

# Times Like These



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**2009 Annual Report  
DETAILS**



## All in the Details

This year in order to reduce the cost of our printed annual report, we reduced the number of pages in the printed version. We kept those components of the printed report that our donors and friends tell us they enjoy reading about the most: donor and grant impact stories.

Still, we wanted to provide information about all the details...which grants were awarded, who won scholarships, what happened at the Heart of Gold reception and who participated in the Community Foundation's endowment challenge.

Here are those details. Details made possible through the generosity of our donors.

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## Agency Endowment Challenge

For the past several years, the Community Foundation has used a portion of our Community Funds to support a special initiative to meet a particular community need. At the end of 2008, having just successfully completed our own efforts to raise money for our operating endowment, we decided to issue a challenge to area nonprofits.

We often hear from nonprofits that operating dollars are the hardest to raise. Fundraising is easiest for specific projects or new initiatives, which are important. But dollars to pay the staff, rent, utilities and other fixed costs are essential.

The challenge...for every \$1 that a Kosciusko County nonprofit could raise (up to \$4,000) toward their operating endowment fund held at the Community Foundation, we matched with \$1.50. Nonprofits who maximized the challenge saw their \$4,000 investment turn into a \$10,000 endowment, from which they will receive an annual stream of revenue.



*Operating dollars can be hard to find. A matching grant opportunity by the Community Foundation helped 24 nonprofits raise operating endowment dollars.*

Twenty-four nonprofits participated. They were:

ACRES Land Trust, Inc.

Animal Welfare League

Baker Youth Clubs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana

Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko County

Camp Alexander Mack

Cardinal Services, Inc. of Indiana

CASA of Kosciusko County, Inc.

Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship for  
MasterWorks

Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc.

Grace Village Retirement Community

Habitat for Humanity of Kosciusko County

Housing Opportunities of Warsaw

Integrated Community Development International

Junior Achievement serving Tippecanoe Valley,  
Warsaw & Wawasee Schools

Kosciusko County 4-H Council, Inc.

Kosciusko County Historical Society

Kosciusko County Right to Life - Education Fund

Kosciusko Literacy Services, Inc.

Lakeland Art Association

Tippecanoe Environmental Lake & Watershed  
Foundation

Warsaw Biblical Gardens

Warsaw Education Foundation

Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, Inc.



# Community Grants

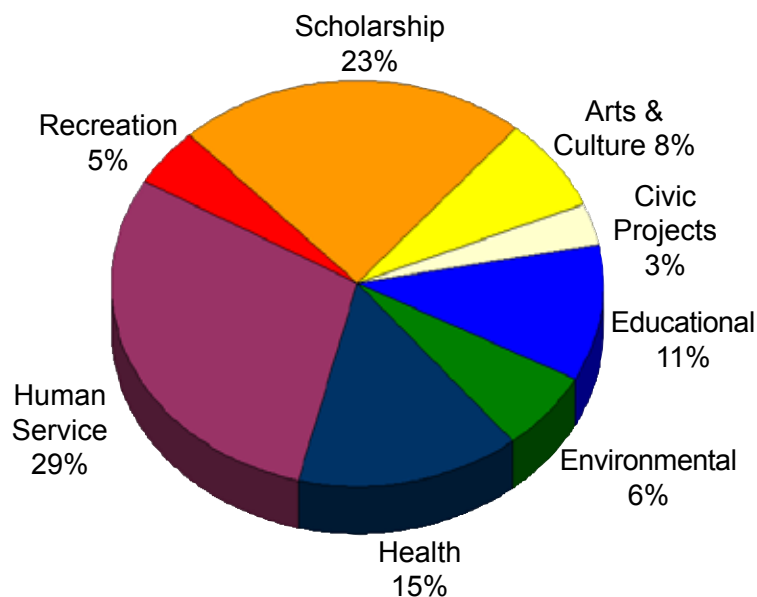
Grants from Community Funds are made possible by donors who direct us to use their gifts wherever the needs are greatest. Typically, these funds are accessed by nonprofit organizations through an application process.

Organization/Program	Purpose	Amount
ACRES Land Trust, Inc.	Directional signage	\$2,500
Agency Endowment Challenge	Matching dollars to Kosciusko County nonprofits that raised money for their operating endowments	\$135,248
Akron Church of God/Wee Care Daycare	Childcare subsidies for low income families from Kosciusko County	\$2,700
Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana	Programs for Kosciusko County Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers	\$900
Baker Youth Clubs	Computers for Homework Helpers program	\$5,000
Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum, Inc.	Paint and labor for restoration of a Bell 47-G helicopter	\$1,500
The Otis R. Bowen Center, Inc.	Acquire land in Enchanted Hills for community program use	\$20,000
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana	Care and support of Kosciusko County cancer patients	\$7,500
Cardinal Services, Inc.	Furniture and computers Laptops and software for Healthy Families program	\$4,000 \$4,535
CASA of Kosciusko County, Inc.	Recruitment and training of volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children	\$4,000
Children's Hope House	Underwrite overnight stays of Kosciusko County families whose children receive medical care in Ft. Wayne hospitals	\$25,000
Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship	Operating support for MasterWorks	\$11,000
Church on the Rock of Warsaw, Inc.	Rubber mulch for daycare playground	\$5,000
College Mentors for Kids	Expand mentoring program at Jefferson Elementary	\$5,000
Etna Green Museum	Matching grant for the establishment of the Etna Green Museum	\$12,500
Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Inc.	Support for community and educational concerts and programs	\$3,000
Habitat for Humanity of Kosciusko County	Building materials for home in Syracuse	\$10,000
Harvest with a Heart	Expansion of community garden space	\$2,415
Heart of Gold	Grants to nonprofits in honor of Heart of Gold recipients	\$10,000
Heartline Pregnancy Center, Inc.	Preschool program materials	\$5,000
Housing Opportunities of Warsaw, Inc.	Emergency home repairs for low income home owners	\$18,150
Junior Achievement serving Warsaw and Tippecanoe Valley Schools	Educational program for first graders	\$3,500
Kosciusko County Council on Aging and Aged, Inc.	Copier	\$2,541
Kosciusko County Soccer League	New soccer equipment	\$5,200
Kosciusko Literacy Services, Inc.	Read to Grow Children's Book Club program	\$10,000
Lake Area Community Band	Timpani drum	\$500
Lakeland Community Concert Association	Concert venue and bringing "America's Favorite Tenor" to work with WCHS Chorale	\$1,200
Lakeland Community Services, Inc.	Childcare subsidies for low income families	\$3,000
Lakeland Youth Center	Upgrade bathrooms to be handicapped accessible	\$10,000



Organization/Program	Purpose	Amount
LifeQuest	Support of study circles to address community needs	\$6,000
Manchester College	Indiana Reading Corps program for Kosciusko County	\$3,000
National Philanthropy Week	Grants awarded to nonprofits during National Philanthropy Week	\$150
North Webster Community Center, Inc.	Teen outreach program	\$3,500
North Webster Community Public Library	Security system	\$3,500
North Webster Youth League	Renovation of youth sports complex	\$10,000
Northeastern Center/New Hope Clubhouse	Furnishings for new center	\$4,000
Riley Children's Foundation	Camp scholarships for children with disabilities to attend Camp Riley	\$5,550
Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, Inc.	Underwrite stays of Kosciusko County families whose children receive care at Riley Children's Hospital	\$500
The Rose Home North	Facility renovation and educational materials	\$12,000
SCAN, Inc.	Child abuse and neglect prevention workshops	\$1,000
Serenity House, Inc.	Purchase a house for their Phase II Transitional Housing program for recovering alcoholics	\$25,000
Society of St. Andrew	Support of gleaning and distribution of produce in Kosciusko County to benefit low income individuals	\$3,000
Symphony of the Lakes, Inc.	Concert support	\$13,350
Syracuse Community Preschool	Art center and supplies	\$788
Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Charitable Foundation	Training and education center for Boy Scouts	\$5,000
WNIT 34 Michiana Public Television	Regional mobile broadcast unit	\$10,000
Yellow Creek Conservation Club	Matching funds for an engineering study of the lake	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$439,227</b>

**Grant Allocation**  
represents grantmaking from all funds



The information in this report reflects activity from 7/1/08 to 6/30/09.



# KEYS Grantmaking

Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services (KEYS) is the Community Foundation's youth philanthropy group. Made up of 8th-12th graders from Lakeland Christian, Tippecanoe Valley, Warsaw and Wawasee School Corporations, these young people learn about service, teamwork and grantmaking. KEYS members manage two grant cycles per school year. They promote the availability of grants, review grant applications and make grant award recommendations. Additionally, they perform service projects.

2008-2009 KEYS Grants included:

Organization/School	Purpose	Amount
Akron Elementary School	White boards, storage centers and math manipulatives for 3rd graders	\$484
	Zoophonics and musical CDs to teach phonics to Kindergarten students	\$300
Beaver Dam Preschool/United Methodist Church	Digital camera and a kitchen set for preschool	\$230
Cardinal Services, Inc.	Toy farm equipment for HeadStart program	\$200
Edgewood Middle School	Ant farm supplies for 7th graders	\$211
	Videos for health class	\$509
	Paint supplies and workshop fee for "Cornbelt Cowboy" art workshop	\$450
	Books for 7th graders	\$594
Greater Warsaw Cooperative Preschool	Indoor/outdoor play equipment and toys	\$590
Kosciusko Community YMCA	Support of Healthy Kids Day	\$376
Kosciusko County Headstart	Educational toys, games, materials	\$800
Kosciusko Literacy Services	Literacy materials for jail GED program	\$500
Lakeland Christian Academy	Science lab tools and materials	\$350
	Independent living skills development program for special needs students	\$540
Lakeland Community Learning Center	Literacy materials	\$477
Lakeview Middle School	LCD projector speakers and microphone	\$50
	Paperback novels	\$375
Leesburg Elementary School	Vocabulary program for students who are learning English	\$230
	Math puzzles and games	\$267
	Percussion instruments and curriculum	\$500
Lincoln Elementary School	Subscription to "Reading Connection"	\$379
Madison Elementary School	Books for English as a Second Language students	\$450
Mentone Elementary School	Audio books and cooking supplies to teach life skills to learning disabled students	\$225
	Toys for special needs students	\$293
Milford Elementary and Middle School	Materials for the Peer Buddy program	\$195
	Guitars for music exploration program	\$375
	New drum set for middle school band	\$882



<b>Organization/Project</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
New Beginnings Child Care, Inc.	Health and science program materials	\$659
North Webster Community Center, Inc.	Music and art supplies for teen center	\$300
Read Across Kosciusko County	Books and materials to promote reading among 2nd graders	\$2,150
Teen Parents Succeeding, Inc.	Childcare curriculum materials	\$1,000
Tippecanoe Valley High School	Materials for Manufacturing Technology classes to build furniture	\$202
	Cordless power tools for Construction Technology classes	\$130
Tippecanoe Valley Middle School	Robot kits for Lego Robotics Club	\$684
Warsaw Community High School	Printing of "Veteran Legacy" books, a student publication of World War II veteran interviews	\$1,000
	Scripts and royalties for theater classes	\$410
	Writer resource library and workshops	\$250
	School lunches for low income students	\$500
	Registration fees for leadership conference	\$500
	Admission to Holocaust Museum for freshman field trip	\$171
Warsaw Community School Corp.	Grant to Harrison Elementary School 4th graders to teach them about philanthropy	\$400
Washington Elementary School	Problem solving activities for 2nd-4th graders	\$130
	Picture books for Kindergarten classes	\$720
Wawasee High School	Materials to build a vehicle for the Super Mileage challenge	\$250
Wawasee Middle School	60 copies of novel <u>The Night</u>	\$540
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,828</b>



# Heart of Gold

We continued our annual tradition of recognizing everyday citizens who serve others in extraordinary ways with our Heart of Gold event, which was held in June. At the celebration, 69 people were recognized. Each recipient received a Heart of Gold pin to wear, a certificate, and a Community Foundation grant to recommend to the qualified charity of their choice.

Grants made in honor of Heart of Gold recipients:

Organization	Amount	Organization	Amount
Baker Youth Clubs	\$100	Kosciusko County Community Foundation - GED Fund	\$300
Beaman Home	\$550	Kosciusko County Community Foundation - Good Samaritan Fund	\$50
The Otis R. Bowen Center, Inc.	\$100	Kosciusko County Community Foundation - Operating Fund	\$1,150
Cardinal Services, Inc. of Indiana	\$1,200	Kosciusko County Community Foundation - Optimist Scholarship Fund	\$50
CASA of Kosciusko County, Inc.	\$150	Kosciusko County Community Foundation - Kenneth and Cecile Parks Memorial Scholarship for Nursing Fund	\$100
Combined Community Services	\$350	Kosciusko County Council on Aging and Aged, Inc.	\$600
God's Highway to Heaven Church	\$50	Kosciusko County Special Olympics	\$200
Gospel Hill Silver Lake Food Pantry	\$200	Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, Inc.	\$250
Grace Village Retirement Community	\$50	Kosciusko Literacy Services, Inc.	\$100
Harrison Elementary School	\$100	Leesburg Lions Club	\$100
Harvest with a Heart	\$950	North Webster Community Public Library	\$100
Heartline Pregnancy Center	\$600	Our Father's House	\$650
Indiana Youth Rugby Foundation	\$500	Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School	\$100
K21 Health Foundation, Inc.	\$100	Salvation Army	\$200
Kosciusko County Chapter American Red Cross	\$150	Syracuse Food Pantry	\$100
Kosciusko County Community Foundation - Jeremiah J. Anglin Memorial Fund	\$1,000	Wawasee Kiwanis Club	\$250
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,450</b>



# Kosciusko REMC Operation Round Up

Kosciusko REMC members have the option to round up their monthly electricity bills to the nearest dollar. The extra cents are deposited into the Kosciusko REMC Operation Round Up Fund held at the Community Foundation. Grants are awarded from the fund six times each year.

The following grants were awarded from the Kosciusko REMC Operation Round Up Fund:

Organization/Project	Purpose	Amount
ACRES Land Trust	Bio-Blitz camping weekend at Wildwood	\$500
Anthony Wayne Area Council, Inc. Boy Scouts	Camp scholarships for low-income Kosciusko County scouts	\$1,035
Baker Youth Clubs	Free dinners for members who cannot afford to pay	\$5,000
The Beaman Home	Laptop, software, projector and screen	\$2,400
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, Inc.	Support for mentoring relationships in Kosciusko County	\$1,900
Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko County, Inc.	Freezer for Kids Café	\$6,000
Cardinal Services, Inc. of Indiana	Construction of a shelter over wheelchair loading area Cabinetry and sink for client lunchroom Exterior facility improvements and new signage	\$1,000 \$2,000 \$3,500
The Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship	General support for MasterWorks	\$1,500
College Mentors for Kids	Mentor program matching Jefferson Elementary with Grace College students	\$5,000
Etna Green Museum Project	Establishment of the Etna Green Museum	\$2,525
Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Inc.	Support for Holiday Pops and Patriotic Pops concerts in Kosciusko County	\$1,000
GED Fund	Help establishing a fund that will help pay GED exam fees for low income individuals	\$1,000
Gospel Hill Silver Lake Community Food Pantry	Walk-in freezer	\$2,500
Grace College & Seminary	Launch the Northern Indiana Lakes Festival	\$2,100
Grace in ACTION USA, Inc.	Conduct pilot program to introduce life skills training to children ages five to eight.	\$2,000
Habitat for Humanity of Kosciusko County	Support for a poverty seminar	\$1,550
Health Care Foundation of Kosciusko County, Inc.	Parent resource Library at BABE Boutique Support of BABE program	\$1,700 \$5,000
Housing Opportunities of Warsaw, Inc.	Weatherization presentation, materials and kits	\$6,000
Lakeland Community Services, Inc.	Childcare tuition subsidies for low-income families	\$3,000
New Beginnings Child Care, Inc.	Summer fieldtrips and educational programs	\$1,143
North Webster Community Public Library	Closed circuit video security system	\$1,025
Serenity House, Inc.	Purchase of a Phase II house for men in their alcohol recovery program	\$5,000
Syracuse Food Pantry	Commercial grade freezer	\$2,500
Syracuse-Turkey Creek Twp. Public Library	Centennial Year Celebration activities	\$557
Warsaw Fire Department	Play it Safe Family Safety Day	\$3,000
Warsaw Community Development Corp.	Lincoln Highway/Downtown Days Festival	\$500
Warsaw Community High School	Training film for peer tutor class Step-One U.S. History trip to 2009 Presidential Inauguration	\$145 \$3,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,080</b>



# Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Community Foundation awarded scholarships totaling over \$424,000 to 224 area students pursuing college, university or trade school education.

## 2008-2009 scholarship recipients included:

Amy Abbitt	Lindsey Drent	Erika Ksiezopolski	Janice Scoles
Zachary Adams	Daphne Duncan	Alysha Kuhn	Daniel Scott
Jennifer Addison	Natalie Duncan	Anna Lackey	Anna Seney
Tara Akers	Kaitlin Eads	Nicole Lambert	Brandi Shepherd
Tyler Akers	Chelsea Eaton	Bailey Land	Hilary Shepherd
Julia Allen	Amy Eikenberry	Rachael Larson	Hayden Shock
Jaclyn Amiss	Michelle Engel	Kiira Leeper	Alexandra Shoemaker
Jacqueline Anders	Kimberly England	Laila Lemcharfi	Amanda Skibowski
Heather Anderson	Crystal Ensz	Joshua Light	Brooklynne Slabaugh
Zachary Anderson	Jocelyn Evans	Alexis Lisenbee	Renee Small
Chelsea Armacost	Megan Evilsizor	Kyra Lollar	Kaci Smith
Heather Beene	Jamie Fivecoate	Susana Martinez	Sharon Smith
Caitlynn Bennett	Courtney Flannery	Laura Matti	Lauren Smolen
Lucas Blakeslee	Angel Fletter	Michael Matti	Cory Snep
Eugene Bodin	Lindsay Francis	Brennan McAdams	Carlye Snider
Jonathan Boggs	Rily Franklin	Ashley McAfoose	Derek Snodgrass
Krista Bornman	Lindsey Franks	Nicholas Metzger	Jakayla Snodgrass
Corey Boschet	Denton Frazier	Cynthia Miller	Anilyn Soriano
Justin Braden	Shanda Fredericks	Ashlie Montel	Cecilia Southworth
Crystal Bray	Erik Fussle	Adam Moss	Branden Sowers
Emily Breeden	Jessica Ganshorn	Seth Mowrey	Jessica Spearman
Austin Brenneman	Jessica Ghormley	Kaitlyn Murphy	Brenna Staton
Kaleena Briar	Anushri Gokhale	Ryan Murphy	Desrah Stockberger
William Baxter Brown	Jennifer Goshert	Sena Muta	Carolyn Strunk
William Logan Brown	Kayla Graff	Brianna Myers	Trent Stutzman
Bryan Brumbaugh	Amy Green	Kelsey Nicholson	Emily Swartz
Lindsey Bruner	Erika Green	Courtney Ogle	Elizabeth Tat
Cheri Bryan	Johanna Gymrek	Steven Palladino	Alyssa Taylor
Bobbie Butler	Jenna Haab	Marilyn Park	Kristen Taylor
Chase Byerly	Johanna Habegger	Breanna Parker	Jaclyn Thallemer
Brenna Byrer	Justin Hamman	Garrett Penn	Amanda Treiber
Samantha Carney	Megan Hanson	Mariana Perez	Francois Truong
Amanda Carpenter	Autumn Harley	Aaron Peters	Michael Truong
Janet Chavez	Krystal Harley	Philip Pifer	Tanya Valdizon
Emily Christner	Adam Hawkins	Heather Piper	Christopher Valentine
Christina Clark	Jessica Hermsillo	Jamie Plake	Rachel Voorhorst
Nicole Clark	Catherine Hershberger	Spencer Plummer	Megan Walker
Samuel Cole	Margaret Hershberger	Trenton Porter	Brooke Walters
Elizabeth Compson	Andrea Hickman	Angela Prater	Martha Walthers
Jaclyn Conley	Dana Hicks	Lauren Prater	Deanna Warren
Catherine Cooke	Angela Hillery	Tamanna Ranadive	Victoria Warren
Emma Coppes	Shane Hinkle	Ashton Rank	Heidi Warstler
Jillinda Corson	Michelle Hohman	Adam Rea	Annalyse Watters
Rebecca Courtney	Julene Holladay	Chelsy Rhoades	Kacy Weaver
Curtis Coverstone	Krista Hoover	Ethan Rhoades	Sydney Webb
Yesenia Cruz	Ashley Howard	Rachel Rhoades	Marc Whetstone
Kristen Damon	David Hudson	Kelly Richard	Nichelle Whitehead
Kelly Darr	Misti Hughes	Shae Robison-Burkholder	Anna Wilcoxson
Jessica David	Lauren Hunter	Steven Rockey	Elisabeth Wilcoxson
Stefani Davis	Tiffany Janofski	Brittony Rogers	Jane Wildman
Heather Deal	Michele Johnson	Grant Ruch	Victoria Wilson
Michelle DeGeeter	Blayke Kaufman	Jenna Ruch	Kristin Wilson Tilton
Ryan DeGeeter	Benjamin Kawsy	Erich Sale	Julia Wise
Lauren Doctor	Melissa Kawsy	Brooke Salla	April Yocum
	Trey Kempton	Timothy Sammons	Kristin Yocum
	Anna Klatt	Teryn Sapper	Briana Yoder
	Ashley Koldyke	Jayma Schultis	



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