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# FoundationNews

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS OF COLUMBUS PARK FOUNDATION

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The Columbus Park Foundation

## About Columbus Park Foundation

The Columbus Park Foundation works to create a better, more inclusive community through supporting Columbus Parks and Recreation's programming and facilities. The Foundation's goal is to improve the quality of life of our community members through play and recreation, increase our community members' physical fitness and encourage them to lead a healthier lifestyle, protect our community spaces for future generations, and develop a vibrant, inclusive culture by supporting facilities and programs that encourage connection. The Foundation ensures all resources are used for their intended purposes, and contribute to the preservation and maintenance of top-rated parks and facilities.

### Board Members:

Jordan Hilber, President  
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Tyler Stilwell

**Ex-Officio** – Mark Jones,  
Parks and Recreation Director

**Project Resource Development  
Manager** – Celeste Reynolds,  
Parks and Recreation

**Lifetime Members:**  
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Chuck Wilt

**Youth Members:**  
Kate Ellis  
Eden Knight  
Dane Tibbs

### Upcoming Meetings

February 8	August 9
March 8	September 13
April 12	October 18
May 10	November 8
June 14	December 13
July 12	

Meetings of the Columbus Park Foundation Board, unless stated otherwise, are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4p.m.

## Your Donations in Action!

Your donation to the Columbus Park Foundation has already been put to work! The Columbus Park Foundation is supporting Columbus Parks and Recreation's free online trivia every other Tuesday this year. Columbus Parks and Recreation's Trivia started during COVID as a way for community members to have fun safely. Over the past two years, Parks and Recreation's online Trivia has continued to gain popularity as a program families can do together in their own home. This year the Columbus Park Foundation will pay for the monthly subscription for Trivia along with the prizes the gets!

Columbus Parks and Recreation would not be able to support this program without your help!

Check out the free online Trivia every other Tuesday on the [Columbus Parks and Recreation Facebook Page](#).



Sponsored by:



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## Tour de Trails Events

Columbus Park Foundation is gearing up for our annual Tour de Trails events! We are giving our community members and visitors the opportunity to explore our People Trail Network during our Run/Walk in April and Bicycle Challenge in May.

The Columbus Park Foundation holds the Tour de Trails events each year to raise money for our People Trail Network. Registrations, donations and sponsorships go directly to help maintain the People Trail Network so community members and visitors are able to stay healthy and have a safe alternative means of transportation.

The Columbus Park Foundation is increasing the fun this year for the Tour de Trails events! Stay tuned to the Columbus Park Foundation social media to learn more about the surprises the Columbus Park Foundation have planned for this year's Tour de Trails events.

If your business or organization is interested in being a part of the Tour de Trails events, contact Celeste Reynolds at [creynolds@columbus.in.gov](mailto:creynolds@columbus.in.gov) or 812-375-2759.

Registration for Tour de Trails events opens on February 13th.



COLUMBUS, IN



8K RUN, 5K RUN/WALK AND  
FREE KIDS FUN RUN  
*Saturday, April 15*

80K, 50K, AND 20K  
BICYCLE CHALLENGE  
*Saturday, May 13*

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Learn More!

[cbusinparks.com/  
TourDeTrails](http://cbusinparks.com/TourDeTrails)

OR



# Friends of Columbus Park Foundation | October - December 2022

## Area of Greatest Need

Anonymous (8)  
Jeff Baker & John Pickett  
Sharon Baldwin  
Anne Barnhorst  
Tonya Bates  
Robert Battin  
Kathy Baumgart  
B. Boyd  
Janet & Roger Brinkman  
Cathy Bryant  
Matt & Cheryl Carothers  
Centra Credit Union  
Nancy Conner  
Gary & Beth Dismore  
Ken Dunn  
Etnyre Family in memory of Tony Etnyre  
Nick & Marilyn Firestone  
Dick & Joyce Fleck  
John & Melissa Francis  
Friends of Columbus Park Foundation  
Clint & Laura Garrett  
Susie Gregory  
Melinda Hamby  
Jesse R. Brand & Geri A. Handley  
Pam & Mike Harrell  
Karla Hass  
Toots & Jim Henderson  
Joshua Holley  
Ryan & Jean Hou  
Beth Hughes  
Phillip Jacher  
Steve & Judy Jasper  
Ann & Bill Jones  
Mike & Donna Keogh in honor of  
Chuck & Geri Wilt  
Elizabeth Kestler  
Norma King  
Linda Knight  
Doug & Laura Leonard in honor of  
Beth Morris  
John Lirette  
Greg Long  
The Maier Family  
Jeremy & Nicole McDonald  
Diane & Jerry Mihay Jr.  
Scott & Chris Newlund  
Julie Orben - The Duke Energy Foundation  
Matching Gifts Program  
Joseph & Brenda Pitts  
David Porter  
Jess Prowant  
Marc Rape  
Wayne & Karen Ripberger  
John & Donna Sasse in honor of  
Shanda Sasse  
Bill & Bambi Sasse  
Randy & Jill Scheidt  
Greg & Peggy Scherschel  
Albert Hutch Schumaker  
Avril Schutte  
Joe & Kathleen Sheehy  
Southern Roofing, Inc.

## Area of Greatest Need cont.

Randy & Gayle Stafford  
Tyler Stilwell  
Tom & Tina Vujovich  
Greg & Camille Willmore  
Chuck & Geri Wilt  
Karl & Ursel Wolff  
Zeller Insurance in memory of Bill Zeller



## Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarships

Jeff & Michelle Blasdel  
Heather Bush  
Katy Bush  
John Bushouse  
Brent & Becky Church  
Donita Compton  
Nancy Conner  
Nathan & Jennifer Denison  
Brittany Durham  
Lisa England  
Christopher George  
Julie Hamblen  
Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson in honor of  
Chuck Wilt  
Courtney Jo, author of Beautiful Death, in  
memory of Judy Secrest  
Josh Jolliff  
Mark Jones  
Joel Lugo  
Steve & Cindy Meyer  
Michelle Miracle  
Jill Mishler  
Janice Montgomery  
Josh Myers  
Karen Nissen  
Dana Phillips  
Dr. & Mrs. Edward Probst  
Christy Pumphrey  
Repp Associates Foundation  
Danielle Rohm  
Trish Sanders  
Peggy Scherschel  
Erin Smith  
Michele Sweet  
Beth Taillon  
Christi Tam  
Lisa Theobald  
Matthew Thompson  
Jim & Bev Tibbetts  
Norbert Nusterer  
Laura Werner  
Susie Wilson  
Ashton & Maeve Wischmeier

## Disc Golf

Anonymous  
Columbus Running Club



## Inclusive Playgrounds

John & Sally Brand

## James K. Baker Trees

Sharon Baldwin in memory of Nick Rush  
Phil & Jane Bush in memory of Nick Rush  
Dr. & Mrs. Kwok-Sang Chui in memory of  
Nick Rush  
Lauralee & Robert Foerster in memory of  
Nick Rush  
The Garrett Family in memory of Nick Rush  
Roger Grayson in memory of Nick Rush  
Historic Downtown Neighborhood Alliance  
in memory of Nick Rush  
Dennis & Karen Hogue in memory of Nick Rush  
Mike & Donna Keogh in memory of Nick Rush  
John & Judy Lemley in memory of Nick Rush  
Charles & Jean Ozols in memory of Nick Rush  
Douglas Vawter in memory of Nick Rush  
Chuck & Geri Wilt in memory of Nick Rush

## Memorial Trees

Greater Columbus EDC in memory of  
Mr. Shojiru Haga, Toyo Corporation CEO  
Tom McClintic in memory of Nick Rush

## Parks & Park Facilities

Norma Lienhoop in memory of  
Scott Jon Lienhoop

## Pickleball

Columbus Pickleball Club  
Flourish Columbus, Inc.  
David & Karen Leach  
Mary Moore in memory of Norris Moore  
Alan & Tami Schwenk



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## People Trail Fund

Anonymous (3)  
Dr. Christopher Bartels, DDS  
Edward & Vivian Eckerly  
Walter Glover in honor of 2Trek4Kids.org  
Matt Goins  
Dr. Jenn Hartwell & Mr. Rich Mettert  
David & Claudette Hayward  
James & Judith Klaus  
Suzanne Morgan  
Barbara & Joe Salee  
Catherine Simmons  
John & Cindy Smock  
Linda Vaughn

## NexusPark Fund

Analytical Engineering, Inc.  
Anonymous  
Toots and Jim Henderson and family  
Karen & Jeff Jones  
Mark & Marabeth Levett  
Srikanth Padmanabhan & Usha Raghavan  
Edward & Kimberly Pence  
Bill & Nan Russell  
Tom & Tina Vujovich



## John McCormick Field & Scholarship at NexusPark

Anonymous  
N. Bingham & D. Kanzler  
Bill & Victoria Glick  
Jeff Smith  
Mark & Christee Starinieri  
Tovey-Perry Company  
The Wells Family

## In Honor

2Trek4Kids.org  
- Walter Glover  
  
Beth Morris  
- Doug & Laura Leonard  
  
Shanda Sasse  
- John & Donna Sasse  
  
Chuck Wilt  
- Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson  
  
Chuck & Geri Wilt  
- Mike & Donna Keogh

## In Memory

Tony Etnyre  
- Etnyre Family

## In Memory cont.

Mr. Shojiru Haga, Toyo Corporation CEO  
- Greater Columbus EDC  
  
Scott Jon Lienhoop  
- Norma Lienhoop  
  
Norris Moore  
- Mary Moore  
  
Nick Rush  
- Sharon Baldwin  
- Phil & Jane Bush  
- Dr. & Mrs. Kwok-Sang Chui  
- Lauralee & Robert Foerster  
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- Tom McClintic  
- Charles & Jean Ozols  
- Douglas Vawter  
- Chuck & Geri Wilt  
  
Judy Secrest  
- Courtney Jo, author of Beautiful Death  
  
Zeller Insurance in memory of Bill Zeller  
- Zeller Insurance

Thank you to our community donating to 2022 Annual Appeal! Your gift helps Columbus Park Foundation support Columbus Parks and Recreation's free and low-cost programming, trails, parks, playgrounds, and facilities. We would not be able to continue with all these amenities for our community without your help each year!

A huge shout out to Centra Credit Union for being our partner for Giving Tuesday! Centra Credit Union matched each donation on Giving Tuesday up to \$2,500! Due to Centra Credit Union's challenge to our community we exceeded our Giving Tuesday goal!

Thank You!





## THANK YOU!

The Columbus Park Foundation wants every child in our community to be able to participate in Columbus Parks and Recreation programming and sports. Through the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Program, eligible children are able to receive a scholarship to indulge in their passion for a sport or program they may not have otherwise been able to experience!

Your donations to the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Fund has made it possible to increase the amount of scholarship for each child this year. The Columbus Park Foundation has increased the annual amount of the Scholarship from \$140 to \$200 per child!

Thank you for making these scholarships possible!



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