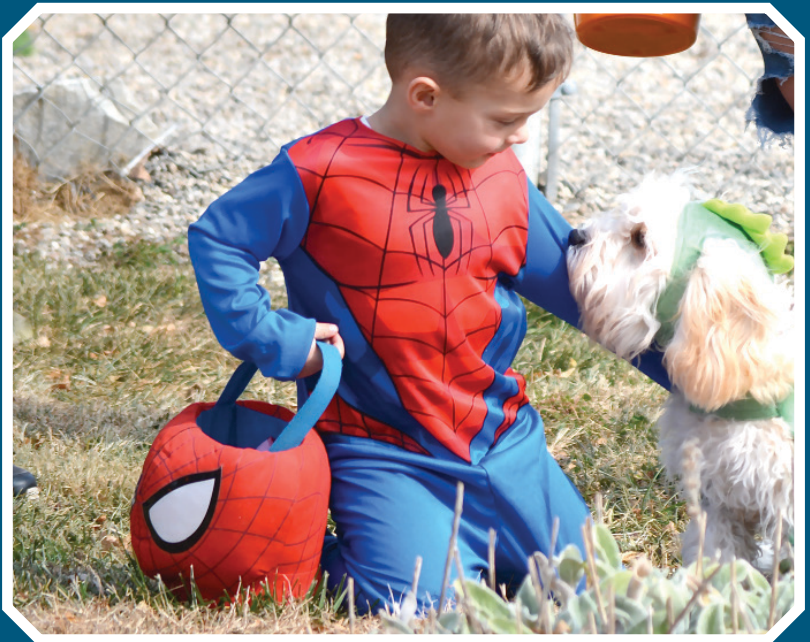




2023 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.



DCF HELPS DEARBORN COUNTY FUND EMS STUDY WITH LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. PLANNING GRANT

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) received a \$60,000 Planning Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. as a part of the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII) initiative.

DCF utilized \$40,000 of the Planning Grant to help Dearborn County Commissioners hire a consultant to complete a study/plan to have the best quality Emergency Medical Services countywide. The other \$20,000 will be used to complete convenings of community stakeholders and site visits to other communities aimed at ensuring the Foundation is better informed to help address challenges in Dearborn County.

DCF is one of 92 community foundations and affiliate funds in Indiana receiving planning grants through GIFT VIII. These grants are designed to help community foundations collaborate with local partners to engage broad and diverse stakeholders in their communities and deepen their understanding of their communities' highest-priority challenges and opportunities.

"We are very thankful Lilly Endowment has once again provided us with a great opportunity to help tackle one of the most compelling challenges in our community – emergency medical services," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "The \$40,000 for the EMS study/plan will help elected leaders and volunteers work together to find ways to improve emergency services in our community."

Dearborn County Commissioner Allen Goodman says DCF's regranting of the Lilly Endowment Inc. grant to help the county fund the EMS study/plan is a generous action by both charitable organizations.

"County officials and EMS leaders in our community greatly appreciate the gift of this funding from Lilly Endowment Inc.," said Goodman. "We are also thankful for Dearborn Community Foundation's understanding of community needs and its willingness to grant funds to the county to help our efforts to ensure we have the best quality EMS countywide."

The EMS study/plan will evaluate challenges and successes of EMS in Dearborn County, and it will help county leaders and volunteers understand ways to best utilize the existing services, equipment and infrastructure, said Goodman. The results of the study will also help with planning how to best utilize public funds to provide the best emergency medical services possible.

Lilly Endowment created the GIFT initiative in 1990 to help local communities in Indiana develop the philanthropic capacity to identify local needs and challenges and work with other organizations to help their communities thrive. Through GIFT VIII, Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$210 million to support Indiana's community foundations in growing their financial resources and further strengthening their ability to address their community's highest-priority challenges and opportunities.

About DCF

Established more than 26 years ago during the early phases of the GIFT initiative, members of the community have been turning to DCF to make their philanthropic dreams come true. DCF, a 501(c)(3) tax-ex-

empt public charity, helps donors' dreams come true by safeguarding endowments for the community through contributions large and small. In 2022, DCF was reaccredited with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence from the Community Foundations National Standards®, which establishes legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations everywhere. The Foundation first received this accreditation in January 2009.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly, Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly, and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds significant programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion. However, it maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

ENDOWMENT MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DONORS

DCF received approval in 2023 from Lilly Endowment to participate in the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII) initiative, which provides a \$1.5 million grant to match contributions to unrestricted endowment at the Foundation.

Through this exciting matching opportunity, qualifying donors can receive a \$2-for-\$1 match (\$2 match for a \$1 donation) for donations to new or existing Unrestricted Endowment Funds (also known as Community Funds). Unrestricted endowments provide the DCF Board and staff with funds to address changing needs in the community. Unrestricted endowments provide grants to programs that feed and shelter people in need, support victims of abuse or violence, impact the environment, build trails and recreational projects, encouraging educational (including scholarships) and arts and cultural experiences and much more in Dearborn County. Contact the DCF office at 812-539-4115 to learn more about this matching opportunity.

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

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.” In our 26 years, the Foundation’s many volunteers and staff members have helped donors improve others’ lives by establishing more than 170 endowment funds that will make a difference in our community in perpetuity.

The Foundation’s significant positive impact wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of its donors and dedicated volunteers. This Annual Report shares the impact on our community that the Foundation has had through its endowments held, the grants and scholarships awarded, and our volunteers’ efforts over the past year. Not only with words and financial figures, but also with photos we tell the story of the Foundation during 2023.

Through endowment at DCF, donors can impact our community by supporting causes close to home and close to their heart. With assets of \$29.3 million and more than 170 endowed funds, we take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the assets contributed. Due to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation was able to award nearly \$1.2 million in grants and scholarships in 2023 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 is the lead philanthropic organization in Dearborn County, it is also deeply committed to its role in strengthening the community through strong leadership in bringing people together around common challenges and opportunities.

Our goal is to continue to partner with other non-profit organizations, donors and volunteers, 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 2023 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 the county’s philanthropic resources.



Mike McLaughlin
2023 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 \$29.3 million, administers 175 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 dearborncf.org and select the Donors tab and then click on existing endowments in the drop-down menu.

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
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
Chris Doerr Memorial Scholarship Fund
Christopher Midlam Memorial Scholarship Fund
Clarence and Wilbert Ruff St. Leon Park Fund
Clayton Family Dillsboro Park Maintenance Fund

Coach Dick Meador Lawrenceburg Football Scholarship Fund
Coach Jim O'Brien Memorial Soccer Scholarship Fund
Collier Holtegel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Community Mental Health Center Foundation Fund
Community United Methodist Church Fund
Cory Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund
Daniel Behlmer 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 Clearing House 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
Hal E. Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund
Heffelmire Family Fund for DCF
Hillforest Historical Foundation Fund
Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc. Fund
Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship Fund
Ivy Tech Lawrenceburg Campus Fund
James B. Wismann YES Home Fund
James-Jason & Jada Mericle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jeffrey L. Huntington Hillforest Fund
Jerry Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jim Thayer Memorial Scholarship Fund
John F. PeGan Memorial Fund
Joesph & Norma Banschbach St. Lawrence School Scholarship Fund
Katie Bruner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathi Green Memorial Scholarship Fund
Laura Busse Rahe Library Fund
LaVerne Denmure Fund
Lawrenceburg Public Library Services & Resources Fund
Loren & Christine Shuter Family Fund

ENDOWMENT FUNDS / *your contributions*



A DCF grant to Servants at Work (SAW) helped build seven life-changing wheelchair ramps for residents in need. The grant funds enabled SAW volunteers like (from left to right) Doug Long, Bob Steffen and Bill Seinfeld, to create freedom, independence and safety for its clients like Marguerite of Guilford.

Main Street Aurora Fund
Main Street Aurora Inc. Trail Fund
Manchester Universalist Unitarian Church Fund 1
Marvin and Sabra Duerstock Scholarship Fund
Matt McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Michael R. Marine Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mindy McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Moores Hill Alumni Scholarship Fund
Moores Hill Parks & Recreation Fund
New Horizons, Services & Support Fund
North Dearborn Pantry Fund
Paul D. Kinghorn Memorial Scholarship 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
Robert and Natalie Harves Memorial Scholarship
Rollins Family Scholarship Fund
Ross Foundation Fund
Senior Services Development Fund
South Dearborn Community Scholarship Foundation Fund
South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars Good Knight Award Fund
South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars Initiative Scholarship Fund
South Dearborn Education Foundation Fund
South Dearborn It Pays To Stay Scholarship Fund
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Fund
Stephanie Marie Gould Memorial Scholarship Fund

Stock Family Fund
Sunman Rural Fire Department Fund
Telford & Louise Walker Fund
Terry & Linda Gellert East Central High School Fund
Tim Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ullrich Family Hillforest Fund
United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Dearborn & Ohio Counties Fund
Willis & Jesse Hoppmire Memorial Scholarship Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Aurora Lions Club Charitable Fund
Azana Kay Grace Trentman Memorial Fund
Blair Family Fund
Borgman-Meek Family Fund
C. Petty Family Fund
Community Health & Wellness Fund
DCF Youth Council Fund
Jack Carpenter Memorial Fund
James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund
Kevin Lynch Community Impact Fund
Kevin & Meghan Schafer Charitable Fund
Lawrenceburg Youth Fund
Lehner Family Fund
Maddin-Beall Family Fund
McLaughlin Family Fund
Michael S. Davis Memorial Fund
Myles Alig Memorial Fund
Powell Family Fund
PFC Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund
Rupel Family Fund
Strasemeier/Strautman Family Fund
William K. Ewan Memorial Fund
Willis & Irene Chalk Memorial/Dixon Family 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
Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship Fund
Gary Lyon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Gayle Lightner 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
Jim Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund
Larry Kinnett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship Fund
Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club Fund
Lil & Docky Meyers Memorial Scholarship Fund
Manchester Area Civic Association Scholarship Fund
Martha McKinney Newhouse Memorial Scholarship Fund
Marvin Curry and Melvina Curry 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 Guley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ronald Selmeier Scholarship Fund
Ross Eiler Memorial Scholarship Fund
William Curtis Ewbank Memorial Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

CIVISTA Community Fund
Community Grantmaking Fund
Community Unrestricted Fund
Hoosier Hills Credit Union Better For Our Communities Fund
In The Interest of Children Unrestricted Fund
Katie Bruner Community Fund
Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund
Mike and Margaret Renck Community Fund
Rupel Family Unrestricted Fund

DCF AWARDS NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS DURING 2023

Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) awarded 188 grants totaling more than \$975,000 to non-profit organizations in 2023. 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 25 years 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 the City of Lawrenceburg provide the funding for the non-permanent grant programs. DCF's administration of the non-permanent programs helps the donor 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 2023 also include designated endowment fund distributions and grants administered by DCF for the Lawrenceburg Schools Endowment Corporation.

LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - A total of \$337,200 in grants was awarded in 2023 to the following organizations:

Aurora Lions Club - \$30,000
Fair management for the 2023 Aurora Farmer's Fair
Bright Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. - \$3,500
Chainsaws, Tower Lights, Blowers, and Battery Packs
Dearborn Community Foundation - \$100,000
2023 Double Your Donation Endowment Matching Program
Dearborn County Historical Society, Inc.- \$10,000
Emergency Furnace Replacement
First Baptist Church of Moores Hill - \$25,000
New roof for the circa 1866 church building
Ivy Tech Foundation- \$60,000
Streets Smart De-escalation Virtual Reality Training System
Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. -\$14,950
2023 Winter Wonderland
LifeTime Resources, Inc.- \$35,000
Matching Funds for purchase of handicap accessible minivans
LifeTime Resources, Inc.- \$5,000
Catch-A-Ride Program
Servants at Work Inc. - \$5,000
Materials to build wheelchair ramps for disabled and low-income Dearborn County residents
Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra, Inc.- \$4,000
Sound equipment for Youth Orchestra

Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation - \$5,000
Covering Kids and Families of SIEOC program
Town of Dillsboro - \$4,750
Dillsboro Friendship Gallery restroom project
St. Teresa Catholic Church - \$35,000
Purchase and installation of playground equipment, bench seat, trash receptacle, and rubber mulch

CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM - A total of \$127,047 in grants was awarded in 2023 to the following organizations:

1 Voice - \$1,000
Purchase of items for support programs serving recovery center youth
Dearborn Community Foundation - Youth Council - \$5,000
Youth Council endowment fund
Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$5,000
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$8,000
2023 Season uniforms, insurance, and equipment
Dillsboro Community Food Pantry - \$5,000
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
Dillsboro Summer Recreation - \$8,000
2023 Baseball and Softball Season uniforms and equipment
Englishton Park, Inc. - \$1,500
2023 Summer Youth Camp - for Dearborn County residents

Heart House, Inc. - \$5,000
Needs of the youth who reside at the shelter
Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$1,255
Craft materials and food for children's tea events
Laughery Valley FOP Lodge 146 - \$8,000
2023 FOP Cops and Kids Christmas program
Lawrenceburg Babe Ruth Baseball - \$8,000
2023 Season Uniforms, equipment, charter fees, and insurance
Lawrenceburg Greendale Soccer Club - \$7,262
Safety equipment
Lawrenceburg Lions Club - \$8,000
2023 Youth Baseball Season uniforms and insurance
Lawrenceburg Pee Wee Football - \$8,000
2023 Season helmets, equipment, and footballs
Lawrenceburg Public Library Services and Resources Foundation - \$1,040
2023 Halloween Sensation
Legionettes Dance Team - \$2,990
Warm up suits and competition fees
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 pantry
Pregnancy Care Center - \$5,000
Diapers, wipes, formula, baby hygiene items, and baby safety equipment
Safe Passage, Inc. - \$5,000
Programs serving Dearborn County youth at the shelter
Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$5,000
Programs serving youth in Dearborn County
St. Vincent de Paul - \$5,000
Food and hygiene items for the food pantry
Trojans Youth Football, Inc. - \$8,000
Football helmets
United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Dearborn & Ohio Counties - \$1,000
Cleaning of donated coats and purchase of new coats for youth in Dearborn County
Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$5,000
Needs of the youth who reside at the YES Home

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS, FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS, HEART OF GOLD, LAUREN HILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FUND, PROACTIVE GRANTS, AND WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN (wEw) - A total of \$65,799 in grants was awarded in 2023 to the following organizations:
All Saints Parish - \$1,403
Chester & Ida Muntz Family Memorial Field of Interest Fund Grant for Parish Outreach Programs

Amy Irons Meyer Foundation Inc. - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for mini shelters at Aurora Dog Park

Aurora First United Methodist Church - \$250

Blair Family Donor Advised Grant for needs of the church

Aurora Public Library District - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

Beecher Presbyterian Church - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for Southeast Indiana Community Garden Project

Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, Inc. - \$1,000

Maddin-Beall Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

Choices Coordinated Care Solutions - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for Educational materials and Journals for Dearborn County IRACS Program

City of Aurora - Fire Department - \$236

Aurora Lions Club Charitable Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

Community Mental Health Foundation Inc. - \$2,500

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for needs of the Organization

Dearborn Adult Center - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for Senior Dances

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$736

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

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$1,000

PFC Craig A. Keller Fund Donor Advised Grant for DCF 25th Anniversary Dinner

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$1,200

Lauren Hill Make A Difference Fund Grant for DCF 25th Anniversary Dinner

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$2,500

Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for DCF 25th Anniversary Dinner

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$2,500

Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for DCF 25th Anniversary Dinner

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

Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

Dearborn County Court Services - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for JCAP Program

Dearborn County Historical Society, Inc. - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for technology needs of the organization

Dearborn County Retired Teachers Foundation - \$5,000

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for needs of the organization

Dillsboro Summer Recreation League - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant to purchase an AED

God's Bright Treasures Ministry, Inc. - \$483

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

Heart House - \$500

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

Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$568

Kevin Lynch Community Impact Fund Donor Advised Grant for 2023 FOP Cops and Kids Program

Manchester Elementary School - \$1,000

Sprint Educational Excellence Grant for Robotics team "fields" equipment

Moore's Hill Food Pantry. - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

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

Rupel Family Donor Advised Fund for needs of the organization

Oldenburg Academy - \$331

James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund Grant for classroom supplies

PAWS Partners for Animal Welfare Society of Dearborn Co - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

Phi Beta Psi Sorority - \$5,000

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for support of cancer patients at St. Elizabeth Cancer Center

Pregnancy Care Center - \$500

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

Pregnancy Care Center - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

Pregnancy Care Center - \$1,500

Women Empowering Women Grant for needs of the organization

River View Cemetery Association - \$942

Borgman-Meek Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for general cemetery maintenance

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati - \$1,105

Myles Alig Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

St. Elizabeth Foundation - \$5,000

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for needs of the Dearborn Cancer Center

St. John Ev. Lutheran School - \$5,000

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for needs of the school

St. Lawrence Church & School - \$1,765

Kevin & Meghan Schafer Charitable Fund Donor Advised Grant for Community Outreach Events

St. Michael Catholic School - \$330

James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund Grant for classroom supplies

St. Vincent de Paul - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

Southeast Indiana Chamber Foundation - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant to support the DICE (Dreams, Ingenuity, Creativity, Entrepreneurship) Challenge for Dearborn County high school students

Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for Bev Henry Emergency Fund to provide Emergency Assistance to families

Town of Moore's Hill - \$5,000

DCF 25th Anniversary Grant for upgrades to Moore's Hill Park

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$250

Blair Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for needs of the organization

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$1,200

DCF Youth Council Grant for Christmas project

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$1,000

Board Member Proactive Grant for needs of the organization

In 2023, Dearborn Community Foundation Designated Endowment Funds distributed \$294,499 to the many charitable



At DCF's Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser in 2023, Fred McCarter, Executive Director, congratulates Greg Duncan, President/CEO of INcompass Healthcare, for winning the drawing celebrating the Foundation's 25th Anniversary in 2023. Duncan won the right to recommend a \$2,500 grant to an eligible charity of his choice. He chose the Community Mental Health Foundation.

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 2023, DCF was eligible to nominate two recipients and alternates for two full-tuition scholarships. 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.



Elizabeth Kirchgassner, ECHS



Kiersten Dixon, SDHS

The 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars: Elizabeth Kirchgassner, a graduate of East Central High School (ECHS), is currently attending Purdue University and majoring in Nursing. Kiersten Dixon, a graduate of South Dearborn High School (SDHS), is currently attending Indiana University and majoring in Human Biology.

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 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 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 McCory 2014
Eric Harrington 2015
Madeleine Feller 2016
Lauren Rabold 2017
Sebastian Smith 2018
Lila Socks 2019
Noah Blankman 2020
Heath Doll 2021
Rylee Thies 2022
Kiersten Dixon 2023
Elizabeth Kirchgassner 2023

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL NEARLY \$216,000 IN 2023

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 nearly \$216,000 were awarded to Dearborn County Resi-

For a description of each scholarship please visit our website at www.dearbornncf.org and select the "SCHOLARSHIPS" tab.

JACOB AMBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Chance Muncy

GREG ANDRES NORTH DEARBORN CONSERVATION CLUB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Addison Cleary

DENISE ANN BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Jacob Daugherty

MICHAEL CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Evan Kuhn

MARVIN CURRY AND MELVINA CURRY SCHOLARSHIP – Adam Bruner, Kori Cornett, and Kaylee Marsh

ROSS EILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Ivy Hinkle and Lucy Thornton

CLIFFORD AND GLADYS ELLERBROOK ENDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP – Madison Faller, Sarah Rutherford, Sara Smith, Natasha Bennison, Emily Harrington, Alexis Knight, and Kaleigh Turner

WILLIAM CURTIS EWBANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Nicole Chen

ROGER GULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Maxwell Burger

BYRON HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Julia Bulach, Annabelle McDonald, and Mason Schutte

IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIP – Benjamin Abrams, Emma Gutfreund, and Kaleigh Turner

LARRY KINNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Kaylee Marsh

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LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS



Hailey Abdon, LHS



Caitlyn Dick, ECHS



Abigail Williams, LHS



Ava Slayback, SDHS

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. recognizes **Hailey Abdon** (Lawrenceburg High School), **Caitlyn Dick** (East Central High School graduate), **Abigail Williams** (Lawrenceburg High School graduate), and **Ava Slayback** (South Dearborn High School) as Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists. Abdon, Dick and Williams all receive the Dearborn Community Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000 annually renewable for up to four years providing the recipient maintains at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

FOUNDATION AWARDS

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DAN KUEBLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Cheyenne Chase

LAUGHERY VALLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP – Andrew Deddens

LAWRENCEBURG KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – Aneesa Schwarz

GERRY LEHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Colton Roth

LEHNER FAMILY WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP - Nicole McCool and Kaleigh Turner

GAYLE LIGHTNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Maci McAdams and Elle McMullen

JAMES LOHMILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Elizabeth Redar

FRANK R. LONGCAMP SCHOLARSHIP – Maxwell Burger, Emma Caudill, and Mason Schutte

MARTHA MCKINNEY NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Sophia Linkmeyer and Raelynn Rowlett

R. DANIEL NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Evan Kuhn

MANCHESTER CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP – Izabella Bear

LIL AND DOCKY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Emma Caudill

PERPETUAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP – Adam Bruner

CLARENCE & WILBERT RUFF EAST CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIP – Evan Kuhn and Braden McDaniel

RONALD SELMEYER SCHOLARSHIP – Lauren Lyons

ADAM WILHELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Joey Black

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 2023/2024 school year were up to \$1,800 per recipient. In 2023, a total of 95 students received this scholarship totaling \$171,000 in scholarships awarded.



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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.

DCF added 16 new members to the Legacy Society in 2023, bringing the total number of honorees to 142. Some have established scholarship funds, while others have established designated, donor-advised, unrestricted or field of interest funds that support charitable organizations and causes in Dearborn County.

2023 Honorees

The late Norma Banschbach was honored posthumously for establishment (through an estate gift) of the St. Lawrence School Scholarship Fund, a designated endowment, that provides scholarships for students attending St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg.

John and Marianne Borgman for the establishment of the Borgman-Meek Family Fund, a donor-advised fund. Through their fund, the Borgman's advisory committee can recommend grants to charitable organizations in our community.

Neil Clayton and Nicole Norris for the establishment of the Clayton Family Dillsboro Park Maintenance Fund, a designated endowment, provides funding to the Town of Dillsboro to help with park maintenance. Neil and Nicole established the fund in memory of their father, David William Clayton, who was highly involved in the development of the Dillsboro Park. The late Mr. Clayton included the entire family in park cleanup and more.

Debbie Hoffmeier for the establishment of the Stephanie Marie Gould Memorial Scholarship Fund, a designated endowment, that supports a scholarship annually awarded to an East Central High School graduate in memory of her daughter Stephanie.

Carl and Janet Petty for establishing the C. Petty Family Fund, a donor-advised fund. Through their endowment, the Petty's can recommend grants to charitable organizations in our community.

Allison Lightner and Shawn Lightner for establishing the Gayle Lightner Memorial Scholarship Fund that provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Lawrenceburg High School. The Lightners established the fund in memory of their mother, a retired educator whose career spanned more than 40 years.

Siblings E.G. McLaughlin, Mike McLaughlin (current DCF Board member) and Mary Beth Hedrick for the establishment of the McLaughlin Family Fund, a donor-advised endowment. The siblings can make recommendations for grants to charitable organizations with their fund.

Sally Kinghorn for establishment of the Paul D. Kinghorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, a designated fund, that supports a scholarship for Lawrenceburg High School students in memory of her late husband Paul who was an educator for 30 years.

Julie Strasemeier and Jon Strautman (current DCF Board member) for establishment of the Strasemeier/Strautman Family Fund, a donor-advised fund. Through their fund, Julie and Jon can recommend grants to charitable organizations that serve Dearborn County residents.



DCF President Mike McLaughlin, center, presents a Legacy Society inductee plaque to Julie Strasemeier and Jon Strautman for their establishment of the Strasemeier/Strautman Family Fund

David & Emily Alig
Alzheimer's Support Groups of Southeast Indiana, Inc.
Jada & Greg Ankenbauer
Anonymous
Anonymous
Aurora Lions Club
The late Delores E. Baker
The late Norma Banschbach (posthumously)
The late Charles Beyer and Wilma Beyer
James, Jr. & Carla Blair
The late John Borgman & Marianne Borgman
Keri Brown
Paula and Mark Bruner
Douglas Scott & Debbie Busching
Milton & Sandra Carley
Carnegie Hall Historic Landmarks Preservation Society, Inc.
Allan Carpenter
Neil Clayton
Kenny & Verna Cotton
Roger & Aimee Cromer
Carol Davis
Dearborn County Retired Teachers Foundation, Inc.
David Deddens
The late Gerhard Deddens
The late Hartell F. Denmure & the late LaVerne R. Denmure (both posthumously)
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
P.G. Gentrup
Jeff Graf
Fred & Jody Grawey
The late Ruth Gullely Gray
Donna Hartman
Mary Beth Hedrick
Larry & Marilyn Heffelmire
Mike & Loretta Heffelmire
Steve & Virginia Heffelmire
Debbie Hoffmeier
Daniel Honchell
Jamie Howard

Jeffery L. Huntington
Jerry & Stefanie Keller
Doug & Luree Ketcham
Sally Kinghorn
Gary Kinnett
Jeanne Lehn
The late Charles Lehner & Diana Lehner
Carina Lewis
Allison Lightner
Shawn Lightner
Deb Locke
Gary & Jennifer Lohmiller
The late Frank R. Longcamp (posthumously)
Mary Jo Lynch
Ken & Cherie Maddin
Heather Marine
E.G. McLaughlin
Mike McLaughlin
D. Neal & Monica Meece
Sherry & Rich Midlam
The Town of Moores Hill
Barry & Fayla Nanz
E. Alan Newhouse
The late R. Daniel Newhouse
Gerald & Dorothy Nixon
Jane & Mike Noel
Nicole Norris
North Dearborn Conservation Club
Jenni Pause
Courtney PeGan
James Mitchell PeGan
Nicki PeGan
Stephanie Perkins
Carl & Janet Petty
Darlene Phillips
Ron & Bonnie Powell
Amber Probst
F. William and Stephanie Rahe
John & the late Patricia Rahe
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
James Stock & the late Sue Stock
Julie Strasemeier & Jon Strautman
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

REMEMBERING OUR SPECIAL FRIEND

The Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) lost a friend November 2023, with the passing of John Borgman, 91, of Aurora. Borgman along with his surviving wife, Marianne Borgman, was inducted into the DCF Legacy Society in 2023 in recognition of the couple's establishment of the Borgman-Meek Family Fund, a donor-advised endowment that provides grants to charitable organizations.

"I'm grateful I had the opportunity to meet and get to know John," said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of DCF. "I always enjoyed our conversations which usually included laughter. His passing is a great loss to the community."

McCarter said Borgman cared about others in his community as demonstrated by his community involvement and his service to our nation as a member of the United States Army. "John and Marianne's establishment of the Borgman-Meek Family Fund means that their generous contributions will make a difference in Dearborn County in perpetuity."

Borgman was born and raised in Aurora where he graduated from Aurora High School and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. He earned a degree in Business from Indiana University's School of Business. In 1955, he entered the United States Army and eventually became a Special Forces Green Beret. Borgman was the quintessential Special Forces Green Beret, serving three tours in Vietnam, earning the highly coveted master parachutist badge, serving the nation for more than 20 years, and leading the last battalion size combat jump in Vietnam in 1968 with 500 men under his command. He was awarded the Bronze

Star Medal with "V" for Valor with two oak leaf clusters representing three awards of this medal earned for heroism in combat.

After retirement from the Army, Borgman returned to Aurora where he joined the First National Bank. He was appointed to the advisory board and became a director in 1980. He retired from the bank in 1991 as vice president. He was elected to Aurora City Council and for a short time was appointed mayor. He was active in various clubs and organizations including a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, and Vietnam Veterans of America. He was also a member of the Aurora Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. He was inducted as a Kentucky Colonel and was a volunteer for the Dearborn County Hospital Auxiliary.

Borgman is survived by his loving wife, Marianne; daughter, Christine (David) Meek; three grandchildren, Elsa Meek, Evan Meek, Elliot Meek; and many other relatives.



John Borgman

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. These longtime supporters of the Foundation come from all corners of Dearborn County and have a history of strong involvement in the community. We honor them by naming them "Friends of the Foundation."

Two individuals, Jada Ankenbauer, Aurora, and Mike Heffelmire, Dillsboro, were honored as Friends of the Foundation in 2023, both sharing their talents and treasure to make a difference in our community. Both have served as Board members and officers, including being president and chairperson. Both have served on committees and both with family members and/or friends have established endowment funds at DCF. They also continue to serve as fine ambassadors, encouraging others to support the Foundation's efforts to help donors make a difference. Ankenbauer and Heffelmire both care deeply about our community and DCF. They are always willing to help whenever called upon, including speaking from the heart about the importance of the Foundation in our 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 and Michelle Deddens

2015 The late William K. Ewan (posthumously)

2023 Jada Ankenbauer, Mike Heffelmire



Mike Heffelmire



Jada Ankenbauer

2023 CONTRIBUTORS

5 Way Chili, LLC- Brookville	Dearborn County Social Council c/o RSVP	Douglas & Luree Ketcham	South Dearborn Dollars For Scholars
5 Way Chili, LLC- St. Leon	Dearborn Title Insurance, Inc.	Kiel's Home Repair, LLC	Brenda Spade
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Andrew Ankenbauer	Robin & Timothy Dickhaus	Bill & Connie Lakes	St. Leon Rural Volunteer Fire Dept Inc.
Jada & Greg Ankenbauer	William and Terry Doerr	Lawrenceburg High School	St. Leon Tavern
Anonymous	Mark and Jeanette Dole	Lawrenceburg Lions Club	Jim Stock
Daniel & Colleen Aug	Lea Donley	Lawrenceburg Public Library	Beverly & Kenneth Strasemeier
Aurora Lions Club	Double Magnum, LLC	Lawrenceburg Schools	Julie Strasemeier & Jon Strautman
Aurora Tri-Kappa	Dream Ventures LLC	Endowment Corp.	Mark Stuerenberg
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Bascom & Kisor	Lee & Melinda Edgerton	Lilly Endowment Inc.	Sycamore Gas Company
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Keith and Mary Jo Boruta	Ed Gordon	Fred McCarter	David & Marlene Vogelsang
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Dave Chalk	Harves Family Farm LLS	Mark and Janice Neff	
City of Aurora Fire Department	Tim Heckmann	E. Alan Newhouse	
City of Greendale	MaryBeth Hedrick	Gerald & Dorothy Nixon	
City of Lawrenceburg	Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association	Jane & Michael Noel	
CIVISTA Charitable Foundation	Hillforest Historical Foundation	North Dearborn Pantry Incorporated	
Clayton Farms and Standard Services, LLC	David & Judy Hizer	Ramzi and Betsey Nuseibeh	
Neil & Jennifer Clayton	Daniel & Debra Hoffman	Scott & Julie Osborn	
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Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County	Home Flooring LLC	Mary Ann Pettit	
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Hoosier Hills Credit Union	Carl and Janet Petty	
Cornerstone Realty, Inc.	Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky	PFS Community Foundation	
Dearborn County 4-H Club Association	Hummel Insurance Inc.	Philippus United Church of Christ	
Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Jeffrey Huntington	Ron and Bonnie Powell	
Dearborn County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Bureau	Independent Colleges of Indiana	Rising Star Casino Resort	
Dearborn County Historical Society, Inc.	Indiana Pacers	Billy Rumsey	
Dearborn County Retired Teachers Foundation, Inc.	Indianapolis Colts	John & Gladys Rumsey	
	Ralph & Judith Irwin	Safe Passage	
	Ivy Tech Foundation	Salesforce.com, Inc.	
	Jerry & Stefanie Keller	Steve & Connie Sandbrink	
	Matthew & Denise Kelly	Teresa Schmeltzer	
		Denise & Jim Sedler	
		Debbie Smith	

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In Memory of Nettie Andres

Kaitlyn Pelsor

In Memory of Michael Cleary

Patrick & Abigail Lynch

In Memory of Larry D. Fogle and Thomas G. Denning

Brian Gentrup

In Memory of Kendra Fischer

Robert A. & Elizabeth A. Fischer

In Memory of Gerry Lehn

Jeanne Lehn
Jonathan & Suzan Lehn

In Memory of Gayle Lightner

Elizabeth Bates
Robert & Mary Bates
Jay Geiger
Bonnie Kelley
Tom & Lorinda Kline
Laura Pike
Gayle Stafford
Gail Suiter
Diana Sunderman

In Memory of Bill Spaulding

Douglas Baker
David & Bert Helfer

In Memory of Carroll & Doris Walker

Lee & Melinda Edgerton

In Memory of Telford Walker

Lee & Melinda Edgerton

Darlene Phillips made contributions in memory of the following individuals:

Robert Buckhave
Richard Craig
Harold Larmann

The Dearborn Community Foundation made memorial endowment contributions for the following individuals:

Toby Day
Bill Schuette
Eric Studer

CONTRIBUTIONS HONORING INDIVIDUALS

In honor of Jada Ankenbauer

Mike and Jane Noel

Jeremy Dilts made contributions in honor of the following individuals:

Angela Dilts and Harper Loewe
Charmaine Jodi Gleason
Judy Guss
Marlyn Guss
Marlyn Guss and Family
Jennifer and Charles Jackson
Jeff and Meghan Meyers
Jim and Carolyn Meyers
Mary Meyers
Sharen Meyers
Suzette and Donald Meyers
Blanche and Thom Schmidt

YOUTH COUNCIL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN DEARBORN

The DCF Youth Council completed year 11 in 2023, continuing to make a difference in Dearborn County through both community service and fundraising/grant-making. The Youth Council, which is made up of high-school age youth (grades 9-12) from across the county, was established by DCF 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 Youth 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. Involvement in the Council also gives youth a chance to learn more about charitable organizations in the community and how they can have an impact.

In its history, the Youth Council, led by Denise Sedler, DCF Scholarship & Grants Manager, has raised more than \$18,000 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 more than \$45,000. The Youth Council members annually make grant recommendations from the fund to worthy causes in the community. In 2023, grants totaling \$2,000 were awarded to the following organizations: Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, North Dearborn Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, Moores Hill Food Pantry, Dillsboro Community Pantry, The Community Project (food/hygiene items for Commu-



nity Blessing Boxes), Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Pregnancy Care Center.

Youth Council fundraising/community service efforts also led to projects impacting Dearborn County residents: The Council assembled and gifted "birthday bags" for the clients of Dearborn County Clearinghouse and North Dearborn Pantry. The bags include items like a birthday card, plates, cake mix, candles etc. ... The Council also purchased Lego sets and other items for Big Brothers Big Sisters and donated more food and hygiene items to the Community Blessing Boxes program. The Council also annually completes a Pen-Pal/mentoring project with 8th-graders.

The DCF Youth Council always welcomes new members. To learn more about the Council and to join, contact Denise Sedler by calling 812-539-4115 or by email: dsedler@dearbornncf.org.



DCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023 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 2023. 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 2023 DCF Board of Directors and officers are pictured below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Ed Gordon
Chairperson
Lawrenceburg



Mike McLaughlin
President
Greendale



Jon Strautman
Vice President
Moores Hill



Bridget Davidson
Treasurer
Manchester Twp.



Lisa Moorhead
Secretary
Aurora

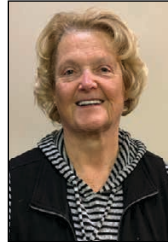
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Larry Campbell
Hidden Valley
Lake



Casey Finnegan
Dillsboro



Linda Gellert
Guilford



Michael Hollenbeck
Lawrenceburg



Jeanne Lehn
Lawrenceburg



Dave Lusby
Dillsboro



Becky Lyons
Greendale



Ramzi Nuseibeh*
Lawrenceburg



James Stock
New Alsace



Jan Tyler
Aurora

THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2024



Gary Honchell
Guilford

*Term expired 2023

DCF TEAM

COURTEOUS, PROFESSIONAL STAFF SERVES COMMUNITY WELL

The DCF Team is made up of staff, legal counsel, 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 on the community through its philanthropic resources.



Fred McCarter



Cheryl Wessel



Denise Sedler



Adrienne Flannery

Accountant Cheryl Wessel came to the Foundation in late 2007. Wessel brings to the Foundation more than 40 years of experience in the accounting field. Her work experience and volunteer activities provide the Foundation and Community with a very valuable asset for both non-profit accounting and tax.

Scholarship and Grants Manager Denise Sedler joined the DCF team on a part-time basis in early 2022 and then on a fulltime basis in mid-2023 however, she is no stranger to the Foundation.

Denise served in a similar role at the Foundation from late 2008 through late 2016. She brings her experience with DCF grants, scholarships, youth philanthropy, communications and marketing along with her compassion for the community.

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.

2023 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Development Committee

Jada Ankenbauer
Karen Blasdel
James Stock*
Randy Tyler
J David Wismann

Grants Committee

Jada Ankenbauer
Ed Gordon*
Dave Lusby*
Becky Lyons*
Mike McLaughlin*
Ramzi Nuseibeh*
Bill Ward

Investment Committee

Bridget Davidson*
Dave Deddens
Casey Finnegan*
Leigh Kem
Mark Neff
John Rumsey
Kevin Schafer
Bill Ward

Lilly Scholarship Committee

Bill Lakes
Jeanne Lehn*
Elise Smith
Jon Strautman*
James Stock*

Community Scholarship Committee I

Andrea Ewan
Linda Gellert*
Eric Kranz
Tim Russell

Community Scholarship Committee II

Loretta Day
Mike Hollenbeck*
Cherie Maddin
Randy Tyler

Community Scholarship Committee III

Karen Blasdel
Michelle Deddens
Lisa Moorhead*
Jan Tyler*

Community Scholarship Committee IV

Larry Campbell*
Mark Neff
J David Wismann

Lawrenceburg Youth Grants Committee

Garrett Bascom
Liz Beiersdorfer
Barb Branigan
Dick Castillo
Garrett Cavanaugh
E.G. McLaughlin
Melissa Watkins

* Denotes 2023 Board of Director's member



A member of the Bright Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., which was awarded \$3,500 for chainsaws, tower lights, blowers and battery packs, puts a chainsaw to good use during a highway accident.

HEART OF GOLD AWARD

FOUNDATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS WITH 'HEARTS OF GOLD'

The Dearborn Community Foundation honored three community volunteers for having "Hearts of Gold" in 2023. The Heart of Gold Award 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."

The 2023 honorees, nominated by a DCF committee and then chosen as Heart of Gold Award recipients by the Foundation's Board of Directors, were given the privilege to serve on the "Heart of Gold Grants Committee." Each recipient recommended a \$750 proactive grant to a charitable organization that serves Dearborn County residents.

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.



Tara Bailey



Ron Sweeney



Debbie Zimmer

DCF HEART OF GOLD RECIPIENTS AWARD GRANTS

The Heart of Gold Grants Committee Awarded a total of \$2,250 in grants to community organizations.

St. Leon Volunteer Fire Department –
Support of the organization.

The Community Project – Community
Blessing Boxes.

The Community Project, Inc. – Support of the
organization.

HEART OF GOLD HONOREES

Tara Bailey, Lawrenceburg: Tara is involved in a significant number of efforts to help others. She is one of the original volunteers for Feeding Those In Need, an annual event in which volunteers deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need the night before the holiday which is now a project of the charitable organization The Community Project. She also started the Blessing Wall in Aurora at Lesko Park before The Community Project's Community Blessing Boxes. The wall was filled with sanitary needs, warm clothing, winter essentials and blankets. She's now also a volunteer for the Community Blessing Boxes, which also provides food and other items for the homeless and others in need. In 2020, she volunteered with others to help homeless folks at an emergency shelter in Lawrenceburg during frigid weather and helped to raise funds to place six homeless individuals in a hotel for up to six weeks. Tara has a remarkable ability to rally the troops together for the greater good. Those that know her say she is always offering a helping hand and is extremely kind and caring. She is someone who does all these things without the expectation of being acknowledged. She does it because it's the right thing to do. Bailey says she's always been involved in something. "The main thing is to help people, who often are too embarrassed of their situation to get help. I've been there when it comes to being in need." Bailey also says when she became a parent, she knew volunteering and helping others would set a good example for her kids. "You want them to look back and do the same thing when they are grown." Of course, volunteers don't get paid, but Bailey does get something out of what she does. "I go to sleep each night knowing that hopefully I helped some-

body. ... Pay it forward! Sometimes just a few kind words can mean the world to someone."

Ron Sweeney, St. Leon: Ron is always thinking about a way to help others and truly one of the first to volunteer, if he knows somebody needs help. Ron left the restaurant business about six years ago, but that experience helps when it comes to his volunteering. Sweeney manages the food at the Christmas with Friends Event held at Dearborn Adult Center for anyone who is alone on Christmas Day. It's a free event with food, fun and Christmas joy. He's a regular volunteer at the North Dearborn Pantry and Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, helping pick up donated items and networking to see if he can help fulfill any of the pantries' needs. Sweeney is also known for using his networking skills to help fulfill the needs of organizations, like the YES Home, a residential group home located in rural Dearborn County that serves youths ages 13-18. He also promotes fundraising events for organizations like the Pregnancy Care Center in Lawrenceburg. Sweeney is clearly someone who likes to be behind the scenes helping to get things done. Helping others is simply something he enjoys doing. Sweeney said "Many people just walk by when they see someone in need. It really only takes a couple of minutes to stop and see what you can do to help. It's a good feeling to know you've helped." Sweeney says he's been blessed. "You can write a check anytime to help, but it really makes a difference to get involved and help." Not many know about it, but Sweeney says he recently had open heart surgery. "Having the heart surgery did open my eyes more," he said. "I try to do something every day to make a difference."

Debbie Zimmer, St. Leon: Debbie is someone you probably know or have heard of if you live in her hometown of St. Leon. If an event is happening at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the St. Joseph American Legion, or at the St. Leon Volunteer Fire Department, she's probably involved. People that know her say she is always the person in charge of whatever event was going on and goes above and beyond the call of duty to help various organizations in her community. She also spends endless hours of her time helping others. "Everything I do is about giving back to the community," said Zimmer. "Growing up, my dad was big in the American Legion, so I learned a lot from him and mom about giving back." Her father was a part of the original group that established the St. Leon Volunteer Fire Department. Zimmer followed in his footsteps by serving as a first responder and is now the fire department's secretary/treasurer. She's been in the Legion's Auxiliary Unit 464 since age 18 and is now president. Zimmer's involved in many things, but it's clear her involvement with North Dearborn Conservation Club, St. Leon, is close to her heart. She's Chaplin of the club. When her brother Greg Andres passed away in 2012, she helped establish a scholarship endowment fund at DCF to award scholarships to seniors of East Central and Franklin County high schools. She works tirelessly to help raise funds to add to the endowment and to award more scholarships in memory of her brother. "I'm always on the go and can't sit still," said Zimmer with a laugh. "Whether it's raising funds for scholarships or for the fire department, it's about giving back to the community. ... It feels good helping the community."

FINANCES

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSTITION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

ASSETS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,019,746	\$ 2,477,097
Certificates of deposit	1,675,196	1,616,391
Investments	24,034,496	20,803,141
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	566,389	600,666
Property and equipment, net	5,658	11,156
Other assets	<u>31,836</u>	<u>35,454</u>
	<u>\$ 29,333,321</u>	<u>\$ 25,543,905</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 13,225	\$ 10,876
Deferred revenue	60,000	-0-
Charitable gift annuities payable	3,885	4,114
Liability for funds held as agency endowments	7,167,726	6,492,605
Custodial funds	2,721,040	2,456,990
Other liabilities	<u>32,196</u>	<u>35,634</u>
Total liabilities	<u>9,998,072</u>	<u>9,000,219</u>

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions:		
Operating	1,540,520	1,344,675
Board designated	960,375	803,803
Invested in property and equipment	<u>5,658</u>	<u>11,156</u>
	<u>2,506,553</u>	<u>2,159,634</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Restricted due to time restrictions	566,389	596,669
Endowment funds	<u>16,262,307</u>	<u>13,787,383</u>
	<u>16,828,696</u>	<u>14,384,052</u>
Total net assets	<u>19,335,249</u>	<u>16,543,686</u>
	<u>\$29,333,321</u>	<u>\$ 25,543,905</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Support and revenues		
Contributions	\$ 887,210	\$ 207,950
Investment return, net	2,158,281	(1,997,060)
Other investment income	121,652	19,552
Administrative fees	446,068	454,893
Change in value of split-interest agreements	7,208	49,099
Other revenue	<u>23,828</u>	<u>21,315</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>3,644,247</u>	<u>(1,244,251)</u>
Total expenses	<u>852,684</u>	<u>797,437</u>
Change in net assets	2,791,563	(2,041,688)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>16,543,686</u>	<u>18,585,374</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 19,335,249</u>	<u>\$ 16,543,686</u>

An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 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

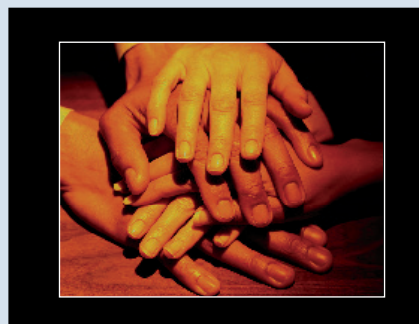
There are many ways to get involved in the Dearborn Community Foundation's efforts to Make a difference in Dearborn County.

- **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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