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**2024  
National Philanthropy Day**

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# National Philanthropy Day



## Agenda

### Registration & Breakfast

#### Welcome & Gratitude

Ashley Stoneburner, AFP President  
Stacey Stumpf, AFP President-Elect

#### Philanthropy Awards Recognition

Ashley Stoneburner & Stacey Stumpf

#### Keynote Speaker

LaKoya Gardner

#### Closing Remarks

Ashley Stoneburner

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## AFP MISSION

The Association of Fundraising Professionals empowers individuals and organizations to practice ethical fundraising through professional education, networking, research and advocacy.

## AFP VISION

To stimulate a world of generosity and positive social good through fundraising best practice.

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## Thank you to our 2024 AFP Northeast Indiana Board Members!

Rachel Burkholder, Monica Chamberlain, Abby Cleveland, Colleen Dixon,  
Patty Dunn, Julie Goodwin, Molly Graves, Jaren Harmon, Amy Johns,  
Melinda Perry, Lindsay Platt, Ashley Stoneburner,  
Stacey Stumpf, Janelle Taylor, Erin Ward

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# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## Outstanding Philanthropic Organization

**HANNING & BEAN**  
nominated by **Salvation Army**

 **Hanning & Bean**

For over 30 years, Hanning & Bean have been steadfast supporters of the Salvation Army, donating nearly \$1 million to help families in need. Bill and Ronda Bean's personal connection to the Salvation Army's mission drives their generosity, ensuring that hope is delivered to many during the holiday season and beyond. Their philanthropic efforts extend to other community initiatives, making them a beacon of support and inspiration in Allen County.

**KATZ, SAPPER & MILLER**  
nominated by **Junior Achievement**

  
**CPAs & Advisors**

With a 33-year history of supporting Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana, KSM has contributed over \$121,000 and provided numerous volunteers for educational events. Amy Lehrman, the incoming Board President, exemplifies leadership and commitment, actively participating in strategic planning and volunteerism. KSM's long-term dedication to youth education and community involvement highlights their significant impact on fostering future leaders.

**PROFED CREDIT UNION**  
nominated by  
**Girl Scouts of Northern IN**

 **PROFED**  
CREDIT UNION

ProFed's sponsorship of STEM day camps for Girl Scouts over the past three years has provided educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. Their financial support covers materials and scholarships, making the camp accessible to all. Beyond STEM education, ProFed supports over 145 organizations in northeast Indiana, demonstrating a deep commitment to community development and financial literacy education.

**BEERS MALLERS**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW**  
nominated by  
**Stillwater Hospice**

 **Beers|Mallers**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

A crucial partner for Stillwater Hospice, Beers Mallers provides ongoing financial support and legal guidance. Their involvement includes participating in Write-a-Will week, offering free legal services, and enhancing community visibility for hospice care. Their dedication to supporting families through legal expertise and advocacy underscores their comprehensive approach to community service.

# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## Outstanding Philanthropic Organization

**LASSUS BROS OIL, INC**  
nominated by  
**Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**



Lassus Bros Oil, Inc. - A valued partner of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo since 2001, Lassus Bros Oil launched the "Make a Splash" campaign, raising \$100,000 for zoo renovations. Their innovative fundraising strategies, including customer engagement through donations at gas stations, exemplify corporate social responsibility. Lassus's commitment to community support extends across numerous local nonprofits, reflecting their mission to "Love Thy Neighbor."

**TRUCK MAINTENANCE, INC.**  
nominated by  
**CTN**



As a longtime partner of Community Transportation Network, Truck Maintenance provides exceptional vehicle services and financial support. Their dedication includes prioritizing fleet maintenance to ensure reliable transportation services and sponsoring CTN events. Their holistic approach to partnership and community involvement sets a benchmark for corporate support, inspiring others to contribute to CTN's mission.



# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## Outstanding Philanthropist

**MARK SWAIM**  
nominated by  
**Girl Scouts of Northern IN**



A longtime supporter of Girl Scouts, Mark established the Kathie (Oiler) Swaim Campership Endowment Fund in memory of his late wife, enabling disadvantaged girls to attend camps. His contributions honor Kathie's legacy and foster opportunities for young girls to experience the benefits of scouting, reflecting his commitment to education and community service.

**LAURA MACKNICK**  
nominated by  
**Don Wood Foundation**



As President & CEO of the Don Wood Foundation, Laura exemplifies modern philanthropic leadership by fostering collaborative solutions and community engagement. Her extensive experience in development and fundraising enhances the foundation's impact across northeast Indiana. Laura's involvement in various boards and initiatives reflects her dedication to advancing nonprofit relationships and community development.

**SUZANNA PLASSMAN & THE  
PLASSMAN FAMILY**  
nominated by  
**Turnstone**



For over 40 years, the Plassman family has been dedicated supporters of Turnstone Center, contributing time, talent, and financial resources. Their legacy includes the Plassman Athletic Center, a testament to their commitment to enhancing facilities for individuals with disabilities. The family's ongoing volunteer efforts and financial contributions continue to empower Turnstone's mission.

**KATHY CARRIER**  
nominated by  
**Community Foundation of  
Greater Fort Wayne**

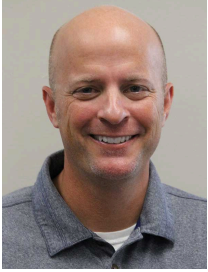


Founder of the Luminous Fund, Kathy Carrier promotes charitable giving among her family and employees, distributing over \$400,000 to various causes. Her creative initiatives, such as the Bill Blass Legacy project, significantly impact the Fort Wayne community. Kathy's dedication to philanthropy and community engagement exemplifies her commitment to positive change.

# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Outstanding Philanthropist

**JEREMY HOSTETLER**  
nominated by CTN



A dedicated board member and donor for CTN, Jeremy provides invaluable financial oversight and strategic planning. His proactive approach during the COVID-19 pandemic ensured the organization's financial stability. Jeremy's influence extends beyond financial contributions, inspiring others to support CTN's mission through his leadership and generosity.

## 2024 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY COMMITTEE

**Monica Chamberlain**

**Hannah Cottingham**

**Patty Dunn**

**Jaron Harmon**

**Jennifer Ledger**

**Lori Lehman**

**Melinda Perry**

**Lindsay Platt**

**Erin Ward**

# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## Outstanding Volunteer

**MEGHAN SCHULTZ**  
nominated by  
**Fort Wayne Center for Learning**



As a board member for the Fort Wayne Center for Learning, Meghan actively supports families in need and contributes to marketing and fundraising efforts. Her passion for child development and education is evident in her volunteer activities, making her a valuable asset to the organization and community.

**JESSICA PAMER**  
nominated by  
**Destiny Rescue**



An advocate for Destiny Rescue, Jessica has raised over \$200,000 to combat child exploitation and trafficking. Her innovative "Sale That Saves" initiative mobilizes community support, making a significant impact on vulnerable children worldwide. Jessica's dedication and success inspire others to take action against injustice.

**RAE CATES**  
nominated by  
**YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne**



Serving as an advisory board member for Central YMCA, Rae enhances community engagement and fundraising efforts. Her dedication to fostering connections and promoting the YMCA's mission uplifts the organization and its members. Rae's philanthropic spirit and commitment to community service are evident in her ongoing support.

**ROBIN TRIBBETT**  
nominated by  
**Girl Scouts of Northern IN**



A dedicated Girl Scout volunteer, Robin sponsors events celebrating Gold Award recipients and shares her financial planning expertise to support the organization's mission. Her commitment to fostering leadership and community service within the Girl Scouts highlights her dedication to empowering young women.



# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## Outstanding Volunteer

**MARTI HOPPUS**  
nominated by  
**Stillwater Hospice**



Martha "Marti" Hoppus - A volunteer at Stillwater Hospice, Marti provides patient care, administrative support, and mentorship to new volunteers. Despite living with a degenerative disease, her unwavering commitment to service inspires others. Marti's contributions exemplify the spirit of selfless service and dedication to hospice care.

**SUE HANSEN**  
nominated by  
**LC Nature Park**



As a volunteer at LC Nature Park, Sue leads tours, assists with events, and supports land stewardship efforts. Her positive energy and willingness to help wherever needed enhance the park's operations and community engagement. Sue's dedication to nature conservation and education is a valuable asset to the park.

**STEPHANIE VEIT**  
nominated by  
**Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne**



A founding member of the Women's Fund Steering Committee, she was instrumental in rebranding Take Your Daughter to Work Day to Take a Girl to Work Day. This initiative placed 200 sixth-grade girls in workplaces led by women, providing valuable exposure to professional environments. Stephanie's efforts secured financial and volunteer support, culminating in an inspiring luncheon with local female leaders. Her dedication extends to various community organizations, exemplifying her commitment to empowerment and service.

**KOURTNEY TEEGARDIN**  
nominated by  
**Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana**



Kourtney Teegardin first got involved with Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana as a volunteer for the Ribbon Walk, a key fundraiser supporting nearly 5,000 people annually. After being diagnosed with cancer at 34, Kourtney was determined to ensure others facing the same challenge had the support they needed. She later became chair of the Ribbon Walk, boosting event revenue each year.

Currently serving on the board and chairing the Annual Tribute Dinner, Kourtney's leadership helped raise record funds this year while honoring cancer caregivers. Despite a demanding career in marketing for a large construction firm, she continues to generously contribute her time, expertise, and resources to further the mission of Cancer Services.

# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Change the World | Youth in Philanthropy

**P.U.L.S.E. OF NOBLE COUNTY**  
nominated by  
**Community Foundation of  
Noble County**



This youth philanthropic group, hosted by the Community Foundation of Noble County, empowers teenagers from local schools to lead community service projects and manage grant funds. Supported by the Dekko Foundation and CFNC, P.U.L.S.E. educates students about philanthropy from 8th grade through their senior year. Over 30 years, members have contributed approximately 187,000 volunteer hours and awarded over \$360,000 in grants to local nonprofits and community initiatives. Their leadership inspires peers and community members to engage in philanthropy, creating a ripple effect of positive change throughout Noble County.

**PRINCIPAL ADAM  
SWINFORD**  
nominated by  
**Junior Achievement**



As a facilitator for student volunteers in Junior Achievement programs, Principal Swinford has significantly enhanced educational experiences by connecting students with real-world teaching opportunities. His initiative led to a successful "JA In a Day" event, where students from Northrop High School taught at Harrison Hill, receiving high praise from educators. Swinford's efforts not only enriched students' learning experiences but also inspired many to consider careers in education, demonstrating his impact on both student volunteers and the broader educational community.

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN  
ENGINEERS**  
nominated by  
**Purdue Fort Wayne**



This student organization at Purdue University Fort Wayne focuses on supporting and encouraging women engineers. With about 20 members, SWE provides networking opportunities, plant tours, and monthly meetings with professional guest speakers. Their flagship event, the annual Opportunity Banquet, is a major fundraiser that includes a career fair and networking dinner, drawing hundreds of participants. SWE's efforts foster an inclusive environment that supports women in engineering, preparing them to excel in their future careers and contribute to the industry.



# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Change the World | Youth in Philanthropy

**MARIA TAN**  
nominated by  
**Community Foundation of  
Greater Fort Wayne**



A passionate leader in the Youth Empowered Philanthropy (YEP) program, Maria has served as both Vice Chair and Chair, demonstrating her dedication to making a difference. Her leadership has been transformative, engaging more students in philanthropy and community service. Maria uses her musical talents to organize fundraising performances, benefiting local nonprofits. Her commitment to philanthropy and leadership inspires her peers, making her a role model for young philanthropists in Allen County.

# 2024 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

For the Greater Good | Community Connector

**LINDSAY PLATT**  
nominated by  
**Fort Wayne Children's Choir**



Lindsay Platt - As Director of Development for the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Lindsay has revolutionized donor engagement through a new CRM system and dynamic fundraising events. Her efforts have significantly increased donor contributions and community support. Lindsay's focus on building meaningful relationships and her passion for music education enhance the choir's mission and institutional culture.

# Keynote Speaker



## LaKoya Gardner

Director of Mays Family Institute  
on Diverse Philanthropy

IU Lilly Family School  
of Philanthropy

LaKoya Gardner is the Inaugural Director of the Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy located at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, which is the world's first school dedicated to increasing the understanding of philanthropy and improving its practice worldwide. The core mission of the Mays Family Institute is to understand the perceptions, practices, experiences, and needs of the individuals and institutions that operationalize philanthropy in underrepresented communities and develop programming and services to engage philanthropic practitioners, scholars, and the public at large in conversations and activities to advance this field.

LaKoya speaks across the globe on issues related to national and international trends in diversity and philanthropy. She has pioneered new approaches and programs, such as the NCAA Foundations of Fundraising, United Negro College Fund Philanthropy Institute, and the "Athlete to Advocate Executive Certificate", just to name a few. The Athlete to Advocate program allows her to provide training to professional athletes to help enhance their philanthropic activities as well as their communication and advocacy skills through their unique platform as professional athletes, all while helping them target and alleviate social injustices and inequalities.

Most recently, LaKoya was a co-author of the fifth edition of "Achieving Excellence in Fundraising," which is the leading fundraising textbook based on research and steeped in practical expertise.

LaKoya has over 17 years of experience in fundraising within higher education and numerous nonprofit organizations. Prior to her position at the Mays Family Institute, she raised over \$14.7M within a 3-year timespan as the Executive Director of Resource Development at Ivy Tech Community College located in Indiana.

LaKoya received her Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), and her Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan. Her focus area is to continue utilizing her expertise in fundraising to expand the understanding of donors of color and other underrepresented donors to shift the narrative within the field of philanthropy.