

TOGETHER...

we grow

The Porter County Community Foundation is pleased to welcome **Jeri Pat Gabbert** as **Vice President and Chief Philanthropic Officer**. Jeri Pat will lead the Foundation's **endowment fundraising strategies, nonprofit education and professional development programs**. In her role, she will engage with donors and nonprofits to **build permanent charitable funds** that will benefit our community across a wide array of causes.

Jeri Pat has more than **twenty years of fundraising experience**, having most recently served Indiana University Northwest as the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Affairs for the past ten years. In addition, she served Valparaiso University in multiple advancement roles. She is a faculty member with **The Fund Raising School** affiliated with the **Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy** and has taught as an adjunct faculty member at Ball State University, IUPUI, Hanover College and Valparaiso University.

Jeri Pat earned the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation in 2009. She serves as the cabinet chair for the Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) – District V, is a board member for the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

“The Porter County Community Foundation is privileged to welcome Jeri Pat to our team. Her extensive experience, knowledge and outstanding communication skills, joined with her great passion for promoting the power of generosity, will enhance the Foundation’s capacity to serve our community,” said Bill Higbie, President & CEO at the Porter County Community Foundation.

A well-respected fundraising professional, Jeri Pat has **contributed to philanthropic research and curriculum**. She has two articles published in *The Journal of Education Advancement & Marketing* as well as serving on its Editorial Review Board, and co-authored a chapter of *Achieving Excellence in Fundraising*.

“I am delighted to be joining the Porter County Community Foundation and look forward to collaborating with community leaders and local nonprofits to make a positive and long-lasting impact on Porter County and its residents,” said Jeri Pat.

Jeri Pat was honored by *The Northwest Indiana Times* as a **member of the “20 under 40” class of 2015**. Jeri Pat is a current board member for Valparaiso Events and a previous board member for Hilltop Neighborhood House. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hanover College in Communication and a Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies from Ball State University. She and her husband, Clay Patton, reside in Valparaiso with their two daughters.



JERI PAT GABBERT
Vice President & Chief Philanthropic Officer

TOGETHER...

we make a

difference

The Porter County **Community Fund** is just what the name implies - a fund that has been **built by generous people** - just like you - to be a **permanent financial resource** for our community.

Contributions to the Community Fund come in all sizes - **no gift is too small**; every single one counts and is a **powerful way to show how much you care** about Porter County.

Grants from the Community Fund are awarded through a competitive application process across a **wide range of causes**. Here are just a few.



Kouts Volunteer Fire Department



Chesterton Art Center



Independent Cat Society



Valparaiso Family YMCA



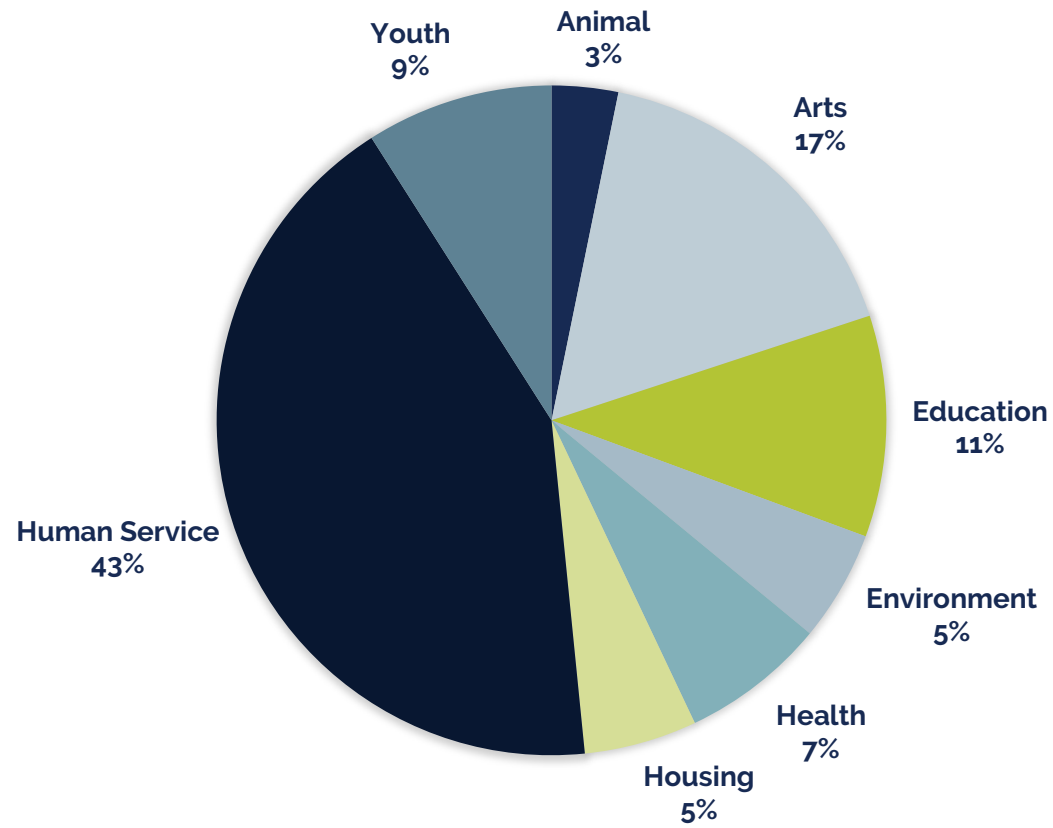
Family House



Porter County 4-H Auction benefiting the Food Bank of NWI

In 2022, the Foundation was pleased to provide funding to the following nonprofit organizations:

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| 1st Kids Inc. | MAAC Foundation |
| Art Barn School of Art | MAKS Corp |
| The Artistic Recovery | Memorial Opera House Foundation |
| Boy Scouts of America, LaSalle Council #165 | Moraine House |
| Call-A-Ride | North Coast Cultural Association |
| The Caring Place | Northwest Indiana Symphony |
| Chesterton Art Center | Our Greater Good |
| Community Theatre Guild | Parents as Teachers of Porter County |
| Crisis Center | Pines Village Retirement Communities |
| Dressed for School | Portage Recovery Association |
| Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited | Portage Township YMCA |
| Family & Youth Services Bureau | Porter County Association for Handicapped Children & Adults |
| Family House | Porter-Starke Services |
| Family Promise of Porter County | Project Neighbors |
| Geminus Corporation | Promise Porter County |
| Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana | Shirley Heinze Land Trust |
| Hebron Volunteer Fire Department | South Shore Performing Arts |
| Hilltop Neighborhood House | St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center |
| Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry | True North Training Stables |
| Housing Opportunities | Valparaiso Creative Council |
| Humane Indiana | Valparaiso Family YMCA |
| Independent Cat Society | Visiting Nurse Association of Northwest Indiana |
| Kouts Volunteer Fire Department | |
| Lakeshore Public Media | |



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Be a part of building a better Porter County for all! You can help make a difference today with a gift. Visit www.pccf.gives/communityfund.

TOGETHER... *we care*

We would like to say farewell to our outgoing Board members and thank them for their time, talents and resources **servng our community**. We are grateful for their dedication to the work of the Foundation. **Together...we create a more beautiful Porter County for all.**



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