

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DEKALB COUNTY

Quarterly Newsletter



Inside the Issue

**25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
RECAP**

p.02

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

p.03

GIVING TUESDAY

p.02

END OF YEAR GIVING

p.03

WRITE A WILL

p.02

**MEET OUR NEW STAFF
MEMBER**

p.02



**BE SURE TO CONNECT
WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

If you wish to receive this publication electronically, please email us at info@cfdekalb.org or call (260) 925-0311.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The 25th Anniversary Celebration, while steamy, went off without a hitch on Thursday, August 12th in an open-air tent behind the CFDC building on Main Street. Attendance was at just over 200, the rain held off and the sun even made an appearance. CFDC honored 25 Founding Board Members and announced that at 25 years assets hit \$25 million. 25 (are you sensing a theme here?) attendees chosen randomly, each had the opportunity to donate a \$25 gift to a local nonprofit's endowment fund for a total of \$625. For many, it was a time to see colleagues that they hadn't seen in many years, as well as a time to meet and make new friends. Some attendees came from as far as Wisconsin. We appreciate all of the organizations that helped to make this a very special event: Country Heritage Winery, The Deli at Sixth & Main, Courier Printing, Countryside Tent Rental, DeKalb Chamber Partnership, Taylor Rental, Valor Engraving, CFDC Board of Directors and the CFDC Community Engagement Committee.

GIVING TUESDAY DEKALB 2021

In 2012, the United Nations Foundation introduced the first Giving Tuesday, an event that encouraged people to donate on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Giving Tuesday is now entering its 7th year, and we are hosting our own Giving Tuesday event right here in DeKalb County!

Fundraising for participating nonprofit organizations will take place from October 1st to November 19th. The three organizations that raise the most money will receive a \$5,000, \$3,000, or \$2,000 unrestricted grant.

Giving Tuesday DeKalb is the perfect opportunity to give back to the nonprofits that actively serve our community.

WRITE A WILL

The Foundation will take appointments on October 19th and 20th to assist you in creating a will. This service is free providing you include a charitable donation in your will. In-person and Zoom appointments will be available with local attorneys. Please call (260) 925-0311 or email info@cfdekalb.org to set an appointment.

We are partnering with:



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hailey Carmer LaMaster Program Coordinator



Hailey Carmer LaMaster has joined the Foundation as the new Program Coordinator. Hailey will be responsible for handling scholarships and grants.

Hailey is a graduate of Butler University and has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. Hailey has spent 16 years teaching Spanish at Prairie Heights High School. During the last five years, she was also the Coordinator of English Language Learners for the entire school district. As coordinator, Hailey worked with the non-English speaking community to increase parental involvement and improved communication between the school and the families. Hailey and her husband Jeff live in Auburn. They love to spend time with family and friends, being outdoors and traveling.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Becky Hefty

Becky Hefty is a past President of the CFDC Board and is a lifelong resident of DeKalb County. Becky graduated from Garrett High School in 1999 and continues to serve the people of Garrett and beyond as a member of the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation of DeKalb County. She has an A.S. Degree from Wabash Valley College and a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies from Indiana University and is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Southern Indiana. She is the Branch Manager, Vice President for Lake City Bank in Auburn. Becky also serves on the DeKalb County Chamber Partnership Board of Directors as Treasurer, Board Member for SonShine Ministries, and as the Scholarship Chair for the Auburn Classic Noon Lion's Club. Becky enjoys volunteering for Junior Achievement and coaching her children's athletic teams.



Becky and her husband, Morgan, reside in Auburn with their 4 children, Paxton, Wyatt, Lucy, and Cooper. Becky and her family are passionate about DeKalb County and really enjoy giving back to the community that they love.

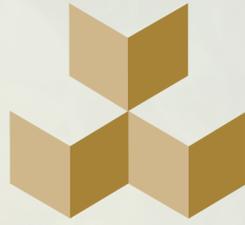
In 2020, Becky helped to establish the Jake Clifford and Piper Placencia Memorial Endowment Fund for Garret-Keyser-Butler Educators. This fund provides K-12 support of educational programs and materials for education at Garret-Keyser-Butler Community School District.

END OF YEAR GIVING

The end of each year has historically been a time for many to give to nonprofits. 2021 will be no exception and the need for some area nonprofits might be greater this year. While there have been monies available for nonprofits to help sustain them through COVID, the number of grants written for programming was down due to quarantining followed by social distancing. Many had been planning to step back into programming and fundraising in 2021, and while that happened to some extent, some decided for a second year to cancel fundraisers and any forward movement on programs with the onset of the second run of COVID.

Dare we think about moving ahead in 2022? That question is looming large over many nonprofits. With all this being said, whether it is safe to once again resume programs at a full level or hold them back a little longer, nonprofits need help to sustain their basic operations: salaries, building maintenance, and rent/mortgage, utilities, etc. So please remember all of the nonprofits that add to the quality of life for so many in DeKalb County this year and add them to your Christmas list. Not sure which nonprofit to donate to? Please consider the Foundation's Community Grantmaking Fund. This is the fund used for quarterly grants to nonprofits in DeKalb County. A higher balance in this fund means we can grant to more nonprofits and/or fund larger projects. The end of the year is also a great time to make a donation in remembrance of someone you lost.

October 2021



**Community
Foundation**
DEKALB COUNTY

25
YEARS