



# STRENGTHENING



# LA PORTE COUNTY



# NOW & FOREVER

2022 - 2023  
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Unity Foundation  
of La Porte County

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Unity's community  
leadership and impact  
with expanded  
annual report  
content on  
our website.



# FROM OUR LEADERS

For over 30 years, Unity Foundation of La Porte County has remained dedicated to our mission of enriching lives and *Strengthening La Porte County Now and Forever*.

Through the leadership and generosity of visionary donors, Unity's assets have grown to more than \$40 million. Through the power of endowment, the fruits of these funds will be invested in La Porte County year after year...forever.

Our work is complex, but our vision is clear: to be a vibrant collection of unique communities that invest in their diverse people, grow their economic and health vitality, and promote innovative leadership through talented citizens for a rich quality of life for all.

In this report, we hope you enjoy stories of community impact and demonstrated ideas to build your philanthropic legacy alongside Unity Foundation of La Porte County. We are inspired by our donors, teachers, scholarship students, nonprofit organizations, businesses and citizens addressing complex issues in our diverse communities.

We're grateful for your trust and privileged to realize the potential our founders envisioned when our community foundation was formed in 1992. That potential continues to build, and Unity remains a 'Power for Good' in our communities. We invite you to join us.

Sincerely

**Maggi Spartz**  
President

**Jon A. Gilmore**  
Chair

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NWI BizHub connects entrepreneurs to assistance no matter where they are in their journey. Learn more at [nwibizhub.com](https://nwibizhub.com).



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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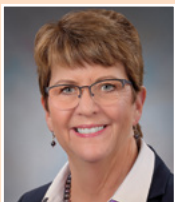
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We provide flexible, efficient, and tax effective options to ensure your charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact. Give to Unity Foundation, your favorite fund or start a new fund!

Visit [uflc.net](https://uflc.net) to learn more about an exciting new matching opportunity – the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII).

We are grateful for all gifts received, no matter the size, and welcome gifts in many different forms, including:

- One-Time Cash, Check, Credit Card or ACH Donations
- Recurring Monthly, Quarterly, or Yearly Gifts
- Securities or Stocks
- Grain
- Real Estate
- Mention Unity or Your Favorite Fund in Your Will
- Life Insurance or Retirement Funds – Designate Unity as a Beneficiary
- Charitable Gift Annuities

To discuss your giving ideas or learn more about starting your own fund or building funds for your favorite cause or organization, contact our Development Officer, Jamie Miller, at 219-879-0327.

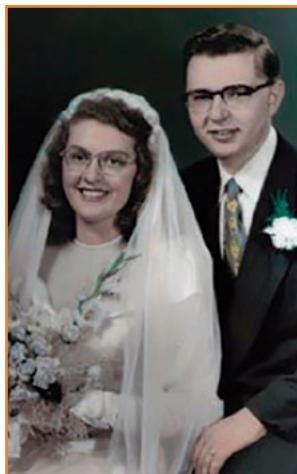


## Giving made easier!

### FUND ADVISOR PORTAL

Unity Foundation recently launched a new portal for fund advisors to access their fund information 24/7. Click on the **Fund Advisor Login button** at [uflc.net](https://uflc.net) to get started.





## THE IMPACT OF A FAMILY THE LUDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### The Robert L. Ludington & Anita

#### Huppenthal Ludington Scholarship Fund

is an innovative Unity fund established in 2016 through the vision and generosity of Robert and Anita Ludington who believed that learning was the greatest gift you could give or receive. Since its inception the fund has granted nearly 500 awards to La Porte County students totaling \$673,000.

Robert and Anita embodied the "American Dream." After his first tour with the U.S Navy, Robert obtained a two-year degree that led to a job at Pullman-Standard where he filed his first patent in 1958 for a simplified process to replace rail car brakes. Robert never stopped being curious and learning. He continued his education at multiple schools including Notre Dame and Purdue University. When Anita decided to return to school for an education degree after twelve years' absence, Robert was her biggest cheerleader.

In addition to helping traditional students earn post-secondary degrees, the scholarship fund supports non-traditional students – like Robert and Anita—including veterans and adults returning to school or transitioning to new career paths attain certificates, credits, and degrees.

**To learn more about this or any  
Unity Foundation fund, visit [uflc.net](https://uflc.net)**



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"I am enthusiastic about collaborating one-on-one with our donors and community partners to ensure the best philanthropic solutions for their needs. I have the best job on the planet! Every day I plant seeds of trees under which I will never sit. Remember that your donations to Unity or a specific fund last forever. Contact me and together we can make La Porte County a better place to live!"

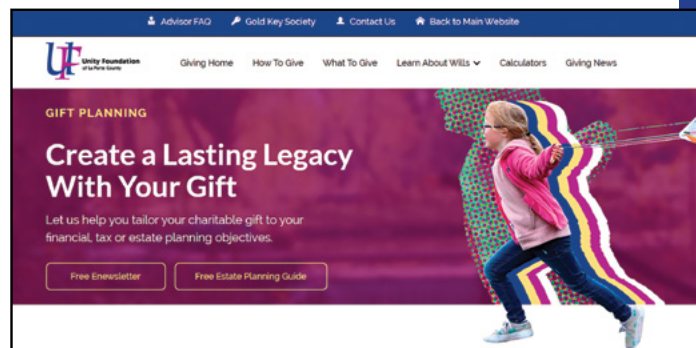
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## GIFT PLANNING RESOURCES

Plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family and your community. Visit our refreshed Gift Planning Website, [uflc.giftlegacy.com](https://uflc.giftlegacy.com), and discover a plan that works best for you.



Find out what to give and learn about the best assets to make a planned gift. Learn how to give and about gift options that provide tax and income benefits. While you're there, check our estate planning resources and sign up for our newsletter.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

 **3.5M**  
awarded since 1992

 **310,000**  
awarded this year to **172** recipients

**Bhagirathi Agrawal  
Scholarship**

McKenzie Losinski

**Row Crop Agricultural  
Scholarship**

Kaylee Koselke  
Madeleine Nunn  
Jonathan Rocke  
Melissa Rudolph

**Judith A. Amor  
Nursing Scholarship**

Nicole Hesters

**Diane K. Bamberth  
Award**

Grace Rinkel

**Gustav J. & Elma A.  
Banzhaf Memorial  
Scholarship**

Francisco Bibian  
Erica Hesters  
Riley Moody  
Alissa Sonnenberg  
Sydney Varnak

**Bensz Family Scholarship**

Kyra Krachinski  
Francheska Skonieczny

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

Haleigh Miller

**William Vernon  
Compton Scholarship**

Audrey Reese

**Cunningham  
Scholarship**

Summer McGee

**Ernest & Mildred  
Delco Scholarship**

Jillian Matzke

**Carley Dickard  
Memorial Scholarship**

Mary Neary

**Galena Township  
Scholarship Award**

Trenten Chalik  
Sydney Moody

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

Grace Rinkel

**Donald & Beverly Guse  
Scholarship**

Emily Grieger

**Harold & Rowena  
Hargrave Scholarship**

Payton Neely

**Robert J. Hiler Memorial  
Scholarship**

Justin Bunce  
Byonka Hernandez  
Justin Jayasinghe

**Ruth M. Howe  
Scholarship**

Allison Grabarczyk  
Emma Heffron

**Ingersoll Trust  
Scholarship**

Peyton Willoughby  
Lillian Burke  
Hannah Schoner

**Bruce R. Johnson  
Scholarship**

Lillian Tolmen

**Richard James Johnson  
Agriculture Scholarship**

Ryan Hesters  
Emma Hannon

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

Adrian Huizar  
Kourtney Pratt

**K.A.T. Volunteer  
Scholarship**

Abigail Kemiell  
Rebecca Marxman  
Jessica Jara Huizar  
Allison Zila

**Arthur & Alice Kabelin  
Scholarship**

Zachary Archambault  
Anna Kubik  
Payton Neely  
Gretchen Sexton  
Peyton Willoughby

Allison Zila  
Gavin Zolvinski

**Kabelin Family  
Scholarship**

Paige Hunter  
Preston Richard  
Christopher Seadorf  
Tristan Sherwood  
Lauren Trim

**Harry L. Kelling  
Memorial Scholarship**

Carter Jones  
Danielle Lilly  
Nathan Lilly

**Kelly-Prentiss  
Scholarship**

Moriah Carmel

**Sandra Calkins  
Kowalski Scholarship**

Jordan Forney

**Richard & Tracy Krause  
Scholarship**

Joel Kelley  
Julia Kelley  
Samantha Wilson  
Natalie Yacullo

**La Porte County  
E-Z Riders Horse  
& Pony Scholarship**

Francisco Bibian  
Emma Hannon  
Anna Landing  
Abigail Mitchell

**La Porte County  
Nursing Scholarship**

Carley Ellenberger  
Allison Grabarczyk  
Emma Heffron  
Nicole Hesters  
Lexi Scheidt  
Taylor Skibinski

**La Porte County  
Symphony Orchestra  
Deborah DePoy  
Music Scholarship**

Joel Kelley

**Robert E. LeRoy  
Scholarship**

Tristen Poe  
Jory Bales

**Marilouise Lundgren  
Losing Memorial  
Scholarship**

Zachary Archambault  
Jamie Ellis

**Jack Lubeznik  
Scholarship**

Sela Van Buskirk

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

Samantha Ake  
Kaleb Bacztub  
Elizabeth Bahena  
Laura Bahena  
Brennan Balka  
Jayana Blakely  
Riese Bornell  
Travis Chalik  
Trenten Chalik  
James Collins  
Caiya Cooper  
Bryn Cothran  
Olivia Cramer-Stevens  
Lanie Criswell  
Ryan Cuma  
Olivia Davis  
Brenda Del Real  
Breanna Dove  
Renee Eaton  
Carley Ellenberger  
Jacob Ellis  
Aviana Garner  
Nicholas Gushrowski  
Mirabellah Hernandez  
Lauren Hertges  
Erica Hesters  
Sydney Hill  
Halle Hood  
Vanessa Horne  
Brooklynn Hough  
Abigail Huff  
Emily Huff  
Adrian Huizar  
Kyra Kelly  
Abigail Kemiell

Stephen Klimczak  
Elisabeth Korell  
Brenda Lopez  
Michael Malloy  
Hannah Misch  
Abigail Mitchell  
Emma Mitschelen  
Riley Moody  
Sydney Moody  
Kristan Morrison  
Andrew Mrozinske  
Arturo Munoz  
Violet Murphy  
Violet Noveroske  
Madeleine Nunn  
Andrew Oleksiuk  
Austen Ott  
Garrott Ott-Large  
Grant Ott-Large  
Nathaniel Painter  
Kaitlyn Pollock  
Kourtney Pratt  
Autumn Reynolds  
Emma Rice  
Caleb Rosa  
Gideon Rosa  
Katelyn Rudolph  
Melissa Rudolph  
Joanie Sanchez  
Diego Santos  
Bethany Schuster  
Hannah Schuster  
Jacob Sherrick  
Rachel Sherrick  
Michael Smelser  
Sarah Smith  
Cory Stevenson  
Mia Taylor  
Lillian Tolmen  
Amanda Trojanowski  
Tyler Troy  
Alayna Tuholski  
Mason Tulacz  
Riya Verma  
Elizabeth Wadle  
Maria Wadle  
Abigail Walker  
Daniel Welsh  
Brenna Woodruff  
Makenzi Young  
Joseph Zook

## SCHOLARSHIPS

"This scholarship will help me achieve my goal of becoming a teacher and helping future generations of students."

KRISTAN MORRISON

"I am truly grateful for your support of my education. Your generosity has allowed me to pursue my dream of becoming a mechanical engineer. Thank you for believing in me."

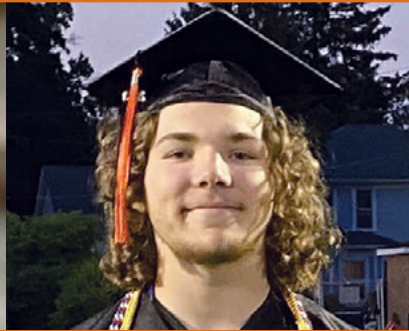
CHRISTOPHER SEADORF

"I greatly appreciate your contribution to my education and look forward to giving back to the community through my future career"

ABIGAIL WALKER

"I am a first-generation college student and receiving this scholarship truly means the world to me. It shows the community of La Porte County supports my future endeavors, and for that I could not be more grateful."

ANGELINA CLAYTON



### Ruth & Leonard Minich Scholarship

Olivia Cramer-Stevens  
Jamie Ellis

### Dr. Edwin C. & Alice J. Mueller Scholarship

Jillian Matzke

### Coch Nova Scholarship

Alissa Sonnenberg

### Pioneer Scholarship

Francisco Bibian  
Jacob Ellis  
Aviana Garner  
Mirabellah Hernandez  
Taylor Higley  
McKenzie Losinski  
Makenna Micallef  
Autumn Reynolds  
Natalia Ruiz  
Alissa Sonnenberg  
Pooja Verma  
Tristan Sherwood

### Redington & Rootes Scholarship

Alexis Catron  
Paige Conklin  
Thomas Hertges  
Payton Neely  
Rebekah Novak

### Robert A. & Dorothy W. Locke Scholarship

Lillian Burke  
Anna Kubik  
Haleigh Miller  
Payton Neely  
Audrey Reese  
Hannah Schoner  
Peyton Willoughby  
Gavin Zolvinski

### Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship

Layana Aoun  
Dejah Hawkins-Garner  
Jibreel Hoskins  
Adrian Huizar  
McKenzie Losinski  
Alyssa Shaia  
Tristan Sherwood  
Sophie Sorg

### Floyd O. & Betty Shunk Scholarship

Zachary Archambault  
Jory Bales  
Rachel Bellah  
Jamie Ellis  
Jordan Forney  
Jade Foster  
Thomas Hertges  
Jessica Jara Huizar  
Abigail Kemiell  
Jillian Matzke  
Paige Maudlin  
Kilee Miller  
Payton Neely  
Rebekah Novak  
Tristen Poe  
Hannah Schoner  
Matthew Steele  
Ryley Zawada

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

Taylor Higley  
Mary Neary  
Pooja Verma

### Irvin & Peg Swanson Scholarship

Lillian Burke  
Anna Kubik

### Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship

Sean Egan  
Violet Murphy

### Neil G. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Cicero  
Angelina Clayton

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

Joslyn Rodriguez  
Brienne Simmons

### D.I. Walker Scholarship

Evan Conrad  
Kaitlyn Day  
Brenda Del Real  
Mandy Fischbacher  
Emma Hannon  
Taylor Higley  
Brenda Lopez  
Audrey Reese  
Tyler Troy  
Pooja Verma

### Unity Foundation County Wide Scholarship

Jory Bales  
Jacob Ellis  
Mirabellah Hernandez  
Sydney Hill  
Kylee Hughes  
Anna Landing  
Rebecca Marxman  
Makenna Micallef  
Spencer Noveroske  
Natalia Ruiz  
Francheska Skonieczny  
Ashlei Sonnenberg  
Tyler Troy  
Maria Wadle  
Gavin Zolvinski

### Arlo & Jayne Westphal Scholarship

Sydney Hill

Give now to help support generations of La Porte County students!





## 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and locally in La Porte County by Unity Foundation, provides two area students with four-year, full tuition scholarships to an accredited Indiana college or university of their choice and an annual stipend for required books and equipment.



**Kayla Campbell**, a Michigan City High School graduate, has demonstrated outstanding leadership in her school and community through participation in a variety of extracurricular and volunteer activities. She wants to ignite and inspire youth, and use her future career platform as a broadcast journalist to make a lasting and positive impact in the world. Kayla is attending Butler University.



**Paloma Valdes**, a Marquette Catholic High School graduate, is deeply involved in her community and uses her time, talent and opportunities to improve the quality of life of others. Her future career goals include being a part of the solution in making the technology industry more inclusive, and to leverage technology to improve societal issues in education, healthcare and the environment. Paloma is attending Saint Mary's College.



Over the past 25 years,  
approximately

**6M**

awarded, benefitting  
72 La Porte County  
students and  
their families

Three grant programs established by caring donors from Michigan City who believed in teachers as the critical factor for learning, annually support creative and innovative projects in Michigan City public and private schools classrooms.

## Grants for Michigan City Area Teachers



### Lake Hills Elementary School 2nd Grade Students

"This grant made it possible to purchase materials to make phonics learning engaging and meaningful. Many students have surpassed district, classroom, and personal goals. I would highly recommend educators continue to apply for this grant to enhance their teaching. The grant process is easy to navigate and provides educators with resources that they may not normally have."

*Elizabeth Law, Lake Hills Elementary teacher and 2022-2023 Michigan City Education Foundation grant recipient.*

**Learn more about this year's teacher grant recipients  
and the impact of their projects in the classroom.**





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**Tim Gartland**  
Edward Jones

**Jamie Miller, Unity Foundation  
and William Maar**  
Thrivent Financial



## 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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\*New Gold Key Member



**190,000** to **45 Local Projects**  
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



A community member prepares a meal for Nest Community Shelter (formerly Interfaith Community PADS) guests.

Community Food Pantry received a grant to provide food and household necessities to families in need in the townships of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee, and Wills.



## 2023 Power for Good Grant Recipients and their programs receiving funding are as follows:

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

**Anthony Adams House:**  
Save Our Youth

**Arts in the Park:**  
Summer Concert Series

**Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County:**  
Westville Club Expansion

**Catholic Charities:**  
Safe Haven Homeless Prevention

**Citizens Concerned for the Homeless:**  
Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families Renovation, Phase II

**City of La Porte Police Department:**  
Community Needs Fund

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

**Dunebrook:**  
Child Advocacy Center

**Dunes Arts Foundation:**  
Creative Theatre Arts Program for Safe Harbor Summer Camp Students

**Family Advocates:**  
Inside Out Dads Pilot Program w/ La Porte County Jail

**Fly High Youth Services:**  
SOARING Through the Holidays

**Hope Center:**  
Helping Our People Excel - Rebuilding the Westside

**Interfaith Community PADS:**  
Emergency Shelter for Men, Women and Children

**Intrepid Phoenix:**  
Fitness for recovery from substance abuse disorder in La Porte County

**Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana:**  
Elementary Programming – Michigan City Area Schools

**La Porte County Drug Free Partnership:**  
LaPorte Crisis Intervention Team – Improving Responsiveness to Mental Health and Substance Use Crises

**La Porte County Public Library:**  
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in La Porte County

**La Porte County Symphony Orchestra:**  
Side by Side Concert with Local Music Educators

**La Porte High School:**  
SliderTech Robotics

**LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity:**  
La Porte Build on McCollum and Woodward Street

**La Porte Lake Association:**  
Pine & Stone Lake weed treatments, lake equality and walleye stocking to our lakes

**Leadership La Porte County:**  
2023-24 High School Leadership Program & Youth Advisory Council

**LETS GO City:**  
LETS GO Get It Program Support

**Michiana Humane Society:**  
Kitten & Puppy Foster Support

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

**Michigan City Art League:**  
Bringing the love of art to everyone in the community

**Michigan City Holiday Meals:**  
Free Holiday Meals

**Michigan City House of Hope:**  
Program Support





**Michigan City Police Department:**  
Community Needs Fund

**North Central Community  
Action Agencies:**  
Health and Hygiene for Youth

**Open Door Adolescent Health Center**

**Open Door Community Alliance:**  
Medication Assistance Program

**Paladin:**  
Reducing Social Isolation through  
Transportation Services

**The Play for Jake Foundation:**  
Meet Ready Eddy

**READ La Porte County:**  
Tutor Recruiter

**Sacred Heart Food Pantry at St. Mary:**  
Healthy Families

**The Salvation Army of LaPorte Indiana:**  
Client choice food pantry

**Service League of Michigan City:**  
Equipment Inventory Additions

**Social and Learning Institute:**  
Science & Nature Exploration

**South Central Jr. Sr. High School:**  
Engineering and Robotics  
Equipment Supplement

**Stepping Stone Shelter for Women:**  
Shelter Meals and Food Security Program

**Trinity Episcopal Church:**  
Trinity Community Food Pantry

**Worthy Women Recovery Home:**  
Worthy Home

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

*Unity Foundation recognized the 2023 grant recipients during its Annual Luncheon and Grant Celebration on October 26, 2023.*



*Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County offers free programming that supports Academic Success, Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles. This grant will help increase capacity at their Westville Club.*

These grants are possible because of the generosity of many donors, including visionary donors who left unrestricted community funds to Unity Foundation (listed on page 14). The following funds provided additional support for this year's grants: La Porte County Mental Health Fund, Glick Foundation Fund for the City Of La Porte, George H. And Madeline A. Smrt West Side Neighborhood Fund, Kay Franklin Commemorative Fund, Charles Westcott Youth Fund, Polad Animal Care Endowment Fund, Barry Dulyea Arts Fund for Children, and the La Porte County Educational Advancement Fund.



# 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary Statement of Financial Position  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Source: Audited Financial Statements

## ASSETS

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents.....                          | \$1,515,899         |
| Investments.....  | 37,752,782          |
| Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts..... | 312,188             |
| Receivables.....  | 6,060               |
| Right of use assets.....                                | 25,064              |
| Net property and equipment .....                        | 438,244             |
| <b>Total Assets.....</b>                                | <b>\$40,050,237</b> |

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses ..... | \$109,475          |
| Right of use liabilities.....               | 25,064             |
| Non-current liabilities .....               | 1,498,613          |
| <b>Total Liabilities.....</b>               | <b>\$1,633,152</b> |

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Net assets without donor restrictions.....    | \$1,796,735         |
| Net assets with donor restrictions.....       | 36,620,350          |
| <b>Total Net Assets.....</b>                  | <b>\$38,417,085</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets .....</b> | <b>\$40,050,237</b> |

## REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Revenue and support                                 |                      |
| Investment return, net .....                        | \$(5,642,485)        |
| Contributions.....                                  | 1,470,284            |
| Gift-in-kind rent .....                             | 66,348               |
| Rent income .....                                   | 86,219               |
| Change in value of charitable remainder trusts..... | 65,719               |
| Special events, Project fee, Admin fee income.....  | 605,775              |
| <b>Total revenues, gains and other support...</b>   | <b>\$(3,348,140)</b> |

## EXPENSES

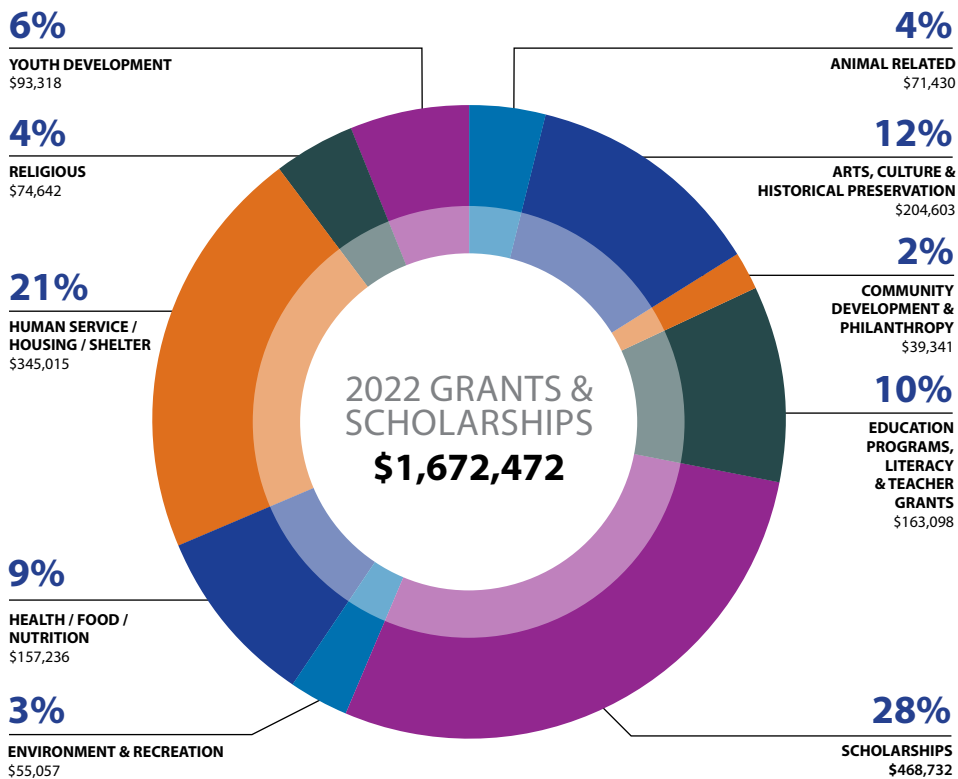
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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Program services .....      | \$2,248,081        |
| Supporting services.....    | 781,530            |
| Fundraising.....            | 270,152            |
| <b>Total Expenses .....</b> | <b>\$3,299,763</b> |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS      \$(6,647,903)**

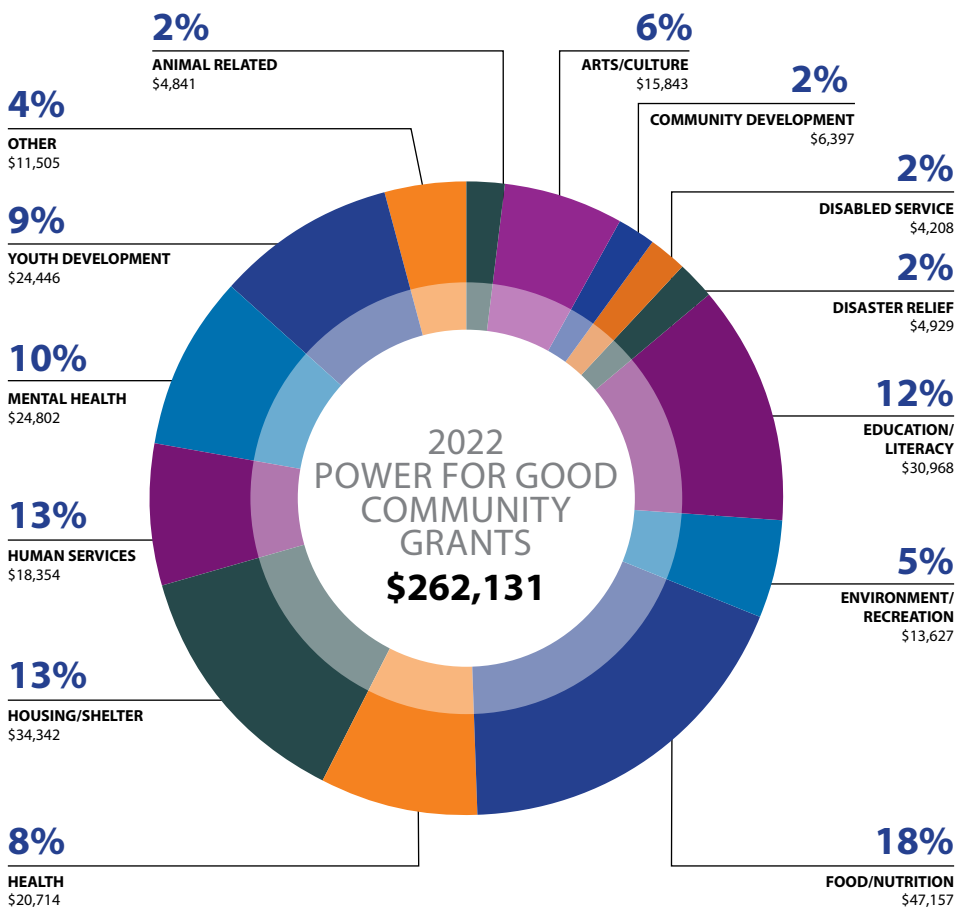
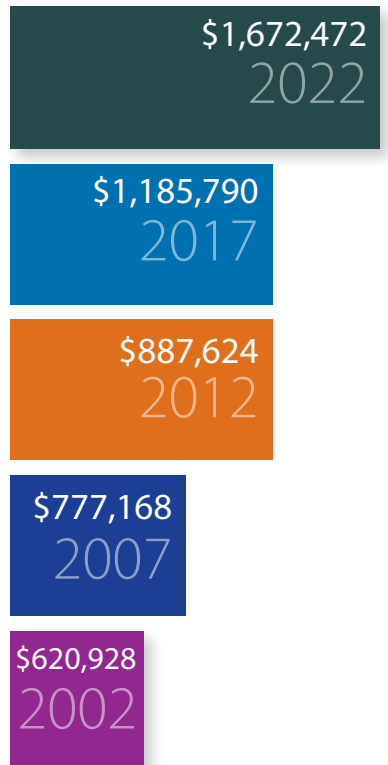
The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2022 as audited by Estep Burkey Simmons, LLC. A complete audited financial report is available upon request. The Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Inc., is a tax-exempt public charity under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3).

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 12/31/22 were -12.83% vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of -13.95%. The 3 Year return was 4.65% vs. GRP of 2.78%; 5 Year: 4.84% vs. GRP of 3.93%; 10 Year: 6.02% vs 5.91% GRP.

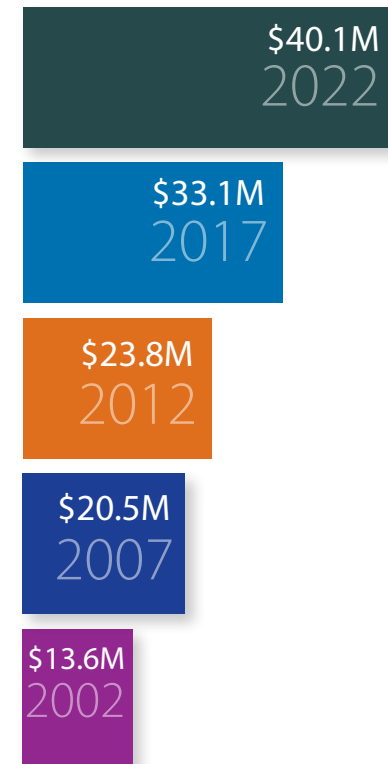




## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



## ASSET GROWTH ALL FUNDS



# UNITYFUNDS

As your community foundation, Unity Foundation of La Porte County helps people like you invest in our community's future. We invite you to help us in our mission to strengthen La Porte County now and forever.

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## COMMUNITY FUNDS

**These flexible funds are responsive to ever-changing needs in La Porte County or one of its communities.**

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/Oktobertfest 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



*In memory of founder Mike Brennan, Unity Foundation's Operating Endowment Fund has been renamed the Mike Brennan Operating Endowment Fund to honor his legacy and vision. Mike believed that a strong Unity Foundation was critical to the future of La Porte County.*

## 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

*\*New Fund*

Barry Dulyea Arts for Children Fund  
 Dunes Arts Foundation Endowment  
 Eugene & Marilyn Glick Arts Fund  
 \*Barbara S. Friedman Poet Laureate  
 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 Rohrabach 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  
 Mike Brennan Operating Endowment 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  
 Leadership La Porte County Fund  
 Local Heroes 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  
 Vibrant Communities of La Porte County  
 Wanatah Lions Club Endowment Fund  
 Ron Wood Jr. Memorial Water Safety Fund





*The African American Empowerment Fund offers a unique opportunity to identify challenges and opportunities to improve the economic and health conditions of the African American people in La Porte County.*

## 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  
 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

*\*New Fund*

## 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 Orlowski Fund  
 for Housing & Homelessness  
 Nest Community Shelter Endowment Fund  
 (formerly Interfaith Community PADS)  
 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

## 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  
 \*Held In Hope Endowment 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  
 Dick Reel Memorial Pioneerland Fund  
 Michigan City Lighthouse  
 Catwalk Maintenance  
 Rumely/Allis-Chalmers La Porte  
 Heritage Center Fund  
 Washington Park Bandstand Fund

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*Emma Hersom is the 2023 recipient of the Clarence Weinkauff, Jr. Memorial Award, established to promote the La Porte County 4-H swine program and reward the extra effort and passion that goes along with breeding and raising swine.*

*A grant from the Jerry Peters Memorial Fund supported the wrapping of the Michigan City High School resource officer vehicle. MCHS students created the design.*



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## 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

Anam Cara Endowment Fund  
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  
Imagination Station Fund  
Junior Achievement of Michigan City

*\*New Fund*

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  
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  
\*Steck Family Music Education 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 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 & OTHER-ABLED

Agrawal Family Fund for Social & Learning Institute  
Gardner & Guerrucci Memorial Endowment Fund for Social & Learning Institute  
Gesse 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  
Donald & Beverly Guse Scholarship Fund  
Harold & Rowena Hargrave Scholarship  
Robert J. Hilmer 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  
 \*Morgan Family Scholarship Fund  
 Dr. Edwin C. & Alice J. Mueller  
 Scholarship Fund  
 Coach Nova Scholarship  
 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  
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 John R. & Florene A. Troyer Scholarship  
 Unity Foundation County-Wide  
 Scholarship Fund  
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 Arlo & Jayne Westphal  
 Memorial Scholarship  
 Westville Police Department Scholarship

\*New Fund

## 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                                  | McDermott Family Fund   |
| Amberg & Spartz Family Fund                          | Terence Metcalf Memorial Fund                                     |
| Alt Family Fund                                      | Leigh & Marcia Morris Fund  |
| Paul & Sharon Applegate Family Foundation            | Nelson & Deutch Community Fund                                    |
| Don & Sue Babcock Dream Fund                         | Debbie New Paholski Foundation                                    |
| Bagnall Family Fund                                  | Christian J. Nickels Family Fund                                  |
| Milton L. & Sylvia R. Bankoff<br>Memorial Foundation | Jim and Kathy Nova Foundation                                     |
| Benz Family Advised Fund                             | Jerome C. & Kathy A. Orcutt Fund                                  |
| Muriel R. & Myron E. Berkson, M.D. Fund              | Pontius Family Foundation   |
| Brennan Family Fund                                  | William & Marie Priebe<br>Memorial Fund                           |
| Fred & Helen Brust Fund                              | Random Acts of Kindness Fund                                      |
| Sara & Bill Carlisle Advised Fund                    | Ransom Family Foundation  |
| Dent & Sterger Families Foundation Fund              | Cheryl J. Reinhart Advised Fund                                   |
| Jeff & Dawn Dunifon Family Fund                      | T.H.E. Fund   |
| Mitch and Karyl Feikes Family Foundation             | Salmon Family Fund  |
| Fly High Fund  | Paul & Terri Sammann Fund   |
| Shaw & Greta Friedman<br>Advised Fund                | Saint Stanislaus Kosta Building<br>Improvement and Education Fund |
| Marie Gaddy Foundation                               | G.W. Schmidt Foundation   |
| Micky Gallas Family Fund                             | Eugene & Elaine Shurte<br>Family Fund                             |
| Gilmore Family Fund                                  | Scott E. & Kimberly A.<br>Siefker Fund                            |
| GoMetz Farm Fund                                     | Stalbrink & Lapaich Family Fund                                   |
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| Hay Family Advised Fund                              | Ticsay Family Charitable<br>Foundation                            |
| Hal & Rose Higdon Running Activity Fund              | Ulery Family Fund   |
| Anthony & Nichole Hilb Family Fund                   | Varnak Family Foundation  |
| Jack L. Jones Advised Fund                           | Woodrow & Doherty Family Fund                                     |
| Ralph & Charlotte Jones Family Endowment             | Robert W. & Sharon L. Wright<br>Community Fund                    |
| Kabelin Family Fund                                  | Anonymous Funds   |
| 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             |   |



Visionaries and former board members **Leigh Morris** and **Marti Swanson** were named Honorary Board Members in recognition of their substantial and ongoing commitments and contributions. Pictured with Jon Gilmore, Board Chair, and Maggi Spartz, President.

## Ordinary people extraordinary vision

Unity Visionaries see beyond today to enrich our community far into the future. They were inspired to start a permanent fund; name Unity as a beneficiary of their will, insurance policy or IRA; or to create a charitable gift annuity. By doing one or more of these acts, they are meeting their goals today, while making a lasting expression of their family values.

We love our Visionaries and they love what Unity does to help them strengthen La Porte County now and forever!

We are grateful for their trust and their commitment to our future.

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Unity Park is located on  
Pine Lake in La Porte.

# GIFTS

10/01/2022 - 09/30/2023



## IN MEMORY OF

Allison pets  
Evelyn Amberg  
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Kathy Bard  
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Linda Blozis  
Virginia Bobillo  
Mike Brennan  
Leona Brown  
Buster Brown  
Linda Burden  
Annette & Gus Carlson  
Robert Clark  
Ron Clindaniel  
John Coulter  
Deidra Crail  
Laura Crochet  
Kyle Ethan Dale  
Lois Dawson  
John P. and  
Anne H. Daley  
Larry Dalton  
Marsha Demkovich  
Wayne Dudeck  
Luella Ensign  
Eula  
Richard (Dick) Euler  
Don Foldenauer  
Barbara S. Friedman  
Michelle Fuller  
Gail and Bonnie  
Bobbe Gull

Grandma Gum "GG"  
Holly  
Robert Horst  
Carol Howe  
Claire Howe  
Frank Howe  
Theresa Jamieson  
Leon and Norma  
Kaminski  
Peter Kaminski  
Calvin Kesling  
Charlene Kesling  
Lindsey Kesling  
Dr. Peter Kesling  
Rus Kintzle  
Sandra Kowalski  
Joseph Krochta  
Judith Louise  
Hayes Krocze  
Dale Landsman  
Tom Larson  
Thomas and Jean Larson  
Bob Lasater  
Dr. Ross Lawrence  
Helen Lazarek  
Mary Lou Linnen  
Marge Leek  
David Levenhagen  
Lee Levine  
Maurice Levine  
Bob & Joyce Livesay  
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Alvin P. Luther

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Amos Malstaff  
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John H Marshall  
Dorothy Massena  
Jerry Mayes  
Terence Metcalf  
Pat Molden  
Gene & Marianne  
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Sheryl Morrison  
Our Mothers  
Raymond Nemeckay  
Richard Niegos  
Fran Oberlie  
Debbie Paholski  
Vance Parkhouse  
Jackie Passauer  
Isabelle Peterson  
Larry Reed  
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Raymond F. Gaston  
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Sister Marie Joy  
Tim King  
Deb Klosowski  
Roy Langford  
Lubeznik Center  
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Max and Ireland,  
MHS cats  
Missy  
My beautiful mother  
Bertie Noorlag  
Dale Parkison  
Ruth Radke  
Reins of Life  
John Sheely  
Rev. and Mrs. R T Shipp  
Denice Shipp-Glenn  
Stepping Stone Shelter  
For Women  
Tam & Becky  
Tone, Chip, Chumley,  
Rollie Fingers, Smitty  
William and  
Souhaila Wendt

## DONORS

*Unity Vice President Shannon Walker (third from right) graduated from the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance's John Mutz Philanthropic Leadership Institute, a 10-month intensive program that identifies and develops transformational philanthropic leaders in Indiana.*

## FRIENDS



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## FRIENDS

*The La Porte County Symphony Orchestra is a cornerstone of the vibrant arts landscape in Northwest Indiana. Unity Foundation continues to be a proud sponsor of the LCSO.*

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## DONORS



*Unity Foundation donors helped support scholarships for Michigan City Area Schools middle school students to participate in the South Shore Sailing School.*

**Are you a past Unity scholarship recipient or Lilly Scholar?**

We want to hear from you! Please scan the QR code and respond to a brief survey.



*As champion of the African American Empowerment Fund, Denice Shipp-Glenn is helping to build the fund so that we can provide new opportunities to strengthen the people of La Porte County.*



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### POWER OF A CITY

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## Why we give...

"At Horizon Bank, our commitment to our community's growth and prosperity is unwavering. That's why we choose to support the Unity Foundation, a trusted partner in our collective mission to enhance our community. Through their diverse range of giving opportunities, the Unity Foundation consistently proves its ability to drive positive change, making our community a better place for all."



"NIPSCO is proud to partner with Unity Foundation of La Porte County, an organization that shares our belief in prioritizing the social and economic growth and prosperity of the community we serve. With our continued support, NIPSCO is certain Unity Foundation will achieve its goal of assisting more people and organizations with the help they need."



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