



## MAKE A TRIPLE IMPACT WITH YOUR END OF YEAR GIVING!

Year-end giving offers numerous benefits for both donors and charitable organizations. For donors, it provides an opportunity to make a meaningful impact, supporting causes they care about during a season of generosity. Additionally, contributions made before the end of the calendar year can be tax-deductible, potentially reducing their taxable income and providing financial benefits. For charities, this period often represents a significant portion of their annual fundraising, enabling them to meet operational needs, fund specific projects, and expand their outreach. Year-end giving also fosters a sense of community, bringing individuals together in support of common goals and highlighting the importance of philanthropy in creating positive change.

In 2024, your year-end giving will make a triple impact. By donating to the Foundation's Community Grantmaking Endowment Fund, an unrestricted fund that supports the majority of quarterly grant-making to nonprofits and charitable organizations, you will support the entities that are addressing the issues in the county, and your donation will be tripled due to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Overall, it's a win-win scenario that enhances the spirit of giving while supporting the efforts of nonprofit organizations. Contact the Foundation with any questions at [info@cfdekalb.org](mailto:info@cfdekalb.org) or 260-925-0311.





**Important  
2024 dates:**

Voices of Philanthropy Fall Grant Deadline – October 25  
Giving Tuesday DeKalb: October 7 – November 22  
Nonprofit Development Series: November 6  
National Philanthropy Day: November 15  
Scholarships open – December 1  
Giving Tuesday: December 3

## Third Quarter Grant Recipients

The Community Foundation of DeKalb County is delighted to announce the recipients of its third-quarter grants, reaffirming our dedication to fostering community growth and development. These grants symbolize our unwavering support for local initiatives that create meaningful, positive impacts in DeKalb County. Through financial support, the Foundation aims to empower these organizations to continue their invaluable work and drive transformative change.

### Grants Awarded:

- Erin’s House for Grieving Children – awarded \$5,000 for operational support for DeKalb Co. services
- Children First Center – awarded \$2,548 for materials to support building coping skills and rapport
- Alliance Industries – awarded \$5,000 for their 2025 Capacity Building Initiative
- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana – awarded \$4,000 for Client Services Program for DeKalb Co.
- Ronald McDonald House – awarded \$5,000 for their programs for DeKalb Co. residents
- McMillen Health – awarded \$6,400 for their Preventive Health Education programs for DeKalb Co. youth
- Brightpoint – awarded \$5,000 to support their Health Insurance Navigation Assistance Program
- Catholic Charities of the Dioceses of Fort Wayne-South Bend – awarded \$5,000 to support their Resource & Referral Program
- Shifters Car Club – awarded \$1,000 to support their participation in the Shop With A Cop initiative in DeKalb Co.
- Excelsior Arts Academy and Youth Theater – awarded \$2,200 for capacity building

## Giving Tuesday DeKalb 2024

**October 7 – November 22**

The Giving Tuesday DeKalb fundraising campaign kicked off on October 7 and will run through November 22. This annual event raises money for DeKalb County nonprofits with endowment funds at the Foundation. The five organizations that raise the most money will receive unrestricted grants from the Foundation. 1st - \$5,000, 2nd - \$3,000, 3rd - \$2,000, 4th - \$1,000, 5th - \$1,000 and \$3,000 for the largest percentage increase over last year.

There are 32 nonprofits participating, including five new nonprofits that established endowment funds in 2024. Donations can be made on the Foundation website or by sending a check to the office. The winners will be announced on Giving Tuesday, December 3, on the Foundation’s Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages. For more information and a complete list of participating organizations, visit the website at [cfdekalb.org/giving/](https://cfdekalb.org/giving/).

# New Scholarship Endowment Funds in 2024



The Community Foundation DeKalb County is pleased to announce two new scholarships for students in DeKalb County. These scholarships will be available in December. Our thanks to the Fites and Nugen families for your generous donation to help DeKalb County students.

## **Doug & Nancy Fites Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Doug and Nancy Fites spent their lives educating young people. They both worked for DeKalb Central Schools. Nancy spent her tenure as a dedicated art teacher. During his tenure as athletic director, assistant principal, and principal at DeKalb High School, Doug coached baseball, basketball, and track. This is why, in 2024, Nancy established this scholarship.

## **John P. & Louanne Nugen Scholarship Endowment Fund**

John P. and Louanne Nugen, lifelong residents of DeKalb County, have been dedicated to the community through business and education. As former owners of Nugen House of Interiors and Louanne's work with the Building Trades Department at DeKalb High School, they understand the importance of skilled labor. To support this, they established a scholarship for students pursuing vocational or technical careers.

To learn more about the Foundation's scholarships for high school students and/or students returning to school after working, or to apply, visit [cfdekalb.org/scholarships](http://cfdekalb.org/scholarships).

## **Board Spotlight: Jim Sparrow**

With over 30 years of experience, Jim Sparrow has an extensive resume working in the arts. He started his career as a classically trained professional musician, serving for ten years as principal clarinetist for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit. Upon transitioning to arts administration, he worked as Development Director for Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne from 2000-2006. In 2006, he was appointed Executive Director of Arts United, a position he held for seven years, during which time he started the development and expansion of the downtown arts district and campus.

In 2013 he was recruited to take the helm of the Arts Council of Winston-Salem NC as President and CEO, a position he held for five years. This position included managing the \$3 million annual fund drive and the creation of an expanded downtown arts district and center. In 2018, he returned to NE Indiana to become Executive Director of Fort Wayne Ballet. Jim has degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Case Western Reserve University, and IUPUI School of Philanthropy. He has served on numerous local and national boards including Vice Chair of Americans for the Arts Private Sector Council. Chair of Invent Tomorrow, and Board member of Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement District, NE Indiana Childhood Alliance, and the Indiana Arts Commission redistribution and alignment arts committee. Jim is married to Karen Gibbons-Brown and has five children. He and his wife have been residents of Auburn, IN, since 2019.





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