

GIVING GUIDE 2024

A Resource to the Region's Philanthropic Opportunities



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

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How to make a charity a beneficiary

By Metro Creative Services

Giving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals who want to give back in their wills.

Most people think of beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify

the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will. GB22B447

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Community Harvest Food Bank



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VALUES

Community Harvest believes that anyone experiencing hunger and food insecurity deserves access to fresh, healthy foods and the lifestyle they support. We believe that sex, race, color of skin, religion, gender identity, age, or other factors of someone's background should not influence their ability to live a healthy, happy life, and that those differences within our community should be celebrated and respected.

SERVICES

Community Harvest offers 10 hunger relief programs that distribute food within our nine-county area, each of which are specifically designed to reach families, individuals, seniors, children, and Veterans. We also supply food to over 350 nonprofits to help with the valuable services they offer to members of our community.

FUNDRAISERS, EVENTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Harvest accepts monetary and in-kind donations from individuals and organizations, which can be made at either of our Fort Wayne locations or on our website. We also partner with organizations all year long to conduct food drives, which can be set up through Don Terry. We host and attend multiple events throughout the year, so follow us on social media to keep up to date on when and where you can see us around town, or attend our annual Gala in September. We would love to meet you and find ways to work together to improve our community!

OUR IMPACT

In 2023 →	10.9 million lbs of food distributed	99,000+ individuals served	9 counties served	0 families turned away
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Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

Locations in Fort Wayne
and Warsaw
260-484-9560
www.cancer-services.org

Last year,

4,977

neighbors received
personalized support, access
to counseling and other
services, and

\$478,133

of direct financial and
practical assistance.

MISSION: Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana provides meaningful resources, information, and compassionate assistance to people with cancer, survivors, caregivers, and others touched by cancer. In 2024, Cancer Services celebrates 80 years of serving as the community's response to cancer.

SERVICES: All programs and services reduce the emotional and financial burden of cancer. Services include loaned medical equipment and supplies, financial assistance, mental health counseling, support communities, massage, exercise therapy, and more.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT: Cancer Services is entirely supported by charitable donations and 100% of your donation stays in the local community. Your donation of any amount provides relief to a local family dealing with cancer. Interested in helping people with cancer? Contact Loren Hayes, Director of Donor Impact, at LHayes@cancer-services.org 260-484-9560.



Make a one-time gift or
set up your automatic
monthly gift online!



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne

2020 E. Washington Blvd.
Suite 500
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
habitatgfw.com

**Serving low- to
middle-income families
in Allen, Huntington,
and Wells Counties.**

72 children

moved into their safe, stable,
affordable homes last season

VISION: A world where everyone has a decent, affordable place to live.

MISSION: We seek to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Financial gifts or in-kind donations help us keep our homes affordable and ensure we can provide financial and homeownership classes to families in our program. You can also shop and donate items to the Fort Wayne ReStore — the store is our largest community fundraiser!

VOLUNTEER: Individual and corporate volunteer opportunities are available on our website at habitatgfw.com/volunteer.

TESTIMONIAL: I couldn't have gotten through this program without the Habitat team cheering me on, I'm so grateful." - Terrie, Habitat Homeowner



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Lutheran Life Villages



6 Campuses Across Northeast Indiana

Piper Trail

The Village at Inverness

The Village at Anthony Boulevard The

Village at Pine Valley

The Village at Pine Valley Assisted Living

The Village at Kendallville

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MISSION: As an expression of Christ's love, we serve individuals and their caregivers with compassion and respect for independence, wellness, and spiritual life.

VISION: At Lutheran Life Villages, we strive to be a provider of choice, employer of choice, and a thought leader in our community.

VALUES: Our every day actions are informed by guiding LIFE Values: Leadership, Impact, Friendship, and Excellence.

Over
90
years

helping seniors discover the next
chapter in their lives.

Serving over
700

residents, members
and their families.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Pastoral Care: Charitable funds raised for our Pastoral Care Ministry provide spiritual health and wellness services for those we serve.

Resident Programming: Community outings, games, exercise classes, educational presentations, intergenerational engagement, and so much more are made possible through donations from our community.

Capital Improvements: Visible investments include buses and vans, walking paths, interior/exterior renovations, and technology. While less visible investments include mechanical items like plumbing, heating, and electrical systems.



Learn about these giving opportunities
and more by contacting:

Jennifer Zurbuch, Director of Philanthropy
(260) 447-0800 x2149 or
jzurbuch@lutheranlifevillages.org.

www.lutheranlifevillages.org/give.



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Stasia Roth

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OUR MISSION

To be a refuge for homeless,
pregnant mothers, and
strengthening futures for
moms & babies.

Mission

A refuge for homeless, pregnant
women that strengthens their
opportunities for stability.

Vision

New futures for mothers,
children, and generations.

Values

Christian - Integrity - Excellence - Safety - Individuality - Empowerment -
Community

Services

Providing opportunities for our residents to create safe, stable, and nurturing
environments for themselves and their children as they move towards self-
sufficiency.

Fundraisers

Holy Smokes - Men's Bourbon and Cigar Event

Diamond Gala

Giving Opportunities

Become a monthly donor and join our Circle of Hope



LTC Ombudsman Program
Resident Driven Advocacy

3201 Stelhorn Road Ste. C106

Fort Wayne, IN. 46815

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What is a Long-Term Care Ombudsman?

Ombudsman - A Swedish word meaning agent, representative, or someone who speaks on behalf of another. The Ombudsman Program is mandated by the Older Americans Act (the Act, OAA) - Federal law enacted in 1965 that provides for comprehensive services for older adults. The OAA created a National Aging Network comprised of federal, state, and local supports and services for individuals ages 60 and older. The OAA established the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program. This law is reauthorized (revised) by Congress every five years and signed into law by the President.

MISSION: To champion Resident driven advocacy for Long-Term care facility Residents.

VISION: To empower and advocate for the dignity, rights, and quality of care every resident in long-term care facilities, Fostering a community where residents are heard, respected, and actively engaged in their care.

VALUES:

1. RESPECT: We honor the individuality and dignity of each resident, ensuring their voices are valued and heard.
2. EMPOWERMENT: We strive to equip residents and their families with the knowledge and resources necessary to advocate for themselves and make informed choices about their care.
3. INTEGRITY: We commit to confidentiality, transparency, honesty, and ethical practices in all interactions with residents, families, and care providers.

4. COMPASSION: We approach our work with empathy and understanding, recognizing the unique challenges faced by residents in long-term care.

5. COLLABORATION: We believe in working together with residents, families, facility staff, and community partners to create a supportive and nurturing environment.

6. ADVOCACY: We actively champion the rights of residents, addressing concerns and promoting meaningful change within long-term care facilities.

7. EDUCATION: We prioritize ongoing education and awareness for residents, families, and advocates about rights, resources, and best practices in long-term care.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS:

October is National Resident's Rights month.

WHAT: Annual Fundraiser, "The Power of Together"

WHEN: October 24, 2024, Annual Fundraiser, themed The Power of Together

TIME: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Parkview Field Suite Level Lounge, 1301 Ewing St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802

WHY: All proceeds go towards the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

INCLUDES: Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Drink tickets,

ACTIVITIES: Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, Live Music by Adam Strack



LTC Ombudsman Program

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Homebound Meals, Inc.



HomeboundMealsFW.org

(260) 422-3296

Facebook.com/HomeboundMealsFW



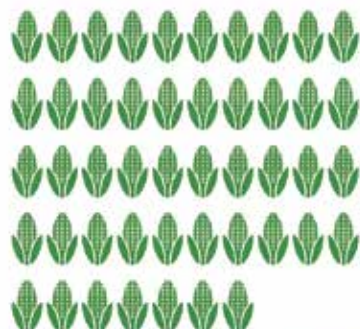
47% of HBM Clients
below the poverty line



36% of HBM Clients are
unable to pay for full priced meals



100% of HBM Meals are partially
funded with grants & donations



Over 47,000 Meals Delivered in 2023

Homebound Meals, Inc. has made a profound impact on the Fort Wayne community by addressing a critical need for nutritious meals among seniors and individuals with disabilities. Founded with the mission to enhance the quality of life for those who are homebound, the organization provides more than just food; it delivers essential human connection and support to individuals who might otherwise experience isolation.

The program's influence extends beyond the meal itself. Each delivery is an opportunity for social interaction, offering a friendly visit and check-in that can be crucial for the recipient's mental well-being. For many seniors, the brief but meaningful exchange with a volunteer or staff member is a highlight of their day, helping to combat loneliness and providing a sense of community.

Economically, Homebound Meals, Inc. helps alleviate the burden on local healthcare systems by promoting better nutrition, which can reduce the frequency of hospital visits and medical issues associated with poor diet. This proactive approach to health care contributes to overall community wellness and helps to manage costs associated with elder care.

Moreover, the organization fosters a sense of civic engagement and volunteerism in Fort Wayne. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds come together to support their neighbors, strengthening community ties and promoting a culture of empathy and service.

Homebound Meals, Inc. plays a vital role in Fort Wayne and North Eastern Indiana by ensuring that vulnerable populations receive not only healthy meals but also a sense of connection, contributing to the health and cohesion of the entire community.





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Ste 555
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
www.blessingsindiana.org



Executive Director:
Jama Ross

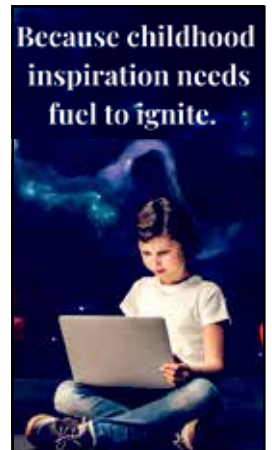
OUR IMPACT:
**over 114,000
bags of food**
to children in need
every school year

MISSION:

When school adjourns on Friday, children facing food insecurity are left with nothing to eat over the weekend. The devastating effects of hunger include behavioral issues, lasting mental and physical health diagnosis, inability to focus, and 50% risk of repeating a grade due to low testing/grades. Blessings in a Backpack battles these issues at the core by providing children with backpacks full of nutritious food every Friday during the school year, distributing to 3,000 children with over 114,000 "Blessings Bags" to ensure they are given the opportunities to succeed in and outside of the classroom.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Blessings Supporter, \$120: Feeds a child for an entire school year.
Trio Supporter, \$360: Feeds three children for an entire school year.
Breakfast Club, \$720: Feeds six children for an entire school year.
Playground Supporter, \$1440: Feeds 12 children for an entire school year.
Classroom Supporter, \$2,880: Feeds an entire classroom for a school year.
School Supporter; Email Jross@blessingsindiana.org to sponsor a school.



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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 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 since 1949. We serve over 3,000 people of all ages with any type of disability in Northeast Indiana through one or more of our 14 programs. **Visit us online for a complete listing of services: www.the-league.org**

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: The League will host the 10th Annual Suds in the City Gala on April 10, 2025 at the Parkview Mirro Center. 2025 is The League's 75th Anniversary. We will be hosting several events throughout the year celebrating this milestone. Follow our website and Facebook for more details.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Time, talent and treasure are ways to give to The League. You can donate on our website; volunteer your time at The League or at one of our events; or loan us your talents or skills for special projects. We look forward to working with you.



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Lutheran Social Services of Indiana



LSSI Fort Wayne Central
333 E. Lewis St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

260-426-3347
www.lssin.org



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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 Northeast 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.
- **Cup of Kindness** – A financial stability program that uses a holistic approach with individuals and families to identify barriers to long-term self-sufficiency.
- **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.

Please visit our website (www.lssin.org) for a comprehensive list of programs and services offered by LSSI.

FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS: LSSI's major fundraising event, Party at the Park, is hosted in early October at Promenade Park in downtown Fort Wayne. This is an opportunity to enjoy the great scenery of our beautiful city, local music, and local cuisine, 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. Named sponsorships for events and building space are available. To make a contribution, please call, or visit our website (www.lssin.org/give).

Unity Performing Arts Foundation



Marshall White
CEO/Founder



Davyd Jones
Board Chair

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Davyd Jones
Jae McGee
Patrick Pasterick
Don Schenkel
Marshall White
Debra Williams-Robbins

UNITY Administrative Office

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Room MCB 101
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Fort Wayne, IN 46805

UNITY Program & Training Center

(260) 755-2662
Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus
3800 N Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Door 27 - CC1743

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Impacting our community by transforming young lives into high-character leaders through the platform of the arts.



International award-winning youth choral group is a transformative experience that nurtures personal growth, artistic development, & leadership. Open to ages 7-19, the program teaches soulful singing, music reading, and life skills like discipline and teamwork, welcoming all levels of experience.

Vocal Coach - June McCullough



A group piano class for ages 7 and up, offering year-round lessons in piano basics, theory, and performance. Students learn in a state-of-the-art facility and showcase their skills in an end-of-season recital.

Instructor - Paula Jewson



Engages youth ages 7-19 in learning and performing soulful dance styles like African, hip-hop, lyrical, praise, tap, and jazz, providing a foundation in mainstream dance.

Instructor - Jasmine Jennings



A creative writing program that challenges students to improve their writing and communication skills through various styles, supported by community grants.

Instructor - Rick Farrant



Trains youth ages 11 and up in public speaking, focusing on both technical and artistic skills through expressive speeches and creative storytelling.

Instructor - Dr. Donovan Coley



A non-artistic program that equips young people with soft skills, business acumen, leadership, and communication skills, promoting excellence and preparing them for the professional world.

Instructor - Matt Lesser

OUR MODEL

The UNITY Model is a transformative after-school framework that promotes holistic youth development by blending Substance-Based Programming with The Soulful Art Forms. It focuses on character building, life skills, and personal growth within a nurturing community. The Soulful Art Forms emphasize emotionally resonant and culturally diverse artistic expressions, inspiring students to connect deeply and authentically with their craft. This approach not only hones their artistic talents but also prepares them to impact the world positively with their creative ability.

OUR SUCCESS

UNITY's impact is evident in our community, the nation, and around the globe. Over 500 of our students have attended 95 different colleges, and more than 375 have gone on to excel in diverse professional fields, including recording artists, Broadway and television actors, business professionals, community leaders, pastors, educators, medical doctors, nurses, engineers, computer specialists, and programmers. We take immense pride in the results of our 24 years of dedication and its transformative effect on countless lives.

MAKING AN EMPOWERING INVESTMENT

Investing in the UNITY Model is an investment in the future of our youth, with guaranteed returns in the form of transformative experiences that shape them into confident, capable leaders. Your support will empower young people to realize their full potential, creating ripple effects of positive change in our community and beyond. By partnering with UNITY, you are not just contributing to an arts program—you are helping to cultivate the next generation of innovators, leaders, and changemakers who will carry forward the values and excellence nurtured within our organization.

Unity Performing Arts Foundation is a company-in-residence at Purdue University Fort Wayne

THE WORLD CHAMPION VOICES OF UNITY YOUTH CHOIR

MARSHALL WHITE, MUSIC DIRECTOR & LIFE COACH

2010



**WORLD CHAMPIONS
& GOLD • GOSPEL
GOLD • POP**

6th World Choir Games
Shaoxing, China

2012



**GOLD • GOSPEL
GOLD • POP**

7th World Choir Games
Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

2014



**GOLD • GOSPEL
SILVER • POP**

8th World Choir Games
Riga, Latvia

2024



**WORLD CHAMPIONS
& GOLD • GOSPEL**

13th World Choir Games
Auckland, New Zealand

The World Champion Voices of Unity Youth Choir, led by Music Director & Life Coach Marshall White, is the flagship program of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation, designed for youth aged 7 to 19. With national and international acclaim, the choir has earned multiple awards, including a World Grand Champion title.

This diverse program goes beyond singing, focusing on developing musical skills, character, and leadership through weekly sessions in various soulful genres. Members enjoy unique opportunities like international tours and professional collaborations, making it a powerful platform for personal growth and artistic achievement. We are more than just a choir!

Enrolling your child in the Voices of Unity will be a rewarding experience, helping them reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming them to our UNITY family!

To Enroll Your Children:

CALL
260-481-6719

EMAIL
info@upaf.com

VISIT
upaf.com



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Matthew25clinic](https://www.facebook.com/Matthew25clinic)



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m25freeclinic](https://www.instagram.com/m25freeclinic)

CEO

Michelle Creager, CPA



Hope. Health. Healing.

MISSION: Matthew 25 is inspired by the Gospel to provide free primary healthcare services to uninsured, low-income residents in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

HISTORY: For over 48 years Matthew 25 Health and Care has provided high-quality medical, dental, vision, mental health, specialty care, educational and medication services at no charge to low-income, uninsured individuals in our community. We offer hope to the most vulnerable population—treating them with compassion and dignity, regardless of background or beliefs.

SERVICES: Matthew 25 provides patients with access to over 25 specialty care clinics, 30 key dental services, mental health counseling, health nutrition and diabetic education, eyeglasses, vaccines, medications and supplies at NO cost!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: Matthew 25 receives no government funding. We are supported solely by donations, grants, and foundations.

VOLUNTEER: Many of our clinics are run 100% by volunteer medical and dental professionals. We rely on volunteers to operate.



Prescriptions Filled
26,786



Medical Visits
23,717



Dental Procedures
11,734



Eye Glasses
221



Brightpoint

A Unique Journey to Giving Back

Brightpoint board member LaQueisha Brown grew up in a family that endured financial hardships. At 16 years old, she had her first child and began working as a vocational high-school intern for Brightpoint Head Start.

LaQueisha's journey with Brightpoint has been unique to her needs. We became a valuable partner with her as she gained parenting skills, pursued higher education, became an entrepreneur, advanced in her career, began serving in a leadership role on the Brightpoint board of directors, and became general manager of Pontiac Street Market.

"I knew my personal journey wasn't just about hard work – that wasn't the answer to everything," says LaQueisha. "Through the years, I've had support in one way or another from Brightpoint programs including Head Start, utility assistance, child care assistance, financial classes, and a small business loan from Brightpoint Development Fund that allowed me to open my own catering business. Working to reach flexible and attainable goals together was an incredible feeling."

MISSION: Brightpoint helps communities, families, and individuals remove the causes and conditions of poverty.



LaQueisha Brown, 2024



LaQueisha with her son, 2017

227 E. Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260.423.3546 or 800.589.3506
mybrightpoint.org

President/CEO
Steve Hoffman

ESTABLISHED: 1965
EMPLOYEES: 280

SERVICE AREA: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties in Indiana.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY:
Brightpoint has Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) State Tax Credits available for individuals and businesses. To find out more, visit mybrightpoint.org/help or call (260) 423-3546, ext. 286.

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Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
OF GREATER FORT WAYNE

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Learn more
about our
mission
and make an
impact today.



We Do Three Things

1. We help people make their charitable giving more impactful.
2. We connect resources to nonprofits through grantmaking and education.
3. We provide leadership to address community needs.

Mission

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne inspires enduring philanthropy by encouraging charitable giving, conducting meaningful grantmaking, and leading community initiatives.

Vision

Allen County will advance as a stronger, more vibrant community, where our neighbors experience greater well-being and quality of life.

Values

Equity, Passion, Integrity, Impact, and Connectedness.

555 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 260-426-4083 cfgfw.org

Miss Virginia's Food Pantry



1312 S. Hanna St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-426-0176

missvirginiafoodpantry.com

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DIRECTORS

Tony Henry
Stan Zihlerl
Patricia Turner
Peg Schilb
Rod Smith



Pantry Director:
Greg Witte

1,000+

Guests Served Each Week

25,767

Pounds of Food Purchased

2,753

Volunteer Hours Worked



Miss Virginia Schrantz opened her heart and home to the poor and needy. Her home became known simply as "Miss Virginia's" to those she helped. She inspired greater community involvement from schools and other organizations to help with her mission of serving everyone in need.

The Balanced and Nutritional Food Program is the very heart and soul of Miss Virginia's Food Pantry. It is a commitment to provide only healthy food to the families and households that come to the food pantry seeking assistance. Those households using the food pantry for food assistance are the poorest and most needy families in Fort Wayne. Every client who comes to the food pantry receives a healthy meat product, eggs, canned vegetables and/or canned fruits, bread and a variety of fresh produce.

Donations

Donations of food and toilet paper are always welcome during regular hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1312 S. Hanna St.

Monetary donations

Monetary donations can be mailed to:
Miss Virginia's Food Pantry
P.O. Box 12045, Fort Wayne, IN 46862

Volunteer

Miss Virginia's always welcomes new volunteers. To volunteer, contact Greg Witte at 260-426-0176 or by email at missvirginiafoodpantry@gmail.com.



After a two-year fundraising effort the pantry has secured the funds to break ground on a new parking lot that will provide a safe and secure space for guests while visiting the pantry.

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What We Do

We hold funds. We make grants. We connect community.

Brighter Connections

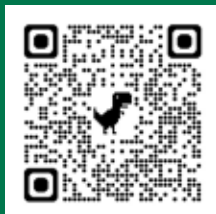
If you want to give back to your community, we can help! We provide individuals, corporations and other donors the opportunity to donate to causes they care about. Donors can make one-time gifts to a specific cause, or we can help them set up their own fund or endowment to support a cause. We work with our donors to identify the best fit for their interests and financial goals.

Brighter Possibilities

We give grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to students. Our grantmaking and scholarships come from a combination of investments made by our donors, and investments made by the Community Foundation.

Brighter Collaborations

Our work puts us in the middle of many community conversations, uncovering the most prominent needs. We're active listeners, and take the information we learn about our community to facilitate bigger, community-wide conversations and initiatives. We convene organizations to create solutions, and provide additional support to those leaders.



**Learn more about our
mission and make an
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Unique ways to give back to the elderly



By Metro Creative Services

Older adults offer much to local and national communities. Despite that, seniors do not always get the recognition they deserve.

According to data from America's Health Rankings, adults aged 65 and older comprise 16.8 percent of America's population in 2021. That is projected to grow to 22 percent by 2040. The Canadian government indicates that seniors accounted for 18.8 percent of the nation's population in 2022.

It's always a good time to thank special seniors in your life, whether they are family, caregivers, friends, or mentors. Individuals can go one step further by giving back to seniors in the following ways.

■ **Volunteer:** Visit a senior center and find out how you can volunteer your services and do something fun or informational

with the seniors who are there. You may be able to guide a class in a certain activity, such as crafting or yoga. Volunteers may be needed to call bingo numbers or help with meal services.

■ **Provide financial relief:** Small business owners can offer discounts to senior clientele. Perhaps run specials on services, including anything from tax preparation to hair styling. If you don't own a business, you can provide some assistance in other ways, such as cutting the lawn or doing light gardening so that a senior does not have to spend money on a weekly service.

■ **Tutor technology:** If you are tech savvy, you can help seniors navigate new technologies. Help seniors with social media accounts, downloading digital photos and more.

■ **Dine out (or in):** Some seniors may be alone if a spouse has predeceased them or if they are divorced. Loneliness may grow into depression. One way to help a senior feel appreciated is by sharing meals together. Designate a day or two each week to gather at the dinner table.

■ **Serve as a chauffeur.** Offer to drive a senior to the store or appointments. While communities may have taxi services or even accessible senior rides, sometimes it can be more efficient for seniors to rely on others for rides. Take a senior along when shopping at the supermarket.

■ **Invite seniors to events.** If you have a special event coming up, such as a child's big birthday, graduation or religious occasion, invite an elderly neighbor. It can brighten his or her day and even provide a change of routine and scenery.

There's no shortage of ways to give back to the special seniors in your life and in your community. TF238211

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry

MISSION: Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's mission is to accept donations of livestock, deer and funds to provide processed meat to Indiana food banks, food pantries and related organizations. The agency provides meat protein to over 160 recipient agencies in 60 of Indiana's 92 counties and continues to grow *from farm and field to freezer and fork.*

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How to show support for local nonprofits

By Metro Creative Services

Making a difference in one's community is a worthy goal. There are many paths a person can take to be a catalyst for change. One of the easiest ways to make positive change is to support nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit organizations make it their missions to serve specific causes — whether those causes are the environment, a certain demographic of people, animals, schools, or social issues. Supporting nonprofit groups furthers a worthy cause and even benefits those who lend their support. According to Waterford.org, an equitable learning organization, supporting nonprofits can lead to a greater sense of happiness, improved mental health and a stronger sense of purpose and fosters a greater number of social connections. There are many different ways to be involved with nonprofit groups.

- **Make financial donations.** Nonprofit organizations require funding to meet their missions. Support from donors can cover operating costs and ensure missions are not stalled or canceled due to lack of funding.

- **Engage in peer-to-peer fundraising.** Sharing information about an organization with others and asking them to support the nonprofit is known as peer-to-peer fundraising. This can happen by word-of-mouth advertising on social media, asking for fundraising for a cause in lieu of traditional birthday or special event gifts, or sharing fliers or other advertisements around town. This type of fundraising is especially valuable because it does not require nonprofit organizations to allocate their own resources in order to generate donations.

- **Provide PTO time to willing volunteers.** Business owners in a community can be sure their employees have adequate paid time off to volunteer with local nonprofits. A company



may establish a set amount of hours or days per quarter or month that can be used for volunteerism in any aspect.

- **Sponsor an event.** While private individuals can sponsor events, the collective resources of a business or other group, such as a school, may be better equipped to spearhead a charity event.

- **Participate in or attend an event.** Even if you cannot donate or sponsor an event, you can still be involved. Showing up to support a cause can help raise awareness and inspire nonprofit workers and volunteers.

Individuals and businesses can support nonprofit groups in their communities in various ways and reap the rewards that such support produces. TF228212



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Faith Community Health Clinic

MISSION STATEMENT: In response to God's plan to care for one another, it is the mission of Faith Community Clinic to provide healthcare to Steuben County residents who are in need. We strive to bring together resources from the entire community to minister to the whole person in a loving and compassionate manner.

Open every Wednesday of the month 4:45-8 p.m.
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Volunteers Needed!
Physician, NP/PA, nurses, laboratory personnel, reception/office, clinic advisory board




Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center

MISSION: "To be the most respected and trusted resource for superior medical forensic care, education, and research in bringing justice to those impacted by sexual assault and abuse."

The Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides medical forensic examinations for children, women and men in 17 counties in Northern Indiana. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our nurses have been providing compassionate, trauma-informed care since 1996. We are Forensic Nurses...Making A Difference!

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Find the right volunteer opportunity for you

By Metro Creative Services

Giving back to one's community can provide a sense of purpose and improve an individual's overall well-being. Data from Volunteer Hub indicates that people who volunteer improve their health by strengthening their bodies, improving their moods and reducing stress. Volunteerism also produces additional benefits, including boosting one's positive perception to others. A study from CareerBuilder found 60 percent of hiring managers see volunteerism as a valuable asset when making recruitment decisions. Furthermore, human resources executives attest that contributing to a nonprofit can improve leadership skills.

By understanding the value behind volunteer work — for the people or organization on the receiving end as well as the volunteer — more individuals may decide to donate their time and services. However, finding the right volunteer opportunity may take some trial and error. The following are some tips for finding the right fit.

- Consider skills and interests. Before choosing a volunteer opportunity, make a list of activities that you enjoy. This may help guide volunteer choices. For example, if you like hiking, you may volunteer to clean up a local park.

- Assess your skill levels. Is there something you are particularly adept at doing? For example, if you are a certified public accountant, you may be able to volunteer by mentoring young accounting students, or doing taxes or bookkeeping tasks for the elderly or less fortunate.

- Think about commitment level. Figure out how much time you can spend volunteering. Maybe you only have the weekends or a few hours in the evenings? Understanding how much free time you have can help you choose opportunities that fit within these parameters.

- Research potential organizations. Not all nonprofit groups are created equal. Utilize resources such as CreativeVolunteer that vet charitable groups to determine if they are trustworthy.

- Define your goals. Have goals in mind when selecting opportunities. Defining a goal can help you maintain the motivation to volunteer and see a project through to completion.



- Start small. Wade into a volunteer opportunity slowly to see if it is the right fit. This may include volunteering one day a week or month. Increase the time you spend volunteering once you've found the right place for you.

Volunteering can bring joy to a person's life, especially when individuals find an inspiring opportunity. GB22B436

McMillen Health

MISSION: McMillen Health is a non-profit organization and is one of less than four independently operated health education centers remaining nationwide. Our organization is recognized as the No. 1 resource for health education in the Northern Indiana region — reaching nearly 100,000 students annually. Our mission is to provide vital, effective preventive health education that promotes physical, emotional, and social well-being to students of any age, ability, and background. Since we opened our doors in 1981, we have grown immensely in size and capability. We provide over 250 health education programs on various topics offered either here at our facility, on-site at a school or organization within 150 miles, via distance learning, and e-learning.

Our programs include general health, life skills, HIV/STD, child safety, substance use prevention, nutrition, and more!

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

Throughout the year, Fort Wayne Newspapers supports a long list of charitable events, community projects and nonprofit programs that add to the richness of our lives here in Northeast Indiana.

Many of our employees volunteer their time 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 missions, their accomplishments and their resources to help...in this annual Giving Guide.

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