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LET'S TALK

This time of year is full of sharpened pencils, empty notebooks with pages waiting for words, unbroken crayons in rainbow order, and glue sticks still moist enough to do their job. These new and ample supplies fill us with optimism for the new school year. Grantmaking to education is one way we work to improve the quality of life in Muncie and Delaware County. Store shelves lined with supplies keep education in the front of our minds.

This issue of Legacy is all about education. We share the story of how one scholarship came to be – to memorialize a special woman and educate on the disease that took her life. You will see our list of 2018 scholarship recipients. Excitement fills these young people as they start this new year at college, many for the first time. We also recognize that not all education takes place in the classroom. Read how we have provided consistency for community centers as they face transitions in leadership and growth.

We wish the very best to students and teachers as this year gets started. We feel enthusiasm in our community with the anticipation of this new school year. Students today will lead our community tomorrow. The Community Foundation is poised to partner with them. Let's keep our focus on education today, tomorrow, and always.

Kelly K. Shrock, President

FAMILY AND FRIENDS USE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO FURTHER AWARENESS OF DISEASE

Ashley Burgauer was made to be a nurse. She was gentle and loving. She had a passion for helping others. Ashley's desire to become a nurse was amplified when she was diagnosed as a teenager with ulcerative colitis, a chronic digestive disease. Her diagnosis and treatment let her see nurses in action. This only cemented her passion about nursing and about making a difference in people's lives much like the nurses who made a difference in her own.

Ashley overcame many medical challenges to earn her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Ball State University in 2010. She passed her boards on the first try and got a job at IU Health in Indianapolis. Despite Ashley's valiant fight, her ulcerative colitis got the better of her. In 2012, her illness forced her to quit her job and move back home to Muncie.

On August 29, 2013, Ashley wasn't feeling well. She was having chest pains. She attributed the pains to her disease. That afternoon, she laid down for a nap and never woke up.

Ashley's symptoms had actually been those of myocarditis, a sudden death disease that involves the swelling of the heart. Because of the nature of its symptoms, myocarditis often goes undetected until it's too late.

Family and friends were grief-stricken. Ashley's closest friend, Julie Smith Lewis, was determined to carry on her best friend's legacy. In the year following Ashley's death, the Honor Stride was established by Julie and two of Ashley's longtime friends, Jessica Minner and Amanda Ford. The Honor Stride is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to raise awareness of myocarditis and to support medical professions.

The organization's first event was a 5k walk in Ashley's honor to raise money for the Myocarditis Foundation. In 2015, and every year since, the Honor Stride hosts an event and silent auction to raise money. In 2016, the Honor Stride, along with Ashley's parents, Ed and Kathy Burgauer, decided they wanted to do more.



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Working closely with The Community Foundation, the Ashley Burgauer Scholarship Fund was established. The group used the Acorn Program to build the fund over time. The Acorn Program can be used to establish any type of fund at the Foundation. Donors start with 10 percent of the required fund minimum, and then have 5 years to complete their pledge. The scholarship pledge was completed in late 2017. The Ashley Burgauer Scholarship will make its first award through The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County in 2019.

Julie and the Burgauers are looking forward to seeing how the scholarship will impact the Muncie community. It will be awarded to a student who wants to enter the medical field. One of the requirements of the scholarship is for applicants to do research on myocarditis and write an essay about their findings.

Like the Honor Stride, this scholarship is meant to serve two purposes.

“Not only is it for myocarditis, but it’s for Ashley,” Julie said. “It’s for making sure that her voice is heard and her story is not over. She still has a purpose and people still remember her.”

Both Kathy and Julie expressed the importance of giving someone the opportunity to go into nursing and fulfill their passion, much like Ashley did.

“For Ashley, nursing was her thing. That was her passion,” Kathy said. “We felt that the nursing scholarship at The Community Foundation would create a legacy of Ashley. We want the applicants to know how she died and why she died, and for them to have a clear understanding going into nursing that they can make a difference as a nurse like she did.”

The Burgauers and Julie chose the Foundation as a vehicle for Ashley’s scholarship fund because of its longevity and trust within the community.

“The Community Foundation is a legacy in our community,” Kathy said. “It is a solid foundation, so we know that Ashley’s scholarship and legacy will live on past us.”

The Foundation is also able to keep the scholarship within the community that Ashley loved so dearly.

“Ashley loved this community. This is our home,” Julie said. “The Community Foundation has done amazing things and was highly recommended for this process. I have nothing but great experiences.”

Ashley’s family and friends are excited to see Ashley’s legacy live on during the first scholarship cycle.

“We’re really excited about the first one. I know it’s not going to be a huge scholarship, but just to see that someone is going to further their education with a little bit of money in Ashley’s honor is wonderful,” Kathy said. “This process has helped a lot in knowing that Ashley’s legacy will live on and that she didn’t die in vain.”

Ashley’s legacy will continue to grow. This year, Ed and Kathy have made the decision to include The Community Foundation in their estate plan ensuring that the Ashley Burgauer Scholarship will grow and have an even greater impact on students forever. By informing the Foundation of their planned gift, the Burgauers are now part of the Foundation’s Legacy Society. As such, they can enjoy knowing that their initial gift is making a difference today, and their future gift will continue their legacy tomorrow, and always.

To learn more about how The Community Foundation can help you create your legacy, contact Kelly K. Shrock, president at 765-747-7181 or kshrock@cfmdin.org.



A special thanks to Foundation intern Jessica Tebben for capturing the story of the Ashley Burgauer Scholarship Fund.

2018 SECOND QUARTER COMPETITIVE GRANTS

THE FOUNDATION AWARDS 11 GRANTS TOTALING MORE THAN \$200K

We are pleased to announce that \$208,300 has been awarded to 11 nonprofit organizations during the second Quarterly Competitive Grant cycle of 2018.

Alpha Center received \$15,000 to support programming, activities, and meals for senior clients, age 60 and older.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware County received \$9,300 for the 2019 mentoring program.

Boys and Girls Club of Muncie received \$17,500 to defray the cost of teen programming and activities, including college visits.

AIM Collaborative received \$50,000 to defray the cost of the AIM Program, a collaboration between the Buley Community Center, Boys and Girls Club, Motivate Our Minds, Ross Community Center, and YMCA that provides education and recreation opportunities for students K-8th grade during school breaks.

Cardinal Greenway Inc. received \$25,000 to defray the cost of trail infrastructure maintenance efforts with a focus on professionally sealing cracks in the asphalt trail surface.

East Central Indiana Regional Partnership received \$10,000 to promote Muncie and Delaware County for new business investment and talent attraction.

8twelve Coalition received \$14,500 to support the work, led by Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity, of the 8twelve Coalition. This collaboration is comprised of residents, non-profits and businesses working

to revitalize the 8twelve target area bordered by 8th Street, Memorial Street, Perkins Avenue, and Madison Street.

Indiana Youth Institute received \$4,500 to provide high-quality professional education, resources, and opportunities to connect for Delaware County youth-serving professionals.

Motivate Our Minds received \$20,000 to defray the cost of quality academic instruction for more than 100 children.

Ross Community Center received \$17,500 to support 2018 programming including preschool expansion, and afterschool and adult programs.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana received \$25,000 to support the school pantry programs at Muncie Community Schools and to support the Forward S.T.E.P.S. program.

Second Quarter Competitive Grants have been awarded from The Unrestricted Fund of The Community Foundation and the following funds: Stefan and Joan Anderson Unrestricted Fund, Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Fund, Bassett Family Fund, Louisa and Waldo Beebe Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Jane Harrell Buckles Fund, Patrick and Marilyn Cleary Fund, Gordon and Pam Cox Fund, John and Janice Fisher Quality of Place Endowment Fund, John and Janice Fisher Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Linda and Connie Gregory Fund, Julian and Suzanne Gresbam Fund, Jane E. Hughes Fund, KAKATU Foundation/David and Joanna Meeks Fund, Jeff and Beth Lang Fund, Michael O. and Nicole T. Lunsford Fund, Mid-West Metal Products Fund, MutualBank Charitable Foundation Fund, Mary Kate Pingry Fund, Jim and Mary Rosema Fund, Martin D. and Helen B. Schwartz Unrestricted Named Endowment Fund, Hamer and Phyllis Shafer Fund, Shafer/Muncie Power Products Legacy Fund in memory of Joseph E. Wilson, Jeanne and John Smith Fund, Jeanne and John Smith Unrestricted Fund, Charles and Claudia Sursa Unrestricted Named Endowment Fund, Mary Jane Sursa Fund, Joseph and Janet Wilson Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Faye Wingate Fund

WHILE COMMUNITY CENTERS FACE TRANSITION, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES CONSISTENCY

The Community Foundation was built with the future in mind. We prudently invest every gift to ensure funds will be available forever to support effective nonprofits in our community. We take a leadership role in moving forward efforts to enhance the quality of life in Muncie and Delaware County. We support organizations that focus on young people, the future of our community.

The landscape of community centers in Muncie and Delaware County is rapidly changing. The needs of young people look different today than they did 30 years ago. The Foundation recognizes that these changes can create periods of transition for these organizations, and transition can be difficult. Through competitive grants, we have made the choice to support these organizations and provide some consistency in funding as they regain their footing.



During the Summer Kidsventures Program at Ross Community Center, children shook jars of cream to make their own butter. They later mixed the butter with food coloring to make rainbow butter slices, which they devoured.

Ross Community Center, located in the heart of the Thomas Park/Avondale neighborhood, had been a place of stability for young people in the neighborhood for years. Many factors, such as neighborhood decline, limited funding, and changing staff, left Ross Center struggling to provide that community stability. With a strong board and new leadership in place, Ross Community Center is beginning to thrive again and provide needed services to community members in the area. Grants in 2016 and 2018 totaling \$37,500 have supported programming in the revitalized center.

This year Boys & Girls Club of Muncie and the Buley Center merged after years of collaborative endeavors. The announcement of the merger between these two organizations came at the end of 2017, shortly after Boys & Girls Club of Muncie named a new CEO. After an unexpected departure from their executive director in 2016, the Muncie club asked for assistance from Boys & Girls Club of America. The national organization sent an interim CEO who helped the local club realign with Boys & Girls Club of America's standards and procedures. She also helped the board through the search for a permanent replacement. Through this period of transition and based on the need presented in the organization's grant applications, the Foundation not only continued support of Boys & Girls Club of Muncie, but provided increased support in 2017 and 2018. In addition, even with knowledge of the merger, the Foundation's Quarterly

Competitive Grants Committee and Board of Directors provided support to Buley Center during the final quarter of 2017 for their EDGE Afterschool Program with the understanding that these effective services to young people would continue.

Nearby, Motivate Our Minds is also experiencing transition. Providing afterschool enrichment programming to elementary and middle school students, Motivate Our Minds has been a staple in the Whitely Neighborhood and the Muncie community. For several years, the organization has looked for ways to expand their offerings. Recently they added an academic director to manage the educational operations of the organization. It was only a few months later, the organization's executive director of more than a decade left to take another position. The academic director is currently serving as executive director in the interim, but she has also announced her plan to leave the community. The Board of Directors of MOMs is actively searching for a new executive director, who will then hire a new academic director. Through the organization's life, The Community Foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in grant funding, including an award through the competitive grants process in 2018 to support the continued operations of the academic year programming.



Teens enjoy a game of basketball at the Boys & Girls Club of Muncie where the mission is to inspire and enable young people to reach their full potential.

Collectively, The Community Foundation has supported these four organizations in collaboration with Muncie YMCA through the AIM Collaboration. The program, now in its fourth year, provides age-appropriate enrichment and academic activities during out-of-school breaks, including fall, winter, and spring break. This year, programming is expanding outside of the summer. To support this change the Collaboration was awarded their largest grant to-date, \$50,000 to defray the cost of hiring teachers for the program.



As part of their enrichment programming, MOMs provides students with opportunities to try musical instruments in partnership with the Muncie Symphony Orchestra.

These centers provide much needed services for the young people of our community. They work hard to develop strong community leaders and provide opportunities for learning and growth. By investing in programs that focus on youth, The Community Foundation is making an investment in the quality of life for Muncie and Delaware County today, tomorrow, and always.



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DAVID SURSA AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations, Jeannine Harrold!

Jeannine Harrold is the recipient of the 2018 David Sursa Leadership Award.

Jeannine was nominated by Shafer Leadership Academy, where she served as a founding board member when the organization incorporated as LEAD-ECI in 2007 and continued her service until 2017. During her ten years of service to the organization, Jeannine served as board president, program committee chair, executive director search committee chair, and board recruitment and development team chair. Jeannine was surprised with the award during the Shafer Leadership Academy Annual Meeting on June 19, 2018. A \$1,000 grant was made to Shafer Leadership Academy in Jeannine's honor as part of the award.

Read more about the Sursa Leadership Award at cfmdin.org.



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