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NOVEMBER 15, 2016 Scholarship opportunities are live on SmarterSelect Website. Visit the link at [www.jasperfdn.org](http://www.jasperfdn.org) for more information.

NOVEMBER 21, 2016 Educational Opportunities Banquet for area high school seniors at Saint Joseph's College. See your guidance counselor to RSVP.

DECEMBER 7, 2016 Board of Directors Christmas Open House. Current and Former Board Directors are encouraged to attend. Invitations will be mailed soon.

MARCH 27, 2017 SmarterSelect Scholarship Deadline for Jasper Foundation and NCCF.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 Season of Giving Gala at The Farmhouse at 6 p.m.

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# When We Give

## WINTER 2016 JASPER FOUNDATION, INC.

**MISSION** *The purpose of our foundations is to assist donors in creating a source of assets to meet the ongoing and changing charitable needs and interests of the people living in all of our Jasper and Newton County Communities.*

2016 is nearing its close but we still have much to celebrate and work to finish. The end of this year will mark the end of a major transition in leadership and office staff for the Foundation. As we have spent the last few months digging into our new roles, we have discovered several hidden gems that I want to share with you.

- Jasper and Newton counties are home to some of the most passionate donors we have met. The place that raised you (or that you call home) has a hold on your hearts, and it's evident when you give.
- Both Jasper and Newton counties have real needs to support, from basics like, food, clothing, and shelter to big projects like parks, school trips, soccer programs, and community services.
- YOU care very much about these BIG needs. It is obvious to us (from this side of the desk) that your passion to care and meet needs goes beyond giving to a level of nurturing real change in your communities. You really want to see growth and move life forward.

We are excited to work with you to create the support your communities need. We are honored to be able to steward your gifts for the time we are charged to be here. We are grateful and full of hope for

*On October 1, I challenged the staff to a fundraising goal of \$35,000 between then and December 31. In just a few short weeks, we've received \$15,000 to be given through the Foundation to support various passions, projects, and scholarships in our communities.*

what we can accomplish together for our Jasper and Newton county communities. If you still have some charitable dollars left in your budget for this year, please consult the enclosed list of funds that we steward here at the Jasper Foundation. There are opportunities to influence various organizations and passions throughout Jasper and Newton counties. Consider this an invitation to join the family of donors who believe in each other as neighbors and who believe in us as temporary caretakers of forever funds for Jasper and Newton county communities.

*With Gratitude, Brienne & Staff*

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# Celebrating 25 Years of Giving

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 25 YEARS

**1991** The founders of the Jasper Foundation shared a vision. They understood the power of endowed community

philanthropy and believed through the creation of a local community foundation, endowment funds could be established to meet the changing needs of our Jasper County Community. The Foundation participated in the first Lilly Endowment's GIFT I initiative.

**1993** Foundation moved to its new office in the Carnegie Center that is a community cultural center placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Carnegie Center was officially dedicated.

**1994** Lilly Endowment, Inc. announced the first \$500,000 matching endowment grant that would result in First of America Bank's \$1.2M transfer of the Johnson Trust to the Jasper Foundation.

**1995** Newton County Community Foundation established to serve the residents of Newton County. The Board of Directors of the Jasper Foundation awarded nine grants from the Unrestricted Fund totaling \$15,125 for their first grant cycle. Helped to locally host a Fundraising Workshop and grant development workshop in Merrillville.

**1998** Jasper County community projects benefit from \$900,000 in grants from the Lilly Endowment GIFT III initiative. Newton County community organizations received \$50,000 in matching grants from Lilly Endowment. Both Foundations began administering and awarding scholarships made possible by the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

**1999** Both Foundations participated in the Lilly Endowment GIFT Phase IV to boost the growth of resources to meet the future needs of our communities. Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana handed over the deed of the Carnegie Center to President John Egan at the rededication ceremony.

**2002** First Women's Luncheon hosted by the Foundations to celebrate the power of giving. Purdue professor held seminar on leaving behind farm real estate with area farmers. Community philanthropist Wally Laird honored at scholarship dinner.

**2004** DeMotte Women's Circle of Giving formed to benefit the DeMotte community. Ralph Fendig's legacy

of giving to community (originally a charitable gift annuity) lives on by continuing to give to six charitable organizations yearly.

**2005** Sustaining Resource Development three-year strategic plan developed to build sustainability for the future. Roy and Fern Tobias Community Center Fund established in memory of Randall Tobias's parents. Legacy Society established to recognize people with planned gifts for the Foundations.

**2006** Held the first annual Season of Giving Gala to celebrate and commemorate the accomplishments of the Foundations. In celebration of the National Philanthropy Week, Pamela Jones Davidson, J.D. presented a charitable giving seminar for professional advisors and board members. Earned compliance with the State and National Standards for U.S. community foundations.

**2008** Record crowd at the Educational Opportunities Banquet held at Saint Joseph's College for local seniors going on to postsecondary education.

**2009** \$200,000 grant through the United Way assisted with residents in both counties for flood relief and recovery. Nonprofit Workshop series held to help build capacity for local nonprofits. Rensselaer Women's Circle of Giving formed.

**2010** 5th Annual Season of Giving Gala held as fundraiser for local nonprofits. Additional sessions of the Nonprofit Workshop Series held in both counties. Robert Lewis honored for his 17 years of board member service. Community Foundation Internship program was initiated.

**2011** Celebrating 20 years of providing community support. Community Foundation Standards Reconfirmation on standards book. Dr. John Egan honored for his 18 years of board member service.

**2012** First Executive Director, Linda Reiners, retires after 20 years of service to the Foundation.

**2014** Record-setting grant payout year with \$700,000 in grants awarded. Assets of the Foundation reach \$17M.

**2016** Marks the end of Lilly Endowment Gift VI. One million dollars was infused between Jasper Foundation and Newton County Community Foundations to directly benefit all the communities in both counties.

## WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DONATION	DESCRIPTION
<b>GIFTS OF CASH</b>	You may make a cash contribution of any size to an existing fund. This is the easiest and most convenient way to contribute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifts</li> <li>• Memorials</li> <li>• Tributes to specific individuals</li> <li>• Interest in specific organizations</li> </ul>
<b>APPRECIATED PROPERTY</b>	A gift of appreciated stocks, bonds, or real estate may provide important tax benefits.
<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>	Your charitable tax deduction would be the lesser of the cost or the cash value of the policy. If you continue to pay annual premiums, those too are tax deductible. The future benefits to the Foundation would be equal to the face value of the policy.
<b>BEQUESTS</b>	Donor's will provision: in part or in whole would build a legacy realized today.
<b>GIFTS FROM AN IRA</b>	If you are 70½ or older, you may transfer up to \$100,000 annually to a qualified charitable organization directly, and this amount will be excluded from income of the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes.

## WANT TO START A NEW FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

*A minimum of \$5,000 will create a restricted and unrestricted fund.*

FUND TYPE	DESCRIPTION OF FUND
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b> <i>(Includes Operating and Administrative Endowment Fund)</i>	Agency funds are established by the agency and its board. Designated funds provide grants to specific non-profit institutions named by the donors. Scholarship funds are designated for various areas of study.
<b>FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS</b>	Support of special charitable interests (for example education or health).
<b>DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS</b>	The donor advisors may make periodic recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors as to how the income from their funds is to be disbursed.
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	Provides flexibility to respond to the broad and changing needs in the community now and in the future.
<b>PASS-THROUGH FUNDS</b>	Non-endowed, \$5,000 minimum does not apply; a great way to start a new fund and raise money for a future endowment.

## Giving to Date

JASPER FOUNDATION, INC.  
*Grants and Scholarship 2016: \$176,621.07*

NEWTON COUNTY COMMUNITY  
*Grants and Scholarships 2016: \$104,654.13*

The Foundations serve the needs and philanthropic goals of donors who wish to make a difference by giving gifts both large and small. Donors of diverse interests and various levels of giving are encouraged to invest in the future of Jasper and Newton Counties with gifts to establish funds or by creating new funds.

Endowment gifts received by the Foundations are not spent, but are combined with other gifts and invested for growth. Each year, a portion of the investment is disbursed as scholarships and grants to support local programs and projects.

As a donor, you want your gift to have the greatest possible impact in the community. Donors consist of individuals, families, organizations, and corporations who are interested in providing financial support to charitable agencies and programs serving the residents of Jasper and Newton counties.

When you invest in your community foundation, you ensure that resources will be available for future needs.

*Over \$6 million in scholarships and grants have been infused into Jasper and Newton Counties over the last 25 years.*