

2023 - 2024  
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



# STRENGTHENING LA PORTE COUNTY **NOW & FOREVER**



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# From Our Leaders

Unity Foundation of La Porte County's mission is to *Strengthen La Porte County Now and Forever*. We do this by building permanent endowments, addressing local needs through strategic grantmaking and scholarships and providing leadership on emerging community issues.

Thanks to the leadership and generosity of visionary donors, Unity's assets have grown to more than \$45 million since 1992. In 2023, caring people started eight new funds, for a total of 402 funds. Through the power of endowment, the fruits of these funds will be spent in La Porte County year after year...forever. These milestones show how generous and caring people are here...Unity is here to help them and you to leave a lasting legacy.

In this report, you will read stories about impactful people and programs in La Porte County and discover how you can join in this important work. You will also learn how Unity's community leadership role has been elevated on a local and regional level through Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VIII initiative.

We are inspired by our donors, educators, scholarship recipients, nonprofit partners, businesses and residents addressing complex issues in our diverse communities. We are grateful to the many community partners who work alongside us to realize La Porte County's potential and ensure Unity remains a 'Power for Good' for our communities.

Sincerely,

**Maggi Spartz**  
President

**Jon A. Gilmore**  
Chair

STRENGTHENING LA PORTE COUNTY  
**NOW & FOREVER**

**Learn more about Unity's community leadership and impact at [uflc.net](https://uflc.net).**



# Community Partners



"Building a stronger La Porte County is a vision NIPSCO is proud to support. By partnering with Unity Foundation of La Porte County, NIPSCO is helping to create long lasting prosperity and economic vitality for the communities of La Porte County and the communities we serve."

Katie Eaton, NIPSCO Public Affairs & Economic Development Manager, (center) with Unity Foundation staff members



- Applegate & Company, CPAs
- Centier Bank
- The City of Michigan City & Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch
- Edward Jones
- Harbour Trust & Investment Management Group
- James Burg Trucking Company
- Kabelin ACE Hardware
- Newby Lewis Kaminski & Jones, LLP
- Purdue University Northwest
- Rice Farms LLC
- Sera Group
- Tech Credit Union



"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."

"Mason Investment Advisory Services is honored to support the Unity Foundation of La Porte County because we share their commitment to enhancing the community's quality of life. By fostering philanthropy, leadership, and collaboration, the Unity Foundation empowers local residents and organizations to help effect change. Our partnership reflects our mutual dedication to creating sustainable, positive impacts for future generations in La Porte."



Pictured left to right: Allie Gormier, Norma Winning and Jason Doyle work closely with Unity Foundation



# WHY GIVE

We provide flexible, efficient, and tax effective options to ensure your charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

# WAYS TO GIVE

Give to Unity Foundation, your favorite fund or start a new fund!

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

Your professional advisor can help you assess the financial and tax implications of a gift to Unity Foundation. 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.



Jamie Miller



For a limited time, we are matching unrestricted gifts \$2 for every \$1 donated.

To take advantage of this opportunity, donate to an unrestricted community fund (*listed on page 12*) or establish and name a new fund for a minimum of \$5,000.

**Your gift will be immediately tripled!**

## GIFT PLANNING RESOURCES

Plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family and your community. Visit our **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.

### Sample Bequest Language

If you are considering making a bequest to Unity Foundation, the following language may assist you in your planning:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to Unity Foundation of La Porte County, a nonprofit organization located at 422 Franklin St, Suite C, Michigan City, IN, 46360, Federal Tax ID #35-165-8674, for Unity Foundation of La Porte County's general use and purpose.

### Language for IRA or Insurance Beneficiary Designation

Beneficiary: Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Federal Tax ID #35-165-8674 for the [name of fund].

# THE KABELIN FAMILY

## *A Legacy of Philanthropy*

**The Kabelin Family is well-known in La Porte County for their hardware business, but many people may not know about their nearly thirty years of philanthropy through the Unity Foundation.**



*Kay and  
Jerry Kabelin*

In 1912 Edward W. Kabelin bought interest in the Webber Hardware Company. A couple years later he bought the entire company and renamed it Kabelin Hardware Company. His grandson, Jerry Kabelin, joined the family business in 1962. A U.S. Army veteran, Jerry was the first person in the family to receive a college degree. When Jerry's father, Russell, became ill, his love for family and La Porte's lakes drew him home to the business which continued to grow under his leadership.

The Kabelin Family is in its second generation of philanthropy through Unity Foundation. Jerry joined the Unity Foundation Board of Directors in 1996 and served through 2015. His daughter Diana, president of the company from 2003 to 2014, has served on the board for ten years. "I chose to be involved with Unity because I really believe in their mission," Diana said.

Beyond board service, the Kabelin Family has started three funds at Unity Foundation, each supports the community in a different way.

In 1997, Jerry and his wife Kay started the Kabelin Family Fund to support local causes. As a Donor Advised Fund, they recommend which charitable organizations receive grants from the annual income generated by their fund. Donor Advised Funds offer flexibility to support various causes, make giving easy, and provide an opportunity to involve family members in charitable giving.

The Kabelin Family Scholarship Fund supports working students who wish to further their education beyond high school. Students who work for Kabelin ACE Hardware or children and grandchildren of employees of Kabelin ACE Hardware are eligible to apply for this

scholarship. Since 2007 the fund has provided approximately 40 awards to hard-working students.

Presented with a unique opportunity to participate in an impactful match, the family started the Kabelin Family Community Fund in 2014. Community funds enable Unity Foundation to respond to current and future needs and support local organizations through our annual Community "Power for Good" Grant Program. Community funds have a rare opportunity to grow, increasing their impact thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. Because the fund was started during a match opportunity, the original donation was immediately tripled, increasing the impact the fund has year after year. During the current match period (GIFT VIII) donations to all of Unity's unrestricted community funds are again being matched \$2 for \$1, making now an ideal time to make a charitable gift.



*Betsy Kabelin Parkison, Kris Kabelin Moore,  
Diana Kabelin Corley, and Jerry Kabelin*

**Contact Unity Foundation today to learn how you can leave a legacy of philanthropy by donating or establishing a fund.**

**To learn more about these or any Unity Foundation funds, visit [uflc.net](http://uflc.net)**







# GIFT VIII

## **“Triple Your Treasure” Matching Grant Opportunity**

Unity Foundation of La Porte County has been awarded an incredible matching opportunity for donors made possible by a \$2.25 million grant through the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. GIFT VIII allows Indiana community foundations to:

- Grow their financial resources to promote long-term viability and sustainability
- Further strengthen their leadership capabilities
- Develop and implement strategic programs, projects, and initiatives that enhance their communities' quality of life

The grant enables Unity to match \$1,125,000 in gifts made to existing or newly established Community Funds. Unity will match gifts with \$2 for every \$1 donated through December 31, 2025, or until the match dollars are exhausted, whichever comes first. Community Funds, also known as unrestricted funds, allow Unity the discretion to make grants that meet needs and opportunities as they evolve and change over time in La Porte County.

Donors wishing to take advantage of this unique opportunity may contribute to an existing community fund (a full list appears on page 12) or establish a new unrestricted fund.

For more information contact Jamie Miller, Development Officer, at **219-879-0327** or email [jmiller@uflc.net](mailto:jmiller@uflc.net).

## **GIFT VIII Community Leadership Grant Opportunities**

The GIFT initiative is based upon Lilly Endowment's longstanding belief that community foundations are uniquely positioned to play central roles in supporting and strengthening communities throughout Indiana.

In addition to building important unrestricted funds, Unity Foundation chose to accept planning grants from the Endowment to develop plans to enhance our communities' quality of life. Because of the earlier efforts from Vibrant Communities of La Porte County and Vibrant Michigan City, and significant community input, Unity was well positioned to take the next logical step and focus on housing. Simultaneously, Unity joined forces with our neighboring community foundations and conducted planning regionally. These efforts led to the submission of two community leadership concept papers, one local and one regional.

In June 2024, Unity was invited to submit a full proposal for both its Local and Regional Concept Papers. Unity's Local Concept Paper Proposal "Opening the Door to Housing in La Porte County" proposes three strategies around supporting workforce and affordable housing projects, smart development and removing housing development barriers.

The Regional Concept Paper Proposal, "NWI Thrive: Elevating the Region through Nature, Culture and Wellness" is a joint effort between the community foundations of Lake, Porter and La Porte counties and the Northwest Indiana Forum. The project is a regional placemaking and educational program aimed at ensuring our residents and visitors have access to the unique amenities NWI offers, at the convergence of our National Park and the newly upgraded South Shore commuter rail to attract and retain residents. This strategy involves deep collaboration with critical regional stakeholders and focuses on what makes NWI unique. The multi-million-dollar proposals are due in early September and awardees will be announced in the fall. The process is very competitive. Unity and our partners are putting their best foot forward!

# SANDRA WOOD:

## Paying it Forward in La Porte County



Sandra Wood has come full circle in her life and career. A lifelong resident of La Porte County, Wood has been able to make an impact in her hometown community with the help of an investment in her education by Unity Foundation of La Porte County and the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP).

Sandra attended Marquette High School, graduating in 2001. During her senior year, she learned about an incredible scholarship opportunity. It was the third year that the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship was offered. "I recall it was advertised by our guidance counselors as a full-ride scholarship. I knew it could be a life-changing opportunity," explained Wood.

Wood applied, was invited to interview and later learned she received the scholarship. "I can still tell you where I was standing in my living room when the phone call came one evening. It was one of those monumental and truly life-changing moments," she recalled.

Wood was a first-generation college student. "Had I not had this opportunity, I don't know what kind of doors would have opened for me in terms of being able to pursue a higher-level education," she explained.

Up until that point, she didn't know what she was going to do about college because the financial piece was a challenge for her and her family. The LECSP enabled Wood to pursue her baccalaureate degree with full tuition remission at an accredited Indiana college.

Wood studied English and Spanish with a minor in secondary education at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer. After graduating in 2005, she moved back home to Michigan City. She drew a circle on a map and sent her resume to every school within a 30-minute driving radius.

"In about 48 hours, I had a call back from South Central High School. They had a Spanish teacher who was retiring," Wood recalled. Sandra interviewed and received a job offer to begin teaching the following August. She taught at South Central for seven years but felt a yearning to do more.

"I got involved with our teacher's union and became president, so I had a little taste of leadership," said Wood. "I thought, this role feels comfortable to me."

Wood continued her education and career path obtaining a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University. When she finished her degree, she decided to go back to school to get her principal's license. She completed the coursework in principal administration at Ball State

University. "I was able to accomplish all this without any student debt. This was because I had such an incredible start through the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program."

At the time she finished her coursework for principal licensure, the principal at South Central High School was retiring.

She served as South Central High School principal for six years. At that time, she thought she had even more to give. She decided to pursue her superintendent's license. The first part was an education specialist program. She continued two years beyond that, also completing the PhD component through Indiana State University. "I thought, I made it this far, let's just keep going," said Wood.

Soon, the superintendent position came open in Westville at MSD of New Durham Township. Wood served in that role for six years. In July 2024, the La Porte Community School Corporation announced Sandra Wood as the new Superintendent.

*Pictured, left to right: Sandra Wood completed her PhD through Indiana State University; Wood with the La Porte Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees and her family following the announcement of her appointment as the new Superintendent.*



*"I'm very grateful that I've been able to stay within the La Porte County community and give back as much as I can. I hope that the work I'm doing is a reflection of all the work Unity and our community partners are doing together."*

Superintendent Sandra Wood, La Porte Community School Corporation

# SCHOLARSHIPS



**3.9M** awarded since 1992



**350,000** awarded in 2024  
to **148** recipients

**Bhagirathi Agrawal  
Scholarship**

Gideon Rosa

**Row Crop Agricultural  
Scholarship**

Reece Eggert  
Katelyn Hertges  
Brady Kessler  
Anna Minich

**Judith A. Amor  
Nursing Scholarship**

Mackenzie LaGard

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

Hailey Dawson  
Anna Landing  
Emma Luther  
Zoe Pietrzak  
Alissa Sonnenberg

**Bensz Family  
Scholarship**

Kyra Krachinski  
Krystani Quinn  
Ashley Sparks

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

Haleigh Miller

**William Vernon  
Compton Scholarship**

Gavin Zolvinski

**Cunningham  
Scholarship**

Sierra Dabney

**Ernest & Mildred  
Delco Scholarship**

Gideon Rosa

**Carley Dickard  
Memorial Scholarship**

Anna Minich

**Galena Township  
Scholarship Award**

Evan Lux  
Reese Yettaw

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

Ashley Sparks

**Donald & Beverly Guse  
Scholarship**

Miranda Wozniak

**Harold & Rowena  
Hargrave Scholarship**

Makenna Micallef

**Robert J. Hiler  
Memorial Scholarship**

Justin Bunce  
Byonka Hernandez

**Ruth M. Howe  
Scholarship**

Dominic Yanke

**Ingersoll Trust  
Scholarship**

Kaitlyn Day  
Brayden Sobecki

**Bruce R. Johnson  
Scholarship**

Vanessa DeWitt

**Richard James Johnson  
Agriculture Scholarship**

Anna Minich

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

Kyra Krachinski

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

Allison Galinowski  
Taylor Reaves  
Brayden Sobecki  
Pooja Verma

**Arthur & Alice Kabelin  
Scholarship\***

Alexander Ake  
Kaitlyn Day  
Taylor Higley  
Rebecca Marxman  
Makenna Micallef  
Brenna Woodruff

**Kabelin Family  
Scholarship**

Thomas Hill  
Preston Richard  
Christopher Seadorf  
Tristan Sherwood

**Kelly-Prentiss  
Scholarship**

Samantha Ake  
Evan Curl  
Austen Ott

**Sandra Calkins  
Kowalski Scholarship**

Mackenzie LaGard  
Elizabeth Tate  
Mia Taylor

**Richard & Tracy Krause  
Scholarship\***

Joel Kelley  
Emma Luther  
Samantha Wilson

**La Porte County  
Nursing Scholarship**

Dominic Bartels  
Carley Ellenberger  
Allison Grabarczyk  
Emma Heffron  
Lexi Scheidt  
Taylor Skibinski

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

Anastasia Attar

**Robert E. LeRoy  
Scholarship**

Haleigh Miller  
Allison Zila

**Marilouise Lundgren  
Lossing Memorial  
Scholarship\***

Lillian Burke  
Anna Kubik  
Emma Mitschelen  
Tristen Poe  
Joanie Sanchez  
Allison Zila

**Jack Lubeznik  
Scholarship**

Sophia Barczak

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

Layana Aoun  
Madeleine Arndt

Kaleb Bacztub

Tyler Bacztub  
Brennan Balka  
Sophia Barczak  
Abigail Bartlett  
Francisco Bibian  
Reilly Briggs  
Owen Chalik  
Trenten Chalik  
Michael Clark  
Caiya Cooper  
Carter Craig  
Olivia Cramer-Stevens  
Logan Crawford  
Zoe Crofton  
Brenda Del Real  
Vanessa DeWitt  
Maris Dodge  
Sean Egan  
Reece Eggert  
Aviana Garner  
Isabella Gosciniak  
Madison Gresham  
Zachary Hanchar  
Mirabellah Hernandez

Lauren Hertges  
Sydney Hill  
Emily Huff  
Amelia Jaracz  
Abigail Kemiell  
Brady Kessler

Jennifer Kievert  
Rilee Kleist  
Michael Lakin

Brenda Lopez  
Evan Lux  
Tatiana Miller  
Riley Moody  
Janelle O'Neal  
Chesney Osos

Meaghan Painter  
Leila Peksa  
Reghan Penziol  
Michael Pham  
Alivia Rocke

Reghan Romstadt  
Caleb Rosa  
Kendall Rosenbaum  
Olivia Ruiz

William Ruszkowski  
Trent Sample  
Hannah Schoner

Hannah Schuster

Jacob Sherrick  
Rachel Sherrick  
Tristan Sherwood  
Brayden Sobecki  
Ashlei Sonnenberg  
Ashley Sparks  
Riley Steinhiser  
Thomas Sullivan  
Olivia Swanson  
Elizabeth Tate  
Madison Tilden  
Kendall Troy  
Riya Verma  
Abigail Walker  
Dylan West  
Juliana Williams  
Miranda Wozniak  
Dominic Yanke  
Makenzi Young

**Ruth & Leonard Minich  
Scholarship**

Hailey Dawson  
Anna Minich

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

Dominic Bartels

**Coach Nova Scholarship**

Evan Lux

**Pioneer Scholarship**

Kaleb Bacztub  
Kaitlyn Day  
Kyra Krachinski  
Rebecca Marxman  
Krystani Quinn  
Gideon Rosa  
Alissa Sonnenberg  
Reese Yettaw

**Redington & Rootes  
Scholarship\***

Alexander Ake  
Rebecca Marxman  
Makenna Micallef  
Haleigh Miller  
Brenna Woodruff  
Allison Zila





## STRENGTHENING LA PORTE COUNTY NOW & FOREVER

"Thank you for your support. It is because of your generous contributions that young women like me are given a chance to use our backgrounds, perspectives and experiences to not only better ourselves, but enrich the lives of others. Your contributions forge a pathway for generations to follow."

MIRABELLAH HERNANDEZ

"It means so much to receive two scholarships for the upcoming year. The scholarships make a huge difference in how attainable it is for me to further my education. Thank you so much for your generosity."

DOMINIC YANKE

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

Allison Galinowski  
Logan Higley  
Taylor Higley  
Olivia Lemon  
Brenda Lopez  
Taylor Reaves  
Belle Scott  
Pooja Verma

### Donald F. Scott Motivational Scholarship

Layana Aoun  
Dejah Hawkins Garner  
Jibreel Hoskins  
Adrian Huizar  
McKenzie Losinski  
Krystani Quinn  
Alyssa Shaia  
Tristan Sherwood  
Sophie Sorg  
Ashley Sparks

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

Alexander Ake  
Lillian Burke  
Allison Grabarczyk  
Haleigh Miller  
Tristen Poe

Matthew Steele  
Mason Tulacz  
Brenna Woodruff  
Ryley Zawada  
Allison Zila

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

Logan Higley  
Amelia Jaracz

### Irvin & Peg Swanson Scholarship

Dominic Bartels

### Tanber-Blair Golf Scholarship

Alexis Barr  
Jenna Bauman  
Owen Chalik  
Vanessa DeWitt  
Jayden Flagg  
Maddox Franklin  
Kamryn Kubik

### Neil G. Thompson Memorial Scholarship\*

Cameron Chavez

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

McKenzie Losinski  
Joslyn Rodriguez

### D.I. Walker Scholarship

Kate Borrelli  
Allison Galinowski  
Logan Higley  
Olivia Lemon  
Zoey Parrett-Hock  
Michael Pham  
Taylor Reaves  
Belle Scott  
Brayden Sobecki  
Ethan Wilmsen

### Unity Foundation County Wide Scholarship

Kaleb Bacztub  
Sophia Barczak  
Vanessa DeWitt  
Zachary Hanchar  
Amelia Jaracz  
Brady Kessler  
Anna Landing  
Olivia Lemon  
Emma Luther  
Leila Peksa  
Alivia Rocke  
William Ruszkowski  
Alissa Sonnenberg  
Abigail Walker  
Reese Yettaw

\*One or more recipients of this award preferred to remain anonymous.

## 2024 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.



Megan Lambert



Stephanie Leon

**Megan Lambert and Stephanie Leon** are recipients of the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and graduates of La Porte High School. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character and leadership.

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



# GRANT IMPACT

## Leadership La Porte County Celebrates 40 Years of Impact

Leadership La Porte County celebrated 40 years of impact this year. Led by Executive Director **Monica Komasinski**, the organization aims to inspire, develop, cultivate, and connect emerging and existing leaders to serve their diverse communities. Unity Foundation has been a champion of Leadership La Porte County since Unity's early days.

The **Leadership La Porte County Endowment Fund**, held at Unity Foundation, provides annual support to the organization. Robert J. Hiler, Jr. generously donated to this fund after it was established in 1996, and he provided significant support through a bequest upon his passing. Thanks to his contributions and the gifts of many others, Leadership La Porte County will receive this funding annually...forever.

The **Adult Community Leadership Program** is geared toward community engagement, team building, community knowledge,



*The Youth Advisory Council, renamed in 2024 as ACE (Adolescent Civic Engagement), brings together high school students to learn about servant leadership, philanthropy, and civic engagement. Unity Foundation supports youth philanthropy through Leadership La Porte County.*

leadership skill development and networking. Class sessions take place one day per month from September through May. Unity Foundation believes so strongly in this program that our staff members are graduates!

Multiple youth programs build on skills, ideas, and energy of local youth to improve the community through service-led projects, to promote learning through youth service, to develop youth leadership skills, to promote civic participation and to encourage youth to develop a sense of proud ownership in the community.

The adult and youth programs have benefitted from Unity's **Power for Good Community Grants Program** for several years. In 2023 the organization received a grant for its High School Leadership Program and Youth Advisory Council.

Over the past forty years Leadership La Porte County has created more informed residents by increasing awareness of our county's rich history and all its diverse communities have to offer, providing opportunities for dialogue with community stakeholders to learn about complex local issues, and enhancing community pride and service.

➤ **To learn more and get involved**  
visit [leadershiplaportecounty.com](https://leadershiplaportecounty.com).

High School  
Planning Team

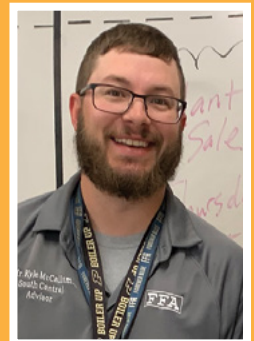


## Celebrating La Porte County Teachers

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Day, Unity surprised four local teachers with classroom grants. Members of the public submitted nominations by sharing what makes their favorite teacher special. Of the many nominations received, four were randomly selected. Their schools each received a \$250 grant from the **Random Acts of Kindness Fund** for the teachers to use for items for their classrooms or for creative projects to enhance learning.



**MELISSA COFFEEN**  
Kesling Intermediate



**KYLE McCALLUM**  
South Central



## Family Advocates

Family Advocates' mission is to support, educate, and advocate for youth and families in La Porte County. Through a 2023 Power for Good Grant, Unity supported Family Advocates training and certification of the **InsideOut Dad™ Pilot Program** with the La Porte County Sheriff's Office. This curriculum is provided to fathers currently incarcerated in the La Porte County Jail, with the end goal of increased parenting skills and family reconnection.



*Participants share how the program has helped them become better fathers.*



## Service League

The Service League of Michigan City is a non-profit all volunteer organization that provides short term loans of durable medical equipment, assists with monthly incontinence supply needs, and partners with community healthcare organizations to promote client independence and enhance quality of life to the residents of La Porte County. The organization received a 2023 **Power for Good Grant** to update and expand their equipment loan inventory.

## Social and Learning Institute

The primary objective of the Social and Learning Institute (SLI) is to provide a physical and emotional environment in which the intellectually disabled adult is allowed to grow personally, socially, and academically at an unhurried pace. SLI provides social and learning experiences that allow individuals to lead more meaningful, independent and creative lives.



In 2023 SLI received a **Power for Good Grant** to support the Science & Nature Exploration program. This program exposes students to the wonders of their natural world through a partnership with Dunes Learning Center. "**Life Under the Microscope**" gave students a greater understanding of microscopic life. Using water samples and microscopes, students were able to take a closer look at life that is hidden in plain sight.



## Kwanzaa

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. A grant from the fund provided support to the 2023 Michigan City Kwanzaa celebration.



**DAN OLSON**  
La Porte High School



**JOSIE SOUTHWORTH**  
Joy Elementary



# UNITYFUNDS

## STRENGTHENING LA PORTE COUNTY NOW & FOREVER

As your community foundation,  
Unity Foundation helps people like you  
invest in our community's future.  
**Join us in our mission.**



Scan code to view funds  
and give online.

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

**These flexible funds are responsive to ever-changing needs in La Porte County. For a limited time, we are matching gifts to our unrestricted Community Funds \$2 for every \$1 donated, tripling the impact.**



Power for Good Community Fund  
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  
\*Dennis B. Kelley 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  
John & Jean Vail Community Fund  
Sandra L. Young 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  
\*Fried's Cat Shelter Endowment  
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  
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Band Fund  
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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PHILANTHROPY

African American Empowerment Fund  
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Endowment Fund  
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Wanatah Lions Club Endowment Fund  
Westville, Indiana Community Fund  
Ron Wood Jr. Memorial Water Safety Fund





The Steck Family Music Education Fund helps local children access private music lessons. The La Porte County Symphony Orchestra (LCSO) recently raised \$6,595 for the fund through the Battle for the Baton. This music education showdown featured a friendly competition between La Porte Mayor Tom Dermody and State Senator Mike Bohacek and State Representative Jim Pressel. Mayor Dermody prevailed and conducted the symphony players in Stars and Stripes Forever by Sousa at the LCSO Summer Concert at Friendship Gardens.

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## THE STECK FAMILY MUSIC EDUCATION FUND



This fund honors the memory of Michelle T. Stonewall (March 12, 1977 - November 19, 2022) and her lasting legacy as a special needs individual. The fund was established to support special education teachers within La Porte County to meet their students' needs as such teachers brought joy, growth and learning to Michelle's life. Visit [uflc.net](http://uflc.net) to learn more about this grant opportunity.

## THE MICHELLE T. STONEWALL MEMORIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

### EDUCATION

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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  
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Peepers for Teachers

Queen of All Saints School Language Arts  
South Central Education Foundation  
\*Michelle T. Stonewall Memorial Special Education Fund  
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  
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La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Endowment Fund  
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Michigan City Holiday Meals  
Lorraine Gehrke Orlowski Fund for Housing & Homelessness

Nest Community Shelter Endowment Fund (formerly Interfaith Community PADS)  
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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  
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Environmental Improvement Fund for La Porte County  
\*Fedder's Alley All Inclusive Playground & Fitness Park Fund  
Fort La Play Porte Endowment  
Fox Memorial Park Endowment Fund  
Friendship Botanic Gardens Fund  
\*Julian's Wild Wild Hero Foundation  
June B. Kelley Garden Fund for Long Beach

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 Unity Park Endowment Fund

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 Endowment Fund  
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*In memory of Julian Lockhart, Julian's Wild Wild Hero  
 Foundation supports nature preservation, restoration and  
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## JULIAN'S WILD WILD HERO FOUNDATION



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 Library Services for the Disabled Fund  
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*A Unity grant helped the Boys & Girls Clubs of La Porte County's Westville Club increase its capacity. Club members and families celebrated the end of a successful school year with a tropical celebration.*





## FRIENDS *(continued from previous page)*

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Unity Foundation grants provided support to La Porte High School's SlicerTech Robotics Team.



Willa Fath received the 2024 Clarence Weinkauff, Jr. Memorial Award. The fund was established at Unity 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.

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**Liz Bernel** retired from our Board of Directors this year after 18 years of service. We are grateful for all she has done for Unity Foundation over the years.





# UNITY FOUNDATION OF LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Pictured front row left to right:* Kathy Henrich, Edward Volk, Jon Gilmore, Maggi Spartz, Angie Nelson Deutch

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*Back row:* Seth Spencer, Scott Rice, Dale Parkison, Kim Sauers

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# 2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Source: Audited Financial Statements

## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$1,068,087
Investments.....	43,688,453
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts.....	376,524
Receivables.....	
Right of use assets.....	19,494
Net property and equipment .....	410,558
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$45,563,116</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	\$38,376
Right of use liabilities.....	19,494
Non-current liabilities.....	1,382,005
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$1,439,875</b>

Net assets without donor restrictions.....	\$2,129,478
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	41,993,763
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$44,123,241</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$45,563,116</b>

## REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

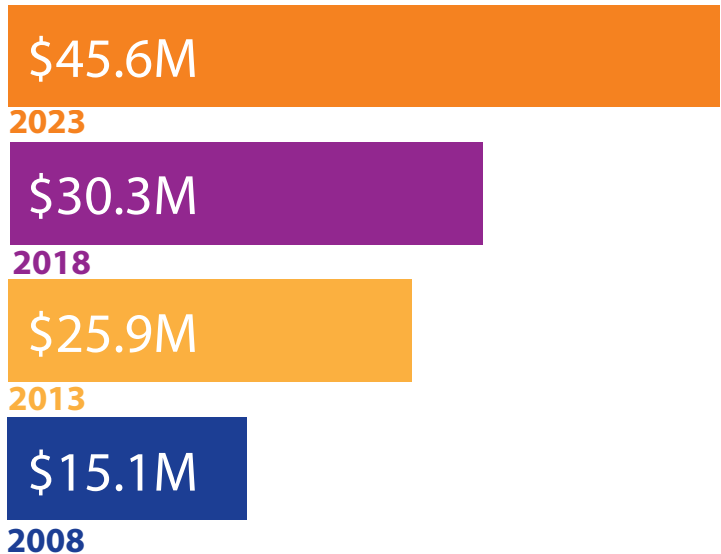
Revenue and support	
Investment return, net .....	\$5,471,670
Contributions.....	2,161,986
Gift-in-kind rent.....	66,348
Rent income .....	98,901
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts.....	52,411
Special events, Project fee, Admin fee income.....	573,600
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support.....</b>	<b>\$8,424,916</b>

## EXPENSES

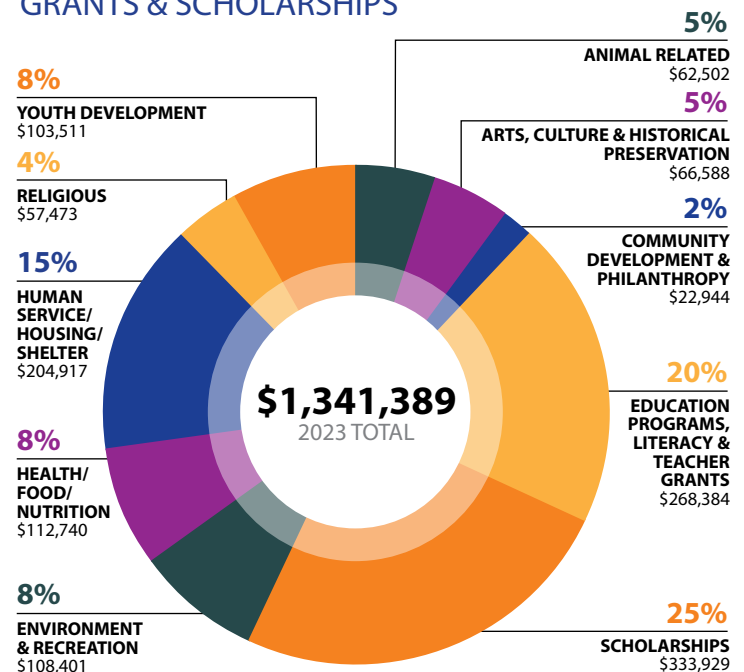
Program services .....	\$2,026,010
Supporting services.....	336,869
Fundraising.....	355,881
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$2,718,760</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$5,706,156**

## ASSET GROWTH ALL FUNDS



## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



The above represents summarized financial data for the year ending December 31, 2023 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 12/31/23 were 14.94% vs. GRP (Growth Reference Point) of 13.37%. The 3 Year return was 6.16% vs GRP of 3.58%; 5 Year: 9.75% vs. GRP of 7.87%; 7 Year: 7.73% vs. 6.54% GRP.





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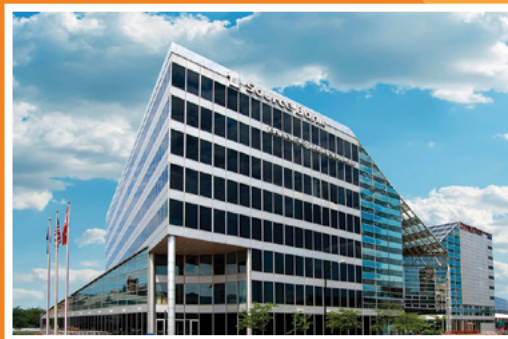
## Why we give...

"The La Porte County Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to partner with Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Our organizations share many common goals. Having worked closely with the Unity Foundation as we co-chaired the very successful Vibrant Communities effort, we were able to better understand the aligning of our goals and mission statements. Thank you for everything you do for our communities."

*Jack Arnett, Chief Executive Officer*



"1st Source Bank is built upon Community Leadership, so much that we've included it in our organizational core values. We support the Unity Foundation of La Porte County because they align with our passion of engaging in the communities where we live and work. They make it easy for us to give back to our community in a variety of ways to strengthen La Porte County now and into the future."



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