



2024 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.



DCF AWARDS \$100,000 IN GRANTS TO HELP PATIENTS IN TREATMENT JOURNEY AT DEARBORN CANCER CENTER

Two Dearborn Community Foundation proactive grants totaling \$100,000 are helping provide much needed non-medical services for patients at the new St. Elizabeth Healthcare Cancer Center in Dearborn County.

In late 2024, DCF awarded a \$40,000 grant to St. Elizabeth Healthcare to provide financial assistance to qualified patients utilizing the Cancer Center's boutique for purchase of wigs/toupees and bras/prosthetics. The Foundation also awarded a \$60,000 grant to Cancer Support Community (CSC) to provide integrated oncology services to cancer center patients and family members to address emotional and other lifestyle changes affected by cancer treatment.

"We all know someone who has or is being treated for cancer of some sort," said Fred McCarter, DCF Executive Director. "Some of us have ourselves experienced the impact of cancer treatment on an individual and family members. When someone is experiencing treatment, it's more than just a physical, medical thing. They clearly are dealing with an emotional impact as well. We wanted to do something that would help with those non-medical needs patients and family members often face."

Both grants will help provide the specific services over the next three years at the cancer center, located off U.S. 50 in Greendale, Ind. The \$100,000 in grants came primarily from DCF's unrestricted endowment funds, established by donors to provide the Foundation Board and staff with flexibility to address changing needs in the community over the years, said McCarter. "We felt this was a great use of funds to help St. Elizabeth and CSC ramp up services at the beautiful new cancer center," he said.

The \$40,000 DCF grant awarded to St. Elizabeth Healthcare will certainly make a difference for women in Southeastern Indiana receiving chemotherapy at the Dearborn Cancer Center, said Terri Bogan, Director of Breast Health and Site Director at Dearborn Cancer Center.

"Receiving this grant will provide another layer of needed support for women undergoing chemotherapy, allowing them to reclaim their confidence and dignity with the support of wigs and prosthetics," said Bogan. "It's not just about appearance; it's about empowering them to face their journey with strength and resilience."

The \$60,000 grant to CSC, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization based in Blue Ash, Ohio, and providing free services around the Tri-State, will help fund what some patients have referred to as "life changing" service to them.

"We are deeply grateful to the Dearborn Community Foundation for their generous grant, which will allow us to expand our vital services into Dearborn County, Indiana," said Kelly Schoen, Executive Director of CSC. "Cancer affects not just the body, but the mind and spirit as well. This funding will enable us to provide free, high-quality emotional and social support to cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones in an area that has been underserved. By widening our reach, we can ensure that more individuals affected by cancer have access to the resources they

need to improve their quality of life and navigate their cancer journey with resilience and hope."

Schoen says everyone's cancer journey is unique and their support should be too. The DCF grant allows CSC to provide a comprehensive menu of programs from support groups and educational workshops to wellness programs and social activities. The DCF funding helps ensure that CSC delivers "personalized, high-quality care to all, so that no one faces cancer alone."

Anyone can contribute to unrestricted endowment at DCF and help make an impact in our community like the grants to St. Elizabeth Healthcare and CSC. In fact, qualifying donors can receive a \$2-for-\$1 match for donations to unrestricted endowment. Contact the DCF office at 812-539-4115 to learn more about this matching opportunity. 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.



The DCF grant to the Cancer Support Community helps provide Integrated Oncology programs like a nutrition class for patients at St. Elizabeth's Dearborn Cancer Center. A service dog was also there to provide some cheer for patients.

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Dear Friends:

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc.'s efforts to connect people who care with causes that improve the quality of life only got stronger in 2024, as we completed 27 years of serving our community. The Foundation's many volunteers and staff members have helped donors improve others' lives by establishing more than 180 endowment funds that will make a difference in our community in perpetuity.

DCF wouldn't be able to make such a significant difference in Dearborn County 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 2024.

Through endowment at DCF, donors can impact our community by supporting causes close to home and close to their hearts. With assets of nearly \$33.4 million, 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 more than \$1.6 million in grants and scholarships in 2024 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. Foundation leaders work harder every day to make the most impact possible with the resources contributed by our generous donors.

Our hope is that you will read this 2024 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.



Jon Strautman
2024 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 \$33.4 million, administers 187 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 dearbornconf.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 Redevelopment Commission Scholarship 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
Brent Rutemiller 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
Greendale Beautification Fund
Hal E. Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund
Heffelmire Family Fund for DCF
Hillforest Historical Foundation Fund
Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc. Fund
Hopewell Presbyterian Dora Ernst Memorial Scholarship 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
Karlit Meyer Scholarship Fund

ENDOWMENT FUNDS / *your contributions*



DCF's grant to Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. helped with the purchase of a golf cart to help Executive Director Rebecca Lovern and staff get around and move banners, crates and other materials to the organization's many popular downtown events. The \$6,000 grant came from the Foundation's Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program, funded by the City of Lawrenceburg.

Katie Bruner Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Kathi Green Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Laura Busse Rahe Library Fund
 LaVerne Denmure Fund
 Lawrenceburg Lions Club Scholarship Fund
 Lawrenceburg Public Library Services & Resources Fund
 Lois & Bob Tucker Olive Branch Baptist Church Scholarship Fund
 Loren & Christine Shuter Family Fund
 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
 Cheryl Wessel 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
 David & Michelle Deddens Family Scholarship 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 Selmeyer 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
 McCarter-Johnston Family Community Fund
 Mike and Margaret Renck Community Fund
 Rupel Family Unrestricted Fund
 Sedler-Dehner Family Community Fund

DCF AWARDS NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS DURING 2024

Dearborn Community Foundation (DCF) awarded 217 grants totaling more than \$1.4 Million to non-profit organizations in 2024. 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 27 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 2024 also include designated endowment fund distributions and grants administered by DCF for the Lawrenceburg Schools Endowment Corporation.

LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - A total of \$524,181 in grants was awarded in 2024 to the following organizations:

American Legion Post #239 - \$8,571
Improvements to the structure that houses Peggy the horse including glass, window tinting to block UV rays, and an HVC system

Aurora Lions Club - \$30,000
Fair management for the 2024 Aurora Farmer's Fair

Bright Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. - \$32,360
For the purchase of 10 sets of turnout gear

City of Aurora Police Department - \$30,000
For the purchase of 10 in-car police radios

City of Greendale Fire Department - \$50,000
For the purchase of 22 sets of Fire PPE

Dearborn Adult Center, Inc. - \$2,000
For the purchase of a commercial grade refrigerator

Dearborn Community Foundation - \$100,000
2024 Double Your Donation Endowment Matching Program

Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$5,942
For the purchase of a copier

Dearborn County Clearing House for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$6,078
For the purchase and installation of a water heater, water softener, a refrigerator, and a toilet

Dearborn County Parks & Recreation Board - \$50,000
For the replacement of the Bright Meadows Park Walking Path

Dearborn County Purdue Extension Service - \$5,942
For the purchase of a copier

Hogan Hill Baptist Church - \$5,000
For the construction of a new restroom facility

Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. - \$6,000
For the purchase of a 4-person golf cart

Lawrenceburg Main Street, Inc. - \$15,948
2024 Winter Wonderland

Lawrenceburg Public Library - \$2,300
For the purchase of a laser cutter, smoke purifier, and an accessory kit for the Innov812 Workshop

LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$25,000

Funds towards the 20% match for the purchase of two Mini Van Transportation Vehicles

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

LifeTime Resources, Inc. - \$5,000
Senior Housing Improvements - Match Grant

Miller Township - \$5,000
Funds for the Cambridge Cemetery Historic Restoration/Preservation project

North Dearborn Pantry Inc. - \$30,000
For the purchase of a new high roof cargo van

River Valley Resources Inc. - \$3,240
Eight testing sessions and fifteen HiSet exams for incarcerated adults and juveniles in Dearborn County

Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation - \$5,000
Covering Kids and Families of SIEOC program

St. Lawrence School - \$18,600
For the purchase of the hardware and installation of a new public address and phone system

Town of Dillsboro - \$12,200
To construct ADA compliant cement sidewalk improvements at Dillsboro Community Park

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$65,000
YES Home 1st floor renovation - Phase 2A

CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM - A total of \$115,227 in grants was awarded in 2024 to the following organizations:

Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. - \$2,000
Youth Council Needs and Projects

Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. - \$3,000
Youth Council Endowment Fund

Dearborn County 4-H Club Association - \$3,422
For the purchase of ten 3-D archery targets and one alpaca pack for the 4-H Club programs

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

Dearborn County Girls Softball Inc. - \$8,000
For the purchase of insurance, uniforms, and equipment for the 2024 season

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

Dillsboro Summer Recreation, Inc. - \$8,000
For the purchase of uniforms and equipment for the 2024 season

Englishton Park, Inc. - \$2,000
Funds for tuition and fees for the 2024 children's summer camp for up to seven Dearborn County children

Heart House, Inc. - \$5,000
Funds for the needs of the youth who reside at the shelter

Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$8,000
For the purchase of clothing and toys for the 2024 Cops & Kids program for Dearborn County children

Lawrenceburg Babe Ruth Baseball - \$8,000
League charter fees, insurance, uniforms, field maintenance supplies and baseball equipment for the 2024 season

Lawrenceburg Lions Club - \$8,000
For the purchase of uniforms and insurance for the 2024 Youth baseball season

Lawrenceburg Pee Wee Football - \$8,000
For the purchase of helmets and shoulder pads for the 2025 season

Moore's Hill Food Pantry, Inc. - \$5,000
For the purchase of food and hygiene items for the food pantry

North Dearborn Pantry Inc. - \$5,000
For the purchase of food and hygiene items for the food pantry

Pregnancy Care Center - \$5,000
For the purchase of baby care items to support children

Safe Passage, Inc. - \$5,000
Fund for the needs of the programs for Dearborn County youth residents served by Safe Passage

Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. - \$5,000
Funds for the needs of programs serving youth in Dearborn County

St. John Lutheran School - \$6,805
For the purchase of additional handbells to complete a third octave to the current handbell set

St. Vincent de Paul - \$5,000
For the purchase of food and hygiene items for the food pantry

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$5,000
Funds for the needs of the youth who reside at the Y.E.S. 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 \$240,613 in grants was awarded in 2024 to the following organizations:

1 Voice - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

All Saints Parish - \$935.40
Strasemeier/Stratman Family Fund Donor Advised grant for the outreach program to provide online ministry

Aurora Emergency Rescue Inc. - \$324.01
Aurora Lions Club Charitable Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Aurora First United Methodist Church - \$200
Blair Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for the purchase of supplies and other needs for the Lawrenceburg Schools program

Cancer Support Community - \$60,000
Gift VIII Planning Grant to help fund Integrated Oncology services for patients of St. Elizabeth Healthcare's new Dearborn Cancer Center.

Catholic Schoolhouse - \$300
James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the purchase of supplies for art and science projects

Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. - \$563
Pvt. Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the DCF Operating Endowment Fund

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$2,000
Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid, Inc. - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for food and hygiene needs

Dearborn County Government - \$40,000
Gift VIII Planning Grant for consultants to complete Countywide EMS Study/Planning

Dearborn County Historical Society, Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Dillsboro Community Food Pantry - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for food and hygiene needs

First Presbyterian Church - \$375
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

God's Bright Treasures Ministry, Inc. - \$484.29
Michael S. Davis Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Grain of Rice Project, Inc. - \$388.47
James & Darlene Phillips Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Hamline Chapel - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for a freezer and other needs for the High Hope cafe weekly community dinners

Heart House, Inc. - \$1,000
DCF Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Hillforest Historical Foundation - \$375
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 146 - \$608
Kevin Lynch Community Impact Fund Donor Advised Grant for the 2024 Kids and Cops Program

Main Street Aurora - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Manchester Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - \$322
Willis & Irene Chalk Memorial/Dixon Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the Organization

Manchester Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - \$321
Willis & Irene Chalk Memorial/Dixon Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the Organization

Moore's Hill Food Pantry, Inc. - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for food and hygiene needs

North Dearborn Community Park, Inc. - \$1,310
Jack Carpenter Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

North Dearborn Community Park, Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

North Dearborn Community Park, Inc. - \$750
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

North Dearborn Pantry Inc. - \$2,000
Rupel Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the Organization

North Dearborn Pantry Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

North Dearborn Pantry Inc. - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for food and hygiene needs

Open Door Thrift Store Corporation - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Pregnancy Care Center - \$1,500
Women Empowering Women Grant for the needs of the organization

Pregnancy Care Center - \$834
Borgman-Meek Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Pregnancy Care Center - \$563
Pvt. Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Pregnancy Care Center - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

River View Cemetery Association - \$834
Borgman-Meek Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for general maintenance of the cemetery organization

River View Cemetery Association - \$200
Blair Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for general maintenance of the cemetery organization

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati - \$1,132
Myles Alig Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati - \$563
Pvt. Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Safe Passage, Inc. - \$5,000
Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Safe Passage, Inc. - \$5,000
Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Salvation Army Kettle Drive Dearborn Ohio Counties - \$3,554
William K. Ewan Memorial Fund Donor

Advised Grant for the 2024 Dearborn County Kettle Drive

Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra Incorporated - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra Incorporated - \$750
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

St. Elizabeth Healthcare - \$40,000
DCF Proactive Grant for the St. Elizabeth Dearborn Cancer Center for wigs/toupees and bras/prosthetics for patients seeking financial assistance

St. Elizabeth Healthcare - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization of the Dearborn Cancer Center

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - \$563
Pvt. Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

St. Leon Rural Volunteer Fire Dept Inc. - \$750
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

St. Vincent de Paul - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

St. Vincent de Paul - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc. - \$19,672
Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for four complete sets of safety turnout gear, eight pairs of boots, and fifteen head coverings

Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc. - \$17,360
Powell Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for turnout gear

Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

The Community Project, Inc. - \$10,000
DCF Proactive Grant for the Community Project to purchase a cargo van

The Community Project, Inc. - \$750
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the needs of the organization

The Community Project, Inc. - \$750
DCF Heart of Gold Grant for the Community Project's Blessing Boxes

The Community Project, Inc. - \$250
DCF Youth Council Fund Donor Advised Grant for the food and hygiene needs of the Community Project's Blessing Boxes

Wounded Warrior Project, Inc. - \$563
Pvt. Craig A. Keller Memorial Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$1,200
DCF Youth Council Proactive Grant for the Yes Home Christmas Project

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$1,000
Board Member Proactive Grant for the needs of the organization

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$621
McLaughlin Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the YES Home First Floor Renovation Project

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. - \$200
Blair Family Fund Donor Advised Grant for the needs of the organization

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 2024, 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.



Lily Dennis, OA



Alexandra Seubert, ECHS

The 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars: Lily Dennis, a graduate of Oldenburg Academy (OA) (resides in South Dearborn Community School Corporation area), is currently attending Indiana University and majoring in social work and criminal justice in preparation for Law School. Alexandra Seubert, a graduate of East Central High School (ECHS), is currently attending Butler University and majoring in Business.

Since 1998 the following Dearborn County students have been awarded the Lilly Endowment Scholarship (It is important to note the number of scholarships provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. has varied over the years.):

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

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

Sarah Rice 2004
Kelly Eckstein 2005
Alysa Flannery 2005
Erin Brunner 2006
Michael Williams 2006
Mackenzie Stuart 2007
Elizabeth Bates 2007
Abbey Schmahl 2008
Rebecca Taylor 2008
Taneesha Parker 2009
Christopher Ochynski 2009

Jessica Ruschke 2010
Carissa Wyatt 2010
Jenna Beck 2011
Amanda Hornbach 2011
Michael Frondorf 2012
Matthew Davis 2012
Jacob Hornberger 2013
Abigail Frizzell 2013
Alex Orndorff 2014
Baxter McCorry 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
Lily Dennis 2024
Alexandra Seubert 2024

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL NEARLY \$223,000 IN 2024

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 \$223,000 were awarded to Dearborn County Residents in 2024.

JACOB AMBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Colton West

GREG ANDRES NORTH DEARBORN CONSERVATION CLUB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Nattalie Florence, Sarah Herzner, Kelsey Scholl and Colton West

DENISE ANN BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Mary Hallgarth

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

MICHAEL CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Kaylee Frazier
MARVIN CURRY AND MELVINA CURRY SCHOLARSHIP – Bernadette Wismann and Sydney Barth

ROSS EILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Maegan Galey and Elizabeth Caudill

CLIFFORD AND GLADYS ELLERBROOK ENDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP – Emma Cornett, Izabella Bear, Riley Schwipps and Bernadette Wismann

WILLIAM CURTIS EWBANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Adam Cavanaugh and Emma Kammeyer

BYRON HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Haylee Frazier, Kelsey Scholl and Stone Wilhelm

LARRY KINNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Sydney Barth

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LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS



Mary Hallgarth, SDHS



Maegan Galey, LHS



Zavyn Slayback, LHS



Nattalie Florence, ECHS

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. recognizes Mary Hallgarth (South Dearborn High School), Maegan Galey (Lawrenceburg High School), Zavyn Slayback (LHS), and Nattalie Florence (ECHS) as Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists. Hallgarth, Galey, Slayback and Florence 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 – Maegan Galey

LAUGHERY VALLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP – Elizabeth Caudill, Bernadette Wismann and Shelby Rohrbach

LAWRENCEBURG KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – Morgan Kash

GERRY LEHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – William Mitchell

GAYLE LIGHTNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Eleanor Combs and William Mitchell

JAMES LOHMILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Elizabeth Redar

FRANK R. LONGCAMP SCHOLARSHIP – Eleanor Combs, Mary Hallgarth and Nattalie Florence

MARTHA MCKINNEY NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Bailey Bates and Morgan Kash

R. DANIEL NEWHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Aubrey Holloway

MANCHESTER CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP – Izabella Bear

LIL AND DOCKY MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Nattalie Florence

PERPETUAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP – Bernadette Wismann

RONALD SELMEYER SCHOLARSHIP – Zavyn Slayback

D. JIM SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP – Payton Beard

ADAM WILHELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Colton West

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 2024/2025 school year were up to \$1,800 per recipient. In 2024, a total of 85 students received this scholarship totaling \$153,000 in scholarships awarded.



A grant from DCF's Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program to Lawrenceburg American Legion Post 239 helped make improvements to its structure housing “Peggy the Flying Horse.” The improvements include new glass, window tinting, and an HVAC system will help keep the iconic 1935 parade vehicle from deteriorating due to the sun and temperature changes.

DCF AWARDS \$15,000 IN PROAC

The Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra is making noise ... the melodic kind

Selected by different Dearborn Community Foundation board members two consecutive years for \$1,000 Proactive Grants, awarded to organizations that make a difference, the string musicians are winning over ears and hearts throughout Southeastern Indiana.

"Our mission is to provide musical training through an orchestral setting in which the student has an opportunity to join with others and play as a group," said Crystal Kessen Powers, conductor for the Southeast Indiana Youth Orchestra.

Powers is a string instructor for the Garen Wolf School of Music Fine Arts Camp. She is the music teacher at St. John Lutheran School, Aurora, and is music minister at Wilmington Hills Wesleyan Church.

"We also hope to increase interest in different genres of music and give students opportunities to develop their musicianship."

SEIYO offers affordable music education, along with inexpensive instrument rentals. Among SEIYO's primary goals is providing string education to students who do not have easy access. The orchestra typically relies on donations to provide instruments and related equipment at low cost to students.



Board Member Ed Gordon recommended one of the grants to SEIYO because he's experienced the impact a similar program has had on his granddaughters.

"Both of my granddaughters thoroughly enjoyed playing in orchestra in high school," he said.

"I thought supporting the youth orchestra was a good way to go because I know it's a great experience for youth."

To learn more, visit seiyouthorchestra.org.

Other organizations that received \$1,000 Proactive Grants in 2024 recommended by the other 14 DCF volunteer board members:

Aurora Public Library
Dearborn County Historical Society
Dearborn County Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid
Hamline Chapel High Hope Café program
Heart House Inc.
I Voice, Inc.
Main Street Aurora
North Dearborn Community Park
North Dearborn Pantry
Open Door Thrift Store
St. Elizabeth Healthcare
St. Vincent de Paul of Dearborn County
Sunman Rural Fire Department
YES Home.



PROACTIVE GRANTS

TIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY



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 five new members to the Legacy Society in 2024, bringing the total number of honorees to 147. 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.

2024 Honorees

Terry and Linda Gellert for establishing the Terry and Linda Gellert East Central High School Fund, a designated endowment. The endowment supports the continuance of the East Central annual senior picnic and will at some point provide a scholarship for a graduating senior.

Karen Sue Cutter and her brother

Richard Harves for the establishment of the Robert and Natalie Harves Memorial Scholarship Fund, a designated endowment. This fund will provide support to South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars for a scholarship in their parents' memory.

Hoosier Hills Credit Union for the establishment of the Hoosier Hills Better for Our Community Fund, an unrestricted endowment. The endowment will provide DCF Board and staff with funds to make grants for changing needs in the community.

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
Karen Sue Cutter
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



DCF Executive Director Fred McCarter, center, presents a Legacy Society inductee plaque to Karen Sue Cutter and her brother Richard Harves for their establishment of the Robert and Natalie Harves Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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
Terry & Linda Gellert
P.G. Gentrup
Jeff Graf
Fred & Jody Grawey
The late Ruth Gulley Gray
Donna Hartman
Richard Harves
Mary Beth Hedrick
Larry & Marilyn Heffelmire
Mike & Loretta Heffelmire
Steve & Virginia Heffelmire
Debbie Hoffmeier
Daniel Honchell
Hoosier Hills Credit Union
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 Dallas 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 and former Board member in May 2024 with the passing of Noel "Chris" McHenry, 91, Aurora. McHenry was a founding member of the Dearborn Community Foundation Board of Directors and a longtime supporter of the organization.

McHenry, who was born northeast of New York City in Port Chester, NY, came to Dearborn County in 1950 and made her mark as a news reporter for the Cincinnati Post and The Enquirer before becoming the longtime on-air news director for WSCH radio.

"Everyone knew Chris and I'm blessed to have gotten to know her well while I also was in the news business at The Dearborn County Register in the 1990s," said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of DCF. "She was a professional in the news business. ... There's no doubt she cared about our community and preserving its history. She also was a caring person who wanted nothing but the best for others."

McHenry left an indelible mark on Dearborn County history in her role as the first Dearborn County Historian. She was a founding member of the board of directors of the Dearborn County Historical Society, and she cared about the county's history and worked very hard to make sure it was recorded for posterity.

McHenry organized and served on the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission and presented tours of Greendale Cemetery. She represented the historical interests on the Dearborn County Plan Advisory Committee. She was the chairperson and organizer of the 200th anniversary re-enactment of Lochry's Defeat (Indiana's other Revolutionary War Battle). She was the author of The Best Men of Westmoreland, a comprehensive history of the Lochry expedition and battle.

McHenry also compiled seven volumes of historic records including a listing of Dearborn County marriages prior to the burning of the county courthouse in 1826. She served on a multi-county Underground Railroad committee, compiled history of African Americans in Dearborn County and presented the findings at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. She prepared a successful appli-

cation to achieve National Historic Register status from the Vance-Tousey House, the home of Lawrenceburg's founder and now the home of the Dearborn County Historical Society's office/museum. She helped the local police and fire departments compile their histories and supplied research on fallen police officers for inclusion on the National Police Memorial. She was a winner of the National Genealogical Society's award, for her book on Indiana research "Finding Indiana Ancestors."

McHenry also presented historical programs at schools, libraries, and community organizations. She documented veterans of the American Revolution who lived/died in Dearborn County and documented the burial sites of 75 veterans in Dearborn County.

Along with serving on the Historical Society and DCF boards, McHenry served as a board member for the Lawrenceburg Public Library, Hillforest Historical Foundation, Indiana State Museum, and Family History Committee of the Indiana Historical Society.

McHenry was the wife of the late Robert McHenry; mother of Patricia (the late Chiqui) Yaniz, Susan (Tim) Dudgeon and Ernest (Emily) Deck; Stepmother of Jeff (Lori) McHenry, Marilyn (Kerry) Craig, and the late Steve McHenry; grandmother of Kris (Jamie) Kinnett and Zoe Deck; Great grandmother of Myles Kinnett; Sister of John Emelin.



Chris McHenry

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."

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

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 JoAnn Amberger
 Stanley & Bridget Ames
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 Aurora Fire Department
 Aurora Lions Club, Inc.
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 Michael & Teri Kiel
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MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In Memory of Nettie Andres
 Kaitlyn Pelsor

In Memory of Kendra Fischer
 Robert A. & Elizabeth A. Fischer

In Memory of Ann Lapp
 Hillforest Historical Foundation

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
 Andy Bates
 Elizabeth Bates
 Sydney Blodgett
 Angie Dowden
 Andrew Golomb
 Rick Rothhaas
 Gayle Stafford
 Gail Suiter

In Memory of Greg Minnich
 Lori Shaffnit

In Memory of Hazel M. Mitchell
 Annette Johnson
 Nicki PeGan

**Lee & Melinda Edgerton made
 contributions in memory of the
 following individuals:**
 Carroll & Doris Walker
 Telford Walker

YOUTH COUNCIL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN DEARBORN

The DCF Youth Council completed year 12 in 2024, 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 \$25,000 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 \$54,000. The Youth Council members annually make grant recommendations from the fund to worthy causes in the community. In 2024, grants totaling \$1,000 were awarded to the following organizations: St. Vincent de Paul, 1Voice, Heart House and Pregnancy Care Center.

Youth Council fundraising/community service efforts also led to projects im-



packing Dearborn County residents: The Council assembled and gifted "birthday bags" for the clients of Dearborn County Clearinghouse and North Dearborn Pan-

try. The bags include items like a birthday card, plates cake mix, candles etc. ... The Council also purchased craft and other supplies for Big Brothers Big Sisters (Lawrenceburg school-based program) and donated more food and hygiene items to the Community Blessing Boxes program. The Council helped with mailings and sorting diapers for the Pregnancy Care Center and 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@dearborncf.org.

2024 Contributors

Darlene Phillips made contributions in memory of the following individuals:

Lawrence Joerger
Violet Trossman

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

Martha Sedler
Betty Tyler
Betty Wismann

Jeremy Dilts made contributions in honor of the following individuals:

Angela & Harper Loewe
Charmaine Jodi Gleason
Judy Guss

CONTRIBUTIONS HONORING INDIVIDUALS

Marlyn Guss
Marlyn Guss & Family
Jennifer & Charles Jackson
Jeff & Megan Meyers
Jim & Carolyn Meyers
Mary Meyers
Sharen Meyers
Suzette & Donald Meyers
Blanche & Thom Schmidt

DCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2024 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 2024. 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 2024 DCF Board of Directors and officers are pictured below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mike McLaughlin
Chairperson
Greendale



Jon Strautman
President
Moore's Hill



Lisa Moorhead
Vice President
Aurora



Bridget Davidson
Treasurer
Manchester Twp.



Dave Lusby
Secretary
Dillsboro

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



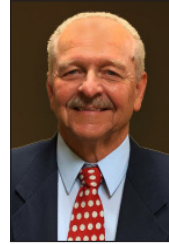
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Hidden Valley
Lake



Casey Finnegan
Dillsboro



Linda Gellert
Guilford



Ed Gordon*
Lawrenceburg



Michael Hollenbeck
Lawrenceburg



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Guilford



Jeanne Lehn
Lawrenceburg



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Greendale

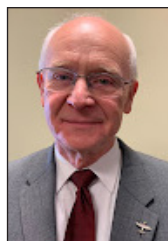


James Stock*
New Alsace



Jan Tyler
Aurora

THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2025



Jim Humphrey
Greendale



Andy Schoeff
Miller Township

*Term expired 2024

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.



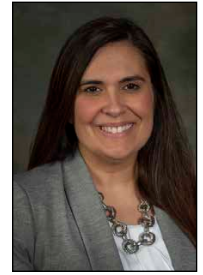
Fred McCarter



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 full-time 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.

2024 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*
Casey Finnegan*
Leigh Kem
Mark Neff
Kevin Schafer
Andy Schoeff
Bill Ward

Lilly Scholarship Committee

Linda Gellert*
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*
Gary Honchell*
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 2024 Board of Director's member



A park visitor takes advantage of the newly paved recreational path at North Dearborn Community Park. DCF awarded grants to help the park organization continue to raise funds to develop the new park in the populous North Dearborn community.

HEART OF GOLD AWARD

DCF HONORS THREE VOLUNTEERS FOR HAVING 'HEARTS OF GOLD'

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) is honoring three community volunteers as 2024 recipients of the Heart of Gold Award for touching the hearts of others through their volunteerism and other acts of kindness.

The Heart of Gold Award honorees deserve the recognition for making a difference in our community in their own unique ways, said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of the Dearborn Community Foundation. "They didn't seek this recognition, but they are role models for how all of us can have a positive impact on others."

The 2024 Heart of Gold honorees are given the privilege to serve on the "Heart of Gold Grants Committee." Each recipient recommends a proactive grant(s) totaling \$750 to a charitable organization that serves Dearborn County residents. The 2024 honorees were Phee Ellinghausen, Brenda Wheat and Ed Gordon.



Phee Ellinghausen



Brenda Wheat



Ed Gordon

HEART OF GOLD HONOREES

Phee Ellinghausen "gives all of herself when she commits to doing any project in the community," said fellow volunteer and friend, Jada Ankenbauer. "Everything she does is done with a servant's heart." For Ellinghausen, 83, a retired elementary school teacher of 41 years, her volunteerism is clearly about making a difference in her hometown of Aurora. Her volunteer involvement in the community she loves is significant, meaningful, and is often behind the scenes.

For starters, she's played organ at Aurora First Presbyterian Church for more than 60 years. She says she is not a professional organist, but one could argue she is a pro after 60-plus years. She's also a Deacon and is involved in many of the church's activities. She also volunteers to do "set-up" at the Fourth Street Café, which is a community dinner served every Tuesday night at the church, so anyone can attend and enjoy a free meal and socialize and enjoy fellowship.

Ellinghausen is also the longest living member of Hillforest Historical Foundation, Inc., the organization that preserves Hillforest Mansion/Museum, the beautiful mid-1850s Aurora home that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She's on the board of directors and volunteers at events to raise funds to maintain the historic home.

Ankenbauer says everything Ellinghausen does at Hillforest makes the organization better. "She does what she does with no fanfare. She's a very giving, service-oriented person. When she commits to doing something, she does it well."

Ellinghausen is also a member of the Aurora Garden Club – helping take care of plantings to make downtown Aurora stay beautiful; volunteering for 14 years at Dearborn County Clearinghouse; and she's involved in Aurora Tri Kappa's efforts to collect hygiene items for women and donate to St. Vincent de Paul and the Clearinghouse.

Ellinghausen says she does what she does as a volunteer because she likes "trying to make a difference in causes I believe in. We were put in this world to do good things. That's what I like to do. ... I'm having fun, and I hope I'm helping others."

Brenda Wheat is a long-distance runner who lives in a rural area with no sidewalks along North Dearborn Road. So, a few years ago she start-

ed running on the North Dearborn Elementary School property across the road from where she lives. Wheat was on a mission – training for two marathons. After observing others seeking a safer refuge to walk, run or bike, she began another mission with a few of her volunteer friends. ... A mission to establish North Dearborn Community Park..

"When I was training, I'd just run across the street at the school property because it was safe and I couldn't get hit by a car," she said. "When they shut down the school, I just kept running there and I wasn't the only one using the property." She observed how others were seeking a safer place to exercise or otherwise enjoy recreation on a path. Wheat approached Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation (S-DCSC), who owned the property about a potential community park there. Others helped pitch the idea to the school board and to help get non-profit status for North Dearborn Community Park (NDCP). NDPC signed a long-term lease with S-DCSC allowing for the establishment of the park. The first goal was to add a paved recreational path. (Subsequently, the park organization raised enough funds to build the recreational path, and the school corporation has also donated a portion of the old school property to the park organization.)

Wheat, 49, a human resources professional, also finds time to be a member of the East Central High School Boosters and serve on the HR Committee at the James B. Wismann YES Home. She also volunteered many years in youth sports when her husband Mike was highly involved as president of a youth league and her five children participated. "Brenda certainly cares about her community," said Amy Phillips, Executive Director of the YES Home. "She cares about others and making this a better community for all."

Wheat says she gives of her time as a community volunteer expecting nothing in return, something she learned from her mother, Nancy Jones. Helping others is the way she was raised. "You just go help when you can. Most people are like that. I can't take any credit for that. There are so many great people who do so many great things. I don't think I'm unique."

Ed Gordon taught CPR "as though he was on a personal mission for everyone to learn it," said Shannon Craig, Greendale Fire Chief and one of Ed's friends. "I learned CPR from Ed when he did a training for our Boy Scout troop." Craig says Gordon, 78, Lawrenceburg, was enthusiastic and you could tell he loved teaching CPR. "As a kid, when you go to a class and have fun doing it. It says a lot about an instructor. He really cared and was dedicated to teaching others to help save lives."

Gordon, who is retired now for 20 years, grew up in Aurora and lived 50 years of his life living in Greendale, where he was one of the founding members of Greendale Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) in 1986. He served 40 years as a volunteer on the Greendale Fire Department and nearly 30 years as a volunteer EMT for GEMS. What many might not know, though, is Ed taught thousands of people CPR from 1986-2019.

Gordon became an EMT in 1986 and started teaching CPR after officials at the then Dearborn County Hospital asked him to become an instructor. The hospital wanted to teach more people to learn CPR, so they asked Gordon to help. He taught CPR to more than 12,800 people from 1988 to 2019.

Gordon taught CPR at childcare centers, dentist offices, police departments, the county jail, government offices, businesses, schools and more. He learned CPR from a strict instructor and it "kind of made it stick with me." He credits the late Ray Furney, a health teacher and athletic trainer at Lawrenceburg High School, with encouraging him to teach CPR to students and staff.

One of Furney's students saved her grandmother, who had a heart attack, just two weeks after receiving the CPR training, said Gordon. "He called to let me know and it gave me chills. That's what made me keep going."

Gordon is also known as a volunteer in the charitable sector where he has served the last six years as a member of the DCF Board, including the roles of President and Chairperson. He also serves on the board of directors of the Hillforest Historical Foundation along with his wife of nearly two years, Brenda.

FINANCES

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,396,781	\$ 3,019,746
Certificates of deposit	2,210,658	1,675,196
Investments	26,213,173	24,034,496
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	531,701	566,389
Property and equipment, net	6,252	5,658
Other assets	<u>27,282</u>	<u>31,836</u>
	<u>\$ 33,385,847</u>	<u>\$ 29,333,321</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 14,545	\$ 13,225
Deferred revenue	6,500	60,000
Charitable gift annuities payable	-0-	3,885
Liability for funds held as agency endowments	7,495,734	7,167,726
Custodial funds	2,979,429	2,721,040
Other liabilities	<u>27,647</u>	<u>32,196</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,523,855</u>	<u>9,998,072</u>

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions:		
Operating	1,633,193	1,540,520
Board designated	1,336,370	960,375
Invested in property and equipment	<u>6,262</u>	<u>5,658</u>
	<u>2,975,815</u>	<u>2,506,553</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Restricted due to time restrictions	531,701	566,389
Endowment funds	<u>19,354,476</u>	<u>16,262,307</u>
	<u>19,886,177</u>	<u>16,828,696</u>
Total net assets	<u>22,861,992</u>	<u>19,335,249</u>
	<u>\$33,385,847</u>	<u>\$ 29,333,321</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Support and revenues		
Contributions	\$ 2,445,685	\$ 887,210
Investment return, net	1,404,508	2,158,281
Other investment income	256,246	121,652
Administrative fees	494,399	446,068
Change in value of split-interest agreements	6,797	7,208
Other revenue	<u>582</u>	<u>23,828</u>
Total support and revenues	4,608,217	3,644,247
Total expenses	<u>1,081,474</u>	<u>852,684</u>
Change in net assets	3,526,743	2,791,563
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>19,335,249</u>	<u>16,543,686</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 22,861,992</u>	<u>\$ 19,335,249</u>

An independent audit for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 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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