



INSPIRING PHILANTHROPY

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THE LEGACY OF CHARLEY KIRK

His passion for giving and love of his community live on.

Born in Indianapolis on June 25, 1961, Charley Kirk was truly a hometown boy. He attended Orchard Country Day School, graduated from North Central High School, and after earning a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University, Charley graduated summa cum laude from the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis.

An avid cyclist and sailor, he lived a storybook life with his wife, Carrie, two young sons, William and George, and English Springer spaniels, Chief and Rumpole, in the Meridian Kessler neighborhood.

And then everything changed.

"Charley passed away quite suddenly in November 2009," Carrie Kirk says.

"And he was doing something that he really loved. He was bicycling with friends from the Central Indiana Bicycle Association." Charley, Carrie says, was involved in a bike accident and later passed away.

Not long after, Carrie Kirk began looking for a way to keep Charley's presence in his sons' lives – and the community – alive. "In the aftermath of all that, you're getting your head around what happened, what your life is, what your life was and what your life will be. But you also want – and it becomes very important when you have children – to find a way to continually remember that person."

Following a recommendation from her financial advisor, Charles Liles, Carrie contacted Central Indiana

Community Foundation (CICF) to learn how philanthropy could help her accomplish that goal. Working with philanthropic advisors at CICF, Carrie created the Charley and Carrie Kirk Family Fund. The fund was created with an investment of \$25,000, which is invested and managed by CICF. Carrie and her two sons are then able to grant up to five percent of the fund's balance annually to the not-for-profit organizations of their choice.

To date, Carrie, William and George have made gifts to St. Joan of Arc School, The Indianapolis Humane Society, Motus Dance Theatre and Indianapolis Bicycle Community Advocacy Group (INDYCOG).

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CICF believes in the potential of individuals and organizations, and recognizes the incredible accomplishments made by both in central Indiana. Yet we are steadfast in a belief that adding others to the equation, and working together, creates even more powerful results.



Put another way, we believe that $1+1 = 3$. One more person. One more project. One more leader... like you.

CICF is actively transforming the community by spearheading programs and projects meant to help central Indiana compete – and succeed – in today’s dynamic global (and national) economy and landscape.

CICF’s community transformation projects are categorized into three strategically-focused initiatives:

- Family Success
- College Readiness and Success
- Inspiring Places

CICF’S MISSION IS TO INSPIRE, SUPPORT AND PRACTICE PHILANTHROPY, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

FAMILY SUCCESS

Providing families with the skills and resources necessary to be economically self-sufficient and improve their quality of life.

Center for Working Families

Bundled, “wrap-around” services that include immediate housing and financial assistance, job training, search and related skills are provided in order to address the fundamental needs of many impoverished, under- and unemployed people. The program is nationally-recognized for the efficacy of its approach.

CENTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES	
Program measures	Since program inception
Receiving bundled services	4267
Newly employed	1150
Retained job for 6 mos.	525
Retained job for 12 mos.	298
Increase in net income	601
Increase in net worth	347



CICF supported the opening of the seventh center in Indianapolis at Ivy Tech's main campus in June 2012.

International Spotlight on CICF

Angela Carr Klitzsch, Senior Grants Officer responsible for the Center for Working Families, served as a spokesperson for the program before millions of viewers as a panelist via a segment of HuffPost Live featured on the Huffington Post website in September 2012.

COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS

Increasing educational attainment in central Indiana by effectively readying students to graduate from high school; preparing them to succeed in college; and supporting students so they earn post-secondary degrees on time.

Led by Roderick Wheeler, CICF Senior Grants Officer, CICF has spurred a dramatic increase in the State's Twenty-first Century Scholars program, which promises college tuition to eligible 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship. Enormously successful in its first two years (see table below), CICF's Twenty-first Century Scholar Enrollment Challenge has been slowed by recent changes to the program made at the State level.

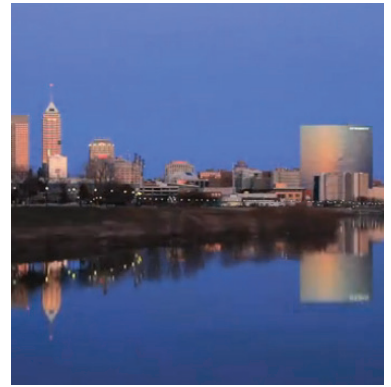
MARION COUNTY			
Academic school year	# of eligible students	# enrolled in TFCS	% enrolled
2008-2009 (6.2009)	6,200 est.	2,088	33.7%
April 2010 (start date)	6,151	2,367	38.5%
2009-2010 (6.2010)	6,151	3,580	58.2%
2010-2011 (6.2011)	6,357	4,797	75.5%
2011-2012 (6.2012)	6,329	3,942	62.3%

Working in conjunction with Legacy Fund, the Twenty-first Century Scholars Enrollment Challenge created a significant increase in the number of eligible Hamilton County students who enrolled in the program.

HAMILTON COUNTY						
Academic school year	# of eligible students	# enrolled (5/2012)	% of eligible enrolled (5/2012)	# enrolled (7/2012)	% enrolled (7/2012)	% increase from May to July 2012
2012	1,277	388	32%	527	43%	11%

FAMILIES RESULTS 7.2012		
2012 annual goal	2012 actual	% goal
1615	1458	90.3%
425	366	86.1%
190	190	100%
146	107	73.3%
342	321	93.9%
205	212	103.4%

CICF also led the creation of a groundbreaking report that for the first time ever tracks the number of Marion County students who ultimately enroll and graduate from college/postsecondary education. Previously, a comprehensive unit-record database was not available for Indiana, rendering



it impossible to directly assess college attendance and success rates for high school graduates. With the support of CICF, staff members from the office of Information Management and Institutional Research (IMIR) at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) helped 11 public school districts in Marion County enroll in the High School Student Tracker program.

Released in September 2012, the preliminary report includes data from 9 of the 11 Marion County school districts, and among other findings, reports that of the total graduates, 13,402, or 68.4%, enrolled in college, a percentage that is virtually identical to the national continuation rate of 68.3% reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2012) and somewhat higher than the 65.7% college-going rate for Indiana in 2008 (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2008).

For a copy of the report, please email Mike Knight at mikek@cicf.org.

INSPIRING PLACES

Making Central Indiana a “Top 10 Region of Choice” for creative, community-minded and highly-educated workers, and working to make neighborhoods vibrant, connected, and safe.

Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW)

Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) is a collective impact partnership seeking to more fully envision the potential of waterways running through, and connecting, many of Indianapolis’ neighborhoods.

ROW hosted “EMBARK,” an exhibit at the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center on September 7th and 8th, 2012, to report on its progress to date and educate the community about what’s envisioned for the areas around nearby waterways. EMBARK featured six videos, one for each of our major waterways: White River, Fall Creek, Eagle Creek, Central Canal, Pogue’s Run and Pleasant Run. Based on ideas and input from residents liv-

ing along these waterways over the last nine months, ROW took images of current conditions and layered on ideas for projects ranging from a new hotel along Central Canal in Broad Ripple, a sports facility/outdoor ice rink in Lafayette Square to new trails, lighting and artwork.

CICF’s belief that everyone in central Indiana should have access to “art, beauty and nature every day” as part of its Inspiring Places Initiative helped spur Eli Lilly and Company’s support of ROW. On October 11, 2012, nearly 8,000 Lilly employees worked on ROW related projects as part of Lilly’s fifth Global Day of Service. Much of the work involved removing invasive plants and picking up litter to make way for new native plants that will be installed in 2013.

For more information or to view the EMBARK videos visit [www. OurWaterways.org](http://www.OurWaterways.org).

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CICF has been a part of the process at every step. “At first I didn’t know it would be such a relationship —but it is.”

The family’s fund, Carrie says, has created a meaningful way for her children to understand what Charley was passionate about. “It’s a process,” she says. “It’s little baby steps, but I think it’s very powerful for William and George to be included in discussions about what their father liked, what he didn’t, and about what he believed in. And then they get to have their voices added to his.”



CICF, she says, has been a part of the process at every step. “At first I didn’t know it would be such a relationship – but it is,” she says. “CICF does a little bit of hand-holding, and brings me to the table to ask me what I think, and then I can bring the boys in and ask them what they think. It’s been wonderful, and a real in-tandem relationship.”

For Carrie, the fund has provided the family with an unexpected gift in the face of tragic loss. “I would never have wished this upon our family,” she says. “But if it had to happen, I am so glad we can do some good with it. That’s how we have to see it, and how we choose to see it. And in essence, that’s how Charley would have seen it.”

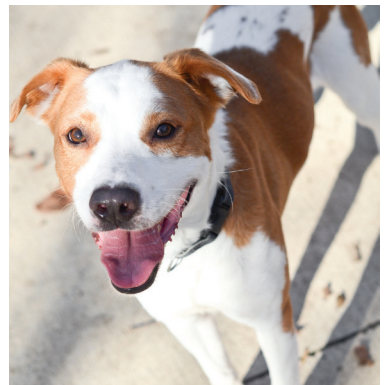
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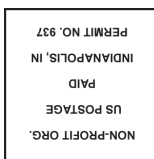


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