Tree Lafayette Thinks Spring

While trees may rest in winter, members of Tree Lafayette keep going all year long—trimming, slating plantings, and educating the community.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Tree Lafayette already has two events on its calendar. The first: a 1 p.m. planting and ceremony honoring Earth Day, on Friday, April 20, on Alabama Street between Sixth and Seventh streets.

On Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9 a.m., the group hosts an Arbor Day Celebration at the Crosser Sports Complex opening north of Elston Road and east of Powder House Lane. Tree Lafayette invites volunteers, who will receive free saplings, to help plant 58 trees.

By year end, Tree Lafayette will have planted nearly 3,000 trees since its 1993 founding.

“All the credit goes to our founders and active volunteers—a lot of dedicated folks,” says executive director Bill Arthur. A recent $7,500 grant from The Community Foundation is helping buy trees for the Kossuth Street corridor and other neighborhoods.

“What we do adds to the environment,” he says, “and our community’s quality of life.”

Matching Funds Benefit Local Agencies

The Community Foundation’s $1.5 million LaNelle Geddes Matching Campaign is drawing wide support from donors. Thirty local nonprofits have the opportunity to increase their endowments with a 50-percent match.

Launched last November, the campaign reached $463,419.28 in qualifying contributions by January 31, 2018. Those donations earned matches totaling $231,709.64. Another $268,290.36 in matching funds is available until all has been awarded or August 1, 2018, whichever comes first.

“Donors appreciate that their contributions count for more, and nonprofits strengthen their financial foundation while investing in their futures,” says Candy Silver, director of philanthropy. “We match gifts in the order received, so donors should give early.”

Cash or securities up to $50,000 to participating agencies per household or business may be matched.

Checks payable to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, with the agency or agencies noted on the memo line, should be mailed to:

The Community Foundation
300 Main St., Suite 100
Lafayette, IN 47901

The campaign is using part of a legacy gift from LaNelle Geddes, a Purdue University nursing professor who died in 2016.

Participating agencies are listed online at www.cfglaf.org.

Representatives from the 30 nonprofits participating in the Geddes Matching Campaign gather.
Foundation Launches Ambitious New Year

BOARD GOVERNANCE SERIES UNDER WAY
Nonprofit board members and leaders are encouraged to attend the 2018 Douglas W. Eberle Board Governance Series, usually held the first Wednesday of several months, through November, at Lafayette Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

February’s session covered Next Level Leadership. March 7 will be Marketing Magic, and April 4, Measure What Matters.

Funded by an NCHS grant, the series is presented by The Community Foundation in conjunction with United Way of Greater Lafayette and Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network.

Cost is $150 for the series or $20 for each session. For additional dates and registration, contact Leslie Fernung, Community Foundation grants and scholarship coordinator, at 765/742-9078, leslie@cfglaf.org, or indiana-united-ways.squarespace.com.

NCHS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
Six nonprofit leaders are receiving scholarships to earn a Certificate in Nonprofit Executive Leadership from the IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs and Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indianapolis:

Nicole Jenkinson, White County United Way
Jennifer Layton, LTHC Homeless Services
Lisa Marie Lucy, Willowstone Family Services
Tenecia Pyle, Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County
Lynn Ringis, Montgomery County Leadership Academy
Jennifer Shook, LTHC Homeless Services

Scholarships are funded by North Central Health Services, Inc., and administered by The Community Foundation.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARS RECEPTION APRIL 24
The Community Foundation is hosting a reception honoring students chosen for various scholarships it administers on Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m., at the Lafayette Country Club. Scholarships are funded through numerous donors’ funds. Last year, 36 scholarships were awarded to 35 scholars.
What awaited Jim and Sandy Bodenmiller—and Greater Lafayette—wasn’t precisely known when they and their three young daughters arrived here in 1969.

A retrospective of their lives would include Jim’s 35-year career at Eli Lilly & Co.; Sandy’s roles as mother and volunteer; seeing their daughters earn educations, including college degrees; and retirement years of continued service.

INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY THEY LOVE

For Jim today, that includes Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Foundation, Community Foundation Development Committee, Lafayette Rotary Club, Parlor Club, Round the Fountain Art Fair Committee, Tippecanoe Arts Federation, and church committees.

Sandy is active in the Pickwick Club and her church, and for many years, Lafayette Symphony Orchestra committees.

“It’s been a great community to live in,” Jim says. He appreciates the pace of growth, major projects completed, and looking-forward spirit.

“This community has a lot to offer,” Sandy confirms. Her nods go to the 25 years they spent living in an old farmhouse in south Lafayette and the Lafayette School Corp.

Being involved with the schools, I saw lots of good things going on,” she says. “It’s a great place to raise kids. They could ride their bicycles into town, play outside, and we didn’t have to worry about them. And it still is a good place.”

ENDOWMENT HELPS OTHERS

Those feelings inspired them to establish the James H. and Sandra H. Bodenmiller Endowment, a discretionary fund with The Community Foundation. “The Foundation does great work, and our gift can go on in perpetuity, which is nice, maybe helping others,” Sandy says.

Jim, who served six years on the board, notes the Foundation’s “excellent reputation for efficient operations that support many human services and culture needs.”

The arts, a passion of Jim’s, are essential, he says. “The arts enrich our lives and nourish our souls. As a society, we are beginning to realize the important role arts play in learning, rehabilitation, and as an economic contributor.”

He enjoys painting, as well as gardening, culinary arts, and traveling. Sandy relaxes by reading and playing bridge.
Grants Funded

TIER 3 GRANTS

Our most recent Tier 3 grants, totaling $59,858, went to these 14 nonprofits:

Almost Home Humane Society
$3,196, desktop computers, iPads

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette
$2,000, desktop computer

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette
$5,442, iPads, projector

Civic Theatre
$3,194, color copier

Food Finders Food Bank
$7,500, three pallet jacks

First United Methodist Church
$3,818, Klondike Kids Club start-up costs

Habitat for Humanity
$3,500, box truck lift gate

Heartford House
$550, laptop computer

Joyful Journey, An Adult Day Service
$6,665, desktop computers, monitors, and a patio gate

Lafayette Symphony Orchestra
$6,750, color copier

Lafayette Urban Ministry
$4,475, Chromebook computers

Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe
$1,768, laptop computers

A $7,500 grant funded three electric pallet jacks for Food Finders Food Bank. Last year, the agency distributed more than 9 million pounds of food—about 7.5 million meals, Jack Warner, director of operations, says. “These jacks help us handle large loads efficiently and create a safer work environment.”

Right Steps Child Development Centers
$3,500, computer server

Tree Lafayette
$7,500, neighborhood replacement trees

GIVING CIRCLES

100+ Women Who Care
Food Finders Food Bank
$14,700, backpack program

Men Who Give
Kairos Prison Ministry
$8,300

NEW GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

The Community Foundation has renamed and revised application deadlines for its various grants, says Leslie Fernung, grants and scholarship coordinator. “We hope this will give applicants a clear understanding of when and how to apply for what funds.”

The new grant names, amounts available, and deadlines:

NOW GRANTS
Available any time from January 1 through December 3, less than $7,500

SPRING COMMUNITY GRANTS
April 2, 2018, noon, $7,500 and above

FIELD-OF-INTEREST GRANTS
June 4, 2018, noon, various amounts (see www.cfglaf.org)

FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS
August 6, 2018, noon, $7,500 and above

Learn more at www.cfglaf.org.