
BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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DEAR FRIENDS,

We continue to grow in our commitment to you, our donors, and the Blackford County community at large...

... to fulfill your dreams of making Blackford County an even better place for all of us to live and work.

The 2019 year saw the Foundation support this community to the tune of \$218,765 in 40 grants for local initiatives and 105 scholarships for Blackford County students.

Sixty percent of those funds went to 38 local nonprofit or educational organizations. Those grants provided funding for community projects such as improvements at the Montpelier Civic Center, landscaping at the

Kristie Jennerjahn

Board President

Nature Play Area behind the Hartford City Public Library, and support for the SummerFest Arts Festival. Other grant projects included arts initiatives, education programs, and health proposals. And though these grant projects reached many corners of the activity in Blackford County, nearly 70% of the grants also supported the youth of this community through learning, sports, music and art, and nutritional programming.

We are honored to help you, our local donors, help others in this community live a quality life.

Elizabeth Witt

Executive Director

Our Mission is...
enhancing 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.

HELPING YOU HELP OTHERS—FOREVER!

SUPPORTING YOUTH

We continue to grow in our commitment to you, our donors, and the Blackford County community at large...

In 2019, the Blackford County Community Foundation once again supported local philanthropic projects, many providing services for the youth of this county. Over \$70,000 was granted to provide extraordinary educational opportunities for young people, such as a drone curriculum for Blackford Junior High School students and a school readiness curriculum along with supporting materials for a local Head Start program.

One of the bigger projects funded in 2019 was the Nature Play Area to the east of the Hartford City Public Library that received a grant to continue improvements to the lot. The Nature Play Area has received a series

of grants from the Blackford County Community Foundation since 2017. All of the grants were focused on turning the unused lot into a space for learning as children play at various stations designed to challenge their thinking and problem solving skills as they participate.

This recreational and educational space already includes murals painted by Blackford County children with coaching from local artists, a water play splash pad, and most recently, the *SS Reading*, a wooden boat with benches for the "captain" to read stories to an audience. Here play and learning go hand-in-hand.



In 2019, the Blackford County Community Foundation awarded \$103,547 in grants to 19 projects proposed by a variety of nonprofits in the county. These grants are awarded twice per year through a competitive grant application process. They touch the areas of the arts, community development, education, health and human services, and youth development.

Arts Place, Inc. for MusicWorks program	\$25,000
Blackford County Schools for Camp Invention	\$5,000
Blackford County Schools for choking prevention training	\$740
Blackford County Schools for guitar lab for elementary	\$1,743
Blackford County Schools for Literacy Footprint kits	\$5,700
Blackford County Schools for 8th grade drone curriculum	\$5,995
Blackford County Schools for student council summer camp	\$3,200
Blackford Initiative for digital communications in community	\$2,000
Blackford United Way, Inc. for support to community	\$5,000
City of Montpelier for Legion Park and plastic caps project	\$1,112
Community and Family Services for Head Start school readiness	\$6,567
Community and Family Services for Food Pantry purchases	\$5,000
Dolly Parton Imagination Library for child book program	\$5,000
Hartford City Public Library for Nature Explore Certification	\$12,200
Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center for Family Life program	\$2,000
Little Red Door for supporting Blackford County cancer patients	\$2,500
Mental Health Association of Blackford County for Camp Impact	\$1,000
Montpelier Civic Center for mezzanine ceiling	\$11,040
Tori's Butterfly Garden Foundation for SummerFest 2019	\$2,750



WOMEN OF WORTH GRANTS

The Women of Worth members make donations each year that support programs benefitting local women and children. In 2019, the members recommended five grant awards to be funded at \$500 each.

- *Arts Place, Inc. for Second Saturday art activities*
- *Blackford County Secret Families for Christmas gifts*
- *Blackford County Imagination Library for books for local children under 5*
- *Carey Services/Early Head Start for playground learning equipment*
- *Hartford City Head Start for literacy materials*

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION GRANTS

Two kinds of funds at the Foundation provide yearly grants to organizations, agency endowment funds (set up by the nonprofit itself) and designated funds (given by a family to benefit a certain organization). The benefitting organizations received \$10,817 in 2019.

DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANTS

This year, the Foundation awarded \$9,500 in grants to organizations recommended by the fund's donors. This type of fund is beneficial to donors, who for tax or estate planning reasons, wish to take a tax deduction in one year while spreading their contributions over several years.

HELPING WITH COLLEGE/CAREERS

Awarding scholarships in the community has always been an important part of the Foundation's calling in Blackford County. In fact, 40% of the funds that have gone to the community since the Foundation's beginnings have been awarded to local students seeking scholarships in order to pursue their dreams of the perfect career.

In 2019, the Foundation awarded \$67,040 to 52 graduating seniors from Blackford County and \$27,070 to 34 students already enrolled in college or a vocational school.

In addition to these opportunities, one graduating high school senior is awarded a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship through the Foundation each year. This prestigious award includes tuition for 4 years at an Indiana college and a yearly book stipend.

Alexandra Blackwood was named the 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar (fourth from right below). Blackwood is attending Manchester University and studying education as an English/language arts teaching major. She is the daughter of Shelly Blackwood and Jeff Blackwood.



Forty-seven local families and civic organizations provided the scholarships awarded to Blackford County graduating seniors in 2019. Nearly a third of those scholarships come from permanent funds at the Foundation that will continue to provide scholarships for students forever. Scholarship recipients for 2019 include:

Dianna Alfrey Memorial Scholarship	Hailey M. Elzroth
Bruce C. Bade Scholarship	Haelynn R. Withers
Robert Bales Memorial Scholarship	Alex B. Miller
Blackford County Republican Committee Scholarship	Brenner M. Romine
Blackford Retired Teachers Association Scholarship	Jarret S. Barker
in Memory of Jay Beaver, Jack Bickel, Rose Marie Brown, Hope Heavenridge, Jesse Huggins, James Landis, Helen Robb, and Helen Twibell	
Harry and Arlene Bohr Memorial Scholarship	Jenna B. Nelson
Erma Bradford Memorial Scholarship	James N. Lee
Cline-Cooley Nursing Scholarship	Keaton I. Elkins
Mike Collins and Jerald E. Snyder Hartford City Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship	Frederick C. Cranston
Delta Theta Tau Scholarship	
in Memory of Dorothy Gadbury	Tara-Jean S. Turner
Lawrence H. and M. Irene Dick Memorial Scholarship	Hope N. Maloney
Elks Lodge No. 625 Scholarship	Chloe M. Whitehurst
David C. Ford Memorial Scholarship	Myles A. Cline
Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarships	Anya E. Aulbach
	Taylor R. Wells
Hartford City Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	Jacob L. Strait
Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship	Kyle J. Price
in Memory of Jim Evans	
Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship	Austin J. Collett
in Memory of Max Mecklenburg	
Hartford City Kiwanis Scholarship	Lauriah B. Lytle
in Memory of Michael McDougall	
Hartford City Rotary Scholarship	Jessica L. Manley
Hartford City Rotary Scholarship	Gretchen A. Messersmith
in Memory of E.P. Blackburn	
Hartford City Tri Kappa Associates Scholarship	Jaci L. Rogers
in Memory of Martha Archer and Arlo Fadely	
Ed and Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship	Hailey M. Eltzroth
Jones Family Farms Scholarships	Brandon W. Apple
	Dylan G. Messersmith
Travis Keplinger Memorial Scholarship	Grace K. Marshall
Clara C. Kitterman Memorial Scholarships	Jacob A. Clamme
	Haelynn R. Withers

Levy Educational Fund Scholarships

Andrew A. Beckley

Nathan M. Brown

Evan Jennerjahn

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Alexandra Blackwood

Lilly Finalist Scholarships

Myles A. Cline

Calista M. Johns

Breanne K. Morgan

Taylor R. Wells

John R. and Jane C. Maddox Family Scholarship

Breanne K. Morgan

Cindy K. Maddox Memorial Scholarship

Hailey M. Eltzroth

Guy C. and Grace Glancy Mahorney Memorial Scholarship

Hailey M. Eltzroth

Ronald A. and Melanie J. Mason, Steve R. and Michelle

Jaida M. Daily

Stafford, and G. Jewel Wilson Scholarships

Angela V. McCowan

Thomas E. McGeath & Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarships

Myles A. Cline

Cameron T. Ickes

Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarships

Karah L. Lancaster

Drake E. Smith

Montpelier Lions Club Scholarship

Kelli J. Neff

Montpelier Pony and Saddle Club Scholarship

Dylan G. Messersmith

Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarships

Myles A. Cline

Breanne K. Morgan

Robert C. Neel Memorial Scholarship

Breanne K. Morgan

Jorden W. Nickols Memorial Scholarship

Mark A. White

Hal and Gretchen Oberholzer Scholarship

Hailey M. Eltzroth

June E. Overmeyer Memorial Scholarship

Quentin C. Koenemann

Pete Redmond Family Memorial Scholarship

Jerret S. Barker

Kevin Reichard Memorial Football Scholarship

Terrance A. Wilson

Francis W. and Lucille Reidy Memorial Scholarships

Scott S. McCaffery

Christopher J. Schockley

Francis W. and Winifred Reidy Memorial Scholarships

Hannah E. Rhamy

Damien B. Shields

Jean Ann Rhodes Memorial Baseball Scholarship

Jace C. Pogue

Roth Family Scholarship

Lauriah B. Lytle

William E. and Patricia A. Schantz Community Scholarship

Tori E. Baker

Rich Scott Memorial Scholarship

Josselyn M. Schick

Kim A. Stump Memorial Scholarship

Sophie K. Winger

Tri Kappa Beta Xi Chapter Academic Scholarship

Mackenzie Hundley

Tri Kappa Beta Xi Chapter Vocational Scholarship

Christopher J. Schockley

Trowel and Error Garden Club Scholarship

Angela V. McCowan

Floyd and Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarships

Spencer J. Blakely

Calista M. Johns

Errol Washburn Memorial Scholarship

Jerret S. Barker

AIDING CURRENT STUDENTS

College/vocational students returning to school after their freshman year often face large tuition bills because their high school scholarships were only for one year.

The Foundation began granting scholarships to students who were continuing their college/vocational career. In 2019, those awards went to

Voyance and Zella Kegerreis Memorial Scholarships

Nathan D. Barnard
Bailey A. Cline
Chloe V. Coons
Brittaney A. Dillon
Paige E. Graham
Sara D. Gregory
Meghan A. Holst
Jerry D. Hoover
Megan A. Horton
Quinten P. Howard
Brodie LaFever
Kyle M. Mackey
Taylor L. McCaffery
Shanda M. Miller
Clayton M. Mong
Kyli A. Penrod
Lorine L. Pluimer
Russell L. Pluimer
Rylee V. Smith
Hunter D. Tobey
Lyndsey M. Waters
Alisha M. Watters
Damion M. Watters
Haylie J. Williamson
Kendra K. Wilson
Lauren J. Hall
Kayla M. Hartley
Teresa L. Banter
Jared L. Stanley

Helen and Howard McCollum Family Scholarship
Dr. Severino and Karen Sulit Scholarship
Tri Kappa Beta Xi Chapter Scholarships

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3M Foundation
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David and Kimberly Fear
Kay Fernandez
Julie Fields

DONORS

MEMORIALS

Donations were made by friends and family in memory of the following people:

Robert Bales
James Banter
Allen Bole
Anne Cheney
Wanda Conner
Sharon Crawford
Joyce Deffenbaugh
James Dolan
Molly Dolan
George Andrew Glentzer, Jr.
Lois Henderson
Marcia Joretta Hiday
Kenneth Knopp
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HONORARIUMS

Four members of the community were honored by donors in 2019:

Pam Bonham
Irene Feltt
Sandy Langdon
Benjamin Oswalt

PROVIDING FOR BLACKFORD CO.

The GIFT VII initiative provides an opportunity for local donors to make their donations stretch even further.

Since the beginning years of the Blackford County Community Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc. has provided multiple grant opportunities that have helped to increase the Foundation's assets and, therefore, its power to provide grant awards to the community.

The GIFT VII initiative from Lilly Endowment offers additional dollars for every local donation made to the Foundation's general endowment through September 30, 2021. These endowment funds are located at the Foundation forever and can be used for any type of local project approved by the board of directors. So as the

needs of the community change, grants can meet those needs.

Jeff and Peggy Fisher of Eaton were able to direct \$2,500 to the Foundation through a Monsanto Fund program in 2019. That donation gave the Fishers the chance to start their own named fund at the Foundation as a result of the GIFT VII initiative. The initiative tripled the value of the original donation. Now the Fisher endowment fund can provide grant awards to local nonprofits for projects that will improve the quality of life for residents as long as the Foundation is in existence.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

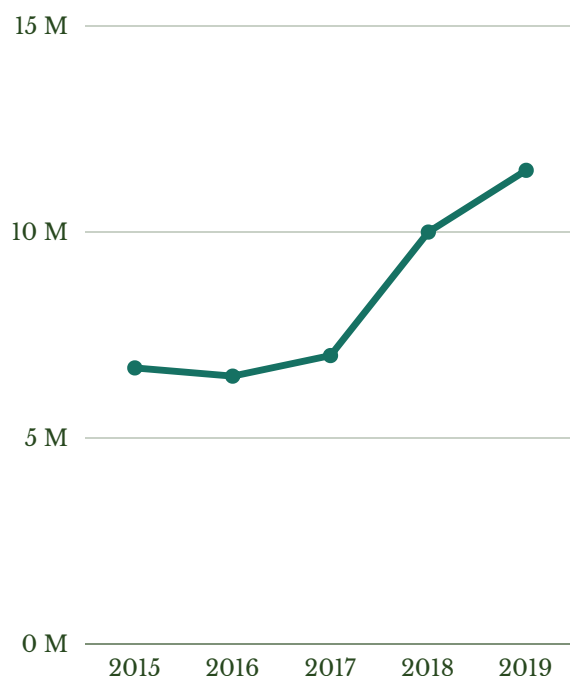
ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 160,112	\$ 199,272
Property and equipment, net	1,026	6,111
Investments; at market	9,046,247	7,470,328
Noncurrent assets	<u>2,375,923</u>	<u>2,327,156</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,583,308	\$ 10,002,867

LIABILITIES	2019	2018
Accounts payable	\$ 7,971	\$ 8,125
Accrued wages	5,730	8,004
Assets held for others	<u>110,894</u>	<u>141,600</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 124,595	\$ 157,729

73%

INCREASE IN TOTAL ASSETS

In the past five years, the Foundation's assets have substantially increased due to several large estate gifts and good stock market positions.



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

INCOME	2019	2018
Contributions	\$ 346,086	\$ 3,988,005
Investment income (loss), net	1,756,336	(523,484)
Other income	10,069	7,605
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,112,491	\$ 3,472,126

EXPENSES	2019	2018
Grants	\$ 168,076	\$ 331,754
Scholarships	83,500	77,420
Other expenses	107,096	56,831
Program service expenses	51,302	65,474
Management/general expenses	80,260	87,024
Fundraising expenses	8,682	10,435
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 498,916	\$ 628,938

Change in net assets	\$ 1,613,575	\$ 2,843,188
Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 9,845,138	\$ 7,001,950
Net assets at end of year	\$ 11,458,713	\$ 9,845,138

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