

Community Foundation Awards Funding for Local Good

Generosity abounds in Whitley County

Local residents, past and present, who have given gifts both small and large to the Community Foundation with the instruction to “use it where it’s needed the most” are directly responsible for the \$117,000 in grants that were recently awarded to local charitable efforts.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors approved funding for 16 projects at their December meeting. Recipients include:

- American Red Cross, \$5,000 for blood drive equipment for Whitley County made possible in part with funding from the Women’s Giving Circle for Whitley County Health and The Jerry Busche Community Fund.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, \$2,000 for running mentoring programs to meet the needs of Whitley County youngsters; made possible in part by the Don Armstrong Community Fund.
- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, \$5,000 to help offset the costs of serving Whitley County residents in need of nutritional supplements, medical equipment or other needs related to battling cancer; made possible in part with funding from the Tim and Beth Bloom Community Fund.
- The Center for Whitley County Youth, \$20,500 for expanding services into South Whitley and Churubusco as well as challenge match funding for the cook-off; made possible in part by grants from the Andy & Toni More Community Fund and the Gary & Ann Dillon Community Fund.
- Churubusco Childcare Center, \$10,000 toward the costs of a new playground; made possible with funding from the Dekko Childcare Enhancement Fund.
- Difference Makers/Impact Center, \$1,480 for ladder, shelving, freezer and a copier; made possible in part by a grant from the Jean & Roger Long Community Fund.
- Helpline, \$3,500 for furniture, bedding, beds and household items for people in need; made possible in part by a grant from the Ferber Family Fund.
- Mission 25, \$30,000 for staffing expenses to extend services to Miami Village through a community center; made possible in part by grants from the Greg & Ann Fahl Community Fund, and Don & Jane Langeloh Community Fund.
- Passages, \$5,000 to help defray costs of offering a special needs prom for local residents; made possible in part with a grant from the Don & Sharlene Berkshire Fund.
- Respect Team, \$2,000 to bring programming to Whitley County; made possible in part with a grant from the Honorable Phil M & Patricia A. McNagny Community Fund.
- South Whitley Area Food Bank, \$2121 for a refrigerator, freezers and chairs; made possible in part by a grant from the Rosemary Steiner Community Fund.

- Town of Churubusco, \$5,000 awarded to the City for the construction of a rain garden that will be produced as a community partnership with school students; made possible with gifts made to the Greater Good Fund.
- TROY School, \$5,421 to help offset transportation costs; made possible by a grant from the William & Barbara Overdeer Community Fund;
- Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, \$5,000 for food to feed the hungry, made possible in part by a grant from the Scientific & Regulatory Consultants Community Fund.
- Visiting Nurse, \$5,000 to help with the costs of serving Whitley County residents; made possible in part with a grant from the Clark Waterfall DVM Community Fund and the Whitley County Hospice Fund.
- Whitley County Consolidated Schools, \$5,000 for equipment dedicated to a sensory room for children with Autism and special needs at Little Turtle Elementary School; made possible in part by gifts to the Greater Good Fund.
- Whitley County Energy Assistance, \$5,000 to assist residents in need of help with heating and electric costs this winter; made possible in part by a grant from the made possible in part by a grant from The Jack & Judy Moore Community Fund.

With this most recent round of funding, Community Foundation grants for 2019 will exceed \$2 million for the betterment of Whitley County.