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PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES RECEIVE \$90,550

IN PROACTIVE GRANTS AS PART OF THE CPCF'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.



GIVE TODAY...
Greater **IMPACT**
TOMORROW

MATCHING CHALLENGE

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY**
> SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

5 QUESTIONS WITH CPCF BOARD MEMBER
> CYNDI WALSH

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHEN NOTHING IS SURE,
EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

MARGARET DRABBLE
ENGLISH NOVELIST

I like to think of myself as a person who sees the glass half-full verses half-empty. That challenges present opportunities.

The past twelve plus months magnified the uncertainties of everyday life, compounded by the elevation of social and political divisiveness, and a worldwide pandemic. But it also magnified the beauty of people coming together in their communities to help and care for each other.

MARY B. NIELSEN
PRESIDENT

The board of directors and staff of the Crown Point Community Foundation are grateful for you, our loyal and trusted fundholders, donors and community partners, who give generously to support us in our mission to enrich the quality of life in the communities we serve.

On pages 6-7, you will learn about \$90,550 in proactive grants awarded this past December from our Unrestricted Community Fund, commemorating our 30th anniversary, to better equip our local police and fire public safety agencies who put their life on the line each day to protect our communities.

Sometimes things that seem so small can make a huge difference in a person's quality of life. On page 4, you'll read about how a wheelchair ramp ministry provides people with disabilities the ability to safely and easily enter and exit their home with certainty. Because of donors like you, the CPCF was able to award a grant to install four access ramps at homes in South Lake County.

As a public charitable organization, the Crown Point Community Foundation supports a broad range of community needs. If there is a cause you are passionate about, we have a fund to support your interest. Small donations are just as important as large donations. And with our **\$2.5 million-dollar \$1 for \$1 Matching Challenge** made available by the generosity of the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation, you can **Double the Impact** of your donations made to the Foundation. See page 10 to learn more about qualifying gifts and available matching monies.

As stewards of the Foundation, we are grateful to you, our fundholders and donors who give to keep our communities vibrant, making possibilities come true.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and generosity. Together we can continue to make a positive difference in South Lake County and beyond... *now and for generations to come!*

MARY B. NIELSEN



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OUR PURPOSE AS A SERVICE TEAM IS TO ACT IN A HELPFUL AND CARING MANNER TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE OF OUR SOCIETY. WE ACCOMPLISH THIS BY OFFERING METAL WHEELCHAIR RAMPS FREE OF CHARGE.

JAMES KOELING
ST. MICHAEL WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON



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CEDAR LAKE PATROL COMMANDER TIMOTHY KILGORE AND CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM T. FISHER DISPLAY DIGITAL CAMERAS PURCHASED THROUGH PROACTIVE GRANT.

ON THE COVER
PUBLIC SAFETY
AGENCIES RECEIVE
\$90,550

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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION THAT CARES FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE LIKE THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

DANIEL BALL
TOWN MARSHAL
WINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RAMP INSTALLATION IN CEDAR LAKE, IN (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) JIM DINELL, KATE CARR, CAROL LAURIE, GRAND KNIGHT JIM PRASOPOULUS, JIM KOELING, AND BOB HANSEN / RAMP INSTALLATION IN SCHERERVILLE, IN / JIM KOELING AT A RAMP INSTALLATION IN ROSS TOWNSHIP / BILL MARVEL HELPED INSTALL A RAMP IN WHITING, IN.

With your support, people with disabilities have better access to their homes.

A grant for \$2,000 was awarded to the St. Michael's Church Wheelchair Ramp Ministry by the Crown Point Community Foundation.

The ability to safely and easily enter and exit their home is vitally important to people with disabilities. Sometimes the installation of a ramp is required before a hospital will discharge a patient. In other cases, a ramp is what allows seniors to be able to go to doctor's appointments or leave their homes.

St. Michael's Church in Schererville saw the need for providing steel ramps at no charge to people in need in our community. Their Wheelchair Ramp Ministry provides and installs reclaimed ramps at clients' homes with the help of volunteers.

The St. Michael's team installs the ramps in a day. They are ADA approved installations, 100% recyclable, and allow moisture to be

easily removed to minimize dangerous ice or moisture buildup.

The grant from the CPCF helped St. Michael's install four steel access ramps at homes in South Lake County. For more information about St. Michael's Church ministries, visit www.stmichaelparish.life.



ST. MICHAEL
PARISH
Schererville, Indiana

THEY DID A FANTASTIC JOB INSTALLING THE RAMP. IT WAS A HUGE WEIGHT OFF MY SHOULDERS AND A HUGE HELP FOR MY HUSBAND. I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING MORE.

CAROL LAURIE
ST. MICHAEL WHEELCHAIR RAMP RECIPIENT

COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE CPCF AWARDED \$90,955.35 IN UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY GRANTS IN THE FEBRUARY CYCLE.

Animal Related - \$2,000.00

Power Paws for Kids - \$2,000

Promote health and well-being through positive interactions with animals.

Arts, Culture - \$6,200.00

Cedar Lake Historical Association - \$6,200

Create a member's lounge and increase special event programs by adding temperature control to the lobby and cafe gathering room.

Education - \$7,500.00

CPCSC/CPHS AP Test Scholarships - \$3,000

Financial assistance to students who qualify for taking AP tests.

Crown Point Christian School - \$1,000

Expand the robotics team to include elementary students.

St. Mary Catholic Community School - \$3,500

Expand the music instruction program.

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture - \$4,000.00

Food Bank of NWI - \$4,000

Purchase two conveyor belts for volunteer work.

Health - \$9,800.00

Franciscan Health Foundation - \$5,000

Help serve vulnerable South Lake County residents with virtual and potentially in-person Safe Kids activities, a fall prevention course for seniors and programs assisting pediatric sexual assault victims and seniors needing adult guardianship over the coming year.

NWI Cancer Kids Foundation - \$4,800

Support families with kids with cancer.

Human Services - \$6,350.00

Crossroads YMCA - \$3,000

Support the YMCA income based program.

Lupus Foundation of America - \$2,000

Provide financial assistance to lupus patients for medical, prescription and housing costs.

Wittenberg Village - \$1,350

To help furnish the theater room for long term care residents.

Public Safety - \$14,525.35

Cedar Lake Police Department - \$3,998

Mitigating Loss of Life and Property damage from vehicle pursuits.

Crown Point Emergency Management Agency - \$10,527.35

Purchase equipment needed for new certifications and trainings.

Youth Development - \$39,080.00

Challenger Learning Center of NWI - \$5,400

Technical upgrades to programs.

Crown Point Jr. Bulldog Football - \$16,000

Provide financial help for scholarship support and to purchase 50 helmets.

I Can Shine St. John - \$500

Provide financial help for families of special needs children learning to ride a bike.

Rotary Club of Crown Point - \$7,180

To fund the Imagination Library program.

Young Life of NWI - \$10,000

Improve the social, emotional and spiritual health of middle and high school teens in South Lake County.

Pro Active Grants - \$1,500.00

CPCF Outgoing Chair Grant - \$1,000

Outgoing Crown Point Community Foundation Chair grant to organization.

City of Crown Point - \$500

Youth community achievement award.

DISTRIBUTIONS FROM UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT FUNDS PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS THE BROAD
NEEDS WITHIN OUR SOUTH LAKE COUNTY
SERVICE AREA OF CROWN POINT,
CEDAR LAKE, LOWELL AND WINFIELD.

MARY B. NIELSEN
CPCF PRESIDENT

PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES RECEIVE \$90,550 THROUGH PROACTIVE GRANTS AS PART OF THE CPCF'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



PHOTOS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:)
CROWN POINT FIRE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:)
 LIEUTENANT JON SARVER, FIREFIGHTER MATT WISE, JUSTIN GETTLER, CROWN POINT FIRE CHIEF DAVE CRANE, BATTALION CHIEF THOMAS WALTERS, CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT MARY NIELSEN, FIREFIGHTER TONY FLYNN, AND FIRST AID CAPTAIN SCOTT ABRAHAM / **CROWN POINT POLICE** (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:)
 CROWN POINT CHIEF OF POLICE PETE LAND; CROWN POINT OFFICER YADIRA CASTELLANOS, AND MARY NIELSEN / **LOWELL POLICE** (BACK ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:)
 LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS BECKY RUIZ-HARBINSON, DOUG PARKER, RAY BORCHERT, AND SHANE TUCKER (FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:)
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With your help, the Crown Point Community Foundation awarded \$90,550 to our heroic first responders.

The grants were awarded by CPCF's grant committee commemorating its 30th anniversary celebration. CPCF President Mary Nielsen reached out to local fire and police departments to identify needs that could be supported with additional funding.

"All departments have been greatly challenged and affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; the Foundation wished to show its appreciation to those who put their life on the line to protect our communities," Nielsen said. "Each Chief and the Town Marshal were extremely grateful that the Crown Point Community Foundation took the time to thank them for their service, and to ask them what their greatest needs are to benefit our communities."



PHOTOS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:) CEDAR LAKE FIRE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:) MARY NIELSEN, CEDAR LAKE TOWN MANAGER RICK EBERLY, CEDAR LAKE DEPUTY CHIEF NICK MAGER, CEDAR LAKE CLERK TREASURER JENNIFER SANDBERG, AND CEDAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER RALPH MILLER / CEDAR LAKE POLICE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:) MARY NIELSEN, RICK EBERLY, CEDAR LAKE CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM T. FISHER, JENNIFER SANDBERG, AND RALPH MILLER / LAKE DALE FIRE DEPARTMENT (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:) MARY NIELSEN, LAKE DALE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF RYAN KENNEDY, AND LAKE DALE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT & LIEUTENANT TROY WEBERG / WINFIELD POLICE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:) MARY NIELSEN, AND WINFIELD TOWN MARSHAL DAN BALL.

The grants were awarded proactively this past December through the CPCF's Unrestricted Community Fund.

"One of the biggest things in the fire service now a days is cancer awareness," said Nick Hylek, Lowell Fire Chief. "Through the generosity of the Crown Point Community Foundation and the funds they provided us, we were able to purchase two decontamination packs to help clean firefighters gear on scene after a fire. We were also able to purchase two battery powered fans to help vent dangerous and harmful smoke and gases from inside buildings during fires. We appreciate the Foundation's continued support of our efforts in keeping our community safe.

Proactive Safety Grants

Crown Point - \$23,500
Fire: \$18,000 / Police \$5,500
Cedar Lake - \$22,000
Fire: \$12,000 / Police \$10,000
Lowell - \$16,550
Fire: \$9,550 / Police \$7,000
Winfield - \$14,500
Police: \$14,500
Lake Dale Volunteer Fire Department - \$14,000
Fire: \$14,000

MEMORIALS

NOVEMBER 11, 2020 - MARCH 23, 2021

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Crown Point High School

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Roger Blankstein

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Jack Kennedy

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David & Jill Mertens

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Kevin & Nancy Keough

Anna Mae Kerr

Peggy Armstrong

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Richard & Joanne Buehrle

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GIVE TODAY... Greater IMPACT TOMORROW

MATCHING CHALLENGE



\$2.5 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING OPPORTUNITY

Now your donation can go even further during our Matching Challenge. Every dollar you donate will be doubled, making this the perfect time of year to help those in need and to support the efforts of the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Help us Complete the Match!

This generous matching challenge is made possible by the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation. The matching challenge provides donors the opportunity to grow endowed funds of their choice and to increase operating endowment funds to cover the operating costs of the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Consider Making A Gift Today

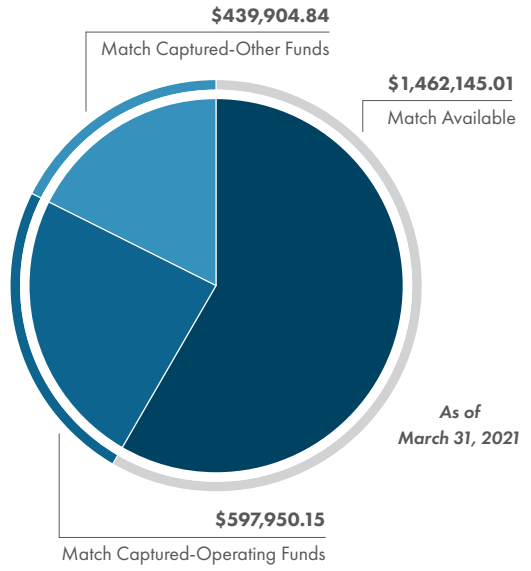
Every dollar raised will double your impact in supporting our mission of enriching the quality of life in South Lake County, now and for generations to come! Choose to give to an existing Fund or Establish a New Fund.

Eligible gifts include: Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, Stock Transfers, and Retirement Assets. Any questions, contact the Foundation, at info@thecpcf.org or call 219-662-7252.

To make gifts online go to: thecpcf.org/donate.html.

This Matching Challenge is available until funding has been exhausted.

\$1,462,145.01
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\$1 FOR \$1 MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES

OPTION A

BUILD OPERATING

For Gifts to Any Operating Fund
100% of Match - to Endowed Operating Funds

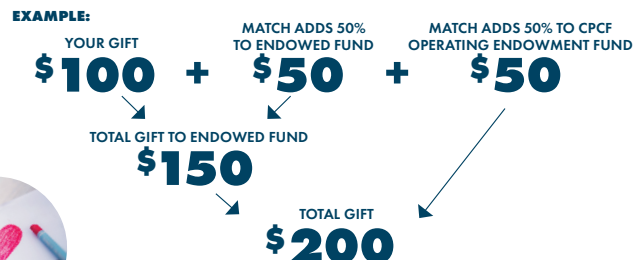


OPTION B

BUILD OTHER FUNDS + OPERATING

For Gifts to other Endowment Fund Types – including: Unrestricted, Designated, Donor Advised, Scholarship, Field of Interest, and Agency Funds.

50% of Match – to other Endowment Fund
50% of Match – to CPCF Operating Endowment Fund



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors plays an integral role in the Crown Point Community Foundation. They select the recipients of CPCF grants, help to solicit donations, and promote the Foundation throughout the community.

We are proud to welcome the following outstanding business and community leaders to the CPCF.



INDIRA BRIGHAM
UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS



DAN DUNCAN
PEOPLES BANK



DEAN JONES
MIRAR CUSTOM HOMES, INC.

INDIRA BRIGHAM

Indira Brigham's parents, Charles and Grace Nowak, instilled in her the values of giving back to the community and being a lifelong learner. She earned her Bachelor of Science at Loyola University, where she met her husband, Gary. They continued their education at the University of Illinois, his in medicine and hers in molecular biology.

They raised three daughters, Renee, Natalie and Annelise, in Crown Point, where Indira volunteered for Tri Kappa, Crown Point Youth Soccer, St. Mary's Faith Formation and Small Christian Communities. She has taught at the University of Saint Francis in Crown Point for over 10 years. "My daughters have taught me many new computer skills that have enabled me to survive the pandemic and improve my ability to educate online. I am grateful for the technology that has enabled us to continue to educate and communicate," Indira said. "I am excited about joining the Crown Point Community Foundation Board because it gives me the chance to learn more about the many charitable organizations in our South Lake County region and to continue to help improve our community."

DAN DUNCAN

Dan was raised in unincorporated Crown Point and attended Lake Central schools. His wife, Alison is an Andrean alumni and business teacher at Crown Point High School, where she is also the volleyball coach. They have two daughters in Crown Point Schools.

He is a graduate of Saint Xavier University and received his MBA from Indiana University Northwest. Dan has more than 15 years of

business banking experience at Peoples Bank. Prior to joining Peoples Bank, Dan held a series 7 license and worked as a proprietary trader.

Dan is active in the community through the Rotary Club of Crown Point and is currently President of the club. He is a member of the loan committee for the Regional Development Company, a certified development company that generates and administers SBA 504 loans. Dan also coaches youth sports. Dan is looking forward to the opportunity to further serve his hometown community.

DEAN JONES

Dean Jones grew up living in different areas of the country until his family settled in southern Indiana as he was entering high school. He attended Butler University in Indianapolis, where he met his wife, Sara. Wanting to start their family in a close-knit community, they moved to Crown Point in 1994 where they've raised their three children, Ashley, Valerie, and Zachary.

Dean has worked in the custom home building business for over 30 years with Mirar Custom Homes, Inc. He has committed his professional career to providing high-end custom homes and quality service to homeowners across Northern Indiana. He has served on the board and as President of the Homebuilders Association of Northwest Indiana, as well as the board of Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana.

Dean is honored to serve on the Community Foundation Board as he has seen firsthand the good it has done, and he is looking forward to being a part of the Foundation's future.

DONATIONS

NOVEMBER 11, 2020 - MARCH 23, 2021

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Joseph & Annette Allegretti
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Five Questions for Cyndi Walsh

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Cyndi Walsh grew up in Lowell and has lived in Crown Point for 25 years. She earned a BS in Information Technology from Purdue, an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago, and is pursuing her Doctorate Degree at DePaul University, concentrating on financial markets. Cyndi manages her own investment advisory practice, Walsh Advisors, in Crown Point. She has been married to her husband Tim for 27 years and has two adult children, Christine and Jack.

1. What attracted you to the CPCF?

My husband and I set up a donor-advised fund many years ago and have continued to contribute to the fund. It has been really rewarding to see our fund grow and support our charitable interests. I really believe in the concept of an endowment as a source of perpetual income, and in this case the income is used for the good of the community. It is amazing, really, and I consider it an honor to serve.

2. What do you like to do for fun?

While I enjoy running with my friends, I am happiest on a boat. My father taught me to sail as a young child on Cedar Lake, and while I did not fully appreciate it at the time, our time on the lake sparked a lifelong interest in anything to do with water. I have been trying to master wake surfing lately, but I admittedly spend a lot of time swallowing water.

3. What is your advice to have fulfillment in retirement?

While I am not retired, I do a lot of retirement planning and care for clients who are retired. My advice is to spend more time planning before you retire because once you retire your options become more limited. Just a few extra years of working can add a lot of financial flexibility in retirement.

4. What is your personal mission statement?

I think my mission in life has changed over time and as I get older, I strive to leave people in a better place than where I found them, whether that be through teaching, serving, or just being kind. You just never know what people are going through and I never want to be the person that makes their situation worse.

5. What is your favorite memory from childhood?

I grew up in Lowell, which at the time was still pretty rural. My first job was detasseling corn, and while it was really hard work and long hours, I was able to spend a lot of time with my friends who worked with me. Being kids, we somehow figured out how to have fun every day. I cherish those memories and still maintain those friendships that I built walking the corn fields.



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