

# Catalyst

A SPARK. A CHANGE. A BEGINNING... FOR GOOD THINGS.

## \$30 Million in Grants Since 1992

In our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, we reached a grantmaking milestone: \$30 million in grants awarded since 1992. Wow! To us, this milestone represents more than a dollar figure. It represents many donors who have trusted us with their charitable gifts. It represents nonprofit organizations who are doing good work and inviting the Community Foundation to partner with them. It represents faithful grant committee and board volunteers who take seriously their commitment to steward the donations that have been entrusted to us.

The Community Foundation has been in existence since 1968, so why the focus on grantmaking since 1992? A little history lesson... between 1968 and 1992, the Community Foundation accumulated ten scholarship funds totaling \$400,000 in assets. The Foundation was governed by a volunteer board of directors and had no paid staff. So, the Community Foundation was doing important work in the area of scholarships between 1968 and 1992, but our impact was restricted by our asset size and the lack of diversity in the types of funds we held.

In 1993, we participated in a GIFT challenge offered by Lilly Endowment Inc. (LEI), which aimed to build endowments and broaden the grantmaking impact of Community Foundations. The Community Foundation used the \$500,000 grant from LEI to match donations made to establish charitable endowment funds.

During the 1992 fiscal year, the Community Foundation awarded \$17,450 in grants from all funds. Fast forward to today in which we award over \$2 million annually.

We hope you enjoy a little trip down memory lane as we share with you in this issue some of the photo highlights of \$30 million in grantmaking. THANK YOU for your support of the Community Foundation!



**FOUNDATION BENEFITS CCAC** — The City-County Athletic Complex was one of 10 projects throughout Kosciusko County which the Kosciusko County Foundation selected to receive a portion of \$100,000 in matching grant money. The CCAC will receive \$68,000. Pictured from left are Dave Montgomery, CCAC president; Neal Carlson, executive director of the Kosciusko County Foundation; and Warsaw Mayor Jeff Plank.

*The City County Athletic Complex received a \$68,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation in 1993 to help create the multi-use amateur athletic complex. Pictured (left to right) are then CCAC President Dave Montgomery, Community Foundation Executive Director Neal Carlson and Warsaw Mayor Jeff Plank.*



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## Grant Milestone - \$30 Million!



*The Community Foundation was an early supporter of bicycle/pedestrian trails in Warsaw, Winona Lake and Syracuse. Support of the trails between 1999-2016 exceeded \$139,000. The boardwalk portion of the Beyer Farm Trail, shown here, was one grant supported project.*



*A \$100,000 grant to Ivy Tech Foundation in 2006 helped purchase the land for Ivy Tech's permanent campus in Warsaw. Prior to 2006, Ivy Tech had several temporary, leased locations.*



*A grant to Lakeland Community Daycare in 2004 helped reopen the facility that serves children and families in the Syracuse area.*



*A grant in 2002 helped renovate a former gas station lot into a park and wildlife habitat in Silver Lake.*

# Thank You Donors

for making \$30 million in grants possible!!

## Preschool Expansion - A Collaborative Effort



In June, Governor Holcomb announced that Kosciusko County would be added to the state's On My Way PreK program. That announcement came after the United Way of Kosciusko County, in partnership with Kosciusko County Community Foundation, Head Start, Early Childhood Alliance and area school corporations submitted an application to be included in the pilot program. The Community Foundation awarded a \$10,000

grant toward the match required by local communities. On My Way PreK will provide free preschool experiences for four-year-olds from low-income families throughout the county and is scheduled to begin serving children as early as January 2018. This initiative is a great example of community partners working together to meet a need.

*We were recently privileged to host Joy Carlson and her daughter, Sue Mock, to see the recently installed Neal and Joy Carlson Legacy Society display in our office. The legacy display is a permanent testament to our appreciation for the Carlsons' loyal and generous support. Members of the legacy society are those who have made a commitment to include a gift to the Community Foundation in their estate. Pictured with Joy (left) and Sue (right) is Development Director, Brenda Rigdon (center).*



Are you a nonprofit staff or volunteer member? Would you like to network with other nonprofit leaders to learn and share?

Join us for **Collaborate Kosciusko**, a casual gathering 4-6 times a year, held from 8-9 a.m. in our building where topics important to you are discussed. To be included, email [AmyC@kcfoundation.org](mailto:AmyC@kcfoundation.org).

### Our Mission:

By bringing caring people and charitable endeavors together, we make donor dreams shine for the good of our community.



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# Upcoming Events

September

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### Nonprofit Workshop

Fundraising Communication expert, Tom Ahern, will present a full-day workshop. Learn more at <https://connect.kcfoundation.org>.

October

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### KEYS Grant Application Deadline, 4:30 p.m.

Learn more at <https://KCFoundation.org/grants-supporting-education>.

November

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### Community Funds Grant Application Deadline, 4:30

Learn more at <https://KCFoundation.org/community-funds>

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### Kosciusko REMC Operation Round Up Grant Application Deadline, 4:30 p.m.

Learn more at <https://KCFoundation.org/kremc>.

November

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### Professional Advisor Workshop - Small business & farm succession planning

Laura Hansen Dean will present "In Laws, Out Laws, and Other Laws: What You Should Know About Small Business & Family Farm Succession Planning." Continuing education credits available. Learn more at <https://connect.kcfoundation.org>.

November

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### Annual Celebration

We will celebrate the accomplishments made possible by our donors, volunteers and community partners. Details to be announced!

December

13 -31

### Deadline to Initiate Year-End Gifts

To ensure a gift is completed by 12/31/17, mutual funds should be initiated by 12/13. Stock gifts should be initiated by 12/18. Cash or check gifts must be hand delivered to our office by Friday 12/29 by 4:30 p.m. or postmarked by 12/30. Credit card gifts must be completed online by 12/31.

**Fundraising Fridays:** Area nonprofits are invited to join us for Lunch-and-Learn sessions on the first Friday of each month from 12-1 p.m. Sessions are free but seating is limited and registration is required by calling 574-267-1901 or emailing [Brenda@kcfoundation.org](mailto:Brenda@kcfoundation.org)