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**FRANK & BECKY:** The Levinsons are committed to protecting the environment for future generations.

## Frank and Becky Levinson: Making a positive impact to improve water quality and the environment.

The Levinsons share a deep commitment to stewardship of the beautiful resources in Kosciusko County. Their family has been a fixture on Lake Wawasee for nearly 100 years! Preserving and enhancing water quality and the environment is a top priority for them.

"Through our Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation, we have made contributions to the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, The Watershed Foundation, and the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams. These organizations have been at the forefront of environmental conversation in our community, tirelessly working to protect and restore the natural beauty of our lakes and streams," said Becky. "By supporting their missions, we feel a deep sense of fulfillment in knowing that we are

making a positive impact on the environment that future generations will inherit."

The Levinsons value the Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation as it allows them to make recommendations to their favorite charities and contribute as often as they'd like.

"The Levinsons are a great example of a family that uses a Donor Advised Fund to support charitable projects that align with their values and to help teach their children about philanthropy," said Stephanie Overbey, CEO at the Community Foundation. "I've had the privilege of being a part of a family meeting in which each of their children shared what needs they would like to help meet in their community and the world. That's beautiful!" •

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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
*Inspiring Generosity. Strengthening Communities.*



# Empowering Young People through Donor Advised Funds

**Philanthropic giving has become an increasingly popular avenue for creating meaningful change.** The Community Foundation provides an efficient platform for philanthropy that caters to the needs and aspirations of different generations.

By engaging in philanthropy early on, the hands-on experience shapes the next generation's values, empowering them to create a better world. Children who grow up in homes where they see charitable giving demonstrated by a parent are more likely to give as adults.

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) allow individuals and families to contribute assets, such as cash, stocks, or real estate, to a charitable account which grows tax-free. One of the advantages of DAFs is the ability to take an immediate tax deduction upon the contribution, enabling donors to minimize their tax burden while maximizing their giving potential.

The donor retains the ability to recommend how the funds are distributed, allowing for personalized giving strategies aligned with specific values and interests.

"The Foundation simplifies the process of establishing and managing a DAF," said Dan Stichter, Foundation board member and DAF donor. "With their user-friendly online platform and dedicated staff, they guide and support you every step of the way." •

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Donor advisors have 24/7 online access to fund information including fund balance, gift history, and grant history. Make grant recommendations online, from anywhere, at any time. Ready to set up a Donor Advised Fund? Contact the Community Foundation to learn more or to get started at 574-267-1901.



# Lost Sparrows Receives \$15,000 from Community Funds

**Lost Sparrows works to empower and equip families, caregivers, and communities to love, nurture, and protect vulnerable children.** This organization was a recent grant recipient of a Community Funds grant for an online learning management system.

"As we work to support families in our community and help train teachers on the impact of trauma, we realized the critical need for an online learning management system. The grant received from the Community Foundation will be used to provide quality

training for those who need it most in Kosciusko County," said Darren Gagnon, President of Lost Sparrows. "Foster parents and 500 educators in the Warsaw school district are required to complete annual continuing education classes that can now be met through our online courses."

The next grant application deadline for Community Funds is Wednesday, November 1. For more information contact Alex Hall, vice president of programs, at [alex@kcfoundation.org](mailto:alex@kcfoundation.org) or visit [kcfoundation.org/grants](http://kcfoundation.org/grants). •



## *Our Vision*

The Kosciusko County Community Foundation will serve as a trusted catalyst to strengthen connections, engage and build communities, and achieve quantifiable impact.



## *Our Mission*

The Kosciusko County Community Foundation brings caring people and charitable endeavors together to inspire generosity and strengthen communities.

**Check out other Community  
Fund Grant recipients at**  
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## *How we accomplish our mission:*

Serve as the vehicle for donors' charitable dreams.

Award grants to charitable projects and organizations.

Address community needs as a catalyst and convener.



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## Upcoming Events



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- NOV 1** KREMC Operation Round  
Up & Community Funds  
Grant Deadline
- NOV 15** Annual Celebration: A  
Milestone Year  
11:30-1:00 pm / Winona Heritage  
Room (\$30 per person)

- JAN 15** KEYS Grant Deadline
- FEB 1** KREMC Operation Round  
Up Deadline
- MAR 1** Community Funds and  
Scholarship Grant Deadline

### How can we help?

We'll work with you and your professional advisors to  
implement a plan that will achieve your charitable dreams.



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