



2019 Annual Report



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 of our communities.

Dear friends,



I am proud to finally share the 2019 Annual Report for Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley with you. So much has changed since we began this report at the start of 2020. Who would have thought the dawn of a new year would have such a voracious impact on the delivery of this document.

But, as they say, better late than never!

Last year, CFKRV pursued a variety of initiatives to benefit the diverse sectors of our comm**YOU**nity. Our achievements demonstrate the undeniable value of your generosity for the education, health, and wellbeing of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. Thank **YOU**!

Let me share a few of our most notable successes.

 CFKRV partnered with Herscher High School to create a universal scholarship application for high school students. By investing in scholarship software that integrated with the systems already in place, students can now complete applications electronically, and CFKRV can review all applications online. The entire process is quicker and more accurate for everyone.

- We launched a monthly newsletter for members of our Navigator Society. The publication provides financial advisors with current news about charitable giving, and it offers talking points and direction to help them begin philanthropic conversations with their clients.
- With assistance from the family of Erica Lynn
 Paulissen, we created a scholarship in her honor.

 The scholarship awards \$500 each to two graduating high school seniors in Kankakee and Iroquois
 Counties. Erica was a 2016 graduate of Herscher High School and Kankakee Community College. Sadly, she lost her life in October 2019 in a hit-and-run collision.
- Throughout the year, CFKRV continued to work with the Economic Alliance, Kiwanis Club, United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, the Helen Wheeler Center, and other local partners to improve and strengthen the quality of life for all in our commYOUnities.

And, our work goes on! Without a doubt, **YOU** are the key and most important piece of our area's future. **YOU** are at the very heart of everything that CFKRV pursues and achieves. Thank **YOU**!

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Nicole Smolkovich, Executive Director



Organizations and programs supported





\$

* All as of December 31, 2019

\$10.1 million

Scholarships awarded

5-year average return on investments

Total amount of assets under management

A Beautiful Life Remembered Through Scholarship

To honor the legacy of Erica Lynn Paulissen, Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley is pleased to present annual \$500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

Erica was born in Kankakee and was a graduate of Herscher High School and Kankakee Community College. When her life was taken, she was attending Governors State University and was studying for dual degrees in accounting and finance. In addition, she was a full-time manager of a local Dairy Queen.

"To say she was a results-driven young woman would be an understatement," praised David Paulissen, Erica's uncle.

Erica dedicated her energy to developing a sense of pride and purpose that will continue to inspire through her scholarship. Her focus, maturity, warmth, and intelligence are all tributes to her legacy.



Erica Lynn PaulissenDecember 15, 1997—October 14, 2019

Donations to the Erica Lynn Paulissen Scholarship or to any CFKRV fund can be made online at cfkrv.org or sent to Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, 701 S. Harrison Avenue, Kankakee, IL 60901. To learn more, please contact Nicole Smolkovich, executive director of CFKRV, at (815) 933-1611

Our 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 and Excellence in Education Fund

To support workforce development

Community Development Fund

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

Community Stewardship Fund

To provide grants for ever-changing community needs

Communityworks Endowment Fund

To provide grants for projects that improve 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 Foundation Scholarship

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

Erica Lynn Paulissen Scholarship Fund

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 dance, music, painting, sculpture, and theater

Florence McMullen Fund

To support enhancement of workplace skills for women

Helen Wheeler Fund

To provide operating income for the agency that provides mental 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 for educational pursuits of seniors of Herscher High School. Subfunds: Albert A. and Elizabeth Wheeler Mau Memorial 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 Athletic Booster Club Award

Herscher FFA Alumni Foundation Scholarship

Herscher High School Alumni Association Scholarship Herscher High School Music Boosters Scholarship

Herscher High School Sports Fan Scholarship

Herscher Lions Club Scholarship Herscher Senior of the Month Scholarship

Kent Weakley Creative Scholarship Fund

Marlow Zehr Scholarship Fund Randy Lehnus Vocational Scholarship Rich Jensen Award

Robert and Thelma Webber Scholarship

Stacy and Chris Skarstad Memorial Scholarship

The Riley Family Vocational Scholarship

Tim Orwig Memorial Scholarship U2CT Unit 2 Teachers Memorial Scholarship U2CT Unit 2 Teachers & Staff

U2C1 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 Construction Fund

To support charitable organizations

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 Corporation 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 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 native species, 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 projects that preserve the Kankakee River

Robert K. Dunn Perpetual Charitable Fund

To support charitable, religious, scientific, and educational purposes and organizations in the Greater Kankakee River Valley Area

Rosie Fund

To benefit nonprofit agencies that assist women throughout 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

Undesignated Fund

To hold funds that have not been assigned

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 provide funding for the 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



Volunteers brewed up fall favorites at the Bourbonnais Scarecrow Fest.

Statement of Financial Position













ASSETS	20192018
Current Assets: Cash and Certificates of Deposit\$ 365 Investments	3,096 8,174,172
FIXED ASSETS Furniture and Equipment	9,926) (19,926)
OTHER ASSETS Property	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilites Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilites Total Current Liabilities 5	5,733 \$ 4,992
NET ASSETS Temporarily Restricted Funds	0,898 6,750,898
Total Liabilites and Net Assets \$ 10,186	5.330\$ 8.672.032

Statement of Revenue and Expense

REVENUE AND SUPPORT
Contributions
Grants
Investment Income
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments
Unrealized Gain on Investments
Administrative Fees Collected
Total Revenue and Support
EXPENSES
Operating Expenses
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It's Happening!

In November 2019, donors and community leaders attended the annual reception of CFKRV's Legacy Society to learn how their contributions were used to improve quality of life throughout Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

"When I became executive director of CFKRV in 2014, I wanted the foundation to expand its grant-making potential. I wanted to see agencies use endowed funds to improve programs and to grow fine arts initiatives. I'm proud and pleased to tell you that *it's happening*!" enthused Nicole Smolkovich.

Compared to the previous year, here are some of the many impressive highlights from 2019 that supported education, our environment, and well-being.

- Awarded over \$311,000 in grants
- Awarded over \$13,000 in scholarships
- Purchased software for an easier scholarship application process
- Achieved an investment return of 12.67% at the end of October 2019
 - Initiated a monthly newsletter for the Navigator Society

"Yes, we are grantmakers. But, more importantly, we are *changemakers*. With the funds that CFKRV grants, we bring new and better ways to enrich our community for everyone – enrichments that will last a lifetime," she noted.



Attending the 2019 Legacy Society reception were (left to right) Doug Jones, trustee for the Robert K. Dunn Charitable Trust Fund; from the Kankakee Area YMCA: Penny Greenlee, program director, and Will Welsh, executive director, and Matt McAlister, board president. The Kankakee Area YMCA received a grant to create a leadership/engagement program for youth and teens.

The 2019 Annual Awards Luncheon

More than 100 guests attended the 2019 Annual Awards Luncheon to celebrate programs and projects put in place to improve quality of life, education, and well-being in our communities.

Celebrating the past year are (left to right) Dr. Deb Baron, Project SUN; Amy Starin, Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation; Nicole Smolkovich, CFKRV; and Jackie Haas, Helen Wheeler Center for Mental Health.



Grants Awarded in 2019

Bonfield EUMC Pass Through Fund Communityworks Endowment Fund

Blessings in a Backpack

Bourbonnais Township Park District

Harbor House/KCCADV

Herscher CUSD2

Hippocrates Medical Clini

Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation

Iroquois Mental Health Center

Kankakee Area YMCA

Kankakee Community College Baby Talk

Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault

Kankakee County Health Department

Kankakee Public Library

Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District

LoveALatte Coffee Treats and Sweet Eats

Momence Park District Onarga Academy

Pledge for Life Partnership

Teen Moms HOPE

The Helen Wheeler Center

YWCA Kankakee

Hospice Special Wish Fund

Kankakee Development Fund

Kankakee Library Fund

River Conservation Fund

Rosie Fund Grants

Agape Community Outreach Mission

Catholic Charities

Harbor House

Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault

United Way of Iroquois County Fund

United Way of Kankakee Fund

Wright in Kankakee Fund

Donor-Advised Funds in 2019

Bridgewater Family Charitable Fund

South Pointe Youth for Christ

Dennis and Georgia Hess Fund

Boy Scouts of America

Good Shepherd Manor Foundation

Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Kankakee Area YMCA

Kankakee Community College Foundation

Kankakee County Training Center for the Disabled

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Marco Lutheran Church

Nexus, Indian Oaks Academy

Olivet Nazarene University

Riverside Healthcare Foundation

United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties

Wright in Kankakee

Johnson Downs Fund

Kankakee Area YMCA

Robert K. Dunn Charitable Trust Fund

Child Network

Easy Street Theatre

Kankakee Area YMCA

Northern Illinois Food Bank

The Helen Wheeler Center

Scholarship Recipients in 2019

African American Civic Leaders Scholarship

Eltiana Jefferson

Lo'Ryelle Robinson

De'Asia Love

John Locke Memorial Scholarship

Jared Born

Madelyn Brown

Lane Thiesen

Lauren Thomas

Maggie Thompson

Women in Networking Scholarship

Christine Case

Nicole Olson



TeamIllinois Youth Police Camp provided the opportunity for law enforcement officers to bond with and mentor 36 at-risk youth.



CFKRV awarded funds to the Kankakee Public Library to educate first graders about computer coding as a career.



A Teen Moms HOPE mentor helps a teen mom during a life skills workshop.



The Pack Your Backpack with Resilience project assisted 5,000 K-3 students through the Life Education Center.



Helen Wheeler Center has a fun new room dedicated to play therapy for children.



In conjunction with the Kankakee County Health Department, CFKRV provided a grant to purchase garden equipment and plants for the Our Young Growers program 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, it 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 K. Dunn Charitable Trust Grand Victoria Foundation Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Norm and Janice Strasma United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties*

GOLD - \$100,000

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

DIAMOND - \$50,000

Trudy Dickinson William and Patricia Schatz* Mrs. Burrell Small

SILVER - \$25,000

Gaines and Sharon Hall

T&TA

Kankakee River Bike Club Mark and Karen Strasma-Koenig Family Peoples Bank of Kankakee County **PNC Bank** Jan and Jane Strasma Bob and Jenni Worth

BRONZE - \$20,000

HomeStar Bank Kankakee Public Library

SAPPHIRE - \$15,000

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

RUBY - \$10,000

Roger and Nancy Benson

Paul and 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 and Carey Ortman Jeffrey and Deborah Paulissen **Security Lumber Grundy Livingston Kankakee** Workforce Board Zonta Club of Kankakee

EMERALD - \$7,500

Lvnn Ahlden Robert and Linda Bohlmann Bill and Barbara Herzog Larry & Mardene Hinton Mrs. Edgar Johnson Dr. Merl and Jean Parlin Roy and Gretchen Rauschenberg

LEGACY - \$5,000

Amita St. Mary's Foundation Don and Adrienne Albrecht 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 Bill and Mary Lucek Rick and Patti Manuel Blair and Debra Minton Noble Stores, LLC Potowatami Paddlers Association Ron and Jane Randall Dr. Richard and Carolyn Ray Riverside Medical Center Dr. Jim and JoAnne Schwade Richard and Janice Simms Steve and Kathryn Smith Paul and Val Snellenberger Brian and Kristina Thomas

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