



Donor Advised Funds

Donor advised funds offer ongoing involvement with the fund. You and/or your family can make recommendations for grants to specific charities each year.



Anonymous Fund Established in March 2002 by anonymous donors to provide support for various charitable purposes.



Kelso and Margaret Davis Community Fund Established in December 2011 by the Davis' three daughters, Sherri Sible, Diane Manon and Loraine Hartranft. Mr. and Mrs. Davis owned the Davis Photography Studio in Auburn for 60 years. The fund provides grant support for various community programs and activities.



Peggy Dirksen Fund for the Arts Established in May 2001 by Dr. Richard Dirksen in memory of his wife Peggy, who loved to sing and dance. The fund provides grant support for various artistic and cultural purposes.



Family Fund of Agapé Established by anonymous donors in July 1999 to provide support for various charitable purposes.



Garrett Hospital Aid Foundation Fund Established in June 1998 by the Garrett Hospital Aid Foundation board of directors to provide support for charitable purposes.



Sharon A. Kiefer Memorial Fund Established in July 2000 by Sharon Kiefer's family to support Lutheran schools and related organizations in her memory. Sharon was a Christian mom who spent much of her early married years caring for children in her home. She was a pioneer in early childhood education providing a fun, learning Christian environment in her home for many children. Upon moving to Auburn, she shifted her interest to obtaining her teaching degree from IPFW. She planned to teach in a Lutheran School and was able to do substitute teaching before a disabling disease cut her plans.



O'Malley Charitable Fund Established by Kevin and Tamzon O'Malley in January 2006 to provide support for St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Indiana, and other charitable causes.



Plaza 35 Fund Established in December 2013 by LaDonna R. and Steven A. Felke to provide support for various charitable purposes.



George O. Witwer Advised Fund Established by Mr. Witwer in June 1998 to provide support for various charitable purposes.



Youth Philanthropy Fund for DeKalb County Established in March 2012 by the Dekko Foundation. The purpose of the Youth Philanthropy Fund for DeKalb County is to “allow adolescents the opportunity to learn philanthropic skills.” Grants from this fund support DeKalb’s VOICE, the foundation’s youth philanthropy group.

Scholarship Funds

You can help a worthy student pursue his or her educational dreams with a scholarship fund.

Aim High Scholarship Fund This fund provides educational scholarships in honor of Isaac Hague, Robert and Marie Hughes, Elva A. Tess Likens and Berta M. Willennar.



Isaac Hague Isaac served as postmaster of Waterloo from 1869 until he was elected DeKalb County auditor in 1874. This scholarship was created by the Hague’s daughter, Dr. Stella Hague, to honor her father.



Elva A. Tess Likens Elva A. Tess Likens was a practical nurse who lived on North Van Buren Street in Auburn.



Robert and Marie Hughes Robert Hughes and Marie (Sprott) Hughes were married in 1934 and were lifelong residents of DeKalb County. Robert co-owned Hughes Drug Store in Garrett from 1929 to 1972.

Berta M. Willennar Berta Willennar was a member of the Hamilton Methodist Church and participated in many community activities that related to education and philanthropy. Her husband, Orlie, was a teacher in DeKalb and Steuben Counties. They were married in 1931. These funds and seven other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.



Auburn Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship Fund Established by the Auburn Business and Professional Women’s Club in March 2000 to provide educational scholarships for DeKalb County students.



Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Automotive Scholarship Endowment Fund Established in April 2000 and proudly sponsored by the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Committee and interested donors, for a student studying in an automotive related field.



Wayne E. Boyd Scholarship Fund Established by Wayne Boyd in April 2000 to provide educational scholarships for DeKalb County students.



Ben Davis Memorial Fund When Ben passed away in 2014, his family established this scholarship in his memory. Ben Davis served in the United States Navy where he was stationed in Germany on the Rhine River Patrol. He then attended Indiana Central College and Lain Business College. He worked for American Fletcher National Bank in Indianapolis and Illinois. He then entered the automobile business in Fort Wayne in 1970. In 1980, he became owner of Rohm Chevrolet, which became Ben Davis Chevrolet and in 2013 became co-owner of Ben Davis Ford. Ben served on the Auburn Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.



Bill Decker Scholarship Established in January 2002, friends and fellow basketball league members created this scholarship in Bill Decker's memory. Bill Decker graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970 and was passionate about basketball and Indiana University. He passed away in 1999 while playing basketball with the Auburn 33 and Over Basketball League.



DeKalb County Community Scholars Fund Established by the DeKalb County Community Foundation's Board of Directors in July 2012. This fund provides educational scholarships in honor of Hilda B. Campbell, Judy Marsh and Delbert McBride.



Hilda B. Campbell

Hilda Campbell was a local homemaker who enjoyed cooking and baking and then sharing the fruits of her labors with friends and business acquaintances. She was also a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary for more than 50 years. Hilda established the scholarship in honor of her daughter, Betty Lou Stomm, who dedicated her professional career to teaching at DeKalb High School.



Judy Marsh

Judy Marsh was a long time DeKalb County resident and business woman. One of Judy's most enjoyable hobbies was playing golf. Friends and fellow golfing partners honor her memory by supporting community causes that were important to her.

Delbert McBride

This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002. The fund awards educational scholarships.



DeKalb County Master Gardeners Scholarship Fund This scholarship was established in May 2006 and is funded and awarded by the DeKalb County Master Gardeners.



DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Fund Established in September 2010. The DeKalb County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is dedicated to helping individuals who are seeking a higher education in a medical field.



Sarah Jean Eldridge Fund Miss Eldridge lived nearly all her life in Garrett. She spent her professional career as a teacher, retiring from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District in 1986 after 33 years. Established in May 2011, the fund provides educational scholarships for Garrett High School seniors.



Leland R. Fee Scholarship Fund Mr. Fee earned a degree in Mathematics and Science from Ball State Teachers' College and a Master's degree from Indiana University. Beginning in 1949 he taught mathematics and science at Ashley High School for five years, served as the principal of Salem Center High School for 13 years, then then returned to Ashley High School as principal from 1965 until his retirement in 1985. He passed away in December 2014 and his family established this scholarship in his memory.



Rex A. Feller Memorial Scholarship Fund Established in September 2013 the fund provides educational scholarships for DeKalb or Eastside High School students. Rex A. Feller was a graduate of DeKalb High school and a life-long resident of Waterloo. Rex owned and operated a furniture and floorcovering business for 16 years and later pursued his education and interest in the engineering field while working as an engineering technician. He believed in life-long learning and self-improvement. Numerous friends and family established this scholarship in Rex's memory after he passed away in 2013 from a battle with cancer.



Harry Fisk Scholarship Fund Harry Fisk lived near Waterloo, Indiana all his life. After graduating from Waterloo High School in 1919 he served in the United States Navy. This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.

Mary Lois Murphy Grimm Scholarship Fund Mary Lois Murphy Grimm was an educator in eastern DeKalb County. Mary's husband, Howard Grimm, Sr., established this scholarship in her memory through a gift in his will. "Her pure heart, spirit and noble soul inspired many," he said. This fund was established in September 1997.

Julia Hague Scholarship Fund This scholarship was created by the Hague's daughter, Dr. Stella Hague, to honor her mother. Stella graduated from Indiana University in 1893 and worked as an associate professor of botany at the University of Illinois from 1915-1940 before returning to her family home in Auburn. This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.



Jack & Sharon Hannes Scholarship Fund Established in October 2015 by the Hannes' three daughters - Lesslie Keeling, Lesa Sofhauser and Cathy Vick - in honor of their parents. The fund supports a nontraditional student of engineering or social work.



Barbara Herzer Scholarship Fund Barbara Herzer graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1953 and St. Francis College in 1969. She taught physical education and health at Auburn High School from 1953-59 and at McKenney Harrison Elementary and DeKalb Middle School from 1967-1990. "I have always felt it a privilege to teach young people," she said when she retired from teaching. "I strived to give my students the best I had every day and to encourage each of them to reach his or her possibility." When Mrs. Herzer died she left a gift to provide educational support for a female athlete. The fund was originally established with the DeKalb Central School Alumni Foundation, Inc. and transferred to the Community Foundation in December 2006.



Carol L. Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund Carol was a resident of Garrett for 34 years. She was active in the community as a Cub Scout leader (Troop #3178) and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was employed by Courier in Kendallville, Indiana for 19 years as a shipping clerk. This scholarship was established in October 2006 by her husband and children to honor Carol's giving spirit.



Lynn and Josephine Holsinger Scholarship Fund Lynn Holsinger taught mathematics to seventh and eighth grades at Auburn Junior High School. His wife, Josephine, taught first and second grades at DeSoto Elementary School in east Auburn. They established a scholarship to share their love of education. This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.



Coach Bill Jones Memorial Scholarship

William Kent "Coach" Jones was a teacher and baseball coach for 39 years. The fund provides a scholarship to a graduating senior involved with an Indiana high school baseball program. The fund was established in November 2015 by the family.



JaBraun Knox Scholarship Fund Established in June 2013, this fund provides scholarships to DeKalb High School seniors who participate in sports. U.S. Army Sgt. JaBraun Steven Knox, 23, of Auburn was killed in action May 18, 2012, in Afghanistan when an enemy rocket struck. JaBraun was a 2007 graduate of DeKalb High School where he excelled in sports. He played quarterback and defense in football and center field in baseball.



Derald D. Kruse "Student of Life" Scholarship Fund Established in October 2006 by friends and family of Derald Kruse to support lifelong learning.



Don Lash Scholarship Fund In 1936 Don Lash set a world's record for the two-mile run and competed in the Berlin Olympics, placing 14th in the 5K and 8th in the 10K. In 1938 he won the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete. Lash retired from the FBI in 1982 and served two terms in the Indiana General Assembly. He was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1995. This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.



George Stanley and Rose Ilean Means Fund Stanley and Rose lived on a farm near St. Joe, Indiana. Stanley was a cattle inspector and farmer. Rose taught at Harrison Elementary School in what is now the DeKalb Central School district. This fund was transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2009.



Jessica Otterstedt Memorial Scholarship Fund Jessica Otterstedt was born and raised in DeKalb County. Jessica was a girl scout in her early years, and show choir member as a high school junior. She also enjoyed time with friends and her golden retrievers. Jessica planned on attending Ball State to become a mathematics teacher at the time of her accidental death in 2004. While her family continues to mourn her passing, they nonetheless celebrate her 17 years of life and the wonderful memories she left them.



Parker Merit Scholarship Fund The Parker Hannifin Corporation established this scholarship in October 2003 to support students pursuing higher education.



Walter S. Penfield Scholarship Fund Walter A. Penfield was born in Auburn in 1879 and graduated from Auburn High School. He went on to practice international law in Washington, DC and won many honors, awards, and decorations in his field. This fund and ten other funds were transferred from the Auburn Foundation, Inc. to the Community Foundation in December 2002.



Winifred Peters Scholarship Fund Winifred Peters was a lifetime resident of Garrett and a teacher for over 42 years. She taught at Garrett-Keyser-Butler, Jackson Township, and Keyser Township schools. After her passing in 2006, her daughter, Cheryl, fulfilled her mother's wish to establish a scholarship fund in her memory.



Questa Scholars Fund Established in April 2011 to provide educational scholarship loans. Portions of the loans are forgivable when students meet specific criteria.



Randinelli Family Instrumental Music Scholarship Established by Jack and Ruth Randinelli in November 2012. The scholarship honors the Randinelli daughters' interest in music. Kim Randinelli and Kari (Randinelli) Ackerman studied piano as young girls and were both successful musicians in elementary and high school.



Dr. L.J. Rekeweg Basketball Scholarship Fund Dr. Lester J. "Doc" Rekeweg was a Waterloo Chiropractor for 35 years and retired in 2003. He served on the DeKalb Central School Board and was a coach for little league basketball. Established in October 2012 in memory of Dr. Rekeweg by his family.



Donald Ruegsegger Scholarship for Christian Leadership Fund Donald Ruegsegger was a businessman and community leader from Waterloo who exemplified Christian values in his everyday contact with members of the community. His son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Joy Ruegsegger, created the scholarship in August 2002 in his memory and in recognition of his appreciation for Youth for Christ.



Tony Sechler Memorial Fund Established in January 2008 with a gift from the estate of Franklyn Sechler to provide an educational scholarship in memory of his son Tony.



Dr. James P. Spink Memorial Scholarship Fund Dr. Spink was born in Ethan, South Dakota in 1933, educated at St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore, Washington and ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1959. In 1966 he began doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame and in 1970 he founded the Northeastern Community Mental Health Center which serves DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, and Steuben Counties. In 1979 he established a private practice at the Family Counseling Center with offices in Angola and Auburn. Dr. Spink used his unique talents to help thousands of people throughout his life, whether or not they could pay him. His giving spirit lives on through the scholarship fund created in his memory in September 2010.



Starkey Science Endowment Fund The Donn & Connie Starkey family created this scholarship in July 2000 to emphasize the importance of science in education.



Warren G. Sunday Memorial Scholarship Fund Warren G. Sunday was a prominent attorney in DeKalb County who believed in many different forms of education. This scholarship was established in January 1998 in his memory by his friends and family.



Walters Family Memorial Fund Established in May 2010 to provide educational scholarships. The fund was created in memory of the children of David and Ruth Walters: Susie (Walters) Bishop, Annette (Walters) Bowman and Ed Walters.



Roger D. Weimer Memorial Scholarship Fund The Garrett community and Garrett High School meant a great deal to Roger Weimer. He grew up in Garrett, graduated with the class of 1955, was a guidance counselor and coach, and returned years later to serve as GHS principal from 1988-1995. He was selected as a charter member of the Wall of Fame, where his plaque lists his accomplishments as GHS athlete and coach. Roger dedicated his life to education. In October 2004 his family and friends established this scholarship in his memory.



Robert D. and Virginia E. White Scholarship Fund Virginia and Robert operated a successful retail grocery business in Auburn for many years. The Whites were generous supporters of positive activities for young people including this educational scholarship which was established in September 2000.



Melanie A. Yarian Memorial Fund Melanie was a dancer and a musician. She loved school and developed an interest in whales and dolphins that she used as the inspiration for art and science projects. After a six-year illness, Melanie died at age 17. In November 2008 her family created a scholarship fund in her memory.

Designated Funds

You name a particular charity or charities that will benefit when you form a designated fund. Your fund provides regular grants that the organization(s) can count on forever.

20th Anniversary Granting Fund Established in August 2014 by the board of directors to provide special funds to grant in celebration of the Foundation's 20th Anniversary in 2016.



Acres Land Trust Endowment Fund Established in November 2014 by Acres Land Trust, the fund supports Acres Land Trust.



AgrInstitute Fund of DeKalb County Established in April 2012 to help the organization develop leaders to serve the Indiana agriculture community.



Ashley Volunteer Fire Department Fund Established in February 2006 by the board of directors of the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department to support the department's programs and projects.



Auburn Arts Commission Endowment Fund Established in December 2014 by the Auburn Arts Commission to provide support for their projects and programs.



Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum Endowment Fund Established by the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum's board of directors in April 1998 to provide general support to the museum.



Auburn Parks Department Fund Established in June 1998 by the City of Auburn to implement the plan to create Rieke Park and other Auburn Parks Department projects.



Auburn Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund Established by the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Inc., PC USA board of directors in June 2008 to provide support for the church.



***Auburn Tri Kappa Pink Out Fund** The fund was established in June 2016 to assist DeKalb County residents with financial need during a breast cancer journey.



Auburn Waterloo Trail Endowment Fund Established in September 2015 by the Auburn Waterloo Trail Committee. The fund will provide support for the ongoing upkeep of the Auburn Waterloo Trail.



Boomerang Backpacks Fund for DeKalb County Established in August 2012. The Boomerang Backpack program is a free weekend food distribution program that provides students enrolled in free/reduced lunch programs a backpack filled with healthy foods for the weekend.

Lucy W. Brennan Endowment Fund Established in April 2010 by Lucy Brennan to provide annual support for several local charities.



***Steve Bruns Memorial for Rieke Park Trail** The fund was established in March 2016 by the family of Steve Bruns to support future maintenance, improvement, and expansion of Rieke Park Trail.



Butler Carnegie Library Fund Established in August 1998 by the Butler Public Library board of trustees to provide support for the Butler Public Library.



Butler Community Day Care Center Endowment Fund Established by the Butler Community Day Care Center's board of directors in July 2000 to provide general support to the day care center.



Carr Field Development Fund Established in July 2011 for the restoration of Carr Field as a multi-use recreation facility.



Marcellyn M. Conn Memorial Fund Established in November 2006 by Richard Conn in memory of his wife, Marcellyn. The fund supports the County Line Church of God, Auburn.

DeKalb Association for Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Endowment Fund Established by the DeKalb Association for Developmentally Disabled board of directors in March 1998 to provide general support to Alliance Industries.



DeKalb County Council on Aging Endowment Fund Established by the DeKalb County Council on Aging's board of directors in July 1998 to provide general support for the Council on Aging.



DeKalb County Courthouse Centennial Fund Established in May 2011 for the celebration of the centennial of the DeKalb County Courthouse and related historic purposes.

DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force, Inc. Fund Established in September 2011 to provide support for DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force programs and projects.



DeKalb County Outdoor Theater, Inc. Endowment Fund Established by the DeKalb County Outdoor Theater's board of directors in January 2006 to provide general support for the theater.



DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation Fund Established in August 2009 to promote the conservation of soil, water, and other natural resources in DeKalb County.



DeKalb's VOICE Endowment Fund Established by the DeKalb County Community Foundation in September 2000 to provide grant and administrative support for DeKalb's VOICE, a youth philanthropy organization.

Charles Eckhart Endowment Fund Established by the Eckhart Public Library's board of trustees in November 2001 in honor of the library's founder. The fund provides general support to the Eckhart Public Library.



Eckhart Public Library Endowment Fund Established by the Eckhart Public Library's board of trustees in November 2001 to provide general support to the library.

Gloria Fink Eckhart Public Library Endowment Fund Established in December 2014 from the estate of Gloria Fink, to provide support for the Eckhart Public Library.



Freedom Academy DeKalb County Endowment Fund Established by the Freedom Academy's board of directors in March 2004 to provide general support to the Freedom Academy.



***Garrett Community Center Inc. DBA Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center** Established by the Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center's board of directors in January 2015 to provide general support for the JAM Center



Garrett Junior Achievement Fund Established by the Garrett Junior Achievement board of directors in February 2003 to provide general support for Junior Achievement programs in Garrett schools.



Garrett Public Library Foundation Fund Established in May 1998 by the Garrett Public Library Foundation board of trustees to provide general support to the Garrett Public Library.



Greater Garrett Area Community Tennis Association Fund Established in October 1999 by the board of directors of the Greater Garrett Area Community Tennis Association. The fund provides support to promote tennis as a life sport among adults and children.

Matthew A. Harger Memorial Fund Established in September 2000 by Dennis and Joy Harger in memory of their son, Matthew. The fund supports the Eastside High School science department.



Hoosier Charities Inc. Established in September 2013 to provide support to operate, promote and raise funds for charities, churches and foundations that support military veterans, their families and the preservation of military and automotive vehicles, collectibles, artifacts and memorabilia.



HOPE, Inc. Fund Established in October 2009 to support the H.O.P. E. literacy mentoring program.



International Monster Truck Museum and Hall of Fame, Inc. Fund Established in November 2010. The fund will provide support for the International Monster Truck Museum and Hall of Fame.



Junior Achievement Serving East Central DeKalb Fund Established in February 2003 to provide general support for Junior Achievement programs in DeKalb County Central United School District, DeKalb County Eastern Community School District, and Lakewood Park Christian School.



Lakewood Park Christian School Endowment Fund Established in 2007 by the administration and school board of Lakewood Park Christian School. The purpose of the fund is to enhance excellence in education and create leaders who will go on to engage our community and our world for Christ.

Lilly Endowment Scholarship Promotional Fund Established in August 1997 to promote the scholarship program and the value of higher education in the community. It also supports the foundation's administrative responsibilities for the program.

***Kenneth D. Metzger Fund** The fund was established in May 2016 and will support the Auburn Waterloo Trail and related projects.



Miss Northeast Scholarship Pageant Program Fund Established in April 2011 to provide scholarships for young women who meet eligibility requirements set forth by the Miss Northeast Scholarship Pageant Program.



Northeastern Center Child and Adolescent Project Fund Established by the board of directors of the Northeastern Center in December 1998 to provide support for construction and maintenance of Northeastern Center facilities.

Northeastern Center Community Mental Health Endowment Fund Established by the Northeastern Center board of directors in June 1998 to provide general support to the center.

Saint Joseph River Parks Fund Established in September 2001 by the board of directors of Saint Joseph River Parks, Inc. It provides support for improvements and maintenance of the Saint Joseph River Greenway.



St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. Endowment Fund Established by St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. board of directors in November 2007 to provide general support for the program.



Shelter Ministries, Inc. Endowment Fund Established by the board of directors of Shelter Ministries in February 1998 to provide general support to the ministry.

Shelter Ministries Food and Clothing Bank Building Project Fund

Established in June 2011 for the building of a replacement facility to house their food pantry, clothing bank, Christmas Bureau, and Furniture Ministry.



United Way of DeKalb County Endowment Fund Established in March 1998 by the United Way of DeKalb County's board of directors to provide general support to United Way of DeKalb County, Inc.



Waterloo to Auburn Bike Trail Fund Established in August 2014 to accept gifts in support of repairs and maintenance for the Waterloo to Auburn Bike Trail.



YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. Endowment Fund Established in July 1998 by the YMCA of DeKalb County's board of directors to provide general support to the YMCA of DeKalb County.



Youth for Christ Endowment Fund Established in January 1998 by the Youth for Christ board of directors to provide general support to Youth for Christ.



YWCA DeKalb County Endowment Fund Established in June 2008 by the board of directors of the YWCA of Fort Wayne, Inc. to provide general support for YWCA programs.



Betty J. Zern Endowment Fund Established in April 2010 to provide general support to the Garrett Public Library.

Field of Interest Funds

With a field of interest fund, you can provide regular support to your favorite area of charitable interest without naming a specific charity. You choose the area you care about, and the community foundation awards grants from your fund to nonprofit organizations that address that field.



Agricultural Education Fund for DeKalb County Established in March 2008 to provide agriculture-related education for DeKalb County youth and adults.

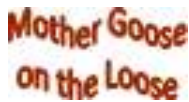


Auburn Mausoleum Association Fund Established in September 2007 to beautify, restore and preserve the Auburn Mausoleum, focusing on areas open to the public or to the public's view.



Beka's Bread Brigade Fund Established in June 2008 by Rebekah Graber to provide bread for the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Community Center of Caring Food Pantry.

Community Collaboration Fund The fund provides support for collaborative charitable projects in DeKalb County, Indiana. The fund was established in November 2015.



DeKalb County Literacy Fund Established by the DeKalb County Community Foundation board of directors in January 2004 and supported by the Mother Goose on the Loose Literacy Giving Circle. Income from the fund is granted for programs that develop lifelong learners in DeKalb County.



Early Childhood Development Fund Established by the DeKalb County Community Foundation Board of Directors in August 2011. The purpose is to enhance the quality of childcare programs and/or early childhood development programs.



Friends of Animals Fund Established in October 2006 by the Community Foundation of DeKalb County with a gift from an anonymous donor. The fund provides general support for the DeKalb Humane Society, Inc. for the care, well-being and management of DeKalb County animals.

***John Martin Smith DeKalb Heritage Fund** The fund was established in April 2016 to provide support for historic preservation and history projects in DeKalb County, Indiana.



Donna Martin-Boseker "Loa's Fund" Established by Donna Martin-Boseker in November 2006 in memory of her mother, Loa Whitacre. The fund supports programs for children or adults with disabilities and for the community's changing needs.



Quentin K. and Gladys F. Mavis Music Fund Established in December 2006 by Imogene Mavis in memory of her parents. The fund provides support for musical entertainment and fine arts events at the DeKalb County Outdoor Theater and other public venues.



McIntosh Arts and Community Collaborative Fund Established in November 2009 to provide support for countywide historic preservation and revitalization and the promotion of artistic, cultural, and intellectual efforts for the community.



Operation Stealth Elf Fund The fund supports the work of connecting individuals who have a need with individuals who can meet the need. The fund was established in December 2015.



Mary O. Rench Fund for Animals Established in December 2011 after Mary’s death through a bank trust. Mary loved animals and had adopted several pets from the DeKalb Animal Shelter. The fund supports the DeKalb Humane Society and the DeKalb Animal Shelter, helping pets and owners find each other for many years to come.

Safe Child Fund Established in January 2012 by the DeKalb County Community Foundation Board of Directors. It is funded from the Isaac Hague, Robert and Marie Hughes, Elva A. Tess Likens and Berta M. Willennar Endowment Funds. The fund supports programs that serve children who may be vulnerable due to abuse, disability or illness.



Town of Waterloo Fund Established in June 2015 by the Town of Waterloo. The fund supports charitable projects in the Town of Waterloo.



Wordtastic Fund The fund supports charitable literacy projects in DeKalb County, Indiana. The fund was established in October 2015.



Wyatt Memorial Endowment Fund Established in June 2001 by the Wyatt Memorial Foundation board of trustees. The fund annually supports Boy Scouts/Anthony Wayne Council, Howe Military Academy, Alliance Industries and the City of Garrett (for exclusively public purposes).

Administrative Funds

Your gift to the community foundation’s administrative fund helps the foundation do all its good work: We gather contributions from donors to create permanent funds that will grow and give back to the community.

Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund Established in December 1999 by the board of directors to provide permanent operational support for Community Foundation DeKalb County.

Community Foundation Operating Fund Established in September 1996 by the board of directors to support the day-to-day operation of the Community Foundation DeKalb County.



Steininger Center for Community Foundation DeKalb County, LLC Established with a gift from Donald and Kathleen Steininger in 2013. This fund holds the Foundation’s real estate, office building, and a portion of its furniture and equipment.

Sustain the Future Operating Endowment Fund Provides support to the community foundation’s core activities and initiatives, and short-term and long-term maintenance of the office building and its grounds.

Community Benefit Funds

A community benefit fund allows the Community Foundation’s board of directors to respond to the current and future needs of the charitable organizations that serve DeKalb County residents. You can create your own named unrestricted fund or contribute to the community foundation’s unrestricted funds. Income from unrestricted funds is returned to the community each and every year in the form of grants.



Kenneth A. Boseker Memorial Fund Established in June 2010 from the remainder of the Kenneth A. Boseker Gift Annuity Fund. The memorial fund supports our community’s ever-changing charitable needs.



Community Grantmaking Fund Established by the Community Foundation DeKalb County's board of directors in August 1996 to support our community's ever-changing charitable needs.

Gift VI Fund Established by the Community Foundation DeKalb County's board of directors in October 2014 to build grant dollars awarded at the discretion of the board of directors.



Great Idea Fund Established by the Community Foundation DeKalb County's board of directors in September 2001 to make small, proactive grants.

Immediate Response Fund Established by the Community Foundation DeKalb County's board of directors in November 2007 to fund charitable needs that arise between the Community Grantmaking Fund's grant cycles or during a community disaster.

***New Fund Established in 2016**