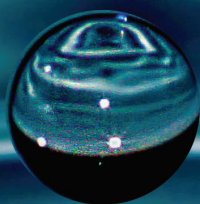


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*A Resource to the Region's
Philanthropic Opportunities*



“Think of giving not as
a duty, but as a privilege.”
— John D. Rockefeller Jr.

*It's that Time of Year to Remember the Great
Organizations that Need Your Help.*

INSIDE: As you ponder charitable giving, look at what
some of Northeast Indiana's most notable foundations
and nonprofits are doing for the community.

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Moving Our Community Forward

More than 60 years ago, Foellinger Foundation was created by Helene and Esther Foellinger to carry forward their family's tradition of civic involvement and active concern for the well-being of their community. Today, the Foundation remains committed to strengthening organizations that serve children and families—particularly those with the greatest economic need and least opportunity—through grants and leadership development.

Thank you to Allen County nonprofit leaders, staff, and board members—and the generous donors that support them. Your important work gives each and every person the opportunity to thrive. Because of you, we move closer to a community of self-reliant citizens, every day.

Together, we're investing in people and ideas that move our community forward.

— Ed Kominowski
Foellinger Foundation President



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Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne

For nearly 100 years the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne has connected people and resources to build a more vibrant community. We do this three ways: we help people make their charitable giving more impactful, we connect funding to effective nonprofits through grantmaking, and we provide leadership to address community needs and improve quality of life. That has led to the collective impact of nearly \$174,583,900 awarded in grants, 1,956 nonprofits receiving funding, and 4,655 donors supporting causes they care about.

Nonprofits are the backbone of our community contributing to a stronger Allen County for all. On the front lines, nonprofits provide critical services, meet and basic needs, and improve quality of life in our community. However, In order to continue doing the amazing work our nonprofits do, they need all of Allen County's support.

In 2020, our community impact fund supported the nonprofit community through grants of more than \$2 million. We helped raise over \$715,000 in emergency relief dollars that went directly to nonprofits, and providing trainings and resources.

Please join us in supporting our nonprofit community! Support to your local favorite nonprofit can positively impact the community we all call home!



Brad
Brad Little
President and
CEO



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Everyone. Everywhere. Always.

Each day, AWS Foundation works with like-minded organizations to build an inclusive community that embraces people with enduring intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities by removing barriers to independence, employment and social engagement.

People with disabilities are one of the nation's largest minority groups. By building a culture of inclusion that accepts every individual equally regardless of their abilities, we improve the quality of life and foster economic growth across the region.

Since beginning 14 years ago, we have awarded grants totaling over 36 million dollars supporting more than 200 different organizations. More importantly, there is simply no counting the number of lives touched. As a caring community striving to welcome everyone of every ability, northeast Indiana continues to grow its understanding of universal design, diversity, and inclusion.

AWS Foundation invites you to learn more about disability-related nonprofits and those working to expand inclusive programming. Consider donating, volunteering, and advocating for people with disabilities so we can all live full, meaningful lives — together.

Patti Hays,
AWS Foundation CEO



Think differently about disabilities.

Charitable Giving

By Cindy Larson
For Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly

You don't have to be a Rockefeller to donate to charities or nonprofits. Nor do you need to give millions, thousands or even hundreds of dollars. If your budget only allows for a \$25 donation, it's going to be valued and put to good use by any nonprofit that is run responsibly and ethically.

And it should make you feel good. Perhaps St. Francis of Assisi said it best: "For it is in giving that we receive."

Of course there are tax benefits to charitable giving, but an individual's first priority should be giving to an organization that is involved in something they're passionate about. "First of all, think of what you're really interested in," said local attorney David Van Gilder. That could be pets, environmental issues, homelessness, food insecurity, veterans, children – the list is seemingly endless.

Van Gilder suggests doing research before giving any money.

Local attorney Randy Young suggested giving to nonprofits of which you have personal knowledge. "Giving to a church is a good solid place to start," he said.

"Way too many people are charitable without knowing who they're giving to," Young said. "Some of those are out and out fraud. For the most part, charity should be something that sounds charitable." Van Gilder



Van Gilder suggested donating to one of the many charitable foundations if you want your money spread among several organizations. For example, the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation focuses on prenatal and infant care; nutrition and food insecurity; access to quality, affordable healthcare; refugees and immigrants, and Partners with the Spirit, a special invitation to apply for funding.

United Way of Allen County – unitedwayallencounty.org -- is another channel for funding multiple organizations. The 2019-2022 Funded Partners are part of United Way's community impact. These agencies meet strict standards for operation, governance, finance, inclusiveness and more. The organizations are reviewed

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– John D. Rockefeller Jr.



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**“Whatever may be
said about human
beings, they are as
a whole, a family.”**

– Helene Foellinger



ABOUT

Foellinger Foundation is a private, charitable foundation created in 1958 to serve Allen County residents. We were founded by Helene Foellinger and her mother, Esther, to carry forward their family's tradition of civic involvement.

VISION

Allen County residents increase their self-reliance by moving from dependence to independence to helping build community through recognition of their interdependence.

MISSION

We provide grants, leadership training, conferences, workshops, and thought-leading speakers to strengthen organizations that serve children and families — particularly those with the greatest economic need and the least opportunity.

STRATEGIC INTENT

We identify and support organizations led by adaptive boards and key staff members that promote self-reliance and build community. These organizations are mission-driven, well-governed, and results-oriented.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- **Early Childhood, Youth, and Family Development**

We support Allen County nonprofits that address early childhood, youth, and family development needs.

- **Community Interests**

Programs and projects that address broader community issues that benefit Fort Wayne and Allen County residents are important to us, and we support them.

- **Capacity Building**

We offer grants to support activities that promote organizational effectiveness — like financial sustainability, board governance, succession planning, and more.

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AWS Foundation



Think differently about disabilities.

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MISSION: Our mission is to help children and adults with enduring intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities live as independently as possible, be included in the community and function at their highest potential.

VISION: We envision a community in which people with disabilities are engaged fully and meaningfully in all aspects of community life.

FOCUS: Our focus is specific to individuals with disabilities, such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fragile X syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome and others. Aging or illness-related disabilities fall outside our scope.

SERVICE AREA: Organizations qualified for funding consideration are 501(c)(3) organizations serving the northeast Indiana counties of Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley.

EVENTS: AWS Foundation hosts the disABILITIES Expo each May at the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum. This one-stop resource for disability services and products offers on-site access to more than 115 exhibitors. Fun, entertainment and adaptive sports exhibitions are just the beginning – learn more at disABILITIESexpoIndiana.org.

PROGRAMS: AWS Foundation provides several powerful programs to help people with disabilities and those that care for them:

- **Indiana Disability Resource FINDER** is a state-wide directory of services, programs, equipment and helpful information for the disability community. To get started, simply visit IndianaDisabilityResourceFINDER.org
- **Special Needs Safety Kits for Kids** safeguard against wandering and other dangerous situations involving children with disabilities. They're available at several fire departments throughout Northeast Indiana.
- **Sensory-Friendly Kits** support individuals attending events where loud noises, bright lights and unfamiliar surroundings make it difficult to enjoy the experience. They're available at many Northeast Indiana venues.



ALL TOGETHER NOW.



Every day, AWS Foundation works with like-minded organizations to build an inclusive community that embraces and engages the talents and abilities of people with enduring intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. When everyone has the opportunity to contribute, we can all live full, meaningful lives — together.



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Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne



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OUR IMPACT:
Nearly

\$174,583,900

Awarded in grants, 1,956 nonprofits
who have received funding, and 4,655
donors supporting the causes
care about, since 1922.



VISION: The Community Foundation is a catalyst for community improvement, promoting philanthropic and strategic partnerships that enhance the quality of life in Allen County.

MISSION: The mission of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne is to serve as a community leader to improve the quality of life by building permanent endowments, promoting effective grantmaking, fostering philanthropy, stimulating community dialogue, and helping donors achieve their charitable goals.

VALUES: We value integrity, stewardship, collaboration, inclusion, and leadership. We commit to creating a Community Foundation that reflects the values, diversity, and openness of the community we serve. We seek to foster community leadership in all its forms, developing collaborative solutions to important issues and catalyzing positive change in our community.

SERVICES:

We do three things:

- We help people make their charitable giving more impactful.
- We connect funding to elective nonprofits through grantmaking.
- We provide leadership to address community needs & improve quality



WE DO THREE THINGS

We help people make their charitable giving more impactful.

We connect funding to effective nonprofits through grantmaking.

We provide leadership to address community needs & improve quality of life.

WHY?

BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northeast Indiana



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Joe Jordan

President/CEO
Boys and Girls Clubs of
Greater Northeast Indiana

2,300

Members

Served Annually

Annual member fee is
\$15.00 per child (\$35.00
for 3 or more)



The Boys & Girls Clubs serve kids aged 6-18 from high-need areas. Every day after school, our Clubs offer a safe and supportive environment to over 500 children and teens.

MISSION: To inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

Batters and Bidders: An annual summer fundraiser at Parkview Field that includes a Tincaps baseball game, an auction, food, drink and fun. A casual event for the family.

Great Futures Gala: An annual fall fundraiser that recognizes our Youth of the Year, Passport to Manhood and Smart Girls Brilliant Women programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS: The club holds and supports a number of community events each year. Some recent examples include:

Tunes & Trucks: Several times each summer the club provides a place for fellowship, music and food to celebrate our interaction with and collaboration with our local neighborhoods and member families.

Healthy Habits Packets: The Club provides health care products to needy families including toiletries and other hygiene products. Food is given away when available as well.

Community Partners: Outside partners are offered space for various programs like blood drives, community meetings and clothing give a ways.

DONATIONS: Donations can be made through the Club website at www.bgcfw.org.

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Brookmill Club

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Grant County

Boys & Girls Club of Grant County

3402 South Meridian Street
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History:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne was started in 1989 on Minor Street by a small group of community leaders who felt the city of Fort Wayne needed a safe, accepting and positive place for children and teens. In 2019, our new Club campus on Fairfield Avenue opened to serve even more. BGCFW members participate in impactful programs focused on academic success, character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles.

The Boys & Girls Club of Grant County was established in 1961 and reaches hundreds of kids annually through special-

ized programs and services. The Club became part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northeast Indiana in early 2020.

At the Club, youth participate in a wide variety of programs that build skills, support educational achievement, develop confidence, encourage new friendships, and build strong, positive relationships with caring adult mentors.

Our goal is to have all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for their future, involved in the community, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Programs:

The club offers a variety of targeted programs. Some examples include:

- Ambassadors Club
- Chess Club
- Blue Bucket Brigade
- Project Blueprint
- Passport to Manhood
- Smart Girls
- Youth of the Year
- Triple Play
- Power Hour
- Career Readiness
- S.T.E.M.
- Fine Arts
- Sports Program

...and so much more

Volunteers:

Volunteers can assist with tutoring, mentoring, reading, coaching, administrative tasks. You can build healthy relationships with young people eager for adult guidance and have a positive impact on their lives. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Jasmine Jennings at jjennings@bgcfw.org or (260) 744-0998 extension 115 about your specific interest.

Our Impact:

- 100% of our Club members expect to graduate from high school
- 93% of our members perceive school as important
- 84% say that they have a sense of belonging when they come to the Club

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CASS Housing



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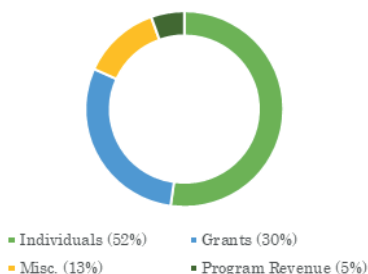


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Executive Director:**
David Buuck

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2020 Operational Funding



WHY CASS? In 2012, the State of Indiana changed how they provide long-term funding for supports for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities like autism and Down syndrome. Under the current model, for the vast majority of families, parents must turn 80 years old or pass away before their (adult) child can receive the needed funding for a Medicaid waiver home. Thousands of parents ask, "What's going to happen to my child when I can no longer care for them?" CASS was started to directly and proactively address this question.

MISSION: The mission of CASS Housing is to create and maintain Customizable, Affordable, Sustainable, and Safe living arrangements for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities that promote independent living skills.

CORE VALUES:

- **Be creative.** If we want the world to be a better place than what we have today, we have to be willing to try different things.
- **Family driven.** What are the issues that our Core Members (residents) face? What are the concerns that our families worry about? This is the starting point of every decision we make.
- **Persistence.** Nothing of importance is ever easy. We can't and won't stop when things get tough.

Over \$1,400,000 in Capital Gifts and Grants to fund 4 homes in 2020!

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CASS Gardens



In May 2021, with the support of two key sponsors, **CASS Housing** was able to launch **CASS Gardens**, a one-of-a-kind employment program that utilizes hydroponics in converted shipping containers to grow produce vertically year-round! With the two containers, we're able to grow approximately 5 acres of produce using only 10 gallons of water per day! With your purchase, you'll be able to partake in pesticide free vegetables while also supporting job opportunities for people with disabilities!

Check out cassgardens.org and place your order today!



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Crossroad Child & Family Services receives support from generous individuals, foundations, organizations, and churches as well as members of our Board of Directors and staff.

Helping children and families since 1883.



MISSION: Crossroad creates promising futures for children in difficult circumstances by providing therapy, education, and family support services.

VISION AND SERVICES: Crossroad is dedicated to providing the therapy and support children and families desperately need through a variety of programs including Outpatient Counseling Services, Children's Mental Health Wraparound Programs, Residential Treatment Programs, Emergency Shelter Care, and Alternative Education through the Crossroad Academy. In 2020, we served over 500 children and anticipate that number will increase this year.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: Crossroad hosts an annual fundraising event, scheduled to resume in 2022. Community members interested in learning more about our mission are invited to attend a Crossroad Zoom & Learn, offered monthly. Please visit the Upcoming Events section of our website to register.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Mental Health Treatment for children and families who have experienced trauma
- Student-focused, project based learning at Crossroad Academy
- Crossroad Closet (Clothing/Hygiene/School Supplies/Etc.)
- Recreational Activities and off campus experiences
- Holiday Celebration Gifts



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OUTCOMES: Children receiving treatment at Crossroad have heightened risk factors in comparison with children at similar organizations. Despite higher risk factors, Crossroad's treatment success rates are as good or better than the aggregate in our therapeutic and educational services.

- 84% of children in our secure care residential program had a planned positive discharge. (IARCA aggregate was 79%)
- 97% Success Rate in education at discharge and 90 % of the children had an IEP. Crossroad Academy serves both on-campus residents and those in our alternative education program. (IARCA aggregate was 83%)

*For more than 20 years, Crossroad has been measuring and benchmarking outcomes against more than 90 organizations in the IARCA Outcomes Project; one of the largest outcomes projects of its kind in the USA measuring success of services for children.



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New Products Launched by
Our Clients

196

Patents Applied for or
Granted to Our Clients

2,351

Total Direct/Indirect Jobs
Created in the Community

\$100.4

Million Connected to
Grants and Capital



MISSION: To fuel great ideas, people, and companies.

VISION: To grow and inspire global business builders.

BRAND PROMISE: We move business builders confidently in the direction of achieving their dreams.

The NIIC was founded based on a vision for Northeast Indiana by a group of ambitious community leaders and entrepreneurs. They saw an opportunity to improve our community and set about to make it happen.

20 years later, that determined mindset is rooted in our community and beyond. The NIIC now stands in Northeast Indiana as a passionate advocate for growing, building, innovating healthier businesses and organizations, and is recognized as a global leader in entrepreneurial excellence.

The NIIC serves as an incubator of entrepreneurial companies as they move from ideation to commercialization. As a non-profit, vibrant entrepreneurial community, we advise entrepreneurs to plan, launch, innovate, and grow successful business ventures. The NIIC bolsters innovative companies to move ideas into action.

Through our initiatives, we serve women business builders, technology companies, healthcare innovators, and emerging entrepreneurs from underserved communities.

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At The NIIC, we know entrepreneurs want to be **successful business owners**. To do that, they need **space to succeed**. The problem is **knowing where to start**. They feel **stuck**. We believe they deserve to make their entrepreneurial dreams come true. We understand the struggles of starting, growing, and innovating a business. This is why we have **helped entrepreneurs launch 499 products, submit/receive 196 patents, create 2,351 jobs, and connect to \$100.4 million in grants and capital.**

Here's How We Do It:



1 Provide physical place within an entrepreneurial community



2 Connect business leaders to like-minded individuals through our programs



3 Provide accountability through coaching and mentoring

Won't you **join us in supporting entrepreneurs today?** Contact The NIIC. Together, we can help entrepreneurs to stop feeling stuck and be profitable business owners. Like Jennifer Hunter, Founder, Gensyn Design; Vanessa Hayden, Founder, Partly Whimsical, LLC; and Founders Herb and Sheila Schwartz, BioPoly LLC and Schwartz Biomedical. **Contact us at TheNIIC.Org.**



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VISION: Arts and culture are present every day, everywhere, for everyone in Northeast Indiana.

MISSION: Arts United mobilizes resources to develop, coordinate, and support arts and culture, enhancing the quality of life and the economic vitality of Northeast Indiana.

VALUES:

- Excellence and innovation
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access (IDEA)
- Good stewardship of community assets
- Alignment with priorities for economic and community development

Founded in 1955, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne exists to bring collective focus and support to the creative sector of Northeast Indiana to elevate our region's quality of life. As a nonprofit local arts agency and regional arts council, Arts United coordinates arts advocacy and promotion, fundraising and grantmaking, efficient back-of-fice business services, community and economic development initiatives, and Arts Campus Fort Wayne development. Last year, more than 80 arts and culture non-profits and initiatives were strengthened by Arts United's programs.

GIVING GUIDE

Early Childhood Alliance



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Fort Wayne, IN 46805
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EAlliance.org



/earlychildhoodalliance



@early.childhood.alliance



/early-childhood-alliance

Established:
1953

Service Area:
Northeast Indiana



Chief Executive
Officer:
Madeleine Baker

OUR IMPACT:

14,236

children, families, and
childcare providers in
Northeast Indiana



VISION: For every young child to succeed and for families to be self-sufficient.

MISSION: To build better futures for young children by promoting and providing excellence in early childhood care and education.

SERVICES: Early Childhood Alliance (ECA) operates two accredited, high-quality early Learning Centers in Allen County, preparing children for kindergarten from infancy and beyond. ECA strives to help families through many Family Engagement programs including SparKits, subscription-based Learning Kits; Books and Docs; Bright by Text tips and resources; and more. ECA is also a proud sponsor of the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: ECA has many opportunities for giving and/or partnering. Visit the "Get Involved" page at EAlliance.org to learn more.

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GIVING GUIDE

Erin's House for Grieving Children



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Fort Wayne, IN 46835
Phone: 260.423.2466
Website: ErinsHouse.org



Established: 1993
Service Area: Northeast Indiana
and Northwest Ohio

Executive Director
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OUR IMPACT:
25,000+
individuals supported
in their grief journey

28
years providing
peer-support to grieving
youth in our community

95%
of caregivers state that
since coming to Erin's House,
their child is again looking
forward to their usual
interests and new activities.



MISSION: Our mission is to provide support to children, teens, and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. At Erin's House, we know that grief can cause children and teens to feel isolated and different from their peers. We provide them with a safe space that promotes a sense of belonging and encourages healing. All our peer-support services are offered at no cost to families. **Together, we can build hope and heal hearts.**

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

- **Wine for the Spirit:** Every October on the first Friday, Erin's House hosts this unforgettable fundraising event that features fun getaways, enticing experiences, and local treats. This year's event includes a virtual silent auction running September 28 – October 1, 2021. Visit ErinsHouse.org/auction to bid.
- **Lights of Love:** For many families, this event has become a cherished tradition during the holiday season. The memorial will be displayed on the video board at Parkview Field from November 24 – December 5, 2021. Visit ErinsHouse.org/lights-of-love to learn more and to purchase a memorial. Stay tuned for 2022 dates.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **General Donations:** Your financial gifts help us provide our peer-support programs. These donations ensure that grieving families never pay a fee for services.
- **Hope Builders Giving Program:** Monthly giving provides a steady, reliable source of funding that allows Erin's House to plan long-term and budget more efficiently. Each monthly gift acts as building blocks creating a solid foundation of hope and support for children and teens through one of the hardest times of their lives.
- **Volunteer:** Volunteer facilitators are the heart of Erin's House. Our programs aren't possible without them. If you have a passion to support children and teens through their grief journeys, learn more about being a volunteer facilitator at ErinsHouse.org/volunteer.

GIVING GUIDE

Fort Wayne Youtheatre



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FortWayneYoutheatre.org

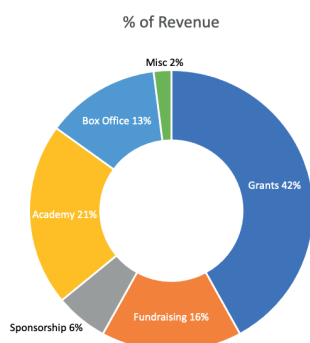
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MISSION: Fort Wayne Youtheatre's mission is to educate, engage and entertain youth through theatrical experiences. Whether it be on stage or off, we help students find their passions in the arts in a supportive environment.

SERVICES: Our Academy of Theatre Arts offers an abundance of classes in drama, dance, voice, technical theatre, and musical theatre from ages Pre-K through 12th grade. We produce four professional productions yearly, which utilize youth as our primary artists and technicians. Plus our award-winning "Youtheatre-on-the-Go" touring program is broadcast annually on WBOI and brings free theatrical programming to schools, libraries, parks, community centers, and more.

Studies conducted by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education illustrate that students involved in theatre score 65.5 points higher on verbal tests and 35.5 points higher in the math portion of the SAT as well as develop skills in creative thinking, problem-solving, and communication.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: When you contribute, you are helping Fort Wayne Youtheatre recover from the COVID-19 situation. More importantly, you are helping youth and families from Fort Wayne and the surrounding areas we serve.

- \$12 can help a youth attend one of our productions free of charge.
- \$60 enables us to bring a Youtheatre teacher to a Title One Pre-school group.
- \$130 can provide a scholarship for one of our 10-week classes.

Donations, sponsorships & grants help with providing student scholarships, outreach opportunities throughout the community, and quality programming for our youth.

GIVING GUIDE

Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana



550 E Wallen Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
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JAofNorthernIN



Lena Yarian, President



MISSION: All young people want to be independent and function at their highest potential. At Junior Achievement, we offer work readiness and financial literacy programming that helps each and every student, regardless of their background or ability level, achieve their individual goals. Our financial literacy and work readiness programs can offer enormous benefits to all students, including students with cognitive disabilities. These programs can help students 1. practice self-advocacy, 2. build fundamental personal money-management knowledge and skills, 3. navigate their postsecondary educational, training, and employment options, and 4. transition successfully to independent living.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

- **JA BEL Awards**, September 28 at the Grand Wayne Center, honoring Jerry Henry, Don Steininger, John McMillen, & Dr. Wendy Robinson.
- **Play4JA**, bowling fun at Crazy Pinz October 21-28.
- **JA & Boho Camper Van Sweepstakes**, enter to win a custom Boho Camper Van. Enter for free once a day or make a donation to maximize your chances. Use promo code GIVE40 for 40% more entries with your donation. Details and enter to win at <https://jani.tapkat.org/winbohocampervan>.

GIVING GUIDE



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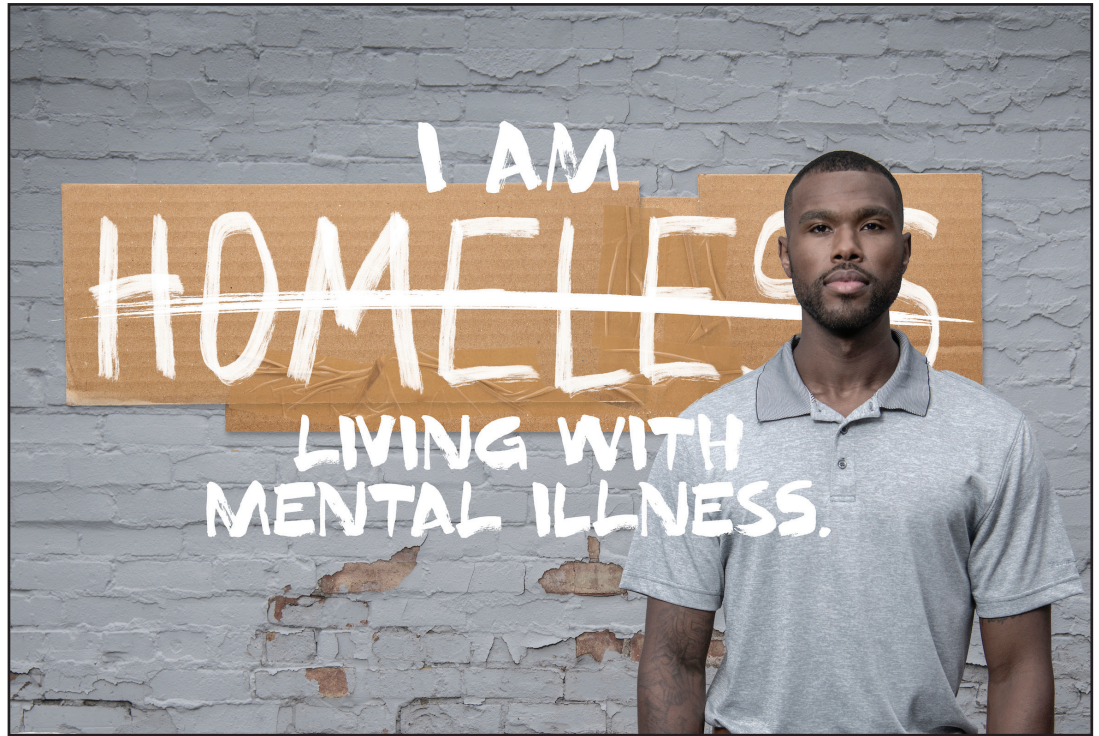
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VISION: To transform lives through the love of Jesus Christ.

MISSION: To provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future.

VALUES: The Rescue Mission, founded in 1903, is a faith-based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, providing restorative care to men, women, and children experiencing a homeless crisis.

SERVICES: We are a non-profit dedicated to empowering people facing a homeless crisis to overcome challenges and help them achieve their highest level of independence. The Rescue Mission cares for the whole person. We address the social, mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

1. **One Night** – October 31, 2021 - <https://fwrn.org/onenight>
2. **Spring Gala** – Spring 2022

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Become a monthly donor at FWRM.org/ChangeForGood.

GIVING GUIDE

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana



LSSI Fort Wayne Central
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Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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MISSION: Lutheran Social Services of Indiana expresses the love of Jesus through services that empower individuals and families to move toward social, emotional and spiritual wholeness.

IMPACT STATEMENT: To promote the overall health of our community, LSSI focuses on equipping willing families facing the most challenging obstacles with the skills necessary to make positive life choices as evidenced by advancement toward economic and family stability.

SERVICES: LSSI has been responding to the needs of individuals and families and addressing social service gaps in NE Indiana since 1901. We have worked consistently to improve the quality of life for those we serve and have often done so in collaboration with other social service organizations, funders and individual donors. Programs include:

- **Balance Works** – A mental health initiative by LSSI that offers proven integrated, holistic therapy for children and adults with a specialty in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) Therapy.
- **Children and Family Services** – A partnership for case management and therapy with the Department of Children Services (DCS).
- **Cup of Kindness** – A financial stability program that uses a holistic approach with individuals and families to identify barriers to long-term self-sufficiency.
- **Community Partners** – A partnership with SCAN in which case managers work to strength families and provide skills that build resilience and family stability.
- **ECHO (Education Creates Hope & Opportunity)** – A program to provide services that assist teen parents in reducing barriers and achieving academic success, with a primary goal of high school graduation.
- **Gear-Up for Safety** – A case management program that assesses families' safety needs, demonstrates installation of safety materials and provides education and training on safety topics identified by the family.
- **LSSI Works** – A workforce initiative by LSSI for those who are unemployed or underemployed focused on obtaining a career path. The program's innovative approach addresses personal barriers to employment success and supports participants to maintain long-term employment.
- **Recovery Care** – A wraparound recovery support and family therapy program for individuals and their families impacted by opioid use and substance use disorder.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: Lutheran Social Services of Indiana hosts two fundraising events throughout the year. The first Thursday in March, we host our Annual Celebration, with dinner, music and an annual organizational update on outcomes and impact in the community. The first Thursday in October each year we host the LSSI Party at the Park, at Promenade Park in downtown Fort Wayne, as an opportunity to enjoy the great scenery of our beautiful city, local music, and local cuisine. All to support the important mission of moving individuals and families toward social, emotional and spiritual wholeness. Information about upcoming events can be found on our website (www.lssin.org).

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Lutheran Social Services values all individual and corporate gifts that support our impact in the community. In addition to online and recurring giving, LSSI has several campaigns, events and direct mail appeals to financially invest in the organization. Additionally, annual named sponsorships of our LSSI Fort Wayne North location are available. To make a contribution, please call or visit our website (www.lssin.org/give).

GIVING GUIDE

89.1 WBOI NPR News and Diverse Music



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membership@wboi.org
Established: 1978

Employees: 12 full-time staff, as well as a large team of volunteers and interns.

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WBOI programming and news staff.

MISSION: 89.1 WBOI is northeast Indiana's NPR member station, and a leading source for local and state news, as well as a home for our region's artists, musicians, and culture. We broadcast popular NPR programs Morning Edition, Fresh Air, and Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me! We also offer daily news stories at WBOI.org, monthly podcasts, and streaming radio for WBOI and Classical WBNI. Our mission is to strengthen the cultural, civic, and social fabric of the communities we serve, and to engage audiences with content that enriches the human experience.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: 89.1 WBOI hosts two major membership drives per year, in the spring and fall. Listeners provide over half of our funding each year through one-time contributions, or monthly Sustaining Memberships. We also hold the annual Picked by the Pros Wine Pairing Dinner in the summer, as well as an annual speaker event featuring a voice heard on our airwaves. Last year's guest was Morning Edition host Noel King.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Become a monthly Sustaining Member at WBOI.org for as little as \$5 a month
- Make a one-time donation anytime at WBOI.org
- Donors who give \$600 or more annually can join our Lifelong Learner's Club; those who give \$1,200 or more can be a part of our Visionary Society. Enjoy access to pre-sale tickets, exclusive events, and special recognition on-air. One-time and monthly givers included; donate at WBOI.org.
- Purchase tickets for our Wine Pairing Dinner and NPR Speaker events
- Donate your car or vehicle; start the process at WBOI.org
- Business Partners: Join over 70 local businesses who underwrite 89.1 WBOI programming, and sponsor WBOI community events

GIVING GUIDE

Questa Education Foundation



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Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Phone: 260-407-6494
Website: questafoundation.org
Number of Employees: 6
Year Established: 1937



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Questa Education Foundation helps individuals access postsecondary education, graduate with less debt, and become contributing members of Northeast Indiana's workforce.

When they succeed, Northeast Indiana succeeds.

Since 1937, Questa has been supporting local students with financial aid options to make their college dreams a reality. Through our nationally-distinctive forgivable loan program, students receive low-interest loans that can be up to 75% forgiven when they graduate and remain in Northeast Indiana to live and work.



Two-thirds of Questa
Scholars stay to live
and work in the
Northeast Indiana

Through the Questa Scholars program, students can focus on achieving their degrees and have financial freedom when they graduate. In return, our region retains skilled graduates to meet the talent needs of local businesses.

Your investment directly benefits local students and helps to build our community. To learn more visit: questafoundation.org/support-us



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Brandon J. Anderson
Executive Director & CEO

The mission of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum is to preserve the past and provide multi-generational audiences an educational and inspirational journey exploring the past, present, and future of the transportation industry while leveraging the Museum's collection as its foundation. Our vision is to be a vital part of our culture which inspires innovation and engages diverse audiences to create personal connections that spark passion and appreciation for how art, design, mechanics, technology, and engineering affect the world and our daily lives. We hope to achieve our mission through educational programs such as STEM labs, lecture series, and free public programs. Some of our programs include our summer movie series Duesies and Movies and our Access Days, which include free admission and sensory-friendly programming for individuals with disabilities and their families or caretakers. Funds are needed to support operational expenses, educational programs, and maintenance of our building.



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<https://www.facebook.com/AudiencesUnlimitedInc>

For information on how to receive programming call 260-739-9492 or email myprograms@audiencesunlimited.org:

Audiences Unlimited, Inc.

MISSION: Audiences Unlimited, Inc. creates cultural experiences that enrich the lives of people with limited access to the arts.

VISION: We inspire others to value a rich quality of life for all people.

SERVICES: Providing professional music, arts, and cultural experiences to aging audiences in area long-term health care facilities, as well as adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities at L.I.F.E. Adult Day Academy.

GIVING AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Donations support the emotional health and well-being of those we serve. Through one-hour programs individuals hear live music as well as interact with local professional musicians. Monetary donations can be made online at <https://audiencesunlimited.org/donate/> or by mail. To become a musician, email myprograms@audiencesunlimited.org.

TESTIMONIAL: The artist put on a phenomenal show. Residents and staff alike loved his songs and fun personality. He really lit the place up. So many smiles and even some tears. He did such an amazing job. It has been so long since they have been able to sing along to a live performance and it has been the highlight of their year



Raising funds & spreading hope



Krista Miller, Executive Director
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Our foundation of friends is what makes Cameron Hospital so special, and our donors are among life's greatest treasures. With generous support from individuals, corporations and grants, we directly impact our community, providing resources that improve the quality of life for our friends, family and neighbors.

The Cameron Foundation serves the health and wellness of our community through:

- State-of-the-art training and resources
- Expansion of hospital programs, services and community education
- Continued advances in meeting the medical needs of our community

Cameron Hospital has been a mainstay in our community for almost 100 years, with a continuing mission of providing quality care close to home.



The Foundation continues to support Cameron Hospital to provide complete care to the surrounding community.

Cardinal Services



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Executive Director
Matt Boren

MISSION: The mission of Cardinal Services is to assist and advocate for people with disabilities and challenges to live lives full of dignity, growth, and opportunity.

SERVICES: To achieve our mission, Cardinal offers a wide array of programs for people with disabilities. These include residential options, public transportation, day programs, community experiences, and employment opportunities and support.

To support families with small children, Cardinal operates Head Start/Early Head Start, WIC, and Healthy Families in our community. These programs allow families to receive crucial and timely services, which has a tremendous impact on their future and the future of our community

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Our mission is ambitious, and we can't do it without our donors. We invite you to join us by donating today at www.cardinalservices.org. If you would like to speak with us about your donation options, please call Kyrie' Maierle at 574-371-1357 or Vickie Lootens at 574-371-1344.





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Community Transportation Network

VISION: At CTN, we envision a community in which all people have the freedom and independence to pursue a fulfilling life. That's why, for two decades, we've worked to ease the burden of transportation, so more people are able to maintain life-sustaining and purposeful connections in the community. We are CTN and we Drive Community.

SERVICES: Daily, CTN's fleet of 36 transit vans and school buses provide important access to healthcare resources, employment, and community amenities for low-income seniors, people with disabilities, children, and the agencies that serve them. Last year, CTN provided more than 51,000 trips to nearly 4,000 riders.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: Join us for the Hop On Brew Tour on Saturday, November 13!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

\$100 funds ten trips to the grocery store
\$250 funds a vehicle's fuel for one month
\$360 funds a month of trips to therapy
\$500 funds five weeks of radiation treatment rides
\$660 funds a month of rides for a dialysis client



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Daniel's Place Respite Care

MISSION: Daniel's Place makes available quality care for people with disabilities, providing respite for their care givers, and enhancing the quality of life for the entire family. Daniel's Place offers an interactive, stimulating and safe environment that addresses the physical, emotional and social needs of each individual. We promote a culture of compassion, integrity, stewardship, collaboration, creativity, and joy, enabling our personnel to provide excellent service to our clients.

VISION: To provide services to people with disabilities and their families that enable them to live fuller and more abundant lives.

SERVICES: We provide respite care for families of those in need, 7 days a week.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: You can get updates on events and fundraisers on our website (www.daniels-place.org) or by following us on Instagram @danielsplace_ or on Facebook.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: You can support use when purchasing your items on Amazon, by going through Amazon Smile and directly on our website at <http://www.Daniels-place.org> through our SUPPORT US button.



Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana (DSANI)

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Established: 2000

Employees: 1

Area Served: 11 counties in
Northeast Indiana



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Shelley Yoder

MISSION: DSANI'S mission is to enhance the lives of people living with Down syndrome, advocate on their behalf, provide information and support to families and professionals, and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in northeast Indiana. Outreach to new and expectant families is one of the most important services that DSANI provides. When we receive word that a diagnosis has been made, our Outreach Chair (a parent who has a child with Down syndrome) schedules a visit with the new family. This early connection is paramount to a positive outlook for what can be, initially, a very daunting feeling. We also connect with area medical professionals to give them our information, so that they can give their patients a place to turn. We also provide many educational and informational sessions for parents and caregivers; are available to do workshops for schools and other community groups; and provide a host of social activities meant to help our friends with Down syndrome, and their parents, create lifelong bonds of friendship and support. We are here to serve families from birth to the end of life.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: A New Parent outreach bag is filled with a host of books, toys and other resources. The cost for one of these bags is \$200. Another option is a gift of your choice to be used either as you designate, or in our discretionary fund. This fund is used for specific instances that may arise unexpectedly for our families.



Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana

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www.eastersealsarcnein.org

PURPOSE: Our purpose is to lead the way to 100% equity, inclusion and access for people with disabilities, families and communities.

SERVICES: Easterseals offers programs and services that enrich education, enhance health, expand employment and elevate community. We are dedicated to helping people with disabilities become as independent as possible, while also providing support and resources for family members. Our offerings include day programs, residential services, employment services, respite, behavior solutions, recreation and more. We are committed to person-centered planning, helping each individual create a support plan that focuses on their interests, goals, abilities and needs.




GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: There are countless ways you can give to Easterseals, and we will work with you to make a gift that fits your interests and resources. To explore your options for supporting Easterseals, contact Sheri Ward, director of development, at sward@esarc.org or 260.456.4534 ext. 267.





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Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control

Mission: It is our mission to serve our community in a humane, public safety capacity while working to keep pets with loving families by providing education opportunities and resources or facilitating re-homing or adoption when necessary.

Giving Opportunities: Donor dollars allow us to save the lives of those animals who have no where else to go. Donations to our angel fund, critter care fund or others help achieve a live outcome for the animals in our care.

Consider including us in your legacy plan. These gifts are life changing for the care we're able to offer the animals in need of our community. Please contact Holly.eggelston@cityoffortwayne.org or 260-427-5548 with questions.



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FWTrails.org



Established: 2011
Employees: 4
Service Area: Fort Wayne and Allen County

Executive Director:
Megan McClellan

Development Director:
Brian White

OUR IMPACT:
Connecting people,
one trail at a time.

Fort Wayne Trails

MISSION: Fort Wayne Trails works with our partners to develop a connected system of multi-use trails. Our goal is to have a trail connection within ½ mile of every resident of Allen County. Fort Wayne Trails receives no governmental support. Your donation makes a difference.

Trails provide safe and enjoyable options for exercise, transportation, and recreation. Building trails builds healthier communities. Trails increase spending at local businesses and increase home values along trail corridors.

"I love the trails because it is a peaceful place to get out and be healthy. The trails are beautiful and greatly enhance this city." - Trail User

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Recognize** a loved one with a plaque on a bench, bridge, or boardwalk.
- Join the **Perpetual Motion Club** by including Fort Wayne Trails in your estate plans.
- Become a **Trail Blazer** with a monthly gift of just \$10 per month.

Thank you for helping us provide important connections in our community!



Celebrating over 124 miles of trails thanks to generous donors like you!



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
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Fort Wayne, IN

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OUR IMPACT:

Serving more than

300

families in Northeast Indiana.

GiGi's Playhouse

OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE: To change the way the world views Down syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all.

OUR VISION: To see a world where individuals with Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools and communities.

OUR NICHE: We change lives through consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community, through a replicable playhouse model.

OUR PROMISE: A lifetime commitment to families.

SERVICES: FREE, life-changing therapeutic, educational and career training programs.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

8th Annual "I have a Voice" Gala – April 22, 2022

7th Annual Golf Outing – Sept. 2022

GiGiFIT Acceptance Challenge Field Day – Date TBD

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: GiGi's Playhouse Fort Wayne is 100% funded by the generosity of our community. Funding will support our free, purposeful programs such as 1-on-1 tutoring, speech therapy, GiGiFIT Program, GiGi University and many group programs to foster independence, confidence and growth.



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OUR IMPACT:

Fit 203 Hearing Aids at a reduced cost in 2020.

Help someone hear again

GiveHear is a nonprofit designed to eliminate access gaps for hearing care.

MISSION: To build the self-worth of individuals by restoring their hearing potential and providing them with opportunities to engage with their communities.

VISION: That no person be prevented from full participation in life due to hearing loss.

SERVICES: Hearing screenings, hearing aid fittings, education.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: Visit givehear.org/events to learn more and make a monthly pledge to support our clinic.

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS: GiveHear has 3 distinct fundraisers each year, which all include sponsorship opportunities.

SOUND INVESTMENT CLUB: Make a monthly pledge to support our clinic

CLINIC SUPPORT: Invest in ongoing costs associated with our clinic.





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Executive Director

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Healthier Moms and Babies

MISSION: We believe every baby deserves a healthy start at life. Our goal is to reduce infant mortality and improve the outcome of pregnancy in Allen County by offering health education and case management services to low-income, high-risk pregnant women and their families.

SERVICES: Our services are aimed at the community's most at-risk pregnant women and fathers and are based on regular in-home visitation services by registered nurses and case managers. Our programs include: **Healthy Start** where our case managers work with pregnant moms until the baby turns 3 months old, **Nurse Family Partnership** which is a prenatal and infancy home visiting for first time mothers and families until baby turns two. **Baby Me Tobacco Free** is a service offered to help pregnant women quit smoking and **Cribs for Kids** which provides safe sleep education and provides a pack and play for those families who do not have a safe place for their baby to sleep. We've also recently added our pre-conception and inter conception program, **Own Your Journey**, which is a curriculum based wellness program focused on helping women and men become healthy mind, body and spirit before having baby. Our **Fatherhood** program helps men prepare to become fathers utilizing evidenced based curriculum where father figures participate in 1:1 and group mentoring programs and our **Maternal Mental Health** program provides support to women and postpartum women who are experiencing perinatal mood disorders.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Become a Caregiver: For as little as \$15 a month, you will be helping to build a brighter future and stronger community for all of us.

Sponsorship: Levels ranging from \$500 - \$10,000

Join our Funding Futures Gift Club: Individuals giving \$250 - \$2,500 annually

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

5th Annual Diaper Dash - Saturday, Sept 11
@Parkview YMCA

Fighting For Firsts - Friday, November 5th
@Promendate Park



The Literacy Alliance

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The Literacy Alliance

Melinda Haines

Chief Executive Officer

Established

1988

Employees

14

Service Area

**Allen, Adams, and
Wells Counties in
Northeast Indiana**

More than 30,000 adults in our community do not have a high school diploma and are trapped in a cycle of illiteracy, poverty, and dependency. Lack of educational attainment will continue to limit a person's economic future. The Literacy Alliance has been serving area adults for more than 30 years, breaking the cycle of illiteracy and putting them on a path of economic self-sufficiency by offering free classes in adult basic education that lead to improved reading, writing, and math skills, English language attainment and preparation for the high school equivalency exam.

TLA's Project READS is a program dedicated to helping Allen County children in grades K-3 who struggle to read at grade level. Project READS provides dedicated volunteer tutors who help students reach this important milestone, thus increasing their chances of graduation.

Visit our website, **literacyalliance.org**, to learn more about our programs, how you can help, and to see the impact of your donations.

To donate now, scan the QR code with your phone.



TLA GRADUATE AMBRE





Little River Wetlands Project, Inc.

VISION: A network of natural and restored wetlands in the Little River watershed, protected in perpetuity to provide cleaner water, better flood control, more contiguous wildlife habitat, wetland education, and open natural spaces that people value and enjoy.

MISSION: To restore and protect wetlands in the historic watershed of the Little River, a major tributary of the Wabash River, and to provide educational opportunities that encourage good stewardship of wetlands and other natural ecosystems

VALUES: The Little River Wetlands Project values clean water, natural ways to store floodwaters, and our local biodiversity. Our organization is deeply committed to restoring wetlands that provide these qualities in our community. Our nature preserves also provide valuable urban trails for recreation, nature study, photography, and our widely popular free wetland education programs. Uniquely, our Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve provides a glimpse at what our community looked like at the time of settlement, as people used the waterways and the land for daily living and access to the Great Lakes and to the Mississippi River.

SERVICES: Stewardship and education are at the core of our efforts to restore wetlands, forested wetlands, native prairie and marshy prairie habitats. Eagle Marsh preserve located at 6801 Engle Road has 10+ miles of hiking trails, and an accessible trail. LRWP offers a wide range of educational programs that include guided hikes, Breakfast on the Marsh for seniors, public programs, and field trips for our local schools and universities. Our "Seed to Marsh" program is infused into our school and requested programs so that thousands of people every year are actively helping us to restore local habitats. For a list of our upcoming programs please visit www.lrwp.org, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter or check out our LRWP Facebook page. LRWP preserves including Eagle Marsh are community restoration projects that depend upon individual, corporate and foundation support. Our five wetland preserves, and one conservation easement, covering a total of 1,304 acres, are home to imperiled wildlife, including the Blandings turtle and 28 other species of reptiles and mammals, along with 253 different bird and waterfowl species.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: Free communitywide events including Earth Day Fort Wayne, The Urban Turtle Festival, and Monarch Festival are held each year with the generosity of Corporate Sponsors. LRWP's Annual Fundraiser "Frog-A-Palooza" is held each year.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: LRWP offers the following opportunities: individual and family memberships; one time and monthly giving opportunities; corporate partnerships; sponsorships; underwriting of events; LRWP's annual appeal; fall fund drive; bequests as a beneficiary on death for selected assets; bequest as a beneficiary to your will; charitable trusts; donation of equities; donations after age 70 1/2 from part of a required minimum distribution; land donation; Amazon Smile; and Kroger.



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OUR IMPACT:
Serving over 70,000 students annually



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Nicole Fairchild

McMillen Health

MISSION: The mission of McMillen Health is to provide vital, effective preventive health education that promotes physical, emotional, and social well-being.

SERVICES: Over 200 health education programs for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are offered at our facility, by outreach up to 150 miles from our location, through live distance learning, and via E-Learning.

McMillen Health also specializes in developing custom health educational resources, including curricula, videos, and graphics.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Attend or sponsor an event.
Learn more at:
mcmillenhealth.org/about/events



We offer interactive health education for a memorable learning experience!

- Your gift allows us to offset the funding gap not covered by grant funding. Donate easily on our website at mcmillenhealth.org.

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Diagnosis Doesn't Get the Final Word

VISION: Neither ADHD, nor brain injury, neither autism nor aging, neither PTSD nor genetic conditions can prevent people from improving 28 cognitive skills to enhance their ability to learn, work and thrive

MISSION: MINDCAP unleashes the limitless potential of every individual to think, learn and thrive.

VALUES: MINDCAP provides individualized intervention and training in Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment, Dweck's Growth Mindset, and concepts of neuroplasticity. We offer clients of all ages advances in cognitive, emotional and social skills to improve their quality of outcomes in life.



SERVICES: Clients receive individualized sessions designed specifically for their needs.

• **Cognitive Assessment • Cognitive Coaching • Certified Training**

• **Develop skills & abilities in the following areas:**

- Focus and Attention • Learning Processes • Reading and Writing • Social Interaction
- Logic and Reasoning • Organization • Memory • Goal-setting and Planning
- Executive Function Skills • Leadership Skills

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Donations accepted. Many clients are in need of financial assistance. Donations help more children and adults receive the services they need.



Mustard Seed Furniture Bank

MISSION: To provide household furnishings to families and individuals as they rebuild their lives after suffering disaster, personal tragedy or other misfortunes.

SERVICES: Since 2002, the Mustard Seed has accepted basic household furniture, linens and kitchenware allowing for the furnishing of over 10,900 households in a 7-county area of northeast Indiana.

A network of partner agencies refer households who have experienced a catastrophic situation which may include: uninsured fire victims; underemployed, those leaving a shelter, children (2-17) without beds and those with physical, mental and/or cognitive disabilities and others.

Through the material and financial support of area companies, foundations, organizations and individuals the Mustard Seed continues to **"Furnish Help to Rebuild Lives."**

2021 FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

- **18th Annual Charity Auction & Dinner**, Thursday, October 14 at the Mirro Event Center
prepaid reservations required
- **"Be The Light In A Child's Night" 2nd Annual Holiday Luminary Sale**
Supporting the Beds4Kids Program – November/December

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Financial Donations:
 - Individual – one-time or monthly gifts
 - Planned Giving and Bequests
 - Private Fundraisers
 - IRA Designation
- Material Donations by:
 - Individuals, Companies and Organizations
 - Collection Drive
- Sharing of Time & Talent through Volunteering





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OUR IMPACT:

We work with passionate people and organizations across different backgrounds to address community needs, both today and in the future.



Jennifer Danic
President & CEO

Steuben County Community Foundation

VISION: To work with donors who want to make a difference in our community.

MISSION: Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community.

SERVICES: We provide grants, scholarships, nonprofit workshops, and more, to support and empower community leaders as they work toward addressing local challenges.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Establish a new permanent endowment fund to provide annual support for your favorite charitable cause
- Donate to an existing fund, increasing its impact each year
- Volunteer on one of SCCF's many committees for grant review, scholarships, finance, and more



Every year, SCCF awards more than \$1,300,000 in grants to nonprofits that make an impact in Steuben County.



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OUR IMPACT:

2700+

People served annually.
More than 650 people with any type of disability receive individualized case coordination.

The League

League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.

VISION: The League's vision is full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

MISSION: The League's mission is to provide and promote opportunities that empower people with disabilities to achieve their potential.

VALUES: The League's values people with disabilities; consumer control; equal opportunity; diversity of thought and ideas; the community; and quality.

SERVICES: The League has been serving our community for more than 70 years. We serve people of all ages with any type of disability through 14 different programs.

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS: The League has two annual fundraiser events. This year's Suds in the City event will be held on November 4, 2021 at 6:30pm. Call us at 260.272.0305 for tickets and details. Our annual Blues Bash is held each spring, however, due to COVID19, this year's event was cancelled.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: We love our donors & volunteers at The League!

- Become part of our impact in 3 ways: **1)** Donate online: www.the-league.org
2) Donate by phone: Text "THE-LEAGUE" to the number 44-321
3) Volunteer: We have individual & group opportunities available. Call 260.441.0551.





Turnstone
Creating possibilities.

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Established: 1943
Serving: Northeast Indiana
and surrounding communities

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ABOUT TURNSTONE: Founded in 1943 by a group of passionate volunteers, Turnstone's mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing one of the most comprehensive offerings of service and programs to people with disabilities and their families under one roof in the United States. Programs and services include: physical, physical aquatic, occupational, speech and recreation therapy; adult day service; memory care; inclusive early learning center; social services; counseling; adaptive sports and recreation; fitness and aquatic center; elite and Paralympic athlete training, and more.



Your gifts to Turnstone help ensure critical access to services and resources for children and adults with disabilities and their caregivers, regardless of their ability to pay. Thanks to generous support and compassionate staff, Turnstone's legacy of advocacy and innovation continues to contribute to a world that accepts and values people based on their abilities.



Visiting Nurse

HOSPICE HOME HOSPICE CARE PALLIATIVE CARE GRIEF SUPPORT

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Visiting Nurse

VISION: Visiting Nurse seeks to provide compassionate care to anyone facing serious illnesses and their families through palliative and hospice care, plus grief support, regardless of their condition or ability to pay. Visiting Nurse provides access to individuals who have disabilities to all of our programs and services.

MISSION: Visiting Nurse provides comfort, compassion and guidance through life's journey.

VALUES: Visiting Nurse values include: Compassion, Comfort, Guidance, Inclusivity, and Stewardship.

SERVICES: Home health for chronic disease management, palliative care, hospice care and grief support for adults in 11 counties in northeast Indiana.

EVENTS: 36th Annual Holiday Memorial Service and Tree-Lighting, Nov. 21, 2021, from 5-6 p.m. at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St., downtown Fort Wayne. <https://www.vnfw.org/holiday/>

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: As a not-for-profit agency, Visiting Nurse relies on the generosity of individuals like you to support programs not reimbursed by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. These programs include: patient care for those without the ability to pay; music and massage therapy, community grief services and education programs. The agency is committed to providing the above services to our patients, families and our community who value the benefits of these programs. Please learn more at www.vnfw.org/donate.



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OUR IMPACT:

32,218

Total individuals served.

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

MISSION: People of faith working together to support and enrich the lives of Fort Wayne's central city residents and beyond since 1968.

SERVICES: We provide enriching activities for seniors and youth, as well as critical food and clothing supports to anyone in need. All programs and services are free to the community.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Donate food to the food programs
- Donate quality clothing to the clothing boutique
- Invest in the David B. McCracken Wellspring Camp Endowment
- Make a financial contribution e.g., every \$5.00 donated to the food programs purchases 25 lbs of food
- Sponsor mobile food pantry program with accompanying logo on cargo van
- Volunteer



WELLSPRING'S IMPACT IN 2020:

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| • Total individuals served 32,218 | • 9,919 clients served in Food Pantry |
| • 76 youth served in youth programming | • 18,685 clients served through mobile food pantry |
| • 128 seniors served in Older Adult Program | • 3,000 clients served in clothing boutique |



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Established: 1858
Service Area: Allen, Whitley and Wells Counties



President & CEO
Chris Angellatta

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

MISSION: The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne seeks to help all individuals have a sense of belonging and achievement through our mission, "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all." We believe in promoting and providing access for individuals with diverse abilities so they can participate in healthy activities where everyone can thrive!

The YMCA offers nearly 30 adaptive and inclusive programs for those with diverse abilities including sensory rooms and adaptive equipment. There are a myriad of program options for those of all ages and abilities.

ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS INCLUDE: Adaptive Sports & Martial Arts, Adaptive Cooking & Wellness, Adaptive Swim Lessons & Swim Team, Trail Buddies (Adaptive Bike Riding Program for All Ages) and Social Events (Designed for Teens/Adults with Diverse Abilities).

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Donate online: fwymca.org/adaptive-give
- Volunteer at one of the Y's various programs or events by contacting Rebekah Coffey, Director of Adaptive Services, at 260-755-4961 or rebekah_coffey@fwymca.org



Those of all abilities have opportunities to belong and achieve through adaptive & inclusive programs!

Pandemic, racial justice contributed to record giving

BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY

According to Giving USA 2021: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2020, released in June, individuals, bequests, foundations and corporations gave an estimated \$471.44 billion to U.S. charities in 2020.

Total charitable giving grew 5.1% measured in current dollars over the revised total of \$448.66 billion contributed in 2019. Adjusted for inflation, total giving increased 3.8%.

Giving USA, the longest-running and most comprehensive report on the sources and uses of charitable giving in America, is published by Giving USA Foundation, a public service initiative of The Giving Institute. It is researched and written by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University PUI.

“Unprecedented developments in 2020 including the global pandemic, the ensuing economic crisis, and efforts to advance racial justice created intense, widespread need and significantly increased the demand upon nonprofit organizations. Remarkably, generous giving coupled with the stock market turnaround in the final months of the year boosted contributions. As a result, 2020 is the highest year of charitable giving on record,” said Laura MacDonald, CFRE, chair of Giving USA Foundation and Principal and Founder of Benefactor Group. “Amid these unique circumstances, however, the nation’s overall economic picture remained mixed. It is important to recognize that the picture for individual house-

holds and organizations may have looked quite different, with many facing hardship even though total giving posted strong growth.”

Highlights and numbers for 2020 charitable giving by source:

- Giving by individuals totaled an estimated \$324.10 billion, rising 2.2% in 2020 (an increase of 1.0%, adjusted for inflation). Giving by individuals achieved its highest total dollar amount to date, adjusted for inflation, but it comprised less than 70% of total giving for only the second time on record.
- Giving by foundations increased 17.0%, to an estimated \$88.55 billion (a growth rate of 15.6%, adjusted for inflation), reaching its highest-ever dollar amount. Giving by foundations, which has grown in nine of the last 10 years, represented 19% of total giving in 2020, its largest share on record. The estimate for giving by foundations was created by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy using data from Candid.
- Giving by bequest was an estimated \$41.19 billion in 2020, and grew 10.3% from 2019 (an increase of 9.0%, adjusted for inflation). Giving by bequest often fluctuates substantially from year to year.
- Giving by corporations is estimated to have declined by 6.1% in 2020 to \$16.88 billion (a decline of 7.3% adjusted for inflation). This type of giving is highly responsive to changes in corporate pre-tax profits and GDP, both of which declined in 2020.

Highlights and numbers for 2020 charitable giving to recipients

BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY

According to Giving USA 2021: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2020, released in June:

- Giving to education is estimated to have increased 9.0% to \$71.34 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving to education organizations increased 7.7%. Education giving includes contributions to K-12 schools, higher education and libraries. A strong end-of-year stock market drove growth in giving to education. That growth was further boosted by COVID-19 relief, racial justice giving and MacKenzie Scott’s gifts to HBCUs, tribal colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions and community colleges.
- Giving to human services increased by an estimated 9.7% in 2020, totaling \$65.14 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving to human services organizations increased by 8.4%.
- Giving to foundations is estimated to have increased by 2.0% to \$58.17 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving to foundations was flat at 0.8% growth.
- Giving to health is estimated to have declined by 3.0% (a

decline of 4.2%, adjusted for inflation) to \$42.12 billion. In addition to large, nonprofit hospitals, health organizations include those that focus on addressing specific diseases. Many in-person walks, runs and other fundraising events that disease-specific health organizations host as major fundraisers saw a decline in participation and charitable revenue due to the pandemic.

- Giving to public-society benefit organizations increased an estimated 15.7% to \$48.00 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving to public-society benefit organizations grew 14.3%. This category includes a wide range of charitable organizations, including national donor-advised funds, United Ways and civil rights organizations.
- Giving to arts, culture, and humanities is estimated to have declined 7.5% to \$19.47 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving to the arts, culture, and humanities subsector declined 8.6%.
- Giving to environmental and animal organizations is estimated to have increased 11.6% to \$16.14 billion. Adjusted for inflation, donations to the environment/animals subsector increased 10.3%.

A guide to charitable contribution deductions

FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

In most cases, the amount of charitable cash contributions taxpayers can deduct on Schedule A as an itemized deduction is limited to a percentage (usually 60%) of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI). Qualified contributions are not subject to this limitation. Individuals may deduct qualified contributions of up to 100% of their adjusted gross income. A corporation may deduct qualified contributions of up to 25% of its taxable income. Contributions that exceed that amount can carry over to the next tax year. To qualify, the contribution must be:

- a cash contribution
- made to a qualifying organization
- made during the calendar year 2020

Contributions of non-cash property do not qualify for this relief. Taxpayers may still claim non-cash contributions as a deduction, subject to the normal limits.

The Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments page (www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments) provides information about tax help for taxpayers, businesses, tax-exempt organizations and others – including health plans – affected by coronavirus (COVID-19).

Temporary increase in limits on contributions of food inventory

There is a special rule allowing enhanced deductions by businesses for contributions of food inventory for the care of the ill, needy or infants. The amount of charitable contributions of food inventory a business taxpayer can deduct under this rule is limited to a percentage (usually 15 percent) of the taxpayer's aggregate net income or taxable income. For contributions of food inventory in 2020, business taxpayers may deduct qualified contributions of up to 25% of their aggregate net income from all trades or businesses from which the contributions were made or up to 25% of their taxable income.

The Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments page provides information about tax help for taxpayers, businesses, tax-exempt organizations and others – including health plans – affected by coronavirus (COVID-19).

This article generally explains the rules covering income tax deductions for charitable contributions by individuals. You can find a more comprehensive discussion of these rules in Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, and Publication 561, Determining the Value of Donated Property. For information about the substantiation and disclosure requirements for charitable contributions, see Publication 1771. You can obtain these publications free of charge by calling 1-800-829-3676.

You may deduct charitable contributions of money or property made to qualified organizations if you itemize your deductions. Generally, you may deduct up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income, but 20% and 30% limitations apply in some cases. Tax Exempt Organization Search uses deductibility status codes to identify these limitations.

Qualified organizations

You may deduct a charitable contribution made to, or for the use of, any of the following organizations that otherwise are qualified under section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code:

- A state or United States possession (or political subdivision thereof), or the United States or the District of Columbia, if made exclusively for public purposes;
- A community chest, corporation, trust, fund, or foundation, organized or created in the United States or its possessions, or under the laws of the United States, any state, the District of Columbia or any possession of the United States, and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals;
- A church, synagogue, or other religious organization;
- A war veterans' organization or its post, auxiliary, trust, or foundation organized in the United States or its possessions;
- A nonprofit volunteer fire company;
- A civil defense organization created under federal, state, or local law (this includes unreimbursed expenses of civil defense volunteers that are directly connected with and solely attributable to their volunteer services);
- A domestic fraternal society, operating under the lodge system, but only if the

contribution is to be used exclusively for charitable purposes;

- A nonprofit cemetery company if the funds are irrevocably dedicated to the perpetual care of the cemetery as a whole and not a particular lot or mausoleum crypt.

Timing of contributions

Contributions must actually be paid in cash or other property before the close of your tax year to be deductible, whether you use the cash or accrual method.

Deductible amounts

If you donate property other than cash to a qualified organization, you may generally deduct the fair market value of the property. If the property has appreciated in value, however, some adjustments may have to be made.

The rules relating to how to determine fair market value are discussed in Publication 561, Determining the Value of Donated Property.

Limitations on deductions

In general, contributions to charitable organizations may be deducted up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income computed without regard to net operating loss carrybacks. Contributions to certain private foundations, veterans organizations, fraternal societies, and cemetery organizations are limited to 30 percent adjusted gross income (computed without regard to net operating loss carrybacks), however. Tax Exempt Organization Search uses deductibility status codes to indicate these limitations.

The 50% limitation applies to (1) all public charities (code PC), (2) all private operating foundations (code POF), (3) certain private foundations that distribute the contributions they receive to public charities and private operating foundations within 2-1/2 months following the year of receipt, and (4) certain private foundations the contributions to which are pooled in a common fund and the income and corpus of which are paid to public charities.

The 30% limitation applies to private foundations (code PF), other than those previously mentioned that qualify for a 50 percent limitation, and to other organizations described in section 170(c) that do not qualify for the 50 percent limitation, such as domestic fraternal societies (code LODGE).

A special limitation applies to certain gifts of long-term capital gain property. A discussion of that special limitation may be found in Publication 526, Charitable Contributions.

Foreign organizations

The organizations listed in Tax Exempt Organization Search with foreign addresses are generally not foreign organizations but are domestically formed organizations carrying on activities in foreign countries. These organizations are treated the same as any other domestic organization with regard to deductibility limitations.

Certain organizations with Canadian addresses listed may be foreign organizations to which contributions are deductible only because of tax treaty. Besides being subject to the overall limits applicable to all your charitable contributions under U.S. tax law, your charitable contributions to Canadian organizations are subject to the U.S. percentage limits on charitable contributions, applied to your Canadian source income. A deduction for a contribution to a Canadian organization is not allowed if the contributor reports no taxable income from Canadian sources on the United States income tax return, as described in Publication 597.

Except as indicated above, contributions to a foreign organization are not deductible.

Reliance on Tax Exempt Organization Search

Revenue Procedure 2011-33, 2011-25 I.R.B. 887 describes the extent to which grantors and contributors may rely on the listing of an organization in electronic Publication 78 and the IRS Business Master File extract) in determining the deductibility of contributions to such organization. Grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the Pub.78 data contained in Tax Exempt Organization Search to the same extent provided for in Revenue Procedure 2011-33.

Similar reliance provisions apply to an organization's foundation classification as it appears in the list. See also Revenue Procedure 89-23.

Charitable Giving

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annually by staff and trained volunteers.

Not all nonprofits are tasked with improving the lives of the disadvantaged. For example, Arts United – artsunited.org – supports more than 70 arts and culture organizations in northeast Indiana.

When considering where to donate your money, you'll want to choose nonprofits that use those funds wisely. This may require some research on your part. Van Gilder suggests going to charitynavigator.org, which he described as the BBB for charities. Search for Humane Fort Wayne, the new name of the combined Allen County SPCA and Hope for Animals, and you'll find it has a "Give with Confidence" rating of 89.28 out of 100.

Young warned that nonprofits that use telemarketers may use a considerable amount of money paying for the expensive service, leaving little for actual charity work. He said any new charity could spend around 95% of its funds initially on startup costs.

By comparison, internet solicitations may be the better option because they are not likely to be burdened with a lot of cost.

Planned giving can include cash, stocks, personal property, real estate and more.

When considering the benefits of planned giving, the effect on your income taxes can't be ignored.

"Donations to qualified charities are tax-deductible expenses that can reduce your

taxable income and lower your tax bill. You must itemize your tax deductions to claim them, however, and this is typically in your best interest only if the total of all your itemized deductions exceeds the amount of the standard deduction you would receive for your filing status," according to the website thebalance.com.

You can deduct contributions or gifts you gave to organizations that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose. You can also deduct what you gave to organizations that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals, according to the IRS.

In order to file charitable tax deductions, you need to take the following steps, according to fidelitycharitable.org:

Make sure the nonprofit organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity or private foundation.

Keep a record of the contribution (usually the tax receipt from the charity).

If it's a non-cash donation, in some instances you must obtain a qualified appraisal to substantiate the value of the deduction you're claiming.

With your paperwork ready, itemize your deductions and file your tax return.



Randy Young

Thank You

KPC Media Group wants to thank all those in our area who help to fund - and who volunteer their time to work with - the not-for-profit programs and projects that contribute invaluable service to our communities included in this Giving Guide.

Without your support, annual gifts, and remembrances in your will, much of that work would not be possible.

Throughout the year, KPC Media Group supports a long list of charitable events, community projects and non-profit programs which add to the richness of our lives here in Northeast Indiana.

Many of our employees volunteer their time, including through the work of their churches, clubs and civic organizations, to help those in need.

We are honored to help these outstanding local agencies, not-for profit groups and foundations tell their stories ... their mission, their accomplishments and their resources to help... in this annual Giving Guide.

~ KPC Media Staff ~

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