The Impact of You!

2017 Report to the Community

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From the Executive Director

I am privileged to have been chosen to step into the leadership shoes that Wendy Oberlin has worn so well over the course of the first 20 years of the Community Foundation of DeKalb County’s existence. The transition has been smooth due to our excellent staff and amazing, active Board of Directors. Most importantly, I have received a warm welcome from members of the DeKalb County community, like you.

This is your community, and this is truly your Community Foundation.

A young girl, who experienced a very difficult childhood, found herself living in the foster care system. From the age of 15 until she aged out of the system at 19, she received services from Children First Center that provided her with life skills training and a hope for a better future. At the age of 23, this now young woman, found herself pregnant and in need of parenting skills and education. In 2017, she voluntarily chose to seek assistance from Children First Center. Now, she has a full-time job and claims that through the resources at Children First Center, she learned so many parenting skills that were never taught nor modeled to her as a young child. THAT is the impact of you!

Here are some of the other ways in which your investments have paid great dividends in 2017:

* A mom eagerly signed her daughter up for a second year with the City Life program because of the positive change in her daughter's attitude, her grades, and the overall happiness her life now exudes.
* DeKalb County’s schools, non-profit organizations, and area industries collaborated to develop mutual goals and areas of focus for education throughout our community as part of our Learning Link initiative.
* High School students learned critical leadership skills and the importance of philanthropy through the Foundation’s youth pod, known as DeKalb’s VOICE.

These invaluable dividends are the reasons we continue to be thankful for your investments in our community. We are just the vehicle through which you can make a difference now and forever. That is the impact of you!

-- Mike Hernandezpeterson

From the Board of Directors President

2017 saw the end of an era and the beginning of a new one. We are grateful to Wendy Oberlin for her leadership to the Foundation over its first 20 years. This past year was no exception of the impact the Foundation had on our community, from the 40 scholarship recipients who were awarded more than $137,250 to the 103 organizations that were the recipients of over $401,749 in grants. The impact of you is all around our community from The Filling Station in Butler to the JAM Center in Garrett. Our endowed funds, made possible by generous community members, provide ongoing support and resources to the organizations in our community that are truly making a real difference.

We are looking forward to this new era of leadership and the potential for new ideas, greater growth, and higher impact. More importantly, our board recognizes that this is the community’s foundation, and it will only be as strong as you and I make it. We hope you will continue to partner with us at whatever level you desire in order to strengthen and improve our community for today and forever.

This is your community. And this is your Community Foundation.

-- Holly Albright
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We recognize and thank the individuals who served on the Board of Directors at various times since the Community Foundation of DeKalb County was established in 1996. Their dedication, commitment, and love for the community played a significant role in the Foundation's continued growth and success.

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~Founding Member
An Honor and A Privilege

“Professional”, “energetic”, and “magical.” These were just a few of the words bestowed upon Executive Director, Wendy Oberlin, upon her 2017 retirement as the Executive Director of the Community Foundation from its founding in 1996.

Following Wendy’s retirement, we went back and asked for her reflections, like “what does your 20-year career mean to you today?” She responded with, “it was exciting to work with founding board members, many of whom had experience raising thousands of dollars for many civic projects and charitable organizations. They willingly shared their time and expertise with me to engage donors to build a new kind of charity, the Community Foundation, to hold and invest permanent gifts to provide charitable support for the community they loved.”

What did she learn over the years? Oberlin responded, “I developed deep respect for the countless number of people involved with the community’s charitable organizations – paid staff, volunteers, and board members. These dedicated folks work tirelessly to serve the most vulnerable among us. Providing grant dollars for their programs and assisting their leaders with establishing endowment funds dedicated to supporting their organizations is one of the most important functions of the Community Foundation.”

And the best part of her job, “getting to know so many generous donors, learning their charitable interests and working with them to develop a way to provide permanent charitable support for what they cared about. It was an honor and a privilege to be a part of the Community Foundation for 20 years.”

7 Fun Facts About Wendy

1) **What book has had the greatest impact on you?**
   *Toxic Charity* - sometimes helping actually hurts people we are trying to help.

2) **What one person has had the greatest influence on your life?**
   Indiana Philanthropy Alliance consultant, Helen Monroe-knowledgeable, straight-talking, gracious

3) **What is your favorite movie?**
   *Gone with the Wind* - when Scarlett O'Hara was presented with an impossible challenge, she stepped up, and looked beautiful doing it.

4) **What is your favorite place or activity to unwind?**
   A book and a glass of wine

5) **If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**
   Paris

6) **Who is your favorite television/movie character?**
   Candice Bergen as Murphy Brown-smart, funny, and irreverent

7) **Leave us with your favorite quote/saying:**
   “Good enough never is,” my dad said it all the time.
Sirleine Smith began her career at the Eckhart Public Library in 1968, became the Director in 1975, and retired in 1992, after dedicating 24 years of service to Eckhart Public Library. Under Sirleine’s leadership, the Friends of the Library was established and the library was the first in Indiana to begin digitizing and processing their collection.

In 2017, Sirleine expressed her love of the library again by creating the Sirleine M. Smith Library Science Scholarship Fund. This endowed scholarship will provide funds to assist students, either high school or returning adults, in completing degrees or continuing study in Library Science.

When asked why this gift to the community was important to her, she said “because I watched the successes of former employees as they became outstanding librarians in different fields, all due to their continued learning in Library Science.” Sirleine’s examples included one employee who became Director of the library at Lincoln Life, another who went on to influence young lives at Fort Wayne Community Schools, and yet another who became the librarian for the Catholic Diocese of Chicago. Through Sirleine’s act of generosity, her passion for the library and her understanding of the value of continued learning and its impacts on others will always be remembered.

7 Fun Facts About Sirleine

1) What book has had the greatest impact on you?
   *The Yearling*, by Marjorie Rawlings

2) What one person has had the greatest influence on your life?
   Mrs. Dorothy Rieke, my Public Speaking teacher at Southside High School

3) What is your favorite movie?
   *Gone With the Wind*

4) What is your favorite place or activity to unwind?
   A reading corner by the window in my bedroom

5) If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
   China

6) Who is your favorite television/movie character?
   Sheldon Cooper, from *Big Bang Theory*

7) Leave us with your favorite quote/saying:
   "I cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet",” by Helen Keller (though others have been credited with the quote as well).
DeKalb County is home for the Laurie Family. Betty J. Lewis and the late Charles B. Laurie grew up in Garrett and Auburn, respectively. After marrying in 1940, they began their life together in Auburn. Both Charles and Betty worked for Warner Gear for many years, Charles in the factory and Betty in the office. Their son Charles L. Laurie relished his formative years growing up in Auburn where he followed in his father’s footsteps by playing golf at Auburn High School.

The elder Charles was fortunate to play on a very strong golf team at Auburn High School that earned the privilege of playing at the State Golf Championship in the mid-1930s, which at that time was played at Speedway Golf Course in Indianapolis. Younger Charles recalls that golf had been eliminated as a school sport sometime between his dad’s graduation in the 1930s and the beginning of his own high school journey in the 1950s.

However, he and three of his friends were all good golfers, so they approached the administration about reinstituting golf as a school sport. Initially, the four friends and their parents were denied their request. As luck would have it, though, a new school superintendent, who was a big fan of golf, was soon hired. At his behest, Auburn High School added men’s golf back to the school sports program.

Mother Betty was also an excellent, competitive golfer who found her own success off the tee. In fact, all three Lauries are past Club champions at Greenhurst (Betty for the Women’s Championship, Charles B. for the Senior Championship, and Charles L. for the Men’s Championship). Strong golf DNA was certainly well-distributed to this excellent family of golfers.

Charles L. continued his education and his golf game at the University of Tampa in Florida after graduating from Auburn High School. He knew that he wanted to be a teacher, so he majored in Math in preparation for his teaching career. Upon receiving his college degree, Charles L. found himself teaching at Lakeside Junior High School through Fort Wayne Community Schools. He spent the second-half of his 33-year teaching career at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne. Charles enjoyed educating young people and providing a positive influence on their lives.

In order to inspire and assist other young people to pursue furthering their education, Charles L. and his mother Betty have provided generous gifts through an IRA contribution and a transfer of stock to establish a new endowed fund which will be known as The Laurie Family (Charles B. and Betty J. and Charles L.) Golf Scholarship. Instead of only having a charitable provision as part of their estate plans, the Lauries opted to provide special gifts now so they might have the opportunity of actually meeting and seeing some the recipients of their scholarship. This will allow them the chance to see the benefits and impacts of their investments before they die.

"Because of my many years in teaching," Charles L. stated, "I believe in the importance of a good education. Mom and I also feel that golf - and really all extra-curricular school activities - help build character and enhance the skills necessary for success in life."

Establishing the Laurie Family Golf Scholarship was a natural fit for this mother-son team. The scholarship will be intended to help a graduating senior from DeKalb High School who has participated in the school’s golf program. Recipients need not have plans to pursue golf at the next educational level. The scholarship may be applied toward tuition, books, fees, or other education-related expenses. The scholarship will be renewable each semester so long as the recipient maintains good standing with the educational institutional in which he or she is enrolled.

**4 Fun Facts About Chuck**

1) **What one person has had the greatest influence on your life?**
   My father

2) **What is your favorite place or activity to unwind?**
   Patio in my back yard

3) **If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**
   Golf at Pebble Beach

4) **Leave us with your favorite quote/saying:**
   Mom’s (Betty) favorite quote is, “Never put off ‘til tomorrow what you can do today.”
Wings of Love Fund

If you know Virginia “Ginger” Post, you know she has a passion for flying. At the young age of 56, Ginger decided it was high time for her to learn how to fly. If you know Ginger, you also realize that if she puts her mind to something, she is going to accomplish it. After the proper training, Ginger earned her pilot’s license and took to the skies. Eventually, she even purchased her own airplane. It became a source of both pride and pleasure for her to traverse the region in her aircraft. She flew to area places like Muncie and Rochester in Indiana, and Marshall, Michigan.

Ginger recounted one story where she flew to a business meeting. While talking with two colleagues, she shared that she was able to fly into a smaller airport that was much closer to their final destination. One of the colleagues inquired about how she was able to arrange to land at the nearby airport. The other colleague remarked, “You don’t understand. Ginger owns her own plane. She flew herself here for this meeting!” Ginger has since sold her plane after giving up her days as a pilot at the age of 72. However, you will still find her, along with friends, hanging out at the airport watching planes and reminiscing.

Her love for flying, combined with her philanthropic spirit, were the impetus for creating a special aviation-related fund known as ”Wings of Love”. The purpose of this fund is to provide support for individuals seeking assistance with aviation related educational needs.

Her spirit of giving doesn’t end with her love of flying. She also provides funds in honor of two of her other loves, her son Steve Post and her father Roger V. Grogg. These funds provide scholarships for recent high school student-athlete graduates pursuing post-high school education. The scholarship in her son’s name focuses on a member of the Methodist church family while the scholarship in her father’s name gives preference to those involved in the Presbyterian church.

Ginger has a “Pay-it-Forward” mentality. Her son Steve was able to earn a full-ride scholarship to college, so she wants to help provide the opportunity for other young people to pursue their dreams through furthering their education.

Ginger demonstrates her love of literacy, the library, and the community through her investments in the Eckhart Public Library and her church home, First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Auburn. Ginger happens to have the unique distinction of being the longest-standing female member of FUMC.

Another one of her loves that continues to keep her busy is that of keeping score at basketball games of all types. For several years, Ginger served as the official basketball scorekeeper for Lakewood Park School.

An Auburn native, Ginger graduated from McIntosh High School (which used to sit on the grounds where the Community Foundation of DeKalb County now stands.) Her first job was working for Auburn Burner Company. She then went to work as a purchasing clerk for Warner Gear eventually being promoted to a Senior Buyer. (Warner Gear later became Auburn Gear.) Shortly after her retirement, she began working part-time for her son Steve, who is a financial and tax planning expert and investment advisor.

Ginger has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. These next generations have an excellent example of a determined, accomplished woman with a generous heart. Ginger is leaving a legacy of love for family and community through her philanthropic investments.

7 Fun Facts About Ginger

1) What book has had the greatest impact on you?
   I never reread a book so my “favorite” is the next one I get at the Eckhart Public Library!

2) What one person has had the greatest influence on your life?
   My son, Steve

3) What is your favorite movie?
   Pretty Woman (I especially love the ending.)

4) What is your favorite place or activity to unwind?
   Chair by the bay window in front of my fireplace with a book in hand or a good show on the television

5) If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
   I would love to return to Hawaii – the land of sun, water, and beaches.

6) Who is your favorite television/movie character?
   I watch mysteries, medical, firefighter, and certain reality shows and Jeopardy!

7) Leave us with your favorite quote/saying:
   “God works in mysterious ways; His wonders to perform.”
Community Foundation Funds

The Community Foundation is able to assist donors in creating permanent funds to help support charitable work and organizations that are most important to them. Funds can be created in one’s lifetime where donors are able to enjoy seeing DeKalb County benefit from their philanthropic work while others leave gifts to the Community Foundation in their wills or estate plans. We are able to work with each individual donor to create a plan that works best for them.

25th Anniversary Granting Fund
A Walk to Remember*
ACRES Land Trust Endowment Fund
Action Fund*
Agricultural Education Fund for DeKalb County
AgriInstitute Fund of DeKalb County
Aim High Scholarship Fund
  Isaac Hague, Elva A. Tess Likens, Robert and Marie Hughes,
  and Berta M. Willennar
Anonymous Fund
Ashley Volunteer Fire Department Fund
Auburn Arts Commission Endowment Fund
Auburn Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship Fund
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum Endowment Fund
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Automotive Scholarship
  Endowment Fund
Auburn Mausoleum Association Fund
Auburn Parks Department Fund
Auburn Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund
Auburn Tri Kappa Pink Out Fund
Auburn Waterloo Trail Endowment Fund
Beka's Bread Brigade Fund
Boomerang Backpack Fund for DeKalb County
Kenneth A. Boseker Memorial Fund
Wayne E. Boyd Scholarship Fund
Lucy W. Brennan Endowment Fund
Steve Bruns Memorial for Rieke Park Trail
Butler Community Day Care BEE Scholarship
Carr Field Development Fund
Community Collaboration Fund
Community Foundation Annual Operating Fund
Community Grantmaking Fund
Marcellyn M. Conn Memorial Fund
Ben Davis Memorial Fund
Kelso and Margaret Davis Community Fund
Bill Decker Scholarship Fund
DeKalb Association for Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Fund
DeKalb County Community Orchestra Fund
DeKalb County Community Scholars Fund
  Hilda Campbell, Delbert McBride, Judy Marsh
DeKalb County Council on Aging Endowment Fund
DeKalb County Courthouse Centennial Fund
DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force, Inc. Fund
DeKalb County Literacy Fund
DeKalb County Master Gardeners Scholarship Fund
DeKalb County Outdoor Theater, Inc. Endowment Fund
DeKalb Outdoor Theater Fund
DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation Fund
DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Fund
DeKalb's VOICE Endowment Fund
Peggy Dirksen Fund for the Arts
Early Childhood Development Fund
Charles Eckhart Endowment Fund
Eckhart Public Library Endowment Fund
Eckhart Public Library Restoration Fund*
Gloria Fink Eckhart Public Library Endowment Fund
Sarah Jean Eldridge Fund
Empower Grant*
Family Fund of Agapé
Leland R. Fee Scholarship Fund
Rex A. Feller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Chuck Fifer Downtown Auburn Fund
Chuck Fifer Memorial Fund
Harry Fisk Fund
Freedom Academy DeKalb County Endowment Fund
Friends of Animals Fund
Friends of the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library Fund*
Garrett Community Center, Inc.
  DBA Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center
Garrett Hospital Aid Foundation Fund
Garrett Junior Achievement Endowment Fund
Garrett Public Library Foundation Fund
Greater Garrett Area Community Tennis Association Fund
Mary Lois Murphy Grimm Scholarship Fund
Julia Hague Fund
Jack & Sharon Hannes Scholarship Fund

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"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

--Kathy Calvin, CEO of the United Nations Foundation

*Fund established in 2017
Donors generously offer financial support to students working toward post-high school skill certifications, Associate or Bachelor degrees. Congratulations to 2017 scholars who received 56 scholarships valued at $137,250.

2017 Scholarship Recipients

Aim High Scholarship
Kaitlyn Rieke

Ben Davis Memorial Scholarship
Carolyn Vadney

Bill Decker Scholarship
Colton Ruby

DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship
Chelsi Daley, Taytum Knox, MaKayla Rieke, Sadie Ruegsegger & Sarah Strong

DeKalb County Master Gardeners Scholarship
Lauren Jacobs, Erin Sukala

Sarah Jean Eldridge Scholarship
Kallie Knott, Megan Newby

Leland R. Fee Scholarship
Colton Ruby

Rex Feller Memorial Scholarship
Travis Wasson

Harry Fisk Scholarship
Madison Miazgowicz

Roger V. Grogg Scholarship
David Bassett & Grace Bassett

Julia Hague Scholarship
Justin White

Barbara Herzer Award
Kaitlyn Rieke

Carol L. Hill Scholarship
Kallie Knott

Lynn and Josephine Holsinger Scholarship
Laurel Hoff, Colton Ruby & Mackenzie Snider

Coach Bill Jones Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Yoder

JaBraun Knox Scholarship
Alyson Noye

Don Lash Memorial Award
Jack Beakas

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
Nicholas Miller

Stanley G. and Rose I. Means Scholarship
Nicholas Dye, Hannah Johnson, Elias Travis, & Silas Weghorst

Northeast Indiana Business & Professional Women - The Sheila Hoch Fine Arts Scholarship
Haylee Mossberger

Jessica Otterstedt Memorial Scholarship
Laurel Hoff

Derek L. Padilla Scholarship
Kowen Grogg & Hunter Minch

Parker Merit Scholarship
Carolyn Vadney

Walter S. Penfield Scholarship
Erin Sukala

Winifred Peters Scholarship
Jasmine Kittle Evanoff

Steve Post Scholarship
Conner Smith & Devin Teders

Randinelli Family Instrumental Music Scholarship
Ashleigh Walker

Dr. L. J. Rekeweg Basketball Scholarship
Zachary Frane

Donald Ruegsegger Scholarship for Christian Leadership
Kaleigh Collins, Brielle Dazey, Garrett Sutton & Jordan Yoder

Dr. James Spink Memorial Scholarship
Michaela Burchett

Warren G. Sunday Memorial Scholarship
Madison Byers

Walters Family Memorial Scholarship
Erin Sukala

Robert and Virginia White Scholarship
Brielle Dazey, Zac Kaiser, Miranda Morr & Carolyn Vadney

Melanie A. Yarian Memorial Scholarship
Ashleigh Walker

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Kaitlyn Rieke
Nicholas Dye
Lauren Jacobs
Michaela Burchett
Elias Travis
Madison Miazgowicz

Left to Right:
Silas Weghorst
Madison Byers
Justin White
Nick Miller - 2017 Lilly Endowment Scholarship Recipient

The Foundation was very excited to have had the opportunity to nominate Nick Miller, a student at Eastside Junior/Senior High School, as the Lilly Endowment Scholarship recipient.

From a young age, Nick loved building. He described how he always had an interest in large buildings and structures, such as bridges and skyscrapers. By participating in Project Lead the Way in high school, he knew that engineering was a passion he wanted to pursue in college. There were many activities that Nick enjoyed in high school. He played golf, granted to area nonprofits as a member of V.O.I.C.E, and was a member of Student Council. Nick also participated in the Student Council Service days where he and the other students visited the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, DeKalb County Humane Society, and Community Harvest Food Bank.

Now that Nick is attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, many new activities are available to him. Nick is a part of Concrete Canoe, Rose-Hulman ASCE Chapter (American Society of Civil Engineers), and takes part in different events with his residence hall floor.

The future seems far off but Nick has begun creating great plans for after college. He wants to work for a Civil Engineering firm once he graduates with a degree in civil engineering. After gaining experience and more knowledge of the engineering world, he plans to return to school and get his Master's degree. For the time being, he wants to enjoy the people, events and classes at Rose-Hulman.

Rachael Baker Learns How Awesome DeKalb County Is

Rachael Baker interned with the Community Foundation as a senior at IPFW majoring in Psychology. She loves hiking with her dog, Sawyer, and spending time with her family and friends. She has taken up the hobby of DIY projects. Most recently, Rachael was offered the Digital Assistant position with Asher Agency in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There, she works with a team and is in charge of compiling and building client reports. She researches and comes up with new ways for the digital team to thrive and be more efficient for their clients.

Working with the staff, Board of Directors and the many other Foundation committees was a part of the internship that Rachael found very important and liked doing. She enjoyed the many connections she made and lessons learned from the people she came in contact with. Rachael spent a lot of her time working with Judy Sorg and community members, helping with the revamping of the Foundation’s education initiative, Learning Link.

Interning at the Foundation prepared Rachael for life after college by allowing her to experience a professional work environment. She became more efficient in time management, improved her relationship building skills and realized her love to do more project management and marketing, which she says helped her get the marketing position with Asher Agency.

Rachael was happy to work in DeKalb County as she finished her college education. She said, “I enjoyed learning about how awesome DeKalb County is, and it allowed me to grow closer to where I came from. It was a wonderful experience for me!”
DeKalb’s VOICE

“The Dekko Foundation and the Community Foundation of DeKalb County sponsor DeKalb’s VOICE, working together to grow a new generation of philanthropic leaders.”

--Rebecca Pfeffer, DeKalb’s VOICE Navigator

DeKalb’s VOICE is a youth philanthropy group with high school student members from DeKalb, Eastside, Garrett and Lakewood Park. VOICE meets once a month during the school year to learn about the community and its charitable needs.

The group solicits and reviews grant proposals from charitable organizations and student led groups. They carefully research the requests in order to make wise granting recommendations to the Community Foundation Board.

In 2017, VOICE members awarded grants totaling $19,050. The students granted to the Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center for their JAM Girls and JAM Boys’ Clubs, the Women’s Care Center to buy items for “Congrats Bags” and to DeKalb County Eastern Schools nurses for basic hygiene and clothing for students in need.

DeKalb’s VOICE 2017 Grants

| Grantee |
|------------------|----------|
| Boomerang Backpacks, Inc. | $750     |
| Children First Center | $500     |
| CORE The Resource Store (2) | $1,850   |
| DeKalb Community Impact Corporation, Inc. | $500     |
| DeKalb County Central United School District (6) | $3,325   |
| DeKalb County Community Orchestra | $1,000   |
| DeKalb County Eastern Schools (4) | $1,825   |
| DeKalb Pregnancy Center | $1,300   |
| Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School Corporation (2) | $1,650   |
| Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry | $1,000   |
| Kate’s Kart, Inc. | $1,000   |
| Lakewood Park Christian School | $500     |
| Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center | $500     |
| Waterloo Skatepark | $1,000   |
| Women’s Care Center Northeast Indiana, Inc. | $500     |
| Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church | $850     |
| Zion Lutheran Preschool | $1,000   |

Total $19,050
Changes to Learning Link

This was a BIG year for Learning Link, the Community Foundation’s 8-year-old education initiative. We took the time to step back and re-focus efforts as we clarified our vision, mission, and target audience. This wasn’t done in isolation but with as many Learning Link participants as possible, guided by Debra Natenshon, a Chicago-based consultant who partners with organizations in the social sector.

True to our beliefs in 2009, our vision and mission remain. We are inspiring a community of lifelong learners throughout DeKalb County to improve the quality of life for all, by aligning community organizations, businesses, and providers of learning opportunities and resources toward shared educational goals. What changed is that we spelled out our target audience for the sake of clarity, “community organizations, business [and industry], and providers of learning opportunities and resources”.

Still focused on “collective impact” by convening, connecting, and coordinating, we changed the structure of how we do our work. Instead of six different Teams, Learning Link now consists of two Teams, each of which is facilitated by a volunteer Chair and Vice-chair, as follows:

(1) Foundational Learning, focused on learning from birth to 5th grade, and;
(2) Continual Learning, focused on learning from 9th grade to adulthood.

These Teams then meet in the middle and overlap, where age-appropriate, during those transitional years from grades 6-8.

By the end of 2017, focus areas identified by the Foundational Learning Team included preschool children’s social-emotional development related to readiness for success in school, and coordinating the county’s existing resources that address school-age children’s social-emotional needs.

Focus areas identified by the Continual Learning Team included communicating the myriad opportunities that exist for learning work skills, connecting business leaders with low- and no-cost resources to assist their employees with life and soft skill needs, and offering educational opportunities to enhance multi-generational understanding, as many organizations today interact with as many as five generations.

The opportunity for re-defining ourselves clearly strengthened our initiative and affirmed that we are in the space best suited for our Community Foundation. Teams look forward to building on this work in 2018 with renewed clarity and understanding!

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Pictures
Top to Bottom:
- Senator Dennis Kruse
- Heidi Christensen
- Jane & Phil Carpenter
- Teri & Bob Krafft
Mother Goose Hosts Indiana Author, Ray E. Boomhower

The Mother Goose on the Loose Giving Circle was formed by five women who wanted to create a permanent endowment fund to provide grants to support skill development of lifelong learners in DeKalb County. The goal was to build the fund to $50,000 by 2008. Since its creation in 2003, Mother Goose on the Loose has given 99 grants totaling $61,360.

New donors are invited to join the giving circle with a gift commitment of $1,500. Gifts may be pledged over a five-year period. Groups of donors can be created to share the gift commitment.

Every year, the giving circle members gather for a special summer event. The June 2017 event was held at the Waterloo Train Depot featuring Indiana author Ray E. Boomhower, Senior Editor at Indiana Historical Society Press. More than 40 giving circle members and guests listened as Boomhower, who has won several awards for his biographies of important people to Indiana, including Amelia Earhart, Gus Grissom and Ernie Pyle, discussed Indiana history and literacy. He also spoke about his book, Dispatches from the Pacific: The World War II Reporting of Robert L. Sherrod, which would be released later in the year.

In the fall, the giving circle meets again to review grant proposals. At their fall meeting, the giving circle awarded 6 grants totaling $5,000.

“This is a group of giving people who want to be a part of the community” said Diann Everitt, Mother Goose giving circle member.

"All of us can be a part of the giving circle.”
--Sharon Zonker, giving circle member

Mother Goose 2017 Grants

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Ray E. Boomhower
Jamie Long, Jenny Kobiela-Mondor, Lisa Rigsby,
Alan Sweeny II, & Darcy Armstrong
Sharon Zonker
Sharon Hummer & Jill Hamilton
Prize drawing
Where does our funding originate? Well, our donors reside across the United States, but are principally located here in DeKalb County. Each honeycomb shape in the map represents a five square mile area and the total dollars received from donors who have lived in that area since 1996.

As expected, most gifts are received where the most people live, near our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. While many areas without homes show no gifts (in blue), many total in the millions of dollars (in red).

Where do the dollars from our generous donors go? Here again, the vast majority of our dollars stay here in DeKalb County, or nearby in the form of student scholarships in the Northeast Indiana Region.

Each honeycomb shape in the map represents grants distributed to organizations across the county. Why so many blank areas? Most non-profit organizations are headquartered or have mailing addresses near our towns.

This maps shows that donor gifts are put to work evenly across the county, impacting immeasurable lives every day.
The grants reported here were awarded from various permanent and nonpermanent Community Foundation funds - designated, donor advised, field of interest and community benefit.

The total dollar amount of grants on this list does not match the dollar amount reported on our financial statement on page 22-23 for several reasons. We did not include scholarships here because they are reported separately on page 9. We also did not include grants transferred between funds.

### 2017 Grant Recipients

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243 Total Grants $401,749.13
2017 Memorials

Many donors make gifts to the Community Foundation in memory of a family member, colleague, or special person. Memorial gifts are often directed to a fund that addresses something special in the life of the person who passed away and serve as a remembrance of how the person’s life was lived.

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-- Margaret J. Wheatley
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Vision
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Mission
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"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."
--Anthony J. D'Angelo
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