



2019 ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE COMMUNITY

# CONNECTIONS

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.



## NATIONAL STANDARDS

### DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN TOP PHILANTHROPIC TIER NATIONALLY *Receives National Accreditation for Rigorous Philanthropic Standards*

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc., (DCF) in early 2020 was reaccredited with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence. The notice comes from the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®, which establishes legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations everywhere.

"Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process," said Randy Royster, board member of the Council on Foundations. "This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates Dearborn Community Foundation demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission."

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With more than 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors. "This is very important to our donors," said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of the Dearborn Community Foundation. "When people make a charitable bequest, establish an endowment fund or set up an annuity, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and to honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards confirmation says our house is in order."

DCF, which was first accredited with the National Stan-

dards seal in 2009, offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause such as education or the environment, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. In addition to affirming the organization's philanthropic services, the confirmation validates the Foundation's grant-making practices for the non-profit community.

"Some say it's easier to create wealth than to give money away wisely," McCarter said. "There's some truth in that. Grant-making is a lot like investing ... we need to assess risks, weigh potential gains, diversify assets, monitor performance and operate fairly. When you see the National Standards Seal, you can be assured that we're committed to meeting the highest standards for grantmaking as well."

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. For more information about DCF, visit our website at [www.dearbornconf.org](http://www.dearbornconf.org).

Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® is the first program of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States. The Community Foundations National Standards Board is a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations and is responsible for the quality, value and integrity of compliance with National Standards. For more information on the National Standards Board, visit its website at [www.cfstandards.org](http://www.cfstandards.org).



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DCF Executive Director Fred McCarter speaks to former members of the Foundation's board of directors during a convening of the Emeritus Board in 2019.



## DCF CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Dear Friends:

One of the main goals of the Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) is to connect people who care with causes that improve the quality of life in our community! In our 22 years, the Foundation's many volunteers and staff members have done just that: improved the lives of others in our community, in part, through the establishment of 150 endowment funds that will make a difference in our community in perpetuity.

DCF's significant positive impact in our community wouldn't be possible without the generous support of its donors and dedicated volunteers. This Annual Report is aimed at showing the Foundation's impact on our community 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 2019.

Through endowment at DCF, donors are able to impact our community by supporting causes close to home and close to their heart. With assets of \$22.6 million and 150 endowed funds, we take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the treasure contributed. Due to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation was able to award nearly \$1.7 million in grants and scholarships in 2019, making a difference in the lives of many people in our community by strengthening the work of many non-profits and by providing aid to students in their post-secondary educational efforts.

As the lead philanthropic organization in Dearborn County, DCF is deeply committed to its role in strengthening the community by bringing people together around common challenges and opportunities. As we continue to partner with other non-profit organizations, donors and volunteers, we will continue to strive to connect people who care with causes matter in our community.

Our hope is that you will read this 2019 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 all can work together to increase Dearborn County's philanthropic resources



**Mark Neff**  
2019 Board President

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**Fred McCarter**  
Executive Director

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## 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 nearly \$22.6 million, administers 150 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 [dearborncf.org](http://dearborncf.org) and select the Donors tab and then click on existing endowments in the drop down menu.*

Community Mental Health Center Foundation Fund  
 Community United Methodist Church Fund  
 Cory Lewis Memorial Scholarship 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  
 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  
 Gentrup-Fogle-Denning Military Scholarship Fund  
 Heffelmire Family Fund for DCF  
 Hillforest Historical Foundation Fund  
 Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc. Fund  
 Ivy Tech Lawrenceburg Campus Fund  
 Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship Fund  
 Jeffrey L. Huntington Hillforest Fund  
 Jerry Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Jim Thayer 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

## 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  
 Bill Slayback Memorial Basketball Scholarship Fund

Brandon Cromer Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Bright Lions Club Fund  
 Bright Volunteer Fire Department Fund  
 Brittany Kelly Black 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  
 Clarence and Wilbert Ruff St. Leon Park Fund  
 Coach Dick Meador Lawrenceburg Football Scholarship Fund  
 Collier Holtegel Memorial Scholarship Fund

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS / *your contributions*



Moores Hill Parks & Recreation Fund  
 New Horizons Services & Support Fund  
 North Dearborn Pantry Fund  
 PAWS of Dearborn County 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 Dollars For Scholars  
 Initiative 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**

Aurora Lions Club Charitable Fund  
 Blair Family Fund  
 Community Health & Wellness Fund  
 DCF Youth Council Fund  
 Jack Carpenter Memorial Fund

Kevin Lynch Community Impact Fund  
 Kevin & Meghan Schafer Charitable Fund  
 Lawrenceburg Youth Fund  
 Lehner Family Fund  
 Maddin-Beall Family Fund  
 Michael S. Davis Memorial Fund  
 Myles Alig 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  
 Clarence Ruff and Wilbert Ruff East Central  
 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  
 Larry Kinnett 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 Selmeyer 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  
 Mike and Margaret Renck  
 Community Fund





## DCF AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS DURING 2019

*Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) awarded 189 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to non-profit organizations in 2019. 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 and for more than two decades have had a major impact on the lives of the 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 2019 also include designated endowment fund distributions and grants administered by DCF for the Lawrenceburg Schools Endowment Corporation.*

### **LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM – A total of \$827,966 in grants was awarded in 2019 to the following organizations:**

**Aurora Lions Club - \$51,000**  
Fair management of the 111th Aurora Farmers Fair and building HVAC replacement

**Aurora Riverfront Beautification, Inc. - \$10,000**  
Aurora Bicentennial events

**Bright Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$80,000**  
Fire and EMS equipment

**City of Aurora - \$76,614**  
ADA Compliant playground equipment

**Dearborn County 4-H Association - \$18,853**  
Equipment for 4-H Fair

**Dearborn County Hospital Foundation, Inc. - \$18,000**  
Narcan kits for Recovery Support Outreach Program

**Dearborn County Parks & Recreation Board - \$100,000**  
Playground equipment for Bright Meadows Community Park

**Fairhaven Apartments, Inc. - \$81,602**  
Security system, interior painting, and appliance replacement

**Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc. - \$25,000**  
Museum/Exhibit room water damage repair

**Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. - \$30,000**  
2019 Winter Wonderland

**LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$10,450**  
Matching funds towards vehicle replacement

**LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Catch-A-Ride program fuel costs

**Moores Hill Recreation, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Moores Hill Winter Walk

**Oak Heritage Conservancy, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Hilltop Farm Nature Preserve pollinator and walking trail project

**One Community One Family - \$75,000**  
Community Action Recovery Effort (CARE) Initiative

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran School (Farmer's Retreat) - \$4,891**  
School health and safety updates

### **Town of Dillsboro - \$2,023**

Town Park soccer building improvements

**Town of Dillsboro - \$93,600**  
ADA-compliant restroom facility at Town Park

**Trinity Episcopal Church - \$60,933**  
Historic bell tower and interior water damage repairs

**We Care Packages, Inc. - \$40,000**  
Product and postage costs for packages sent to overseas military

**Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$35,000**  
Window replacement

### **CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM – A total of \$118,978 in grants was awarded in 2019 to the following organizations:**

**Aurora Lions Club - \$8,000**  
2019 Youth activities

**Aurora Little League Baseball - \$8,000**  
Uniforms and equipment

**Community United Methodist Church - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**Dearborn Community Foundation – Youth Council - \$5,000**  
Youth Council needs

**Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$7,300**  
Equipment, uniforms, and insurance

**Dearborn County Social Council c/o RSVP - \$2,500**  
2019 Halloween Sensation

**Dillsboro Community Food Pantry - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**Dillsboro Summer Recreation, Inc. - \$8,000**  
Uniforms and equipment

**Heart House, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Needs of the youth who reside at the shelter

**Ivy Tech Foundation - \$4,262**  
Advanced Manufacturing and IT summer camps

### **Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$8,000**

2019 FOP Cops and Kids Christmas Program

**Lawrenceburg Lions Club - \$8,000**  
Uniforms for the Youth Baseball League 2019 Season

**Lawrenceburg Pee Wee Football- \$8,000**  
Football equipment and insurance

**Moores Hill Food Pantry - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**North Dearborn Pantry, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**South Dearborn Pee Wee Football - \$8,000**  
Football equipment

**Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra - \$3,916**  
Instrument and accessories purchase project

**St. Vincent de Paul - \$5,000**  
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry

**Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$5,000**  
Needs of the youth who reside at the home

### **CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAM – A total of \$40,670 in grants was awarded in 2019 to the following organizations:**

**Boy Scouts of America Troop #637 - \$5,000**  
Troop bus repairs

**Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$2,550**  
Automated external defibrillators for use at distribution locations

**Dearborn Highlands Arts Council - \$1,867**  
Artists in Schools Project

**Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$5,000**  
Hillforest Museum exterior maintenance

**LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$5,000**  
2019 Catch A Ride Program

**People Helping People - \$2,500**  
Annual canned food drive

**South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars (SDDFS) - \$5,000**  
2019 SDDFS Good Knight Scholarship Program

**South Dearborn Pee Wee Football - \$4,981**  
Concession/storage building improvements

**St. Mary Catholic School - \$2,987**  
Establish Honors Biology Program

**Volunteers in Medicine of Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland Counties Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$4,861**  
Work of Heart Program

**Water Rescue, Inc. - \$924**  
Trailer and RTV tire replacement

### **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS, HEART OF GOLD, LAUREN HILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FUND, PROACTIVE GRANTS, SPRINT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, AND WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw) – A total of \$54,783 in grants was awarded in 2019 to the following organizations:**

**All Saints Catholic Church – St. Paul Campus - \$280**  
James & Darlene Phillips Family Donor Advised Fund Grant for charitable purposes

**Aurora Public Library District - \$1,000**  
DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization



**Bean Bash, Inc. - \$650**

PFC Craig A. Keller Fund Donor Advised Grant for 2019 Bean Bash Event

**Beecher Presbyterian Church - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for 2020 Lunch in the Garden Program

**Beecher Presbyterian Church - \$500**

Lauren Hill Make a Difference Grant for 2019 Lunch in the Garden Program

**Carnegie Historic Landmarks Preservation Society, Inc. - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - \$1,000**

Lauren Hill Make A Difference Grant for NICU Bookwork Program

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - \$1,000**

Lauren Hill Make A Difference Grant for Acute Cardiac Care Unit - Child Life Program

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - \$2,438**

Chester and Ida Muntz Fund Family Memorial Grant for Cancer and Blood Disorders Institute - Patient and Family Wellness Fund

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

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Heroes Memorial Park

**Daughters of Isabella - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for heavy duty stand mixer

**Dearborn Community Foundation - \$650**

PFC Craig A. Keller Fund Donor Advised Grant for DCF Operating Endowment Fund

**Dearborn Community Foundation - \$1,200**

Lauren Hill Make a Difference Grant for DCF Donor Appreciation Dinner

**Dearborn Community Foundation - \$500**

Heart of Gold Grant for DCF Buck Crontz Endowment Fund

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

Heart of Gold Grant for needs of the organization

**Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$1,000**

Rupel Family Donor Advised Grant for operational needs

**Dearborn County Hospital Foundation, Inc. - \$5,000**

Rupel Family Donor Advised Grant for Capital Campaign

**Dearborn County Hospital Foundation, Inc. - \$11,634**

Health and Wellness Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

**Dearborn County Retired Teachers Foundation, Inc. - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Educator Grant/Award Program

**Dearborn County Hospital Foundation, Inc. - \$1,750**

Women Empowering Women Grant for High-point Health Breast Center Handbooks and Care Kits

**First Presbyterian Church - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Fourth Street Café Ministry

**God's Bright Treasures Ministry, Inc. - \$1,464**

Michael S. Davis Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

**Grain of Rice Project, Inc. - \$561**

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

**Heart House, Inc. - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

**Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc. - \$500**

Sprint Educational Excellence Grant for Bicentennial Pioneer Day

**Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc. - \$500**

Heart of Gold Grant for needs of the organization

**Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc. - \$750**

Women Empowering Women Grant for camperships and supplies for 2020 American Doll Camp

**Honor Flight Tri-State - \$650**

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

**Hoosier Hills Literacy League - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Kids and Cops Program

**Lawrenceburg Public Library - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for technology needs

**Manchester Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - \$970**

Willis & Irene Chalk Memorial/Dixon Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

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

Rupel Family Donor Advised Grant for operational needs

**Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn County - \$500**

Heart of Gold Grant for needs of the organization

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

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Man to Man male mentoring program

**Pregnancy Care Center - \$650**

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

**Rivertown Quilters Guild, Inc. - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Quilts of Valor

**Rock Solid Families - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for life coaching services

**Safe Passage - \$375**

DCF Youth Council Grant for wish list supplies

**Salvation Army Kettle Drive Dearborn Ohio Counties - \$381**

William K. Ewan Memorial Donor Advised Fund Grant for 2019 Kettle Drive Program

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

Heart of Gold Grant for Adopt-A-Student Program

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - \$650**

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

**St. Nicholas Catholic School - \$280**

James & Darlene Phillips Family Donor Advised Fund Grant for classroom needs

**Town of Dillsboro - \$1,000**

DCF Board Member Proactive Grant for Friendship Gallery Cultural Art Center

**United States Army Ranger Association - \$650**

PFC Craig A. Keller Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization  
**Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$1,300**  
DCF Youth Council Grant for Christmas gifts for the youth residents

**In 2019 Dearborn Community Foundation Designated Endowment Funds distributed \$254,471 to the many charitable organizations in the community that they were established to support.**



## LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

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 the 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 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 graduating from high school. In 2019, DCF was eligible to nominate a recipient and alternates for one full-tuition scholarship.



**Lila Socks**

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 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: Lila Socks, a graduate of South Dearborn High School, is currently attending Indiana University's Hamilton-Lugar School of Global and International Studies. Lila is studying Pre-Law with plans to pursue a career in International Law.

It is important to note that Molly Graham, an East Central High School graduate, was originally chosen as a recipient of the Lilly Community Scholarship. However, Graham turned down the scholarship to pursue her post-secondary education outside the State of Indiana. The Lilly scholarship must be used at an Indiana college, so after much consideration, Graham chose to attend an educational institution outside of Indiana and decline the Lilly scholarship. When Graham declined the scholarship, the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) scholarship guidelines for the Lilly Scholarship kicked into gear. The guidelines call for DCF to also select a first and second alternate in case a student like Graham, chooses to decline the scholarship. Socks was the first alternate approved by the DCF Board of Directors.

*Since 1998 the following Dearborn County students have been awarded the Lilly Endowment Scholarship (It is important to note that Lilly Endowment Inc. provided for more than one scholarships 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 Schmah 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 McCorry 2014  
Eric Harrington 2015  
Madeleine Feller 2016  
Lauren Rabold 2017  
Sebastian Smith 2018  
Lila Socks 2019

## FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$293,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funding is provided by donors who establish endowments or non-permanent funds to encourage higher education and lower the cost of post-secondary education. Scholarships totaling more than \$293,000 were awarded to Dearborn County Residents in 2019.

**JACOB AMBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Evan Spangler

**GREG ANDRES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Paige Gindling, Jared Tiemann, and Hannah Weiler

**DR. LESLIE M. BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Emily Sampson and Emily Wilson

**DENISE ANN BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Katelyn Brown

*For a description of each scholarship please visit our website at [www.dearborncf.org](http://www.dearborncf.org) and select the "SCHOLARSHIPS" tab*

**MICHAEL CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Katelyn Whitaker

**ROSS EILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Makenna White

**CLIFFORD AND GLADYS ELLERBROOK ENDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** – Anita Alig, Paige Gindling and Shannon Williams

**WILLIAM CURTIS EWBANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Ashley Terrill

**ROGER GULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Katelyn Brown

**BYRON HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Jared Tiemann

**IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIP** – Christopher Drake, Elizabeth Luckhaupt, Bret Lusby, Amy Payne and Jonah Relly

**DAN KUEBLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – McKenna Lorton

**LAUGHERY VALLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP** – Kelsie Jackson, Adam Lyness and Katelyn Whitaker

**LAWRENCEBURG KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** – Emily House and Gunner Howard

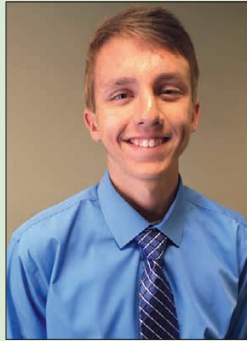
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## DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



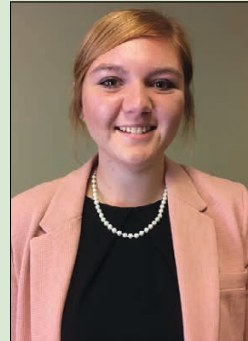
**Maddie Faller**



**Jacob Frank**



**Molly Graham**



**Madison Jones**



**Ashley Terrill**

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 2019 finalists were:

**Maddie Faller**, East Central High School graduate

**Jacob Frank**, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

**Molly Graham**, East Central High School graduate

**Madison Jones**, South Dearborn High School graduate

**Ashley Terrill**, Lawrenceburg High School graduate

### FOUNDATION AWARDS

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**GERRY LEHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Jacob Lonneman

**LEHNER WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP** – Shannon Williams

**JAMES LOHMILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Madison Bennington

**FRANK R. LONGCAMP SCHOLARSHIP** – Katelyn Brown, Grace Egbers and Gunner Howard

**MARTHA MCKINNEY NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Destiny Golden

**LIL AND DOCKY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Katelyn Whitaker

**PERPETUAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP** – Nathan Cantrell

**RONALD SELMEYER SCHOLARSHIP** – Madison Bennington

**ADAM WILHELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Jared Tiemann

**PAUL E. "TRUCK" TREMAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - The Dearborn Community Foundation administers the Paul E. "Truck" Tremain Scholarship Program which is funded by the City of Lawrenceburg. Scholarships for the year 2019 were \$1,800 per recipient. A total of 137 students received this scholarship for the 2019/2020 school year totaling \$246,600 in scholarships awarded.



## FOUNDATION THANKS DONORS, VOLUNTEERS

The Dearborn Community Foundation's 2019 Donor Appreciation Dinner was an opportunity to thank donors and volunteers, and to seek input from community members in the Foundation's effort to become an even more engaged community leader.

"I'm proud to say our Community Foundation now safeguards 150 endowment funds totaling nearly \$18 million," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "Thanks to our donors, the Foundation has awarded more than \$40 million in grants and scholarships in our 21-year history."

McCarter also told those in attendance "thanks, in part, to grant funding from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) VII initiative, the Foundation leaders have committed to becoming even more engaged as a leader in the community. Through more outreach and convenings in our community, we believe more collaborations will occur leading to the betterment of our community," he added.

As a part of the GIFT VII initiative, DCF received a \$50,000 Community Leadership Planning Grant in 2019, which allowed Foundation staff and board of directors along with other volunteers and community leaders to increase community knowledge, connections and to improve general knowledge and skills in the area of community development and leadership to better serve the community and donors.

"The planning grant afforded us the ability to improve as a leader and collaborator in the Dearborn County community," McCarter said. "While the Foundation has never shied away from leading or collaborating, this is an opportunity to grow in those areas and, perhaps, to learn to be even more proactive in these areas."

DCF worked hard to learn more about Dearborn County's strengths and weaknesses through outreach efforts in 2019, and plans to continue similar efforts to engage more with the community members on an ongoing basis. In fact, the dinner was the largest of the community convenings in 2019, as DCF asked those in attendance to complete a survey to help assess the county's strengths and weaknesses.

At the dinner, DCF also inducted nine members into the Legacy Society for establishment of endowment funds, and honored five community members as Heart of Gold Award recipients for their volunteer good works in the community. The Foundation also was able to raise more than \$7,000 in new unrestricted endowment through the net proceeds of the dinner.



### THANKS TO THE 2019 DCF DONOR APPRECIATION DINNER SPONSORS

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CIVISTA Charitable Foundation

#### Dinner Sponsors:

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#### Heart of Gold Award Sponsor:

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# TEERS; SEEKS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP





## DCF LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

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. 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.

Alzheimer's Support Groups of Southeast Indiana, Inc.  
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Anonymous  
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James, Jr. & Carla Blair  
The late Charles Beyer and Wilma Beyer  
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Allan Carpenter  
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Gerhard Deddens  
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Jeremy Dilts  
The late Luella Dixon  
Melody Dixon  
Sabra Duerstock  
The late Robert Dunavent & Helen Dunavent  
East Central High School Community  
Lynn & Camille Eiler  
Andrea Ewan  
Naomi Ewan  
Thomas Peters Ewbank  
Victor Fay  
Mary Fields  
The late Wilma Firsich  
Beth Fox  
Patricia Frondorf  
Stephanie Frondorf  
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The late Ruth Gulley Gray  
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Daniel Honchell  
Jamie Howard  
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DCF Executive Director Fred McCarter, center, presents a Legacy Society inductee plaque to Cherie and Ken Maddin.

Doug & Luree Ketcham  
Jeanne Lehn  
The late Charles Lehner & Diana Lehner  
Deb Locke  
Gary & Jennifer Lohmiller  
The late Frank R. Longcamp (posthumously)  
Ken & Cherie Maddin  
D. Neal & Monica Meece  
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The Town of Moores Hill  
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E. Alan Newhouse  
The late R. Daniel Newhouse  
Gerald & Dorothy Nixon  
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The late Dellas Ross and the late Dorothea Ross  
The late Jim Rupel & the late Janet Rupel  
Kevin & Meghan Schafer  
The late Ronald Selmeyer  
The late Loren Shuter  
Jim Stock & the late Sue Stock  
Heather Strasemeier  
Sunman Rural Fire Department Members  
Dr. Jim Swanson  
Jo Ellen Tucker  
Connie Tyler  
Nick & Judy Ullrich  
The late Louise Walker  
The late William Zimmer & the late Marjorie Zimmer



DCF Executive Director Fred McCarter, center, presents a Legacy Society inductee plaque to Meghan and Kevin Schafer.



## REMEMBERING OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) recently lost two fine friends: Elaine Kroger and Ruth Gulley Gray, both of Greendale.

Elaine Kroger passed away in January of 2020 at the age of 93. Elaine was a former member of DCF board of directors and also served on committees, including the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee. She was always more than willing to volunteer at the Foundation and loved the time she spent on the scholarship committee. As retired educator, she always enjoyed interacting with scholarship applicants and recipients.

"Elaine was always wonderful to work with," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "She put her heart and soul into her volunteerism at the Foundation and elsewhere. It was always a pleasure to work with Elaine. Her smile was infectious."

McCarter said Elaine loved serving on the scholarship committee and helped set the standard for how the committee has operated for many years. "She was always excited to interview students and interact with them during the scholarship process. Elaine's willingness to help others certainly made an indelible impact on many of us."

Elaine retired from teaching after a career at St. Johns Lutheran School in Aurora. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and was known for volunteering around the community to help others. In fact, she was a recipient of the prestigious Heart of Gold Award at DCF in 2000. The award is given to individuals who touch the hearts of others through their volunteerism and other acts of kindness.

Elaine is survived by her son, Darin (Beth) Kroger; daughter, JoAnn (Thomas) Zinkhon; brother, Ferd Avril; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Kroger, and her brother Werneth Avril.

Ruth Gulley Gray, 94, passed away in February of 2020. Ruth was inducted into the DCF's Legacy Society in 2006 in recognition of her establishment of the Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarship Fund, which annually awards a scholarship to South Dearborn High School graduating senior, who has demonstrated



Elaine Kroger



Ruth Gulley Gray

ability in music, either instrumental or vocal.

Establishing the scholarship in memory of her son, Roger, who was killed in a car accident in 1962 at the age of 16, meant to world to Ruth, said McCarter.

"She wanted to have an impact on a young person, who loved music, just like her son. She told me that he loved music and playing his trumpet or singing. ... Her goal was to establish a scholarship endowment in his name that would last forever, helping other kids, just like him. She was very proud to make it happen and the community is very thankful she did."

Ruth had worked at Teaney's Grocery, Schenley, Seagram's, Thatcher Glass (16 years), and Kroger. She also started the grocery store Manchester Market in Manchester.

She was a member of Greendale Baptist Church and participated in numerous organizations: American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Sweet Adelines, Order of the Eastern Star, Dearborn County Women's Auxiliary, Greendale Garden Club and the Jug Band.

She is survived by: two sons, David Hopper and Keith Gulley; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: two sons, Roger and Darryl; her husbands, Lelie Hopper, Harry "Cy" Gulley, and James Gray; two brothers, Jerry Feustel, and James Fuestel; and her sister, Martha Ligget.



*Donors contribute to DCF for a range of charitable causes to award scholarships and grants like a \$500 proactive Heart of Gold grant to Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn County (PAWS). The grant was funded through the Community Unrestricted Fund.*

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## YOUTH COUNCIL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN DEARBORN COUNTY

The DCF Youth Council completed its seventh year in 2019, continuing to make a difference in Dearborn County through both community service and fundraising/grant-making. The Youth Council has completed hundreds of hours of community service and in its seven-year history has contributed \$15,000 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 \$20,000 in seven years through 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 nearly \$20,000. 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, Safe Passage, the Pregnancy Care Center, Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn County (PAWS), Special Olympics Indiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters, James B. Wismann Y.E.S. Home, Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, Pregnancy Care Center, and the Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund at DCF. The Council also annually completes a Pen-Pal project with eighth graders.

Youth Council members learn the value of philanthropy and that setting aside funds for the needs of future generations through endowment is vital. The Council's endowment fund has grown significantly through the hard work of the youth, volunteer coordinator Denise Sedler, other volunteers, and Foundation staff. Sedler, a former Foundation staffer,

was instrumental in the establishment of the Youth Council during her time as the DCF Program Director. The Council annually completes community impact projects which combine community outreach, community service and fundraising to support charitable organizations. In 2019-2020, the youth chose to have an impact on organizations, like the YES Home, the Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc., the Pregnancy Care Center, nursing homes, and PAWS. Youth Council members also make 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.

2019-2020 Youth Council members are: Hannah Morgan, Justine Stenger, Matthew Sedler, Nicole Crawley, Alli Herbert, Faith Sullivan, Aidan Metz, and Will Hollingsworth. Youth in grades 9-12 who live in Dearborn County can learn more about joining the DCF Youth Council by contacting Coordinator Denise Sedler at [djsedler5@gmail.com](mailto:djsedler5@gmail.com) or by contacting the Foundation office at 812-539-4115. The commitment: one-hour meeting once a month on a Sunday; 1-2 hours every other month for community service or fundraisers; August through May (no summer activities); active communication and ideas; commitment to attend meeting/activities.

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## DCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 2019 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 2019. 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.

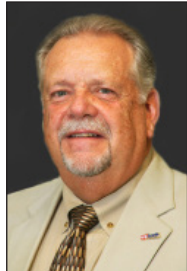
Board members are elected by the board after it receives recommendations from the Board Development Committee which is charged with seeking talented leaders who are representative of the community.

The 2019 DCF Board of Directors and officers are pictured below.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Kevin Schafer**  
Chairperson  
Lawrenceburg



**Mark Neff**  
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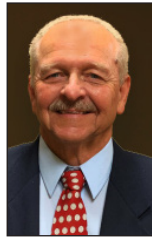
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**Cherie Maddin**  
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Lawrenceburg



**Tim Russell**  
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#### THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2020



**Mike McLaughlin**  
Lawrenceburg



**Jeanne Lehn**  
Lawrenceburg



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Lawrenceburg

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## COURTEOUS PROFESSIONAL STAFF SERVES COMMUNITY

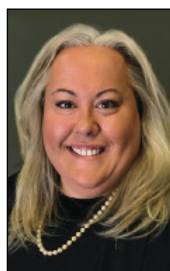
*The DCF Team is made up of staff, legal counsel, and community volunteers and board members that serve on various Foundation committees.*

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



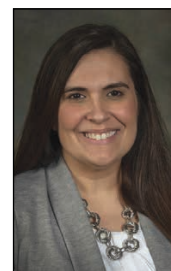
**Fred McCarter**



**Gretchen Hambrick**



**Cheryl Wessel**



**Adrienne Flannery**

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.

**Accountant Cheryl Wessel** came to the Foundation in late 2007. Wessel brings to the Foundation 40 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.

**DCF Legal Counsel Adrienne Flannery** of Miller and Flannery Law started with the Foundation in early 2019. Adrienne's passion for serving charitable organizations in the community and her experience in estate planning, elder law and probate administration makes her a great fit for DCF.

## 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.

### 2019 COMMITTEE

#### MEMBERS

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Mary Ewbank  
Gerald Nixon  
Jim Stock\*  
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Jon Strautman

#### 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 Committee

Barb Branigan  
Rick Castillo  
Garrett Cavanaugh  
Mike Heffelmire  
E.G. McLaughlin  
Mike McLaughlin  
Brenda Spade

**\* Denotes 2019 Board of Director's member**

## FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

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.

#### Friends of the Foundation Honorees:

**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 Deddens and Michelle Deddens  
**2015** The late William K. Ewan (posthumously)

## FOUNDATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS WITH 'HEARTS OF GOLD'

The Dearborn Community Foundation honored five community volunteers for having "Hearts of Gold" in 2019. 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 five 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) Nick Ullrich, Judy Ullrich, Marge Waldon, Patricia "Pat" Paul, Patricia (Pat) Hawkins

### 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 Community Foundation, Inc.** – Buck Crontz Boy Scouts of America Troop 637 Eagle Scout Fund.

**Dearborn Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc.** – Needs of the organization.

**Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc.** – Needs of the organization.

**PAWS Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn County** – Needs of the organization.

**St. Mary Catholic School** – Adopt a Student Program.

### HEART OF GOLD HONOREES

**Patricia "Pat" Hawkins, Hidden Valley:** Patricia "Pat" Hawkins has been a part of the Partners of Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Dearborn County for over 15 years, serving in several capacities. Her role of secretary/treasurer continues to be a great asset to PAWS. She was instrumental in establishing the Bark N' Brew event as one of the largest fundraisers and is a huge supporter of the semi-annual rummage sale. Pat was involved in the efforts to secure the current animal shelter location. She is an animal advocate who can be found on any given day helping out at the facility with finance and fundraising. Pat Hawkins also serves as President of the Board of Directors at Hidden Valley Lake Property Owner's Association. Prior to her service on the board, she served on several committees. She has been a Director since 2012 and is a vital part of the successful management team.

**Patricia "Pat" Paul, Lawrenceburg:** Patricia "Pat" Paul has been in charge of the Dearborn County Clearinghouse's Sacks of Snacks program since its inception six years ago. The need for this program was brought to the attention of the Clearinghouse Director when school administrators told her that many children had no food at home on the weekends. Pat had participated in similar programs in Cincinnati, so when she was asked to help, she hit the ground running and never looked back. She organized every aspect of the program from ordering the

food, to packing the sacks, to delivering them to the schools. Pat along with the team she has recruited spend many hours running this program. Pat is an energetic, friendly person whose efforts are making a difference in the lives of many children in Dearborn County.

**Judy Ullrich, Aurora:** Judy Ullrich was an educator for 33 years and knows the importance of remaining involved in education. After her retirement, Judy served on the Board for the South Dearborn Schools Endowment Corporation and still helps with the 6th grade essay contest. Judy is currently the Board President of Hillforest Historical Foundation and in the spirit of being an educator she volunteers at its many events and as a tour guide. Judy is also active with the America in Bloom program and the Historic Estate Veraestau, places wreaths on the grave sites of departed veterans through Wreaths Across America and serves on the LST-325 committee to name just a few of her many volunteer activities. We have all been fortunate to have people like Judy in our community.

**Nick Ullrich, Aurora:** Nick Ullrich was born and raised in Dearborn County, in Aurora. He honorably served in the United States Army and was awarded several medals. Nick helps his wife Judy with activities at Hillforest and was instrumental in obtaining the new flag and flagpole, with the help of the Vietnam Veterans. Nick has dedicated thousands of hours to the local Boy Scouts of America Troop 637 in Aurora. One of his

greatest accomplishments has been to help almost 40 young scouts receive their Eagle Scout award. While working at the AEP Taners Creek Plant in Lawrenceburg Nick was involved with the People Helping People Food Drive each year for the needy. Nick is very proud to help others and believes, as a veteran, in the words of Duty-Honor-Country. The world would truly be blessed with more people like Nick Ullrich.

**Marge Waldon, Aurora:** Marge Waldon is a driving force in volunteerism in our community. She models the best of the things which can be done by volunteers. After raising her six children with her husband Gerald and retiring from the work force, Marge set her sights on ways to contribute actively to the local community. Over the past twenty years, Marge has volunteered thousands of hours through a variety of venues including volunteering at Highpoint Health, as a docent at Hillforest, visiting residents of Ridgewood, serving lunch at St. Mary's school, volunteering for Hospice and participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Mary's Church. Marge has surpassed 10,000 hours of volunteer work at Highpoint Health and has a goal to reach 11,000 by Spring 2020! Marge attributes her ability to remain active largely due to her volunteer commitments. Her heart is truly a heart of gold as she shares the wealth of her spirit with family, friends, fellow volunteers, and strangers.



# FINANCES

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*December 31, 2019 and 2018*

### ASSETS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,581,042	\$ 2,187,044
Certificates of deposit	1,109,501	1,086,311
Investments	18,903,121	15,507,893
Property and equipment, net	3,974	6,881
	<u>\$22,597,638</u>	<u>\$18,788,129</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 9,160	\$ 13,443
Deferred revenue	15,899	411,757
Charitable gift annuities payable	4,449	4,667
Liability for funds held as agency endowments	6,493,071	5,602,920
Custodial funds	2,195,260	1,445,710
Total liabilities	<u>8,717,839</u>	<u>7,478,497</u>

#### Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions:		
Operating	1,091,396	994,886
Board designated	426,016	334,293
Invested in property and equipment	3,974	6,881
	<u>1,521,386</u>	<u>1,336,060</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Restricted for specified purposes	-0-	8,481
Restricted due to time restrictions	(2,446)	(2,206)
Endowment funds	12,360,859	9,967,297
	<u>12,358,413</u>	<u>9,973,572</u>
Total net assets	<u>13,879,799</u>	<u>11,309,632</u>
	<u>\$22,597,638</u>	<u>\$18,788,129</u>

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

*For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018*

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Support and revenues</b>		
Contributions	\$ 805,082	\$ 407,597
Investment return, net	2,042,616	(959,404)
Other investment income	50,844	30,547
Administrative fees	393,528	399,768
Other revenue	-0-	15,645
Total support and revenues	<u>3,292,070</u>	<u>(105,847)</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>721,903</u>	<u>695,074</u>
Change in net assets	2,570,167	(800,921)
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<u>11,309,632</u>	<u>12,110,553</u>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<u>\$13,879,799</u>	<u>\$11,309,632</u>

An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 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 how the Dearborn Community Foundation helps make the "Connections" between those who contribute and those who benefit from their philanthropy.

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