

Ripley County
Community Foundation

2020

ANNUAL
REPORT





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The year 2020 presented Ripley County with a whirlwind of challenges, yet through the power of teamwork, we were able to overcome each obstacle successfully. For the Ripley County Community Foundation (RCCF), 2020 solidified that Ripley County, Indiana is a wonderful part of the world where people are compassionate, caring, and dedicated to serving their neighbors. We were humbled by the support we received from our donors that allowed us to grow and continue serving as your trusted source for charitable giving for our communities, while also providing immediate assistance to local nonprofit organizations that were impacted by COVID-19. From your generosity, the Community Foundation ended 2020 with \$15 million in assets. This is once again a new high for RCCF!

Despite the unprecedented times we faced, we are grateful that our initiatives were able to get creative, think outside the box, and develop programs to support residents of all ages in Ripley County. Genesis: Pathways to Success was available to assist in the development of Mental Health / Trauma-Informed Professional Development Modules, which address the local mental health needs of educators and administrators. We are thankful for the hope and inspiration shown to us through Ripley Youth Outreach's inaugural Chalktoberfest where local students were given the opportunity to show off their artistic abilities through chalk.

Looking ahead to the years to come, we are excited about the work that will evolve from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow VII Grant. As a regional partnership with the Franklin County Community Foundation, we are looking forward to implementing many more projects that align with our four areas of service: 1) Arts & Culture, 2) Business & Entrepreneurship, 3) Education, Health, & Well-Being, and 4) Environment & Natural Resources. Big projects are in the works for 2021, and we can't wait to share with you what we have planned.

The Ripley County Community Foundation continues to be surrounded by a wonderful group of volunteers and donors who share our passion to support the residents of Ripley County. Because of their generosity, RCCF can turn permanent gifts into funds that can produce income forever, provide grants to serve the nonprofit organizations of Ripley County, offer scholarships to students so they can obtain a quality education at a reduced tuition cost, and offer leadership and innovation to help our communities thrive. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your continued support and helping us to, "Connect People Who Care with Causes that Matter!"

SINCERELY,
AMY STREATOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash	\$492,378
Certificates of deposit	\$175,546
Investments	\$14,581,513
	\$15,249,437
Equipment, net	\$19,609
	\$15,269,046
Contributions held for others	\$892,789
Accounts payable	\$4,380
	\$897,169
Net assets without donor restrictions	
Operating	\$644,397
Board designated	\$407,491
	\$1,051,888
Net assets with donor restrictions	
Restricted for specific purposes	\$726,257
Restricted in perpetuity (historical cost of endowments)	\$10,074,986
Restricted subject to Foundation's spending policy (accumulated earnings of endowments)	\$2,518,746
Underwater endowments	\$0
	\$13,319,989
Net Assets as of 12/31/2019	\$13,338,365
Net Assets as of 12/31/2020	\$15,269,046

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.

VICKY'S RETIREMENT

VICKY WILSON WAS A DEDICATED AND VALUED EMPLOYEE OF THE RIPLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. FOR 15 YEARS, SHE BALANCED OUR LEDGERS, KEPT US WITHIN BUDGET, AND FILED OUR TAX RETURNS WITH CARE. SHE KEPT THE OFFICE VIBRANT AND FULL OF CLASS AND CHARM.

THANK YOU, VICKY! WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN RETIREMENT!

"Vicky- How are we going to survive without you at the Foundation? You have been a wonderful partner for us. Please enjoy your retirement and know that you made a difference for so many in this community. Good luck and stay healthy. You deserve only the best."

- Janet Duval, Board of Directors, Ripley County Humane Society



YEAR IN GRANTS

SERVICE AREA

TOTAL GRANTS PAID

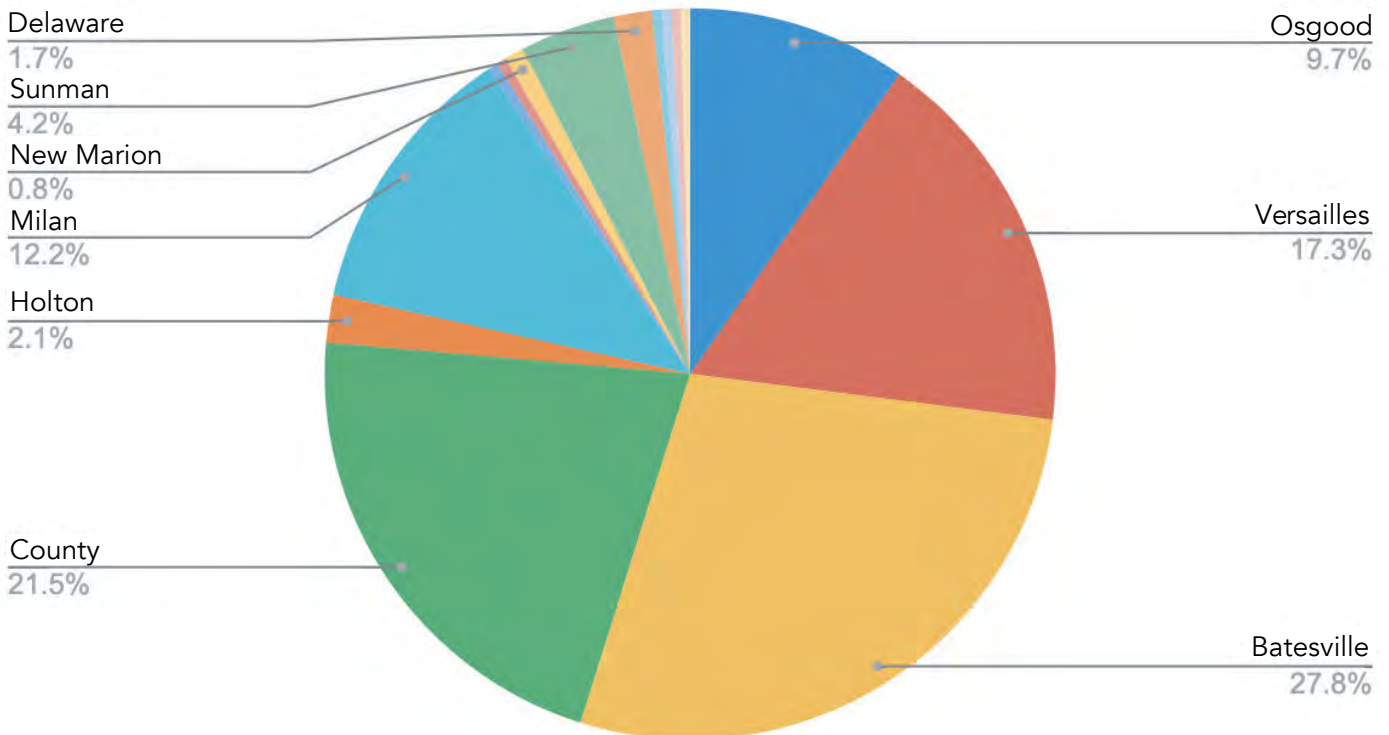
Arts & Culture	\$46,925.00
Business & Entrepreneurship	\$12,010.00
Education, Health & Well Being	\$217,824.00
Environment & Natural Resources	\$800.00
Scholarships	\$77,150.00

TOTAL

\$354,709.00

#of students receiving Scholarships	49
#of Organizations receiving a grant	100

2020 DISTRIBUTION BY TOWN



GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT

THE WEEKEND BACKSACK PROGRAM

In response to COVID-19 and the struggle to provide nutritious food to children, the football teams of Batesville High School and Oldenburg Academy pledged to donate funds raised from Turnover Hunger to benefit the Weekend Backsack Program. The Weekend Backsack Program received \$15,000 from the 2020-2021 football season, which will serve approximately 175 students each weekend for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year within the following schools: Batesville Primary School, Batesville Intermediate School, Jac-Cen-Del Elementary School, Milan Elementary School, South Ripley Elementary School, and Sunman Elementary School.

The program was established to bring happiness to local, hungry elementary students who experience food insecurity during the weekends. Students are sent home with a backpack full of food to serve six meals over the course of a weekend. Items included in the backpack typically consist of canned soups, peanut butter crackers, fruit snacks, applesauce cups, and granola bars.



COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

In response to the unprecedented pandemic, the Ripley County Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant to assist local nonprofit organizations that were serving Ripley County residents impacted by COVID-19.

The Community Foundation, local corporations, and residents donated to ease the burdens created by COVID-19. Thank you Global Atlantic Financial Group, First Financial Wealth Management, Hillrom, Todd & Dianne Rynn, Carl & Katherine Taul, Darlene Gerster, Duke Energy, Bobbie Brandes, Bull Fork Honey, Mike & Diane Rathburn, and Ham & Jean Struewing for your generosity.



RCCF AWARDED \$43,155 TO 28 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 IN 2020.

- **Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce (\$2,500)** to provide resources for Batesville area businesses
- **Batesville Area Ministerial Association (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Batesville Area Resource Center (\$2,500)** to support the One Batesville Community Response Fund
- **Delaware Community Volunteer Fire Department (\$500)** to acquire a personal protective equipment gear washing machine
- **East Indiana Area Health Education Center (\$1,500)** to aid in the development of Mental Health Modules for Ripley County Schools
- **Feed My Sheep (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Fishes & Loaves (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Gibson Theatre (\$2,500)** to assist with lost revenue due to shut-down
- **Highpoint Health Foundation (\$2,500)** to buy personal protective equipment for treating patients
- **Hispanic Community Advisory Committee (\$2,500)** to support the Hispanic Community Advisory Committee Emergency Relief Fund
- **Holton Food Pantry (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Kids Discovery Factory (\$2,500)** to provide assistance with operating costs
- **Milan Community School Corporation (\$2,500)** to aid in the purchase of items to supply hygiene goody bags
- **Milan Emergency Community Relief (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Milan Volunteer Fire Department (\$1,625)** to support operating expenses
- **New Horizons Rehabilitation (\$900)** to acquire computer equipment for Case Managers
- **New Marion Volunteer Fire Department (\$1,625)** to support operating expenses
- **One Community One Family (\$2,500)** to assist with the programs Youth MOVE and United Families
- **Ripley County Economic Development Corporation (\$2,500)** to provide funds for Ripley County businesses
- **Ripley County Food Pantry (\$2,691.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Ripley County Humane Society (\$625)** to support operating expenses
- **Safe Passage (\$2,500)** to aid with emergency shelter overflow housing
- **Southeastern Indiana Voices for Children (\$2,500)** to provide child advocacy services
- **Southeastern Indiana YMCA (\$2,500)** to support Feeding Our Community's Youth Project
- **South Ripley Raider Food Pantry (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Sunman Food Pantry (\$191.25)** to purchase supplies for the food pantry
- **Tyson Library (\$350)** to buy sneeze guards for the circulation desk and fax station
- **United Methodist Women (\$2,000)** to restock shelves for the Backdoor Friends in Faith



RIPLEY YOUTH OUTREACH

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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Ripley Youth Outreach

STUDENT MEMBERS

Amelia Austin (Oldenburg Academy)
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Karley Bushhorn (Milan)
Emily Campbell (South Ripley)
Betsy Harmeyer (Batesville)
Abby Haverkos (Oldenburg Academy)
Lydia Koger (South Ripley)
Ben Miller (South Ripley)
Emma Morris (South Ripley)
Lanie Nicholson (South Ripley)
Ava Ralston (South Ripley)
Morgan Sutton (Jac-Cen-Del)
Katelyn Wagner (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.

PAINTING THE TOWN WITH MY COMMUNITY MY VISION GRANT

Ripley Youth Outreach was awarded a \$5,000 My Community My Vision Grant to develop and initiate a youth-led project within Ripley County. My Community My Vision is a youth community planning program that hopes to encourage teenagers to stay, or return, to their hometowns after college.

Ripley Youth Outreach decided to use the grant to beautify the Versailles Courthouse Square by partnering with the Town of Versailles and professional artist, Debi Black, to create an interactive mural. The mural depicts cherry trees to show the beauty of the town in full bloom. This is the first step of developing a vacant lot that sits next to the Versailles Town Hall.





CHALKTOBERFEST

In October, Ripley Youth Outreach hosted the first annual Chalktoberfest, a competitive art drawing contest where students can show off their creative abilities through chalk. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event was aimed to provide a socially distant opportunity for local students to get out in their community and express their creative abilities.

Artists were asked to create a movie poster in their reserved 4'x3' area. Each student was given a free pack of professional chalk to work with thanks to a grant from the Batesville Area Arts Council. The event was held in conjunction with the Farmers Market, and it was accompanied with live music provided by Matthew Lamping. The event was a remarkable success!

2020 CHALKTOBERFEST WINNERS:

1. Rory Heffelmire (South Ripley) - *Cars* for \$250
2. Megan Bauer (East Central) - *Guardians of the Galaxy* for \$150
3. Tatum Hanson (Batesville) - *Silence of the Lambs* for \$50

CHALKTOBERFEST PARTICIPANTS:

- Bella Weberding (Batesville Middle School) - *Rio*
Cooper Martin (Batesville Middle School) - *James and the Giant Peach*
Wesley Hildebrand (South Ripley High School) - *My Neighbor Totoro*
Shannon Oney (South Ripley High School) - *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
Tara Hall (East Central High School) - *Beauty and the Beast*
Emalee Lake (Batesville High School) - *Cinderella*
Noah Harrison (South Ripley High School) - *La La Land*
Kyra Hall (East Central High School) - *Coraline*

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GENESIS: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

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

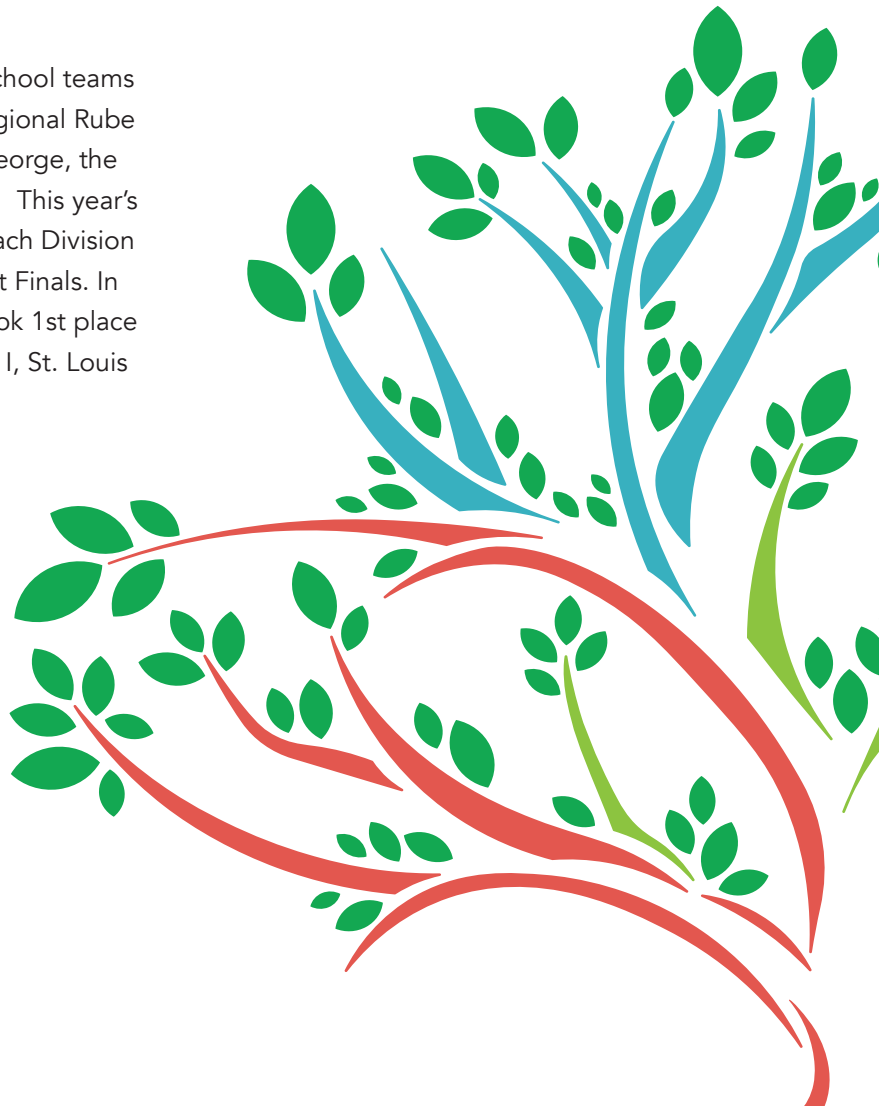


Believing and Achieving Dreams: Entrepreneurs of Ripley County

The initiative aims to share local success stories about Ripley County's flourishing entrepreneurs and business owners to spark hope, support, and provide tips on how to start and keep businesses alive and thriving. We partnered with Iron Timber's and Amack's Well to kick-off the program and capture their entrepreneurial journey via videography.

Rube Goldberg

On Saturday, February 29th, middle school and high school teams across Indiana had a blast participating in the 2020 Regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. Special guest, Jennifer George, the granddaughter of Rube Goldberg, attended the event. This year's theme was to Turn Off a Light. The top two teams in each Division qualified for the 2020 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Finals. In Division II, the Ripley County Engineering Academy took 1st place and Batesville High School took 2nd place. In Division I, St. Louis School teams captured 1st and 2nd place.



Maverick Challenge

The Maverick Challenge, a high school business planning competition, was held at Oldenburg Academy on December 11th where eight teams total participated. Students pitched their creative product ideas in front of community judges who adjudicated the 17 students based on the business plans and products created for the competition. This year's winners were:

1. Gutter Butler (Lana & Maddie) - a device installed on gutters to provide clean water to a cistern
2. SK Feedmixers (Ethan & Sarah) - a portable device that mixes an animal's feed
3. Traxi (Wil, Jon, & Riley) - an automated trash can device that takes trash down to the end of the driveway



Mental Health / Trauma-Informed Professional Development Modules

In partnership with East Indiana Area Health Education Center and Dr. Beth Trammell of Make Words Matter for Good, Genesis: Pathways to Success developed and launched a virtual training program to provide mental health and trauma-informed resources for school personnel. The program is designed to support the mental health needs of educators and students during the pandemic and throughout the school year. The educational content provides teachers, students, and parents with the skills required to be resilient, to overcome stress and anxiety, to deal with trauma, and to be prepared mentally and physically to effectively learn and thrive.



2020 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: GAGE UNRATH

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My hometown since 1st grade of elementary school was Osgood, Indiana. I've been a student at Jac-Cen-Del for my entire life before college. This includes my time at high school, at Jac-Cen-Del Jr./Sr. High School. My parents are Vince and Jennifer Unrath, who have been together for 22 years now. They've been instrumental in making me the person I am today and encouraged my education and helped foster my love for learning. At college, I'm actively involved in the Mathematical Society at Purdue and I hope to broaden my involvement throughout my time here. I have a deep love of learning, especially for mathematics. I enjoy the nerdier things in life and am a big fan of Superheroes and Star Wars.

How did it feel to win the prestigious scholarship?

When I was whisked away from class one morning in high school to randomly go to the principal's office, I was very confused. On the way there I put two-and-two together and figured out it must have been because of the Lilly Scholarship. But it was still surreal when I was given the award and I realized that I was being recognized for all the effort I put in, in High school. It was especially great to feel a financial burden taken off my chest.

How has the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship impacted you?

Has it offered new experiences that weren't attainable before?

The Lilly Scholarship has impacted me drastically. One of the biggest ways it has impacted me is of course financially. I can graduate college without having to take out loans. As of today, in my second semester of my first year here I have taken no loans and haven't had to pay very much for college at all. It's also been great to buy my books as it's completely covered the cost of books for this year as well.

What have you learned about yourself as a student at Purdue University?

At Purdue, I've learned a lot about myself. I've discovered many new strengths and weaknesses of myself. Purdue has especially taught me that in order to succeed you have to put 110% of yourself into it. You can't waltz through it like high school, you have to be committed to your goals and be willing to put the time in to achieving them.

What are your future career plans after graduating college?

My current major is Mathematics, and I'm hoping to graduate with honors in 2 more years. During college, hopefully this next school year I plan to be a TA (teaching assistant) for classes I've taken already. So, I plan on TA'ing throughout the rest of my undergrad here at Purdue. After graduating college, I plan on applying to grad school, Purdue's and many others. I plan to continue to TA throughout grad school to get teaching experience and want to get into Research as well with Professors here at Purdue. The final goal is to graduate with a Masters and eventually Doctorate in Mathematics and become a professor and researcher.

What advice would you offer to another student who wants to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship?

To future students hoping to win the Lilly Endowment Scholarship. The biggest piece of advice is just go for it and apply. I truthfully did not think I would win or even become a finalist for the scholarship. I applied because some of my friends were and I thought "why not?" and I ended up winning. So, don't think you have no chance. Another piece of advice I'd give is to make sure you're involved. Have extra curriculars you're passionate about. Don't join things just to join them but try and make sure they're clubs and activities you're going to enjoy.



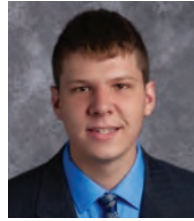
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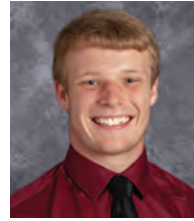
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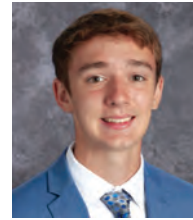
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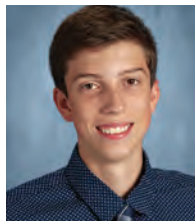
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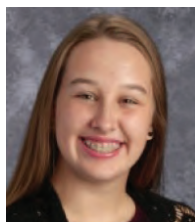
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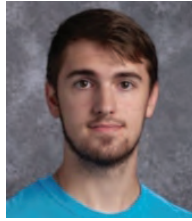
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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF THE DORIS BRELAGE SCHOLARSHIP. I FEEL HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM SOMEONE WHO IS SUCH AN INSPIRATION. HEARING ABOUT THE KIND OF NURSE THAT SHE WAS, MADE MY EXPECTATIONS RISE EVEN HIGHER THAN THEY ALREADY WERE AS I AM ON MY JOURNEY TO BECOME A NURSE. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BEING AWARDED THIS PRIVILEGE. WITH DEDICATED STUDIES, I HOPE TO LIVE UP TO ALL THE EXPECTATIONS DORIS BRELAGE WOULD HAVE FOR A FUTURE NURSE.

Best Regards - Brooklynn Laker, 2020 Recipient of Doris Brelage Scholarship

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