

lacasa  
50 Years  
1970-2020



# 2019 Annual Report

Strong Foundations. For Everyone.



*Chris Kingsley is the President / CEO of Lacasa, Inc. He previously served as Lacasa's Vice President Resource Development.*



*Deb Jones is the Chair of the Board of Lacasa, Inc.*

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Brett Weddell,  
Vice-Chair*

*David Chupp,  
Treasurer*

*Elías García,  
Secretary*

*Barb Hassan*

*Nate Mateer-Rempel*

*Eriberta Perez*

*Linda Schlabach Miller*

## 50 Years of Strong Foundations

Just over fifty years ago, a group of concerned community members took action to better the living conditions of migrant farm workers. Elkhart County would truly be different without this agency and the group of determined pioneers who formalized a mission with action in 1970. Hundreds of quality, attractive, affordable housing units have been created. Thousands of immigration processes have been supported. Nearly 800 households have achieved first time homeownership. Nearly 600 homeowners have benefited from needed repairs. This only scratches the surface.

What a testament to a consistent community of supporters who have fueled this mission through board service, volunteerism, donations, partnerships, service as staff members, and so much more; a community who has believed in creating opportunity for personal empowerment, family stability, and neighborhood vitality. Throughout 2020 we are celebrating both what has been accomplished and what will be.

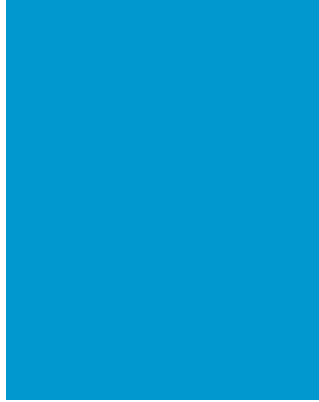
In the following pages, we're pleased to share with you not only the impact of the past year, but also stories from the previous 49. While the "what" of Lacasa's activities has grown and evolved over the decades, the "why" has not. We still believe strongly in work that respects human dignity. We continue to equip people and communities to unlock their potential and we strive to do it with excellence.

We invite your ongoing involvement with Lacasa's mission to consider commemorating this involvement in special ways that are meaningful to you during our 50th anniversary year. We invite conversations with you about ways to contribute and further the sustainability of this mission. On behalf of everyone at Lacasa, we thank you for helping to continue our mission and provide strong foundations, for everyone!

*Chris Kingsley,  
President / CEO  
of Lacasa, Inc.*

*Deb Jones,  
Board Chair*







# Taking on the Impossible



*Larry Gautsche served as Lacasa, Inc's Executive Director/President/CEO from 2001 until his retirement in 2018. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of ADEC's Board of Directors.*

Larry Gautsche joined Lacasa's Board of Directors in 1995 as an employee of ADEC. By 2000, he was the Board Vice Chair and a member of the Executive Director transition team, which began a discussion that Larry was not expecting. Larry recalled that "Mike Leaser, Board chair at the time, looked at me and said, 'well, what we need is someone like you to run the organization, so why don't you take the job'." In 2001, Larry accepted the position and became Lacasa's third Executive Director.

Partnerships with NeighborWorks America and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority were essential in providing resources and grant opportunities in the Elkhart County area. Larry found an opportunity for Lacasa to help downtown Goshen revitalization efforts through the restoration of two historical buildings. The Shoots and Hattle buildings, in 2006, were in need of either full-scale renovation or to be demolished. "I think the community saw that as an impossible project. We had over 1,000 people work on those two buildings over an 18 month construction," Larry said "We were able to keep residents of those buildings housed during the renovation and I think those buildings really contribute to downtown Goshen."

Following up the Hattle and Shoots redevelopment, Larry was approached to take on a new redevelopment project. Larry said, "We went from one impossible project to another." Lacasa was able to work on two major Elkhart projects in 2008, the Roosevelt Center and Water Tower Place. The success of these projects lead Lacasa into another big opportunity, The Hawks building in 2013. Built in 1870, **The Hawks** is a former furniture factory along the historic Mill Race canal in Goshen that Lacasa transformed into 35-loft-style apartments uniquely designed for artists and entrepreneurs in a live/work environment. Professions from brewers, photographers, and potters have been cultivated from their time at the Hawks.

Looking ahead to his own retirement, in 2017 Larry identified that a long-term strategic plan was important to continue building Lacasa's sustainable impact in the community. The strategic plan lead to the development of the Impact Fund, an aggressive fund-raising effort focused on long term investment efforts for Lacasa. Larry was able to build on the work of Moses Beachy and Arden Shank to deepen Lacasa's impact in the community and to bring new opportunities for Lacasa.



Photo by Stuart Meade Photography



## GRANT BEACHY

Grant Beachy was new to Goshen in 2008 and looking to establish himself in the community as a recording engineer and photographer. These pursuits required some sacrifices that he was happy to make. "I was living with a friend and other places so I could pursue [music] recording and photography. I could learn what I was doing with a little less risk of things like high living expenses."

Then in 2015, "there was conversation happening among fellow artists, saying that there's a building coming up that's going to be really cool for artists with their needs in mind," Grant said. "I remember saying 'if this happens, I will be one of the first people to apply'. So, day of [the application opening], I showed up 20 minutes early and there was already a line out the door."

*"You find yourself working to the level of people around you."*

The Hawks allowed for local artists to meet and collaborate with other artists. For Grant, the space was very inspiring. He said, "it kind of rubs off just walking by people in the hallways who are working hard at what they do. You find yourself working to the level of people around you."

His time at The Hawks gave Grant opportunities to grow his business and expand the types of projects he could work on. He also went on to take Lacasa's homebuyer education class and subsequently purchased his first home from Lacasa.

# Eyes on the Long Term Need



*Arden Shank was Lacasa, Inc.'s Executive Director from 1988 to 1999. He currently resides in Miami, FL as a Community Development Consultant and Board Chair, Community Reinvestment Alliance of South Florida Miami, Florida.*

Arden Shank began a connection with Lacasa when he volunteered, which then led to a part time job with Lacasa and continued to expand his role at Lacasa as needs grew by the end of 1985. After two years, he transitioned into the role of Executive Director in January of 1988. Arden said, "The biggest takeaway I got during my transition with Moses (Beachy) was to never take your eye off of the actual need in the community."

Lacasa was beginning to transition from an agency responding to immediate needs, to an agency providing solutions to long-term issues. "I wanted to understand how people got into unfair or unjust situations to address those," Arden said. Lacasa looked to address long term housing needs by helping to simplify and clarify outdated housing codes for both tenants and landlords. During the process, it became clear that Lacasa could provide long term assistance by offering housing. Arden said, "the other way to address this is if there is a housing need, let's build houses and let's build apartments." Lacasa rehabilitated and built dozens of properties including the 72-unit apartment complex, Arbor Ridge.

Along with the creation of affordable workforce housing, Lacasa was making long term impact in neighborhoods by establishing the **Help-A-House program** in 1991 to help homeowners with high cost repairs. "I tried to replicate Help-A-House in Miami," Arden reflected. "We did it a few years, but it was difficult to get any support like you get in Goshen. It was the exact right fit here for what this community needed."

As Lacasa grew under Arden's leadership, the need for more space became more apparent. Arden remembers, "we would hire a new employee and not really know where to put them. There were times where the landing on our stairs was just wide enough to fit a desk and we would put people there." In 1992 Lacasa found the current Goshen location at 202 N Cottage Ave.

Arden reflected on his time with Lacasa as a time for transition for the organization. He said, "There was a transition from meeting immediate needs to addressing long-term needs. We put into place the steps needed to address issues that were affecting the community."





*"I couldn't have done it without Lacasa. I feel safer now, knowing that lead is not a threat for my children."*

#### **ROSA ALBA**

In 2012, Lacasa's Help-A-House and Lead Abatement programs replaced Rosa's roof and windows and remediated the home's lead issues. Rosa is a single mother of three.

"I couldn't have done it without Lacasa. I feel safer now, knowing that lead is not a threat for my children. I have not had any issues with the house and am thankful for the lasting benefits of the help."

*"It allows me to actually save money that I can use for future maintenance."*

#### **JENNIFER OKLAK**

In 2015, Jennifer was emerging from the difficulties of the Great Recession. A day after graduating from college, 20 volunteers took her house by storm. Along with major landscaping work, Jennifer's house benefitted from insulation and new windows.

"It's made a huge difference in terms of affordability. I used to spend up to \$300 in utilities on an 800 square foot home. Now, I never even hit \$150, unless it's a polar vortex! It allows me to actually save money that I can use for future maintenance."

## Setting the Foundation



*Moses Beachy served as Lacasa's first Executive Director in 1974 after being one of the founding members in 1970. Moses passed away in September 2019 at the age of 94 after more than 70 years of service around the world.*

In 1968, Moses "Mose" Beachy and his family moved from Puerto Rico to Goshen, IN after 8 years of serving rural communities as a pastor and chaplain. Moses soon became a pastor at East Goshen Mennonite Church, which along with other churches in the area, identified a growing need in the growing community. Members of these churches, including Moses, were looking to address the needs of migrant farm workers in the Goshen area. This led to the establishment of the Spanish-American Committee.

The Spanish-American Committee was established in 1969 to solve immediate needs for low-income migrant workers who recently immigrated to the Goshen area. The Goshen churches also identified a growing need for affordable housing for low-income residents of all backgrounds. Man-to-Man was also formed with a mission to help low-income individuals and families find safe, affordable housing. In 1970, the Spanish-American Committee and Man-to-Man merged to form a single organization, Lacasa, to carry on the mission of both organizations.

In 1974, Lacasa, Inc. was in need of leadership to carry out the organization's mission. Moses Beachy became Lacasa's first Executive Director, filling a role he was passionate about. In an interview with the Goshen News in 2007, Don Yost, a Lacasa employee from 1973 to 1979, said "Moses was a guy who lives what he believes. He doesn't just talk about things. He takes action."

Moses was passionate about working with families and individuals on a personal level. In an interview with the Goshen News in 2007, Moses recalled, "I was working with a family with 13 children and they couldn't find a place to live. Thankfully we were able to find them a home in Benton before the mother had twins."

Moses was the Executive Director of Lacasa until 1988 when he retired and promoted Arden Shank to the role of Executive Director. Moses continued to advocate for immigrant rights and inclusion in the Goshen area after his retirement. Arden said in a 2019 statement, "Moses was profoundly committed to the causes of economic and social justice. His passion for the work was contagious and inspiring."







# 2019 Impact

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**176** Neighborhood Residents  
Becoming Neighborhood Leaders

**4,732** Hours Volunteered From  
667 Individuals

**333** Total Donors (45 New Donors)



## CLIENT EMPOWERMENT

**352** Money 4 Life Graduates

**27** Home Purchases Facilitated

**\$489,529** IDA Dollars Invested in  
the Community

**422** Immigration Clients Served





## ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 327** Total Units Managed
- 33** Units Dedicated to Permanent Supportive Housing
- 88** Community Events Hosted at the Roosevelt Center



## REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- 8** Owner Occupied Homes Rehabilitated
- 4** Housing Units Built
- 31** Housing Units in Development



# 2019 Donors

Lacasa's 50 year history has included so many accomplishments, none of which would be possible without the support from individuals, families, church partners, and businesses around Elkhart County. With your support, we impact our community in a lasting way.

## INDIVIDUALS

Audrey Alderfer  
 Brad & Anne Alstrom-  
 Brookhyser  
 Tona Ambrosen  
 Dominique Archie-Wilkins  
 Kathryn Aschliman  
 Sangwook Peter Bahng  
 & Hana Lee  
 Carl & Laura Barnett  
 Stephen & Jean Barton  
 Melba Bechtel  
 Merlin & Eileen Becker-Hoover  
 Leonard & Sharon Beechy  
 Chaney & Patricia Bergdall  
 Hilary & Gladys Bertsche  
 Ben & Jodi Beyeler  
 Lavonne Bixler  
 John Blosser & Rebecca  
 Unternahrer  
 Elton & Helen Bomberger  
 Wesley Bontrager  
 Leroy & Joyce Bontrager  
 Murray & Helen Bowman  
 Eunice Brenneman  
 Myrna Burkholder  
 Joy Martin Buschert  
 Jonathan & Sherrie Byler  
 Tom Chenier  
 Joe & Linda Christophel  
 David & Sara Chupp  
 Melvin & Lorna Claassen  
 Donald & Marie Clemens  
 John & Judith Davis  
 Helen Detwiler  
 John & Shirley Dick  
 Timothy & Anne Doyle  
 David & Beverly Eash  
 Loren Eash  
 M. Renee Esch  
 Stanley & Alma Farmwald  
 John & Lois Fidler  
 M. Drew & Tonya Frey  
 Dayton & Gayle Frey  
 Richard & Dorothy Friesen  
 G. Weldon & LuEtt Friesen

Doug & Sandra Friesen  
 Laura Funk  
 Andy & Tami Gangwer  
 Steve & Susan Garboden  
 Merritt & Ruth Ann Gardner  
 Charles & Marjorie Gautsche  
 Larry & Julia Gautsche  
 Charles & Teresa Geiser  
 Leonard Geiser  
 John & Suella Gerber  
 Winston & Sibyl Gerig  
 Glenn & Mary Gilbert  
 Paul E. Gingerich  
 Paul M. Gingrich  
 John & Sally Glick  
 Lucas & Judith Martin Godshalk  
 Peter & Mary Graber  
 Kevin Gross & Susan D. Zook  
 Ronald & Ruth Guengerich  
 Mark Haarer  
 Rodolphus & Anne Horst  
 Hanby  
 Gary & Linda Haney  
 Wayne & Jean Hart  
 Gregory & Eudora Hartzler  
 Barb & Thomas Hassan  
 Havens Family Endowment  
 Fund  
 Robert & Rosie Henrichs  
 Steve & Ann Herendeen  
 Renee Hernley  
 Anne & Abner Hershberger  
 John & Diana Hershberger  
 Richard & Jean Hirschler  
 Rex & Angela Hochstedler  
 Kenneth & Sue Hochstetler  
 Judianne Hollinger  
 Kathleen Holsopple  
 Elaine Hooley  
 Chad & Michelle Horning  
 Kenneth & Rebecca Horst  
 Jim & Sandi Hostetler  
 David & Karen Hostetler  
 Jep & Joyce Hostetler  
 Marian Hostetler  
 Eric & Lavonn Hostetler

Ray & Mary Hunsberger  
 Kevin & Tonya Jaberg  
 Tressy Janzen  
 Erika Janzen  
 Jacob Janzen  
 Marlin Jeschke  
 Michael & Deb Jones  
 Allan Kauffman & Carol Miller  
 Armon & Bernie Kauffman  
 Norman & Sharon Kauffmann  
 Cal & Loretta Kaufman  
 Larry & Mary Kegerreis  
 Gary & Norma Keister  
 Dale & Kay Kempf  
 Michael & Cheryl Kennedy  
 Julia King & Stuart J. Meade  
 Vernon & Shirley King  
 Marshall King & Bethany H.  
 Swope  
 Stan & Bonnie King  
 Chris & Gretchen Kingsley  
 Dale Klassen and Beverly Lapp  
 Claramae Klink  
 Ted & Gayle Gerber Koontz  
 Tim & Sarah Koontz  
 Kreider Jubilee Fund  
 Michael & Rebecca Kubacki  
 Eric & Kim Kurtz  
 Juanita Laidig  
 Dennis & Susan Landis  
 Geoffrey Landis & Elizabeth  
 Gunden  
 Mary Grace Leatherman  
 Maurice & Carol Lehman  
 Karen Lehman & Kent Beck  
 Jason & Patty Lehman  
 Merritt & Dierra Lehman  
 E. Jean Leinbach  
 John & Joy Liechty  
 Daniel & Mary Liechty  
 Nancy Liechty Loewen  
 Melvin & Elfrieda Loewen  
 Richard Martin  
 Phillip & Cindy Mason  
 William & Marna Mateer

Nathan & Sonya Mateer-  
 Rempel  
 Mike & Heidi McHugh  
 Louise Meek  
 Carl & Doris Metzler  
 Paul & Kathryn Meyer Reimer  
 D. Richard Miller  
 Evan Miller & Sara VonGunten  
 Dana & Linda Schlabach Miller  
 Dennis & Diane Miller  
 Kevin Miller & Rebecca  
 Stoltzfus  
 Lynn & Darlene Miller  
 Richard & Kathy Miller  
 Thomas & Sonya Miller  
 Jerry & Rebecca Miller  
 Sanford & Mary Lou Miller  
 J. Kevin & Lorene Byler Miller  
 Mary Ann Miller  
 William & Phyllis Miller  
 Christina Miller Clauss  
 Ron & Sally Jo Milne  
 Peggy Milton  
 Judy Minnich  
 Sandra Morris  
 Roger & Laurie Nafziger  
 Benjamin & Susan Nelson  
 Richard Nivens  
 Myrl & Phyllis Nofziger  
 John & Lisa Nussbaum  
 John & Dorothy Nyce  
 Ora and Grace Yoder  
 Endowment Fund  
 Myra Oswald  
 Dick Oyer  
 Clifford & Lois Oyer  
 Richard & Donna Palacios  
 Chester & Ruth Ann Peachey  
 Eriberta Perez  
 William Pletcher  
 Dave Pottinger & Faye Peterson  
 Richard & Thelma Ramer  
 Jim & Linda Rapp  
 Glenn & Lorraine Reinford  
 Mitch Rhodes & Lora Nafziger  
 Sidney & Sandra Richard





Dennis & Alice Risser  
Jonathan & Mary Ann Roth  
Larry & Rosemary Rupp  
Philip & Karen Rush  
Linda & J.D. Russell  
Carl & Lovina Rutt  
Teri Sanky  
Vyron & Elvina Schmidt  
Kenton & Sally Schreck  
Daniel & Elaine Schrock  
Larry & Kay Schrock  
Arden & Meribeth Shank  
Dale & Karen Shenk  
Michael & Patsy Sherer  
James Siegmann  
Brian & Lauri Smith  
John & Joann Smith  
Dorothy Smucker  
Jon & Janet Smucker  
George & Barbara Smucker  
Darrell & Karen Sommers  
Kendal & Robina Sommers  
Robert & Ada Souder  
Loren & Miriam Stauffer  
Douglas & LuAnn Steury  
Robert & Barbara Steury  
Donald & Claudia Stohler  
Eli & Paula Stoltzfus  
Eric & Ruth Stoltzfus  
Chad & Eliza Stoltzfus  
Lowell & Charlene Stoltzfus  
Timothy & Donna Stoltzfus  
Glenn & Geneva Stoltzfus  
Victor & Marie Stoltzfus  
Johanna Sutter  
Earl Sutter  
Barb Swartley & Wilma Harder  
Gerald A. Trolz  
Paul & Edith Troyer  
Burl & Rhoda Troyer  
Michael & Patricia Vanderveer  
Doug & Jane Vendrely  
Gertrude Warkentin  
Joann Weaver & Cynthia  
Hostetler  
Maynard & Phyllis Weaver  
Brett & Robin Weddell

Wayne & Diana Weldy  
Sara Wengerd  
Terri Wentz  
Esther Wert  
David & Rosemary Widmer  
Mark & Dawn Wobbe  
Dirk & Amber Wolfer  
Todd & Diane Woodworth  
Gordon Yoder  
Timothy & Marisa Yoder  
Douglas & Janette Yoder  
James & Trish Yoder  
Carl & Phyllis Yoder  
Mary Lehman Yoder  
James & Sandra Yoder  
Doug & Vicki Yoder  
Aaron & Jonella Yost  
Marcus & Robin Zehr

## BUSINESSES DONORS

1st Source Bank  
AJ's Tree Farm & Nursery  
Amazon Smile Foundation  
Berkshire Hathaway  
HomeServices Northern  
Indiana Real Estate  
Berry Plastics Corp.  
Bontrager Security  
Borntrager, Inc.  
Building Solutions, Inc.  
Center Management  
Corporation DIV  
Centier Bank  
Chemical Bank  
Chief Premium Treats  
Clarkco, Inc.  
Coldwell Bank Real Estate  
Group: Barb Swartley &  
Christina Miller Clauss  
Community Foundation of  
Elkhart County  
CommunityWide Federal Credit  
Union  
Cornerstone CPA  
Craig's Carpentry  
D.R.S., LLC  
Dairy Queen

Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski  
Davis and Roose  
DJ Construction Co., Inc.  
Dutch Maid Bakery  
Elkhart County Board of  
Realtors  
Erv's Small Appliance & Vac  
Shop  
Everence  
Exchange Club Of Elkhart  
County  
FHLB of Indianapolis  
Fidler Family Fund  
First Federal Savings Bank  
First State Bank  
First State Insurance Agency,  
Inc.  
GDC, Inc.  
Genesis Products, Inc.  
Gerace's Pizzeria  
Goshen Brewing Company  
Goshen Floor Mart  
Goshen Health  
Goshen Noon Kiwanis  
International  
Hawkins Water Tech, Inc.  
Hoover Feed Service, Inc.  
Inter-Cambio Express, Inc.  
Interface Architecture and  
Design  
Interra Credit Union  
Ivy Tech Foundation  
JAYCO, Inc.  
JP Morgan Chase Bank  
Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc.  
Keystone RV/Crossroads RV/  
Dutchmen RV  
Kil Architecture  
Lake City Bank  
Lippert Components  
Little Kidders  
Lowe's Home Center of Goshen  
Maple City Dispensing  
MapleTronics  
Martin's Supermarkets  
Meijer, Inc.  
Menno Travel Service

Meridian Title Corporation  
Miller Poultry  
Miller's Building Supply Inc.  
Mission Woodworking, Inc.  
Mutual Bank  
Natural Health Family  
Chiropractic  
Near North Title Group  
Nuway Construction  
Ozinga Bros., Inc.  
Patrick Industries, Inc.  
PNC  
Rotary Club of Elkhart  
Rotary Club of Goshen  
Rothshank Artworks  
Schrock Homes, Inc.  
Signtech Sign Services, Inc.  
State Farm - Indiana Office  
State Farm Insurance  
TEAM Construction  
Troyer Carpets  
United Federal Credit Union  
United Way of Elkhart County  
Veada Industries, Inc.  
Yoder-Culp Funeral Home

## CHURCH FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Assembly Mennonite Church  
Berkey Avenue Mennonite  
Fellowship  
Clinton Frame Church  
College Mennonite Church  
Foundation Family Worship  
Center  
Goshen City Church Of The  
Brethren  
LifePoint Church  
Silverwood Mennonite Church  
Sunnyside Mennonite Church  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship  
Walnut Hill Mennonite Church  
Waterford Mennonite Church

## 2019 HELP-A-HOUSE<sup>SM</sup> SUPPORTERS

### LEAD SPONSOR



### KEY SPONSORS



### Fidler Family Fund



## MULTI-HOUSE SPONSOR

DJ Construction Co., Inc.  
Everence  
First State Bank  
Goshen Noon Kiwanis  
Inter-Cambio Express, Inc.  
Lippert Components  
Miller's Building Supply Inc  
Patrick Industries, Inc.  
Timothy & Marisa Yoder  
Yoder-Culp Funeral Home

## FULL HOUSE SPONSOR

1st Source Bank  
Assembly Mennonite Church  
Coldwell Bank Real Estate  
Group: Barb Swartley &  
Christina Miller Clauss  
CommunityWide Federal  
Credit Union  
Elkhart County  
Board of Realtors  
First Federal Savings Bank  
Larry & Julia Gautsche  
GDC, Inc.  
Barb & Tom Hassan  
Hoover Feed Service, Inc.  
JAYCO, Inc.  
John & Joy Liechty  
MapleTronics  
Mission Woodworking, Inc.  
Ben & Susan Nelson  
Nuway Construction  
Ozinga Bros., Inc.  
Rotary Club of Goshen  
Schrock Homes, Inc.  
Silverwood Mennonite Church  
Troyer Carpet

## SUPPORTERS

AJ's Tree Farm & Nursery  
Melba Bechtel  
Berry Plastics Corp.  
Bontrager Security  
Borntrager, Inc.  
Clarkco, Inc.  
Craig's Carpentry  
Dairy Queen  
Davis & Roose  
Dutch Maid Bakery  
Dave Eash  
Erv's Small Appliance  
& Vac Shop  
Exchange Club of  
Elkhart County

First State Insurance  
Gerace's Pizzeria  
Goshen Floor Mart  
Hawkins Water Tech, Inc.  
Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc.  
Allan Kauffman & Carol Miller  
LifePoint Church  
Maple City Dispensing  
Maple Hill Psychological  
Menno Travel Service  
Meridian Title Corporation  
Sanford & Mary Lou Miller  
Mutual Bank  
Roger & Laurie Nafziger  
Near North Title Group  
Papa Johns  
Dave Pottinger & Faye Peterson  
Richard & Thelma Ramer  
Signtech Sign Services, Inc.  
Snyder's Paint  
South Side Soda Shop  
TEAM Construction  
Amber & Dirk Wolfer

## HELP-A-HOUSE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Amber Wolfer, Chair,  
Lake City Bank  
David Chupp, Keystone RV  
Kyle Revella,  
Interra Credit Union  
Sanford Miller  
Jon Miller, First State Bank  
Matt Schrock, DJ Construction  
Co., Inc.  
Barb Swartley, Coldwell Bank  
Real Estate Group

## IMPACT FUND SUPPORTERS 2019

### COUNTY LEVEL

Community Foundation  
of Elkhart County  
NeighborWorks America

### CITY LEVEL

Larry & Kay Schrock

### COMMUNITY LEVEL

John & Lois Fidler  
Michael & Rebecca Kubacki  
Mission Woodworking  
Timothy & Donna Stoltzfus

### NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL

Anonymous  
David & Sara Chupp  
DJ Construction Co., Inc.  
Larry & Julia Gautsche  
Barb & Tom Hassan  
Chad & Michelle Horning  
Stan & Bonnie King  
Chris & Gretchen Kingsley  
Geof Landis & Liz Gunden  
John & Joy Liechty  
Doug & Angie Nisley  
Myrl & Phyllis Nofziger  
Doug & Sharon Risser  
Gary Shaffer  
Brian & Laurie Smith  
Bob & Barb Steury  
Tim & Margaret Thut

### FAMILY LEVEL

Anonymous  
Kathryn Aschliman  
Merlin & Eileen Becker-Hoover  
Loren Eash  
Steven & Susan Garboden  
Steve & Ann Herendeen  
Allan Kauffman & Carol Miller  
Claramae Klink  
Merritt & Dierra Lehman  
Nancy Liechty Loewen  
Edwin & Louise Meek  
Mary Ann Miller  
Ben & Susan Nelson  
John & Lisa Nussbaum  
Myra Oswald  
Chet & Ruthann Peachey  
Larry & Rosemary Rupp  
Vyron & Elvina Schmidt  
Arden & Meribeth Shank



Victor & Marie Stoltzfus  
Doug & Jane Vendrely  
Doug & Vicki Yoder  
James & Sandra Yoder  
Michael & Mary Lehman Yoder

## SUPPORTER LEVEL

Audrey Alderfer  
Brad & Anne  
Alstrom-Brookhyser  
Anonymous  
Craig Buche  
Ron Byler & Mim Shirk  
Mel & Lorna Claassen  
Everence  
Richard & Dorothy Friesen  
Andrew & Tami Gangwer  
David & Lisa Gautsche  
Alan Greaser & Jeannie Brunk  
Rodolphus & Anne  
Horst Hanby  
Lavonn & Eric Hostetler  
Dave & Karen Hostetler  
Jep & Joyce Hostetler  
Mary & Ray Hunsberger  
David & Cynthia Janzen  
Loren & Rachel Johns  
Deb & Mike Jones  
Thushanti Kamalakanth  
Kil Architecture  
John & Kelli King  
Jason & Patty Lehman  
Richard Martin  
Nathan & Sonya  
Mateer-Rempel  
Julia King & Stuart Meade  
Evan Miller & Sara VonGunten  
Dennis & Diane Miller  
Dana & Linda Schlabach Miller  
Judy Minnich  
Linda & J.D. Russell  
Adam Scharf & Anna Wiebe  
Bob & Marie Schrock  
Scott Roth – State  
Farm Insurance  
Ruth Shaum  
Dorothy Smucker  
Chad & Eliza Stoltzfus  
Eli & Paula Stoltzfus  
Johanna Sutter  
Jerry Trolz  
Ora & Mary Troyer  
Dominique Wilkins  
Gordon Yoder  
John Zook

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1st Source Bank  
Catholic Legal Immigration  
Network  
Cinnaire  
City of Elkhart  
City of Goshen  
Community Foundation  
of Elkhart County  
Dauby O'Connor & Zaleski  
Dovetail Projects, LLC  
Elkhart County Clubhouse  
Elkhart County Government  
Elkhart Housing Authority  
Everence  
Federal Home Loan  
Bank of Indianapolis  
First State Bank  
Goshen College  
Habitat for Humanity  
HUD  
IHCDA  
Interra Credit Union  
Lake City Bank  
National Immigrant  
Justice Center  
NeighborWorks America  
North Central Indiana  
Housing Authority  
Oaklawn Psychiatric Services  
Ohio Capital Corporation  
for Housing  
Prosperity Indiana  
TK Immigration Law  
United Way of Elkhart County

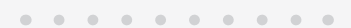
## VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Assembly Mennonite Church  
Berkey Avenue  
Mennonite Fellowship  
Catholic Heart WorkCamp  
Concord High School Freshmen  
Volunteer Day  
East Goshen Mennonite Church  
Eighth St. Mennonite Church  
Elkhart County  
Corrections Center  
Elkhart Leadership Academy  
Everence  
First State Bank  
Genesis Products  
Goshen College  
Goshen High School Girls  
Soccer Team  
Goshen Kiwanis

Goshen Rotary  
Grand Valley State University  
Greene Road Church  
Habitat for Humanity  
–Elkhart County  
Lewis University  
LifePoint Church  
Lippert (various plants)  
Merit Learning Center  
Silverwood Mennonite Church  
St. John's Catholic Church Youth  
State Farm Insurance  
University of  
Michigan–Dearborn

# 2020 Annual Sponsors

## EMPOWERMENT LEADER



## SUSTAINER



## BUILDER

Dauby O'Connor  
& Zaleski, LLC  
DJ Construction Co., Inc.



202 N. Cottage Avenue  
Goshen, IN 46528

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
GOSHEN, IN  
PERMIT NO. 74



Lacasa, Inc. is a Community Development Organization serving Elkhart County. Our programs are designed to improve neighborhoods and strengthen families.

All Lacasa activities and services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

## MARIA TORRES



Maria Torres was renting a house for 13 years and always paid on time. Her landlord gave her 1 month's notice to move out. She begged him to let her stay longer, and he agreed that she could stay for a little longer and increased her rent by \$100/month. The first thing she did was come to Lacasa. "I didn't have any idea what the whole homebuying process was before I came to Lacasa, but I've learned

a lot. All my questions were answered, and beyond that, I learned answers to questions I didn't even know I had!"

Maria liked the Homebuyer Education course so much, she took it twice. "I don't know how anybody could go through the process of buying a house and not take this class! When I saw how much interest you have to pay over the years, I thought I'd never be able to buy a house. It seems like you pay as much in interest as what you're paying on the house! I didn't realize there was another way to do it. Now I tell everyone to power pay on their mortgage. I tell people that by paying one

*"I haven't met anybody that isn't amazing. Everybody was SO knowledgeable and helpful."*

extra mortgage payment per year, you can reduce your mortgage payment timeline by 7 years! My boss was so interested, she asked me to write that down for her."

"Of course the down payment assistance was very helpful. I was able to make an \$8,000 down payment after saving \$1,600. It would have taken me years to save up \$8,000, but \$1,600 was manageable. Now my mortgage payment will only be \$41 more than what I was paying to rent, and nobody will be able to tell me that I have to leave in 1 month."

"People might be surprised by how helpful and friendly and kind and compassionate every single person at Lacasa is. I haven't met anybody that isn't amazing. Everybody was so knowledgeable and helpful."