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MARY B. NIELSEN PRESIDENT

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### 30 YEARS ON MISSION Enriching the quality of life, together!

Dear Foundation Family,

First, on behalf of the Crown Point Community Foundation Board and staff, I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. As we all grapple with the challenges of the COVID-19 virus, there's no better time to see first-hand how

the vision of Dr. John Birdzell and our founders 30 years ago, who came together to establish a foundation that would build endowments through the generosity of local residents and businesses, and distribute grants back into the community to meet the needs of its citizens enriching the quality of life, is on mission and more important than ever.

Our world is experiencing something of great magnitude – for most of us, it is unlike anything we have encountered in our lifetimes. Many of you have asked how you can help. *Thank you*. On page 18, you'll read about our **CARE Fund** and how you can join us in our efforts of responding to the impact of Coronavirus on South Lake County.

By adhering to stay-at-home orders and social distancing, together we'll get through this pandemic. And when we do, we look forward to **celebrating 30 years of giving together** at our community event being held at Bulldog Park in September. Page 15 lists some of the plans we have in store for this special celebration.

On pages 6-9, we take a look back at some of the milestones of the Foundation. How connecting people who care with charitable causes that matter leads to grantmaking that strengthens our community and supports our students with scholarships to dream big.

We couldn't do this without you! It's because of your generosity that we exist and have grown to support our community with over \$1.5 million in grantmaking last year alone, and assets reaching \$30 million year-end 2019. On page 17, we thank you for your gifts that captured 100% of available matching grant dollars made possible by the Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT VII initiative.

As stewards of the Foundation, we are grateful to you, our fundholders and donors who give to keep our community vibrant. We are stronger together.

Together we can continue to create a better future in South Lake County... now and forever!

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MARY B. NIELSEN

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Every effort is made to accurately list our contributors. If a name has been inadvertently omitted from the newsletter, we apologize.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE FOUNDATION WITH THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR.

> MARY B. NIELSEN CPCF PRESIDENT





ON THE COVER CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1990-2020

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IT'S JUST SO FABULOUS! THE STRINGS REMIND ME OF DIAMONDS.

> RUBY HELBLING WITTENBERG VILLAGE RESIDENT

Give Online Today: thecpcf.org/donate.html Δ

#### **CPCF GRANTS AT WORK**

Wittenberg Village



WITTENBERG VILLAGE RESIDENT RUBY HELBLING RELAXES WITH THE VECTRA DELUXE SENSORY CART WITH THE HELP OF RESIDENT LIFE DIRECTOR JACKIE CALARIE.

### With your help, seniors coping with memory loss have a new way to find relief.

A grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation for \$3,350 helped purchase a Vectra Deluxe Sensory Cart for Wittenberg Village.

Medical professionals who work with residents diagnosed with dementia are often looking for a way to include sensory sessions. The use of multisensory equipment can be an effective way of providing a fun, engaging and non-pharmaceutical way to ease anxieties and resulting behaviors in Wittenberg residents.

The Vectra Deluxe Sensory Cart displays optical illusions of combined lighting effects, aromas, colors, textures and sound to initiate sensory stimulation of residents living with dementia. The purpose is to incorporate both relaxing and activating stimuli to promote the residents' well-being. Studies have shown that a safe, mood-enhancing environment can result in a reduction in medication for some residents and can enhance feelings of comfort and well-being, relieve stress and pain, and maximize a person's potential to focus, all of which can help improve communication and memory.

"The sensory cart has already proven to be an asset to our daily routine at Wittenberg Village," said Jackie Calarie, Resident Life Director at Wittenberg Village. "The calming effect it has on our residents who may be going through a tough time or are anxious bring moments of relaxation and joy. We are so fortunate to share this with everyone."



BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF THE FOUNDATION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE NEXT STEPS OF DEMENTIA CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WITTENBERG VILLAGE. WE COULD NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

#### TONY ENGLERT

REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOUNDATION AND PARTNER RELATIONS WITTENBERG VILLAGE

# UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$97,492.00 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE FEBRUARY CYCLE.

#### Animal Related - \$2,500.00

**Power Paws for Kids - \$2,500** Annual expenses and purchase stand up banners for advertisement of organization.

#### Arts, Culture - \$6,500.00

**Cedar Lake Historical Association - \$2,500** Perform a professional museum exhibit redesign.

**South Shore Arts - \$4,000** Secure funding to support South Shore Arts to continue quality art instruction, exhibits and activities at the Crown Point branch.

#### Education - \$13,778.00

Campagna Academy, Inc. - \$1,500 Create a welcome center for disadvantaged youth and their families.

**CPCSC/CPHS AP Testing - \$3,000** Provide financial assistance to pay for AP Exams for students with financial need.

**CPCSC/CPHS Transition Program/Bulldog Workshop - \$1,000** Financial support to continue the Bulldog Bucks incentive program for Exceptional Learners.

**Multi Agency Academic Coop (MAAC) - \$5,000** First Responder Training with emphasis in Virtual Reality Training.

**St. Mary Catholic Community School - \$3,278** Provide funds to implement an innovative musical program.

#### Community Improvement - \$5,000.00

**Timothy Ball Elementary PTO - \$5,000** Phase 1 of updating the current playground, making it accessible to all children, including special needs children.

#### Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$7,846.00

Food Bank of NWI - \$2,846 Provide boxes filled with food to seniors on a fixed income.

**Pack Away Hunger - \$5,000** Help fund the production of 140,000 meals to feed the food insecure in Lake County, IN and engage 300+ community volunteers.

#### Health - \$1,900.00

American Cancer Society - \$1,400 Fund the mission of the Cancer Society.

**Community Cancer Research Foundation - \$500** Assist with the cost of a facilitator for cancer patients.

#### Housing, Shelter - \$12,000.00

**St. Jude House, Inc. - \$12,000** Renovation of children's TV room/family room to meet needs of clients.

#### Human Services - \$14,249.00

Franciscan Health Foundation - \$5,000 Support the sixth annual Safe Kids Day.

Hair for All Foundation Corp - \$2,500 - match Increase funds available for wig reimbursement program and support patients suffering from hair loss.

Wabash Center - \$3,750 Provide summer programming to children with disabilities and special needs who cannot be accommodated in other inclusive programs.

**Wittenberg Village - \$2,999** Provide a new activity computer for the residents of the long term care facility.

#### Public Safety - \$9,469.00

**Cedar Lake Police Dept. - \$3,850 - partial match** To equip officers with lifesaving equipment.

Lake County Sheriffs Dept. - \$5,619 Funding for new tools that will increase the safety of the citizens of Lake County and the officers who serve and protect them.

#### Recreation - \$11,000.00

**City of Crown Point Parks Department and Special Events - \$8,000** Jerry Ross Hero tribute.

**Crossroads YMCA - \$3,000** Support Hub Run which assists families with financial hardship to become members of the YMCA.

#### Youth Development - \$12,750.00

**Cedar Lake Youth Baseball - \$4,000** To replace scoreboard on Minor Field which no longer shows numbers due to wear and tear over the years.

**Crown Point Babe Ruth - \$5,000** Purchase a JD tractor 2025R to mow & maintain 4 full size baseball fields.

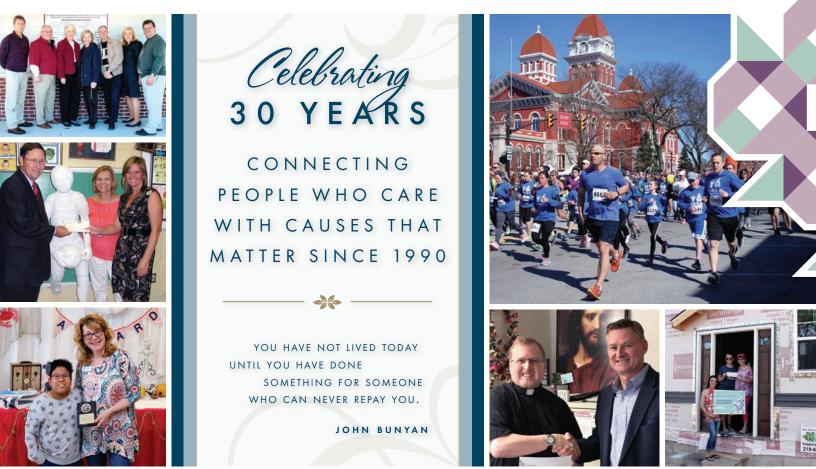
**Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest - \$750** Help facilitate a new partnership between Gabis and the CP Comm Library to train teens in environmental literacy.

South Point Community Church - \$3,000 - match Finish remodeling the teen center.

#### Pro Active Grant - \$500.00

**City of Crown Point - \$500** Youth Community Service Award to be presented at State of the City event March 18, 2020.

### **CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: EMERITUS CPCF BOARD MEMBERS: MARK BATES AND MARY ANN ABRAHAM WITH FORMER CPCF PRESIDENT PAT HUBER AND CPCF BOARD MEMBER DARRYL MILLER MEET WITH CROWN POINT BABE RUTH REPRESENTATIVES / YMCA HUB RUN / CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN WITH MOMMY'S HAVEN / CPCF BOARD MEMBER MIKE DEXTER WITH ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH / CPCF PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN AT THE BULLDOG WORKSHOP LUNCHEON FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS / EMERITUS CPCF BOARD MEMBER JOHN DIEDERICH WITH FORMER CPCF PRESIDENT PAT HUBER AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

#### In 1989, longtime area physician and community leader Dr. John Birdzell had the idea of establishing a community foundation like the one he had learned about while vacationing in Michigan. He presented the idea

to fellow Crown Point Rotary Club members, including Harold Wheeler, Joe Nerney, Tim Sendak, Mike Grant, Larry Rouge, Herman Barber, and his son John Birdzell. Dr. Birdzell's vision was of a foundation that would invest its endowments and use the income to fund grants to the community in perpetuity. The idea was well received, with Harold Wheeler making the first \$1,000 investment.

The following year, the Crown Point Community Foundation was born. Thirty years later, Dr. Birdzell and his fellow founders' vision has resulted in a Foundation with more than 350 funds and \$30 million dollars in managed assets, and an ongoing legacy that has positively impacted countless lives in the South Lake County community.

Since its inception, the CPCF has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to local nonprofits and student scholarships as well as

sponsoring community events including the Volunteer Fair, the Scholarship Awards Night, the Women's Giving Circle, and the Symphony on the Lawn.

A 19 member volunteer Board of Directors as well as a full time staff shepherd the Foundation's role as an proactive member of the community.

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### **CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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"Support from individual donors, corporate sponsors and charitable organizations like the Crown Point Community Foundation are essential to the life-changing, life-saving work we do here at Boys & Girls Clubs of NWI," said Orlando Drummond, Grants Operations Manager. "We appreciate the generous support of the Crown Point Community Foundation and its overwhelming understanding of the impact our Clubs have on thousands of Club members and their families throughout Northwest Indiana."

"We are extremely grateful for your support of our veterans, who are training service dogs to help them in their everday lives," said Jan Koutelas, the Director of Pets N' Vets. "Please know that grants awarded help us to continue our 'no-cost' dog obedience training for our Pets N' Vets veterans."

"As the Buddy Bag Program continues to grow and serve more Crown Point low income students, grants like the one received from the Women's Giving Circle is instrumental in keeping the program vibrant," said Bonnie J. Meyer, the Director of Outreach and Missions at Crown Point First United Methodist Church. "We are grateful for grants awarded and for the opportunity we have to make a difference in the lives of students in need."

#### CELEBRATING MOMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



"It is because of your generosity that Tradewinds can continue to make a difference for people with special needs by empowering them to realize their full potential," said Jon Gold, CEO of Tradewinds Services, Inc.

"We are sincerely thankful for the Crown Point Community Foundation's support of nonprofit development and growth," said Julie Zasada, Executive Director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association.

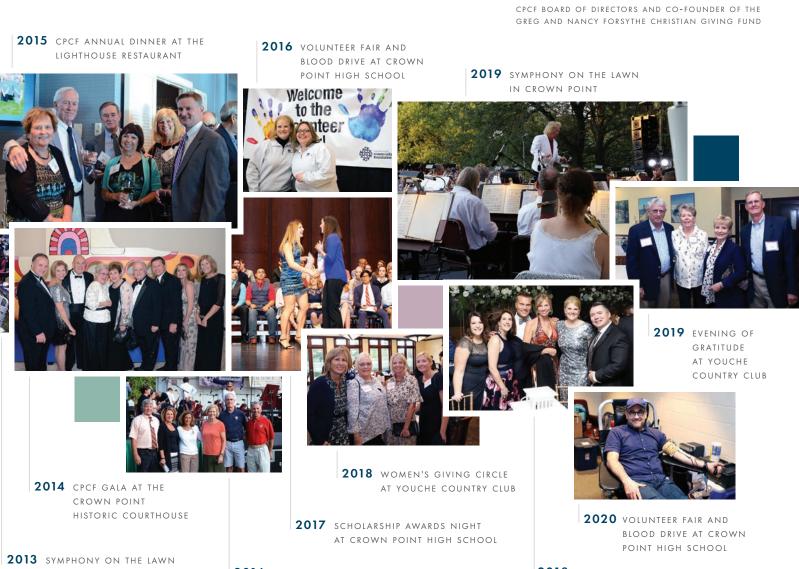
"It is your support, your prayers, your financial gifts that recruit foster parents, train foster families and support foster homes," said Ron Evans, Chief Executive Officer and President of White's Residential and Family Services. "We are extremely grateful to the Crown Point Community Foundation."

"We are thrilled to reach this milestone of celebrating thirty years of service to the community," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "We are grateful for the many people who have served the Foundation over the years and the generosity of our donors. Together we can continue to create a better future for South Lake County!"

"It's fantastic what the Foundation is doing for the whole community," said CPCF Donor Advised Fund holder Wayne Gruber. "I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION AND TO UTILIZE ITS SERVICES SO THAT ITS SERVICE AREA CAN CONTINUE BEING SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, LIVE, AND RAISE A FAMILY.

#### GREG FORSYTHE



IN CROWN POINT

2016 SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN IN CROWN POINT

2018 CPCF GALA AT THE LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT



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# **NIPSCO**

WHY WE GIVE: At NIPSCO, giving back to the communities we serve is a fundamental part of our culture. Every year, our employees volunteer and donate to a wide range of organizations that are making a difference across our service area with a focus on basic human needs, economic development, education, environmental stewardship and public safety.

**MISSION:** NIPSCO has served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. Community support and involvement has always been at the foundation of our history. We're also making significant investments to improve service through long-term system and infrastructure modernization projects, and we're making the transition away from coal to cleaner, lower-cost sources of energy for the future.



#### Girl Scouts:

The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana learn about electrical safety at our Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, which promotes STEM education, at the NiSource headquarters in Merrillville.

www.nipsco.com



Our employees and their families volunteering at the Community Harvest Food Bank (Fort Wayne) and Pax Center (LaPorte).

# MEMORIALS

#### OCTOBER 18, 2019 - FEBRUARY 29, 2020

**Thomas Adams, Sr.** Rich & Kathy Zondor

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Donald & Theresa Cowan at Christmas Joseph & Lori Amodeo

**Bernard James Dillon** Faye Platt

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Patrick Doherty Raymond & Donna Doherty **Leroy Doty** John & JoAnn Birdzell

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photos clockwise from top left: cpcf grant recipients pose with mary nielsen, president of the crown point community foundation, and mike dexter, george letz and daniel root, crown point community foundation board members / habitat for humanity / vna of nwi / foodbank of nwi / cpcf 30th anniversary balloons / honor flight chicago / st. jude house / city of crown point / blood drive by versiti

The 11th annual Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive, sponsored by the Crown Point Community Foundation, drew over 250 potential volunteers to the event. Attendees had the chance to meet and learn about more than 60 nonprofits from throughout Lake County who are looking for volunteers.

"Our Volunteer Fair was a terrific event," said Mary Nielsen, President of the CPCF. "We were thrilled to be able to facilitate the connection between so many worthy causes and people looking to volunteer."

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded five grants for \$1,000 each to qualifying randomly-selected participating organizations. Congratulations to this year's grant winners: MAAP Services, Inc., TradeWinds Services, Inc., The SHARE Group, The Arc of Indiana and Wittenberg Village.

"Thank you Crown Point Community Foundation for hosting the annual Volunteer Fair for the past 11 years," said Lisa Tatina, Director of Development and Marketing at TradeWinds Services, Inc. "This gathering of so many nonprofit organizations in one location is invaluable for the community to learn about local volunteer opportunities. TradeWinds Services has participated for many years. The fair is well organized, a great way to spread the word about our organization, and an excellent business-to-business experience. The foundation is a great resource and support for nonprofits and charitable organizations like TradeWinds."

In addition to the Volunteer Fair, there was an onsite Blood Drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. Seventeen donors participated in giving blood at the event. The blood drive will potentially help up to 40 patients in need!

The CPCF would like to thank the Crown Point School Corporation, LAMAR, View Outdoor Advertising, The Times Newspaper, the Crown Point RoboDogs Team 2171, Versiti Blood Centers and the CPCF Board of Directors for helping to make this event possible.

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS GRANT WE RECEIVED THIS YEAR. THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL HELP OUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPERS, AGES 12-15, WHO HAVE MILD/MODERATE LEVEL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL SKILLS TRAINING. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP BRIDGE THE 2-MONTH SUMMER BREAK GAP WITH CONSISTENT FUNCTIONAL SKILLS PRACTICE TO RETAIN AND BUILD SKILLS.

#### LISA TATINA

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING TRADEWINDS SERVICES, INC.

# HONORARIUMS

#### OCTOBER 18, 2019 - FEBRUARY 29, 2020

John & Ann Barney at the Holidays Craig & Janet Duchossois

**Jerry Caravana** John & JoAnn Birdzell

The Coffee Ladies at Christmas Janice Boicken Kathy Craig Bette Oesterle Sue Riester

Jim & Marge Forsythe at Christmas Barry & Margaret Wood

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Ron McColly Patti Tubbs

Faye Platt's Birthday Thomas Platt & Uta Rehm

Volunteer



#### HELP US LEAD, ENGAGE AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY



WHY WE GIVE: At View Outdoor, our goal is to follow the path our founder, Mr. Dean White, paved decades ago by giving back to Northwest Indiana. We have always and will continue to work with the municipalities and service organizations that build the great foundation of this community.

We are a local company that prides itself on supporting these local communities where we, our employees and their families live. By use of outdoor advertising, we are pleased to help our local businesses and organizations bring new opportunities to this ever-growing community we call home.

Crown Point Community Foundation: View Outdoor Advertising donated billboard space for the Crown Point Community Foundation's 11th Annual Volunteer Fair this year.





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WHY WE GIVE: Centier Bank is at the Heart of the Community, in every community we serve across the state of Indiana. We invest our time, talents, and treasure to serve nonprofit organizations and initiatives through sponsorships, volunteerism, financial education programs, and other means of philanthropic outreach. We strive to ensure that our contributions are making an impact. We can't grow if our communities don't grow.

**MISSION:** Indiana's largest, private family-owned bank is a testament to the notion that no matter how large a business grows, it is still possible to provide personalized service. This comes naturally to Centier associates, because of our servant heart culture. We aim to provide "WOW" banking and investment experiences in a warm, welcoming environment based on our corporate values of Caring, Loyalty, Integrity, Friendship, and Fun.



JDRF Indiana One Walk: Centier associates had a great group of walkers and volunteers at the JDRF Indiana One Walk in September.

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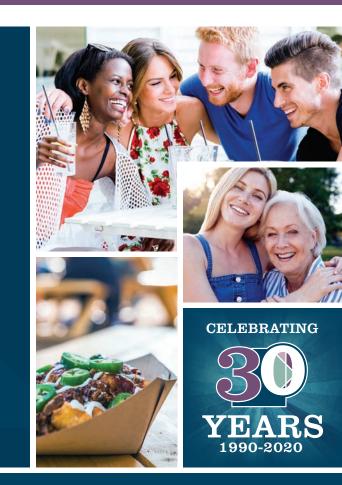
## CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT

This year marks the Crown Point Community Foundation's 30th anniversary. What better way to celebrate than with a **community wide family friendly event** open to all residents in our service area of Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield!

Join us at **Bulldog Park** as we celebrate throughout the afternoon with special guests, fun activities, and music by local favorite **The Crawpuppies!** We'll have CPCF swag, a video presentation, and will recognize 30 residents who are making a difference in our community.

Event Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 Location: Bulldog Park, Crown Point Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cost to Attend: FREE

Food vendors will be available with items to purchase.





# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MY COMMUNITY AWARD

#### **APPLICATION TO NOMINATE NOW AVAILABLE!**

Is there someone you admire and respect that deserves to be recognized for **making a difference** in their community of Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell or Winfield? If so, please consider honoring them by nominating them for the Crown Point Community Foundation's **Making A Difference In My Community Award.** This award recognizes the efforts of everyday residents, under the age of 40 years old, making an impact in their community. We will be **honoring 30 individuals** throughout our service area and recognizing them at our 30th Anniversary Celebration Event on September 20, 2020. The 30 honorees will each have the opportunity to **award a** \$3,000\* grant to a charity of their choice!

# THAT'S \$90,000 IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

Nomination application and guidelines are available now on our website: www.thecpcf.org/events.html. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, May 29, 2020**.

# DONATIONS

#### OCTOBER 18, 2019 - FEBRUARY 29, 2020

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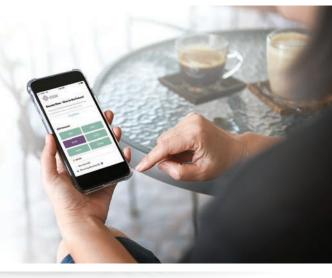
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As a friend of the Crown Point Community Foundation, we are asking for your help. Please join us as we support our South Lake County communities affected by the Coronavirus. Every person in South Lake County has been affected in some way by the Coronavirus.

Now, more than ever, is the time for all of us to come together to support the communities we love. Charitable giving will play an important role in responding to this crisis. **100% of your donation** to this fund will be used to provide direct support to nonprofit organizations delivering critical services to those in Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield.

The Crown Point Community Foundation has allocated \$30,000 to support these efforts. For 30 years, the Crown Point Community Foundation has provided grant dollars to support vital efforts in South Lake County. From our beginning, we have worked together with partners across the community to improve healthcare, provide meals, support education, and to enrich the quality of life. We care deeply for the people of our communities. The spirit of collective giving is core to our mission. Please join us and give now. A donation of any size will make a difference! To donate, simply visit **www.thecpcf.org/donate.html** or to donate by check, please indicate **CARE-Emergency Fund** in the memo line and mail to: Crown Point Community Foundation, P.O. Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308

We're stronger together! Crown Point Community Foundation has partnered with Legacy Foundation and Foundations of East Chicago to assist nonprofit organizations who are serving those impacted by COVID-19 in Lake County. Emergency Quick Response Grants from \$2,000 - \$15,000 are available now. Nonprofits can visit legacyfdn.org/grants to learn more and submit an application.

### The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

\$2 trillion aid package will provide financial aid to families and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The following highlights a few points included in the Act for both individuals and businesses.

- Direct payments to Americans who pay taxes
- Expanded Unemployment
- Business relief for small business and large corporations
- Hospitals and health care including personal protective
- equipment and testing
- States and local government disaster relief
- Charitable Tax Deduction Increases

The CARES Act amends the rules for charitable contributions, allowing taxpayers to get up to a \$300 charitable cash

contribution for taxpayers who take the standard deduction.

For taxpayers who take itemized deductions, the 60% limitation becomes 100%. Corporate limit increases from 10% to 25% for 2020. Please consult your tax advisor for CARES Act contribution deduction specific to your situation.

Information subject to change. For the latest details on the CARES Act, please, visit www.congress.gov.



# Five Questions for Chrisanne Christ

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS / 1ST VICE CHAIR GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

#### What is a strange quirk you have?

If I see a worm on the ground, I have to pick it up and put it safely in dirt or grass. It doesn't matter where I am at or what I am doing. When on a college tour with my son, he saw that there were worms all over and begged me not to do it there. I still feel pain about not helping them out that day.



#### What inspires you?

I am inspired by everyday moments. My husband and I were recently in a drive-thru and noticed the male employee cleaning the sides of our drinks where some soda spilled. He served us with such a big smile and great service – I loved the pride he showed in his job and made sure to tell him I noticed and appreciated it.

### What do you do in your spare time?

I have always loved watching movies of all genres and was lucky enough to marry a man that also loves movies and can recite them line for line (whether you want him to or not!). We are homebodies, so we love cooking, barbecuing in the summertime and being outside. We are blessed that our kids want to see us often, so we spend as much time as we can with them.

### What's the best advice you've ever received?

It was really just the way I was raised by two incredible parents. We didn't have a lot, but they always shared what we did have with others. I learned to put the needs of others ahead of my own and your life will be blessed. I now work for a company that lives and breathes that philosophy through our "Servant Heart" culture, so I am fortunate to be around kind associates every day!

> What is something you've read that had an impact on you?

I read an article a few years back on Maya Angelou and all she endured in her life that made her who she is. She referenced that it's hard to hate someone when you know their story, and everyone has a story. I think too often we are afraid to be vulnerable and to share our own story. But, when you do it is magical and can truly be life-changing.

Chrisanne grew up in East Chicago, IN with both parents working at Inland Steel/Local 1010. She is very thankful to have had the opportunity to be raised in such a diverse and cultural city. Chrisanne went to Ball State until the fateful day she met her now-husband through a summer class at Purdue Calumet, fell in love and came back home to finish her education. Her degree is in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management, but fate once again had other plans for her and she stumbled across the Human Resources field while working at the Radisson Star Plaza, knowing that was really her passion. She has grown her career in Human Resources over the past 24 years at Centier Bank and is currently a Senior Partner, over the Human Resources Development division. Chrisanne resides in Crown Point with her husband, Mark, and children, Callista and Nicholas (both are currently away in college, making their parents extremely proud!).

Chrisanne first learned about the CPCF while involved with the PTA of Colonel Wheeler Middle School. The PTA wanted to begin a scholarship for students that attended the middle school, and worked with the CPCF to bring that dream to fruition. It was during this time that Chrisanne learned all about the extraordinary impact the CPCF made within the community and that their scholarship program was only a piece of a larger pie. Over the years, her respect deepened and she hoped the day would arrive that she would get to serve within the CPCF – and it did! She feels so honored to help serve the South Lake County community through her work with the CPCF.



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#### Upcoming Crown Point Community Foundation Events:

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