

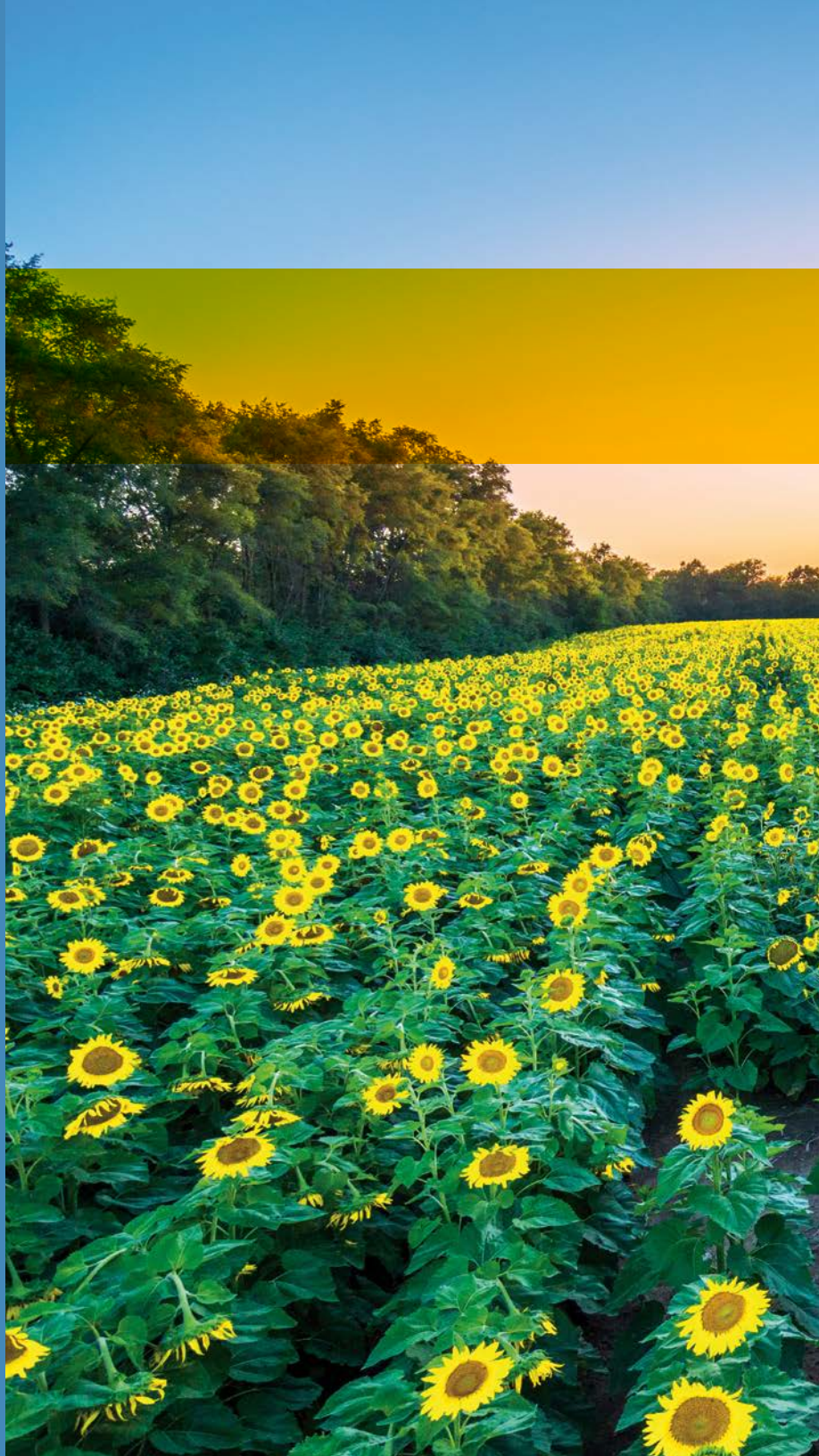
Inspiring and Sustaining Generosity,
Leadership and Service

in LaGrange County



Our mission

is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service in LaGrange County. The LaGrange County Community Foundation connects people to charitable causes and provides resources to nonprofits to make a lasting sustainable impact.





To Achieve this Mission We Will

- Honor the spirit and intent of each donor's gift
- Meet emerging community needs through effective, visionary and responsible grantmaking
- Assist donors in achieving charitable goals
- Perform as a prudent manager of the assets entrusted to our care
- Exercise leadership and promote partnerships that build better communities
- Develop, promote and encourage philanthropy

It started with Nine Visionaries

The LaGrange County Community Foundation was established in 1991 by a group of nine visionary leaders who wanted to make a lasting difference in LaGrange County by creating permanent funds to support charitable needs. What they had in common is an understanding of how philanthropy can change lives for those living in our community today and long into the future.

Growth in Investments and Local Impact

Assets: \$16 Million

Funds: 150+

Grants: \$10,335,366*

Scholarships: \$1,552,815*

**Total Giving to the
Community: \$11,888,181***

**Since 1996*

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Today, the foundation is thriving
because of these visionaries.

*We will inspire **generosity** by being a bridge that connects
donors with the causes they love.*

*We will inspire **leadership** in LaGrange County by
supporting ideas and programs that help our community thrive.*

*We will be of **service** to our community by providing
information, support or training to local nonprofits.*



Reasons to Give to the LaGrange County Community Foundation

We connect you with the projects and causes you love.

We create endowments by investing and managing donor funds to support current and future needs.

We know your community and create partnerships to have the best impact.

We help you make a bigger impact.

We offer the maximum tax advantages allowed.

Every day you make choices about how to use your time, talent and resources. We want to help you think about the choices you can make to fulfill a dream, create a masterpiece and support a passion, you can leave a legacy in your community in a beautiful way.





Knights of Pythias Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds support today and tomorrow. A gift to an unrestricted fund can address a broad range of local needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time of the gift. With no restrictions on the use of the gift, it enables experienced board and staff to do what they do best – assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations.

After 135 years of brotherhood, the Knights of Pythias LaGrange Lodge No. 144 made the tough decision to disband their fraternal organization. Known for their generosity of sponsoring Little League teams, supporting police departments and giving to local nonprofits, the Knights made a last goodwill gift by creating an unrestricted fund at the Foundation. By creating the permanent fund, the Knights' generous spirit is a legacy that will live on forever.

"The members of our Lodge no. 144 feel very fortunate to have our donation grow and benefit several organizations thanks to the LaGrange County Community Foundation," says Gordon Olds, a member of the Knights of Pythias.



Ways to Give

- Cash
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated assets such as stock or property
- Beneficiary designation on a retirement account or pension plan
- Estate gift (in your Will)
- Private Foundation Transfers
- Crops or livestock

Working through the Foundation, all individuals are able to contribute and positively impact our community.

The LaGrange County Community Foundation exists to serve its donors by administering charitable gifts in accordance with their wishes. Additionally, only earnings on endowments are spent, ensuring the foundation is a sustainable resource for community funding for many years to come.

The foundation is the best choice for donors of all kinds whose shared goals is to make an impact on the local community and promote a high quality of life for residents. Gifts of all sizes are encouraged, appreciated and important.

Type of Fund	Your Impact	Minimum Gift to Establish
Unrestricted	Choose to give to an existing unrestricted fund or open a new one in order to address the most urgent needs of the community	\$10,000
Field of Interest	Give to an existing field of interest fund or open a new one to support a range of causes from arts and culture to health care	\$10,000
Acorn	Start small with the goal of eventually growing it into a named endowed fund	\$2,500
Designated	Support one or more of your favorite charities	\$10,000
Donor-Advised	Choose where you give each year, operating much like an independent family foundation	\$10,000
Agency	Dedicated for nonprofit agencies or organizations, contributions made here provide income and long-term security for their operations	\$10,000
Temporary	Temporary funds benefit a particular purpose or nonprofit organization for the short term	Negotiable
Administrative Support	Choose to give to an existing administrative support fund or open a new one to support operations of the LaGrange County Community Foundation	\$10,000
Scholarship	Benefit students at a specific college or technical school, students in a particular field of study or students from a particular high school	\$10,000

Inspire Generosity, Community and Possibilities

It takes people with full and altruistic hearts to encourage people to make a difference. People who breathe life into new ideas can change a community forever.

You are those people. You are excitement, persuasion, motivation and inspiration.

You are the spirit of the LaGrange County Community Foundation and we are better every day for how you inspire people to make a difference and pursue their dreams.



Stroh Community Fund

The small community of Stroh holds a special place for Miles Perkins. It's why he and his wife Judith formed the Stroh Community Fund in 2000. The field of interest fund supports grants for schools, churches, parks and projects that benefit the Stroh community.

With the lack of a large business presence in Stroh, Miles wanted to create a way to support local charitable needs. "What can we do to help everybody?" Miles asked. "I'm from Stroh and sometimes it has seemed like a forgotten part of the county."

Since its inception, the Stroh Community Fund has supported improvements to the Stroh Ball Park, new field lights for the Prairie Heights High School softball field, Christmas lights in Stroh and an expansion of the Stroh Ball Diamond.

Giving in large and small ways is part of the couple's mentality; the two have been long-term supporters of the Community Foundation. In 2011, they started the Perkins Scholarship Fund, which supports a college-bound Prairie Heights senior pursuing a bachelor's degree.

"The Lord has been good to us, and we need to give it back," says Miles.



We are encouraged by the dedicated people in LaGrange County who care to make tomorrow better. You inspire us each day.



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