

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

In 2017, you accomplished much in this community through your contributions to the Foundation.

Your dollars made significant improvements to the county: a walking trail, helped build a 1.9 mile walking trail, Wilderness Park improvements, the beginnings of an animal shelter building project and a nature play area as part of one public library.

You pushed new literacy projects: a virtual reality lab at the high school, a children's reading area in a second public library that is also providing an afterschool care program for local youth.

With all of that, you still managed to sustain those ongoing projects that have long touched your hearts: supporting an incentive store for young families, giving to the senior citizens center, and awarding nearly \$86,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Clearly, you are the heroes of this county!

David Bowman Executive Director

*Lisa Weeks*President

Board of Directors







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Since its
beginning in
1997, the
Foundation
has awarded
over \$5.5
million in
grants and
scholarships.



Enhance the quality of life for Blackford County residents by

- * encouraging and assisting donors,
- * providing financial management,
- * making philanthropic grants, and
- * serving as a catalyst for positive change.





Blackford Promise

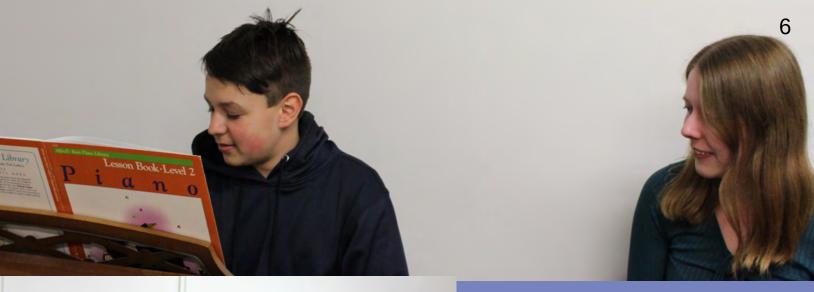
We promise to help all our young people complete college/career education by providing cultural and financial support.

64
kindergarten
students
enrolled
in 2017



Local students traveled across the globe to experience the Egyptian pyramids and Walden Pond in virtual reality with the help of a \$7.500 grant in 2017 funded by your donations.







The Blackford
Arts Center
offered music
and art
instruction to
210 students in
2017 with two
Foundation
grants.

The Montpelier Civic
Center serves the health
and fitness needs of
almost 500 people
during the winter
months.

The Montpelier Civic
Center used a 2017
Foundation grant to
improve its mezzanine
area and add fitness
equipment to meet
expanding community
needs.



Grants Awarded in 2017

In 2017 the Blackford County Community Foundation awarded \$252,675 in grants and agency fund distributions to local nonprofits serving the people of Blackford County. These funds were given to 32 different organizations for 44 individual projects and purposes.

Arts Grants

\$29,300

Arts Place Inc.

Community Grants

\$175,231

Arts Place Inc.

Blackford County Animal Shelter

Blackford County Civil War

Reinactment Club

Blackford United Way Inc.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Good Seed Initiative

Grace United Methodist Church

Hartford City Parks and Recreation

Dept.

Montpelier Civic Center

Montpelier Harrison Township Public

Library

Montpelier Jamboree Inc.

Montpelier Kiwanis Club

Montpelier Lions Club

North Central Indiana Youth for Christ

Oddfellows Cemetery

St. John's Catholic Church

Tori's Butterfly Garden

Woodlawn Cemetery

YMCA of Muncie, Indiana

Education Grants \$2

\$26,084

Alliance for Strategic Growth Inc

Blackford County Schools

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Montpelier Harrison Township Public

Library

Science Central

Health Grants

\$3,080

Cancer Services of ECI---Little Red

Door

Montpelier Harrison Township Cancer

Fund

Social Services Grants \$18,980

Blackford County Mental Health Assn.

Community and Family Services

Kate's Kart Inc.

The Salvation Army

Second Harvest Food Bank

Senior Citizens Center

YMCA





Enhancing Relationships workshop for Blackford Junior High girls

Child care inventory for Silver Lining incentive store

Virtual Reality Escape Room kits for critical thinking skill work at Blackford Junior High

Equipment for new after school program at Montpelier Civic Center

A \$25
donation per
member =
\$2,500 for
grants





Scholarship Awards

Blackford County Community Foundation awards a large portion of the community scholarships to given to local graduating seniors each year. In 2017, 77 Foundation scholarships were awarded to 49 high school graduates for a total of \$85,915.

3 M Scholarship

Dianna Alfrey Memorial Scholarship

Bruce C. Bade Scholarship

Robert Bales Memorial Scholarship

Blackford County Republican Committee Scholarship

Blackford Retired Teachers Association in Memory of

Audremae Clamme, Judy Mills, Joe Gilbert, and

Jarius Reece
Chynia Parsons

Zach Tarr

Devin Dow

Corey Piercy

Alyssa King

Nora Mae Minneman

Harry and Arlene Bohr Memorial Scholarship

Erma Bradford Memorial Scholarship

Vincent F. and Anna C. Cimino Community Scholarship

Mike Collins and Jerald E. Snyder Hartford City Kiwanis

Memorial Scholarship

Delta Theta Tau Scholarship in Memory of Dorothy Gadbury Lawrence H. and M. Irene Dick Memorial Scholarship Alex Whittig Alexa Milholland Quintin Blakely Dalton Cornelison

McKayla Alspach Saylor Goodspeed Elks Lodge Nol 625 Scholarship Avery Thornburgh **Tommy Simmons** David C. Ford Memorial Scholarship Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarship Clayton Mong Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarship Haley Pontius Hartford City Chamber of Commerce Scholarship **Emily Coons** Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship in Memory of Jim Evans Saylor Goodspeed Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship in Memory of Max Avery Thornburgh Mecklenburg Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship in Memory of Michael Makayla Modricker McDougall Hartford City Rotary Scholarship Joshua Williams Llerra Hilman Hartford City Rotary Scholarship in Memory of E.P. Blackburn Hartford City Tri Kappa Associates Scholarship in Dakota Mohler Memory of Martha Archer and Arlo Fadely Ed and Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship **Brittany Brown** Jonathan Gearhart Jones Family Farms Scholarship Kyle Mackey Jones Family Farms Scholarship Voyance and Zella Kegerreis Memorial Scholarship Riley Apple Caleb Messersmith Travis Keplinger Memorial Scholarship Clara C. Kitterman Memorial Scholarship Alexis Fields Clara C. Kitterman Memorial Scholarship Dakota Mohler Levy Educational Fund Scholarship Madison Gearhart Levy Educational Fund Scholarship Skyla Hedden Levy Educational Fund Scholarship Alyssa King Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Nancy Cole



Lilly Finalist Scholarship Lilly Finalist Scholarship Lilly Finalist Scholarship Cindy K. Maddox Memorial Scholarship John R. and Jane C. Maddox Family Scholarship Guy C. and Grace Glency Mahorney Memorial Scholarship Ronald A. and Melanie J. Mason, Steve R. and Michelle Stafford, and G. Jewel Wilson Scholarship Ronald A. and Melanie J. Mason, Steve R. and Michelle Stafford, and G. Jewel Wilson Scholarship Thomas E. McGeath and Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Thomas E. McGeath and Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Paul and Dorothy McKee, Marilyn McKee Tindal, and Rosemary McKee Lanham Memorial Scholarship Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarship Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarship Montpelier Lions Club Scholarship Charles Glen Morgan Memorial Scholarship Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarship Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarship Robert C. Neel Memorial Scholarship Jorden W. Nickols Memorial Scholarship Hal and Gretchen Oberholzer Scholarship

June E. Overmeyer Memorial Scholarship

Pete Redmond Family Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Reichard Memorial Football Scholarship

Sara Gregory
Kassidy Kaufman
Alena Lee
Chynia Parsons
Rylee Smith
Jenna Coffman
Lierra Hillman

Makayla Modricker

Madison Gearhart

Sara Troyer

Taylor McCaffery

Alena Lee
Kyle Mackey
Vance Felver
Breanna Penrod
Chloe Coons
Alex Whittig
Rylee Smith
Zach Tarr
Jenna Coffman
Taylor McCaffery
Chynia Parsons
Jacob Wells



Frances W. and Lucille Reidy Memorial Scholarship
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Frances W. and Winifred Reidy Memorial Scholarship
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Betty L. and Robert W. Renner
Community Scholarship

Jean Ann Rhodes Memorial Baseball Scholarship Roth Family Scholarship William E. and Patricia A. Schantz Community

Rich Scott Memorial Scholarship Kim A. Stump Memorial Scholarship Dr. Severino and Karen Sulit Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship

Tri Kappa, Beta Xi Chapter Schoalrship
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Trowel and Error Garden Club Scholarship
Floyd and Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarship
Errol Washburn Memorial Scholarship
Young Family Charitable Scholarship

Devin Dow Kirsten Hudson Caleb Messersmith Dakota Mohler Alexis Fields

> Jacob Wells Robert Gardner Kyli Penrod

Emily Coons McKayla Alspach Scott Thompson

Kassidy Kaufman
Ashton Marchak
Skyla Hedden
Sara Gregory
Lauren Hall
Kassidy Kaufman
Taylor Mink
Parker Hiestand
Alena Lee



Voyance and Zella Kegerreis Memorial Scholarships

Margaret Buettner Scott Dodd Cassandra Emerson Jeremy Emerson

Pamela Fancher
Darienne Foster
Michael Gearheart
Kathryn Hines
Jacob Holst
Hannah Lex
Jessica Lickey
Rachel Moore
Ali Norton

Lorine Pluimer
Andie Reidy
Darci Robertson
Braydon Romine
Kara Slusser
Britteny Swartz
Hunter Tobey
Damion Watters
Krista White

Postsecondary Scholarship

Awards

The Foundation offers scholarships to students who have completed at least one year of college or career study.

McCollum Family Scholarship

Jessica Lickey

Tri Kappa Associates Scholarship

Lauren Godfrey Caleb Holst

Betty L. and Robert W. Renner Community Scholarship

Kathryn Apple Jasmine Gearheart William B. Gerheart Madison Harrold Kaitlin Nuckols Joseph T. Oswalt Kirsti Reed Hannah Simmons Kara Slusser Marci Thurman

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship



The 2017 Lilly Endowment Community
Scholarship was awarded to Nancy Cole
(left). The other finalists pictured here
are Alena Lee, Sara Gregory, and
Kassidy Kaufman.

Nancy is the daughter of Jolene Cole; she is majoring in Accounting and Finance at Indiana University. There have been 38 local recipients since 1998.

New Funds Established in 2017

One in five funds at the Foundation provides for a specific nonprofit organization in Blackford County.



The Blackford County Historical Fund was established through a bequest from the estate of Marilyn J. Scott, a graduate of Hartford City High School and a longtime resident of the city. The fund will help support Historical Society projects.

The Hartford City Parks Department Fund was established to receive donations from patrons who wish to maintain local parks.

The first project was resurfacing the Hoover Park Basketball Court.



2017 Donors

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

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3M Foundation

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AL & Elizabeth Adams

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American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Post #156

Betty Jo Armstrong

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Linda Baker

Nancy Bales

Sharon Bales

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Carolyn Beckley

Cecil & Deborah Beeson

Lee A. & Rita Bell

Robert & Donna Benbow

Cara Bennett

Douglas Bergdoll

Samuel & Nancy Berry

Beta Sigma Phi

Rodney and Ruth Anne Black

Blackford Federation of Teachers

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Blackford Youth Soccer League Inc.

Charles Bole

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Joy Bolton

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Hartford City Paper

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Diana Montgomery

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Bruce & Tina Murrell

Tony Nasser

Michael Needler

Sybil Neel

S.D. & Leslie Newton

Sherry Nickols

Nancy Nicodemus

Jack & Beth Norton

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James Nuckols

Gretchen Oberholzer

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Old National Trust Company

Patricia Oswalt

Melinda Otwinowski

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Sharon Parker



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Linda Workman
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One of the many projects funded by local donors was Camp Invention in June 2017. Kindergarten through sixth grade students spend a week participating in activities that feature science, technology, engineering, and math learning. The camp typically enrolls fifty students.

Friends and family made contributions in memory of 35 loved ones.

In Memoriam . . .

Steven Barnes

Pat Bell

Jim Bergdoll

Dianna Lee Berrier

Alice Bono

Hanson Brown

Robert Sause Cavanaugh

Liz Claghorn

Dick Daniel

Ronald Dodds

James Dolan

Steve Elwood

Patty Fancher

Ruth Flatter-Oswalt

Time Foy

Jack Gilland

Doris Glancy

Mary Green

Martha Hunter

Evelyn Lanning

Herstle Mills

Dave Murrell

Art Needler

Sybil Neel

Jorden Nickols

Joyce Pace

Stella Padgett-Berger

Kenny Rench

Charles Runkle

Steven Seelig

Janet Knox Smith

Sandra Strickland

Betty Walker

Ray Walters

Leta Mae Watson

In Honor...

Bryce Parsons

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents Property and equipment, net Investments; at market TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 322,481 12,353 6,782,818 \$ 7,184,750	\$ 59,983 18,781 6,354,212 \$ 6,568,977
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable Accrued wages Accrued expenses Assets held for others TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 13,425 7,533 - 161,842 \$ 182,800	\$ 40 8,141 403 70,547 \$ 79,131
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,637,408 3,111,003 2,253,539 \$ 7,184,750	\$ 1,481,926 2,764,769 2,243,151 \$ 6,568,977

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES December 31, 2017 and 2016

INCOME	2017	2016
Contributions Securities gains (losses) Other income	\$ 242,567 837,800 5,780	\$ 260,341 331,956 11,735
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,086,147	\$ 604,032
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 243,806	\$ 246,854
Scholarships	120,765	109,440
Other expenses	47,943	43,036
Program service expenses	64,283	70,021
Management and general expenses	85,009	147,782
Fundraising expenses 11,472	12,237	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 574,043	\$ 628,605
Change in net assets (24,573)	\$ 512,104	\$
Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 6,489,846	\$ 6,514,419
Net assets at end of year	\$ 7,001,950	\$ 6,489,846

HISTORY OF ASSETS





The Board of Directors for the Blackford County Community Foundation included nine members (from left front row): Diana Holsten (treasurer), Kristie Jennerjahn, Bernie Sones; (back row) Andy Glentzer, Mark Townsend, Robert Benbow, Lisa Weeks (president), Julie Forcum (secretary), Jon Creek (vice president).

Board of Directors 2017



The Foundation staff is always ready to help you fulfill your charitable wishes. Just drop in for a visit or send us a note.

Linda Walker Projects Manager

Elizabeth witt Office Manager Dave Bowman Executive Director



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