



Gather. Grow. Give.

*For Good*

| Winter 2020

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*forever*

In the fall of 2018, Lilly Endowment launched its seventh Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. Known for a long tradition of promoting community development by incentivizing contributions to endowment funds through matching grant challenges, the Endowment is especially fond of helping community foundations grow their unrestricted community funds.

During the GIFT VII matching period, PCCF was eligible to earn \$1.5 million from Lilly if we could raise that much from our community. We are delighted to report that, because of the overwhelming generosity of the people of Porter County, that challenge was met a full six months ahead of the December 31, 2020 deadline.

In all, 215 donors made contributions that qualified to earn matching money from Lilly. Of the 46 new funds that were established, 20 were community



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- Mark Maassel

funds that will forever benefit Porter County in the broadest possible sense by making flexible grant money available to meet the ever-changing needs and opportunities over time; 20 were designated to support a specific agency. There were also 4 donor advised funds and 2 field of interest funds started.

“Chris and I love the idea of a community fund because it provides the Foundation the flexibility to respond to sudden, often unpredictable events,” said Mark Maassel who, along with his wife, Chris, started a community fund during GIFT VII. “We are living through an example right now with a sudden surge in demand at food pantries due to the pandemic. The Foundation will be able to use this fund FOREVER as such events and opportunities arise.”

GIFT VII also included a component that provides funding to community foundations to develop and implement a project that will improve the community in some way. Here in Porter County, we’ll be using this opportunity to launch a formal collaboration to expand the efforts of organizations providing programs and services to pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers. Stay tuned for more on this important endeavor!

*Celebrating*

PCCF

25

YEARS

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Next year, the Foundation will celebrate it's 25th anniversary. Throughout 2021, we'll share some of our favorite memories of how your generosity has made a difference in Porter County – so far! We hope you will come along as we take a “**Journey With Generosity.**”

# we are PORTER COUNTY Emergency Response Fund

Think back to January when 2020 started like any other turn of the calendar. Who could have imagined the challenges lurking in wait? By March, our conversations routinely included words like pandemic, COVID, mask, social distance, sanitizer, test, Zoom, shut down, quarantine, work remotely, shelter-in-place, and e-learning. It quickly became apparent that communities across the country would face disruption on an imposing scale.

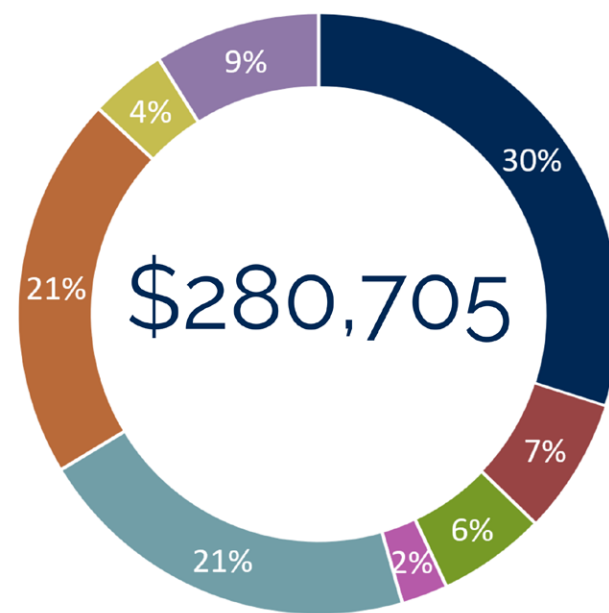
Here in Porter County, your Community Foundation and United Way joined forces to establish the **We Are Porter County Emergency Response Fund** to provide our residents with an efficient way to support the needs that were becoming apparent and urgent. Hundreds of caring folks quickly and generously responded to the tune of \$468,511.

To date, \$280,705 has been granted to organizations experiencing an increased need for their services and to help them acquire PPE and cleaning and disinfecting supplies to keep themselves and their clients safe. At the time of this writing, the virus is surging again. We stand ready to deploy additional funds to bolster our ability to care for our friends and neighbors. **Your generosity makes this possible.** Contributions can still be made to the fund, please visit [www.pccf.gives/weareporter](http://www.pccf.gives/weareporter). Thank you!

## 32 Porter County Nonprofits Received Funding:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana
- The Caring Place
- Call-A-Ride
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary
- Duneland Family YMCA
- Family House
- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
- HealthLinc
- Hebron Country Pantry
- Hilltop Neighborhood House
- Housing Opportunities
- Jacob's Ladder
- Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana
- Moraine House
- New Creation Men's Center
- North Coast Cultural Association
- NorthShore Health Center
- Opportunity Enterprises
- Our Greater Good
- Pleasant Township Food Pantry
- Portage Economic Development Corporation
- Portage Township Food Pantry
- Portage Township YMCA
- Porter County Parks and Recreation Department
- Porter-Starke Services
- Respite House
- Salvation Army of Porter County
- Society of St. Vincent DePaul--Saint Paul Conference
- St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center
- Valparaiso Family YMCA
- Visiting Nurse Association of Northwest Indiana
- Westchester Neighborhood Food Pantry

## Grants Awarded:



- Food Distribution/Storage
- PPE
- Cleaning/Sanitation
- Temperature Scanning/Thermal Imaging
- Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance
- Youth Program Support/Childcare
- Remote Work Environments
- Remote Health Care

# A gift from the heart

What makes it possible for PCCF to grant nearly \$2 million each year to support the good work all over Porter County? **Your generosity does!** The endowment funds held here are invested to grow so grants can be given from them. **Gather-Grow-Give-For Good!**

There has never been a better time than now to honor or remember someone special in your life with a gift that will last **forever** – a contribution to an endowment fund. The Foundation has hundreds of endowment funds so you're sure to find one that supports a cause that is close to you or the person you wish to honor. Or, you can donate to the Community Fund and add to the flexible resources available to help the community-at-large.



Use the enclosed envelope or give via our secure website [www.pccf.gives](http://www.pccf.gives). We'll send a personalized card informing the honoree, or the family in the case of a memorial, of your gift.

If you would like to explore the possibility of establishing your own endowment fund to support your favorite charitable cause, call us. **Tell us what you love, discover your options, make a powerful gift that lasts.**

## Honorariums

As of November 1, 2020

- |                           |   |                               |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Mike Aylesworth           | Kim Kilander                                  | Lois Reiner                   |
| Best Bridge Club Ever     | Myron C. Knauff                               | Mark Ritzi                    |
| Call-A-Ride               | Zaedin, Zaerhin and Zamaeris Skolak Magee     | Ann Ruggaber                  |
| Chief Stewart G. McMillan | R. Michael & Mary Anne O'Connor               | Kathy Shaw                    |
| Lila Cohen                | William Pauley                                | Vision Outreach International |
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| Kathy Evans               |   |                               |
| Judge Mary Harper         |   |                               |
| Carole Heuring            |   |                               |
| Bill Higbie               |   |                               |

## Memorials

As of November 1, 2020

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|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Howard Ackerman        | Alan Harre             | Rosemary Riley             |
| Jan Barsophy           | Beth Herren            | Eleanor Sallman            |
| Ruth and Jake Blastick | Fred and Hilda Hoham   | Rin Seibert                |
| Carol J. Bowman        | Tommy Hughes           | Rudy Seyser                |
| Raymond Cohen          | Bev Hutton             | Brian Starceвич            |
| Dolly Coppes           | Nadine Ilich           | John Tomczak               |
| Dominic Davis          | Robert F. Jaskowiak    | Robert Truitt              |
| Nick Deal              | Bud Jones              | Gail Redenbacher Tuminello |
| Jane Decker            | Irene Malasto          | Helen Wanek                |
| Robert Drotar          | Kristin Morrisson      | Gary Webster               |
| Aileen Duke            | Alan and Sheila Nevill | Laurence Wendahl           |
| Mother of Don Evans    | Leona Petrone          | Keegan Whaling             |
| Ruth Anne Gott         | Frank Pokorny          | Martha Willis              |
| Mildred Graham         | Margaret Redling       | Margaret Wolfe             |
| Carol Grenchik         | Linda Reyes-Popovich   |                            |
| Laurel Hahn            | Debbi Reynolds         |                            |



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