



2020 Annual Report



GROWING TOGETHER

Connecting People who Care with Causes that Matter Since 1982.





Vision

Through leadership, stewardship, and grants, Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley enhances quality of life throughout Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

Mission

Connecting people who care with causes that matter in our community.

We fulfill our mission by:

Building and preserving the funds of many individuals and institutions.

Creating and supporting vital and caring communities through philanthropy.

Awarding grants to non-profit organizations that serve members who reside in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

Gathering concerned individuals to shape flexible responses to the changing needs in our communities.

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2020, in all its twists and turns, one thing has remained constant. Our Community Foundation has continued to be the strong roots of our community. We were ready to take on the communities' immediate needs providing funding to our nonprofits to carry out the work of feeding, clothing, and sheltering our friends in need. We collaborated with our partner funders and rallied around our nonprofit communities making sure the funds we received to distribute were done in a timely and equitable manner.

I am pleased to share with you our 2020 Annual Report. I think you will agree when you read about all the organizations who helped our neighbors during the pandemic, that our community is pretty special. 2020 expanded our reach to more communities through collaborative efforts. We saw our communities grow together for the greater good and improved quality of life in a time that tried to break us.

This year's annual report highlights the work of the Community Foundation through its programs and partnerships. We hope it inspires you as much as it did us to continue growing together as a community.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nicole Smolkovich".

Nicole Smolkovich, Executive Director





The Fine Arts Campaign is a unique opportunity to grow the Fine Arts Fund here at the Community Foundation. In memory of his late wife Janice, Norm Strasma has generously agreed to **match up to \$50,000** in donations made to the Fund now **through December 31, 2021**.

This fund will increase the grant-giving opportunities provided to the local Fine Arts community. With the current balance the Community Foundation would only be able to grant around \$350 per year. Once the match is complete, we will be able to **grant up to \$5,000 per year**. Fine Arts focuses on Literature, Music, Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, Performing Arts, and Film.

While our community is still healing from the recent COVID-19 pandemic. We believe the need for quality arts in the community is greater now than ever before. Quality arts will not only improve the quality of life, but also bring potential investors and boost the mental health of the community.



Norm and Janice Strasma

2020 Fast Facts

all as of December 31, 2020



New Funds Established in 2020

**Emergency Response Fund
Kan-I Help Endowment Fund
The Ryan and Amy Kemp Fund**



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Emergency Response Fund Activated

In response to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, the Community Foundation activated their new Emergency Response Fund. This fund started with a commitment of \$10,000 initiated from the Community Foundation's Board of Directors. In March of 2020, the call to action began to raise donations for COVID-19 Response Fund Grants, with up to \$100,000 to be matched by the Foundation.

Applications were accepted from nonprofit and quasi-governmental agencies in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties demonstrating a need for funding due to the pandemic or the impact of following public health recommendations taken to flatten the curve of COVID-19 infections locally. Priority was given to those organizations providing basic vital needs services to already vulnerable populations and those disproportionately effected by the pandemic. Nonprofit organizations experiencing challenges due to following public health recommendations, needed support to implement remote work, or those with high risk staff were also given priority.

The Foundation received two rounds of funding from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF), distributed by the Chicago Community Trust. Partnered with United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, along with ICRF grants, the Emergency Response Fund raised over \$680,000. Applications were evaluated and grants were distributed on a rolling basis. With seven rounds of funding, the Foundation was able to award 47 grants totaling \$599,850 to 31 unique nonprofit organizations in 2020.

Metrics were captured from each grantee organization in attempt to measure the impact these generous donations had on our communities. Areas of focus included (but were not limited to): access to emergency food and supplies, interim housing/emergency shelter, health and mental health care services, mortgage, rent and utility assistance, direct financial assistance, supports for childcare and schooling, and advocacy to support policy implementation. With overwhelming feedback from community organizations, we were able to capture metrics that reflect the needs met in our communities.

The Emergency Response Fund continued awarding grants to organizations throughout early 2021. The Fund will remain active to receive donations and in the event of another emergency affecting the community, applications will reopen. Thank you to the nonprofit organizations who have worked hard to meet the need and to the donors who have selflessly given to make a difference in our communities.



Statement of Financial Position

| ASSETS: | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Certificates of Deposit..... | 561,680 | 421,642 |
| Investments..... | 9,564,569 | 9,486,641 |
| Total Current Assets..... | \$ 10,126,249 | \$ 9,908,283 |
| FIXED ASSESTS | | |
| Furniture and Equipment..... | 19,926 | 19,926 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation..... | (19,926) | (19,926) |
| Net Fixed Assets..... | — | — |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Property..... | 278,047 | 278,047 |
| Total Assets..... | \$ 10,404,296 | \$ 10,186,330 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities..... | 17,654 | 5,733 |
| Total Current Liabilities..... | \$ 17,654 | \$ 5,733 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Temporarily Restricted Funds..... | 3,479,904 | 3,429,699 |
| Permanently Restricted Funds..... | 6,906,738 | 6,750,898 |
| Total Net Assets..... | \$ 10,386,642 | \$ 10,180,597 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets..... | \$ 10,404,296 | \$ 10,186,330 |

Statement of Revenue and Expense

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE AND SUPPORT | | |
| Contributions..... | 264,687 | 229,062 |
| Grants..... | 851,321 | 626,655 |
| Investment Income..... | 179,497 | 232,862 |
| Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments..... | 43,216 | 262,190 |
| Unrealized Gain on Investments..... | 490,637 | 1,051,599 |
| Administrative Fees Collected..... | 61,568 | 61,474 |
| Total Revenue and Support..... | \$ 1,890,926 | \$ 2,463,842 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Operating Expenses..... | 490,581 | 461,808 |
| Charitable Disbursements (Grants)..... | 1,194,299 | 488,478 |
| | \$ 1,684,880 | \$ 950,286 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | | |
| Net Assets— Beginning of Year..... | 206,046 | 1,513,556 |
| Net Assets— End of Year..... | 10,180,596 | 8,667,040 |
| | \$ 10,386,642 | \$ 10,180,596 |

Full Audited Financial Statements available in the Foundation Office



Funds and Scholarships

African American Civic Leaders Scholarship

To assist continuing education of African-American high school seniors to accredited colleges, universities, trade schools, and apprenticeship programs

Bonfield EUMC Pass Through Fund

To support Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church

Bourbonnais Township Park District Fund

To preserve open space, to develop park and recreation programs, and to support the Exploration Station, Recreation Station, and Willowhaven Interpretive Center

Bradley House Purchase Fund

To raise money for Wright in Kankakee for Frank Lloyd Wright B. Harley Bradley House's mortgage

Bridgewater Family Charitable Fund

To support charitable organizations

Coalition for Hope Excellence Education Fund

To support work force development

Community Development Fund

To benefit charitable and educational purposes that are consistent with the mission of CFKRV

Community Stewardship Fund

To provide grants for ever changing community needs

Communityworks Endowment Fund

To provide grants for projects that improve the quality of life for land use and protection, workforce development, and early childhood education

Dave King Memorial Fund

To bring Dave's love of music to those in need

Dennis & Georgia Hess Fund

To support charitable organizations

Do It Stevie's Way Memorial Scholarship

Established by Proven IT to assist students with the costs of pursuing their education

Emergency Response Fund

To provide grants for organizations providing vital basic needs, services, and resources to disproportionately impacted individuals during times of emergency

Erica Lynn Paulissen Memorial Scholarship

To honor the legacy of Erica Lynn Paulissen by providing educational opportunities for local graduating high school seniors

Fine Arts Fund

To support creative programs in the areas of literature, music, architecture, sculpture, painting, performing arts, and film

Florence B. McMullen Fund

To support enhancement of workplace skills for women

Helen Wheeler Fund

To provide operating income for the agency that provides mental health services to the community

Herscher Area Historical Society Fund

To support the Herscher Area Historical Society and Museum's programs and projects

Herscher High School Scholarships

Established by Herscher School District #2 Board of Education to provide financial support of educational pursuits of seniors in Herscher High School.

Sub Funds:

Albert A. and Elizabeth Wheeler Mau Memorial Scholarship

Bob and Thelma Webber Scholarship

Bonfield Lions Club Scholarship

Caitlin Poppie Memorial Scholarship Fund

Diane and Dr. Jeff Long Health Related Scholarship

Dr. Lawrence T. Jacobson

Leadership Memorial Scholarship

Herscher High School Alumni Scholarship

Herscher Athletic Booster Club Award

Herscher FFA Alumni

Foundation Scholarship

Herscher High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Herscher High School Music Department Scholarship

Herscher High School Sports Fan Scholarship

Herscher Lions Club Scholarship



Herscher Senior of the Month Scholarship

Kent Weakley Creative Scholarship

Marlow Zehr Scholarship

Randy Lehnus Vocational Scholarship

Rich Jensen Award

Stacy & Chris Skarstad Memorial Scholarship

The Riley Family Vocational Scholarship

Tim Orwig Memorial Scholarship

U2CT Unit 2 Teachers Memorial Scholarship

U2CT Unit 2 Teachers & Staff Scholarship

Hospice Special Wish Fund

To fulfill special needs that improve quality of life for Hospice patients and families

Johnson Downs Fund

To support charitable organizations

Kan-I Help Endowment Fund

To maintain the Kan-I Help website

Kankakee Area YMCA Endowment Fund

To benefit the YMCA and its extensive youth activities

Kankakee County Museum Fund

To support programs of the museum and Kankakee County Historical Society

Kankakee Development Fund

To support educational and commercial purposes in the Greater Kankakee River Valley Area

Kankakee Library Fund

To provide income for special projects outside of the annual budget

Kankakee Valley Park District Fund

To develop capital projects, enhance landscaping of parks, provide educational grants and grants for families needing recreational services

Locke Scholarship Endowment

To benefit students who reside in Kankakee County and attend an institution of higher learning

Operating Endowment

To provide income for CFKRV's annual administrative expenses

Project SUN Fund

To offer multiple access points to a comprehensive and integrated mental health care system for youth (0-21) and their families in Kankakee County

Rebecca Schatz Memorial Fund

To recognize Rebecca's love for the arts and nonprofit organizations

River Conservation Fund

To assist organizations dedicated to the protection of the Kankakee River System, the conservation of natural resources, and enhancement of public use and appreciation for the River

Riverfront Trail Fund

To support development of the Riverfront Trailways of Kankakee County

River Roundtable Fund

To benefit the projects that preserve the Kankakee River

Robert K. Dunn Charitable Trust Fund

To support programs for youth in the Greater Kankakee River Valley Area

Rosie Fund

To benefit nonprofit agencies that assist women in Kankakee County who have needs not covered by standard programs

Success by Six Fund-Iroquois

To promote early childhood education activities in Iroquois County

Success by Six Fund-Kankakee

To promote early childhood education activities in Kankakee County

The Ryan and Amy Kemp Fund

To support charitable organizations

Undesignated Fund

To hold funds that have not yet been assigned to a particular cause

United Way of Iroquois County Fund

To benefit Iroquois County

United Way of Kankakee Fund

To ensure resources for community collaborative efforts, continued program funding, and mobilization of volunteers

Women in Networking Scholarship

Provided through the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce's Women in Networking Committee for women who live or work in the Kankakee River Valley Area

Wright in Kankakee Fund

To fund operations of the B. Harley Bradley House's educational purposes

Zonta Endowment

To improve the legal, economic, and professional status of women in Kankakee County

Project SUN Highlights for 2020

An initiative of Community Foundation Kankakee River Valley

The process of building a Children's Mental Health System of Care in Kankakee County during 2020 made much progress, even in the face of challenges presented by COVID-19. Approximately 60 individuals, many representing schools, agencies, and other community organizations continued the work of forming a strong and united network to meet the needs of the community's children and their families. A few of the activities and events that took place during the past year are featured below.

FAMILY AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Project SUN launched a series of monthly Parent Cafés in January of 2020. These free educational events were designed to offer parents, caregivers, and other Kankakee community members a place to learn, ask questions, and make connections. After two in-person Cafés, the COVID pandemic forced the next nine events online. March was the only month a Café was not held as staff pivoted to a virtual platform. The 11 Parent Cafés in 2020 reached a total of 263 participants. The Cafés featured presentations from a wide range of primarily local resources on topics requested by parents and caregivers during Project SUN's planning year.



Parent Café Program Presenters

Four "Let's Talk: Breaking the Ice" online events were designed to engage youth (ages 16-20) in conversations regarding relevant mental health issues, including Addressing the Connection Between Alcohol, Marijuana, Prescription Drug Misuse, and Mental Health; Systemic Racism; Challenges Faced by LGBTQIA+ Teens and Young Adults; and Managing Grief and Loss for Teens and Young Adults. These events reached a total of 35 youth participants.



Let's Talk: Breaking the Ice on Systemic Racism Facilitators

CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Prior to 2020, Project SUN had planned to host a conversation with young adults to discuss what could be done to address the racial disparity in access to mental, emotional, and behavioral health services. In large part due to the attention raised by the Black Lives Matter movement about systemic racism after the murder of George Floyd and others, these plans took on increased significance and blossomed into a series of activities that will continue during 2021.

Project SUN designed conversation-focused events to encourage participants to talk about personal experiences and societal changes. These discussions helped participants better understand racism's toll on the mental health and well-being of not only children of color, but all people. These events included a Community Conversation: "Addressing Systemic Racism - Pursuing Racial Justice," and the "Let's Talk: Breaking the Silence on Systemic Racism" event for youth ages 16-20. Partnering with the YWCA, Project SUN hosted weekly screenings and discussions of the four-part PBS Series "Slavery and the Making of America." This partnership also hosted an online screening and discussion of the documentary, "I Am Not Your Negro."



NAVIGATION ASSISTANCE

Project SUN worked with seven pilot sites to inform and implement the process to be used to help families connect to children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health services, as well as meet other basic needs. Project SUN continued to invest in the development of the Kan-I Help online resource database. Mental health services and other resources listed on the site, along with a list of local youth development opportunities compiled in 2020, will be used to help families who contact Project SUN seeking guidance. System of Care Community Navigator training was first previewed to the Project SUN Community Planning team in January 2020. Seven trainings were held throughout the year where 59 individuals from 16 organizations participated; 43 became certified Community Navigators and are now better equipped to help others access community services. Additionally, materials promoting Project SUN and Kan-I Help were prepared in English and Spanish.



CFKRV Assumes Stewardship for Kan-I Help

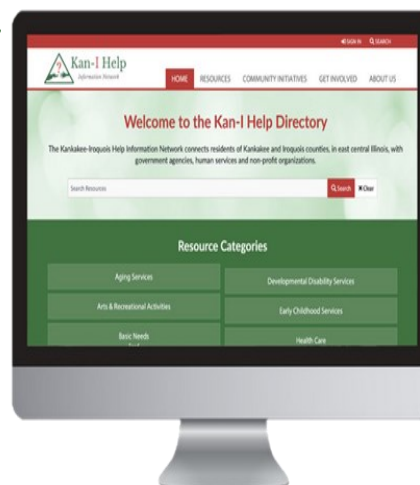
During 2020, the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley assumed stewardship for the Kankakee-Iroquois Information Network, more commonly known as Kan-I Help. This online database contains information about government agencies, human services, and non-profit organizations.

Additionally, the updated Kan-I Help website was launched in January 2020 with the newly simplified domain name, kanihelp.org. Beginning in 2018, with funding from Project SUN, plans were set in motion to update the database contents and redesign the website. A Kan-I Help Ad-Hoc Committee was formed in May 2020 to begin a conversation about Kan-I Help's long-term sustainability. The discussion included the potential of transferring Kan-I Help's stewardship from the Pledge for Life Partnership (PfL) to CFKRV.

This option was approved by the Pledge for Life Board of Directors in August and by the CFKRV Board of Directors at their September meeting. PfL used Kan-I Help's fund balance of \$40,876.37 to establish an Endowment Fund with the CFKRV, finalizing the transfer in September 2020.



Explore local resources



Grants Awarded 2020

Bonfield EUMC Pass Through Fund

Bonfield EUMC

Bradley House Purchase

Wright in Kankakee

Communityworks Endowment Fund

Bishop McNamara Catholic School
Blessings in a Backpack
Bourbonnais Township Park District
Bradley Public Library District
Central Citizen's Library District
Child Network
Coalition for Hope Excellence Education Fund
Harbor House
Herscher CUSD #2
Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation
Ironclad – BBCHS Robotics
Iroquois Mental Health Center
Kankakee Area Career Center
Kankakee Area YMCA
Kankakee Community College
Kankakee County Health Department
Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission
LoveALatte Coffee Treats and Sweet Eats
Pledge for Life Partnership
Potawatomi Paddlers Association
Riverfront Trail Fund
Success by Six Fund-Iroquois
Success by Six Fund-Kankakee
Uplifted Care – Hospice of Kankakee Valley
Wright in Kankakee
Tyjuan Hagler Foundation

Community Development Fund

Wright in Kankakee

Community Stewardship Fund

Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
Riverside Healthcare Foundation

Emergency Response Fund

A More Excellent Way Ministries*
Bourbonnais Elementary District 53
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet*
Compassionate Ministries Center of Hope*
Easterseals – Joliet Region*
Fortitude Community Outreach
Good Shepherd Manor
Harbor House*
Iroquois County Public Health Department
Kankakee Area YMCA*
Kankakee County Community Services*
Kankakee School District 111
Kankakee Youth Intervention Agency
Living Alternative Pregnancy Resource Center*
Northern Illinois Food Bank*
Nexus, Indian Oaks Academy
Nexus - Onarga Academy
Pembroke Public Library

Run A Way Buckers Club*
Safe Families for Children Alliance
South Pointe Youth for Christ
Spanish Community Center
Spirit of the Sol Inc NFP
St John United Church of Christ
The Baby Fold
The Breadbasket Food Pantry
The Helen Wheeler Center
The Salvation Army of Kankakee County
Thresholds
Volunteer Services of Iroquois County
YWCA of Kankakee

**indicates organization was a recipient of multiple rounds of funding*

Florence B. McMullen Fund

Kankakee Community College Foundation

Kankakee Development Fund

Kankakee Development Corporation

River Conservation Fund

Riverfront Trail Fund

Rosie Fund Grants

Adventure Christian Church
Clove Alliance
Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center
The Salvation Army of Kankakee County

Wright in Kankakee Fund

Wright in Kankakee

Donor Advised Grants 2020

Bridgewater Fund

Emergency Response Fund
Riverside Healthcare Foundation

Dennis and Georgia Hess Fund

Boy Scouts of America
Good Shepherd Manor
Kankakee Area YMCA
Kankakee Community College Foundation
Kankakee County Training Center for Disabled
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Marco Lutheran Church
Olivet Nazarene University
Riverside Healthcare Foundation
St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties
Uplifted Care – Hospice of Kankakee Valley
Wright in Kankakee

Robert K. Dunn Charitable Trust Fund

Child Network
Clove Alliance
Kankakee Jaycees Little League Organization
Northern Illinois Food Bank
The Helen Wheeler Center

Scholarships Awarded in 2020

Albert A & Elizabeth Wheeler

Mau Memorial Scholarship

Kaylyn Marie Bauer

African American Civic Leaders Scholarship

Curtis Smith Jr

De'Asia Love

Janae Fleming

Joe Martin

KeMia Smith

Caitlin Poppie Memorial Scholarship

Lydia Colleen Huizenga

Do It Stevie's Way Foundation

Allison Moore

Callie Vickery

Conner Charles John Settles

Elizabeth A Latino

Hayley L Sexton

Jude Pommier

KeMia Smith

Reid Thomas Busick

Diane & Dr. Jeff Long Health Related Scholarship

Olivia Ann Ruder

Dr. Lawrence T Jacobson

Leadership Memorial Scholarship

Luke Michael Whalen

Erica Lynn Paulissen Memorial Scholarship

KeMia Smith

Mason Todd Robinson

Herscher Athletic Booster Club Award

Jack Holohan

Madysen Lynn Rogers

Herscher FFA Alumni

Foundation Scholarship

Kaylyn Marie Bauer

Kyle William Masching

H.H.S. Alumni Association Scholarship

Bianca Abigail Berns

Makayla Danielle Perry

H.H.S. Music Boosters Scholarship

Audrey Renee Hopper

Grace A Keller

Lillian Marie Nelson

H.H.S. Sports Fan Scholarship

Benjamin Koranda

Emily Hubert

Mason Todd Robinson

Zoie Madison Hastings

Herscher Senior of the Month Scholarship

Delanie Rose Fay

Emma Koerner

Grant Dean Goytia

Kaylyn Marie Bauer

LeighAnn McCasland

Olivia Ann Ruder

Olivia DeLong

Pahton Cordes

Herscher Lions Club Scholarship

Luke Michael Whalen

Olivia Ann Ruder

Kent Weakley Creative Scholarship

Jacob Schultz

Marlow Zehr Scholarship

Morgan Schnurr

Randy Lehnus Vocational Scholarship

Kaylyn Marie Bauer

Rich Jensen Scholarship

Joshua Kersten

Robert & Thelma Webber Scholarship

Grant Dean Goytia

Stacy & Chris Skarstad

Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia Lorena Perez

Tim Orwig Memorial Scholarship

Anna Elizabeth Cotter

Caleb William Fleischauer

U2CT Unit 2 Teachers

Memorial Scholarship

Olivia DeLong

U2CT Unit 2 Teachers & Staff

Scholarship

Cynthia Lorena Perez

Delanie Rose Fay

Emily Hubert

Luke Michael Whalen

Madysen Lynn Rogers



October 2020 fundraiser held by Kankakee County Dairy Queen Stores which raised a total of \$5,299 (including a matching \$2,500 from the Paulissen Family) for the Erica Lynn Paulissen Memorial Scholarship.

Let's Get Virtual!

The annual Spring grant cycle consisting of the Communityworks and Rosie Fund grants kicked off in January of 2020 and due to the pandemic, the process was a bit different this past year. Usually, the recipients are announced at the Annual Luncheon where the community gets to hear about all the wonderful programs that will be hosted throughout the year.

Sadly, our Annual Luncheon was cancelled like many events that were never held last year. Instead of a big announcement at the Annual Luncheon, grantees submitted videos about their projects which were shared on social media for donors and the community to see. Despite the last-minute changes to the typical routine, the Board of Directors, with guidance of the grants committee, awarded \$80,000 to 21 deserving organizations along with \$20,000 to support Community Foundation programs from the Communityworks Endowment Fund. Additionally, five organizations received a total of \$5,000 in Rosie Fund Grants.

The pandemic did not just affect how grantees were announced, but many had to adapt to the new virtual and socially distanced world of 2020. As some programs had to be canceled and postponed, some of our partner nonprofits were able to launch their programs despite the challenges. Many programs were adapted to be held virtually. For example, Bradley Public Library created at home play-based learning kits for children to use while the library's doors were closed. Trainings held by Child Network for Court Appointed Special Advocates were moved to online and Harbor House offered virtual counseling for youth experiencing trauma.

Even virtually, the Community Foundation still wants to share how we are growing together with the community! The Annual Luncheon needed to be adapted this year to simply an Annual Meeting, held via zoom. The 2021 Communityworks and Rosie Fund grant recipients will be announced, and grantees will get to share details of their programs for the upcoming year. If all goes well, next year we will all be together under one roof again and get the face to face interaction, and great food we all enjoy at the Annual Luncheon!



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2020-2021 Board of Directors

Nick Allen
Arlene Bartolini
Nick Bufford
Jose da Silva
Nina Epstein
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Jake Lee, *Secretary*
Neeley Regas
Kerstin Rust
Karin Sailor
James Tungate
Jeff Williamson, *Chair-Elect*
Lisa Wogan

Grant and Scholarship Cycles

Spring

🌻 **Communityworks Endowment Fund**

🌻 **Rosie Fund**

Applications open January through March

Fall

🍁 **Robert K. Dunn Perpetual Trust Fund**

Applications open August through September

🍁 **Universal Applications for Scholarships**

Applications open November through March

🍁 **Community Stewardship Fund**



Communityworks Grant Recipient Bradley Public Library *Explore it! Play Based Learning*

Children benefit from play based learning with the help of visual stimulation. Conversation and observations are a natural consequence when interacting with the tools provided. This grant allowed play-based learning to reach over 200 children and provided social distanced learning kits for children at home.



Communityworks Grant Recipient Love A Latte

With help of the Communityworks Grant, they were able to purchase a mobile coffee trailer which made its debut at the 2020 Kankakee Farmers' Market.

Emergency Response Grant Recipient Safe Families This organization provides safe interactions, communications and connections for those families going through difficult situations that need assistance. Pictured is Angelina and her host Bry. This grant was able to provide a safe car seats, clothing, diapers, wipes other essentials for children like Angelina while placed with their host families.



Run A Way Buckers Club: Funded through Kankakee County Health Department with a Communityworks 2020 grant, and recipient of multiple COVID-19 Community Response Fund Grants. Run A Way Buckers Club works to create sustainable agricultural systems to grow and harvest healthy produce boxes for families and partnering nonprofits in Pembroke Township.



Legacy Society

Members of the Legacy Society are dedicated to enriching Kankakee and Iroquois Counties by pledging \$5,000 or more over a five-year period to Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley. They also introduce friends and colleagues to CFKRV, its mission, and its programs. To learn more about becoming a member of the Legacy Society, call **(815) 939-1611**.

PLATINUM - \$250,000 +

Jim & Betty Bridgewater*
Jack & Gretchen Charlton
Robert Dunn Charitable Trust
Grand Victoria Foundation
Illinois Children's
Healthcare Foundation
Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund
Norm & Janice Strasma
United Way of Kankakee
& Iroquois Counties*

GOLD - \$100,000

John Azzarelli Memorial Fund
Dennis & Georgia Hess*
Marty Whalen & Kathleen Kennedy
Jean Thomas

DIAMOND - \$50,000

Trudy Dickinson
William & Patricia Schatz*
Mrs. Burrell Small

SILVER - \$25,000

AT&T
Gaines & Sharon Hall
Kankakee River Bike Club
Mark & Karen Strasma-Koenig Family
Peoples Bank of Kankakee County
Pledge For Life Partnership
PNC Bank
Spikeball Inc.
Jan & Jane Strasma
Bob & Jenni Worth

BRONZE - \$20,000

HomeStar Bank
Julie & David Belan*
Kankakee Public Library

SAPPHIRE - \$15,000

Kay & Don Green,
Susan Green Lopez
and Steven Green*
Debbie Halvorson
Alex Panozzo
Carol Shidler

RUBY - \$10,000

Roger & Nancy Benson
Paul & Donna Cardosi
Comcast Cable
Economic Alliance of Kankakee
County
First Trust Bank
Kankakee County
Chamber of Commerce
Kankakee Valley Park District
Foundation
Midland States Bank
Steve & Carey Ortman
Jeffrey & Deborah Paulissen
Security Lumber
Grundy Livingston Kankakee
Workforce Board
Zonta Club of Kankakee

EMERALD - \$7,500

Lynn Ahlden
Adrienne Albrecht
Robert & Linda Bohlmann
Bill & Barbara Herzog
Larry & Mardene Hinton
Mrs. Edgar Johnson
Dr. Merl & Jean Parlin
Potawatami Paddlers Association
Roy & Gretchen Rauschenberg

LEGACY - \$5,000

Amita St. Mary's Foundation
Anonymous
BASF Corporation
Bourbonnais Township
Park District
Jim Jr. & Mary Bridgewater
Craig & Kathy Copper
Dr. David & Pam Debono
Dow Chemical Company
EDF Renewable Energy
Joe & Mary Franco
Scott & Linda Franco
Herscher Area Historical Society
Sean & Mimi Hogan
Terry & Mary Jo Johnston
Kankakee Community College

Kankakee County
Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
Dr. Thomas & Jane Koehler
Karl Kruse
Bill & Mary Lucek
Rick & Patti Manuel
Blair & Debra Minton
Noble Stores, LLC
Ron & Jane Randall
Dr. Richard & Carolyn Ray
Riverside Medical Center
Dr. Jim & JoAnne Schwade
Richard & Janice Simms
Steve & Kathryn Smith
Paul & Val Snellenberger
Brian & Kristina Thomas

SPONSOR - \$1,000

ABM Commercial Flooring
Kim Alberts
Ken & Alice Allers
AMITA Health -
St. Mary's Hospital
Anonymous
Aqua Illinois
Connie Ashline
Harry & Debbie Bond
Arlene Bartolini
Dennis & Debra Baron
Karen Blatter- Schieler
Dr. Syed Saeed
& Rubia Bokhari
Rita Bowsher
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