Community Foundation Increases Match Amounts in Final Weeks of Agency Endowment Campaign

Since fall 2011, a $1 match from The Community Foundation for every $4 raised has been helping 16 organizations secure their futures. Now, in the final weeks of the Agency Endowment Matching Campaign, The Foundation is sweetening the pot to help the campaign reach, or even exceed, the $1.3 million mark.

MORE GIFTS MEAN GREATER MATCHES

Depending on each agency’s goal and money already raised during this campaign, donations received between November 22, 2013, and December 31, 2013, when the campaign ends, could earn extra dollars from approximately $160,000 not committed at the beginning of the campaign.

COMMUNITY GIFTS COUNT

“This campaign gives donors an opportunity to create added impact,” says Marianne Rose, Foundation president and chief executive officer. For every $2 in gifts from first-time donors in this campaign, The Community Foundation will match with another $1. For those who already contributed during this campaign, The Foundation will match $1 for every $1 in additional gifts. Match amounts available will be on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning November 22.

To celebrate agencies’ successes, The Foundation also will bestow some additional financial awards. Among them: garnering the greatest number of individual gifts, meeting the initial goal, exceeding that goal by the largest percentage, securing the largest major gift, and conducting the most creative campaign.

AGENCIES STRIVE TO SECURE FUTURE

Participating agencies are:
- AgrInstitute
- Art Museum of Greater Lafayette
- Haan Mansion Museum of Indiana Art
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation
- Lafayette Transitional Housing
- Leadership Lafayette
- Legal Aid
- Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County
- New Community School
- Tippecanoe Chamber Music Society
- Right Steps Child Development Centers
- Tree Lafayette
- Lyn Treece Boys & Girls Club
- Wabash Center
- Wolf Park

Donations, which should be designated for a specific agency or agencies, may be made online at: www.cfglf.org

Or payments may be mailed to The Community Foundation 1114 E. State St. Lafayette, IN 47905-1219
Those aged 70-1/2 or older seeking a way to help others while achieving personal benefits have a unique opportunity with the IRA charitable rollover, which must be made by December 31.

Up to $100,000 may be transferred to The Community Foundation in an outright gift without having to pay federal or state income tax on the amount withdrawn. In addition, the amount contributed counts toward the IRA owner’s required minimum distribution.

The Lafayette Citizens Band is releasing a peppy new tune that could be titled “Planning Our Future.” Rather than musical notes, this composition is an endowment with The Community Foundation, created this summer to assure the longevity of the popular group that traces its roots to 1842.

“Through our fundraising efforts, we found that some foundations want to make contributions to endowments, so we established one to be able to receive funds,” says Brenda Hohman, executive director.

The organization, known for its every-Thursday concerts and musicians dressed in bright red shirts, chose The Community Foundation to oversee its endowment because of its community role, says Rod Ray, past president.

“The Community Foundation has proven to be an outstanding organization, assisting many local projects and organizations,” Ray says. “The board felt that establishing an endowment with The Foundation would further support this community, and provide an avenue for our future support.”

Hohman says the ongoing source of funds will be helpful. “The proceeds will be used for operating expenses, music, rent, insurance, and other expenses.”

“We want to secure a solid financial base so Lafayette Citizens Band can continue to provide quality concert music to enrich the cultural life of the community,” says board president Joe Newlin.

The Indiana law allowing the same benefit as federal law was signed in May, and includes gifts made in 2012 and 2013, says Marianne Rose, Foundation president and chief executive officer.

“We’ve been advised that donors who made rollovers in 2012 may either amend their 2012 Indiana tax return or take the benefit on their 2013 return,” Rose says. Contact her at (765) 742-9078 for further details.

Silver Named Development Director

Theresa Candy Silver has been named The Foundation’s director of development. A certified fund raising executive with a decade of experience, including seven years in two stints at St. Thomas Aquinas – The Catholic Center at Purdue, she earned a bachelor’s at Purdue University and master’s in philanthropy and development from St. Mary’s of Minnesota.

Raised in Warren County, she spent some years in Wyoming and has lived here 17 years. She and her husband have three daughters and three grandchildren. She volunteers for Family Promise, a homeless program.

“I am drawn to The Community Foundation because of its leadership in relationship building with people who care about the community and impacting the lives of those in need,” she says. “I feel privileged to have a role in assisting to meet those needs.”
Recent Gifts

Gifts received from July 1 through September 30, 2013:

IN MEMORY

Roger Blalock
Purdue Alumni Association

Martha Cadwallader
Steve and Ellen Bartlett
Mary A. Bower
Leslie Wineland Goss
Ted Harris and Cris King
Bruce and Mary Ann Junius
Greg and Barb Kapp
Nancy L. Kopf
Jane McCann
Frank and Suzanne Stewart
Bob and Debbie Tribbett
Tim and Tena Woenker

Douglas W. Eberle
Jeff and Mary Nagy

Ken Hester
Carolyn S. Holder-Price

Heller Ewbank Lipsett
Greg and Barb Kapp

Marge Morris
Bill and Bev Gettings
Bruce and Mary Ann Junius

Ann Shook
Jim and Mary Beth Buescher
Mike and Carolyn Gery
Bill and Bev Gettings
Nancy C. Ince

Katie Traynor
Carol A. Du Clos and Megan Brown
Janice Dulaney
Samantha Eksir
Gareth Leviton
Jerry Marra and Barb Schuster
Sara Miedema
Elizabeth C. Miller
Amanda Murphy
Mike and Peggy Schreiber
Kelly Stein
Betty Traynor
Gary and Cindy Traynor

Tudy Vaughan
Jim and Mary Beth Buescher

Norma L. Wilcox
Greg and Barb Kapp

IN HONOR

Lindy Camacho
Miriam Epple-Health

Jennifer Layton
Larry and Marianne Rose

Betty Rowe
Susan Rowe

NEW ENDOWMENTS

Barbara I. Cook
Haan Family
Indiana Care Circle
Lafayette Citizens Band

Living Well Means Keeping Others in Mind

If you ask Miriam Epple-Health the secret to happiness, she’s likely to tell you it can be found in working hard and helping making others’ lives better. Both have been her life’s path.

Her work ethic came from her parents, who taught their five children, “To gain, you have to put in work and effort, and it pays off later on.”

Growing up on a small farm in Pierceton, Ind., then South Bend, Epple-Health says, “Chores were the schedule of the day, but my father saw to it we had recreation, too. He put a pond in for ice skating in the winter, and in the summers, we had wonderful family outings and picnics.”

Purdue Graduate

During World War II, she worked for Studebaker Aviation in South Bend. For her education, she chose Purdue University, sang in the Purduettes, and earned a degree in institution management in 1946.

She’s lived here ever since, working many years alongside her husband Bob Riley, now deceased, running the Riley Hatchery and Poultry Farm. They raised four children—Guy, Gail, Jane and Joan.

Today, she enjoys listening to music, reading, participating in Westminster Village activities, and feeding her backyard birds. “I’m partial to the goldfinch and cardinals.” And she grows her own tomatoes, cucumbers, and basil.

“Family is No. 1 in my life, and I feel fortunate they have all been healthy and are happy for what I’ve been able to do in community service. They are very giving themselves.”

Epple-Health has been a volunteer and supporter. Among her favorite organizations are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, Purdue Musical Organizations, Purdue University, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the Westminster Village Foundation.

Helping Her Passion

“I like giving to foundations and institutions that make life better for people and to my church,” she says.

One of her latest gifts is an endowment set up through The Community Foundation to benefit Wabash Center.

“I’ve always admired what The Community Foundation does,” she says. “Several years ago, I was thinking about what I might do. I was taken through Wabash Center, and I was so impressed with its cleanliness, the professionalism of its people, and how it helps people with special needs.

“Life is full of bumps and joys,” she observes. “You have to help others if you see the need.”

Online Giving

Gifts to The Community Foundation may be made online at www.cfglaf.org.
Grants Awarded

The Community Foundation recently awarded 11 grants totaling $105,693.

**TIER 2 GRANTS**

Funding from $7,500 to $14,999

**Almost Home Humane Society**
$13,981, industrial washing machine and dryer

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette**
$11,472, computer upgrades

**Family Services**
$14,999, computers

**Home with Hope**
$7,965, security cameras, monitoring system

**Jessie’s Kids Foundation**
$10,737, basketball court renovation, Cary Home

**Lafayette Adult Resource Academy**
$14,999, computer equipment for assessment and testing center

**Right Steps Child Development Centers**
$13,565, carpeting for downtown site

**YWCA of Greater Lafayette**
$9,475, computer server

**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION**

**Lafayette Tree Fund**
$3,500, trees for vacant street tree sites

**MUSIC EDUCATION**

**Children’s Music Foundation**
$2,500, four scholarships

**Wabash Valley Youth Symphony**
$2,500, scholarships

Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, which will serve about 1,700 students in the 2013/2014 academic year, is creating and equipping an assessment/testing room to accommodate the Test for Assessing Secondary Completion, which replaces the GED in Indiana in 2014, and other online assessments. A grant from The Community Foundation is helping fund it. Pictured helping students, far right, is Cherry Richardson, assessment coordinator.

**GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES**

December 3, 2013, noon:
2013 Tier 3, less than $7,500

April 1, 2014, noon:
Tier 1, $15,000 and higher

Sept. 2, 2014, noon:
Tier 2, $7,500 to $14,999 and various field-of-interest grants

Year round 2014 through December 1, 2014, noon:
Tier 3, less than $7,500