

Catalyst

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

A Young Life, A Tremendous Legacy

Each year, grants from Community/Unrestricted funds impact the lives of Kosciusko County community members. These grants respond to the changing needs in our county and 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.

Without the support of donors, these meaningful grants would not be possible. Donors choose to give for a variety of reasons. For Gideon Cook's mom, Keri, she chose to establish this fund to give back to the community that has been incredibly supportive of her and her family since Gideon tragically passed away on June 10, 2019 at only 8 years old.



Gideon is remembered as a loving, light spirited little boy who loved to go on adventures, ride his dirt bike, and play with his sisters and his friends. Keri established the Gideon Orion Cook Memorial Fund, saying, "God needed Gideon now, but this community wasn't done with him." This fund allows Keri to help provide support to others and ensure Gideon's life, while cut much too short, will leave an impact on our community, forever.

You, too, can impact the lives of your community members, now and forever. No matter your circumstances, you can make a difference. Gifts to one of our already established Community/Unrestricted funds, such as the Gideon Orion Cook Memorial Fund, are accepted in any amount. If you would like to memorialize a loved one or create a fund in your name, you can establish a named Community/

Unrestricted fund with a gift of \$5,000 or more. Gifts can also be accepted in many forms: cash, check, stock, real estate, crops, or livestock. To make online donations, visit kcfoundation.org/donate.

The Gideon Orion Cook Memorial Fund was one of the funds that helped Kosciusko County and the Community Foundation reach the \$500,000 matching goal in response to Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) initiative, bringing a total of \$1.5 million into our community. Read more about this in the article titled "Kosciusko County Rose to the Challenge" on the next page.



Kosciusko County Rose to the Challenge

In December 2018, the Community Foundation was challenged by Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) to raise \$500,000 in community (unrestricted) fund endowments. We are extremely pleased to announce that as of January 6, 2020, our donors have risen to the task and met that challenge!

Community/Unrestricted Funds provide the Foundation with the flexibility to meet the changing needs of our community, forever. During GIFT VII, every dollar given to Community/Unrestricted Funds was matched with \$2 by Lilly Endowment. Through this challenge, we have secured a total of \$1.5 million to put back to work in our community!

Kosciusko County is full of generous donors who genuinely care about the future of our community. Thank you to all who have helped us achieve this goal and serve the citizens of Kosciusko County!

We Are Celebrating!



Long-time Kosciusko County Community Foundation CEO, Suzie Light, recently announced that she will step down from her position as CEO effective, March 1, 2020, in anticipation of her full retirement, effective June 30, 2020. In appreciation for Suzie's excellent leadership and service over the past 27 years, the Community Foundation will host an open house style retirement reception in her honor. We hope you can join us! RSVP required by calling 574-267-1901 or online at kcfoundation.org/events.

When: Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Winona Heritage Room, 901 Park Ave., Winona Lake

Considering Your Legacy?

Do you currently support charitable organizations with financial gifts each year? You can build a legacy for yourself by leaving a bequest to the Community Foundation in your will to establish an endowment fund for the charitable organization that means so much to you. This type of gift is important for long term sustainability of your favorite charity. Every year, they will receive funding from your bequest, forever. Contact your attorney and ask them about leaving a bequest - in most cases it can be done with a codicil to the will, and the cost is minimal.



For more information, visit www.kccfgift.org

Check Out Our Newly Designed Website

www.kcfoundation.org



2020 Barn & Business Breakfast
March 5, 2020
6:30-8:30 a.m.

At the
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center
at Grace College

Speaker:
Rachel Blakeman, Director,
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Community Research Institute

"Community and Economic
Development Findings and
Recommendations for Kosciusko
County, with Ag Emphasis"

Breakfast Provided

Non-Profit Workshop Upgrade Your Communications and Increase Your Fundraising

April 29, 2020
8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

At
2517 East Center Street
Warsaw, IN 46580

Featuring
What Most Effective
Communications Teams Do Right
(and Everyone Else Gets Wrong)

AND

Communications for
Fundraising: Creating Your Donor
Communications Plan

This event is ideal for
nonprofit fundraising and
communications staff, executive
directors, and board members.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Registration is required for these events. Register at www.kcfoundation.org/events.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

March

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Community Funds Grant Application Deadline

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

March

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Barn & Business Breakfast

Location: Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center,
6:30 am-8:30 am

Get details and register at:
<https://kcfoundation.org/events>

March

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Scholarship Application Deadline

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

April

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Nonprofit Workshop

Location: 2517 Event Center
8:30 am-4:30 pm
Get details and register at:
<https://kcfoundation.org/events>

May

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KREMC Operation Round Up Grant Application Deadline

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

May

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Professional Advisor Workshop

Location: Kosciusko County Community Foundation
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Invitation Only
Learn more at:
<https://kcfoundation.org/events>

June

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Suzie Light's Retirement Reception

Location: Winona Heritage Room
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Learn more and register at:
<https://kcfoundation.org/events>

July

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