100 Women Who Care Giving Circle Launched

Community philanthropy can change lives for both those who receive and those who give.

Just ask the Lafayette School Corporation students who turn to It’s My Closet, the nonprofit that provides students and their families with donated clothing and other needed items.

Or ask Hallie Gorup, a member of the new local giving circle, 100 Women Who Care, launched by The Community Foundation to educate and motivate women to be more involved in local philanthropy. Gorup, who advocates for and supports It’s My Closet, gave a five-minute presentation about the nonprofit at the debut gathering. Then she and other members got to present a check for $8,800 to It’s My Closet.

LEARNING, GIVING

“Helping local nonprofits, a vital and worthy endeavor, is just one aspect of this new group,” says Candy Silver, director of philanthropy. “The 100 Women Who Care group—and we now have more than 100 participating—is a learning community, a gathering where members gain insights into philanthropy and information on nonprofits and community issues.”

From Gorup, the group learned about teachers Melinda Gilbert and Donna Osborn, who co-founded It’s My Closet in December 2005 and currently has 328 families with 715 children registered.

Like the other members, Gorup signed up for $500 in contributions for the year—the first $100 goes into the 100 Women Who Care discretionary endowment at The Foundation. The remaining funds are given quarterly, with $100 checks to the chosen nonprofit.

Because of the funding, It’s My Closet is adding more clothing that meets schools’ dress codes and expanding toiletry items to include feminine products and facial tissues.

“The 100 Women Who Care donation gives us and our volunteers a sense of validation—that we are doing something that the community thinks is valuable.”

MAY GATHERING HELPS JOYFUL JOURNEY

The group gathered again May 14 at the Lafayette Country Club to select its second nonprofit recipient. The winner was Joyful Journey Adult Day Service, nominated by Patti Truitt. It received $11,600.

While votes are being tallied at the gatherings, the winner from the previous meeting shares how the grant funds are being used.

The initial group was organized by thinking of potential members, asking them to think of others, and accepting a phenomenal number of enthusiastic responses.

“These are women coming together to make things happen, to practice philanthropy,” says Silver. “It’s simple yet incredibly effective.”

For information on joining, contact Candy Silver, candy@cfglaf.org, 765/742-9078.
Recent Gifts

Received from January 1 through March 31, 2015:

IN MEMORY

Phyllis Boehning
Ball Eggleston PC
Jim and Sandy
Bodmenmiller
Tom and Jane Brooks
Jim Buescher
Jack and Cheryl Coffin
John Dubberly
Joanne H. Fortune
Bruce and Mary Ann
Junius
Kristel Kaye
David and Carol Luhman
Gary and Marcia Pfleger
George and Nerlene
Ramsey
Jim Shook
Wes Shook
Tippecanoe County Bar
Association
Donald and Mary Twiddy
Mary Beth Buescher
Karen Grubber
Jim and Barb McCaughey
Mike Canine
Dick and Connie Grace
Virginia Grace
Sharon Sue Flick
Clapper
Paul Flickr

Barbara Clymer
Juanita Linn
Barbara Davis
Bob and Linda Sorensen
Maureen “Micky”
Deets
Ball Eggleston PC
Deborah Plue
Matt Hunter
Bill and Beverly Gettings
Bruce and Mary Ann
Junius
Kristel Kaye
George and Nerlene
Ramsey
Larry and Marianne Rose
Jim Shook
Wes Shook
Hobart Jones
JoAnn P. Vorst
JoAnn Miller
JoAnn P. Vorst
Florence Mucker
Ball Eggleston PC
Joanne H. Fortune
Tippecanoe County Bar
Association
Wes Shook
Thomas M. Price
Carolyn S. Holder Price
Stephen Ridgway
JoAnn P. Vorst
Donna Segrists
Allen Segrist
Kathy Trout
Roland G. Parrish Black Cultural Center
Scholarships
Jasmine Hawthorne – Purdue University
Tenea Martin – Purdue University
Presidential Leadership Endowment Fund in
Honor of Tarrus Richardson Scholarship
Jordan Williams – Purdue University
Price Family Scholarship in Memory of
Thomas M. Price
Sylvia McFadden – Harrison High School
David Snyser Scholarship
Joe Brisco – Jefferson High School
Betty M. Suddarth Scholarship
Kristen Walker – Harrison High School
Katie Traynor RN Scholarship
Kelly Foley – Purdue University
West Lafayette High School Golden
Scholarships
Megan Connell – West Lafayette High School
Sara Suisman – West Lafayette High School
Robert and Marilyn Whitzel Scholarships
Mahera Husain – West Lafayette High School
Laan Yeung – West Lafayette High School
Jacob E. and Mary Ann Wiebers Scholarship
Andrea Howell – Faith Christian School
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships
Spencer Davidson – Harrison High School
Emily Nettesheim – McCutcheon High School
Peter Vasi – West Lafayette High School

The annual community scholars reception gives donors an opportunity to meet those benefiting from their gifts. Pictured this year are Kelly Foley (left) and Cindy Traynor.

An April reception at the Lafayette Country Club drew 2015 Community Foundation scholarship recipients and donors who made the scholarships possible.

“The annual event is always a highlight, because our donors love meeting the community scholars and encouraging them in their educational pursuits,” says Marianne Rose, president and chief executive officer. “It’s a special night, a celebration of achievement and success.”

Scholarships were presented to 28 students from 18 funds; three more students were awarded Lilly Endowment scholarships.
Barbara Cook, former Purdue University dean of students, gave generously to the community. By then, she had been working in the dean of women’s office at Purdue for nine years, going on to hold various posts. She was dean of students from 1980 to 1987.

“Barb loved this area and wanted it to be a wonderful place for all people,” Nelson says. “Social justice was a driving value. It shaped her religious and political views, colored her social relationships, directed her professional choices, and guided her volunteer activities.”

While Cook’s demeanor was calm and gentle, any hint of prejudice, discrimination, or injustice transformed her into the opposite, Nelson says.

OUTDOORS HER PASSION

For respite, Cook turned to gardening and became a Master Gardener, Watlington says. “She had lovely garden instincts. It was a place where she could go to reflect.”

The only challenge was her love of plants from the south. “Her favorite flowers would not do well in Yankee land, and her Magnolia tree often got frostbitten,” she says.

Cook also liked camping and adventure, including a raft trip down the Colorado River.

Cook’s Legacy Gifts Help Community

While Purdue University brought Barbara Cook to town for a long career in student services, her commitments extended well beyond campus during her 57 years here, until her death in 2013.

‘EPITOME OF GENEROSITY’

“Barb had the mind and soul of a humanitarian,” says long-time friend Betty Nelson. “Her life had meaning when she was sharing with others. She was the epitome of generosity.”

“One of her loves in the volunteer world was working in the food pantry at St. John’s,” says Sally Watlington, another friend. “Even when her back and hips hurt, she packed up groceries and talked to the people.”

Among others benefiting from her time, enthusiasm, and support were the Salvation Army, where she was a board member and raised funds for its building dedicated in 1991, and the YWCA and its foundation. She also served on the West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission from 1989 to 2003 and the Governor’s Commission for Women from 1992 to 1996.

“She was especially concerned about people in the community who did not have adequate food and shelter,” Nelson says. “Her way to address one of those issues was to assign part of her estate for an endowment for Food Finders Food Bank.” A second endowment, also established through a bequest at The Community Foundation, is a discretionary fund, to support local needs.

CAREER OF SERVICE

Born Barbara Wood in 1929 in Memphis, Tenn., Cook earned a bachelor’s at the University of Arkansas, a master’s in 1954 at Syracuse University, and her Purdue doctorate in 1967.

Daniel and Debbie Sullivan
The Sullivan Family
Gary and Cindy Traynor

Robert Traynor
William Brechtle
The Harris Family
David and Debra Johnson
Bob and Connie Lee
Margaret Schreiber
The Siegel Family
The Smoot Family
Daniel and Debbie Sullivan
The Sullivan Family
Zika, Matt
John and Karen Zika

From Lafayette Hearing Center
In Memory
Mary J. Anderson
Reason Biddle
Hobart Jones
Mardelle Lehe
Martha Lehman
Dorothy McCaw
Ruth Morris
Florence Macker
Richard Oliver
Margaret Torering
Tony Turek
Genny Weis
William Yoder

IN HONOR
Sue Carr
Jon and Carol Beeson

Jeanne Compton
Dale Compton

James R. Dammon
Art League of the
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette

Betty M. Nelson
Susan DeLong
Ed and Sue Eiler
Greg and Barb Kapp
Candice Kissinger
Marsha Link
George and Louise McNelley

Sammie Morris
Karen Mosson
Teresa Roche
Larry and Marianne Rose
Mary Sadowski
Stephanie Schmitz
Bev Sharratt
Bruce and Carol Shertzer
Candy Silver
Linda Sorenson
Eileen H. Steele
Joanne Troutnor
Joyce Villwock
Todd Wetzel

Josette Rolley
Jane Gaskell

Betty Rowe
John W. Rowe

Danny Weiss
James and Julie Krogmeier

NEW ENDOWMENTS
Cook Medical, Inc.
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Kids Fund, Inc. Endowment
Culver Academies
Home with Hope
IU Health Arnett Foundation
Willowstone Family Services, Inc.
This spring, Tier 1 discretionary grants, usually awarded in amounts of $15,000 and greater, were awarded to six nonprofits. The total disbursed was $124,835.

Receiving funding:

**Home with Hope**
$18,297, to upgrade electrical service

**Lafayette Transitional Housing**
$29,922, for air conditioning units and appliances for family apartments

**Right Steps Child Development Centers**
$37,616, for capital equipment needed for Right Steps East to move from 18th Street to Creasy Lane

**Tippecanoe School Corporation**
$15,000, to implement a new safety education program at Hershey Elementary School

**Wabash Center**
$12,000, to purchase laptops for residential group homes

**YWCA Greater Lafayette**
$12,000, towards renovation of Oppenheimer House, new site for domestic violence shelter

### Discretionary Grants Help Nonprofits

UPCOMING DEADLINES
Grant proposals are due:

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**
Tier 1, $7,500 to $15,000
Field-of-interest grants to benefit children, literacy, community beautification, music education, and other areas.

**Accepted year-round; no later than noon, December 1, 2015**
Tier 3, up to $7,500
For more information, www.cfglaf.org.

**Lilly Matching Fund Campaign Continues**
Donations continue to help The Community Foundation earn $1.5 million in matching funds from Lilly Endowment, Inc. through its sixth phase of the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow Initiative.

As of May 15, the remaining amounts to be raised are $87,969 in unrestricted contributions, and $120,997 in restricted gifts. The campaign runs until the full amount has been raised or March 2016, whichever comes first.

![Saluting Tippecanoe County Public Library](image)

The Community Foundation hosted an endowment salute April 2 to recognize the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Library representatives pictured (from left) are David McGaughey, David Lahr, Mida Grover, Stephen Bultnick and Jos Holman, with David Luhman, Community Foundation.

![Youngsters such as these learn and grow at Right Steps Child Development Centers, which this summer will move its Rights Steps East program from 18th Street to Creasy Lane.](image)