“Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.”

-St. Francis of Assisi
Giving Smart

September McConnell, CEO
Community Foundation of Whitley County, Inc.

I have a much-loved, greatly-admired friend who has been battling cancer for the last couple of years. She is my hero, so when her birthday rolled around I sought a meaningful gift. Weeks before, she'd linked me to someone she met in the lobby of her oncologist's office. This new acquaintance was really struggling physically, emotionally and financially. Photos on her social media page broke our hearts; she was gaunt with dark circles under her eyes, and connected to tubes and monitors. So, in honor of my friend's birthday, I contributed to her new friend's Go Fund Me page. My longtime pal was delighted; I was happy – I’d found the perfect gift. Until we learned that the person she had befriended was a fraud who has gone to extreme measures to appear terminally ill while stealing thousands of dollars by posing as a cancer patient. She is apparently under investigation by the FBI, having served two prison sentences for the same deception in the past. Among her tricks she had a port, took injections, shaved her head, stole brain scans, faked ER visits to acquire hospital bracelets and lied.

Which brings me to lessons learned.

I've worked in the field of philanthropy, championing the spirit of giving for over twenty years. Should I have known better? Yes. I gave with a loving heart; I just wish my brain would have been a bit more involved in the process. Will it stop me from giving again in the future? No. I’ve just been reminded about the importance of trust, transparency and credibility. Ironically, long before any of this happened, we’d decided the theme of this annual report would be Smart Giving.

While the Community Foundation can’t direct money to individuals, we do hold a number of funds that support great organizations helping people. Our Whitley County Cancer Care Fund is often used to support Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana as they meet the needs of local cancer patients. Through trusted referrals and a committee offering oversight, our Edwin E. and Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund has helped families facing health crises for the past two decades. Agency funds such as those for Mission 25 or Passages are also great conduits for carefully supporting people who really need help.

Here at the Community Foundation our Board has approved policies to protect our donors. We make it our job to understand needs in Whitley County, then we share what we know to help donors make informed decisions about their charitable gifts. But smart giving isn’t just about using caution in donating. The Community Foundation staff is knowledgeable about a variety of tools that can help contributors be savvy when it comes to maximizing tax savings through charitable giving and estate planning. We work in tandem with professional advisors to explore opportunities and meet challenges.

The Community Foundation also owes it to our donors to be informed and thoughtful when it comes to grant making. We do our best to make smart decisions; we view our grants as investments in community. There is no guarantee that every grant will be a home run, but together with our grantees we learn and adjust to improve our understanding of what works.

Sadly, there are corrupt people in the world. Fortunately, this report is evidence that there are far more individuals motivated by love and kindness. Just look at the list of people who gave generously for bettering Whitley County in 2018. We thank each and every one for their trust in our work and confidence in our abilities.

Here’s to smart giving.
Endowments created through the Community Foundation represent a shared belief in a better tomorrow. Here’s how they work:

When a donor makes a charitable gift to establish or support an existing endowment fund, we don’t spend the donation. Ever. Instead, we save the gift and invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. A portion of those earnings are used to make grants or fund scholarships. With appropriate investment and spending policies, the endowment’s purchasing power will be preserved over time. An endowment fund that generates income to assist in running a shelter or offer a scholarship today can be designed to produce income to fund the same causes twenty years from now and beyond. Endowments grow over time and can receive additional gifts from multiple donors.

**How Endowments Give Forever**

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The Community Foundation holds an agency endowment for ACRES Land Trust which exists to protect local land. Thanks to their efforts, nature is allowed to thrive.

**Agency Endowments**

These endowment funds benefit the non-profit organizations for which they are named by creating a stable, annual income stream. While they benefit specific organizations, they are an asset of the Community Foundation.

- ACRES Land Trust
- B.A.B.E. Fund*
- W. Byron & Marian Bollinger South Whitley Cleveland Township Library Fund
- Camp Whitley Fund
- The Center for Whitley County Youth Fund
- Churubusco Public Library Fund
- Faith Christian Academy Fund
- Freedom Academy Fund
- George Franklin Shultz YMCA Fund
- Habitat for Humanity of Whitley County Fund
- Mission 25 Fund
- Junior Achievement Fund
- Passages to the Future Fund
- Peabody Library Endowment Fund
- Simon J. Peabody Library Endowment Fund
- TROY Center School Fund
- The Honeywell Fund for Art Education
- United Way of Whitley County Fund
- Whitley County Council on Aging and Aged Fund
- Whitley County Historical Society Fund
- Whitley County Literacy Council Fund
- Whitley County YMCA Fund
- YWCA Whitley County Fund
- Bernice Ressler Whitley County Humane Society Fund
- Maryln Sellers Whitley County Humane Society Fund

* Established in 2018

**Donor Advised Endowments**

A Donor Advised fund is an easy and cost-effective way to support your favorite nonprofits anywhere in the country, at any time you choose. Gifts to your fund qualify for an immediate tax deduction, regardless of when you decide to recommend grants. Community Foundation staff will confirm that your recommended charities meet IRS requirements and then issue grant checks to the organizations. The donor retains an advisory capacity in recommending grants from the fund which is individually named and identified with reference to the donor, donors or donor family members.

- Benton W. & Thelma L. Bloom Fund
- Copp Family Fund
- M. Russel Fahl Family Fund
- John & Laura Lefever Fund
- James & September McConnell Family Fund
- The Hon. Phil M. & Hon. Patricia A. McNagny Crooked Lake Conservation Fund
- Steve & Gloria More Fund
- C. Taron & Gloria Smith Endowment Fund*

* Established in 2018

The Passages to the Future Fund is an agency endowment which exists to support the great work being done at Passages on behalf of local residents with physical and/or intellectual challenges.
**Field of Interest Endowments**

A Field of Interest fund allows donors to specify an interest area, either broadly or narrowly defined. The Foundation has discretion to make grants within the donor’s interest area. Funds can be endowed, or principal may also be available for grants depending on donor intent.

- Arts Alive! Fund
- David & Barbara Bilger Family Fund*
- Centurylink Fund
- Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund
- Dominic & Susan Devito Fund*
- Shirley A. Gates Fund
- Edwin E. & Flossie L. Heupel Good Samaritan Fund
- Roy Kilby Youth Sports Endowment Fund
- Oak Grove Church of God Children’s Ministries Fund

- Richland Township Community Fund*
- Mildred & Theodore Schultz Fund
- John Slavich Fund for Whitley County Youth
- South Whitley Facilities Fund
- Walter & Dorothy Weck Memorial Fund
- Whitley County Giving Circle for Women’s Health Fund
- Whitley County Hospice Fund
- Victoria & James R. Wise Endowment Fund

* Established in 2018

**Designated Endowments**

A Designated fund is an ideal choice when you want to support one or more favorite nonprofits in perpetuity. Once you designate a charity, we automatically issue the grant check each year. When you endow your designated fund, your giving will provide a lasting legacy to sustain the nonprofits you select. Should any of your designated nonprofits cease to exist or change its mission, the Community Foundation will ensure that the funds are redirected to a similar organization that meets your charitable intent.

- 4-H Beef Club Fund
- Les Bills’ Family Firemen’s Christmas Fund
- CCHS Speech & Debate Fund
- Christian School Fund
- Columbia City Firefighters
- Christmas Candy Fund
- Columbia City United Methodist Church Fund
- Crooked Lake Conservation Fund est. by John & Aileen Meier
- Alan H. Fox U.S. Veterans Transportation Fund*
- George Scott & Mildred Smith Gates Fund
- Lloyd & Maryjane Geyer/Denzil & Betty Schrader Memorial Fund
- HANDS Fund Imagination Library Fund
- The Janet Hinen Giving a Helping Hand Fund*
- Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund
- Sherman & Marjorie M. Kneller Fund
- Loon Lake Conservation Fund
- Walter Malicki Whitko Art Fund
- Margaret Priscilla Waterfall Whitely County Dazzlers Fund
- Methodist Federation of Social Action Fund
- Mhsihkinaakhkwa Pow Wow Fund
- Old Settlers Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
- Old Settlers Association Fund
- Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital Fund
- George Franklin Schultz Fund
- Sierra’s Fund
- Splash Pad (Columbia City) Fund
- W. Byron & Marian E. Bollinger South Whitley United Methodist Church Fund
- Stepping Stones Childcare Endowment Fund
- Whitley County Cancer Care Fund
- YMCA Life Lessons Endowment Fund
- Whitley County EMS Fund

* Established in 2018

**Unrestricted Endowments**

An Unrestricted fund is an ideal choice when you want to give where the need is the greatest at any point in time. Grants from these funds help communities and residents throughout Whitley County overcome obstacles, seize opportunities and thrive. You can establish and name an endowed unrestricted fund during your lifetime or create one through an estate plan. The Community Foundation has complete discretion in grant making.

- Don Armstrong Community Fund
- Don & Sharlene Berkshire Community Fund
- Tim & Beth Bloom Community Fund
- Jerry Busche Community Fund
- Dekko Enhancement Fund
- Gary & Ann Dillon Community Fund
- Doug & Ann Fahl Community Fund
- Ferber Family Fund
- Donna K. Harl Community Fund
- Don & Jane Langeloh Community Fund
- Jean & Roger Long Community Fund
- The Honorable Phil M. & Patricia A. McNagny Community Fund
- Jack & Judy Moore Community Fund
- Andy & Toni More Community Fund
- William & Barbara Overdeer Community Fund
- Scientific & Regulatory Consultants Community Fund
- Rosemary Steiner Community Fund
- Clark Waterfall, DVM Community Fund
- Whitley County Greater Good Fund
- The Wood Family First Olive Fund*

* Established in 2018

Gifts from Unrestricted Endowments are turned into grants that can meet local needs. Projects to spruce up the Whitley County 4-H grounds have found support through the Foundation.
MAKING DREAMS REALITY

A Scholarship fund lets you help students realize their educational dreams, or you can support the schools and universities of your choice. You determine the criteria for selection of scholarship recipients, and we administer the entire process of making the awards.

Whitley County 4H Beef Club Scholarship
Whitley County 4H Helping Hands Scholarship
Tyler Andreas Memorial Football Scholarship
Kenny Beck Changes in Latitude Memorial Scholarship
Diane R. Behrens Nursing Scholarship
Daniel E. Bolinger Memorial Scholarship
The Buesching-Tucker Memorial Scholarship
Lawrence & Frida Bunnell Memorial Scholarship
Gene C. Carter Memorial Scholarship
Bernice Carver Scholarship of Hope
Churubusco High School Fine Arts Production/Thespian Scholarship
Columbia City High School FFA Scholarship
Columbia City High School Founders Scholarship
Columbia City High School French Club Scholarship
Columbia City High School Memorial Scholarship
Columbia City High School Spanish Club Scholarship
Columbia City Rotary Scholarship
Class of ‘63 Scholarship
Joey Devito Memorial Scholarship
Devol Award
Irma & Donald Ferber Scholarship
Maxwell Roark Fizer Memorial Scholarship
Max Gandy Scholarship
Betsy Jayne Gates Memorial Scholarship
James E. & Janice M. Hammer Academic Team Scholarship
Timothy Hearld Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Norman Henry and John Anthony Norman Theater Scholarship
Ernest Earl Heimbach Scholarship
Lindsey Hively Scholarship
Randall & Patricia Holler Business Scholarship
for Manchester University
Robert Hood Memorial Scholarship
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship
JAKES Scholarship
Robert & Grace Karst R.N. Scholarship
Ben Konger Memorial Scholarship
Whitley County Korean War Veterans Memorial Scholarship
Margaret “Margo” Kaler Langohr Art Scholarship
The Malicki Family Scholarship
Brandon Wade Minier Memorial Scholarship
Whitley County Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Mason Mullion Scholarship
Tom Ness Memorial Scholarship
Ohki Scholarship
Tiffany N. Parker Memorial Scholarship
Ohki Scholarship
Tina Parker Award Fund
Richard “Rat” Redman Memorial Football Scholarship
Eric Reed Memorial Scholarship
Pat Reed Art Education Scholarship
Daniel D. Rock Memorial Scholarship
Paul Schmidt Football Scholarship
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants Scholarship

Thanks to a generous community, 1 in 4 of our County’s high school graduates receive tuition assistance from the Community Foundation in the form of college scholarships.

Joseph H. & Irene Shull Tri Kappa Memorial Scholarship
Johnathan Lewis Simmons Memorial Scholarship
Kenny Simon Scholarship
Andy Spencer Memorial Scholarship
Lucille L. Staples Business/Journalism Scholarship
William D. Staples Athletic Scholarship
Nicholas and Laurel Steill Scholarship
Ashley Morgan Storm Memorial Scholarship
James Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Alan Tio Advanced Manufacturing Scholarship
Turtletown Players Scholarship
The Unverzagt Family Memorial Scholarship
Jerry Walker Memorial Scholarship
Dean Hoffman 4H Beef Scholarship

Susie & Lee Waugh Scholarship
Howard and Mimi Wherry Memorial Scholarship
Senator Harold “Poch” Wheeler Memorial Scholarship
Charles White Scholarship
Whitley County Builders Association Scholarship
Whitley County Retired Teachers’ Association Scholarship Fund
Whitko Scholarship
B.V. and Flossie Widney Memorial Scholarship
Lester and Joy Worrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Megan Christine Young Memorial Scholarship
The Young Family Fund*
Rely C. and Izora Zumbrun Education Scholarship
Wilbert & Louise Luderman Scholarship Fund

* Established in 2018
Abbie Little Playground Fund
Kenny Beck Scholarship
Randy Bills Memorial Scholarship
Boomerang Backpacks Fund
CMBJ Waterfall Fund for Coesse School*
Camp STEAM Ahead Fund
Camp Whitley Fund
Chaplain Fund
Chase Warner Memorial Scholarship Fund*
Children First Fund
Christmas Parade Fund
Churubusco Business Education Community Fund
Churubusco High School Alumni and Friends Fund*
Churubusco Pool Fund
Coesse PTO Fund
Columbia City Aquatics Center Fund
Columbia City Downtown Business Alliance Fund
Columbia City High School Alumni Association Fund
Columbia City High School Baseball Boosters Fund
Columbia City High School Boys Basketball Booster Club Fund
Columbia City High School Boys Golf Team Booster Club Fund
Columbia City High School Cross Country Booster Club Fund*
Columbia City High School Girls Basketball Booster Club Fund
Columbia City High School Girls Soccer Booster Club Fund
Columbia City High School Girls Soccer Booster Club Fund
Columbia City High School Football Booster Club Fund
Phyllis Crace Unrestricted Fund
Dillon Family Scholarship Fund
Dime at a Time Achievement Award Fund
Distinguished Young Women’s Program Fund
Edith Nylander Trust/Eberhard Lutheran Church Fund
Eppleman Family Fund
Russell & Evelyn Rahl Columbia City Aquatics Fund
Faith Christian Academy PTO Fund
Faith Christian Academy Expense Fund
Friends of Concordia Cemetery Fund*
Friends of Fire and Police Fund
Friends of the Peabody Library Fund
Every Kids Dreamland Fund
CCHS FFA Boosters Fund
Downtown Business Alliance Fund
G.A.R. Canaan Education Fund
H.A.N.D.S Foundation Fund
Youth Philanthropy Fund
Tammy Horne Memorial Scholarship Fund
Todd Jagger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Junior Lady Eagles Basketball Fund
Donovan Kessler Little Swimmers Fund

* Established in 2018

The Friends of Peabody Library volunteer group helps raise dollars to support classes and programming at the library. Above, children work together to plant a container garden on the back patio at the library.
**A Brilliant Legacy**

“The first olive is the hardest one to get out of the jar.”

While that may sound like a Confucius saying stuffed into a fortune cookie, it is actually a Don-ism inspired by Don Wood, a local entrepreneur who built a magnificent company and carved out a legacy that will impact Whitley County residents, and really all of Northeast Indiana, forever.

While this annual report is a reflection of activity that took place at the Community Foundation in 2018, it is being compiled in 2019. And what a difference a few months make. We lost Don in April of this year. Gone ahead, but never, never to be forgotten because unbeknownst to many, the savvy businessman had a philanthropist’s heart.

Don understood the power of planned giving and he had one last dream to accomplish. With a team of professional advisors and a nod to family, he laid the framework for what would become the 80/20 Foundation Trust, a private foundation dedicated to transforming the industrial workforce in Northeast Indiana. By generating opportunities for individuals and institutions in the place he called home, Don’s lasting gift promises to have a transformative impact on our region of the state, enhancing the areas of engineering technology, industrial technology, machine technology, sales, leadership and entrepreneurship.

How thankful we are that Don Wood and his sons chose Whitley County as the site for their businesses years ago. We were blessed again in late 2018 when a gift from the Wood Family allowed the Community Foundation to meet the GIFT VII challenge match made possible by Lilly Endowment. The donation resulted in a new endowed fund that will offer unrestricted grants for the greater good of our community.

**Janet Hinen**

**Raising Smart Cookies**

Janet Hinen dedicated her life to raising some smart cookies. If she had a secret recipe, it was simply to make learning fun. She understood that kids had a lot going on in their lives outside school and sometimes loving them was more important than a red grade at the top of a paper. Known for inviting entire classrooms of students to her home for end-of-year water fights, hosting Tickled Pink fundraisers where kids could tell a joke for a quarter, and bringing in treats for no reason, Janet’s true gift was showing those around her the true meaning of kindness. That said, nothing gave her more pleasure than seeing her students grow and learn.

A graduate of Columbia City High School and Ball State University, Janet spent her entire career teaching at Whitley County Consolidated Schools before retiring in 2016 due to illness. Prior to her passing, she established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Whitley County to share her love of teaching. The Giving a Helping Hand Fund was entirely her idea and for generations to come, it will benefit K-5 elementary school teachers new to Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

The endowment fund will provide grants to help each teacher make their classroom a special place. The money can be used for decorations, snacks or supplies for a unique classroom project; the choice is theirs. Grants will be made to teachers in both traditional and special needs classrooms during their first year of employment at WCCS.

Janet’s hope was that her love of teaching will be carried forward. You’ll know that is occurring when you come across a teacher who is a shelter for the quirky kids, allowing them to be who they are and celebrating their differences; a teacher who tells jokes and laughs at theirs; who sings, dances or does jumping jacks to start the day; and a teacher who, at some point during the school year, makes each student feel as though they are a favorite. Janet urged each student to be their best self, but the most important lesson she taught was how to be a good person.

She was a treasure, adored by her students, loved by her family and friends. The Community Foundation is proud to be carrying out her legacy.
Camp Steam Ahead, $16,000 for operating two years of STEM Summer Camp
Camp Whitley, $1,000 toward offsetting costs of foster care children attending Camp
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, $5,000 toward costs of serving Whitley County residents
The Center for Whitley County Youth, $22,000; $5,000 for match at 2019 Dinner Campaign; $10,000 toward a matching grant for capital projects and $7000 to help replicating their services to students in the South Whitley area
Churubusco Community Child Care Center, $7,000 to rehab bathrooms
Churubusco Public Library, $1,000 for summer concerts
Churubusco Main Street, $3,000 for light fixtures on Main Street
Churubusco Parks, $12,000 in matching funds for tennis court repair
Churubusco United Methodist Church, $5,000 for projection equipment to be used for community based programs
Columbia City Main Street Association, $1,000 toward the costs of outdoor movies on the Courthouse Square
Community Harvest Food Bank, $5,000 to bring the Farm Wagon program to Whitley County
Fort Wayne Philharmonic, $2,000 for the Holiday Pops concert next December
Giving Gardens of Indiana, $3,000 for materials for children’s gardening programming
Helpline, $2,500 for beds and furniture
Impact Center, $1,500 for a storage shed
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Summer Reading Camp, $2,250 toward the cost of up to six Whitley County students to attend a reading remediation camp
Mad Anthony Children’s Hope House, $5,000 to offset the costs of Whitley County resident’s stays
Mission 25, $35,000 to assist with operating expenses for Shelter as well as the new prevention center
National Inventors Hall of Fame, $4,000 for STEM Summer Camp for Whitko students
Royal Family Kids Camp, $2,000 toward offsetting costs of Whitley County foster care children attending Camp
St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, $5,100 for Jail Ministry and aftercare of jail inmates
South Whitley Emergency Food Bank, $500
South Whitley Youth League, $5,000 for athletic equipment
TROY School, $12,000 to offset transportation costs
Whitley County 4-H, $10,000 toward sidewalk and ramp construction costs
Whitley County Corrections, $10,000 to provide mental health assessments and services to criminal offenders
Whitko High School Band, $1,000 toward the cost of band uniforms
Whitley County Farmer’s Market, $3,500 for the Double Bucks Program
Whitley County Probation, $2,100 for bullet proof vests
Youth For Christ of Northern Indiana, $7,100 toward the expense of volunteer training
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

*Year ended December 31, 2018*

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### Revenue and Support:
- Contributions: $3,270,416
- Investment Income: $(1,006,548)
- Administrative Fee Income: $312,808
- Scholarship Loan Related Income: $12,234
- Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements: $(17,287)

Total Revenue and Support: $2,571,623

#### Expenses:
- Program Services: $2,252,697
- Management and General: $496,725
- Fundraising Expenses: $93,587

Total Expenses: $2,843,011

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets: $(271,388)

#### Net Assets:
- Net Assets at Beginning of the Year, as Restated: $24,761,913
- Net Assets at End of Year: $24,490,525

### DONORS, HONORARY & MEMORIAL GIFTS

*WITH SINCEREST APPRECIATION*

To the many donors who have placed their trust in the Community Foundation to carry out their charitable giving, we offer our sincerest appreciation. Your vote of confidence is our top priority. We have made every attempt to acknowledge each gift. If a mistake has occurred, please let us know so that we can correct our records and promptly acknowledge your contribution.

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Inspirational curiosity and encouraging problem solving is what Camp STEAM did best in all ages. Grants from the Foundation’s Unrestricted Endowment have supported the program since its inception.
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This annual report shared stories of two generous, local philanthropists; one was a successful business visionary, the other a devoted school teacher. They both shared a love for Whitley County and they both wanted to leave a gift for the future.

As we move through life, we are all building a legacy that one day we will leave behind. Family members, friends, even acquaintances will remember us for our work, the causes and organizations we supported, and the special ways we connected with others. A carefully fashioned estate plan can be an important component of a personal legacy as you determine how you will distribute your tangible assets to heirs, charity and others you care about.

As a part of your estate plan, a will or living trust can be more than a practical tool for efficient distribution of your estate—it can be a reflection of your values, expectations, and concern for family and loved ones. The Community Foundation of Whitley County exists as a resource to help you consider giving options that may include maximizing dollars available to loved ones or which charitable causes you might like to include in your planning. Whether you opt to remember a local non-profit, your college alma mater, a church or a charity on another continent, we can offer suggestions and a variety of tools to help you meet your intent. We can also be a resource for your professional advisors and are more than happy to talk with attorneys, accountants and insurance representatives.

If you do not have a will, or if you haven’t reviewed your will in the past few years, plan to visit your attorney. Over half of Americans die without leaving a valid, up-to-date will. The results can be tragic: complete loss of control over asset distribution, unnecessarily higher taxes, and added expenses due to extraneous costs. Don’t let procrastination keep you from properly planning. If you need a place to start, give us a call here at the Community Foundation – (260) 244-5224; there’s no cost involved – we’re here for good and for those who want to do good!
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