

SPRING 2019

# Catalyst

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

## Triple Your Investment in Our Community!

Right now, through Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) initiative, every dollar you give to Community/Unrestricted Funds will be matched 2:1, up to \$500,000 — putting a total of \$1.5 million to work in our community!

You can touch the lives of people you'll never even meet, right here at home, forever. Community/Unrestricted Funds help us respond to changing needs in Kosciusko County. Grants from Community/Unrestricted Funds help support programs that provide services and resources to low-income families, provide arts and cultural experiences in our area, support victims of domestic violence, nonprofit child care programs, trails and recreational projects and so much more!



Rob and Renee Parker started a Community Fund at the Foundation to help enhance the Kosciusko Community with a gift that will continue for generations to come. "We established a Community Fund to be able to enhance our community through gifts that will live on into perpetuity," Rob stated. "While making the donation was sacrificial, it is awesome to see how many organizations and projects this fund has helped. The Foundation is critical to the success of our community. They are the catalyst for change and always have a finger on the pulse of the community. I believe the

Foundation will always be looking for ways to improve our quality of place and our quality of life, and we're proud to be partners with such a reputable organization."

Gifts of any amount can be made to our already established Community/Unrestricted Funds. If you would like to create a Community/Unrestricted Fund in your name, you may do so with a gift of \$5,000 or more. There are several ways to give, including cash or check, an online credit card gift at [kcfoundation.org/donate](http://kcfoundation.org/donate) (designate gift to "Community/Unrestricted Funds"), appreciated assets like stock or real estate or crops and livestock.

The deadline for us to reach our \$500,000 goal is December 31, 2020. However, we anticipate this match campaign will be popular and match dollars will be awarded on a first given, first matched basis.



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**COMMUNITY  
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*Where Donor Dreams Shine.*



## Boyd and Jane Wear Use Their Experience to Support Others

In one year, 57.7 million Americans experience a mental health disorder, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This means 1 out of 17 people in the U.S. lives with a mental illness, and only 60% of those struggling receive mental health care. Therefore, many family members and friends play a large role in helping support those with a mental illness.

These statistics have become very personal for Boyd and Jane Wear, as they have a close family member who lives with a mental illness. They have experienced firsthand the challenges families have to navigate to get help for their loved ones. Barriers, such as a lack of local resources, can be daunting. The Wears have met several other families in the Kosciusko community who also have trouble navigating the system, learning coping strategies, advocating for their loved one and identifying sources of support. Most have to travel to Fort Wayne for classes or support groups.



This is why Boyd and Jane started the Kosciusko County Mental Health Services Fund. They wanted to establish a local resource for family and friends of those living with a mental illness and put means in place to guide people through crisis.

Boyd and Jane anticipate the growth of the fund and are hoping more community members will support the cause. “Establishing the fund is just the first step,” Jane explained. “We are also wanting to begin a support group for the families of those living with a mental illness. We want to work with mental health care entities and other resources in the community to form a strong network.”

Through her work at Cardinal Services in Kosciusko County, Jane learned there is always room for improvement in helping others. Over the 40 years she was at the organization, she worked with people with developmental disabilities and helped evaluate their work skills for potential job opportunities. She was the CEO of the organization for 20 years before she retired.

After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering, Boyd worked for Dalton Foundry until 2009 when he started working for Warsaw Engineering and Fabricating. Together, Boyd and Jane share many favorite interests. They love to travel to national parks and anywhere else they can hike and enjoy the outdoors. They both serve on scholarship review committees at the Community Foundation, volunteer as cancer patient drivers and attend Warsaw Community Church.

Boyd and Jane appreciate the progressive, vibrant community of Kosciusko County and the way people come together to accomplish things for the greater good. They would encourage future generations not to lose sight of a desire to assist others. “It’s all about people,” Jane shared. “It’s not about stuff. Life is about helping, mentoring and supporting others.” Boyd concluded with the simple mantra, “It doesn’t cost anything to be kind.” Through their desire to lend a helping hand to the families of those experiencing a mental health condition, Boyd and Jane Wear are leaving a shining legacy in Kosciusko County.

**Get help creating your charitable gift  
plan at [www.kccfgift.org](http://www.kccfgift.org)**



**2019 Barn & Business Breakfast**  
March 5, 2019  
6:30-8:30 a.m.

At the  
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center  
at Grace College

**Speaker:**  
Chuck Surack, CEO and Founder of  
Sweetwater Sound  
“Becoming a Business of Choice for Both  
Customers and Employees”

**AND...**

Grace College will have an exciting  
announcement about their Farmer certification  
program

**Get on Board!**  
April 30, 2019  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

At the  
Center Lake Pavilion  
119 East Canal Street  
Warsaw, IN 46580

Area nonprofits are working to  
meet community needs,  
but they can't do it alone.

“Get on Board” offers a “getting to  
know you” opportunity for  
community members and local  
nonprofits seeking board members  
and other types of volunteers.

Join us for the nonprofit fair, providing  
you with an opportunity to visit  
various booths in search of the  
perfect match for your skills as a  
volunteer.

These events are free, but registration is required. Register at [www.kcfoundation.org/rsvp](http://www.kcfoundation.org/rsvp).



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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

March

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### Community Funds Grant Application Deadline

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

April

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Location: Center Lake Pavilion  
4:30 pm-6:30 pm  
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March

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May

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### KREMC Operation Round Up Grant Application Deadline

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

March

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### Scholarship Application Deadline

4:30 pm  
Learn more at:  
<https://kcfoundation.org/scholarships>