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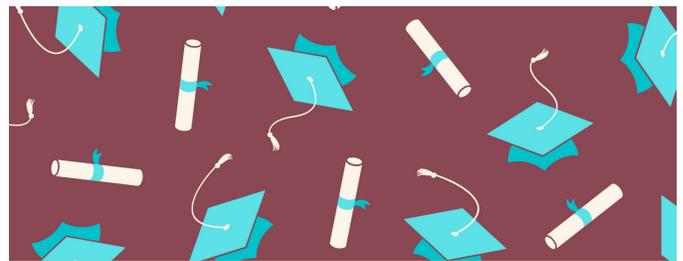
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THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS AND ADVISORS

We would like to thank all of our community members and fund advisors who volunteered their time to evaluate applications for our 2021 scholarship season. Thank you for another successful scholarship season!



TO SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS AND FUND
ADVISORS

THANK YOU!

FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DEKALB
COUNTY

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

2021 is a year worth celebrating, as this marks our 25th anniversary! For 25 years, we have proudly been serving DeKalb County and striving to create a better future for our community. Since our creation in 1996, donors like you have helped build over \$21 million in permanent and non-permanent funds that grant over \$500,000 a year to local charitable organizations. These grant dollars have strengthened our community and made life better for all of us who live, work, and play in DeKalb County. Celebrate this year with us as we commemorate 25 years of tangible impact and philanthropic giving from generous and forward-thinking donors that have strengthened our community.

DR. JAMES P. SPINK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in September 2010, this fund was created in memory of Dr. James P. Spink to honor his giving spirit. Dr. Spink, in 1970, founded the Northeastern Community Mental Health Center which serves DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, and Steuben Counties.

In 1979, he established a private practice at the Family Counseling Center with offices in Angola and Auburn. Dr. Spink used his unique talents to help thousands of people throughout his life, whether or not they could pay him.

Due to the generous spirit of Dr. James P. Spink and his family, the Community Foundation has been able to award this scholarship to 10 recipients.



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Justin Clark is a lifelong resident of DeKalb County. Justin graduated from DeKalb High School in 1998. After graduating he obtained his Business Degree from Ivy Tech. He furthered his education with his acceptance to the College of Mortuary Science and now owns Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn and Waterloo.

Justin lives in Auburn with his partner Kelly, and their son Bailey who attends the University of St. Francis. In Justin's spare time he enjoys watching his son play golf.

Justin was extremely honored when asked to join the Board of the Community Foundation of DeKalb County.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

Director of Community Engagement and Leadership

Kathleen Alter has extensive executive management experience. Her business expertise includes a focus on policy creation and implementation; fiscal management; accreditation compliance; fundraising and grant writing; event planning, public relations, human resources, and marketing.

Kathleen is the former Executive Director of Three Rivers Festival, French Quarter Festivals in New Orleans, Cityfolk in Dayton and the Women's Bureau. She has also worked for the American Medical Holistic Association in Cleveland where she planned their bi-annual medical conference and the Fort Wayne Newspapers where she planned all of their special events.

Kathleen is passionate about working with organizations that improve the quality of life for those in the community. She currently serves on the boards of Allen County Christmas Bureau, the Fort Wayne Dance Collective, and an advisory board for Ivy Tech Fort Wayne. In her spare time, she loves to read, cook and drink good wine and bourbon with friends and family.



PROMISE UPDATE

Earlier this year, DeKalb County Promise created *Promise in a Bag* to bring the post-high school college and career experience to our county's elementary students. Now Pre-K students are getting the same opportunities. The 2020-21 school year was the first year the Promise experience included activities students could do either at home or in the classroom. It was well-received by administrators, teachers, and parents. After such great feedback, DeKalb County Promise knew the Pre-K students of DeKalb County would love to join in the fun.

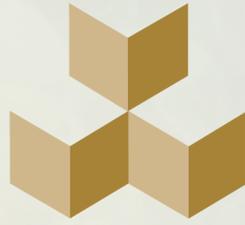
DeKalb County Promise provided almost 500 bags to local preschools and childcare centers for distribution. The bags are full of fun age-appropriate activities. There is play-doh, markers, crayons, activity pages, and manipulatives in the bag. Also included is Promise 529 college and career savings account information and opportunities for the students to earn up to \$30 in deposits made into a student's account deposited by the Community Foundation of DeKalb County.

With the addition of these nearly 500 Promise Bags, DeKalb County Promise has created and distributed over 3,600 bags to local students. This was made possible through donations from our partners; Ambassador Enterprise, The James Foundation, Chuck and Lisa Surack and Sweetwater, Steel Dynamics, The 80/20 Foundation Trust, DeKalb County Farm Bureau Inc., Garrett State Bank, Morgan Stanley, Therma-Tru Door, United Way of DeKalb County, and the YMCA.

Angel Taylor, DeKalb County Promise Coordinator said, "We are so excited to hear and see how the Pre-K kids and their families enjoy these special Promise bags". If you would like to be a part of DeKalb County Promise, donations can be made to the Community Foundation DeKalb County with Promise on the memo line; PO Box 111, Auburn, IN 46706



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