward Jones

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Alexis Pontius-Buell, Angie Nelson Deutch, Jamie Miller, Maggi Spartz and Jame Solner raise a glass at the conclusion of Unity's Virtual Wine Event in February 2021. Thank you Al's Supermarkets for your partnership.



Unity President Maggi Spartz and Sculptor Bernard Williams join community partners and volunteers as the Celebrating Naomi Anderson sculpture is erected in Michigan City.

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Matt & Maria Amor
Paul Applegate
Kelly Anoe
Jack Arnett
Hassan Baydoun
Elizabeth Bernel
Julie Biehl
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LeVana Briggs
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10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021

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Ancestors who fought
for voting rights
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George Rogers
Bill Root
Kenneth & Eleanor
Schnable
Nora Schultz
Betty Shunk
Eugene Shurte
Nick Siebert
Bob Sipress
Rodney W. Smith
Wayne W. Sommer
Fred Steif
Thomas C. Stokes, II
Perry Stump
Neil G. Thompson
Phyllis Tuholski
Dr. Anthony Umolo
Robert A. Ward
Melissa Warnke
Susan Wilkins
Kitty Wolf
Ron Wood Jr.
Dennis Wozniak
Eric Yandt

In Honor of

Don Babcock
Mark Berkson on his Birthday!
Curt Cipares
Robin Clark
Betty & Joe Coar
Laura Hansen Dean
Jess Denger
Tom Edwards
Melissa Henrichs
Carole Howe
Susan Johansen
Becky Knaack
James F. Lake
Linn Mann
Larry Mazur
Myriam Meidzian
Timothy Rice
Michael V. Riley
Mike Salmon's 80th!
Betty Shunk's 100th Birthday
Gerald & Loni Zygmunt

UNITYFUNDS

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
 *Christopher B. Jolliet Memorial Fund
 Kabelin Family Community Fund
 Ruth W. Pollingue Community Fund
 Purdue Federal Credit Union Fund
 Scott & Marianne Rice Family Community Fund
 Tom & Judy Ringo Community Fund
 Ruth Sabin Community Fund
 Philip A. Sprague Community Fund
 Thomas C. & Blanch G. Stokes Community Fund
 Tower/Oktobefest Community Fund
 Unity Foundation Power for Good Community Fund
 John & Jean Vail Advised Fund
 Sandra L. Young Community Fund

City, Town, Township Funds

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

Field of Interest Funds & Agency Funds

These funds benefit a specific charitable organization or cause.

Animal Care & 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
 Canterbury Guild Inc. Endowment Fund
 *Carillon Fund of the Presbyterian Church of La Porte
 Barry Dulyea Arts for Children 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
 Sculptor Isamu Noguchi Tribute Fund
 Stisher Family La Porte High School Band Fund
 Taleamor Park Environment & Art Fund
 Sandra L. Young Arts Appreciation Fund

Community Development & Philanthropy

*African American Empowerment Fund
 Bethany Community Fund



The Richard James Johnson Agriculture Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the memory of Richard James Johnson who had a passion for agriculture from a young age and loved teaching his children and grandchildren all aspects of farming.

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
 Leadership La Porte County Fund
 Michigan City Lion Charities, Inc. Endowment Fund
 Joseph & Jerome Nickels Fund
 Rotary Club of Michigan City Foundation Fund
 George H. & Madeline A. Smrt West Side Neighborhood Fund
 United Way of 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
 Ron Wood Jr. Memorial Water Safety Fund

Education

Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Fund
 Janet Collings Drayton Teacher Innovation Fund
 The Graduates of Isaac C. Elston High School Education Support Fund
 Haiti Children's Education Fund
 Ivy Tech MC Pejic Campus Fund

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A POWERFUL FUTURE

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
 League of Women Voters Education Fund
 Marquette Catholic HS Education Fund
 Michigan City Area Chamber
 of Commerce Education Foundation
 Michigan City Area Schools
 Endowment Fund
 Michigan City Education Foundation
 J. Robert & Marjorie Miller
 Teacher Advancement Fund
 Morgan Family Foundation Fund
 *Jeanette and George Neagu
 Gardens for All 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 Services, Housing & Food

Affordable Housing Fund for the Greater
 Michigan City Area
 American Red Cross Endowment Fund –
 La Porte County Chapter
 Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary
 Food Bank of Northern Indiana Fund
 Home Team Project Fund
 Homeward Bound, Inc. Endowment Fund
 Housing Opportunities Endowment Fund
 La Porte County Disaster Relief
 & Recovery Fund
 La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
 Endowment Fund
 La Porte County Meals on Wheels Endowment
 Michigan City Holiday Meals
 Lorraine Gehrke Orłowski Fund
 for Housing & Homelessness
 The Salvation Army of La Porte
 Endowment Fund
 The Salvation Army of Michigan City
 The Salvation Army of Michigan City
 Major Building Repairs Fund
 Sand Castle Shelter for Women & Children
 Stepping Stone Shelter Endowment Fund

*New 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
 Women's Care Center of Greater La Porte
 County Endowment Fund
 Womens Well-Being Fund

Health Care

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

Historic Preservation

Celebrating Naomi Anderson
 Project Fund

UNITYFUNDS

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

Literacy & 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 of La Porte County
 Endowment Fund
 Boy Scouts of America
 LaSalle Council #165 Fund
 Imogene L. Dahl Purdue Extension 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

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Started in 2021, the Jeanette & George Neagu Gardens
 for All Fund provides access to Friendship Botanic Gardens'
 programming, facilities and educational/recreational
 activities to under-served and/or disadvantaged families
 and children.

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Imagination Station 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
La Porte Jaycees Deserving Children Endowment Fund
LOK Wishing Tree Foundation
MCAS Education Enrichment & Dress for Success Fund
MCHS Athletic Booster Club
Zach McCoy Youth Development Fund
Aaron McNew Memorial Fund
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
Holy Family Parish Endowment
Evelyn & Robert Johnson Fund for the First Christian Church of La Porte
Music Fund for First United Methodist Church of La Porte
Presbyterian Church Foundation of La Porte
Presbyterian Church of La Porte Endowment Fund



The Westville Police Department seeks to extend their services beyond the badge and strengthen ties with the community. In 2021 the department started a scholarship fund to benefit students who aspire to serve their community.

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 & Other-abled

Agrawal Family Fund for Social & Learning Institute
Gardner & Guerrucci Memorial Endowment Fund for Social & Learning Institute
*Geske Family Endowment for the Other-Abled
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
Senior Independence Fund
SHARE Foundation with the Handicapped Fund

Scholarships & Awards

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
*Richard James Johnson Agriculture Scholarship

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 Music Scholarship
La Porte County Nursing Scholarship Fund
La Porte County Symphony Orchestra
Deborah DePoy Scholarship
Robert E. LeRoy Tennis Scholarship
*Linnen Family Scholarship for La Lumiere
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
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
*Westville Police Department Scholarship

*New Fund



Unity Foundation has helped LCSO reignite their endowment fund campaign as part of their 50th Anniversary. Their goal is to build their permanent endowment fund (held in Unity) to increase annual income to ensure programming for the next 50 years and beyond.

To learn more on the many ways to give visit uflc.net/funds/contribute-online, lcsos.net or contact the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra at 219-362-9020.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are for charitable purposes recommended by the Donor Advisor.

Their recommendations are honored as long as they are deemed legal and charitable in nature.

Agrawal Family Fund
 Amberg & Spartz Family Fund
 Alt Family Fund
 Paul & Sharon Applegate Family Foundation
 *Don & Sue Babcock Dream Fund
 Milton L. & Sylvia R. Bankoff Memorial Foundation
 Bensz Family Advised Fund
 Muriel R. & Myron E. Berkson, M.D. Fund
 Brennan Family Fund
 Fred & Helen Brust Fund
 Sara & Bill Carlisle Advised Fund
 Dent & Sterger Families Foundation Fund
 Jeff & Dawn Dunifon Family Fund
 Shaw & Greta Friedman Advised Fund
 Micky Gallas Family Fund

Gilmore Family Fund
 GoMetz Farm Fund
 Charles K. & Janet Greenwald Family Fund
 Hay Family Advised Fund
 Jack L. Jones Advised Fund
 *Ralph & Charlotte Jones Family Endowment
 Kabelin Family Fund
 Kora Family Fund
 Lake Family Fund for La Porte County
 Lake Family Fund
 Levine Family of La Porte Fund
 Lighthouse Place Charitable Fund
 Shirley Lubeznik Advised Fund
 Rose & Walter Machnyk Donor Advised Fund
 Magnuson Family Advised Fund
 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 Family 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
 Salmon Family Fund
 Paul & Terri Sammann Fund
 G.W. Schmidt Foundation

Eugene & Elaine Shurte Family Fund
 Scott E. & Kimberly A. Siefker Fund
 Stalbrink & Lapaich Family Fund
 Donnie & Peggy Thomas Empowerment Fund
 Ticsay Family Charitable Foundation
 Ulery Family Fund
 Varnak Family Foundation
 *Woodrow & Doherty Family Fund
 Robert W. & Sharon L. Wright Community Fund
 Anonymous Funds

For additional details visit

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*New Fund



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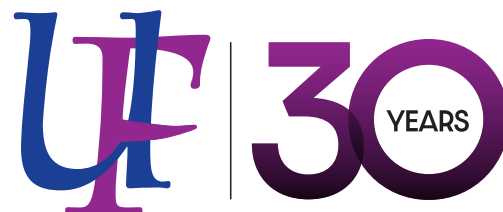
MISSION

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 vibrant collection of unique communities that invest in their diverse people, grow their economic and healthy vitality, and promote innovative leadership through talented citizens for a rich quality of life for all.

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OCTOBER 1, 2022



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