Dear Friends,

INSPIRATION was the tenet that guided the work of the Ripley County Community Foundation in 2019. Our initial burst of enthusiasm was the result of Lilly Endowment Inc.’s (LEI) $500,000 Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) matching funds grant. This gift inspired individuals, foundations, and organizations from all sectors and walks of life to build an enduring source of charitable dollars for the future of this wonderful place we call home. Your generous spirit was ignited by the GIFT VII challenge and within 11 months we met our goal! We ended 2019 with $13 million in assets, a new high for RCCF!

Our donors’ love for their communities has made us stronger and has boosted our ability to be leaders within our communities. In 2019, we granted $337,813 back into the community supporting: community enhancement projects, education, arts & culture, healthcare, social services and the environment. Our impact is a reflection of the support we receive from our donors, volunteers and grantees. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff, thank you for helping us to Connect People Who Care with Causes that Matter. Your inspiration for creating opportunities keeps Ripley County, Indiana vibrant. Here’s to 2020!

Letter From the President & Executive Director

Board Members

Mission Statement
To assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable assets to benefit the citizens and qualified organizations of Ripley County.

Vision Statement
To partner with and serve our communities as the trusted source for charitable giving, today and forever.
Ripley County Community Foundation Staff

Finance Committee
Ashlee Theising - Chair
Jennifer Bunselmeier
Mark Comer
Marie Dausch
John Grossman
Mark Hameyer
John Kellerman II - Attorney
Ron Knueven
Jim Smith
Steve Todd

Marketing Committee
Anita Fledderman - Chair
Linda Chandler
Sandy Dietz
Kenton Heinlein
Brent Lee
Marilyn Schwegman
Sue Siegenthaler
Laura Welborn

Scholarship Committee
Kenton Heinlein
Peter Hilton
Rachael Smith

Small Grants Committee
Tim Dietz
Abbi Eldridge
Jared Rogers
Barb Wittich

Women’s Luncheon Committee
Lori Ann King - Chair
Carrie Bedell
Judi Craig
Marie Dausch
Chris Fairchild
Alesha Neal
Lin Phaneuf
Cecilia Rose
Jamie Schantz
Carla Stenger
Deanna Young

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee
Jim Black - Chair
Anita Fledderman
Lynn Fledderman
Holly Harley
Kenton Heinlein
Donna Kraushar
Owen Menchhofer
Dave Record
Jill Tunney
Lois Vogel

Large Grants Committee
Nancy Durham - Chair
Donna Adams
Anita Fledderman
Dan Harmeyer
Jeff Hartz
Lori Holt
Steve Huff
Norman Knudson
Debbie Miles
Jerry Wilson

Above: From left to right: Vicky Wilson (Accounts Manager), Laura Hamilton (Program Officer), Amy Streator (Executive Director), and Amy Wonnell (Marketing Officer)

Left: From left to right: Clarice Patterson (Intern) and Cheryll Obendorf (Genesis Director)

Above: From left to right: Emma Allen (Intern) and Abbi Eldridge (Intern)
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Support and Revenue $479,495
Grant Revenue $73,972
Investment Return, net $2,053,555
Fee Income $174,381
Special Events Income $63,308
Other Income $14,300
---------------
$2,859,011
Deferred Revenue $138,774
---------------
$2,997,785

Total Expenses $803,279
Change in Net Assets $2,194,506

Net Assets Beginning of Year $11,478,086
Net Assets End of Year $13,343,670

Financial reporting in this document is reliable, but unofficial. The Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. is audited annually by an independent accounting firm, usually completed each summer. The complete audited financial statements including the independent auditor’s unqualified opinion is available upon request by contacting the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc.

Assets as of 12/31/2019
Cash $235,648
Certificates of Deposit $305,734
Investments $12,802,288
Equipment, net $25,634
$13,369,304
Deferred Revenue $138,774
---------------
Net Assets $13,343,670
Unrestricted Net Assets Operating $771,363
Board Designated $418,144
$1,189,507
Temporarily Restricted $12,054,163
Permanently Restricted $100,000
$13,343,670

Year in Grants
Big initiatives in 2019 were:
• Planting of trees
• Free Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Concert and fireworks show
• Telehealth services in local schools
• Support for the YMCA
• Feeding the hungry: 8 food pantries, a Weekend Backpack Food program, and a Summer Food for Kids program
• CPR training equipment for high school programs

Art Grants $337,813.50 awarded in 2019
Arts & Culture Grants $29,880
12 Programs or projects
Community Service Grants $53,283
42 Initiatives or programs
Education Grants $69,236
52 Programs or projects
Environmental Grants $10,000
3 Programs or projects
Health Grants $36,973
11 Projects
Scholarships $70,325
60 Scholarships awarded to 49 students
Social Service Grants $68,116
38 Initiatives or programs
Tell us a little about yourself.

“I am the middle of 5 in my family and am blessed to have such good relationships with each of my siblings and parents. I attended Batesville High School, learned a lot, and made some amazing friends during my time there. I love to be active and my favorite way of doing that is playing sports.”

How did it feel to win the prestigious scholarship?

“I vividly remember the surprise and feeling of accomplishment when I learned I had won. It was a great moment to share with my family present at the time and quite an exciting day.”

How has the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship impacted you? Has it offered new experiences that weren’t attainable before?

“I had not even applied to Rose-Hulman beforehand and this scholarship provided an opportunity for me that I had not even considered. My experience so far at Rose has been short but very good, and the future ahead looks bright and I owe a lot of that to this scholarship.”

What have you learned about yourself as a student at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology?

“I learned that I can roll with the punches and adjust to whatever life throws at me. I pushed my limits and truly surprised myself academically on how much I can do if I put my mind to it.”

What are your future career plans after graduating college?

“The future ahead still is quite foggy for me, and I am not sure the direction I will want to take with what I have learned here. A Chemical Engineering degree opens many doors. I will hopefully be able to obtain real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge I have learned here with summer internships and co-ops.”
Ripley County Humane Society (RCHS) is a no-kill animal shelter. Its volunteers strive to provide a safe haven for stray dogs and cats until they adopt the animal to a forever home.

This year, The Ripley County Community Foundation became the home to a stray cat, affectionately known as Sally, and her kittens. The RCHS assisted us in having Sally spayed and finding her and all of her kittens loving homes.

In April, former recipients of the Ripley County Lilly Endowment Scholarship hosted a community service day at the RCHS. In July, RCHS was awarded a $1,500 grant from the Frank Tarter Fund to repair the driveway and parking lot.

On our Day of Giving, we showed our appreciation by hosting a supply drive on behalf of the RCHS. Because of your generosity, we were able to collect and deliver carloads of supplies, with many items on RCHS’ wish list being met.

In December, RCHS was awarded a $500 grant from the Jim and Sally Morris Family Fund to offset operating costs.
**Ripley Youth Outreach**

**Executive Board:**
- President: GiGi Dreyer (Oldenburg Academy)
- Vice President: Taylor Brison (South Ripley)
- Secretary: Zeb Streator (Oldenburg Academy)
- Grants Chair: Caroline Kellerman (Batesville)

**Student Committee:**
- Lily Esser (Batesville)
- Elizabeth Gigrich (Oldenburg Academy)
- Betsy Harneyer (Batesville)
- Abbi Knowlton (Milan)
- Lydia Koger (South Ripley)
- Abby McCarty (South Ripley)
- Emma Morris (South Ripley)
- Ava Rahlon (South Ripley)
- Savannah Rosenbarger (Milan)
- Riley Schebler (Oldenburg Academy)
- Abe Streator (Oldenburg Academy)
- Morgan Sutton (Jac-Cen-Del)

**Mission Statement:** To create a powerful youth voice in our community in order to improve the lives of those in Ripley County through a philanthropic approach.

**Vision Statement:** Spread knowledge of philanthropy across Ripley County through service and education, to empower the youth to become leaders of their generation.

**Changing Ripley County with $10,000**

New Horizons Rehabilitation received the $10,000 Change Ripley County Grant. The purpose of this grant is to give our local youth a platform to be heard, the confidence to take action to change their communities, and the resources to enact that change.

New Horizons is using the grant funding to build an ice cream shop in Liberty Park to not only provide ice cream for everyone to enjoy, but to give youth and special needs individuals employment opportunities.

Sarah Price, a student of Oldenburg Academy and an intern at New Horizons, applied for the grant because she wanted the youth of Ripley County to be involved in the development of a local business, while bringing a new experience to Liberty Park. The ice cream shop is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2020.
Partnerships Connect Communities

Hillrom and Ripley Youth Outreach (RYO) partnered in 2019 to create a lasting impact on our local communities. Hillrom purchased and assembled 47 preschool-sized bicycles as a team building exercise, which were given to RYO to bring a generosity movement to the community. Within seven days, RYO distributed the bikes to Main Street Versailles and Safe Passage and sold 27 bikes to support the Youth in Philanthropy Fund.

Additionally, employees of Hillrom donated birthday box supplies, such as cake mix, icing, candles, and balloons, to support the "Birthday Box Initiative." RYO and Hillrom employees packaged and assembled 200+ birthday boxes, which were delivered to the eight Ripley County Food Pantries and impacted 200 children and their families.

Helping Our Youth, One Grant at a Time

RYO awarded $3,651 to schools throughout Ripley County in 2019.

- Batesville Primary School ($350) – to support a Chinese Classroom Library
- Batesville High School ($200) – to aid S.O.S. Bee Houses
- Batesville High School ($400) – to purchase Swim Team starting blocks
- Milan High School ($450) – to assist the program Milan C.A.R.E.S.
- Milan School Corporation ($500) – to offer a self-defense course
- South Ripley High School ($725) – to acquire a specimen freezer for Bio-Med
- South Ripley High School ($225) – to aid Computing and Society
- St. Louis School ($281) – to purchase a Math Stackers Kit
- St. Nicholas School ($520) – to support the program "You Can Use a Friend"
Scholarship Recipients

Back Row: Robert “Trey” Heidlage, George Ritter, Grace Tonges, Corinne Stone, Syndey Bauman, Brooke Heaton, Mackenzie Derico, Jacob Rohrig, Lydia Gigrich

Front Row: Chloe Shaw, Stephanie Nobbe, Jenna Estel, Olivia Youngman, Jessica Vogel, Elyse Hunger, Alyssa Brinkman, Sarah Preston, Jamey Tush, Rilee Beavin

Frank Tarter Community Trust Fund

Established by Frank Tarter in his Last Will and Testament for the benefit of Osgood, Indiana and her surrounding communities.

Annual grants from the fund are guided by an Advisory Committee made up of members from Osgood Kiwanis, Osgood Lions Club, and Osgood Civic Club.

This Trust was turned over to RCEF in 1998 with the sum of $175,000.

As of 2019, this fund is worth $252,155.87 and the sum of $138,554.58 has been granted into the Osgood community.

In his Last Will and Testament, Mr. Tarter stated, “It is my hope that this trust will provide a beginning and a means by which this town and community can be a better place in which to live and raise a family, and better able to provide enjoyment, comfort and security to its residents. …While I recognize that there have been many charitable gifts made by individuals and organizations over the years, and that it could be said that the small sum I have accumulated during my life does not compare in amount or benefit, my desire to help my community is not lessened. Perhaps by a different measurement I have not given less, as into this Trust, for the benefit of those I know and those I do not know, I have given all that I have.”

He further stated: “I realize that my bequest, by itself alone, can have only minimal affect, practically unnoticed by many. But perhaps it can be a beginning. It is hoped that the creation of this Trust might inspire and encourage others to give or leave something for this community...if [you] wish to give...to this community...I make this invitation...to make a bequest into this Trust. The hopes and dreams that seem so unattainable by each of us alone can become a reality together.”

“The hopes and dreams that seem so unattainable by each of us alone can become a reality together.”
November 26th:
Education Workforce Innovation Network Grant
Awarded by the University of Indiana Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning to develop pathways for future entrepreneurs and those interested in expanding existing businesses in Ripley County.

This grant is in collaboration with the Indiana Virtual Academy, and we are partnering with Oldenburg Academy, Southeastern Regional Planning, Ripley County Chamber of Commerce, Ripley County Economic Development, City of Batesville Economic Development, Indiana Small Business Development, Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University Early College, Southeastern Career Center, Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement, Chozen Designs, Tin Can Market, German American Bank, Friendship State Bank, Iron Timbers, Amack’s Well, Daniel Fayette LLC, and the schools of Ripley County.

Developed the initiative, Believing and Achieving Dreams: Entrepreneurs in Ripley County, Indiana; see our work in progress by visiting www.genesisp2s.org.

Mission Statement:
To be a perpetual resource to support, expand, and enhance educational and economic opportunities for local communities.

January 26th: VEX Robotics
Students developed problem-solving, collaboration, and programming skills while building robots during a hands-on learning experience.

March 9th: Regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest
144 students competed in the Regional Contest held at Jac-Cen-Del High School. 15 Division I and Division II teams were involved in the contest where machines were challenged to “Put Money in a Piggy Bank.”

June 19th / June 24th - 28th: Manufacturing Camp and Cyber Camp
Cyber Camp included a field trip to the Muscatacutuck Urban Training Center’s Cyber Academy.

August 23rd: IN-MaC Micro-Grant Summit
Designed to create and promote a strong, competitive manufacturing environment in Indiana.
Genesis moderated a panel discussion focused on programs and projects in Ripley County including VEX Robotics, 6th Grade Manufacturing Camp, Outreach to Students, and the Southeastern Career Center Fearless Females Event.

November 26th:
Education Workforce Innovation Network Grant
Awarded by the University of Indiana Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning to develop pathways for future entrepreneurs and those interested in expanding existing businesses in Ripley County.

This grant is in collaboration with the Indiana Virtual Academy, and we are partnering with Oldenburg Academy, Southeastern Regional Planning, Ripley County Chamber of Commerce, Ripley County Economic Development, City of Batesville Economic Development, Indiana Small Business Development, Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University Early College, Southeastern Career Center, Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement, Chozen Designs, Tin Can Market, German American Bank, Friendship State Bank, Iron Timbers, Amack’s Well, Daniel Fayette LLC, and the schools of Ripley County.

Developed the initiative, Believing and Achieving Dreams: Entrepreneurs in Ripley County, Indiana; see our work in progress by visiting www.genesisp2s.org.
2019 Donors

27

28

Tiger & Sons Transportation
Stephen E. Todd
Town of Sunman
Dan & Diana Trabel
Tri County Collision Center
Terri Tretridge
Jerry & Lora Truesdell
Trace & Denise Tucker
Tudor Square Realty, Inc.
Becky Turner
Tyson Community Advancement Foundation
Tyson Library Association, Inc.
UCB Charitable Foundation
United Way of Central Indiana, Inc.
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Robert R. Van Hook TTEE
Gerald & Marla G. Vandevier
Ron & Angie Veerkamp
Versailles Lions Club
Versailles Lodge #7 F & AM
Jane Vierling
Brian W. & Ann R. Vogel
Gerald & Barbara Vogel
Ralph & Lois Vogel
Tom & Paula Volz
Emily Voss
W. Paul & Sheryl Voss
John R. & Roberta L. Wade
Roger L. & Kathy L. Wagner
Shirley Waldon
Benjamin & Lori Walk
Margaret Walke
James A. & Mary E. Walpe
Tim & Shelly Walzem
Kenneth T. & Deborah A. Wanstrath
Water-Tek, Inc.
Alma Waywood
Jason & Alisa Webb
Megan Weber
Don & Carol Webberding
Jill M. Webberding
Stacie Webberding
Thomas M. & Molly C. Webster
Matthew & Deanna Wehr
David J. & Linda M. Weigel
Mary M. Weigel
Joan Weisenbach
Jack & Laura J. Wellborn
Werner Concrete Construction LLC
Werner Scholarship Fund
Robert W. & Sherry W. West
Rita Westerfield
David Westmeyer
Ed Westmeyer
Joanna E. & Shannon L. Westmeyer
Jo Westmeyer
Alexander T. & Ellen J. White
Emily White
Sharon Whitehead
Robert K. Wichmann
Stan & Kimberly Wiederman
Don & Charlotte Wismann
Marlene Wiggers
David M. & Jayme M. Willburn
Thomas & MacDell Williams
Rachel Williamson
Andan Wilson
William W. & Vicky Wilson
William P. & Constance M. Wintz
Nic & Amy Wonnell
Wood-Mizer, LLC
Hoagy & Debbie Wright
Richard E. & Patricia J. Zeigler
Charles & Jill Zimmerman

2019 Memorials and Honoraria
A. Everett Wood
Anne French
Art Meisberger
Bob Harvey
Whitaker & Thomas
Charles Ralston
Cheri Hughes
Connie Lamping
Danny Armbrecht
David Weber
Donna Lafferty
Dottie Seals
Duanne Hooven
E. Frank Deiwert
Earl May
Edward Goble
Emily Mathes
Emily Mathes' Birthday
Emma Lee Beagle
Esther Hoover
Floyd (Buck) Farrow
Francoise Frat
Gary Armbrecht
Gary Star
Gavin Lee
Genelle Headerson
Kaitlyn Christie's Birthday
OFT 50
Greg & Candy Wehr
Ronnie Schneider's Birthday
Harold Bailey
Helen Decker
IHO Amy Phillips
IHO Brenda Stimple
IHO Jacob Christie's Birthday
IHO Jim Cole
IHO Jo Westmeyer
IHO Kristin Christie's Birthday
IHO Melanie Evans
IHO Rob Moorehead
IHO Ronnie Schneider's Birthday
IHO Shannon Schmaltz
IHO Trace & Denise Tucker's Retirement
IHO of Bill & Connie Winck's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Jacob Vogel
James Lamon
Jeff Chaffee
Jennifer Bergman
Jeremy Ebinger
Jim Mahle
John Gayheart
Keith Fitzgerald
Kenneth Aker
Kenneth Henderson
Kenneth Woodall
Larry Williams
Laura Lee Spaulding
Lester Gutpfel
Mary Todd
Mary Krekeler
Mary Thygesen
Matt Gutierrez
Matthew Obendorf
Morra & Awanette Durham
Moor Kristie
Moor Kristie's Birthday
Norman Meyer
Pat & Ronnie Dunbar
Pat Chaney
Patrick Frey
Patsy Holdsworth
Paul Hartman
Richard Dickman
Robert Schaefer
Roger Freundenstein
Roselyn McKittick
Ruth Walsh
Samantha Hansen
Stan Williams
Tammy Pickett
Tanner Tucker
Terry Brown
Thomas P. Buck
Verl & Caroline English
Wanda Gray
Wayne King's Birthday
William Earl Hamburg
William Moorehead's Birthday
William T. & Myron van Hook
Zach Ultinger
Support a Cause That’s Near and Dear

Donate to the Ripley County Community Foundation and create a positive change in your community.

Arts - Community Service - Education - Environment - Health - Social Services

Online: www.rccfonline.org/how-to-give/

Mail: 13 E. George Street, Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006

The Ripley County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all charitable donations qualify for the maximum deduction allowable under Internal Revenue Service rules and guidelines.

Partners

Platinum Level

Civista Charitable Foundation, Friendship State Bank, FCN Bank, Margaret Mary Health, The Napoleon State Bank

Foundation Friend Level

Amack’s Well Coffeehouse, Bruns-Gutzwiller, Inc., German American Bank, Gigrich Creative Landscapes, Inc., Izzy’s Restaurant and Catering, Laudick Trucking, Inc., McDonald’s Southeastern IN, Wood-Mizer, LLC
VISIT:
13 E. George St., Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006

PHONE:
Toll Free: 877.234.5220
Local: 812.933.1098

WEBSITE:
www.rccfonline.org