

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR

COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FORT WAYNE

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Thank you from all of us at the Community Foundation for a wonderful 2018! Your support, engagement and enthusiasm has not only energized all of us, it has inspired us to think more boldly about the future and our role in it. In 2018, the board and staff affirmed our passion to connect people and resources in meaningful ways that builds a more vibrant community. A welcoming and prospering community we love and are proud to call home.

One of our most wide-reaching and impactful resources is our Community Impact Fund. Supported by thousands of donors over the years, the Community Impact Fund infuses more than \$2 million each year into our nonprofit community through grants and has supported hundreds of organizations doing important work that you love.

Every single gift given to the Community Foundation ultimately helps make a positive difference in Allen County. As a result of that generosity, nearly \$2.5 million in grants was awarded to 120 different local organizations through the Community Impact Fund.

We know you love this community as much as we do and are inspired every day by the generosity you show through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. You motivate us to deepen our engagement while inspiring more philanthropy that helps organizations and individuals. We look forward to doing much more of this in the years to come and thank you for the opportunity to be your trusted partner.

Brad Rhonda Meg Lisa Lori
Heidi Christine Allison Kiley JH

2018 Snapshot

At the Community Foundation we are dedicated to supporting nonprofits through grants and sustainability. We partner with donors to help make their philanthropic giving impactful. We are also committed to supporting initiatives in Allen County that promote growth and prosperity for all. 2018 was an exciting year for the Community Foundation as we engaged more donors, created more funds, and had an even bigger impact in Allen County than we did last year.

\$142m



Total Assets

\$6.5m



Total Gifts

443



Total Funds

\$6.4m



Total Grants

The Reagan Swinford Memorial Scholarship



Upon Reagan's passing, her parents Adam and Jessica opened a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne in her honor. Adam and Jessica were familiar with the Community Foundation through Jessica's work with scholarships at Fort Wayne Community Schools and wanted to be able to support other students' education.

"We love the partnership with the Community Foundation. They have worked with us every step of the way to create Reagan's Scholarship Fund. It was overwhelming for us in the beginning when we had so many donations for the scholarship. We appreciate the partnership and their willingness to help us, processing of the donations and handling the administrative duties, in addition to helping us keep Reagan's memory alive."

– Adam and Jessica Swinford

Reagan was the epitome of strength and persistence. She lived life to the fullest and packed a lifetime into the seventeen years that she lived. She inspired others with her determination. She was humble and kind. Her heart poured out love for those she cared about and she was filled with grace. Reagan loved every minute of her time at Wayne New Tech High school and wanted to give back to those who needed help. The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne will keep this legacy of Reagan alive for generations to come and in the hearts and minds of Wayne New Tech High School students and staff.

20 
Funds Created

Average Gift
 **\$7,225**

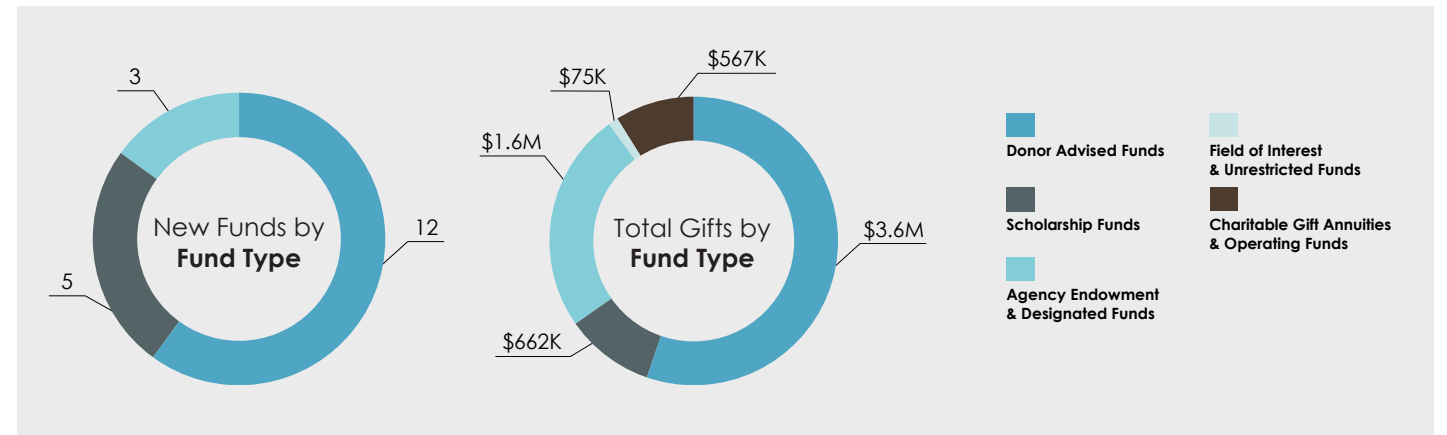
169 **Paul Clarke**
Legacy Society Members

318 
New Donors

Our Donors' Impact in 2018

The Reagan Swinford Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2018 to provide scholarships to students at Wayne New Tech High School to attend a two or four year university. Reagan left this earth on August 29, 2018 after four battles with cancer throughout her life. She was seventeen years old. Reagan was raised in Fort Wayne and was a student at Wayne New Tech High School. Despite her illnesses, she was active in the Olympic Committee, Canstruction, Women in Engineering Club, Key Club, Interact (Rotary), and New Tech Academy Culture Club. She was a member of the Honor Society and was 7th in her graduating class. She was also active in tennis, the marching band and the Blue Crew (student section) at Wayne.

Reagan was passionate about cancer research and encouraging others. She loved the joyous time and peace she found at the family lake house and she fiercely loved her family. Through her struggles and her triumphs, Reagan taught many people so much. She was compassionate and supported causes that she had personally experienced such as the Ronald McDonald House.





The Community Foundation distributed \$6.4 million in grants and scholarships in 2018. Those funds supported programs for children and families, education, arts and culture, and so much more. The Power House and Cornerstone Youth Center are two nonprofits directly impacted by the Community Foundation.

The Power House provides New Haven youth a safe place and nurturing environment after school and during the summer. Students in seventh through twelfth grades can engage in several different types of fun and enriching activities every week for free. Support from the Community Foundation helps Power House provide healthy snacks, sewing and cooking lessons, homework assistance, Too Good for Drugs program and more during their after school activities.

"The impact we have on the New Haven community is that by pouring into our students, we will help to foster respectful, creative, resourceful New Haven community members who will, in turn, pour back into their community."

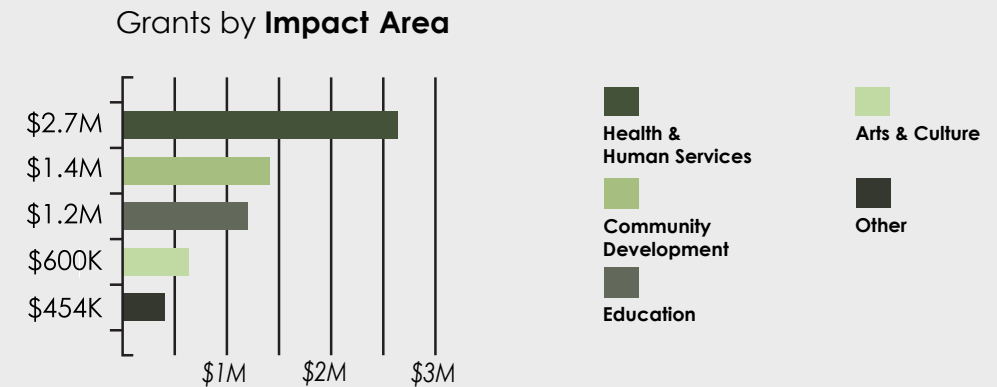
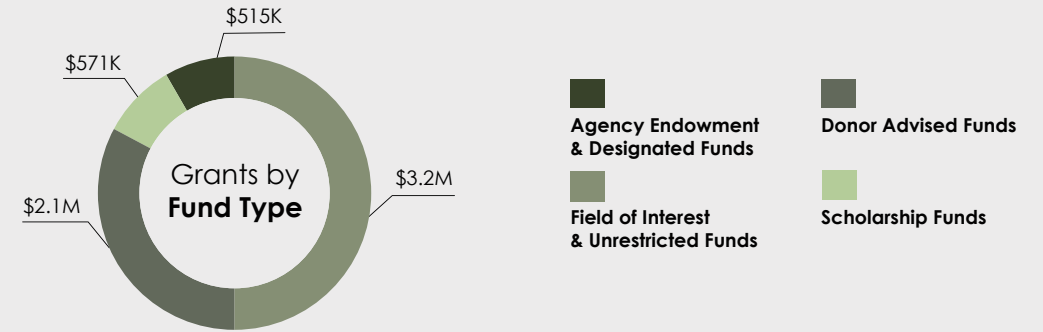
– Sandra Gamby, Executive Director of Power House

Cornerstone Youth Center in Monroeville offers year-round support to youth and their families in Southeast Allen County. Through support from the Community Foundation, Cornerstone Youth Center can provide an after school drop in center, homework help, drug and alcohol prevention programming, wellness programs, summer activities and more. They truly seek to be a resource for the entire community.

"By providing programming and safe spaces, we are working for healthier youth which will lead to healthier adults. Ultimately it's about supporting young people to reach their full potential."

– Sarah Deans Adams, Executive Director of Cornerstone Youth

Through the support of the Community Foundation, these two organizations work together to address the needs of youth and families in our rural communities. Thank you Cornerstone Youth Center and Power House for all you do to make a strong Allen County!



247
Students
Awarded
Scholarships

We awarded
\$571K
in scholarships!

Average
Scholarship
Awarded
\$2,312

10 Year Anniversary of the Steinger Center

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the Steinger Center! The Steinger Center building, which is the home of the Community Foundation, was made possible by a generous donation from Don and Kathy Steinger and a gift of land from the Foellinger Foundation.

Since 2008, nearly 20,000 people have attended meetings and approximately 100 different local nonprofit organizations have hosted events in the lower level community rooms. That's more than the entire population of Grabill, Monroeville, New Haven, and Woodburn combined! It's donors, like Don and Kathy Steinger, who help make an impact in Allen County through their generosity and heartfelt giving. The Steinger Center is certainly one gift that keeps on giving.



A Successful Giving Tuesday

In November of 2018, we had our second annual Giving Tuesday Campaign and raised over \$60,000 for local nonprofits! We challenged nonprofits to raise money for their agency endowments held at the Community Foundation and the top raising nonprofits received a \$2,500 gift on Giving Tuesday. The winners of the Giving Tuesday Challenge were: Fort Wayne Trails, Heartland Sings, The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, and North Side High School Alumni Association.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne

In January of 2018, Brad Little and David Bennett surprised the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne with a \$100,000 grant for their Capital Campaign. The new facility allows the organization to reach more children in need of a safe, fun, and educational place to go after school and includes a full-size gymnasium, special building trades room and a separate space just for teens.

20 Funds Created

In 2018, 20 funds were created at the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne. The Community Foundation will follow the donors' wishes and use the new funds to make an impact in our community.

- Anonymous Fund 1*
- Anonymous Fund 2*
- Anonymous Fund 3*
- Anonymous Fund 4*
- AWS Foundation Nonpermanent Scholarship Fund*
- AWS Foundation Scholarship Fund*
- DAR Designated Fund*
- DAR Fund*
- First Merchants Fort Wayne Community Fund*
- Fort Wayne Trails Agency Endowment Fund*
- Francis Family Fund*
- Gallegos-Blaettner Family Fund*
- James R. Herber DDS Hygiene Educational Scholarship Fund*
- Keller Beneficial Impact Fund*
- Miles B. Davis & Sandra W. Davis Family Fund*
- Philip R. Davis Family Fund*
- Reagan Swinford Memorial Scholarship Fund*
- Snyder & Marx Endowment Fund*
- Ulmschneider Prize in Political Science Fund*
- Walters-Doehrmann Fund*

18
Board Members

8
Committees

10
Staff Members

56
Committee Members



Board members from left to right:
Front Row: Irene Walters, Chris Rupp, Heather Schoegler, Cindy Goodman, Son Huynh, Todd Jacobs, Greg Johnson, Carrie Minnich, Michael Barranda Back Row: Trois Hart, Mike Cahill, Jonathan Hancock, Shannon Hardiek, Rob Patrick, Bruce Menshy, Doug Wood Absent: Bob Francis and Ben Miles

Our Board of Directors

The Community Foundation is truly blessed to have a volunteer Board of Directors that cares for our community and is dedicated to making our home more vibrant and thriving. In the Fall of 2018, the board increased their personal commitment of time, talent and treasure as we kicked off our Board Education Speaker Talks or 'BEST'. Each month features a guest speaker, a community influencer who shares with the board their respective organization's goals, challenges and aspirations.

Topics have included education, crime, economic and community development, public health, arts, and neighborhood revitalization. The BEST series has been incredibly insightful, informative and popular and will continue through all of 2019.

In addition to meeting those who are doing the great work and learning firsthand the impact they are making, our purpose is to spend all of 2019 taking this information to craft and develop a strategic plan that will help us more effectively address community needs.

Thanks to donors, supporters, and community activists like you, we are able to help our community be a more vibrant place. In 2019, with your generosity, we will continue to provide assistance and resources to nonprofits, help donors achieve their philanthropic goals, and provide support to help the community address Allen County's most pressing needs.



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