



CONNECTIONS

20th Anniversary/Special Edition



2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HELPING DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF), Inc. is celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2018 by awarding \$20,000 in proactive grants, matching donor contributions, and a celebratory dinner.

DCF began as an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County in late 1997 and then became a “stand-alone” community foundation in April 1998. The Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt public charity, helps donors’ dreams come true by safeguarding endowments for the community through contributions large and small. Grants awarded by the Dearborn Community Foundation support the needs and interests in Dearborn County in the fields of Art, Culture and Humanities, Community and Public Benefit, Education, Environment and Animal Protection, Human Services, Public Safety and Youth Programs.

With the help of kind and generous donors, DCF has amassed assets of \$20 million in 20 years, including 135 endowed funds totaling more than \$17 million. The Foundation has invested more than \$40 million in charitable grants and scholarships in our community through endowment funds and non-endowed programs in its 20-year history.

“With generous assistance from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County along with many donors and dedicated volunteers, DCF has become the charitable organization of record in our community,” said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. “We are proud to be able to help donors make their charitable wishes come true through endowment.”

In the mid-1990s, the idea of a community foundation in Dearborn County came out of a committee meeting at the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce, McCarter said. “Individuals like Mike Kramer, Richard Ullrich and Lisa deHart Lehner embraced the idea. They worked hard with others, like original Executive Director Andrea Rahe Thalheimer, to do the research and prep work to establish the Foundation with help from Lilly Endowment’s GIFT initiative (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow).”

The founding Board members, donors and other friends of the foundation sought to promote philanthropy in Dearborn County, said Lehner, a DCF founder and its one-and-only legal counsel. “They took advantage of the opportunity through Lilly Endowment to establish an organization to help donors grow endowment for the charitable needs in our community now and into the future. The volunteers and staff members from over the years have gained the trust of the community and folks have continued to contribute to endowment.”



DCF Board member Bill Ward, left, delivers a \$1,000 grant check to Special Olympian Ian Alexander. The Lauren Hill Make A Difference grant is one of 20, \$1,000 proactive grants DCF is investing in the community as a way to celebrate the Foundation’s 20th Anniversary. The grant helped athletes involved in Special Olympics Indiana Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Counties to attend the 2018 Summer Olympics. Ward and Alexander have worked eight years together as volunteers for North Dearborn Pantry. Ward said “Ian is a fine young man and a great volunteer for North Dearborn Pantry. I know how important Special Olympics are to Ian and his fellow athletes.”

Twenty years later, DCF endowments distribute nearly \$500,000 annually in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to students. The Foundation typically awards more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships annually through programs that are not endowed. Donors to the non-endowed programs count on DCF’s expertise to award grants to worthy charitable organizations and causes.

McCarter says DCF’s positive impact on the community is all due to the donors who care about their community. “Whether it’s the City of Lawrenceburg with its Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program or an individual or a businessperson who gives for a specific scholarship or charitable cause, we wouldn’t be here without them. We are gratified to help donors make a difference!”

The Foundation is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a dinner in late July 2018 and is awarding 20 proactive grants of \$1,000 each to charitable organizations in Dearborn County throughout 2018, McCarter said. Each of DCF’s 15 volunteer Board members are recommending a grant. Five lucky attendees to the DCF dinner in July also will be randomly drawn to recommend a grant.

Additionally, the Foundation held its 11th Annual Double Your Donation endowment matching campaign in early June 2018. It took only one day for contributors to match the \$91,500 set aside by the Foundation and the City of Lawrenceburg. The overall endowment at the Foundation grew by \$183,000, when the new contributions are combined with the \$1-for-\$1 match.

The goal of the matching campaign has always been to encourage more individuals, organizations and businesses in our community to participate in philanthropy through endowment at the Foundation, said McCarter. “As usual, donors quickly took advantage of this unique opportunity to double the difference they make in Dearborn County.”

Since 2008, the contributions made during the matching campaigns have increased DCF’s overall endowment for the community by nearly \$3.8 million. Endowed assets during the 11-year period have increase by 65 percent. The campaigns have helped to inspire new philanthropy with more than 50 new endowment funds established during the 11-year period. It’s important to note that Dearborn County government also provided matching funds for the first few campaigns.

DCF PROUD OF 20 YEARS OF CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH CAUSES THAT IMPROVE LIVES

Dear Friends:

The mission of the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) includes the words “connecting people who care with causes that improve the quality of life.” Celebrating the 20 years of DCF is important to the hundreds of volunteers and the many staff members who have helped donors improve others’ lives by establishing 135 endowments that will make a difference in our community in perpetuity. The Foundation’s board of directors and staff are especially pleased to provide this 20th Anniversary/Special Edition of our Annual Report to the Community.

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 Foundation’s impact on our community through its endowments held, the grants and scholarships awarded, and our volunteers’ efforts over the past year. Using words and photos we also tell the story of the Foundation over the past 20 years.

Through endowment at DCF, donors are able to impact our community by supporting causes that are close to their hearts. We take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the assets contributed. In 20 years, the Foundation’s assets for the community have grown to \$20 million. Due to the generosity of donors, DCF awarded \$1.7 million in grants and scholarships in 2017. More than \$40 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded in the organization’s 20-year history – making a difference in the lives of many people in our community by strengthening the work of many non-profits through grants and providing aid to students in their post-secondary educational efforts.

While DCF has emerged as the lead philanthropic organization in Dearborn County, it also is deeply committed to its role in strengthening the community through strong leadership by bringing people together around common challenges and opportunities. Our goal is to continue to partner with other non-profit organizations, donors and volunteers to continue to be a catalyst to connect people who care with causes that improve the quality of life in our community.

Our hope is that you will read this 20th Anniversary/Special Edition of our Annual Report to the Community and share it with family, friends and neighbors. We want to share with others the exciting news of the Foundation’s significant impact on our community and how we call can work together to increase the county’s philanthropic resources.



Randy Tyler
2017 Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Tyler".



Fred McCarter
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred McCarter".



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 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 \$20 million, administers 135 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 and select the "Donors" tab and then click on existing endowments in the drop down menu.

Dearborn County Historical Society Fund
 Dearborn County Hospital Foundation Fund
 Dearborn County Parks Fund
 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
 Jeffrey L. Huntington Hillforest 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

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Alzheimers Support Groups of Southeast Indiana Fund
 Amy Cotton Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Anderson Academic Awards Fund
 The ARC of Dearborn County Fund
 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
 Brandon Cromer Memorial Scholarship 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
 Collier Holtegel Memorial 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

ENDOWMENT FUNDS / *your contributions*



Donors contribute to DCF for a range of charitable causes to award scholarships and grants, like \$4,447 to Oak Heritage Conservancy for its Hilltop Farm Nature Preserve walking trails in West Harrison.

- 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
- Stock Family Fund
- Sunman Rural Fire Department Fund
- Telford & Louise Walker Fund
- Tim Tyler Memorial Scholarship 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
- Kevin & Meghan Schafer Charitable 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



A \$500 grant from the Sprint Educational Excellence Fund to the City of Greendale helped provide the Arbor Day workshop for elementary school students.

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
- R. Daniel Newhouse Memorial 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



DCF AWARDS \$34 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 20 YEARS

Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) has awarded \$34 million in grants in its 20 years of helping donors make a difference in Dearborn County. The millions of dollars in grants have been made to non-profit organizations to 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 and over the past 20 years have had a major impact on the lives of the people in our community.

In 2017 alone, DCF awarded 165 grants to non-profits totaling more than \$1.3 million. 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 2017 also include designated endowment fund distributions and grants administered by DCF for the Lawrenceburg School Endowment Corporation.

LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

A total of \$799,653 in grants was awarded in 2017 to the following organizations:

- Aurora Emergency Rescue Unit, Inc. - \$100,000**
Cot Lift Systems and CPR devices
- Aurora Lions Club - \$30,000**
Fair management of the 109th Aurora Farmers Fair
- Aurora Riverfront Beautification, Inc. - \$5,000**
Historic military boats display at 2017 Red White and Boom Event
- Carnegie Historic Landmarks Preservation Society, Inc. - \$57,701**
Final phase of the 2nd floor restoration project at Carnegie Hall
- City of Aurora - Police Department - \$5,000**
Purchase of a new K-9 dog and handler training
- City of Greendale - Fire Department - \$100,000**
Digital portable radios
- Dearborn Adult Center - \$34,532**
Purchase of Van
- Dearborn Adult Center - \$20,000**
Dearborn Adult Center rehabilitation project
- Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$785**
2017 Arts Alive

- East Central Band Boosters Association - \$26,625**
Purchase replacement instruments
- First Presbyterian Church - \$25,000**
Kitchen upgrade
- Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$35,400**
Chimney and gutter restoration
- Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation - \$71,824**
Energy Conservation/Electrical Upgrade at Greendale Middle School
- Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. - \$15,000**
2017 Winter Wonderland
- LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$5,000**
Catch-A-Ride program fuel costs
- LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$10,000**
Funds towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle
- Miller York Volunteer Fire Department - \$42,568**
Upgraded firefighting equipment including SCBA tanks, hoses, and turnout gear
- Oak Heritage Conservancy - \$4,447**
Hilltop Farm Nature Preserve walking trails
- River Valley Resources, Inc. - \$10,000**
New Directions program
- Safe Passage - \$10,771**
Purchase of a vehicle to transport clients

- South Dearborn Community School Corporation - \$100,000**
Purchase of school bus cameras
- Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc. - \$50,000**
Purchase of SCBA units.
- We Care Packages, Inc. - \$40,000**
Product and postage costs for packages sent to overseas military

CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM

A total of \$110,367 in grants was awarded in 2017 to the following organizations:

- Aurora Lions Club - \$8,000**
2017 Youth Activities
- Aurora Little League Baseball - \$8,000**
Uniforms, batting helmets, baseballs and softballs
- Community United Methodist Church - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- Dearborn Community Foundation – Youth Council - \$3,000**
Charitable works of the DCF Youth Council
- Dearborn Community Foundation – \$3,000**
DCF's FOP Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$4,479**
Keeping Our Youth Engaged and Safe Program
- Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$4,528**
Protective/safety equipment and secondary insurance for 2017 season
- Dearborn County Social Council c/o RSVP - \$2,500**
2017 Halloween Sensation
- Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$623**
Art supplies for the 2017 Artists-in-Schools Program
- Dillsboro Community Food Pantry - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- Dillsboro Summer Recreation, Inc. - \$8,000**
Uniforms, equipment and charter fees
- East Central High School - \$3,000**
2017 After Prom
- Ivy Tech Foundation - \$4,237**
Advanced Manufacturing and Health Care summer camps
- Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$8,000**
2017 FOP Cops and Kids Christmas Program
- Lawrenceburg Greendale Soccer Club - \$8,000**
Fees, uniforms and field maintenance for the Fall 2017 season
- Lawrenceburg Lions Club - \$8,000**
Uniforms for the Youth Baseball League 2017 Season
- Lawrenceburg Pee Wee Football - \$8,000**
Football equipment - including pants, helmets and footballs
- Moores Hill Food Pantry - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- North Dearborn Pantry, Inc. - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- St. Vincent de Paul - \$3,000**
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
- Warm the Children - \$4,000**
Warm The Children program

Warm the Children - \$4,000

Warm The Children Endowment Fund at DCF

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

Needs of the youth who reside at the home

CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAM

A total of \$27,950 in grants was awarded in 2017 to the following organizations:

Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$1,950

4-H Fair Stage Rental

Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$1,000

Artists in Schools Project

Heart House, Inc. - \$5,000

Door handles and hardware for shelter doors

Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$5,000

Hillforest Museum Exterior Maintenance

LifeTime Resources, Inc.- \$5,000

2017 Catch A Ride Program

South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars

(SDDFS) - \$5,000

2017 SDDFS Good Knight Scholarship Program

Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$5,000

2017 Summer Games

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS, HEART OF GOLD, LAUREN HILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FUND, SPRINT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND WOMEN

EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw)

A total of \$28,471 in grants was awarded in 2017 to the following organizations:

1Voice, Inc. - \$500

Heart of Gold Grant for the charitable works in the community

Beecher Presbyterian Church - \$3,800

Lauren Hill Make A Difference Grant for the Southeast Indiana Community Gardens Coalition community garden

Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, Inc. - \$225

Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

City of Greendale - \$500

Sprint Educational Excellence Grant for 2017 Arbor Day Celebration

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$3,795

Lehner Family Fund Donor Advised Grant to the Women Empowering Women Program

Dearborn Adult Center - \$3,000

Lauren Hill Fund Make A Difference Grant for the Countywide Board Development Workshop

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$1,170

5K Youth Council Fundraiser profit to the DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$500

DCF Youth Council Grant for the 2017 Christmas Coalition for Christmas Toys

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$1,250

Heart of Gold Grant for operational needs

Dearborn County Veterans Service Office - \$625

Heart of Gold Grant for operational needs

Manchester Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - \$500

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



The City of Aurora established the Aurora Community Grant Program to make a difference in its community through grants to organizations like Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. (top) and Dearborn County 4-H Club Association (bottom).

Portrait of A Soul - \$1,300

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

Pregnancy Care Center - \$500

wEw Grant for the needs of the organization

Safe Passage - \$500

wEw Grant for the needs of the organization

Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$1,170

DCF Youth Council grant for the needs of the organization

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - \$1,000

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

Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc. - \$5,070

Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for Fire Department Fleet Tires

Tri-State Eating Disorder Resource Team - \$500

wEw Grant for the needs of the organization

United States Army Ranger Association - \$1,000

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

Warm the Children - \$1,442

Warm the Children Fund Donor Advised Grant for the charitable needs of the organization

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$625

Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the youth who reside at the home

In 2017, Dearborn Community Foundation Designated Endowment Funds distributed \$257,350 to the many charitable organizations in the community that they were established to support.

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment, Inc. initiative to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, not-for-profit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

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



Lauren Rabold

graduating from high school. In 2017, 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 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: **Lauren Rabold**, a graduate of East Central High School, is currently attending University of Evansville. Lauren is pursuing a double major in Political Science and Ethics and Social Change.

Since 1998, the following Dearborn County students have been awarded the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (*It is important to note that Lilly Endowment Inc. provided funding for more than one scholarship in years past.*)

Ashley Fields 1998
 Stacy Jagoditz 1999
 Shanaree Sailor-Brown 1999
 Lee Caldwell 2000
 Andy Batta 2000

Brian Barker 2001
 Kathleen Hountz Gellert 2001
 Jennifer Saylor 2001
 Krista Fricke 2002
 Kristy Kime 2002
 Kyla McMullen 2002
 Keith Kaffenberger 2003
 Rachel Becker 2003
 Molly Cutter 2003
 Grace Noppert 2004
 Nicholas Ferrell 2004
 Sarah Rice 2004

Kelly Eckstein 2005
 Alysa Flannery 2005
 Erin Brunner 2006
 Michael Williams 2006
 Mackenzie Stuart 2007
 Elizabeth Bates 2007
 Abbey Schmahl 2008
 Rebecca Taylor 2008
 Taneesha Parker 2009
 Christopher Ochynski 2009
 Jessica Ruschke 2010
 Carissa Wyatt 2010

Jenna Beck 2011
 Amanda Hornbach 2011
 Michael Frondorf 2012
 Matthew Davis 2012
 Jacob Hornberger 2013
 Abigail Frizzell 2013
 Alex Orndorff 2014
 Baxter McCory 2014
 Eric Harrington 2015
 Madeleine Feller 2016
 Lauren Rabold 2017

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL \$6 MILLION IN 20 YEARS

Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) has awarded \$6 million in scholarships to students in its 20-year history. Scholarship funding is provided by donors who established endowments or non-permanent funds to encourage higher education and to lower the cost of post-secondary education. Scholarships totaling \$330,000 were awarded to Dearborn County residents in 2017.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

JACOB AMBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Clayton Muncy.

GREG ANDRES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Leah Broderick, Bailey Hartman and Autumn Wert

DENISE ANN BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Georgia Hummel

MICHAEL CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Cara Morman

For a description of each scholarship, please visit our website at dearborncf.org and select the "scholarship" tab

ROSS EILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Allison Hildebrand and Brian Murphy

CLIFFORD AND GLADYS ELLERBROOK ENDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP - Shelbie Yoe

WILLIAM CURTIS EWBank MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Cayla Lansing

ROGER GULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Andrew Weissmann

BYRON HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Cai Kemmler Fox

IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIP - Angel Dilbeck, Katlyn Fischer, Bryant Housemyer, Ashley Sedler, and Noah Stegemiller

DAN KUEBLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Baleigh Chase

LAUGHERY VALLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP - Josie Denton, Allison Hildebrand, and Georgia Hummel

LAWRENCEBURG KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - Caitlin Smith

GERRY LEHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Tyler Gilmore

JAMES LOHMILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Alec Larson

FRANK R. LONGCAMP SCHOLARSHIP - Seth Couch, Logan Seig, and McKenna Telsrow

MARTHA MCKINNEY NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Kelsey Heeney and Jacob Ruberg

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



Taylor Gregory



Georgia Hummel



Brian Murphy



Andrew Weissmann



Audrey Williams

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 2017 finalists were:

Taylor Gregory, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

Georgia Hummel, South Dearborn High School graduate

Brian Murphy, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

Andrew Weissmann, South Dearborn High School graduate

Audrey Williams, East Central High School graduate



LIL AND DOCKY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Cara Morman

PERPETUAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP - Bailey Giesting and Christopher Weissmann

RONALD SELMEYER SCHOLARSHIP - Baleigh Chase

ADAM WILHELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Clayton Muncy

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw) SCHOLARSHIP - Angel Dilbeck

TREMAIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS MORE THAN \$4 MILLION IN 15 YEARS

The Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$4 million to help more than 850 Lawrenceburg High School graduates with post-secondary education costs in the last 15 years.

The Tremain Scholarship, which is funded by the City of Lawrenceburg, has been administered by the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. since 2002. The scholarship amount has been in the range of \$1,400 to \$1,800 per year for each recipient. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years as long as students continue to meet all established eligibility criteria. Scholarships for the year 2017 were \$1,800 per recipient. A total of 158 students received the scholarship for the 2017/2018 school year totaling \$284,400 in scholarships awarded.

The Tremain Scholarship, which was originally named the Lawrenceburg Educational Grant, was renamed in 2012 in tribute to former Lawrenceburg Mayor the late Paul E. Tremain Sr., who was instrumental in creating the scholarship. While the City of Lawrenceburg annually funds the Tremain Scholarship, an endowment, the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship Fund, also supports the program.

It is the City of Lawrenceburg's intent through the Tremain Scholarship 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, one-year certificate program or apprenticeship program. 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 County, PAWS, and Special Olympics.

"Those of us who knew Paul Tremain know that he was very passionate about how the city could impact the future of young people and the community as a whole," said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of DCF. "Paul would be quite proud that city leaders over the years have continued this successful scholarship program."

The Lawrenceburg City Council established an endowment to support the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship in early 2012. Anyone can contribute to the endowment that was established to provide funds to support the scholarship in perpetuity. Contributions should be sent to DCF at 322 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. Checks should be written to DCF with a note that the donation is to the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can also be made online at dearborncf.org.

"Contributing to the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Memorial Scholarship Fund is an opportunity for students and parents, who have already benefitted from the scholarship, to give back," McCarter said.

FOUNDERS WANTED TO PROMOTE PHILANTHROPY, RESPOND TO CHANGING NEEDS



Many people have been touched by the generosity of philanthropists who support the Dearborn Community Foundation. Founders like, Richard Ullrich, Lisa Lehner and Mike Kramer (bottom right) have guided DCF over the years.

The 20-year history of the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) is a story about people rallying together to promote philanthropy to enable the community to better respond to changing needs.

In 1996, the idea of establishing a Community Foundation in Dearborn County was first discussed in a committee meeting of the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce. Community Foundations were already popping up across the Hoosier State as Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative was kicking into gear.

In that same year, Aurora Clerk-Treasurer Richard Ullrich heard about GIFT, a series of statewide initiatives and programs that began in 1990 to help establish and strengthen Community Foundations in Indiana, while he attended an Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) conference.

"I really didn't understand right away what I was hearing about what Lilly Endowment was doing," said Ullrich. "But I knew it was something we needed to consider in our county."

Ullrich got on his cell phone and called Larry Tiettmeyer, who was the executive director of the Chamber. "I told Larry this is something we should discuss at a Chamber meeting. He agreed and the next thing you know we're having a discussion about it."

Ullrich along with Lawrenceburg attorney Lisa Lehner and local businessman Mike Kramer were among the local leaders in that Chamber meeting. They were also involved in many more public meetings to follow as they and other volunteers embarked on the journey to establish what was initially named the Dearborn County Community Foundation.

"We knew it was a good idea to establish a Community Foundation," said Kramer, who went on to be the founding president of the Dearborn Community Foundation. "But we really didn't know enough yet to envision what could happen for our community."

Lehner says "we knew we needed to take advantage of what Lilly was offering with the GIFT initiative. They provided so many resources to help us, including matching funds,

but there was still a considerable amount of self-teaching involved on our part."

The trio of Kramer, Lehner and Ullrich along with other community leaders attended a lot of GIFT meetings and other public meetings to gain support for a Community Foundation in Dearborn County.

"We were actually going to meetings, talking to people about being supportive of a foundation, but we were still learning about the concept of a Community Foundation at the same time," said Kramer.

As Aurora Clerk-Treasurer, Ullrich said it was very appealing to him that the Indiana Legislature approved a law that would allow county governments and municipalities to contribute to endowment at Community Foundations. "We were about to be receiving gaming tax revenue sharing from the City of Lawrenceburg and I felt establishing an endowment at a Community Foundation would be responsible and the best way to take politics out of the distribution of some of those funds for the good of the community."

The Dearborn Community Foundation began as an affiliate of the Community Foundation

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of Madison and Jefferson County in late 1997 and then became a “stand-alone” Community Foundation in April 1998.

Kramer became the first DCF President and Lehner is the Foundation’s one-and-only attorney. Ullrich was an elected official, so he never served on the Board. However, the City of Aurora did establish the first endowment, the Aurora Quality of Life Improvement Fund, at DCF in 1997.

In May 1997, Andrea Rahe Thalheimer became the Foundation’s first executive director. “Andrea did a great job,” said Kramer. “She’s who we needed to get things going and organized.”

Kramer says many other volunteers did a lot of work encouraging folks to be supportive through donations and volunteerism. Those donations were not only monetary in nature. Star Bank, now U.S. Bank, provided DCF with its first office in a small space on the second floor of its Walnut Street building in Lawrenceburg.

Reflecting on the days when endowments were few and operational funds even fewer, is “like an enormous leap forward,” said Lehner, referring to the Foundations total assets now reaching \$20 million.

Much of the credit goes to the quality of people who have served on the Foundation Board,

said Lehner. “The key has always been that everyone works together for what’s in the best interest of the community.”

Fred McCarter, a former DCF Board member, became the Foundation’s second executive director in 2005. McCarter, who has been executive director for more than 13 years, echoes the sentiments of the founders regarding the volunteers who’ve served the Foundation and the community.

“We always knew it was a good idea to establish a Community Foundation”

...Mike Kramer

“We’ve had more than 50 volunteers serve as Board members in 20 years and we owe so much to those folks, Andrea Thalheimer, and donors, of course, for making the Community Foundation concept work in Dearborn County,” said McCarter. “You also have to consider we’ve had many other volunteers who serve on our committees. All of the volunteers donate a significant amount of time to make sure we serve donors and the community well.”

While donors of all types have helped DCF have an incredible impact on the community, the Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program has allowed for larger investments

in charitable organizations of all types, said McCarter. For more than a decade, the city has annually funded the non-endowed program, which allows for grants of up to \$100,000 to eligible charitable organizations.

“This grant program allows the Foundation to make much larger investments for community needs,” said McCarter. “I know the Foundation and the community as a whole are very grateful for the city’s generosity.”

McCarter says it is amazing to reflect on the impact of the Foundation’s partnership in philanthropy with so many donors over the 20 years. “We’ve been able to assist donors in making their charitable wishes come true by investing \$40 million dollars in grants and scholarships in our community,” he said. “The investments mean more students receive aid for their higher education, charitable organizations of all types are stronger, youth programs are more abundant, and fire and EMS services have more of the tools they need to provide the best service.”

“There’s still plenty of work to do together to continue to build endowment so the community can respond to changing needs in perpetuity,” added McCarter.

Founding President Kramer may sum it up best: “It’s very satisfying to know it has all worked out so well!”

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Sponsors and participants have raised thousands of dollars to support DCF operations during the 16 years of the DCF Golf Scramble Fundraiser. An appearance by the late Joe Nuxhall (with Foundation executive director Fred McCarter) was a highlight of the 4th Annual DCF Golf Scramble Fundraiser in 2005.



The DCF Board established the Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund in November 2014 to honor the Greendale resident, who inspired others during her courageous battle with cancer. To date, nearly \$20,000 in grants have been awarded from the fund to make a difference in the community.

YOUTH COUNCIL HAS HELPED OTHERS FOR FIVE YEARS

In just five short years, the DCF Youth Council has had a significant impact in Dearborn County through both community service and fundraising/grant-making. The Youth Council has completed hundreds of hours of community service and has contributed nearly \$12,000 in grants to charitable organizations that make a difference in the community.

The Youth Council, which is made up of high-school age youth (grades 9-12) from across the 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 goal is for the Council to be 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.

The Youth Council has raised more than \$17,000 in five years through a 5K, bake sales and other fundraisers. The Council often splits funds raised between other charitable organizations in the community and the DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund. The endowment fund has grown to a value of more than \$16,000. Youth Council members annually make grant recommendations from the fund to worthy causes in the community.

Youth Council grants have been made to local food pantries, the Pregnancy Care Center, Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn County (PAWS), Special Olympics Indiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund at DCF.

Youth Council members are learning the value of philanthropy and that setting aside funds for the needs of future generations through endowment is vital, said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of DCF. "This is exactly what our goal was when the Foundation staff and Board members sought to establish a Youth Council."

The DCF Youth Council Endowment Fund has grown significantly through the hard work of the youth, volunteer coordinator Denise Sedler, other volunteers, and Foundation staff. Sedler, a former DCF staffer, was instrumental in the establishment of the Youth Council during her time as the DCF Program Director. She has continued to coordinate the Council as a volunteer.

"There's no doubt working with high-school age youth is a challenge with all of the other activities in which they are involved," said Sedler. "It's so gratifying to see how they work to raise funds and complete projects to help others. Our goal is to encourage them to be fine community service and philanthropic role models to other youth and adults. ... I'm very



In five years, the DCF Youth Council, led by Volunteer Coordinator Denise Sedler (top left), has raised funds for important community causes and donated hundreds of hours of community service.

proud of how all of the kids over the years truly made a difference."

Community Impact Project 2017-2018

In 2017-2018, the Council embarked on a community impact project which combines community outreach, community service and fundraising to impact as many charitable organizations as possible. The youth chose the James B. Wismann YES Home, the Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc., the Pregnancy Care Center, and nursing home residents as recipients of special gifts.

The community responded very generously by contributing \$400 and many items to help create the gift boxes, bags or baskets during a free-will donation bake sale at the Aurora Walmart store, said Sedler. After the fundraising was complete, Youth Council members made a philanthropy presentation to fifth and sixth grade students at St. Mary's School, Aurora, to express how the elementary students could make a difference in the community. Council members also shared their fundraising and community service experiences with the younger students. The presentation ended with the fifth and sixth graders working alongside the Youth Council members to decorate the "birthday boxes" that would later be filled with birthday party items to be given to Clearinghouse clients, who may

not have the means to purchase decorations etc. for their children's birthday parties.

The final phase of the community impact project included purchasing items for gift bags/baskets and delivering them to the organizations: **Y.E.S. Home** clients received backpack cinch bags filled with essentials such as deodorant, toothbrush/paste, hairbrush, journal, word search activity book or coloring book, lip balm, tissues, antibacterial wipes and a few other items; the **Pregnancy Care Center** received gift bags filled with essential items needed for new parents and their babies; **Nursing home residents'** gift bags contained a word search or coloring book with pen or coloring pencils, a lip balm and tissues.

Over the years, Youth Council members have also participated in community service projects, including volunteering time by shopping for needy families served by the Clearing House and sorting donations for the Children's Coalition for Christmas Toys program. The council has also volunteered to help the We Care Packages, Inc. with its mission to send care packages and cards to U.S. soldiers.

2017-2018 Youth Council members are: Molly Graham, Stephanie Gray, Claire Hollingsworth, McKenna Lorton, Moira Metz, Hannah Morgan, Justine Stenger, Isabella Sterchi, Lauren Weissmann, Leah Wright, and Sydney Yoe.

10 YEARS OF WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN

The Women Empowering Women (wEw) Program has continued its mission to connect women who care with causes that matter in our community by awarding nearly \$24,000 in grants and scholarships in 10 years.

More than 10 years ago, a group of women joined together with the goal of empowering women of all ages in Dearborn County to become active, informed and responsible in their community. Another goal of the initiative is to improve the status of women of all ages in our community through support of programs that address critical needs.

Initially, there was a wEw “Power of the Purse” brunch fundraiser that helped provide grant funds for the program and helped grow the Women Empowering Women Endowment Fund. The endowment fund, which was established by Diana Lehner in 2008, supports the wEw program by annually providing grants to charitable organizations that positively impact women, children and families in the community. Grants have been awarded to organizations including: Heart House, Inc.; Safe Passage, Inc.; Pregnancy Care Center; Children’s Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, Inc.; Tri-State Eating Disorder Team; Girls on the Run; Community Mental Health Center’s Directions; Baby Basket, Inc.; Big



Brothers Big Sisters; Habitat for Humanity; and Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc.

In 2010, DCF established the Women Empowering Women Scholarship. The wEw Scholarship

is designed to help non-traditional female students who have not had the opportunity to attend college or to complete their post-secondary education started previously in life. Currently, one \$500 wEw Scholarship is available annually. The scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, books and required fees.

The scholarship has significant impact on its recipients. Many of the women are working and raising children while also attending college to earn a degree or skills to help them get a better job to support their family. Other students are seeking a degree to reach their professional goals and to improve their lives.

“A scholarship like this certainly helps relieve the financial pressures for recipients,” said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of DCF. “Our hope is to continue to grow the Women Empowering Women Endowment Fund so that we can have larger impact on both students and charitable organizations in our community.”

The wEw Endowment Fund is valued at nearly \$40,000. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund to support grants or the scholarship can contact the DCF office or go to the Foundation website at dearborncf.org and make an online donation.

REMEMBERING OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) lost three fine friends in 2017: Charles H. “Charlie” Beyer of Aurora, R. Daniel Newhouse of Lawrenceburg, and Janet Louise Rupel of Greendale.

Mr. Beyer passed away in January 2017 at the age of 94. The late Mr. Beyer and his wife, Wilma Beyer, were inducted into the DCF Legacy Society in 2002 for their establishment of the Denise Ann Beyer Memorial Scholarship 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 Denise Ann Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was established in August 2001 in memory of the Beyer’s daughter, provides an annual scholarship to a current graduate of South Dearborn High School.

Mr. Beyer served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a quartermaster. Upon returning from the service in December 1945, he earned his Pharmacy degree from the Cincinnati School of Pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer opened Beyer’s Pharmacy in June 1955. Mr. Beyer worked with his sons, Dan, Mike and Jay in the family business, Beyer’s Pharmacy, before retiring in the late 1990s after over 50 years of service.

“Mr. Beyer was known for caring about the people in his community,” said Fred McCarter.



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“Charlie’s and Wilma’s kind contributions to establish the Denise Ann Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund will have a significant impact on students seeking to reach their goals in higher education in perpetuity.”

R. Daniel Newhouse passed away in September 2017 at the age of 84. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he worked in personnel management. Mr. Newhouse was inducted into the DCF Legacy Society in 2012 for his establishment of the Martha McKinney Newhouse Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is named in the memory of his mother, who was a lifelong resident of Lawrenceburg. She 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. The scholarship supports current Lawrenceburg High School graduates seeking a career in the nursing field.

“Daniel cared very much about memorializing his mother by providing scholarship funds for others who seek the same career as his mother,” McCarter said. “He loved his hometown of Lawrenceburg! His generous gift of endowment will continue to make a difference forever.”

Janet Louise Rupel, passed away in October 2017 at the age of 95. Mrs. Rupel and her late husband James Rupel were inducted into the DCF Legacy Society in 2003 in recognition of their establishment of two endowments: The Rupel Family Fund, a donor-advised fund, and the Rupel Family Unrestricted Fund. Both funds provide grants to charitable organizations that serve residents of Dearborn County. The Rupel family, as the former owners of Hidden Valley Golf Club, also supported the Foundation annually for more than a decade by providing the golf course with no cart or greens fees for the DCF golf scramble fundraiser. Mrs. Rupel was a member of Tanner Valley United Methodist Church. She was known for being a great cook and loved being mom and grandma. She also was very supportive of organizations like Warm The Children and local food pantries that helped folks in need.

“Mrs. Rupel was a very kind woman who wanted to help those in need,” McCarter said. “Through their endowments at the Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Rupel created a fine legacy for our community.”

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More than 100 individuals, organizations and other entities have been honored as members of the Legacy Society in DCF's 20 years of existence. Executive Director Fred McCarter presented a Legacy Society plaque to Camille and Lynne Eiler in 2005 for their establishment of the Ross Eiler Memorial Scholarship Fund, memorializing their son.

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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

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- 2014 Dave and Michelle Deddens
- 2015 The late William K. Ewan (posthumously)



Jim Helms and Mike Kramer, top, are shown as they receive the "Friend of The Foundation" award in 2005. They each served as both president and chairperson of the DCF board. Jim Deaton, left, was named a "Friend of the Foundation" in 2002. He, too, had served as president and board chair.

DCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2017 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 2017. 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 2017 DCF Board of Directors and officers are pictured below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Paula Bruner
Chairperson
Greendale



Randy Tyler
President
Aurora



Kevin Schafer
Vice President
Lawrenceburg



Bill Ward
Treasurer
St. Leon



Julie Murphy
Secretary
Lawrenceburg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jada Ankenbauer
Aurora



Karen Blasdel
Miller Township



Loretta Day
Moores Hill



Leigh Kem
Lawrenceburg



Bill Lakes
Aurora



Cherie Maddin
Aurora



Mike Hornbach*
Jackson Township



Fayla Nanz
Lawrenceburg



Mark Neff
Aurora



Elise Smith
Aurora

THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2018



Ramzi Nuseibeh
Lawrenceburg



Tim Russell
Greendale

COURTEOUS PROFESSIONAL STAFF SERVES COMMUNITY WELL



Fred McCarter



Gretchen Hambrick



Tom Snape



Cheryl Wessel



Lisa deHart Lehner

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 that are dedicated to making a difference in their 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.

Administrative Assistant Gretchen Hambrick joined the DCF staff in early November 2017. Hambrick brings to the Foundation valuable interpersonal skills along with her professional experience in administrative duties.

Program Director Tom Snape joined the staff in early 2017. Snape brings significant experience to the Foundation as a communications professional, and in sales and customer service which has already proven to be very valuable in providing assistance to the many non-profit organizations and students in Dearborn County. Snape manages

the grant and scholarship programs.

Accountant Cheryl Wessel came to the Foundation in late 2007. Wessel brings to the Foundation more than 35 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.

Legal Counsel Lisa deHart Lehner with Wood & Lamping 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.

2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Development Committee

Jada Ankenbauer*
David Deddens
Mary Ewbank
Gerald Nixon
Jim Stock

* Denotes 2017 Board of Director's member

Grants Committee

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

Investment Committee

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

Kevin Schafer*
Bill Ward*

Lilly Scholarship Committee

Karen Blasdel*
Marsha Ford
Bill Lakes*
Elise Smith*
J David Wismann
Community Scholarship Committee I
Paula Bruner*
Julie Murphy*
Jon Strautman
Judy Ullrich

Community Scholarship Committee II

Connie Cleary
Loretta Day*
Cherie Maddin*
Randy Tyler*

Community Scholarship Committee III

Michelle Deddens
Fayla Nanz*
Mark Neff*
Jim Stock

Lawrenceburg Youth Grant Program Committee
Barb Branigan

Dick Castillo
Garrett Cavanaugh
Mike Heffelmire
Brenda Konradi
E.G. McLaughlin
Mike McLaughlin

Women Empowering Women

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

FOUNDATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS WITH 'HEARTS OF GOLD'

The Dearborn Community Foundation honored four community volunteers for having "Hearts of Gold" in 2017. 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 \$3,000 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



The Foundation honored community volunteers (from left to right) Dan Riley, Ruth Ann Little, Julie Saylor, and Elizabeth Day.

DCF HEART OF GOLD RECIPIENTS AWARD GRANTS

The Heart of Gold Grants Committee Awarded a total of \$3,000 in grants to community organizations.

safety, raising public awareness of issues that affect all ages, and other acts of kindness.

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid – for the needs of the organization.

Dearborn County Veteran's Service Office

– for the needs of Dearborn County veterans

Youth Encouragement Services – for needs of the organization.

1 Voice – needs of the organization.

HEART OF GOLD HONOREES

Elizabeth "Liz" Day, Aurora: Dearborn County has not been the same since Elizabeth "Liz" Day was transplanted to Aurora. The impact of her contributions to our community will have everlasting effect. Liz was a founding member of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in 1992 and served as the secretary for 24 years. Liz's love for the area shows in her kindness and concern for others whether it is in the pantry or in the neighborhood. Liz has the ability to be a good listener without being judgmental in dealing with clients and always made time for the volunteers when they wanted to talk. She was a real inspiration. With her late husband, Jim, Liz worked with the local Habitat for Humanity organization. As a member of St. Mary Parish, Liz has been on the parish council, a hospital visitor, Eucharistic Minister, volunteered at the school library and the St. Mary's food booth at the Aurora Farmers Fair. Needless to say, Liz has shown us with her work in the community that she truly has a Heart of Gold.

Ruth Ann Little, Bright: Ruth Ann Little dislikes taking credit for anything. She's one who quietly works behind the scenes. Through decades of volunteering, folks know that Ruth Ann can be counted on to complete tasks with great efficiency – and a lot of heart. Ruth Ann has been active with the Dearborn County Hospital Auxiliary for many years giving more

than 12,000 volunteer hours. You can see Ruth Ann clearing tables at Shriners steak dinners and serving food at Lions Club pancake breakfasts. She has volunteered at North Dearborn Pantry, St. Teresa Benedicta Church and the Bright Fire Department Festival. She assists her husband, Art, with the Bright Lions Club program of providing and delivering medical equipment for free to people throughout the region. Ruth Ann takes the calls and coordinates the hundreds of requests. There are times when she makes deliveries herself of any equipment she can fit in her car. The word "no" does not exist in Ruth Ann's vocabulary when it comes to volunteering, and she has done it all her life. She has a true Heart of Gold.

Dan Riley, Aurora: Dan Riley is an asset to the Dearborn County Clearinghouse. He is the warehouse volunteer team leader keeping it neat, clean and organized. He always knows what is in stock, where it is, and helps in reordering the inventory. Dan's compassionate heart goes beyond his volunteer work at The Clearinghouse. He takes a personal interest in several Clearinghouse clients. He lends a shoulder to cry on and a sympathetic ear to listen to their problems. On more than one occasion, he has helped clients get to a job interview or dropped off

food to someone who is hungry. In his personal life, his humanitarian efforts go beyond the call of duty transporting neighbors to do errands and to doctor appointments. He encourages several young men in the community that have had a rough past to make something of their life by being a fatherly figure and encouraging them to believe their future can be bright. His heartfelt selflessness and consideration is an example to us all.

Julie Saylor, Aurora: Julie Saylor helps anyone who needs a hand. She helps her family run Spoiled Acres Animal Rescue. Frequently, she uses her own money to help strangers in need. Most recently, Julie started Dearborn County Rocks, a Facebook group that paints rocks with positive messages and beautiful artwork and hides them around town for folks to find. Her grandson was her inspiration to start Dearborn County Rocks when tragedy struck Julie's family last year. Her young grandson stopped breathing but thankfully being a paramedic, Julie was able to help resuscitate him. His medical bills, special care, and appointments have taken a toll on her family's financial situation, yet Julie continues to give back. Julie truly has a heart of gold and puts everyone else's needs before her own just to make the community a better place.

FINANCES

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,481,702	\$ 2,419,219
Certificate of deposit	575,721	569,993
Investments	17,218,656	15,243,364
Property and equipment, net	10,486	23,649
	<u>\$ 20,286,565</u>	<u>\$ 18,256,225</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 9,531	\$ 8,076
Charitable gift annuities payable	4,985	5,192
Liability for funds held as agency endowments	6,376,688	5,821,789
Custodial funds	1,784,808	1,781,954
Total liabilities	8,176,012	7,617,011
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets:		
Operating	899,290	1,045,401
Board designated	349,704	95,552
Temporarily restricted net assets	10,861,559	9,498,261
Total net assets	12,110,553	10,639,214
	<u>\$ 20,286,565</u>	<u>\$ 18,256,225</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Support and revenues		
Contributions	\$ 377,751	\$ 175,121
Investment return, net	1,310,590	451,352
Other investment income	22,949	20,365
Administrative fees	366,696	348,581
Other revenue	3,868	22,320
Total support and revenues	2,081,854	1,017,739
Total expenses	610,515	621,891
Change in net assets	1,471,339	395,848
Net assets, beginning of year	10,639,214	10,243,366
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 12,110,553</u>	<u>\$ 10,639,214</u>

An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 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 three most recently filed Forms 990 may also be reviewed at the Foundation office.

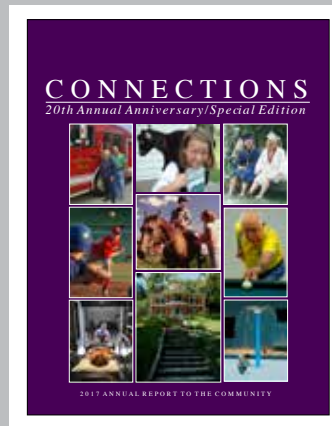


HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

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 "Connections" between those who establish grants, endowments and scholarships and the impact their efforts have on the Dearborn County community.

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