

Inspiring Greater Possibilities

On June 12, The Foundation gathered with board members of past and present to recognize the invaluable contributions those individuals have given The Foundation over the years and to announce and celebrate two significant gifts.

The evening began with Board Chair Steve Schultz acknowledging the more than 60 individuals in attendance for their time and dedication to The Foundation. “Each of you has played a pivotal role in advancing our mission, guiding us with wisdom, and ensuring our initiatives make a meaningful impact,” Schultz said.

As we previously reported in the 2023 Annual Report, The Foundation was the recipient of two extraordinary gifts from Jim and Mary Jo Risk and Betty and Dick Nelson in the last year which inspired the naming of two staff positions in their honor – the James Kirby Risk President and CEO and the Betty M. Nelson Director of Philanthropy. The June 12th event allowed the opportunity to publicly announce those gifts and to celebrate the donors who made them possible.

David Lasater was introduced with his new title for the first time and noted the pivotal impact Jim Risk has had on The Foundation since its inception. “Over the years, the Risk family name has become synonymous with community, collaboration, leadership, and success in the business and nonprofit community. I am deeply humbled and honored to serve as the inaugural ‘James Kirby Risk President and CEO,’” said Lasater.

Jim Risk addressed the group, “The reality is, the gratitude goes to The Community Foundation Board for providing the Risk family the opportunity to establish the President & CEO Endowment. The Risk family has had a love affair with this community for more than 100 years. We all feel that life’s happiest moments emerge from helping those in need. There is nothing more gratifying than enriching the lives of others.” He also thanked those in the room for leaving their collective fingerprints on our community through their work with The Foundation.

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David Lasater with Jim and Mary Jo Risk

Candy Silver introduced Betty M. Nelson, noting the influence Betty has had on Candy's perspective of philanthropy and working with donors. One of Betty's philosophies, "Everything Matters," has guided Candy since Betty first introduced the concept. "Sitting across the table from her, hearing those two simple words, 'everything matters,' had a great impact on me personally and my work at The Foundation. From the paper we use for acknowledgement letters to our meaningful relationships with others. Every detail, every person - is important," said Silver.



Candy Silver and Betty M. Nelson

Betty's remarks left the audience inspired. "I'm overwhelmed by the privilege all of us have being here tonight. We live in a marvelous community, and we care about making it better. This investment will last forever and make a difference to many people. All of us benefit from the hard work and generosity of those who came before us, and now it's our turn to make things a little better for the next generation." She left the group with a citation from Mark Twain: "Do good, well."

Thanks to these momentous gifts, The Foundation's administrative fee has been reduced from 1.5% to 1.25% in 2024, which generates even more funding to support our community.

Celebrating 25 Years of Service



Angela Strader

The Foundation was also able to recognize a long-time staff member at the June 12th event. Angela Strader began working at The Foundation in 1999 as an administrative assistant. She has held various positions and played a pivotal role in almost everything The Foundation has done during her tenure. Angela has supported our staff, board members, volunteer committees, and nonprofits in our community with selflessness and a sense of humor. In recognition of her 25 years of service (and counting!), several donors came together to raise \$30,000 to name a discretionary endowment in Angela's name. David Lasater said, "she puts others' needs before her own and she saves us time and time again with the knowledge and expertise she has gained over the years. We hope she will continue to work with us for many years to come, but now her legacy with The Foundation will live forever."

If you, too, would like to contribute to the "Angela Strader Endowment," to thank her for her dedication to The Foundation, visit our website or reach out to Candy Silver at candy@inspiringgreater.org.

Grants

NOW GRANTS APRIL/MAY/JUNE

BACH CHORALE SINGERS, INC.

\$9,965 | Performance equipment upgrades

BAUER FAMILY RESOURCES

\$10,000 | Facility painting

CARS FOR KEEPS

\$1,250 | Laptop

CIVIC THEATRE

\$10,000 | Follow spot lighting

**FAMILY PROMISE OF
GREATER LAFAYETTE, INC.**

\$10,000 | Emergency funding

HOMESTEAD CONSULTING

\$5,317 | Technology upgrades

**LAFAYETTE ADULT
RESOURCE ACADEMY**

\$9,790 | Student laptop computers for digital literacy

LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

\$8,580 | Chromebooks for youth programs

LIFE HAS NO BOUNDARIES CO.

\$6,050 | Furniture and adaptive stroller

THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN

\$5,310 | Windmill restoration

NICHES LAND TRUST

\$9,964 | Prescribed fire equipment

**ROBERT AND ELLEN HAAN
MUSEUM OF INDIANA ART**

\$7,258 | Waterline and shutters

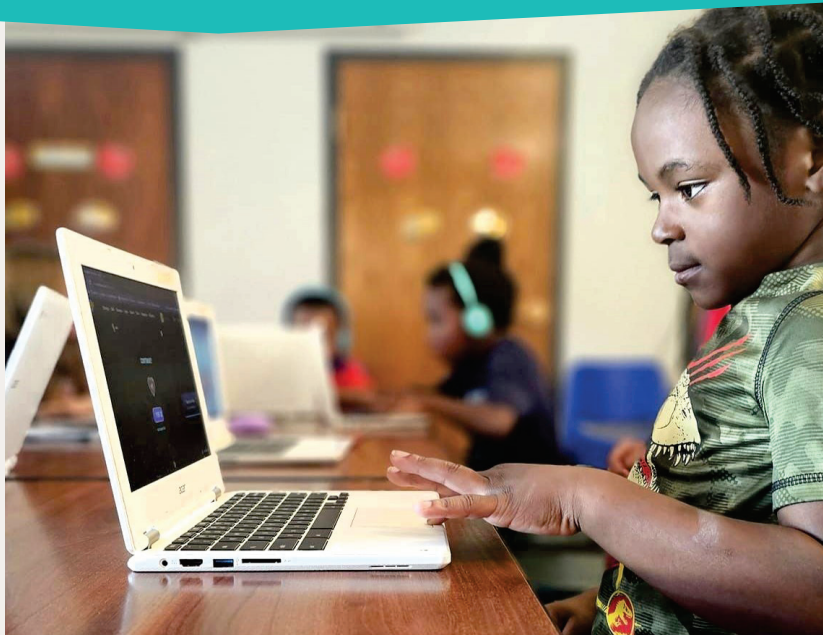
SPRING VALE CEMETERY

\$8,685 | Air conditioner and dehumidifier

**THE HISTORIC FIVE POINTS FIRE
STATION EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

\$2,320 | Artifact management equipment

Thanks to the "Pookie and Gracie Endowment," The Humane Society of Greater Lafayette was able to purchase dog beds for their new facility.



A NOW Grant supported the purchase of new laptops for the Lafayette Urban Ministry childcare and education programs.

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

**ANIMAL ADVOCATES
OF GREATER LAFAYETTE**

\$1,425 | Ambulatory veterinary services for unhoused dogs

BACH CHORALE SINGERS, INC.

\$3,000 | Scholarships for Lafayette Children's Choir

CAREGIVER COMPANION INC.

\$750 | Elder care

**CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN -
JESSIE'S KIDS FOUNDATION**

\$4,000 | At-risk youth support

FOOD FINDERS FOOD BANK INC.

\$2,951 | Support for fresh market pantry

**FRANCISCAN ALLIANCE
FOUNDATION, INC.**

\$2,000 | Franciscan Health Cancer Center ultra-low-temperature freezer

HOMESTEAD CONSULTING

\$2,376 | Year-round programming for youth

\$31,483 | Financial literacy classes

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF
GREATER LAFAYETTE**

\$5,500 | Dog beds

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY
HEALTH FOUNDATION**

\$2,000 | Cancer patient assistance

\$3,000 | Car seat safety

LTHC HOMELESS SERVICES

\$5,000 | Tenant cleaning kits

\$2,509 | Landscaping

improvements at permanent supportive housing locations

\$4,000 | Children's basic needs and family activities

LYN TREECE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

\$8,420 | i-Ready Adaptive Curriculum

**RIGHT STEPS CHILD
DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

\$40,000 | Imagination Library

**SONGWRITER'S ASSOCIATION
OF MID-NORTH INDIANA**

\$600 | Rising local music artists program

THE ARTS FEDERATION

\$10,000 | Wabash Walls

\$7,545 | Instruments for lending library

**THE COMMUNITY
CANCER NETWORK, INC.**

\$30,000 | Client services

**WABASH RIVER
ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**

\$2,158 | Riverfront restoration

YWCA OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$1,828 | Parenting with Love

& Logic program

\$3,348 | Cancer early

detection support

Recent Gifts

APRIL, MAY, JUNE - 2024

IN MEMORY

Jeffrey Anderson

Lynn Anderson
Mark and Sandra Sweval

Jane Early Boswell

Andrew and Tracy Fristoe
Greater Lafayette Clay Guild
Barry Priest and Rebecca Morrison

Jim and Mary Beth Buescher

Sarah Buescher

Linda Cohen

Tara Balfé Clifford

Michele Cornell

Juanita Myers

Samuel C. Curtis

Larry and Marianne Rose

Shirley B. Curtis

Larry and Marianne Rose

Mary Lou Curtis

David Bridges and Vicki Burch

Alice Doppelfeld

David and Carol Luhman

Larry Dunkle

David and Carol Luhman

Jim Smyth

James and Sherry Bickel
Jim and Sandy Bodenmiller
Mary Edgington
Catherine Fowler
Jason and Steffanie Fowler
Ryan and Nicole Fowler and Family
Steve and Rhonda Fowler
Dennis and Jeanne Gernhardt
Bill Lapcheska
Cory Lockwood
David and Carol Luhman
John and Prella McBride
Bill Nelson
Thomas and Virginia Pearson
Jeff Pelletier
Leslie Pevler
Susan Pile
Larry and Marianne Rose
Becki Salzman
Charles and Sue Scholer
Dana and Maggie Smith
Marsha Guenzler-Stevens
Westminster Village
Harry Walter
Gary Wolfelt and Esther Chosnek

Katie Traynor

Kevin and Gail Bosman
Carol Du Clos and Megan Brown
Samantha Eksir
Amanda Nutty
Kelly Stein

Lafayette Hearing Center

Norma Aschenberg
Bill Asher
Dorothy Baker
Mary Lou Curtis
Marian Day
Jack Gaunt
Linda Goy
Nancy Irmeger
Esther Jarrard
Don Love, Sr.
Elma Nichols
Vivian Olsen
Sharon Powers
Molly Walbaum
Janette Yost

IN HONOR

Linda Rohrman

Jennie Jones

Joe and Bernie Seaman

Michael Seaman

Angela Strader

Richard Boehning
David and Sue Lasater
David and Carol Luhman
Mike Madrid
John and Marjorie Martin
Larry and Marianne Rose



Finance and Development Associate

LIZ WETLI

Director of Finance and Operations

ANGELA STRADER

Betty M. Nelson Director of Philanthropy

CANDY SILVER

Marketing, and Grants

GRETCHEN SHELTON

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DAVID LASATER

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COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF
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Inspiring Greater POSSIBILITIES

December 11 | 5 - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

HOLIDAY GRANTS RECEPTION

December 10 | 5 - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE-10-YEAR CELEBRATION!

December 3 | 5 - 6:30 pm | Lafayette County Club

100+ MEN WHO GIVE

Lafayette County Club

November 13 | 11 - 2 pm Fundraising Essentials

DOUGLAS W. EBERLE NOT-FOR-PROFIT BOARD GOVERNANCE SERIES

Upcoming Events

NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 595
LAFAYETTE IN