



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
— of —
NOBLE COUNTY



2020 Annual Report

The Community Foundation is proud to share the successes of 2020. Here's what you'll find in this Annual Report.

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Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life in Noble County by serving as a catalyst for positive change, enabling donors to carry out charitable intent, and making grants.

Dear Friends,

*"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We **keep moving forward**, opening new doors, and doing new things..."*

~ Walt Disney, Meet the Robinsons Movie

As we reflect on 2020, we see how our community experienced both challenges and achievements. These achievements were only possible because of the passion, support, and determination of the Noble County community. This determination is embodied in the Walt Disney quote and embraced by the Community Foundation of Noble County Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers.

In March 2020, the CFNC Board of Directors created the CFNC Disaster Response Fund and Rapid Grant Process. This fund and process empowered the community foundation to provide resources to our nonprofit organizations that were supporting our community members in need. We also supported the purchase of personal protective equipment for our local heroes (police, firefighters, and first responders). CFNC also made grants to the Noble County Community Organizations Active in Disasters Fund and the United Way of Noble County Relief Fund. As 2020 continued, CFNC remained in contact with nonprofits to be aware of their needs as they arose. It was amazing to watch these organizations adapt and move their missions forward during this challenging year.

Over the past two years, we have been participating in Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII Initiative. During 2019, the Board worked through the strategic planning process to set the focus of the community foundation for the next three years. In 2020, with the help of a grant from Lilly, we began the implementing the plan. One key need identified by the community through surveys and focus groups was more affordable, high-quality child care and early learning opportunities. CFNC partnered with Be Noble (Noble County Economic Development Corporation) and the United Way of Noble County to create an early childhood coalition for Noble County. A group of over 20 community stakeholders began meeting in October 2020 to bring this idea to a reality. In 2021, a formal strategic plan for the coalition will be adopted and a full-time coalition coordinator will be hired. It is exciting to visualize the impact and new opportunities that the early childhood coalition can provide children in Noble County.

Lastly, a part of Lilly's GIFT VII Initiative included a matching dollar challenge that had to be completed by December 31, 2020. Due to the generosity of our community, CFNC met the challenge! We received \$500,000 in matching funds from Lilly. This means a total impact of \$1,000,000. This support will enable the community foundation to be better prepared to meet challenges or seize opportunities in the future.

These are just a few of the accomplishments in 2020. None of this would have been possible without the support of our amazing volunteers and donors. We know that there will still be challenges ahead, but with the support of our community we will KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

With Gratitude,

Mark

Mark Demske
CFNC Board President

Brad

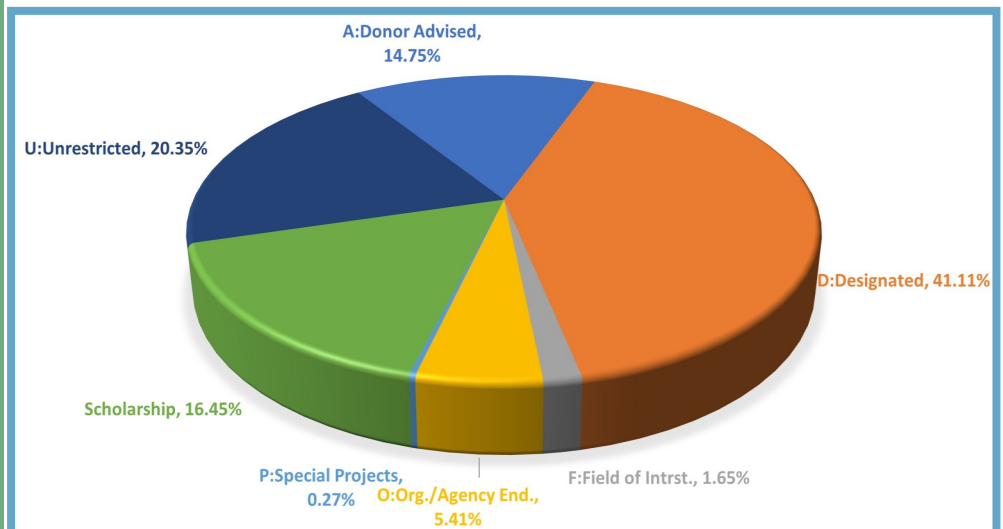
Brad Graden
CFNC Executive Director

Community Foundation 2020 Facts

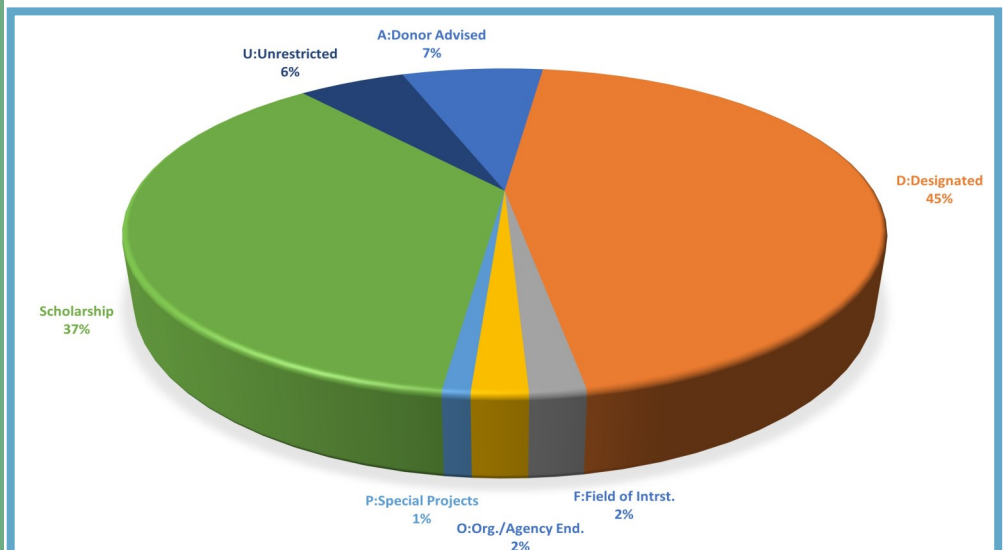
In 2021
over \$224,072
is
available for
unrestricted
grant work
in our
community!

Current Assets Current fund balance or net assets in 208 funds as of December 31, 2020	\$35,403,249
Grant Distributions Since Inception Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded over 15,829 grants and scholarships	\$33,893,594
Grants—2020 In 2020, the Foundation distributed 268 grants and scholarships	\$1,100,264
Gifts—2020 In 2020, gifts received by the foundation totaled	\$783,136

**Based on 208 funds under management
as of December 31, 2020**



**Based on \$35,403,249 Fund Balance
as of December 31, 2020**



Your Community Foundation Gives Thanks to Volunteers

Community Initiatives, Inc. Board

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Noble County Board of Directors



Robert and Darlene Black Charitable Fund Awards Grants!

Community Foundation of Noble County recently awarded a grant to the Kendallville Daycare Center, Humane Society of Noble County, and Common Grace Ministries through the Robert and Darlene Black Charitable Fund to assist with organizational needs. Robert and Darlene Black of Kendallville chose to give back to their community through the establishment of this endowment fund.

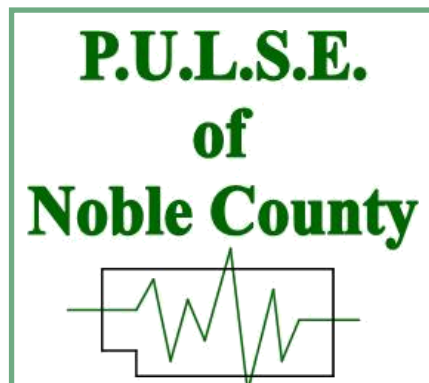
Pictured (l to r) Brad Graden, CFNC Executive Director, with Sarah Anderson, Executive Director, and Kim Sowles, Pre-K Teacher, with children from the daycare.

Youth Philanthropy

Thanks to a long-term partnership between local schools, the Community Foundation, and the Dekko Foundation, young people in Noble County are practicing philanthropy. Through their participation in P.U.L.S.E., students learn the value of giving their time, talents and treasure to their community. The group carefully considers grant proposals from area nonprofits, awarding funding to projects that align with their mission. The group can also be found doing monthly service projects across the county, and partnering with nonprofit organizations to make a positive impact in our community.



P.U.L.S.E. students pose for a photo during their annual Senior Citizen prom event in April 2021. This year's event celebrated the 70's.



Welcome, New Funds!



Chain O' Lakes State Park Interpretive Services Fund

Fred Wooley (far right), a retired Indiana State Park interpreter, has a passion for nature especially in our Indiana State Parks. Fred has created the Chain O' Lakes State Park Interpretive Services Fund at the Community Foundation of Noble County.

The Chain O' Lakes State Park Interpretive Services Fund supports the park's interpretive services including programs and facilities at the Nature Center, the historic Stanley One-room Schoolhouse, and throughout the property.

The fund is dedicated in memory of Jacquelyn Wooley who had a great love for both natural/cultural history, and teaching others, particularly children, about the world around them. She was a partner and great supporter of her husband Fred Wooley, an Indiana State Park interpreter who dedicated his career and life to the resources of Indiana State Parks and to the mission of the parks' interpretive services.

Welcome, New Funds! (continued)



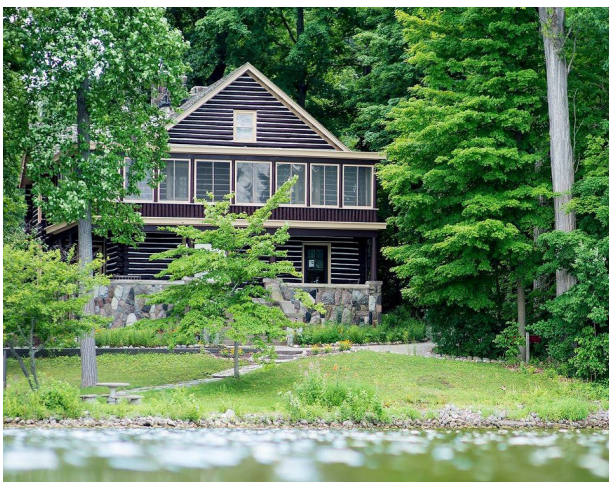
Community Foundation of Noble County Disaster Response Fund

This fund was established to identify local current and emerging issues and stimulate resources to address those needs.

The Foundation will respond and recover through grants in such areas as health and human services, civic needs and other charitable areas of interest.

Early Childhood Coalition Fund

In 2020, with the help of a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the community foundation began the implementing the plan. One key need identified by the community through surveys and focus groups was more affordable, high-quality child care and early learning opportunities. The Community Foundation of Noble County partnered with Be Noble (Noble County Economic Development Corporation) and the United Way of Noble County to create an early childhood coalition for Noble County. A group of over 20 community stakeholders began meeting in October 2020 to bring this idea to a reality. In 2021, a formal strategic plan for the coalition will be adopted and a full-time coalition coordinator will be hired. It is exciting to visualize the impact and new opportunities that the early childhood coalition can provide children in Noble County.



Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site Field of Interest Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide support to the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site in Rome City, Indiana.

Grants made by Your Community Foundation

Community Foundation of Noble County Grants

Noble County Council on Aging, Inc.
Kendallville Restorations, Inc.
North Side Elementary
Healthier Moms and Babies
Kate's Kart
Youth for Christ of Northern IN
Albion Park Department
Community Learning Center, Inc.
Augusta Hills LRC Center
Cole Center Family YMCA
Women's Care Center NE IN
Dr. Bill Lewis Center Heart Reach Carmel
dba Bold for the Heart
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana- Michiana
Central Noble Food Pantry
American Red Cross of NE Indiana
Mad Anthonys Children's Hope House
Habitat for Humanity of NE IN
McMillen Health
Sparta Township Fire Department
RespectTeam
ARC Noble County Foundations
Community Harvest Food Bank, Inc.
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana
Science Central
The Apple Tree Center
Visiting Nurse

G. Martin Kenney Memorial Fund Grants

Ruth Stultz Preschool
West Noble High School
St. Patrick Catholic Church
West Noble Middle School

Hagen Family Advised Grants

North Side Elementary
Kimmell Baseball and Softball, Inc.
New Community Initiatives Charger Power
Paks
Central Noble Jr/Sr High School Construction
Erin's House for Grieving Children, Inc.
Noble County Miracle Tree



Augusta Hills LRCC Receives Grant!

The Community Foundation of Noble County awarded a grant to Augusta Hills Learning, Recreation and Community Center for \$10,000 to assist with construction of the new gymnasium flooring. A local resident donated the former Augusta Hills Golf Course building, barn, and six acres of property. A capital campaign is underway to renovate existing buildings, construct a gym, establish an endowment, and launch operations. Plans include three areas– the Lodge, Gym, and Barn, each accessible to people of all ages and abilities. A focus of the current fundraising project is construction of the gym, and the gym's flooring is a key component.

Pictured (l to r) representing Augusta Hills LRCC is Jim Sprague and Kevin Dreibelbis with Brad Graden CFNC executive director.

P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County Grants

East Noble High School
Oak Farm Montessori
Common Grace Ministries, Inc.
RespectTeam
Central Noble Community School Corp.
East Noble High School
West Noble School Corporation

Funds held at Your Community Foundation

Acres Land Trust Endowment Fund
 Adoption Assistance Fund
 Alan Hutsell Scholarship Fund
 Albion Fire Department Non-Permanent Agency Fund
 AMI Investment Management Community Fund
 Anthony Wayne Area Council Boy Scouts Fund
 Art and Jeanne Howard 4-H Scholarship Fund
 Auer Scholarship Fund
 Benjamin B. and Kathleen June Earley Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Benjamin H. Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Black Pine Animal Sanctuary (PARC, Inc.) Endowment Fund
 Brandon A. Replogle "Celebrate the Arts" Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Caitlyn Marie Halferty Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Campbell and Fetter Bank Community Fund
 Captain James M. Treesh Scholarship Fund
 Carol Ann Tieman Scholarship Fund
 Cathy S. Knopp Theatrical Scholarship Fund
 Cecil C. and Bettie I. Smith Scholarship Fund
 Celebrate Community Fund
 Chain O' Lakes State Park Interpretive Services Fund



Adoption Assistance Fund



Cory A. Brown Memorial Fund

Charles and Bernard Duesler Scholarship Fund
 Chester A. and Bessie C. Throp Scholarship Fund
 Chuck Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Churubusco Football Fund
 Clarence and Marie Woolf Scholarship Fund
 Cole Center Family YMCA Capital Fund
 Cole Center Family YMCA Restricted Fund
 Cole Foundation Fund
 Community Foundation of Noble County Disaster Response Fund
 Delta Theta Tau Sorority IOTA IOTA Chapter Scholarship Fund in Memory of Tammi Riecke
 Devan Christopher White Memorial Fund
 Divorcing Families Project Fund
 Doris Gene Alber Ferrari Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Clarence and Marguerite Granger Fund
 Dr. David and Alvena VanMeter Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Richard R. (MD) and Theresa M. Gutstein Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Terry Gaff Legacy Fund for Noble Trails
 Early Childhood Coalition Fund
 East Noble Band Boosters Fund
 Edgell Scholarship Fund
 Edward and Beverly Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship Fund
 EN Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund
 Eugene B. and Marilyn Glick Foundation Fund
 Fordeck-Kemerly Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Scholarship Fund
 Fred and Mildred Seymoure (Young) Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Fred and Rose Cunningham Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Freedom Academy–Noble County Endowment Fund
 Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site Field of Interest Fund
 George O. Witwer Fund
 Gerald and Cathleen Hayes Scholarship Fund
 Gerald C. Hayes Memorial Field of Interest Fund
 G. Martin Kenney Fund

Funds held at Your Community Foundation (continued)

Hagen Family Advised Fund
Hagen Family Fund
Hal Prickett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Harold and Martha Bushong Fund
Hazel Brown Truelove Scholarship Fund
Hilda H. Rehwinkel Scholarship Fund
Humane Society of Noble County Restricted Fund
Jack R. and Maxine C. Frymier Scholars Award Fund
Jennie Thompson Foundation Fund
Jennie Thompson Foundation Scholarship Non-Permanent Fund
John and Bard Riemke Family Fund
John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Berhalter Hutchins Community Fund
John E. and Joan E. Robinson Scholarship Fund
Jonah W. Slater Memorial Scholarship
Joseph A. and Lolita J. Hornett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Josh Stahl Scholarship Fund
Julia L. Atz Scholarship Fund
Junior Achievement of Noble County Endowment Fund
Kay and Hazel Truelove Family Fund
Kendallville Day Care Agency Fund
Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Complex Endowment Fund
Kendallville Park and Recreation Department Endowment Fund
Kendallville Public Library Flag Fund
Kendallville Redevelopment Commission Agency Fund
Kendallville Restoration Inc. Fund
Kendallville Revitalization Agency Fund
Kendallville Windmill Museum and Historical Society Museum Endowment Fund
Knight of Science Award
Kris Campbell "Any Dream Will Do" Scholarship Fund
Lauren Kay Shields Scholarship Fund
Lemmon-Rupert Endowment Fund
Life and Family Services Endowment Fund
Life Estate Fund

Jack R. and Maxine C. Frymier Scholars Award



Community Foundation Board member
Denise Lemmon with the 2021 recipient
Casey Hunter.

Ligonier Elks Scholarship Fund
Ligonier Public Library Restricted Fund
Ligonier Veterans' Memorial Fund
Ligonier Visitor and Convention Bureau, Inc. Restricted Fund
Lilly Endowment Inc. Fund
Literacy Field of Interest
Lloyd Ness Family Fund
Matthias "Matt" and Rosemarie "Rosie" Kretler Scholarship Fund
Max and Elizabeth Roesler Memorial Scholarship Fund
Max Sneary M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Scholarship Fund

Funds held at Your Community Foundation (continued)

Merrill B. Frick Family Fund
 Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center Fund
 Miss Limberlost Scholarship Pageant Fund
 Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
 Nathan Shumaker Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Noble County 4-H Endowment Restricted Fund -Agency Fund
 New Community Initiatives Fund
 Noble County Chess Fund
 Noble County Child Care Fund
 Noble County Community Organizations Active in Disasters
 Noble County Economic Development Trust Fund
 Noble County Historical Society Endowment Restricted Fund
 Noble County Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Noble County Promise Fund
 Noble County Public Library Permanent Fund
 Noble County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund in Memory of Deceased Teachers
 Noble County Technology Fund
 Noble Educational Initiatives Fund
 Noble House Homeless Shelter Fund
 Noble REMC Operation Round Up Trust
 Norman and Alberta Koons Firefighting Fund
 Northeastern Center Community Mental Health Endowment Fund
 Oliver and Eleanor Ellenbecker Scholarship Fund
 Pat and Nancy L. Kelty Fund
 Paul Glass Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Pauline (McClish) Leaman Scholarship Fund
 Paul Pelikan Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Peter R. Bottomley Scholarship Fund
 Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship Fund
 P.U.L.S.E. Endowment in Memory of Dave Knopp Fund
 P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County Non-Permanent Fund
 P.U.L.S.E. Senior Scholarship Fund
 Ribbon Chicks Non-Permanent Fund
 Richard and Mary DeMotte Scholarship Fund
 Richard "Rick" J. Hoffman Unrestricted Fund
 Robert and Darleen Black Charitable Fund
 Russell Smith Music Scholarship Fund



Merrill B. Frick Family Fund

Ruth N. Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund
 Sacred Heart Home Fund
 Sparta Township Fire Department Endowment Fund
 St. John Lutheran Church Endowment Fund-Agency Fund
 St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. Fund
 Susan A. Price Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Susan Marie Stone Scholarship Fund
 Talia Joy Smith Performing Arts Scholarship Fund
 Timothy J. Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Tony and Gertrude Kichler Scholarship Fund
 Town of Albion Parks Department Permanent Restricted Fund
 Town of Albion Restricted Fund
 Town of Avilla Permanent Restricted Fund
 William Wesley "Wes" and Amelia Frehse Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Wood Family Fund
 Woodward W. (Woody) and Lucy B. Weeks Memorial Restricted Fund
 Woolf Scholarship Fund
 Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana, Inc. Fund
 Youth Opportunity Fund

Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2020

(With comparative totals at December 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 4,188,094	\$ 3,441,401
Pledges receivable		35
Interest and dividends receivable	14,803	27,128
Prepaid expenses	14,740	11,766
Investments	32,975,796	31,308,566
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	593,093	626,699
	<u>\$ 37,786,526</u>	<u>\$ 35,415,595</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 14,563	\$ 4,257
Grants payable	131,975	180,611
Accrued wages	14,232	12,645
Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings	342	788
Deferred revenue		193,521
Agency funds	5,932,084	5,523,248
Total liabilities	6,093,196	5,915,070
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	1,626,143	1,314,871
With donor restrictions	30,067,187	28,185,654
	<u>31,693,330</u>	<u>29,500,525</u>
	<u>\$ 37,786,526</u>	<u>\$ 35,415,595</u>

Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. and Affiliate

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2020

(With comparative totals for the year ending December 31, 2019)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total	2019 Total
Operating revenue and support				
Contributions and pledges	\$ 149,735	\$ 953,884	\$ 1,103,619	\$ 2,993,118
Investment return, net	12,410	2,534,665	2,547,075	4,409,549
Administrative fee income	404,246		404,246	403,284
Fundraising		352	352	2,021
Other income		16,794	16,794	26,455
Total operating revenue and support	566,391	3,505,695	4,072,086	7,834,427
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	380,074	(380,074)		
Pursuant to spending policy	1,244,088	(1,244,088)		
Operating expenses				
Program services	1,213,954		1,213,954	2,199,379
Supporting services:				
Management and general	624,843		624,843	646,617
Fundraising	40,484		40,484	47,784
	1,879,281		1,879,281	2,893,780
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	311,272	1,881,533	2,192,805	4,940,647
Net assets at beginning of year	1,314,871	28,185,654	29,500,525	24,559,878
Net assets at end of year	\$ 1,626,143	\$ 30,067,187	\$ 31,693,330	\$ 29,500,525

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