

The Essential Piece



2017 Annual Report



Connecting people who care with causes that matter since 1982





Vision

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

Mission

The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley is a vehicle for charitable giving that builds substantial endowment funds for the community by bringing together individuals and organizations to identify relevant issues, needs, and grant opportunities.

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 nonprofit organizations that serve members who reside in the communities of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties
- Convening concerned individuals to shape flexible responses to the changing needs of our communities.

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Dear friends,

As we celebrated our 35th anniversary in 2017, one thing remained true – collaboration is key to the success of improving the quality of life in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. You can view collaboration as a puzzle ... many pieces coming together to create something beautiful.

The theme for the 2017 annual report and this year's awards luncheon is The Essential Piece ... YOU!

In other words, YOU – our communities – are the essential piece of our puzzle. Everything we do, all the challenges we pursue, the many initiatives we consider and bring to life are all done for YOU – for the health and well-being of our community.

Likewise, YOU are also the important piece to our community's future. Without your financial support and volunteer efforts, CFKRV could not and would not exist and grow.

There is no missing piece to CFKRV's puzzle. It's YOU!

Nicole Smolkovich, Executive Director



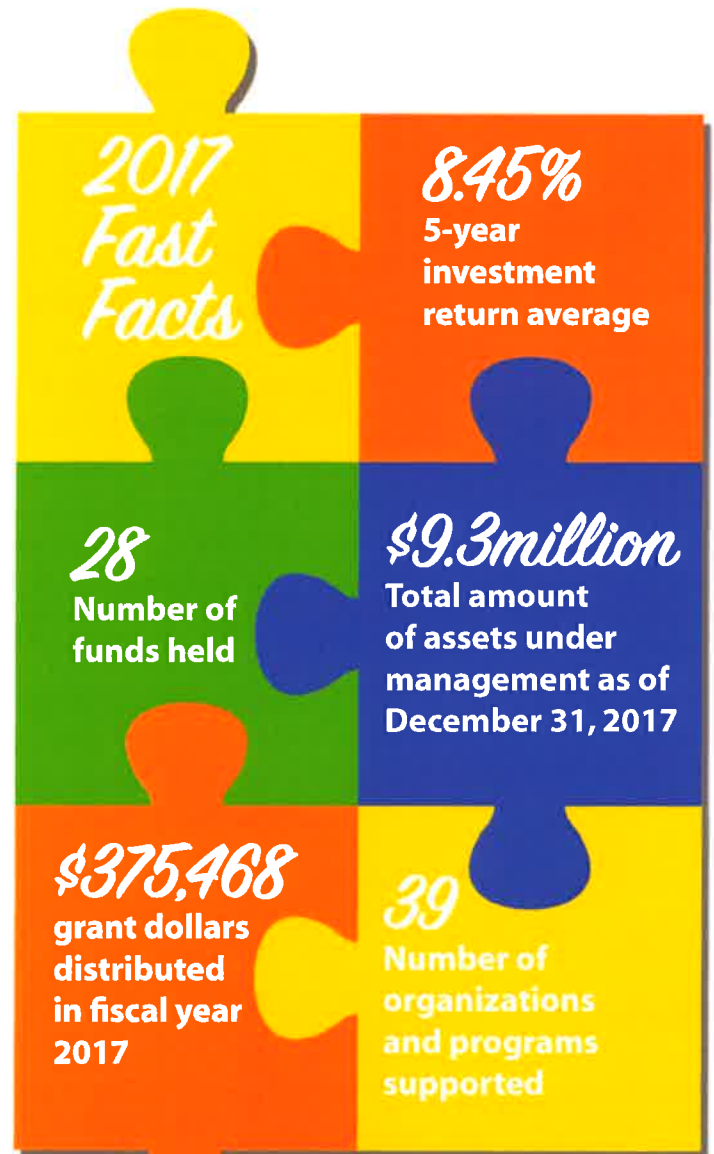
Healthy Heroes, Healthy Leaders

A Note from Nicole Smolkovich

I would like to thank Matt McBurnie and Matt McAllister from Riverside Healthcare for connecting the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley with the Healthy Heroes program. It fits beautifully with our mission to identify and understand community issues by bringing organizations and companies together.

Today, with a Community Stewardship Grant for \$25,000, the Community Foundation is a proud partner in the Healthy Heroes program. This partnership has already saved hundreds of lives and will save countless more.

Riverside Healthcare launched the program after Sheriff's Deputy Zeb Pfeiffer died from a heart attack, the result of an undiagnosed medical condition. The goal of the program is to screen local police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and even teachers for underlying health issues and to provide valuable information for lifestyle adjustments.



Memorials

Rebecca Schatz

To Honor Causes Close to Her Heart

In 2017, the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley received a memorial fund to honor the life of Rebecca Schatz, specifically her love for the arts and nonprofit organizations.

Her family created the Rebecca Schatz Memorial Fund after she passed away in December 2016 in an automobile accident. Rebecca had a “servant’s heart” and was known for giving selflessly to others.



Dave King

His Love Of Music Plays On

Dave King was passionate for the people in his life, but his greatest love was music. As co-owner of King Music in Bradley, Dave brought music into the lives of countless individuals of all ages and abilities in this community and beyond.

In 2017, upon Dave’s passing, his loving family established the Dave King Memorial Music Fund at the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley. Their hope is to share and bring Dave’s love of music to future generations in need.



To learn how you can include the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley in your will and other giving methods, please call 815-939-1611.

Community Impact

At the 2017 Annual Awards Luncheon, the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley set new precedents with grants and gifts.

- Relaunch of the WorkKankakee.org website through a partnership with the Economic Alliance and the Grundy, Livingston, Kankakee Workforce Board
- A \$25,000 grant for the Healthy Heroes program, established by Riverside Healthcare to provide health and wellness screenings to 500 police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and teachers
- Over \$76,000 in grants to support programs in early childhood education, land use and protection, and work force development



Celebration Recognizes Community Works

The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley hosted its 35th anniversary celebration in November 2017. In addition to recognizing community impact, the Foundation presented the first Hometown Honor award to Brigadier General Tom Draude, a graduate of St. Patrick Central High School in Kankakee.

Described as an inspirational leader, Draude's distinctive military career as a United States Marine included several tours in Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Desert Shield. He received two Distinguished Service Medals, two Silver Star Medals, and a Purple Heart Medal, in addition to seven other commendations.

Nicole Smolkovich, executive director of CFKRV, noted that Draude was selected for the award because "we want young people from our community to know that many Kankakee-area residents go on to achieve great things."



2017 Grants CommunityWorks Fund: \$78,428

BBCHS Ironclad
Bishop McNamara
Catholic Schools
Bourbonnais Township Park
District: Exploration Station
Camp Shaw-Waw-Nas-See
Central Citizens' Library District
Child Care Resource and
Referral
Dennis J. Smith Legacy
Foundation
EnterpriseU
GiGi's Playhouse, Bradley
Herscher CUSD2
House Painter Media
Iroquois Mental Health Center
Kankakee Community College:
Baby Talk
Limestone Township Library
District
Merchant Street Art Gallery of
Artists with Autism
Onarga Academy
Pledge for Life Partnership
RENEWED Opportunity
Success by 6
Wright in Kankakee

Preparing Children for Success in School and Life

Success by 6, an early childhood initiative co-funded by the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley and United Way, received an Early Development Instrument (EDI) grant in 2016. The EDI provides information about health, development, and readiness to help community partners improve services to prepare children for success in school and in life.

Last year, the data revealed that children in Kankakee, Bradley, and Bourbonnais are struggling in social competence and emotional maturity. Through community partnerships, the Success by 6 coalition is using this data to implement programs to help children grow in these areas.



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2017	2016
Current Assets:		
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$.. 71,482	\$.. 72,424
Investments	9,042,354	7,806,682
Total Current Assets	9,113,836	7,879,106
FIXED ASSETS		
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	\$ 9,391,883	\$ 8,157,153
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities	\$.. 1,916	\$.. 297
Total Current Liabilities	1,916	297
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Funds	859,628	601,828
Temporarily Restricted Funds	1,779,441	894,588
Permanently Restricted Funds	6,750,898	6,660,440
Total Net Assets	9,389,967	8,156,856
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 9,391,883	\$ 8,157,153

Statement of Revenue and Expense

REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$.. 211,437	\$.. 732,334
Grants	235,970	56,800
Investment Income	174,021	150,720
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	259,045	138,433
Unrealized Gain on Investments	955,846	93,056
Administrative Fees Collected	57,729	44,829
Total Revenue and Support	1,894,048	1,216,172
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	\$.. 285,469	\$.. 267,811
Charitable Disbursements (Grants)	375,468	250,850
.....	660,937	518,661
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,233,111	\$.. 697,511
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	8,156,856	7,459,345
Net Assets- End of Year	\$ 9,389,967	\$ 8,156,856

Full Audited Financial Statements available in the Foundation Office



2017 Beneficiaries of Our Grants

Bourbonnais Township Park District

For preservation of open space, development of park and recreational programs, and support for the Exploration Station, Recreation Station, and Willowhaven Interpretive Center

Community Stewardship

For pertinent community needs

Community Development Fund

For charitable and educational pursuits

CommunityWorks

For land use and protection, workforce development, and early childhood education projects

Fine Arts

For creative programs in dance, music, painting, sculpture, and theater

Helen Wheeler Center for Community Health

For services to the community

Hospice of Kankakee Valley – Special Wish

For special projects that improve the quality of life for patients and their families

Kankakee Area YMCA

For youth activities and programs

Kankakee County Museum

For educational programs and community presentations

Kankakee Development Corporation Fund

For educational and commercial projects

Kankakee Public Library

For special projects

Kankakee Valley Park District

For capital projects to enhance parks, educational grants, and grants for families in need of recreational services

Operating Endowment

For annual administrative expenses of the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley

River Valley Conservation

For projects by organizations dedicated to protect the Kankakee River system, conservation of natural resources and natural species, and enhanced use and appreciation of the Kankakee River

Rosie Fund

For nonprofit agency projects that support unmet needs of women not covered by standard programs

United Way of Kankakee County

For community collaborative efforts, program funding, and mobilization of volunteers

Wright in Kankakee

For operational expenses of the B. Harley Bradley House and educational projects

Zonta Club of Kankakee

For opportunities and programs that improve the legal, economic, and professional status of women in Kankakee County



**2017
Grants**

**Community Foundation Programs Funded Through
CommunityWorks: \$20,000**

Enterprise U
Success by 6, Iroquois County
Success by 6, Kankakee County
Wright in Kankakee

Community Stewardship Fund: \$2,500

All Children Shall Have Shoes Project
United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties

Community Development Fund: \$20,000

Riverfront Trail Connection
Wright in Kankakee

**Hospice of Kankakee Valley –
Special Wish Fund: \$715**

Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Kankakee Development Fund: \$6,600

Kankakee Development Corporation

Rosie Fund: \$3,320

Kankakee County Coalition Against Domestic
Violence/Harbor House
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault

2017

Donor-Advised Funds

Jim and Betty Bridgewater Family Charitable Fund

Animal Rescue Foundation
Riverside HealthCare Foundation
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Youth for Christ



Dennis and Georgia Hess Fund

Boy Scouts of America – Rainbow Council
Friends of Marco Island Flotilla 9-5 Inc.
Good Shepherd Manor
Kankakee Area YMCA
Kankakee Community College Foundation
Kankakee County Training Center
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Olivet Nazarene University Foundation
Presence St. Mary's Hospital Foundation
Riverside HealthCare Foundation
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Starfish Family Homes
United Way of Kankakee County
Wright in Kankakee

2017

Scholarships

John Locke Charitable Fund

Holly Anderson
Tyler Fisher
Jenna Howard
Kelly Rudin
Konner Simpson
Hollie Thompson

Women in Networking

Jena Jones



Legacy Society

Legacy Society members are dedicated to enhancing and enriching the communities and environment within Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. To do so, they pledge \$5,000 or more over a five-year period (in one or additional payments). They also contribute by introducing friends and colleagues to the Community Foundation, its mission, and programs.

To learn more, call 815-939-1611.

PLATINUM - \$250,000 +

Jim and Betty Bridgewater*
Jack and Gretchen Charlton
Robert Dunn Charitable Trust
Grand Victoria Foundation
Norm and Janice Strasma
United Way of Kankakee and
Iroquois Counties*

GOLD - \$100,000

John Azzarelli Memorial Fund
Dennis and Georgia Hess*
Marty Whalen and Kathleen
Kennedy

DIAMOND - \$50,000

Trudy Dickinson
Mrs. Burrell Small

SILVER - \$25,000

AT&T
Gaines and Sharon Hall
Kankakee River Bike Club
Mark and Karen Strasma-Koenig
Family
PNC Bank
Jan and Jane Strasma
Bob and Jenni Worth

BRONZE - \$20,000

HomeStar Bank
Kankakee Public Library
Peoples Bank of Kankakee County

SAPPHIRE - \$15,000

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

RUBY - \$10,000

Julie Belan*
Roger and Nancy Benson
Paul and Donna Cardosi
Centrue Bank
Comcast Cable
Economic Alliance of Kankakee
County
Kankakee County Chamber of
Commerce
Kankakee Valley Park District
Foundation
Steve and Carey Ortman
William and Patricia Schatz*
Security Lumber
Workforce Board
Zonta Club of Kankakee

EMERALD - \$7,500

Lynn Ahlden
First Trust Bank
Bill and Barbara Herzog
Larry and Mardene Hinton
Mrs. Edgar Johnson
Dr. Merl and Jean Parlin
Roy and Gretchen Rauschenberg
Jean Thomas

LEGACY - \$5,000

Anonymous
BASF Corporation
Bourbonnais Township Park
District
Jim Jr. and Mary Bridgewater
Craig and Kathy Copper
Dr. David and Pam Debono
Dow Chemical Company
EDF Renewable Energy
Joe and Mary Franco
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Sean and Mimi Hogan
Terry and Mary Jo Johnston
Kankakee Community College
Kankakee County
Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
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Karl Kruse
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SPONSOR - \$1,000

ABM Commercial Flooring
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Ken and Alice Allers
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Aqua Illinois
Harry and Debbie Bond
Arlene Bartolini
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Rita Bowsher
Dr. Tom and Ann Brezinski
Michael Bruner
Mary Elise Burnett
Jim Bush
Marilyn Campbell Rashkin
Peggy Carlson
Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home
Kate Cloonen
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CommonWealth Credit Union
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First American Bank
For Goodness Sake Productions
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Laurel Gadbois
Bill and Merikay Gilmore
Joe and Claire Gregoire
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Schmidt
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Raedelle Hall

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Preserve District
Kankakee Valley Park District
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Earl and Relda Kelly
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Madison Koenig
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Dotty Lagesse
Beth LaPlante
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Deborah Sutherland
Melissa Tanner
Sylvia Thomas
Mary Thomson
Bill and Betsy Torman
Dave and Gigi Tyson
Mike and Areca Van Mill
Village of Bourbonnais
Village of Bradley
Vennis and Emlyn Voges
Volkman Jewelers
Wes and Connie Walker
WVLI/WIVR Broadcasting
Dennis and Terry Yohnka
Joe and Sandra Yurgine
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