



# CONNECTIONS

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.



2015 ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE COMMUNITY

**2015 BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENT ALL CORNERS OF DEARBORN COUNTY**

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc.'s (DCF) Board of Directors is made up of volunteers from all corners of Dearborn County, supporting the Foundation's primary purpose of building permanent endowment funds to serve donors who have charitable interests.

There were 15 members of the board during 2015. Directors are elected for three-year terms beginning with the annual meeting held in January of each year with approximately a third of the terms ending each

year. A director may serve a maximum of two full consecutive terms of service. The terms are staggered to provide continuity of experience.

Board members are elected by the board after it receives recommendations from the Board Development Committee which is charged with seeking talented leaders who are representative of the community.

The 2015 DCF Board of Directors and officers are pictured below.

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**THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2016**



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**Kevin Schafer**  
Lawrenceburg



**Bill Ward**  
St. Leon

## FOUNDATION IS COMMUNITY'S LEADER IN BUILDING PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCES, ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Friends:

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) is proud to be the community's leader in building the philanthropic resources that make Dearborn County a great place to live, learn, work and play. The Foundation's board of directors and staff are pleased to provide an Annual Report to the Community to illustrate the significant impact that the Foundation has made in the lives of folks who live in our community over the past 18 years. Of course, the Foundation's significant positive impact wouldn't be possible without the generous support of its donors and dedicated volunteers.

This Annual Report shares the impact on our community that the Foundation has had through its endowments held, the grants and scholarships awarded, and our volunteers' efforts over the past year. Not only with words and financial figures, but also with photos we tell the story of the Foundation during 2015.

By way of the Dearborn Community Foundation, donors are able to impact our community by supporting causes close to home and close to their heart. We take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of those donors' contributions and to invest them wisely.

Through the generosity of our donors, the Foundation was able to award \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships in 2015 – making a difference in the lives of many people in our community by strengthening the work of many non-profits through grants and by providing aid to students in their post-secondary educational efforts.

In 2015, the Foundation offered the "Double Your Donation" endowment matching campaign for the eighth straight year. As it was in the previous seven years, the matching campaign continued to be highly successful with all funds matched. Since 2008, the contributions made during the campaigns have increased the Foundation's endowment for the community by nearly \$3.4 million! Endowed assets during the eight year period have increased 44 percent. The campaign has inspired new philanthropy with 46 new endowment funds being started during the eight years supporting educational needs of students in our county and other organizations that make a positive impact on the lives of community members. In addition, contributions to existing endowment funds have helped to strengthen many non-profit organizations that serve needs in the community. The success of the campaign emphasizes that many generous supporters share the Foundation's belief in the power of philanthropy with investing in the future by building endowment.

Beginning in August 2014, DCF offered another opportunity to help donors multiply their contributions: the Community Challenge Matching Campaign. Thanks to a generous \$500,000 contribution from Lilly Endowment, Inc., as part of its GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) VI Initiative, eligible contributions received a match up to \$2 for each \$1 contributed to endowment funds. The campaign was scheduled to run through March 2016, but DCF was successfully able to match all funds by November 2015. This was a fantastic opportunity for donors to make their contributions go even further to make a difference in Dearborn County. As part of the Campaign the Foundation was able to grow its Community Funds by nearly \$500,000! Over time as needs change and new challenges and opportunities present themselves Community Funds give DCF the ability to meet the changing needs in our community through grants that are awarded by the Board of Directors each year.

The Foundation continues to be very proud of the youth in our community that are part of our Youth Council now in its fourth year. They are involved and educated in the power of philanthropy for our community's future. Their fundraising efforts and community service have not only impacted our community by providing support to many charitable causes in our community but have instilled a deeper value of volunteerism in our Council members.

The Foundation is deeply committed to its role in strengthening the community through strong leadership in bringing people together around common challenges and opportunities. We accomplish this through our partnerships with donors, volunteers and non-profit organizations.

Our hope is that you will read this 2015 Annual Report to the Community and share it with family, friends and neighbors. We want you to share with others the exciting news of the Foundation's significant impact on our community and how we all can work together to increase Dearborn County's philanthropic resources.



**Mike Hornbach**  
2015 Board President



**Fred McCarter**  
Executive Director





**DCF IS YOUR PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY**

*The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) offers its services to donors and professional advisors to help them fulfill their philanthropic wishes and maximize their benefits. DCF is committed to making your charitable giving a pleasurable and easy experience. The Foundation can discuss various gift vehicles and help find the best gift methods to meet donors' charitable, financial and estate planning goals.*

*The Foundation with assets of \$17.6 million, administers 129 endowment funds. Each endowment fund is established by a separate agreement and is accounted for individually. The funds are designed to carry out the philanthropic dream of the founding contributors. The corpus of a fund is pooled with other funds for investment purposes. Distributions from the fund in the form of grants, scholarships, or payments to designated non-profit agencies are made each year.*

*Donors' wishes vary from the granting of scholarships in the name of a deceased loved one to designated and field of interest endowments that provide assistance to a particular non-profit organization or cause. By establishing an endowment, a donor can create a source of income for a fund's purpose in perpetuity.*

*For a description of the purpose of each endowment fund listed please visit our website at [www.dearborncf.org](http://www.dearborncf.org) and select the Donors tab and then click on existing endowments at the top of the page.*

- Dearborn County Quality of Life Improvement Fund
- Dearborn County Retired Teachers Educators Grant Fund
- Dearborn Highlands Arts Council Fund
- Deborah Meyers Guss Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dillsboro Quality of Life Improvement Fund
- Dillsboro Fire Department Fund
- Dixon-Andrews Designated Endowment Fund
- Donald Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Leslie M. and Dodie E. Baker Hillforest Fund
- Fields Family Fund
- Frances Deddens Memorial Fund
- Frank Frondorf Memorial Fund
- Heffelmire Family Fund
- Hillforest Historical Foundation Fund
- Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc. Fund
- Ivy Tech Lawrenceburg Campus Fund
- Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship Fund
- Jerry Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- John F. PeGan Memorial Fund
- Kathi Green Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Laura Busse Rahe Library Fund
- Lawrenceburg Public Library Services & Resources Fund
- LaVerne Denmure Fund
- Loren & Christine Shuter Family Fund
- Main Street Aurora Fund
- Main Street Aurora Inc. Trail Fund
- Manchester Universalist Unitarian Church Fund 1
- Manchester Universalist Unitarian Church Fund 2
- Marvin and Sabra Duerstock Scholarship Fund
- Matt McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Mindy McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Michael R. Marine Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Moores Hill Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Moores Hill Parks & Recreation Fund
- New Horizons, Services & Support For The Mentally Handicapped Fund
- North Dearborn Pantry Fund
- Pete Parrott Fund
- PI Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc. of Lawrenceburg Fund
- Pregnancy Care Center Fund
- Rachel Meece Memorial Fund
- RSVP Fund
- Ross Foundation Fund
- Senior Services Development Fund
- South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars Good Knight Award Fund
- South Dearborn Education Foundation Fund
- South Dearborn It Pays To Stay Scholarship Fund
- South Dearborn Scholarship Foundation Fund
- St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Fund

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

- Alzheimers Support Groups of Southeast Indiana Fund
- Amy Cotton Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Anderson Academic Awards Fund
- The ARC of Dearborn County
- Aurora Public Library District Fund
- Aurora Quality of Life Improvement Fund
- Aurora Tri-Kappa Fund
- Barrott Family Scholarship Fund
- Benner-Walsman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bill Lakes Dillsboro Elementary School Scholarship Fund
- Bright Lions Club Fund
- Bright Volunteer Fire Department Fund
- Buck Crontz Boy Scouts of America Troop 637 Eagle Scout Fund
- Carnegie Hall Operating Fund
- Charlie Thayer Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Christopher Midlam Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Coach Dick Meador Lawrenceburg Football Scholarship Fund
- Community Mental Health Center Foundation Fund
- Community United Methodist Church Fund
- Daniel J. Gleason Memorial Fund
- Dave and Kay Chalk Education Scholarship Fund
- Dearborn Adult Center Fund
- Dearborn Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Dearborn County Convention, Visitors & Tourism Bureau Fund
- Dearborn County Historical Society Fund
- Dearborn County Hospital Foundation Fund
- Dearborn County Parks Fund



Donors contribute to DCF for a range of charitable causes to award scholarships and grants, like a \$24,200 grant to Southeastern Career Center for Cosmetology and Criminal Justice education programs. Some donors establish endowments to support volunteer fire departments or emergency medical services.

Stock Family Fund  
 Sunman Rural Fire Department Fund  
 Telford & Louise Walker Fund  
 United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Dearborn &  
 Ohio Counties Fund

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

Blair Family Fund  
 Community Health & Wellness Fund  
 DCF Youth Council Fund  
 Jack Carpenter Memorial Fund  
 Lawrenceburg Youth Fund  
 Lehner Family Fund  
 Michael S. Davis Memorial Fund  
 James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund  
 Powell Family Fund  
 PFC Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund  
 Rupel Family Fund  
 The Dearborn County Register Warm the  
 Children Endowment Fund  
 The Willis & Irene Chalk Memorial/Dixon  
 Family Fund  
 William K. Ewan Memorial Fund

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

Chester & Ida Muntz Family Memorial Fund  
 Sprint Educational Excellence Fund  
 Women Empowering Women Fund

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Adam Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Byron Hartman Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Clifford and Gladys Ellerbrook Ender  
 Nursing Scholarship Fund  
 Dan Kuebler Memorial Endowment Fund  
 Dearborn County 4-H Scholarship Fund  
 Denise Ann Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Jim Swanson Scholarship Fund  
 Dr. Leslie M. Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 East Central Scholarship Fund  
 The Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship Fund  
 Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship Fund  
 Gary Lyon Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Gerry Lehn Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Greg Andres North Dearborn Conservation  
 Club Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
 Jacob Amberger Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 James Lohmiller Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club Fund  
 Lil & Docky Meyers Memorial Scholarship  
 Fund  
 Martha McKinney Newhouse Memorial  
 Scholarship Fund  
 Michael Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nanz Family Scholarship Fund  
 Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial  
 Scholarship Fund  
 Perpetual Rotary Scholarship Fund  
 Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Ronald Selmeier Scholarship Fund  
 Ross Eiler Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 William Curtis Ewbank Memorial  
 Scholarship Fund

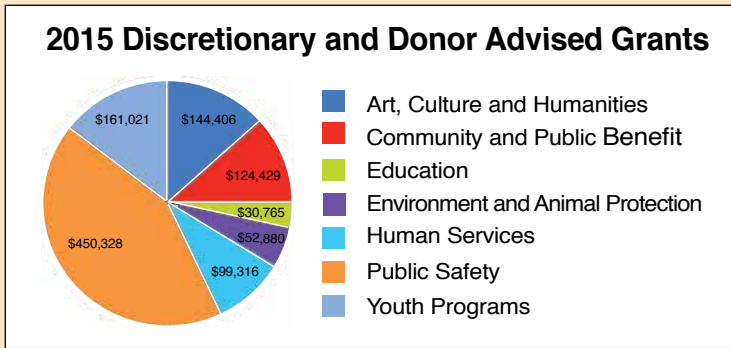
**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Community Grantmaking Fund  
 Community Unrestricted Fund  
 In The Interest of Children Unrestricted Fund  
 Katie Bruner Community Fund  
 Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund  
 Rupel Family Unrestricted Fund



The City of Lawrenceburg established the Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program to make a difference in the community in sectors ranging from the Arts and Education to Public Safety and Community Public Benefit.





### DCF AWARDS \$1.5 MILLION IN GRANTS DURING 2015

Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) awarded more than 150 grants totaling \$1.5 million to non-profit organizations in 2015. The grants support the needs/interests of the community in the fields of: Art, Culture and Humanities, Community and Public Benefit, Education, Environment and Animal Protection, Human Services, Public Safety and Youth Programs.

The Foundation considers awarded grants to be investments in our community. DCF grants benefit the community in a variety of ways. Projects range from equipment for the Cosmetology and Criminal Justice programs at the Southeastern Career Center and the support of the food pantries in Dearborn County to equipment upgrades and replacement for many of the local Fire/EMS departments and restoration of a historic pipe organ. These grants had a major impact on the lives of many people in our community.

The majority of Foundation funds awarded to non-profit organizations are discretionary grants for which DCF conducts a competitive review and decision-making process. These grants are administered by DCF through non-permanent grant programs. Generous contributions from both the City of Lawrenceburg and the City of Aurora provide the funding for the non-permanent grant programs. DCF's administration of the non-permanent programs helps both donors achieve their charitable goals. The remaining grants are awarded based on recommendations by donors and are paid out of endowment funds established by donors. Figures for total grants awarded in 2015 also include designated endowment fund distributions and grants administered by DCF for the Lawrenceburg School Endowment Corporation.

#### LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

A total of \$864,602 in grants was awarded in 2015 to the following organizations:

- America Legion Post #239 - \$8,775**  
Automated handicap door opener
- Aurora Lions Club - \$30,000**  
Fair management equipment for the 2015 Aurora Farmers Fair
- Bright Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$98,100**  
SCBA and rescue tool replacement
- Carnegie Historic Landmarks Preservation Society - \$95,601**  
Building restoration
- Character Council of Greater Cincinnati - \$4,950**  
Character seminars for Dearborn County leaders
- Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana - \$7,934**  
Computer and iRecord recording system
- City of Aurora - \$44,400**  
Chairs, bleachers, and Community Center and Senior Center flooring
- City of Aurora - Fire Department - \$100,000**  
SCBA equipment
- Dearborn County 4-H Club Association- \$3,631**  
Hand wash stations and stage rental

- Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$15,100**  
Livestock programs equipment and science educational presentations
- Dearborn County Clearinghouse - \$5,000**  
Roof replacement of the pantry building
- Dearborn County Sheriff's Department - \$15,567**  
Radio equipment for Reserve Deputies
- Dearborn County Social Council RSVP - \$17,990**  
Equipment and technology upgrades and website design
- Dillsboro Emergency Ambulance Unit, Inc. - \$51,576**  
Powerload systems and cot upgrades
- Dillsboro United Methodist Church - \$262**  
Curriculum booklets for Women's Conference
- Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department - \$49,000**  
Command vehicle replacement
- Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church - \$22,100**  
Historic pipe organ restoration
- Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$25,000**  
Harris Cabin restoration
- Laughery Valley FOP Lodge 146 - \$75,450**  
Building repairs and waterline replacement
- Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. - \$15,000**  
2015 Winter Wonderland
- Lifetime Resources - \$5,000**  
Funds towards vehicle replacement
- PAWS Partners for Animal Welfare Society - \$52,880**  
Animal transport vehicle

- Ripley County Family Services - \$400**  
Healthy Families program for Dearborn County clients
- Southeastern Career Center - \$24,200**  
Equipment for Cosmetology and Criminal Justice programs
- Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$3,000**  
Camera and equipment
- St. Leon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - \$31,890**  
Fire and transport equipment
- Sunman Area Life Squad - \$21,796**  
Radio upgrade
- We Care Packages, Inc. - \$40,000**  
Packages sent to military serving overseas

#### CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM

- A total of \$148,800 in grants was awarded in 2015 to the following organizations:
- Aurora Lions Club - \$10,000**  
2015 Holiday Youth events
  - Aurora Little League Baseball - \$9,785**  
Uniforms, fencing, and equipment
  - Community United Methodist Church, Inc. - \$1,500**  
Food & hygiene items for the clients of the food pantry
  - Dearborn Community Foundation - \$2,000**  
Charitable works of DCF Youth Council
  - Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$9,000**  
Program supplies
  - Dearborn County Citizens Against Substance Abuse - \$4,794**  
Safety equipment for skate camp
  - Dearborn County Clearinghouse - \$1,500**  
Food & hygiene items for clients of the food pantry
  - Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$10,000**  
Equipment, insurance, umpire fees, and field maintenance
  - Dearborn County Social Council c/o RSVP - \$2,331**  
2015 Halloween Sensation
  - Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$2,355**  
Artist-in-Schools program
  - Dillsboro Community Food Pantry - \$1,500**  
Food and hygiene items for clients of the pantry
  - Dillsboro Summer Recreation, Inc. - \$10,000**  
Umpire fees and uniforms
  - East Central High School - \$3,000**  
2015 ECHS After-Prom
  - Heart House, Inc. - \$1,000**  
Needs of the youth that reside at the Heart House
  - Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$10,000**  
2015 FOP Cops and Kids Program
  - Lawrenceburg Babe Ruth Baseball - \$10,000**  
Uniforms, equipment and umpires
  - Lawrenceburg Greendale Soccer Club - \$9,650**  
Referee fees, participant fees and field maintenance
  - Lawrenceburg High School - \$3,000**  
2015 LHS After-Prom
  - Lawrenceburg Lions - \$10,000**  
Lawrenceburg youth baseball league costs
  - Lawrenceburg Pee Wee Football - \$10,000**  
Football equipment, insurance and referee fees
  - Moores Hill Food Pantry- \$1,500**  
Food & hygiene items for clients of the pantry

**North Dearborn Pantry, Inc. - \$1,500**

Food & hygiene items for clients of the pantry

**South Dearborn Pee Wee Football - \$9,885**

Football jerseys

**St. Vincent de Paul - \$1,500**

Food & hygiene items for clients of the food pantry

**Warm the Children - \$5,000**

Winter clothing and shoes for needy children

**Warm the Children - \$5,000**

Warm the Children Endowment Fund

**Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$3,000**

Needs for the youth at the Y.E.S. home

**CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAM**

**A total of \$37,000 in grants was awarded in 2015 to the following organizations:**

**Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$2,496**

Project manuals, signage and shooting sports supplies

**Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$2,990**

Uniforms and umpires for 2015 season

**Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$1,825**

Concert in the Park

**Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$4,625**

Exterior maintenance of Hillforest Museum

**LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$3,192**

Funds towards vehicle replacement

**Safe Passage - \$3,917**

Emergency Supportive Housing Program

**South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars - \$4,150**

2015 SDDFS Good Knight Scholarship

**South Dearborn Pee Wee Football - \$1,695**

Footballs and field equipment

**Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$4,292**

2015 Summer Games

**St. Mary Catholic School - \$4,500**

Re-routing of rain water drains

**Water Rescue, Inc. - \$3,318**

Dry dive suits

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS, HEART OF GOLD, SPRINT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw)**

**A total of \$12,743 in grants was awarded in 2015 to the following organizations:**

**All Saints Academy – St. Paul Campus - \$465**

James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the school

**Aurora Elementary School - \$300**

wEw Grant for Girls on the Run program

**City of Greendale - \$1,000**

Sprint Educational Excellence Grant for Arbor Day Celebration

**Dearborn Adult Center - \$1,250**

Heart of Gold grant for program needs of the organization

**Dearborn Community Foundation - \$1,000**

Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant to Warm the Children Program

**Dearborn County Clearinghouse - \$1,250**

Heart of Gold grant for needs of the food pantry

**Dearborn County Clearing House - \$1,000**

DCF Youth Council Grant for toys purchased for Children's Christmas Toy program

**Dillsboro Elementary School - \$300**

wEw Grant for Girls on the Run program

**Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$950**

Sprint Educational Excellence Grant for pioneer costumes for Pioneer Day

**North Dearborn Pantry, Inc. - \$1,000**

Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for Pantry Needs

**Pregnancy Care Center - \$500**

PFC Craig A Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for program needs of the organization

**Pregnancy Care Center - \$1,000**

wEw Grant for program needs and charitable works of the organization

**St. Mary Catholic School - \$300**

wEw Grant for Girls on The Run program

**United States Army Ranger Association - \$1,200**

PFC Craig A Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the US Army Ranger Assistance Program

**Warm the Children - \$1,103**

Warm the Children Donor Advised Grant for the Warm the Children Program

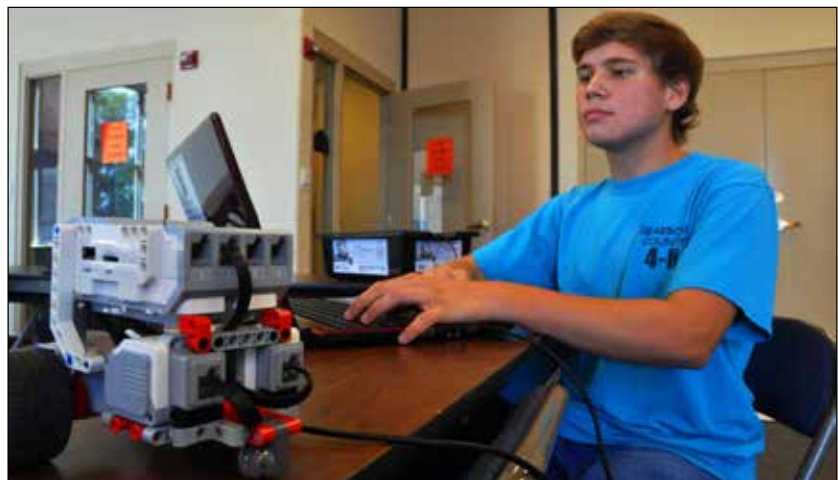
**Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$125**

DCF Youth Council Donor Advised Grant for program needs

**Dearborn Community Foundation Designated Endowment Funds distributed \$220,634 to the many charitable organizations in the community that they were established to support.**



Grants help provide upgrades to community organizations' facilities, like the Aurora Recreation Community Center and the Aurora Senior Center by providing funding for the purchase of chairs, bleachers and flooring.



DCF grants enabled the Dearborn County 4-H Club Association to provide a successful and popular youth robotics program (Top). The Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program to make needed repairs and upgrades to its lodge so law enforcement agencies from across the region can receive needed training and continuing education.

## FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$304,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

*Through the generosity of donors, the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) was able to encourage higher education and lower the cost of post-secondary schooling for many in Dearborn County by awarding 201 scholarships totaling approximately \$304,000 in 2015.*

### LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state's residents.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships were first offered in 1998, the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) has been pleased to award the scholarships



**Eric Harrington**

to Dearborn County students graduating from high school. In 2015, DCF was eligible to nominate a recipient and alternates for one full-tuition scholarship. The Lilly Endowment, Inc. program provides scholarships for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: **Eric Harrington**, a graduate of East Central High School, is currently attending Indiana University. Eric is majoring in Biology and English.

### JACOB AMBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Jacob Amberger, who was killed in an auto accident in October 2012. At the time, Jacob was a junior at East Central High School and was on his way to the school to play in the boys' soccer sectional final game. He was a third-year member of the ECHS Men's Soccer team and was one of the team captains. Jacob liked hanging out with his friends and being an Explorer with the Cheviot Police Department, as he was preparing to be a police officer. He will always be remembered for his warm hugs and big smiles. The recipient of the 2015 scholarship in the amount of \$500 was **Johnathon Jutzi**.

### GREG ANDRES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Greg Andres North Dearborn Conservation Club Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Greg "Big Man" Andres who died in an accident on February 12, 2010. Greg was a man with a big heart who would do whatever was needed to help his community. This scholarship was created to honor his memory and to encourage students to follow his example of helping others. **Cassandra Batta** of East Central High School and **Courtney Steele**, of Franklin County High School were each awarded a \$500 scholarship in 2015.

### DR. LESLIE M. BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Leslie M. Baker provided financial help to students seeking a doctorate in medicine. Dr. Steven Gerke, who received financial support for his education from Dr. Baker, was surprised when later he learned that Dr. Baker helped a number of students in the same way. Dr. Gerke and the family of the late Dr. Baker were so moved by Dr. Baker's philanthropy that they established the memorial scholarship in his honor. The Scholarship provides financial support to residents of the Dearborn County Hospital Service area (Dearborn, Ohio, or Switzerland County) pursuing a doctorate in medicine with a preference given to Indiana University School of Medicine, Dr. Baker's alma mater. The recipient of the 2015 scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was **Autumn Menkedick**.

### DENISE ANN BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The intent of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a deserving South Dearborn High School student who has the academic foundation, sincere desire and motivation to complete a four-year college program. The recipient must be planning to pursue a degree in a math or science related field, including but not limited to: computers, engineering, economics, business, pharmacy, nursing or teaching science/math/computers. The 2015 recipient of the \$500 memorial scholarship was **Kailin Mitchell**.

### MICHAEL CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was started in memory of Michael Cleary, who was killed in an auto accident in January 2000. At the time, Mike was a freshman at East Central High School. He enjoyed being with his friends, football, hiking, camping, tearing things apart, and rebuilding them, but his greatest passion was snow skiing. Mike had a good heart and was always willing to help where there was a need. The recipient of the 2015 scholarship in the amount of \$500 was **Cassandra Batta**.

### ROSS EILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was started in memory of Ross Eiler, who was killed in an auto accident in April of 2001. Ross graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 2000. While in school, he excelled in academics, sports, leadership and service commitment. Ross' family and the Lawrenceburg Schools Endowment Corporation wish to recognize the values that Ross exemplified through the establishment of this scholarship. The 2015 recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships were **Adam Oyler** and **Emily Sampson**.

### CLIFFORD AND GLADYS ELLERBROOK ENDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of this scholarship is to help ensure that the nursing care needs of the residents of Dearborn and Ohio counties are satisfied. To



DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



Dustin Beach



Abbie Hornberger



Megan Raftery



Sophia Sanford



Sydney Senger

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. recognizes the outstanding abilities of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program finalists. The Board of Directors has chosen to award \$1,000 to the finalists from each school corporation area. The scholarships are renewable for

up to four years providing the recipient maintains at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The 2015 finalists were:

**Dustin Beach**, South Dearborn High School graduate

**Abbie Hornberger**, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

**Megan Raftery**, East Central High School graduate

**Sophia Sanford**, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

**Sydney Senger**, South Dearborn High School graduate

accomplish this, people must be adequately educated and trained. This scholarship program is created to assist interested people in meeting the expenses required of that education and training and who meet specific eligibility criteria. In 2015, **Destiny Lane** was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

**WILLIAM CURTIS EW BANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The William Curtis Ewbank Memorial Scholarship was established by his son Thomas P. Ewbank in memory of the father he never met. William was killed in action in World War II, when his son was only seven months old. William a fifth-generation Ewbank resident of Dearborn County was born on April 5, 1913. He graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 1931 and earned an A.B. degree in Economics at Indiana University in 1935. He also received a Second Lieutenant's rank from the R.O.T.C. at I.U., where he was awarded an Outstanding Cadet Medal. After two tours of duty, he studied for one year toward an M.B.A. at Harvard University. William was called back to active duty in October, 1942. He volunteered to rejoin his original company B, of the 11th Infantry, 5th Division, as a First Lieutenant, in February of 1944 and was killed in action on July 31, 1944 by sniper fire. William was known as a hard working student and very patriotic man, who loved his country! His son Thomas established this scholarship in his father's memory and to honor a student who embodies the same qualities as William. The 2015 recipient of the \$5,000 scholarship was **Grace Weismiller**.

**ROGER GULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in the memory of Roger Gulley, who was killed in an auto accident in 1962. Roger was only a sophomore

at Aurora High School at the time of his tragic death. He was a very active young man with a fighting spirit. He was a good sport who believed in fair play. He was full of integrity, loyalty and faith. He loved life and having fun. This scholarship honors a South Dearborn High School student who shares Roger's attributes and most certainly his love for music. The 2015 recipient of the \$300 scholarship was **Austin Ridlen**.

**BYRON HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Byron Hartman, who was killed in an accident in July 2011 at the age of 24. At the time, Byron had just completed his first year of physical therapy school at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Anyone who ever met Byron knew that he was a special person. He was always one to assist someone in the classroom or spend more time on the practice field to help his team get better. Byron was kind and humble and could make you laugh. At East Central High School, Byron was a three sport varsity letter winner and an Honors graduate. This scholarship is awarded to a student-athlete who demonstrates the same qualities that made Byron an excellent role model and friend. The 2015 scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to **Emily Egbers**.

**IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dearborn Community Foundation has chosen to encourage Dearborn County residents to improve their level of educational attainment locally. Scholarships are awarded to continuing Ivy Tech State College students. In 2015, **Amy Beck, Gregory Campbell, Samantha Cunningham, Samantha Rehorst and Luke Satchwill** were each awarded scholarships in the amount of \$800.

**DAN KUEBLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Dan Kuebler, a teacher, principal and superintendent, whose career as an educator spanned more than 30 years. Mr. Kuebler passed away in August 2007 after serving as a teacher, principal and, most recently, as Superintendent of Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation. As an educator and in his personal life Dan excelled as a leader and good citizen in his community. This scholarship was created to recognize a Lawrenceburg High School graduate with the same values Dan exemplified. The 2015 recipient of the \$500 scholarship was **Megan Sampson**.

**LAUGHERY VALLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Laughery Valley F.O.P. Lodge #146 awards up to two separate scholarships to each of the following school districts (including home school students):

- Lawrenceburg (LHS),
- South Dearborn (SDHS),
- Sunman Dearborn (ECHS), AND
- Rising Sun (RSHS)

Scholarships are awarded to individuals planning to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university and/or a two-year technical program certificate at an accredited institution. The 2015 recipients of the \$500 scholarships were, **Jonah Hartsburg Home School Student, Dustin McBride of RSHS, Abigail Meyer of ECHS, Kailin Mitchell of SDHS, Emily Sampson of LHS, and Megan Sampson of LHS.**

**LAWRENCEBURG KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

The Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club was established as one of the first Kiwanis Clubs in the world on January 27, 1923. This club has been serving the community for more than 90 years. Kiwanis has a long history of commitment to improving the lives and welfare of children and young adults. The 2015 recipient of this \$500 scholarship was **Olivia Rosenberger**.

**GERRY LEHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in 2008 to honor the memory of Gerry Lehn who died following a lung transplant in October 2007. Gerry was an avid fan of youth and high school athletics. With camera in hand, he was always present at Lawrenceburg High School athletic events in which his three sons were involved. Gerry always had a special place in his heart for athletes that regardless of ability played with all of their heart. This scholarship honors a student that demonstrates the attributes that brought Gerry the most joy. The 2015 recipient of this \$1,000 scholarship was **Gavin McClanahan**.

**JAMES LOHMILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in 2010 in memory of James Lohmiller, who went by the name of "Jaymie". He died at the age of 20 in May 2009 by an accidental drug overdose. He graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 2008. Jaymie enjoyed fishing, football, wrestling, and playing chess. He had a warm heart, a gentle soul, and was always willing to help others. The 2015 recipients of the \$500 scholarships were **Abbie Hornberger** and **Emily Sampson**.

**FRANK R. LONGCAMP SCHOLARSHIP**

The Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship was established with the Foundation in 2006 as part of a trust transferred from a local banking establishment. Mr. Longcamp wanted to leave a legacy following his death that would help deserving students fulfill their post-secondary educational goals. Three scholarships in the amount of \$900 each were awarded through DCF in 2015. The 2015 recipients were **Dustin Beach of SDHS, Hope Stephans of ECHS, and Emily Wilson of LHS**.

**MARTHA MCKINNEY NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The late Martha McKinney Newhouse, a life-long resident of Lawrenceburg, received a degree in the field of nursing and also served many years as a "Pink Lady" at Dearborn County Hospital before her passing in 1995.



Her son R. Daniel Newhouse established this scholarship to support students seeking a career in the nursing field in memory of his caring mother. The 2015 recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships were **Jal'ly Pineda** and **Sophia Sanford**.

**LIL AND DOCKY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Lil & Docky Meyers Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends who wanted to memorialize Lil and Docky by leaving a legacy to annually help a deserving student from East Central, Lawrenceburg or South Dearborn high school fulfill their post-secondary educational goals. The 2015 recipient of the \$425 scholarship was **Megan Sampson of LHS**.

**PERPETUAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

For over fifty years, there was an active Rotary Club in Aurora. At the time that the club disbanded in 1999, it had its own Aurora Rotary Scholarship Foundation. The club membership voted to end its own foundation and turn the assets over to the Dearborn Community Foundation. Because of this, the Rotary is able to keep a presence in the community and continue to help with scholarship funds for South Dearborn High School students. The 2015 recipients of the \$500 scholarships were **Jordan Ingle** and **Madeline Moiso**.

**RONALD SELMEYER SCHOLARSHIP**

Ronald Selmeyer, a former Greendale City Councilman, was nominated and awarded the 1999 Hometown Leadership Award through the Wal-Mart Foundation. With this award from Wal-Mart, Mr. Selmeyer established the Ronald Selmeyer Scholarship. Mr. Selmeyer passed away in 2007, but his legacy of lead-

ership continues through this scholarship. The 2015 recipient of the \$500 scholarship was **Casey Larson**.

**PAUL E. "TRUCK" TREMAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

It is the City of Lawrenceburg's intent through the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship (formerly the Lawrenceburg Educational Grant Program) to financially assist eligible graduates of Lawrenceburg High School who pursue a post-secondary education which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any 4-year school, 2-year school, 1-year certificate program or apprenticeship program. The program began with the Class of 2002, is administered by DCF with funding from generous contributions made by the City of Lawrenceburg. Students give back to the community through volunteer service during their high school years as part of the eligibility requirements. Some of the organizations that students have volunteered for include Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dearborn Co., PAWS, and Special Olympics. Educational funds are renewable for up to four years as long as the student continues to meet all established eligibility criteria. Scholarships for the year 2015 were \$1,800 per recipient. A total of 153 students received this scholarship for the 2015/2016 school year totaling \$275,400 in scholarships awarded.

**ADAM WILHELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship was established in memory of Adam Wilhem by his teammates, friends and loved ones. Adam passed away tragically in March 2011 due to a sudden illness during his final year at Purdue University. Anyone who crossed paths with Adam was truly blessed to know an energetic, fun, smart and loving young man. He wanted the best for his friends, soccer teammates and those around him. Adam would do anything for someone he loved and didn't need anyone's approval to be himself. The 2015 recipient of the \$500 scholarship was **Jonathon Jutzi**.

**WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw) SCHOLARSHIP**

Women Empowering Women (wEw) is a Dearborn County initiative of women joining together to empower women to become active, informed, and responsible members of their community. The scholarship was established in 2010 as part of the effort to empower women in Dearborn County to improve their lives through education. The scholarship is for the non-traditional female student who has not had the opportunity to attend college or complete their post-secondary education started previously in life. The 2015 recipient of the \$500 scholarship was **Samantha Rehorst**.



## FOUNDATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS WITH 'HEARTS OF GOLD'

The Dearborn Community Foundation honored four community volunteers for having "Hearts of Gold" in 2015. The Heart of Gold recipients were recognized for touching the hearts of others through their volunteerism and other acts of kindness.

"Each honoree deserves this recognition for making a difference in our community in their own unique ways," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "They are all role models for how all of us can make a difference in our community."

During the Heart of Gold reception, each of the four honorees nominated by others in the community and then chosen as Heart of Gold recipients by a Foundation Committee received the coveted Heart of Gold award. The honorees were also given the privilege of serving on the Heart of Gold Committee to further touch the hearts of others by awarding \$2,500 in proactive grants to non-profit organizations that serve Dearborn County.

In recent years, Heart of Gold recipients have been recognized for helping senior citizens or disadvantaged persons, working to improve the quality of education, expanding recreational or cultural opportunities, working with children, protecting the environment, promoting public safety, raising public awareness of issues that affect all ages, and other acts of kindness.



The Foundation honored community volunteers (from left to right) Connie Knue, Rosie Kippler, Celeste Calvitto, and Donnie Bryant with Heart of Gold Awards in 2015.

### DCF HEART OF GOLD RECIPIENTS AWARD GRANTS

The Heart of Gold Grants Committee Awarded a total of \$2,500 in grants to community organizations.

- Dearborn Adult Center** – for program needs of the organization.
- Dearborn County Clearing House** – for program needs of the organization.

## HEARTS OF GOLD HONOREES

**Donnie Bryant, Lawrenceburg:** Donnie has done countless kind acts in the community over the years to improve the daily lives of people of all ages. He donates bakery goods on a weekly basis to the Dearborn Adult Center and volunteers for the Breakfasts with Santa and the Easter Bunny. He has been a member and volunteer of the Lawrenceburg Fall Fest committee. When he hears that someone is in need, he tries to find a way to help. He repairs old bikes that he has purchased and gives them to local kids who don't have bicycles. He purchased a used range in good condition and gave it to a lady that needed one. He also speaks up for senior citizens to help them out. Donnie does all of this because it makes him feel good to help others. These are only a few things he has done over the years to help others and to make his community a better place to live. He truly has a heart of gold!

**Celeste Calvitto, Bright:** Celeste, who moved to Dearborn County six years ago, not only serves the community on a professional level as the Publisher of the Beacon Newspaper, but she also volunteers her time and resources in support of many non-profit organizations and county agencies. Recently, she saw a need and embarked on a campaign to clean up Dearborn County's roadways by taking the initiative and donating 100 "Do Not Litter" signs to

the county. She has involved the Solid Waste District in this effort and is working with the Sheriff's Department to implement a prisoner workforce to pick up litter on county roads. Celeste has worked with and continues to provide support to county parks, the county's veteran service agency, the Bright Lions Club eye exams and glasses program for children and adults who cannot afford these much needed services, the Bright Fire & EMS and the James B. Wismann Youth Home. Celeste on every account has a Heart of Gold. She leads, inspires, sees a need and fills it. She works to create positive change in Dearborn County and graciously gives of her time and money. Leaders like her make Dearborn County special in every way.

**Rosie Kippler, Lawrenceburg:** Rosie, as a charter member of the Lawrenceburg Eagles Auxiliary 2018, has contributed to the organization and community in many different ways over the years. She has held leadership positions, including President, Vice-President, Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer since the Auxiliary was formed in 1979. In the leadership roles, she has influenced decisions for volunteer opportunities in the community and the decisions regarding charitable donations by the organization. Rosie spends many volunteer hours a month supporting the Auxiliary and its two main community outreach programs: elderly outreach and Christmas for children in need. The elderly outreach involves monthly nursing home

visits. The Christmas program which includes the shopping, wrapping and delivery provides gifts for 20-25 needy children. Rosie has a significant impact on keeping members involved and encourages new members to stay involved. Her commitment to the community during her 35-year Auxiliary membership has positively impacted many people.

**Connie Knue, Lawrenceburg:** Connie has worked over the years to improve the daily lives of people of all ages in the community, especially children. Over the last four years, she has raised money for the Eddie Knue Foundation, in memory of her beloved son Eddie. It's something near and dear to her heart. She and her committee of volunteers have made certain that every child in Lawrenceburg receives a toy for Christmas as part of the "The Eddie Knue Give Away" program. Along with local firefighters and other volunteers she goes down every street in Lawrenceburg giving out toys to the local children in need. In 1980, when Jerry Legge went through Lawrenceburg giving out toys to the local kids in need, her son, Eddie loved receiving the toys. To honor Eddie she decided to start back up the toy giveaway, which had stopped a few years ago. Connie also volunteers for Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. These are only a few things Connie has done over the years to make the community a better place to live.



## MOTHER MEMORIALIZES SON, HELPS OTHERS 54 YEARS AFTER HIS TRAGIC DEATH



Ruth Gulley Gray



The late Roger Gulley

*Donors often establish endowment funds in memory of a family member or a friend. This is a story of a mother memorializing her son and positively impacting other young people through a scholarship fund at the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc.*

Ruth Gulley Gray sits in her living room staring at the black-and-white, framed photo of her son, Roger Gulley, and smiles. Then she shakes her head and says: “He was such a good boy. Everybody loved him. He always had a smile for everybody.”

Ruth, Greendale, is now 90 years old. Roger would be 70, if it weren’t for a terribly tragic fatal car crash in Aurora on an early Saturday morning in May of 1962. Roger, then 16, and a sophomore at Aurora High School, was a passenger in a car driven by a friend. The driver, Roger and another passenger, all teens, were all killed in a collision with a truck.

“Well, of course, it was awful,” Ruth said. “He was just a boy starting to grow into a man. He had so much promise ahead of him.”

In fact, Roger was like the All-American boy next door. He played football, basketball and baseball. He was a Boy Scout, just four merit badges away from earning his way to Eagle Scout, the highest level in Scouting. ... And he loved music and playing his trumpet or singing, Ruth said.

Over the years, Ruth often thought about ways to memorialize Roger. She wanted to

find a way for him to be remembered and to be honored and “for it to go on forever,” she said. So in the early 2000s Ruth decided to establish a scholarship endowment fund at the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) in Roger’s memory.

The first Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2009. The scholarship annually is awarded to a graduating senior at South Dearborn High School, who has demonstrated ability in music, either instrumental or vocal. The student doesn’t have to study music in college, but must have an ability, and in Ruth’s mind, a love for music.

“Roger loved music and he wanted others to love it too,” she said. “He also would want students to reach their goals. It makes me feel so good to know that the scholarship is helping others. Roger would’ve loved this too!”

Eight Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarships have been awarded over the years. While the scholarship is not a large dollar amount, it has had a significant impact on those who receive it.

The Gulley Scholarship helped Isaac Bowers, a 2013 SDHS grad, to pay for part of his first year of college. Bowers, 21, a senior at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., said he has even participated as a member of the WKU Redshirts, the university’s premier men’s A Cappella group. He is a meteorology major with a minor in geographic information sciences.

“I’m no longer involved with the Redshirts, but I continue to make every attempt to broaden my cultural horizons by attending and participating in musical events brought to campus,” Bowers said. The WKU campus is very close to Nashville, Tenn., so he also gets to attend incredible musical events without traveling far, he said. “I’m incredibly grateful for this scholarship. It’s an honor to have received it.”

Abigail Rinck received the Gulley Scholarship in 2014 says it and other scholarships helped her attend the school of her dreams: Hanover College. Rinck, 20, is a junior at Hanover majoring in Music and Chemistry.

“Music still plays a big role in my life,” said Rinck. “Music is my personal form of expression, and I will never let go of that. I appreciate the Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarship so much.”

Rinck says her former South Dearborn High School classmate and now fiancé, Austin Ridlen, also appreciates the scholarship. Ridlen was the 2015 recipient of the Gulley Scholarship. “We are both music majors, who plan to use our degrees to teach music therapy to people with developmental disabilities,” she said.

So more than 50 years after Roger Gulley’s tragic death, Ruth Gulley Gray smiles, knowing her son’s name is on a scholarship that’s helping other young people reach their goals and follow some of the same dreams he had. ... And, of course, she hopes they are smiling like Roger.

## DCF YOUTH COUNCIL IS HELPING OTHERS

The DCF Youth Council continued help others in Dearborn County in 2015, as the 19 high-school age youth (grades 9-12) completed significant community service hours and raised funds to grow its DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund, which supports other worthy causes in the community.

The Youth Council, which is made up of youth from across Dearborn County, was established by DCF in 2012 to involve youth in a meaningful way in the philanthropic tradition, to encourage young people to give and serve in their community, and to make philanthropy a habit of the heart for future generations. The Council is self-sufficient and youth-ran with DCF staff and volunteers giving guidance and direction where needed. The Council is guided by the three ideals of giving and serving, leadership development, and community engagement.

Council members are nominated by individuals in the community and from recommendations by current Youth Council members. Council members exhibit qualities of energetic, caring and involved youth who want to better serve their community. It's important to note that young people in the community don't have to serve on the council to get involved in council activities.

Youth Council members are learning the value of philanthropy and that setting aside funds for the needs of future generations through endowment is vital. The DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund, which was established in 2012, has grown significantly through the hard work of the youth and DCF Program Director Denise Sedler. The endowment fund provides support for various needs in the community through grants recommended by the Youth Council. The DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund has grown to a value of nearly \$13,000. Youth Council members have input as to what they see as the needs from year to year through their grant recommendations from the fund.

In 2015, the Council presented its first grant from the DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund to the James B. Wisnann Y.E.S. Home, a shelter for abused and neglected children and runaways in need of help. Presenting the \$125 grant to Y.E.S. Home officials showed the Council how its hard work raising funds for the endowment has paid off, said Sedler.

Since the first Youth Council 5K Run/Walk in 2013, the Council has raised a total of more than \$16,600, which includes the funds raised at four 5Ks and other smaller fundraisers. Through the fundraisers the Youth Council has added to the endowment and also provided support to worthy causes such as local food pantries and the Pregnancy Care Center. The Council raised a total of more than \$3,500 for six local food pan-



(Above) DCF Youth Council member Megan Sampson helps her mother Mary Sampson at the 2015 5K Run/Walk fundraiser. (Bottom) the 2015-2016 Youth Council presents its first grant of \$125 from the DCF Youth Council Fund to representatives of the James B. Wisnann Y.E.S. Home for abused and neglected children and runaways.

tries the first two years of the 5K. The Council raised nearly \$1,700 for the Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund at DCF in 2015. In 2016, the Council split the \$3,215 in 5K proceeds 50-50 between the P.A.W.S. of Dearborn County Humane Center and the DCF Youth Council Fund. Youth Council members also participate in community service projects, including volunteering time by shopping for needy families served by the Dearborn County Clearing House for Emergency Aid and sorting donations for the Children's Coalition for Christmas Toys. The Council has also volunteers to help the

We Care Packages, Inc. with its mission to send care packages and cards to U.S. soldiers. In 2015, the youth completed a project called Connecting Generations "Scraps from the Past." Council members worked with senior citizens at the Dearborn Adult Center for several months to complete a scrapbook of stories from the past. Another community service project for the Council is the ongoing Pen-pal program with 7th and 8th grade students at St. Mary's and St. John's schools in Aurora. Council members interact with the younger students through letters, providing a type of mentorship.

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DCF LEGACY SOCIETY HONOREES

The Dearborn Community Foundation's Legacy Society is a group of individuals, organizations and other entities who have made a dedicated effort to invest in our community through endowment at the Foundation. These honorees live in Dearborn County or have strong ties to our community.

DCF added ten new members to the Legacy Society in 2015, bringing the total number of honorees to 101. Legacy Society members have contributed a significant charitable endowment at DCF to support charitable needs in our community. Some have established scholarship funds, while others have established donor-advised funds so that they can select a different charity to support with income from the endowment each year. Some select a specific charity to receive income from the endowment each year.

Legacy Society members have chosen to make a difference in our community today, knowing that their gifts will continue to give tomorrow and forever into the future.

2015 Honorees

**Kenny & Verna Cotton** – for their work in building the Amy Cotton Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund providing funds for South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars.

**Patricia and Stephanie Frondorf** - for the establishment of the Frank Frondorf Memorial



DCF President Mike Hornbach, left, and Chairperson J David Wismann present a Legacy Society inductee plaque to Jim and Sue Stock.

Fund providing support to East Central High School.

**Jamie Howard and Victor Fay** - for the establishment of the Coach Dick Meador Lawrenceburg Football Scholarship Fund providing funds for scholarships to graduates of Lawrenceburg High School.

**Jim and Sue Stock** – for the establishment of the Stock Family Fund providing operating support to the Dearborn Community Foundation.

**Nick & Judy Ullrich** – for the establishment of the Buck Crontz Boy Scouts of America Troup 637 Eagle Scout Fund providing funds to support the Buck Crontz Boy Scouts Troup 637.

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

- Alzheimer's Support Groups of Southeast Indiana, Inc.
- Jada & Greg Ankenbauer
- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Delores E. Baker
- James, Jr. & Carla Blair
- Charles and Wilma Beyer
- Keri Brown
- Paula and Mark Bruner
- Carnegie Hall Historic Landmarks Preservation Society, Inc.
- Allan Carpenter & Beth Fox
- Kenny & Verna Cotton
- Carol Davis
- Dearborn County Retired Teachers Foundation, Inc.
- The late Hartell F. Denmure & the late LaVerne R. Denmure (both posthumously)
- Jeremy Dilts
- The late Luella Dixon
- Melody Dixon
- The late Robert Dunavent & Helen Dunavent
- East Central High School Community
- Lynn & Camille Eiler

- Thomas Peters Ewbank
- Victor Fay
- The late Wilma Firsich
- Patrica & Stephanie Frondorf
- Jeff Graf
- Fred & Jody Grawey
- Ruth Gulley Gray
- Donna Hartman
- Larry & Marylin Heffelmire
- Mike & Loretta Heffelmire
- Steve & Virginia Heffelmire
- Daniel Honchell
- Jamie Howard
- Jerry & Stefanie Keller
- Doug and Luree Ketcham
- Jeanne Lehn
- The late Charles Lehner & Diana Lehner Miller
- Deb Locke
- Gary & Jennifer Lohmiller
- The late Frank R. Longcamp (posthumously)
- D. Neal & Monica Meece
- Sherry & Rich Midlam
- The Town of Moores Hill
- Barry & Fayla Nanz

- R. Daniel Newhouse
- Gerald & Dorothy Nixon
- Jane & Mike Noel
- North Dearborn Conservation Club
- Jenni Pause
- James Mitchell PeGan, Courtney PeGan, and Nicki PeGan
- Darlene Phillips
- Ron & Bonnie Powell
- Amber Probst
- F. William and Stephanie Rahe
- John & Patricia Rahe
- The late Dellas Ross and the late Dorothea Ross
- The late Jim Rupel & Janet Rupel
- The late Ronald Selmeier
- Loren Shuter
- Jim & Sue Stock
- Heather Strasemeier
- Sunman Rural Fire Department Members
- Dr. Jim Swanson
- Jo Ellen Tucker
- Nick & Judy Ullrich
- The late Louise Walker
- The late William Zimmer & the late Marjorie Zimmer

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) lost two fine friends in 2015: Marjorie M. Zimmer of Brookville, and Richard “Rick” A. Fields of Dillsboro.

Zimmer passed away in December 2015 at the age of 89. The late Mrs. Zimmer and her husband, the late William A. Zimmer, were inducted into the DCF Legacy Society in 2006 for their establishment of the Chester & Ida Muntz Family Memorial Fund. The Legacy Society is made up of a group of individuals who have made a dedicated effort to invest in our community through endowment at the Foundation. The Chester & Ida Muntz Family Memorial Fund, which was established in January 2005 in memory of Mrs. Zimmer’s parents, provides grants to charitable organizations that support families of children who are fighting cancer.

Mrs. Zimmer was a graduate of Moores Hill High School and of Miami University. She was active in the community, including serving in many capacities at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Brookville. She enjoyed a career as a grade school teacher.

“Mrs. Zimmer was known for being a person who cared very much about her community,” said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. “The positive impact of Marjorie’s and William’s kind contribution to establish an endowment fund at the Foundation will be felt in our community in perpetuity.”



Marjorie Zimmer



Rick Fields

Rick Fields passed away in October 2015 at the age of 66. Mr. Fields was a longtime supporter of DCF, serving as a member of the Finance & Investment Committee. Mr. Fields is survived by his wife Mary Fields, who served as a DCF Board member and committee member for many years as well. Mr. Fields and his wife have owned and operated Dillsboro IGA for 38 years. He also served as a member of the Indiana National Guard for 15 years and was honorably discharge in 1985 as a Captain in the Medical Service Corps. Mr. Fields was devoted

to the Town of Dillsboro and to serving others in his community in many capacities.

“Rick was a great guy that cared greatly about his community,” McCarter said. “He was a huge supporter of the Foundation and was always a wonderful and insightful volunteer.”

The Fields Family Memorial Fund was established at DCF in 2015 by his wife Mary as a memorial to Rick, McCarter said. The endowment fund provides support to the Ross Foundation, Inc., which awards grants to charitable entities who provide services the residents of the Town of Dillsboro.

CONTRIBUTORS from page 14

Andrew & Helen Dukehart  
 Duncan Oil Company  
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 Naomi Ewan  
 Roger & Debbie Fehling  
 Mary Fields  
 Steven & Rosemary Fields  
 Greg & Catherine Filter  
 Paul & Karen Filter  
 David & Alecia Fryman  
 Mark & Pam Ginder  
 Donald & Betty Grace  
 Susan Greco  
 Grove Forest Products  
 Jason & Sarah Grover  
 Hairlines Salon & Boutique  
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 Tom & Bernita Wafford  
 Christina Warram  
 Lorene Westmeier  
 Randall & Patricia Wood  
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 Robert A. & Elizabeth A. Fische  
**In Memory of Daniel Gleason**  
 Charmaine Gleason  
 Philip & Sharen Meyers  
 Randy Turner  
**In Memory of Roger Gulley**

Ruth Gray  
 Fred McCarter  
**In Memory of Deborah Meyer Guss**  
 Jeremy Dilts  
 Philip & Sharen Meyers  
**In Memory of Byron Hartman**  
 James & Melody Bohrer  
 Jeff Graf  
**In Memory of PFC Craig A. Keller**  
 Pat Denier  
**In Memory of Jerry Lehn**  
 Dorothy Behrens  
 Theodore & Lynn Johnson  
 Jeanne Lehn  
 Jonathan & Suzan Lehn  
**In Memory of Rachel Meece**  
 Shirley Burdette  
 D. Neal & Monica Meece  
**In Memory of Lil & Docky Meyers**  
 Jeffery & Meghan Meyers  
 Philip & Sharen Meyers  
**In Memory of Richard D. Midlam**  
 Gary & Jean Hesser  
**In Memory of Emma Neil**  
 David & Judy Hizer  
**In Memory of Martha McKinney**  
 Newhouse  
 E. Alan and Jayne Newhouse  
**In Memory of John PeGan**  
 John & June Buhler  
**In Memory of Scott Peterson**  
 Terri Carroll  
**In Memory of James Phillips**  
 Bill & Judy Anderson  
 Scott & Sandra Gill  
**In Memory of Ronald Selmeyer**

Londalea Murray  
**In Memory of Nettie Ullrich**  
 Greg & Jada Ankenbauer  
 David & Judy Hizer  
**In Memory of Norman & Phyllis Utter**  
 Ron & Andrea Nappier  
**In Memory of Carroll & Doris Walker**  
 Lee & Melinda Edgerton  
**In Memory of Telford Walker**  
 Lee & Melinda Edgerton  
**In Memory of Adam Wilhelm**  
 Leo & Julie Wilhelm  
**Darlene Phillips made memorial contributions for the following individuals:**  
 Albert Back  
 Lillian Knueven  
 Richard Lewis  
 Coletta Weber

CONTRIBUTIONS HONORING INDIVIDUALS

**In Honor of Deb Birkholtz**  
 Jim Waldon  
**In Honor of Myra Endersis**  
 Darlene Phillips  
**In Honor of Bill Lake’s Birthday**  
 Jada & Greg Ankenbauer  
**In Honor of Jane Noel’s Birthday**  
 Jada & Greg Ankenbauer  
**In Honor of Craig Woroch’s Father’s 93rd Birthday**  
 Craig Woroch

## COURTEOUS PROFESSIONAL STAFF SERVES COMMUNITY WELL

The DCF Team is made up of staff, legal counsel, and community volunteers and board members that serve on the various Foundation committees.

The DCF Staff is a group of courteous, experienced professionals dedicated to making a difference in the community through top-notch service to donors, grantees, and other community members, as well as, by providing professional support to board members.

**Executive Director** Fred McCarter joined the DCF staff in early 2005, after a combined 19 years in the newspaper journalism and media/marketing professions. McCarter also served on the Foundation's board of directors prior to joining the staff. McCarter's professional experience as well as his experience in community relations and governmental affairs serves him well as the Foundation continues in its constant efforts to grow the impact it has on the community through its philanthropic resources.

**Program Director** Denise Sedler joined the staff in late 2008. Sedler's significant



Fred McCarter



Denise Sedler



Cheryl Wessel



Andrea Nappier



Lisa deHart Lehner

experience in communications, marketing, administration and finance has proven to be very valuable in providing assistance to the many non-profit organizations and students in Dearborn County. As program director she manages the grant and scholarship programs.

**Accountant** Cheryl Wessel came to the Foundation in late 2007. Wessel brings to the Foundation more than 30 years of experience in the accounting field. Her work experience and volunteer activities provides the Foundation and Community with a very valuable asset for both non-profit accounting and tax.

**Administrative Assistant** Andrea Nappier joined the DCF staff in mid 2008. Nappier brings a wealth of professional experience to the Foundation with her background in administration, journalism, and marketing.

**Legal Counsel** Lisa deHart Lehner with Wood Lamping & Lehner, LLP is one of the founders of DCF. Lehner is a significant asset to the Foundation through her expertise in tax planning, charitable giving, trust administration, probate administration, and estate planning as well as from her extensive knowledge of the Foundation.

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FORM DCF COMMITTEES

In addition to Board Members, community volunteers also participate in the committee process of the Dearborn Community Foundation. Like the board, the participants represent a cross-section of the Dearborn County community.

### 2015 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### Board Development Committee

Jada Ankenbauer\*  
Jim Deaton  
Mary Ewbank\*  
Gerald Nixon\*  
Jim Stock

#### Grants Committee

Jada Ankenbauer\*  
Susan Harrison  
Mike Hornbach\*  
Becky Lyons\*  
Gerald Nixon\*  
Dr. Matthew B. Probst

#### Finance & Investment Committee

Jim Deaton  
Dave Deddens  
Leigh Kem  
Phil Meyer  
Barry Nanz  
Dr. Matthew B. Probst  
John Rumsey\*

#### Lilly Scholarship Committee

Jada Ankenbauer\*  
Karen Blasdel\*  
Mary Fields  
Marsha Ford  
Bill Lakes\*  
J David Wismann\*

#### Community Scholarship Committee I

Paula Bruner\*  
Deanna Hacker\*  
Julie Murphy\*  
Jon Strautman  
Judy Ullrich

#### Community Scholarship Committee II

Sue Clark  
Connie Cleary  
Loretta Day\*  
Beth Fox  
Cherie Maddin\*  
Randy Tyler\*

#### Lawrenceburg Youth Grant Program Committee

Barb Branigan  
Dick Castillo  
Garrett Cavanaugh  
Mike Heffelmire

Brenda Konradi  
E.G. McLaughlin  
Mike McLaughlin

#### Women Empowering Women Committee

Jada Ankenbauer\*  
Sally McLaughlin  
Sue Clark  
Marie Dausch  
Deanna Hacker\*  
Luree Ketcham  
Liz Morris  
Judy Ullrich

\* Denotes 2015 Board of Director's member

## "FRIENDS" OF THE FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) tries to recognize individuals, organizations or businesses that have been strong supporters of the Foundation for a significant period of time. These long time supporters of the Foundation come from all corners of Dearborn County and have a history of strong involvement in the community. In 2015, DCF posthumously honored the late William K. Ewan, who passed away in August of 2015.



Bill Ewan

"Bill Ewan truly was a friend of the Foundation," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "He

was always looking for a way to help us make a difference in our community."

Ewan, a local attorney, worked with DCF on many occasions to help a client or to encourage others to consider endowment at the Foundation. In 2005, Ewan helped the Foundation garner a new endowment fund that had been a trust at a local bank. The trust provided annual scholarships to a graduate of each of the three Dearborn County high schools. Since the trust department at the local bank was closing, he worked with DCF and the local Circuit Court to establish the trust as an endowment. That trust is now the Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship and it has provided nearly \$30,000 in scholarships

to students since becoming an endowment at DCF.

"Thanks to the late Mr. Longcamp and to Bill Ewan, the scholarships will continue in perpetuity," McCarter said. "He saw the value in folks using endowment to fulfill their charitable wishes and he was a fine ambassador for the Foundation and many other organizations and causes in the Dearborn County community."

Ewan's wife, Naomi Ewan, and daughter, Andrea Ewan, established the William K. Ewan Memorial Fund in 2015. The donor-advised endowment fund will allow the Ewan's to recommend grants to charitable entities in Dearborn County in memory of Bill.

(Please see **FRIENDS** on page 18)



## NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP HELPS STUDENT TOWARD GOAL OF DEGREE

*Donors establish endowment funds to support many needs in our community, ranging from scholarships to help students complete their higher education and career goals to grants for charitable organizations and causes. The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) is sharing this unique story about a scholarship recipient to show how donors' actions can make an incredibly positive impact on others.*

When April Fritch graduated from high school in her hometown of Michigan City, Ind., in the late 1970s college wasn't an option. Financial resources just weren't available. The emphasis was on getting a job and living on her own.

Fritch's situation is similar to many folks in the Dearborn County community. For one reason or another, they didn't attend college, or didn't complete their degree. Then they realize they need to do something to improve their lives or just want to attain the goal of a college degree.

Fritch, 55, Lawrenceburg, and a 30-year resident of Dearborn County, was the first recipient of the Women Empowering Women (wEw) Scholarship in 2010. The wEw scholarship was established by DCF to help empower the women of Dearborn County to improve their lives through education. It's the Foundation's desire to help the non-traditional female student who has not had the opportunity to attend college or to complete their post-secondary education started previously in life.

In Fritch's case, she had been in a sales career for 18 years and knew there was a good possibility that her company would go out of business before her working years would be done. So she decided in her late 40s that she would make the commitment to attend college and earn a degree.

"I knew going to college would be a financial struggle, but I was determined to have a college education, and along with a degree, the opportunity to become financially secure and pursue alternative choices," said Fritch. "I was determined to get a degree and stay debt-free, so I knew it was going to be a pay-as-you-go proposition."

Fritch immediately realized there weren't many scholarships out there for "middle-aged folks," she said. "I think the wEw scholarship and any scholarship available to middle-aged women or men is a great concept. It seems like there's thousands of scholarships out there for recent high school grads, but not much for people trying to reinvent themselves or just make their lives better due to whatever circumstances they may be experiencing."

Fritch received two scholarships for "non-traditional" students at DCF. First, she applied for an Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship at the Foundation. She was awarded an Ivy Tech scholarship in 2009. Then she learned about the new wEw scholarship and applied and was awarded that scholarship in its first year of existence in 2010.



April Fritch is making the most of donors' generous establishment of scholarship funds.

Fritch started her trek to a college degree at the age of 48, three years before a career change that landed her as a sales person at Register Publications, the publisher of print and online newspapers in Southeastern Indiana and in Harrison, OH. She worked her way up to sales manager and is currently the General Manager of Register Publications, overseeing all aspects of the company's business in the region.

While Fritch had not earned her degree before her advancement to GM at Register Publications, she says her education at Ivy Tech and the knowledge she's received in school has gone a long way toward helping her grow as GM. She will earn her Associates Degree in Business Science at Ivy Tech in the fall of 2016 after completing her final class.

"I don't know if donors realize how many people they impact positively when they start a scholarship fund," Fritch said. "It makes such a huge difference in their lives."

Donors who establish scholarships, especially for non-traditional students who are trying to improve their lives, are making such a huge impact on people, even with a \$500 scholarship," Fritch said. "I remember when I received my first scholarship. I realized that I could take two classes that semester, not just one. It was wonderful."

Fritch also says more than 50 percent of the students she's seen in her classes have been in her age group. She knows other students also value the non-traditional scholarships even more than her.

"Some people are working two or three jobs and they have children or grandchildren to take care of, or they may be taking care of an elderly parent," Fritch said. "The scholarship allows them to pay for a class and frees up the money to let

them hire a baby sitter or someone to watch a parent, so they can go to school."

Fritch says simply receiving the scholarships also gave her a sense of confidence that she could accomplish her goal. "I've always spent time giving back to others and causes in the community," she said. "Receiving two scholarships let me know exactly how it felt to receive something from the kindness of others. I really appreciate the help."

### FRIENDS *from page 18*

- 1997 Charles W. Lehner
- 1998 Lisa deHart Lehner
- 1999 Richard Ullrich, Jr.
- 2000 Mark Neff, Dellas Ross
- 2001 John Maxwell
- 2002 Jim Deaton, E.G. McLaughlin
- 2003 Dr. Frank Frable, James Rupel
- 2005 Mike Kramer, Jim Helms
- 2006 Leaders of City of Aurora, Dearborn County & City of Lawrenceburg
- 2007 Argosy Casino & Hotel, Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc. of Lawrenceburg, Rupel Family & Hidden Valley Golf Club
- 2009 Aurora Public Library District, Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, Main Street Aurora, and South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars
- 2010 Aurora Casket & the Barrott Family, Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc., Ivy Tech Foundation, UCB Charitable Foundation, and U.S. Bank
- 2014 Dave and Michelle Deddens
- 2015 The late William K. Ewan (posthumously)

# FINANCES

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*December 31, 2015 and 2014*

	<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	2,089,467	\$	2,272,306
Certificates of deposit			564,306		1,113,057
Investments			14,932,474		14,100,114
Property and equipment, net			38,701		51,499
		\$	17,624,948	\$	17,536,976
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$	8,270	\$	20,131
Deferred revenue			-0-		480,079
Charitable gift annuities payable			5,744		9,017
Liability for funds held as agency endowments			5,759,968		6,262,805
Custodial funds			1,607,600		1,458,082
			7,381,582		8,230,114
Total liabilities					
<b>Net assets</b>					
Unrestricted net assets:					
Operating			981,523		906,838
Board designated			92,699		100,000
Temporarily restricted net assets			9,169,144		8,300,024
			10,243,366		9,306,862
Total net assets					
		\$	17,624,948	\$	17,536,976

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

*For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014*

			<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>
<b>Support and revenues</b>					
Contributions		\$	1,560,578	\$	598,171
Investment return, net			(410,386)		117,709
Other investment income			21,933		20,879
Administrative fees			334,530		338,924
Other revenue			20,481		19,711
			1,527,136		1,095,394
Total support and revenues					
<b>Total expenses</b>					
			590,632		589,754
Change in net assets			936,504		505,640
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>			9,306,862		8,801,222
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>		\$	10,243,366	\$	9,306,862

An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was conducted by Blue & Co., LLC for the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. The complete audited financial statements can be reviewed at the Foundation office located at 322 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc.'s 2015 and 2014 Form 990 may also be reviewed at the Foundation office.

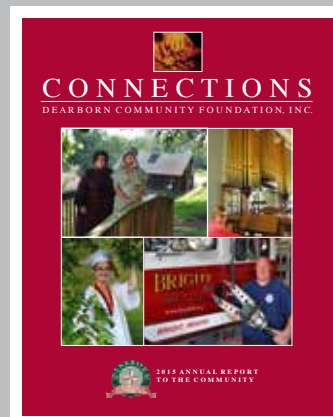


### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved in the Dearborn Community Foundation's efforts to make a difference in Dearborn County.

- **Become Aware:** Learn more about how the Foundation helps donors achieve their charitable goals and the positive impact of the results.
- **Volunteer:** Offer to be a volunteer board or committee member. Volunteers also are needed at Foundation events.
- **Be A Donor:** Establish an endowment to support your favorite charitable organization or cause in perpetuity. ... Or contribute to an existing fund at DCF. We can help you make a difference for the charities or the issues you care most about.
- **Share Ideas:** Let the DCF staff and board members know about your ideas. Let us know what you think the charitable needs are in our community.
- **Be A Sponsor:** Individuals, organizations and businesses can provide sponsorship support or door-prize items for DCF's annual golf scramble to raise funds to support Foundation operations.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. is a catalyst to connect people who care with causes that improve the quality of life in our community by advancing cultural, educational and social opportunities, while preserving our community's heritage and helping donors to create a permanent legacy in Dearborn County.



**ON THE COVER:** These photos truly show how the Dearborn Community Foundation helps make the "Connections" between those who contribute and those who benefit from their philanthropy.

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