



Inspiring passionism

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

\$155.6M
TOTAL ASSETS



431
TOTAL FUNDS

\$8.2M

GRANTS
IN 2017

\$3.5M

GIFTS IN 2017

2017 was a year of significant change here at the Foundation as we celebrated the retirement of longtime Executive Director David Bennett after 22 years of dedicated service to both the Foundation and community.

It was also a year of listening, growing and evolving as I came on as the new President and CEO in early 2018. We're using this unique leadership transition as an opportunity to sharpen our focus and deepen our impact.

There has also been a new feeling floating around the Community Foundation recently. We believe that truly great communities are committed to an unrelenting, optimistic feeling that turns positivity into action. And at that intersection of optimism, passion and action is where we've found a new word - "passionism" - and we are seeing it everywhere.

Throughout the exciting changes of the past year, all of our stakeholders - from our board members to our fund holders to our staff - remained committed to fostering passionism and collaborative action at the highest levels in our community. Relentless in the face of transition, passionism is an ever-enduring ideal - it has to be. And when a community embraces this ideal, people aren't just connected by a shared place and mutual interests, they intentionally work together to create lasting positive change.

In this annual report we reflect on the past year and how, together with our partners, we worked closely to foster this spirit of passionism in Allen County. From the exciting plans for our riverfront to the resurrection and renovation of The Landing to Fort Wayne United's bold 10-point Coalition (along with many other initiatives) - our community is moving in the right direction.

However, persistent challenges aren't easy to solve. It can take decades or generations to make a lasting change. That's why we're committed for the long haul. And while it would be naïve to think our community doesn't have our own big problems to solve, the past year gave us a lot to be optimistic about:

- We received gifts of \$3.5 million from generous individuals, families, and organizations
- We put \$8.2 million in the hands of deserving nonprofits who do amazing work in our community
- We supported the development of Allen County's first Children's Health Collaborative and partnered with organizations like AVOW and Fort Wayne United - all of which bring with them their own passion and optimism

We believe that it's our job to leave Allen County a little better than we found it and that the future is full of possibilities to create an even more passionate and optimistic world. Thank you for your help in fostering a spirit of passionism in our community. Our Foundation would not exist without your support and generosity.

If you're interested in learning more about the work we do here, visit our website at www.cfgfw.org or give us a call at 260-426-4083.

With gratitude and appreciation,



Brad Little
President and CEO

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

WE ARE

a not-for-profit organization working to inspire philanthropy within Allen County in 3 ways:

- WE HELP PEOPLE MAKE THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING MORE IMPACTFUL.
- WE CONNECT FUNDING TO EFFECTIVE NONPROFITS THROUGH GRANTMAKING.
- WE PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE.



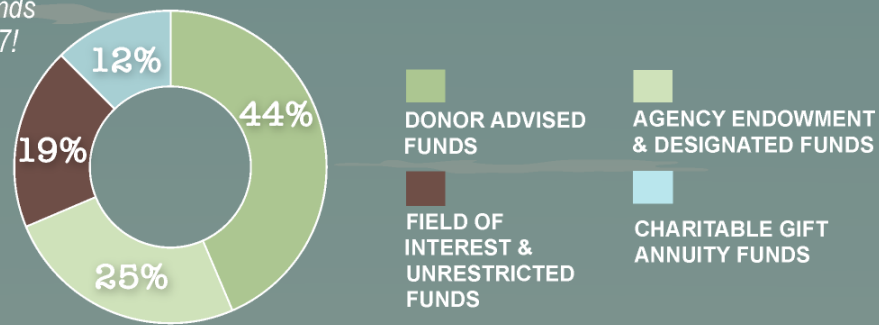
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16 NEW FUNDS

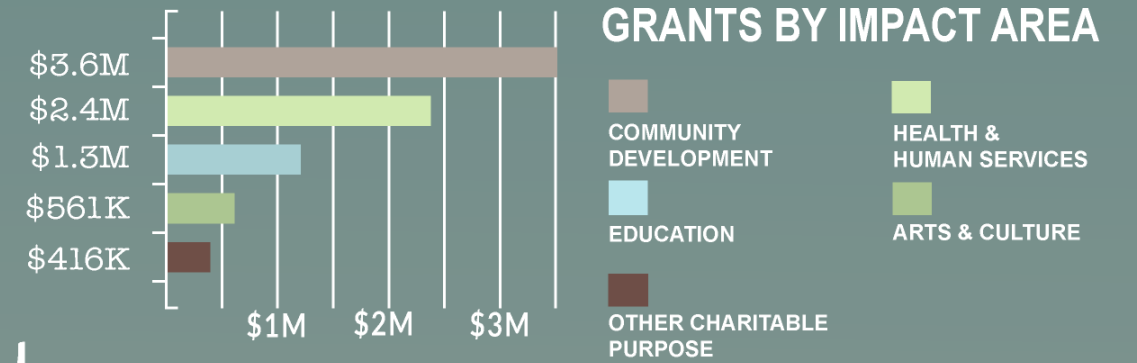
In line with national growth trends, donor advised funds were in demand in 2017!

Find out how you can start a fund at the Community Foundation by giving us a call at (260) 426-4083!

NEW FUNDS BY FUND TYPE



\$8.2 million TOTAL GRANTS

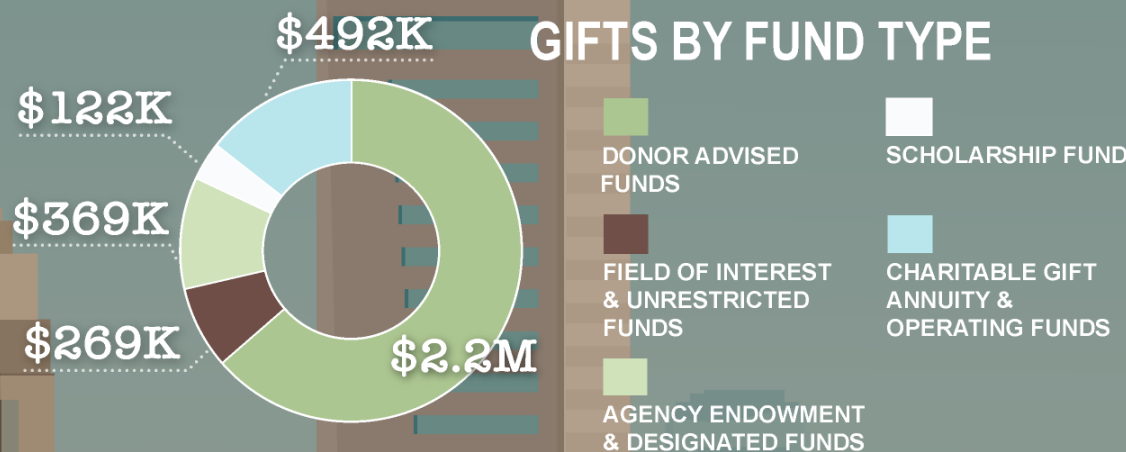


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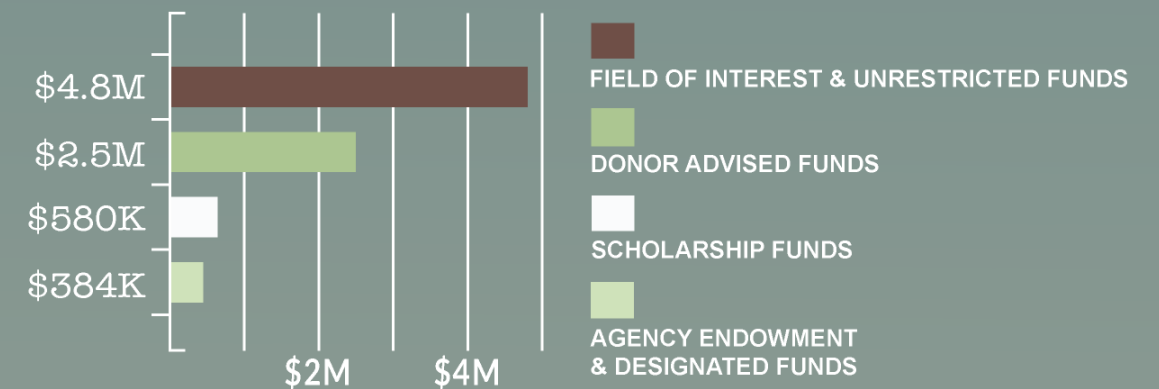
\$3.5 Million TOTAL GIFTS

The Community Foundation couldn't exist without your support and generosity. Thanks to your passionism for philanthropy, we received \$3.5 million in gifts in 2017!

GIFTS BY FUND TYPE



GRANT MONEY BY FUND TYPE



Impact

82 NEW DONORS



18



BOARD MEMBERS

10



STAFF MEMBERS

419

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED IN 2017

TOTAL \$580K SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



245 STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP \$2,367

community leadership

When our community pulls together we have the power to do great things and move our region forward.

We recognize and embrace our responsibility to serve as a community convener, connector, and leader—and we are grateful for our partners who have a shared vision for the future. By connecting people, institutions, and resources from throughout Allen County, we can produce significant results that benefit our entire community.

By sharing our collective ideas and expertise as well as our financial resources, we're making Allen County an even better place to live—for now and forever. Here are just a few of the community leadership projects we supported in 2017:



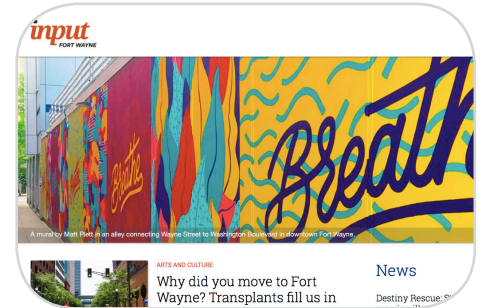
Open Streets Initiative



The Landing Renovation



Riverfront Development



Input Fort Wayne



Start Fort Wayne



Friends of the Rivers

2016-2017 Board Members

Shannon Hardiek, *President*
Phillips Financial

Jonathan Hancock, *Vice President*
Canterbury School (Retired)

Bruce Menshy, *Treasurer*
Community Leader

Bob Francis, *Secretary*
Steel Dynamics

Michael Barranda
MedPro Group

Mike Cahill
Ruoff Mortgage

Trois Hart
Fort Wayne Urban Enterprise Assoc.

Son Huynh
Century 21 Bradley Realty

Todd Jacobs
Lifeline Youth & Family Services

Greg Johnson
United Way of Allen County

Kathy Kolb
Brooks Construction (Retired)

Ben Miles
Parkview Regional Medical Center
& Affiliates

Rob Patrick
1st Source Bank

Chris Rupp
Dulin, Ward & DeWald

Heather Schoegler
Augustus Advisors

Don Steininger
Steininger Development

Irene Walters
Community Leader

Doug Wood
Sweetwater