

INSPIRE ENGAGE IMPACT



2023 REPORT



Steuben County
Community
Foundation

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TO OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you for your important contributions to our community. Your commitment helped us reach a new milestone in grantmaking, funding more than \$1.6 million in projects, programs, and educational initiatives, for Steuben County. Reflecting on the fiscal year 2023, I've highlighted three key priorities for achieving our mission of **connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community**: donor services and development, community leadership, and grantmaking.

Inspiring Generosity

Community foundations play an important role for people of all backgrounds and financial means. We serve the needs and philanthropic intentions of donors who wish to better their community, now and in the future. This is the greatest representation of our mission. My wife and I started a fund at the Community Foundation to create something for our children to feel connected to Steuben County. I love the idea that our children will be able to make an impact on our community and make a gift from our fund in the future.



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- Adam Miller

Engaging Connections

Bringing Steuben County residents together for meaningful conversations about important topics is a new initiative during my time as Board Chair. We realized that collaboration can effectively share skills, expertise, and knowledge with other professionals and pool resources to solve problems, achieve goals, and create a bright future for Steuben County. This is represented in some of the stories we've shared in this report.

Impacting Outcomes

Grantmaking is a process that comes with a variety of rewards and challenges. It's one of the most difficult jobs we have at the Foundation. Reviewing competitive grant applications is the most complicated part of the process. We see the great needs in our community, and we're challenged to make tough funding decisions from many worthy applications.

I hope you feel as inspired as I do to give back to your community. Together, we can ensure Steuben County continues to be the best place to live, work, and play.

Adam Miller, Board Chair

FISCAL YEAR 2023 RECAP

Inspiring Generosity



Photos from the 30th Anniversary Celebration at Trine University's T. Furth Center for the Performing Arts.

Celebrating 30 Years of Serving the Steuben County Community

As part of the Steuben County Community Foundation's (SCCF) 30th Anniversary Celebration, thirty Steuben County-based charities were individually awarded a \$10,000 unrestricted operating grant at a community event in June 2022. Steuben County Community Foundation also invested in impact videos for each organization by partnering with creative agency One Lucky Guitar, Inc. The purpose of the videos was to help Steuben County-based nonprofit organizations tell their story and gain support from the community. The anniversary celebration concluded at a public event attended by more than two hundred residents on December 1, 2022, at Trine University's T. Furth Center for the Performing Arts. An additional video produced by One Lucky Guitar, "*We Call It Home*," premiered at the capstone event.



Victoria (Vicki) J. Willis



SCCF President and CEO, Jennifer Danic (center), pictured with the Willis sisters.

Leaving a Legacy

With estate planning, causes you care about can be sustained for generations. Legacy giving leaves a lasting impact on the community and the causes that matter to you most.

Angola, Indiana native Victoria J. Willis held that same belief when she started a donor-advised fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation in 2007.

Before her death in August 2022, Willis made a gift from her estate to the Steuben County Community Foundation through an endowed fund. That fund would benefit several Indiana nonprofits and the Steuben County community forever.

SCCF announced the estate gift at its 30th anniversary at T. Furth Center for Performing Arts on the Trine University campus on December 1, 2022. Vicki's generosity inspired an additional \$1.3 million in gifts from the community to SCCF, ensuring a bright future for Steuben County.

Engaging Connections



2022-2023 FIST members pose with SCCF staff, local school superintendents, principals, and guidance counselors at their year-end meeting. The group presented their completed community projects, volunteer hours, fundraising campaigns, and grantmaking initiatives to attendees.

Connecting Resources

Local nonprofit boards and staff have many opportunities to learn the tools of their trade through Steuben County Community Foundation's Nonprofit Leadership Development initiative. Each year, SCCF sponsors professional consultants and trainers to present on the various topics requested by nonprofit organizations. Fundraising, grant writing, strategic planning, marketing, and board development are just a few of the training seminars offered by SCCF in the last year. The seminars are free to nonprofit organization staff and board members.

Cultivating Collaboration

When Chuck Sheets and his family donated additional land to the YMCA in 2015, the organization saw it as an opportunity to further its mission. Through research and a community needs assessment, the YMCA created a plan for an accessible community park.

In the Fall of 2022, the Steuben County Community Foundation initiated a meeting between the YMCA, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, The City of Angola, and the Steuben County Government. With commitments from key community partners and a new permanently endowed park fund at SCCF, "The Sheets Family Park" plan sprang to life.

Engaging Youth

FIST (Forever Improving Steuben Together) is a youth philanthropy organization of the Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF). Students from Hamilton, Angola, and Fremont meet once per month, collectively donating more than 1,000 hours per year of their time to improve their communities. In addition to volunteering their time and talents, FIST offers grants to community nonprofits and school projects that promote youth philanthropy.



Steuben County nonprofit leaders attend the strategic planning session, "The How and Why of Strategic Planning" presented by Ruth Stone of CDO Consulting Group.



A rendering of the future YMCA Sheets Family Park that will include a splash pad, playground, and pickleball courts.

Impacting Outcomes

Impactful Solutions

The Metropolitan School District of Steuben County (MSD) and Angola Fire Department (AFD) created a fire science program through their Graduation Pathways vocational program as a local solution to the nationwide first responder shortage.

MSD and AFD partnered with the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation in applying for a grant through the Steuben County Community Foundation. The SCCF grant in the amount of \$21,000 helped cover some of the cost - approximately \$5,000 per person - of required firefighting equipment. The program is open to students at all four Steuben County high schools. Students who complete the course will be firefighting certified in Indiana.



Area high school students participate in the Graduation Pathways fire science program. (Source: Oksana Carter-The Herald Republican, KPC Media Group)

Learning Outcomes

Cameron Memorial Community Hospital is extending its campus to include a state-of-the-art Education and Innovation Center to provide access to critical health education and training to meet the region's growing healthcare needs.

With a \$60,000 Impact Grant from SCCF, Cameron added medical manikins to its simulation lab. Simulation technology provides healthcare professionals with practice on computer-based models in realistic clinical scenarios. The clinical simulation gives clinicians firsthand experience with the added benefit of eliminating patient risk.

The simulation lab creates unique programming for high-demand healthcare professions such as nursing through partnerships with Trine University, local schools, first responders, and community members.



Cameron Memorial Community Hospital staff utilizes a computer-based medical manikin to practice medical procedures and diagnostic techniques in a realistic clinical scenario. Simulated learning reduces risk to patients.

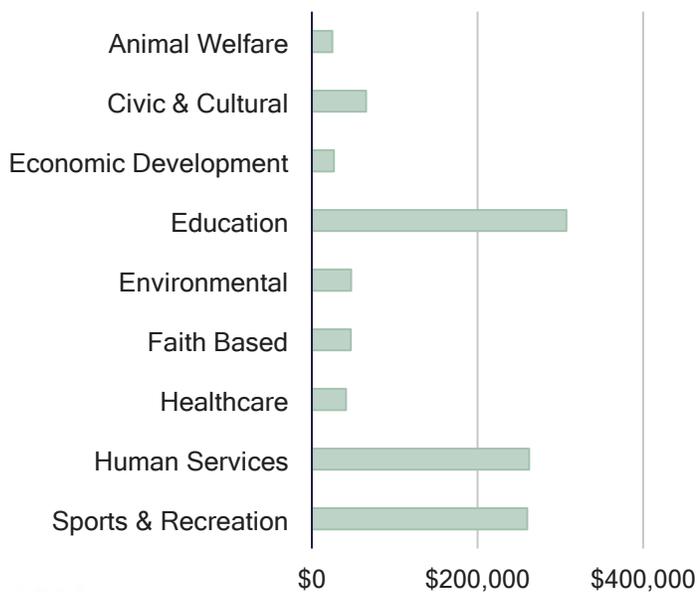


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2023 Annual Report Summary

Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF), our county's only community foundation, has served the area since 1991. SCCF is a public, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of the people in Steuben County. SCCF exists to understand and meet local needs and create long-term impact, so Steuben County is the best it can be now and in the future.

Grants by Type



Did You Know?

Community foundations bring together the financial resources of families, individuals, and organizations who care about a specific cause and then invest those resources back into the community. SCCF serves our community by providing financial support through grantmaking, support to nonprofit partners, and assistance to donors fulfilling their giving goals.

Year in a Glance



\$1.6 million

in grants and scholarships



\$1.3 million

in new donor gifts



290+

permanent & donor-advised funds



570+

unique donors



70+

individual scholarships



15+

community engagement & leadership initiatives



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 2023

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

	June 30	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,059,722	\$ 651,963
Pledges receivable	10,800,855	52,600
Prepaid expenses and other	17,781	57,542
Total current assets	<u>12,878,358</u>	<u>762,105</u>
Investments	33,942,497	29,291,663
Land, building and equipment:		
Land	382,781	382,781
Building and improvements	466,990	466,990
Office furniture and equipment	221,519	244,093
	<u>1,071,290</u>	<u>1,093,864</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	360,242	388,191
	<u>711,048</u>	<u>705,673</u>
Other assets:		
Cash value of life insurance policies	527,872	505,408
Beneficial interest in trusts	1,263,082	590,974
Total assets	<u>\$ 49,322,857</u>	<u>\$ 31,855,823</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 27,690	\$ 27,259
Current portion of grants and scholarships payable	41,300	27,000
Deferred revenue	-	2,346
Current portion of capital lease obligation	-	750
Funds held for agencies	3,034,634	1,905,525
Total current liabilities	<u>3,103,624</u>	<u>1,962,880</u>
Grants and scholarships payable, less current portion	35,000	9,000
Total liabilities	<u>3,138,624</u>	<u>1,971,880</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	3,966,931	3,803,177
With donor restrictions	42,217,302	26,080,766
Total net assets	<u>46,184,233</u>	<u>29,883,943</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 49,322,857</u>	<u>\$ 31,855,823</u>

The Steuben County Community Foundation is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), independent, charitable organization. It is supported by individuals and corporate donors and receives no tax support. The financial information reported here has been extracted from the audit report of Haines, Isenbarger & Skiba, LLC dated August 17, 2023. The complete financial statements and accompanying notes are available on the SCCF website or by contacting the SCCF office. SCCF also files an IRS Form 990 each year. A copy of our Form 990 is also available on our website, by contacting the SCCF office or visiting guidestar.org.

YEAR IN PICTURES



FUNDING THE FUTURE

Students participate in the Prairie Heights Middle School Field Day, funded in part by one of ten community funds held at SCCF. Applications are open year-round for all Steuben County-based 501c3 nonprofit organizations.



Below: SCCF's youth philanthropy pod, FIST, contributes more than 1,000 volunteer hours to the community. Right: Members of the FIST 2022-2023 executive board pose for a photo during a training session. Left: FIST poses with teachers after a service project.



Children attend a youth art class presented by Steuben Arts Scene. Programming was funded in part by the Rich and Laura Clifton Fund, one of more than two hundred funds held at SCCF. (Source: Steuben Arts Scene)



PRESERVING HISTORY

Steuben County residents gather at the 141-year-old railroad station in Pleasant Lake, Indiana to watch a historic steam locomotive owned and operated by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. The organization has hosted community events and rail camps for Steuben County residents funded in part by several SCCF Donor Advised Fund grants.



Left: Members of the Pleasant Lake Historical Society present a check to Jennifer Danic, President, and CEO of SCCF for the Pleasant Lake History Museum Fund. Right: Pleasant Lake Historical Society's board members and community members meet for a preview of the history museum. (Source: KPC Media Group)

Members of the Steuben County nonprofit community and SCCF President and CEO, Jennifer Danic on stage at Trine University's T. Furth Center for the Performing Arts for SCCF's 30th Anniversary Celebration. Thirty nonprofit organizations each received a \$10,000 unrestricted grant as part of the celebration. Celebrations concluded at a public event on December 1, 2022, when a film titled, "We Call It Home," premiered. (Source: Bill Eyster)

CONNECTING COMMUNITY



Business community members attend the Angola Chamber After Hours event hosted by the Steuben County Community Foundation in October 2022. (Source: Bill Eyster)



BOARD AND STAFF

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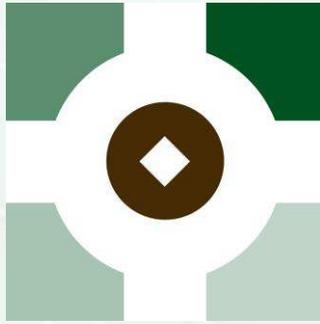
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OUR MISSION

“Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community.”

OUR VISION

“Serving as a community leader and improving the quality of life by assessing, supporting, and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building.”



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