CFWC CELEBRATES MORE COMMUNITY GRANTING

A message from our President, Melissa Summers

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has left a lasting imprint on White County. Despite these challenging times, hope and opportunity persist in our community. It is a story of perseverance: individuals and organizations willing to give their time and resources, never losing sight of their mission to serve others during this crisis. The Community Foundation of White County is honored to support these efforts and pleased to highlight good works and exciting projects in this newsletter.

We are all in this together, and together we will continue to help our community grow in courage and support for all who need it. Thank you for continuing to be a partner in strengthening and transforming White County as we move into 2021.
Brookston American Legion Post 251 is using their grant for updates to their furnace & A/C units. “This is a good, new chapter for the Legion. Time to upgrade, make repairs, make it a safe and comfortable spot for everybody. We thank everyone that contributed to this project.” –William Richey, Brookston American Legion Post #251 Commander (Summer Grants, $2500)

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc received two grants for maintenance and updates to 11 local community gardens, some of which had to be removed temporarily due to new roadway construction. (Governing Council Grants, $1000/Women Giving Together Grants, $1000)

Monon Community Church partners each year with local organizations for an annual Celebrating Our Differences event, a fun-filled, interactive celebration for special needs persons and supporters. (Fall Grants, $1425)

Wolcott Main Street project volunteers in partnership with Remington-Wolcott Community Development Corporation are designing and installing a new community sign. Funds for the installation of the new post were awarded from CFWC. (Fall Grants, $2500)

White County United Way / "All Aboard Monon" obtained a grant to purchase necessary painting materials for a new mural located in Monon. Local artist Pat Newbold painted this patriotic mural on a historic downtown building for all visitors and locals to enjoy. "Thank you for being the linchpin that held together the enthusiasm, talent, and creativity of the Monon community. Everyone wanted to help beautify a corner of town, but without CFWC, it could not have come together so beautifully."-Nikie Jenkinson, Director (Summer Grants, $830)
**Monon Civic Preservation Society** continues restoration on the historic Monon Theatre, including receiving funds to design, fabricate, and install new front doors as well as a new ticket booth counter. (Fall Grants, $1500/Summer Grants, $524)

**Idaville Fire Department** was awarded a grant from our Governing Council Mini Grants which gives our Council members the opportunity to elect any non-profit organization as the recipient of a small grant. The Idaville Fire Department has just begun construction on its new facility this year. This grant is designed will support the invaluable services provided by the IFD volunteers. (Governing Council Grants, $1000)

**Streets of Monticello Association (SOMA)** also was awarded a mini grant in support of its Halloween and Christmas parades. (Governing Council Grants, $1000)

**Town of Brookston**, in partnership with Frontier Rotary Club of Brookston & Chalmers, has developed plans for renovation and upkeep of the Waugh Trust Park, a pocket park established by the late Juanita K. Waugh. (Fall Grants, $2500)

**Tippecanoe Arts Federation** in partnership with Wabash Heartland Initiation Network (WHIN) successfully launched two initial murals in the town of Wolcott for TAF’s Mural Arts Initiative. "Artists Nicole Salgar and CERA came and loved the community and left their mark as an homage to not only the history of Wolcott, but a nod to its future." - Tetia Lee, Tippecanoe Arts Federation Chief Executive Officer (Summer Grants, $1500)

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Therapeion Therapeutic Riding Center received two grants this year. Together with White County Department of Child Services, Therapeion plans to launch a ground-based program designed to build communication and relationship-building skills between children and their caretaker(s) using the therapeutic advantages of horses and ponies. They used another CFWC grant to rebuild a fence on their property. (Women Giving Together Grants, $3500/Spring Grants, $2500)

CDC Resources received a Governing Council Mini Grant to support its general mission of advocacy and service needs for children and adults with developmental disabilities. (Governing Council Grants, $1000)

White County Council on Aging received multiple grants this year in support of general operational and transportation costs. They also were successful in installing new, beautiful flooring for their Senior Center. “In March, when we had to close our Senior Center because of COVID-19, we decided to replace the 22-year old flooring. This was a ‘leap of Faith’ because we did not have a fund set aside to do this project and we weren’t sure at that point what the future of our Senior Activities would be. Within days of committing to the project, we received a letter saying that the Community Foundation committed to $2,000. What a blessing you are to our agency and this community.” - Gale Spry, Executive Director (Governing Council Grants, $500/Fall Grants, $5000/Spring Grants, $2000)

White County United Way used a Governing Council Mini Grant to purchase brand new coats for its Coats for Kids program. "Barb Hickner and Antoinette Valle of the Family Health Clinics distributed healthy breakfast choices to families after they received coats in the drive-through on November 7, 2020. CFWC had the opportunity through this grant to partner with WCUW, Monticello Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, Monticello Christian Church, and many local individuals and businesses who pulled together to keep this program alive under the constraints posed by the pandemic." - Nikie Jenkinson, Director

"Thank you so much for the boy's coat! He absolutely loved it! He was so excited! He also liked the hat and gloves. It made his day!" - Local elementary teacher who ordered a coat for one of her students. (Governing Council Grants, $1000)
Thank you, Community Foundation of White County for supporting the council, for supporting our work, and for helping us continue to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities in our community. — Katherine Tardiff, ADA/Title VI Coordinator
Frontier School Corporation, together with North White and Tri-County School Corps, received a grant to continue funding the P.R.I.D.E. Program which seeks to prepare students for life after high school by building skills of Persistence, Respectfulness, Initiative, Dependability, and Efficiency. Students who participate and finish the program earn a College and Career Readiness Work Ethic certificate. (Fall Grants, $2000)

Tri-County School Corporation was the recipient of multiple grants this year to support its Culinary Arts program and its Backpack program. Each school building is installing locked AED cabinets to be readily available during a crisis while ensuring the safety of the students through a built-in alarm system. (Governing Council Grants, $750 & $250/Summer Grants, $1495)

North White High School Music Department received funding to purchase new percussion instruments aimed at integrating Latinx music into the diverse student population. "The North White Music Department is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to purchase a new xylophone with field frame and attachments. The xylophone (with proper care) will have a lifespan of 30+ years. As the director of the Music Department, I can guarantee you that in 30 years, thousands of students will have practiced, played, perfected and performed on this instrument. We are eternally grateful to have been selected as a grant recipient from the Community Foundation of White County. Thank you for your support!" - Leander J. Hoover, Director of Bands/Choir (Summer Grants, $3688)
North White Junior-Senior High School is launching a manipulatives-based teaching program called "Let's Get Them Talking" to develop and strengthen English proficiency for new English Learners. (Summer Grants, $353)

Twin Lakes High School Earth/Science Department is bringing the journey of world and space travel directly into the classroom through the use of virtual reality headsets. Another grant received this year funding the costs for a Star Lab Planetarium. "We plan to purchase a class set of virtual reality headsets. This will allow my students and me to 'travel' to several locations beyond our classroom together, all while being able to fully immerse ourselves into various Earth and Space related topics. The virtual reality headsets will increase student engagement, spark their curiosities, and fuel their learning fires!" -Jill Gilford, Earth/Space Science Teacher (Governing Council Grant, $500/Fall Grants, $4505)

Twin Lakes High School Health Department received funds to replenish Stop The Bleed kits, a student-designed initiative to place emergency supply kits in every classroom throughout the county to be available during a shooting crisis. (Governing Council Grants, $649)

Meadowlawn Elementary School Art Department is utilizing new adjustable iPad stands purchased from a grant to give students the ability to create stop-animation videos, providing students more growth in technology skills to prepare them for college and career opportunities. "I am very appreciative of the Community Foundation Grant. Students will now be able to use the stands to record their art projects, and video their creativity to share with other students as well as their parents." -Penny Milligan, Meadowlawn Art Teacher (Summer Grants, $500)
COVID-19 RESPONSE

Our Governing Council elected to award five pro-active grants in partnership with each of our county schools and the White County Food Pantry to address immediate food security needs in the face of the pandemic.

White County United Way received a seed grant of $13,662 from our Spring Grants to seed its COVID-19 Community Relief Fund. This fund distributes grants out to local non-profits who have been financially affected by the pandemic. To date, $124,995 has been distributed into the community, and the fund has raised a total of $436,438.
Congratulations to our dedicated and passionate grant recipients!

2020 Community Grants Totals

- Spring Community Grants: $20,000
- Summer Community Grants: $19,390
- Fall Community Grants: $20,680
- Women Giving Together Fund Grants: $10,951
- Additional Grant Awards: $5,000
- Governing Council Member Grants: $9,649

**TOTAL $ 85,670**

All of these grants are made possible by general donations to the Community Foundation of White County, with the exception of the Women Giving Together Fund grants which come from donations to that specific fund.

In addition to our Community Grants, scholarships and grants from donor funds will bring total grants awarded by your community foundation in 2020 to

**$268,823!**

If these grants excite and inspire you, please consider an unrestricted gift to your Community Foundation of White County. YOU can be a grantmaker. YOU can make a difference!