2018 Annual Report

Community Foundation
Of Kankakee River Valley

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
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 non-profit 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.

Dear friends,
Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley marked its 36th anniversary in 2018. While so much has changed over the years, one essential piece remains the same and stronger than ever … YOU. Everything we pursue, initiate, and repeat focuses on YOU as the very heart and soul of our commYOUity.

Last year, CFKRV received a grant from the Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation to establish a sustainable children’s mental health system of care. We embrace their vision that every child in this state deserves the opportunity and the right to grow up healthy.

With the leadership of Deb Baron, our program, PROJECT SUN, will create and launch a mental health system of care for children and families, integrating local educational, medical, and health organizations. We must have the capacity to prevent, identify, and treat children at risk for or with mental illness. PROJECT SUN will strive to ensure that our children have seamless and nonjudgmental access to the adults and services they need when their environments threaten them with harm, cruelty, or pain.

YOU are the most important piece of our commYOUity’s future. Your support and volunteer efforts are the keys to the long-lasting health and emotional well-being of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. Thank YOU.

Nicole Smolkovich, Executive Director

Cover: Kate Dole and Ava Brockell
If you build it, they will come. To the Grant Park Foundation, this line is more than a sentiment from a movie. It’s a mantra to beautify their village. And that vision is focused on creating a lush park blooming with perennials and plants – even insects! – for everyone to enjoy.

The project, Pollinators in the Park, began with a large expanse of land that had sparse perennials and few, if any, butterflies, bees, and insects. With a grant from Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, the park’s volunteers added pockets of flourishing natural plants that have actively attracted insect pollinators and spawned educational and work programs for the community.

“Our goal was to provide an ecologically sustainable area in Grant Park to serve as a naturally beautiful place of fun and learning as well,” commented Debra L. Morgan, president of GPF.

“With the addition of the plants, pollinators have flocked to the gardens and are breeding; we have had more visitors than ever; and the park’s beauty has become a gorgeous backdrop for photos and special occasions.”

Not only are coneflowers blowing in the wind and monarchs fluttering here and there, but children and students are enjoying programs like Beat the Blahs and the G Park Rangers.

There’s even a butterfly-shaped bench and other ornamental interest points to highlight the picture-perfect park!
Real Life Experiences + Career Exploration = STEM

Tracey Valant, Math Teacher/Robotics Advisor, Zachary Curtis, Noelle Yartz

Ask the high school students and teachers at Bishop McNamara Catholic School if science, technology, engineering, and math are fun, and you’ll get a resounding YES!

With a grant from Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley in 2018, BMCS added computer coding and programming academics to the Robotics Club of its STEM program.

Areca Van Mill, director of advancement at BMCS, notes, “Our Robotics Club reaches out to students with an extracurricular program that meets their needs academically while preparing them for competitive college programs and for the community job force.”

The club’s two teams (30 students) use STEM to create and build “bots” – mechanics that address real life issues and solve problems. Then, they enter competitions with other high schools to share their creations.

Grant Wheeler, a freshman, played a key role in the launch of BMCS’ competitive Robotics Team. “STEM has helped me understand the importance of goals and staying focused on them,” he says. These attributes will be invaluable as he prepares for a career as a nuclear engineer for the United States Navy.

Connor Curtis led the Robotics Club Build Group, using his academic knowledge and personal skills to communicate with students at all grade levels. “Everyone’s input is instrumental to the success of our creations.” His professional plans include coding, engineering, and architecture.

The CFKRV grant funded the first phase of BMCS’ STEM initiative. Subsequent phases include programs for the school’s elementary students.

Ben Clark and Grant Wheeler

Kyra Williams, Ricardo Valtierra, Connor Curtis, and Jacob Godin
Stories That End
With a New Beginning

Late one night, Sally snuck out of a bedroom window with nothing more than the clothes on her back. She scaled a fence and fled to Harbor House. It was the most important and courageous thing she has ever done. And it saved her life.

Sally was fleeing a long domestic relationship of emotional and physical abuse. Thanks to Harbor House and entities like the Rosie Fund, she began her healing process in a supportive community of other survivors, staff, and counselors.

That healing process included bus tokens so that Sally could travel to the courthouse to seek legal freedom from her abuser, to doctor’s appointments for medical treatment, and to job interviews to rebuild her life.

“Thanks to the Rosie Fund and Harbor House, Sally learned she did not deserve or cause the abuse she endured. By liberating herself from her abuser’s power and control, she learned that she is a valued and special person. Today, she lives independently and works at a place she loves where she is a light to others,” wrote Jenny Schoenwetter, Harbor House/Kankakee County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Rosie Fund Grant, supported by Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, assisted 100 other clients like Sally in 2018 with access to necessities so needed for them to move beyond their abusers’ sphere of influence.

Without the Rosie Fund, Sally’s story and so many others like hers would be different today. The Rosie Fund empowers women like Sally to break and live free from abuse and to become productive and contributing members of society.

Rosie Fund Grant: 2018 Review

$546
Cell phones and minute cards to replace ones abusers kept or broke

$480
Bus tokens for local transportation to court, interviews, jobs, and appointments

$218
Vehicle repairs so clients could work, attend appointments, and seek job training

$191
Clothing

$116
Bus transportation for clients fleeing the area

$109
Repairs and replacement of home locks and keys
## Statement of Financial Position

### ASSETS

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## Statement of Revenue and Expense

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*Full Audited Financial Statements available in the Foundation Office*
New and Unique Funding Ideas

Keep Our History Alive
In 2018, the Herscher Area Historical Society launched a designated fund with Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley to support the village’s museum and treasured gem, the Anderson House. Funds are being used to preserve the museum and to support activities.

Last year, Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church initiated a “pass-through” fund with CFKRV to accept gifts of stock that are subsequently converted to cash and returned to the church. These funds are used to support parish needs.

Funds

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church
To support parish needs

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

Herscher Area Historical Society
To support the village’s museum and activities

Hospice of Kankakee Valley – Special Wish
For special wishes 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 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 non-profit agency projects that support unmet needs of women not covered by standard programs

United Way of Kankakee County
For collaborative efforts, program funding, and mobilization of volunteers

United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties
Endowment fund for the benefit of Iroquois County

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

Grants
Community Foundation Programs Funded Through CommunityWorks: $27,800
Riverfront Trailways
WorkKankakee.org
Wright in Kankakee

Community Stewardship: $19,000
City of Watseka
Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
Northern Illinois Food Bank
Riverside Healthcare Foundation
Village of Bourbonnais

CommunityWorks: $72,762
BCHS Ironclad
Bishop McNamara Catholic School
Blessings in a Backpack
Bourbonnais Township Park District – Exploration Station… a children’s museum
Bradley Public Library District
Central Citizens’ Library District
Child Care Resource & Referral
GiGi’s Playhouse Bradley
Grant Park Foundation

Herscher CUSD #2
Iroquois Mental Health Center
Iroquois West CUSD #10
Kankakee Area Career Center
Kankakee Community College
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault
Kankakee County Health Department
Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission
Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District
Kankakee School District 111
Manteno Public Library
Onarga Academy
Pledge for Life Partnership
The Helen Wheeler Center

Hospice of Kankakee Valley - Special Wish Fund: $5,278
Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Kankakee Area YMCA: $6,000
Programs

Kankakee Development Fund: $3,000
Kankakee Development Corporation

River Conservation Fund: $1,000
Riverfront Trailways Fund

Rosie Fund: $5,000
Harbor House
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault

Wright In Kankakee: $50,000
Wright In Kankakee

Zonta Club of Kankakee: $5,000
Harbor House
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault
Donor-Advised Funds

Bridgewater Family Charitable Fund
Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children
Glendale Firefighters Charities Corporation

Dennis & Georgia Hess Fund
Boy Scouts of America, Rainbow Council
Good Shepherd Manor Foundation
Hospice of Kankakee Valley
Kankakee Area YMCA
Kankakee Community College Foundation
Kankakee County Training Center for the Disabled, Inc
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Marco Lutheran Church
Nexus, Indian Oaks Academy
Olivet Nazarene University
Riverside Healthcare Foundation
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church & School
United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties
Wright In Kankakee

Scholarships

African American Civic Leaders
Breia Barry-White
Jarred Fulford
Tywan Hollis
Jaylin Schreiner

John Locke
Andrew Boudreau
Daniel Chang
Megan Lanie
Gabrielle Palan
Cade Turro
Gavin Zimbleman

Florence B. McMullen Memorial Fund
Kankakee Community College Foundation

Rebecca Schatz Memorial Fund
ARC of Iroquois County
Women in Networking
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 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*
- Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation
- Marty Whalen and Kathleen Kennedy

**DIAMOND - $50,000**
- Trudy Dickinson
- Mrs. Burrell Small
- Jean Thomas

**SILVER - $25,000**
- AT&T
- Gaines and Sharon Hall
- Kankakee River Bike Club
- Mark and Karen Strasma-Koenig Family
- PNC Bank
- William and Patricia Schatz*
- 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
- Comcast Cable
- Economic Alliance of Kankakee County
- Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce
- Kankakee Valley Park District Foundation
- Midland States Bank
- Steve and Carey Ortman
- Security Lumber
- Workforce Board
- Zonta Club of Kankakee

**EMERALD - $7,500**
- Lynn Ahlden
- First Trust Bank
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- Larry and Mardene Hinton
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- Dr. Merl and Jean Parlin
- Roy and Gretchen Rauschenberg

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- Amita St. Mary’s Foundation
- 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
- Scott and Linda Franco
- Herscher Area Historical Society
- Sean and Mimi Hogan
- Terry and Mary Jo Johnston
- Kankakee Community College
- Kankakee County
- Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
- Dr. Thomas and Jane Koehler
- Karl Kruse
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- Ron and Jane Randall
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- Brian and Kristina Thomas

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Bob and Sandy Hoekstra
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Michael and Elaine Holtzman
Carol Hoover
Gwen Hopkins
Wayne and Diane Hove
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Maureen James
Jeff and Amy Jarvis
Jimmy and Mileen Joines
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Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District
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Kankakee Valley Park District
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Princess Onarga Questers
Yolanda Rahman
Dr. Renuka Ramakrishna
Robert Rashkin
Dennis and Cindi Reddish
Riverside Medical Center
Ron and Lolita Romano
Shirley Roth
Lisa Sanford
Tim and Karen Schmidt
Mary Self
Diane Smolkovich
Joe and Nicole Smolkovich
Standard Title Guaranty
Celia Stoltz
Deborah Sutherland
Melissa Tanner
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Mary Thomson
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Village of Bourbonnais
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Joe and Sandra Yurgine
Karen Zander

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