



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Muncie & Delaware County, Inc.

Where neighbors create legacies



LET'S TALK

In this issue of Legacy, we highlight two community projects that tackle hard-to-discuss topics head on – mental illness and racism. The conversations surrounding these projects have led to increased understanding and have acted as a catalyst for change. Recent grants from The Community Foundation have provided support for programs that address other hard-to-discuss community needs like domestic violence, unemployment, child safety, education and more.

It is our mission to encourage philanthropy and exercise leadership in directing resources to enhance the quality of life for residents in Delaware County. To this end, we look for ways to educate and inform our donors and the public on the opportunities and challenges faced by our neighbors and friends. We are ready to talk about and address community needs, even those that are hard to face.

An open dialogue can help our community grow and flourish. Our gracious donors and supportive volunteers allow us to support programs and enhance the good in our community. The Community Foundation is a place where neighbors create legacies – joining the difficult conversations and giving in ways that make a lasting impact in this community, now and always.

Kelly K. Shrock, President

GRANTS SUPPORT COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Starting a community conversation is always challenging, but some topics come with a stigma that make the dialogue nearly impossible. Two local organizations found ways to facilitate difficult community conversations and motivate action with support from Community Foundation grants.

Through stories, Facing Racism created a community dialogue on race, and through art, The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Delaware County started a local conversation on mental illness.



“In both cases, it’s providing the public with a different view,” says Jay Zimmerman, who served as coordinator for Facing Racism and the NAMI Arts Project. “Both show challenge and triumph. They show how real the stories can be.”

Jay Zimmerman, fittingly, stands in front of the Catalyst sculpture at Minnetrista. Jay was the influential leader of Facing Racism and Through an Open Window the Light Shines projects, both catalysts for community dialogue and change.

FACING RACISM EXPLORES THE IMPACT OF RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

Inspired by national events, an action group called RACE (Reconciliation Achieved Through Community Engagement) was formed in late 2014 to encourage education and discussion. Striving for diversity, the group meets across Muncie and has developed several initiatives, including Facing Racism.

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Facing Racism, a project of The Facing Project, enlists a team of writers to be paired one-on-one with citizens who have a story to share. These stories educate the broader community, expose the harmful nature of racism, and reveal the ways our community can act for positive social change.

Using a hyper-local approach, the stories of 39 people from Delaware County were compiled into a book. The project culminated in a production at Muncie Civic Theater. A \$7,500 grant from The Community Foundation helped cover the cost of printing and distribution. Print books are available or the ebook can be downloaded at racemuncie.facingproject.com.



The stories are designed to be a catalyst for dialogue, tolerance, acceptance and understanding in our community.

“It is our hope that these stories affect lives, open minds, produce constructive dialogue, educate, inform and ultimately lead to change,” said Zimmerman. **“Stories are powerful. They can change lives by bringing home the personal experiences of people’s ‘neighbors,’ people in our community who we may see and pass by daily but do so unaware.”**

While Facing Racism tackled a very public issue, NAMI created public awareness on an issue that is often kept quiet.

EXHIBIT SHINES LIGHT ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Approximately one out of five adults in the U.S. experiences a mental illness in a given year, and our community is no exception. NAMI provides support, education and advocacy for persons with mental illness and their families and friends in Delaware County. A 2015 grant for \$6,000 from The Community Foundation supported a project titled “Through an Open Window, A Light Shines.”

NAMI, in partnership with Minnetrista, used art to educate and empower the public to become supporters and advocates for those with mental illness. Through the project, NAMI created a multimedia exploration of mental illness and the journey to mental health which included works by visual artists, sculptors, poets, and musicians.

In September and October more than 3,000 community members visited the exhibit at Minnetrista. The art and poetry



created reactions in people. Many expressed that the art gave them a new and powerful understanding of mental illness.

“Since the exhibit, NAMI has seen an increase in interest from community members,” said Zimmerman, who also serves on the board of directors for NAMI.

To continue their outreach, the 26 art pieces and 23 poems selected for exhibition were included in a book that was distributed at the exhibit as well as to health care practices across the community. It is available for download at namidelawarecounty.org.

NAMI further extended the conversation by providing a series of free workshops across the community. These workshops included an improvisational theatre workshop for children at the Boys and Girls Club and a communication through movement workshop at the YWCA.

Zimmerman cites the success of both projects to dedicated steering committees and an engaged community. Continued awareness of the challenges faced by our neighbors through these conversations can have an impact on our community, lead to action, and create positive change. Projects like these can truly be a catalyst for Delaware County today, tomorrow and in the future.



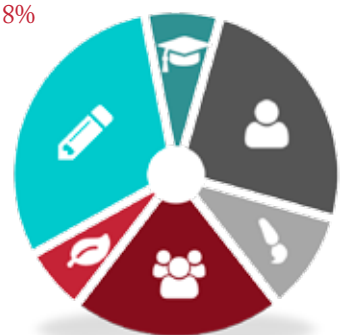
YEAR END TOTALS HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016

Total Grants by Area of Interest for 2016

Grants totaled \$2,529,126
 Scholarships \$214,593 / 8%
 Human Services \$628,275 / 25%
 Education \$881,662 / 35%
 Arts & Culture \$198,418 / 8%
 Community Betterment \$400,678 / 16%
 Economic Development \$205,500 / 8%

Other Year-end results for 2016

Total contributions = \$2,548,193
 Total number of gifts = 1123
 Total number of donors = 541
 Total number of new donors = 153
 Total number of new funds = 14



GIFTS THAT MAKE THINGS HUM AROUND HERE

As an important nonprofit organization in this community, The Community Foundation counts on the generosity of our friends. Each and every gift from individuals and grants from foundations and corporations is essential. We are grateful for you! We deeply appreciate the many volunteers who give of their energy through time and expertise. We cherish these contributions because they have high value, impact, and personal commitment to our mission. We appreciate all the monetary gifts that help us accomplish our mission. These include regular contributions, special gifts, and ultimate gifts.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS: Year after year, the Foundation gratefully receives gifts from many individuals and couples who support us. These monetary gifts are the backbone for our development efforts, and they allow us to meet our daily operations.

SPECIAL GIFTS: You have seen our growth, and the expanding need that only we can best address in our community. You understand that the Foundation periodically needs to raise funds that update and create new facilities, invest in special projects and purposes, and, in the process grows our endowment. Often, we learn that these gifts come from savings and investment accounts – sometimes gifts of appreciated stock – and represent an extraordinary commitment. While fewer of our friends make these special gifts, they are extremely important to our financial health and the community we serve.

ULTIMATE GIFTS: Sometimes made during life and sometimes after, ultimate gifts are in a class by themselves. During life, they frequently involve noncash assets such as real estate, business interests, and other assets that typically require the assistance of a professional advisor. These are individuals who are highly committed and looking for ways to have maximum impact on our work.

Regardless of the gift category, we appreciate and value everyone who gives at any level. The financial health of the Foundation depends upon friends like you.

To learn more about The Community Foundation or for additional information on how to contribute, contact:

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THE FOUNDATION AWARDS 14 GRANTS TOTALING \$613,025

We are pleased to announce that \$613,025.75 has been awarded to 14 nonprofit organizations during the first Quarterly Competitive Grant cycle of 2017.

Unless otherwise noted, the following grants were awarded from the Unrestricted Fund of The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.

- **A Better Way Services, Inc.** received \$50,000 (partial funding from the Bassett Family Fund, Beulah M. Frogge Fund, Julian and Suzanne Gresham Fund, Roni Johnson Fund, John and Katherine Littler Fund, and Jeanne and John Smith Fund) to defray the cost of providing advocacy and services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and their children, 24-hour suicide hotline and a general crisis hotline.
- **Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc.** received \$20,000 (from the Economic Development Fund and the MutualBank Charitable Foundation Fund) for an employment preparation program to serve unemployed and underemployed residents of Delaware County.
- **Cardinal Greenway** received \$32,000 (partial funding from the Gordon and Pam Cox Fund, Hamer and Phyllis Shafer Fund, and Janet and Joseph Wilson Fund) to defray the cost of trail maintenance including efforts to manage invasive vegetation.
- **Delaware Advancement Corp.** received \$100,000 to support the operating efforts of the Vision 2021 Economic Development Plan.
- **Habitat for Humanity** received \$50,000 (partial funding from the Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Fund, Jim and Mary Rosema Fund, Jeanne and John Smith Fund, and John and Janice Fisher Quality of Place Fund) to defray the cost of the 2017 housing program.
- **Hillcroft Services, Inc.** received \$75,000 (partial funding from the Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Fund, KAKATU Foundation/David and Joanna Meeks Fund, and Faye Wingate Fund) to support the capital campaign designated for facility and service provision consolidation of programs.
- **Home Savers of Delaware County** received \$50,000 (partial funding from the Bassett Family Fund, Louisa and Waldo Beebe Fund, Day Star Center Fund, Linda and Connie Gregory Fund, Mary Kate Pingry Fund, and Jeanne and John Smith Fund) to provide urgent home repairs for low-income homeowners.
- **Motivate Our Minds, Inc.** received \$20,000 (from the Morris Youth Fund and 5000th Charitable Fund, Inc. Fund) to support the cost of programming and increased student capacity.
- **Muncie Arts and Culture Council, Inc.** received \$27,450 (partial funding from the William and Margaret Dutton Fund, John and Janice Fisher Fund, Beulah M. Frogge Fund, Old National Bank Fund, Kent Shuff and Steve Fennimore Fund, and Mac and Lila Warrell Fund) to expand capacity through staff, office, and equipment.
- **Muncie Civic Theatre Association** received \$75,000 (partial funding from the Ball Corporation Community Betterment Fund, Patrick and Marilyn Cleary Fund, Endowment for the Arts Fund, Historical Preservation Fund, Michael O. and Nicole T. Lunsford Fund, Charles and Claudia Sursa Fund, Mary Jane Sursa Fund, and Shafer/Muncie Power Products Legacy Fund) to support the capital campaign designated to renovate critical portions of the historic Boyce Block building in order to improve safety and accessibility..
- **Muncie Downtown Development Partnership** received \$5,000 (from the Faye Wingate Fund) to defray the cost of the Muncie Three Trails Music Series.
- **Shafer Leadership Academy** received \$14,850 (from the Stefan and Joan Anderson Fund, Esther Ball Fund, Jane Harrell Buckles Fund, Gordon and Pam Cox Fund, and Jeff and Beth Lang Fund) to provide operation support and scholarships for nonprofit organizations and neighborhood associations.
- **TeenWorks** received \$25,000 (from the Robert P. Bell Education Fund, Jane E. Hughes Fund, Francis Lafferty Fund, Leap Managed IT Fund, Michael O. and Nicole T. Lunsford Fund, Mid-West Metal Products Fund, Mutual Bank Charitable Foundation Fund, Daniel and Catharine Stewart Fund, Faye Wingate Fund, and Youth as Resources Fund) to defray the cost of the Summer Employment Program in Muncie.
- **Youth Opportunity Center** received \$68,725.75 (partial funding from the Louisa and Waldo Beebe Fund, KAKATU Foundation/David and Joanna Meeks Fund, Jon and Barbara Moll Fund, Morris Youth Fund, Martin D. and Helen B. Schwarz Fund, Hamer and Phyllis Shafer Fund, and Gary and Amy Thomas Fund) to purchase durable furniture and replace lighting for a residential program.

The Foundation manages contributions donated by individuals, businesses and corporations as a permanent community endowment. Distributions from these funds are given back to the community in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations and agencies. To date, more than \$44 million has been awarded to enrich the lives of the residents of Muncie and Delaware County.

Upcoming Quarterly Competitive Grants

Deadlines

- April 7, 2017
- July 7, 2017
- October 6, 2017
- January 5, 2018

Grant guidelines and applications, as well as post-grant reports, are available online at cfmdin.org. Please submit grant applications electronically to grants@cfmdin.org in PDF format.

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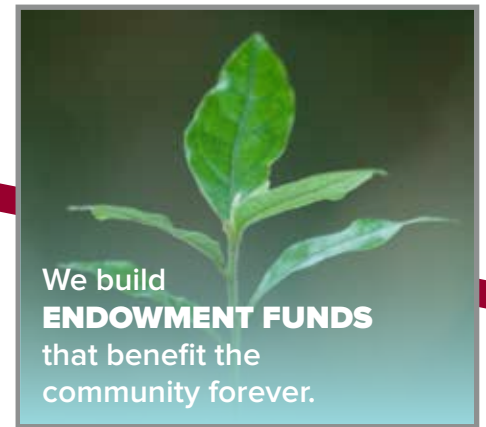
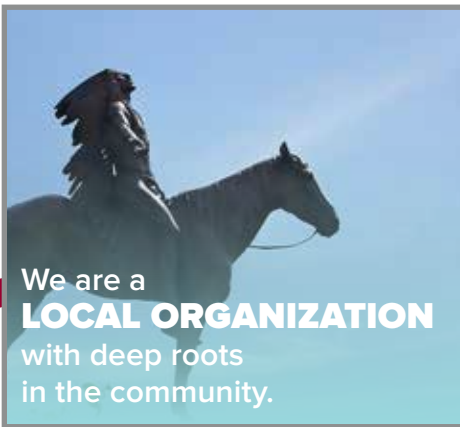
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