

2021 EDITION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020. A year none of us are likely to forget. And while much will be written about the trials, headaches, heartaches and tragedies of the last year, there were so many positive things that we could be thankful for within our own community. Seeing more people out walking, running, riding bikes, and going to the playground, really gave our park system a chance to shine. As people took to socially distant activities, usage of our trailways was up, attendance at Creekside Trails was up (they are beautiful trails if you haven't seen them first hand – please make it a point to check them out!), and golf was more popular than ever!

While as a foundation we weren't able to engage with the community in all of our 'normal' fundraising events in the exact same way, our community as always rose to the occasion to support our park system, and although it was not the year any of us would have asked for, I chalk it up as a successful year for the foundation because of the great people and businesses we have in our community that continue to support the mission of the Valparaiso Parks Foundation to support our amazing park system.

The foundation was able to host our Friends and Legends event and we honored Ivan and Pat Bodensteiner with the Art and Irene Malasto award, the Law Firm of Douglas Koeppen & Hurley with the Legendary Friend Award, and Bob Spaulding, Jr. with the Community Champion award. Thank you to all the award recipients for your time, talent and treasure in supporting Valpo Parks!

Progress continued throughout our park system with the completion and opening of the ValPAWraiso Dog park, the expansion of our trailway system and of Creekside Trails, upgrades at Will Park, and the completion of the Parks Master Plan which will pave the way for our Legacy Park Project that will provide upgrades to all our parks over time. There is more to come... we are looking forward to development on a new Skate Park, and the next generation Adult Community Center to replace the current Banta Center with fundraising and development ideas already underway.

They say it takes a village, and it certainly does. Thank you to Mayor Murphy, and Parks Director John Seibert for their continued support and leadership of building and maintaining one of the best park systems in the country! Thank you to our board members, past and present, for your dedication to our City. Thank you to the Park staff for the amazing job you always do, but especially this last year - constantly scrambling to keep up with changing guidelines, to offer events where possible, and keep us all safe while hosting them. And, most importantly, thank you to the Valparaiso Community for your support, and engagement with our mission of creating and sustaining a wonderful park system for our amazing community.

2021 is looking bright – see you at the park!

*Tim Verschure*

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*Thank you!*

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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



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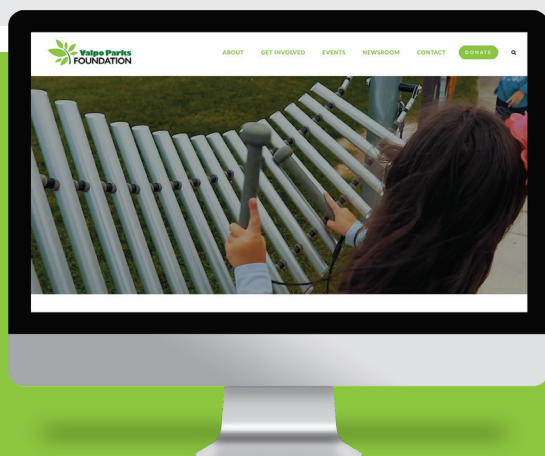


# 2020 DONORS & SPONSORS

1st Source Bank  
AM Stabilizers  
Anton Insurance  
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*Thank you!*

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# event recaps

## Friends & Legends



"Celebrating Friends & Legends" reception is held each year to honor those who lend support and volunteer to aid in the mission of the Foundation. The "Art & Irene Malasto Legends Award" was presented to Ivan & Pat Bodensteiner to give recognition and appreciation of their leadership and support to Valpo Parks. The 2020 Legendary Friend Award honoree was the Law Firm of Douglas Koppen & Hurley. The "Community Champion" Award was presented to Bob Spaulding, Jr. to honor his demonstrated leadership and stewardship in the community. Thank you to our sponsors 1st Source Bank, Circle R Electric, Indiana Beverage and Strack & Van Til.

## Creekside Classic



This one-of-a-kind golf outing gives kids an opportunity to play in a real shotgun start, best ball outing! 2020 was a great year for Creekside Classic with 21-hole sponsors, including the Anderson Foundation, AM Stabilizers, Jim Cunningham, Edward Jones, the Kusbel Family, Mitch Peters Attorney at Law, the Rodenbarger Family and Value Flooring. The new format included golf and youth skills competition combined during the event.

## Party in the Park & First Skate

Due to the pandemic, Valpo Parks Foundation was unable to safely host Party in the Park and First Skate in 2020. We look forward to normalcy which means the return of these events in 2021!

# SAVE THE DATES FOR 2021!

**creekside**  
**CLASSIC**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

**Creekside Golf Course**

*Juniors & Adults golfing together for a good cause*

**party**  
IN THE **PARK**

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

**William E. Urschel Pavilion**

*Celebrating 75 Years of the Valpo Parks Board*

**FRIENDS**  
& **legends**

**Thursday, October 7, 2021**

**William E. Urschel Pavilion**

*Honoring those who love and care for our community*

**FIRST** **skate**

**Friday, November 12, 2021**

**Ice Rink at Central Park Plaza**

*Be the first to experience the ice this season*

# This Year...

## We are thankful for ongoing support from sponsors & partners

2020 is a year that will be remembered. With all the pain and heartache in the world, the Valpo Parks Foundation would like to give a sincere thank you to everyone who has continued to support the mission of the Parks. Whether it was through program registration, volunteerism, or private partnerships, the generosity of this community is extraordinary. There is no question that 2020 will make us stronger as a community and that we are better together. We are Valpo!



# 2020 FUNDRAISING

FOUNDATION PARTNERS  
\$70,000

CREEKSIDE TRAILS  
\$14,054

FOUNDATION EVENTS  
\$21,675

GENERAL DONATIONS  
\$6,000

OTHER FUNDS  
\$10,325





# WAYS *to give*



Cash Gifts



Planned Giving



Gifts in Honor,  
Memory &  
Special  
Occasions



Real Estate



In-Kind Support

## Celebrate the past, inspire the future

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the Board of Park Commissioners, now known as the Valpo Parks Board. Celebrate 75 years as we recall the memories, collaboration and community engagement in Valparaiso.

*Cheers to 75 years!*





The Valpo Parks are reflective of the community's vibrancy and are a visible **symbol** of the quality of life in Valparaiso. The Valpo Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, exists to **support** the Valpo Parks Department. The Foundation often serves as a catalyst to bring projects to fruition, capturing the spirit and character of residents working side-by-side to make our community even **stronger**.

# SUPPORT THE PARKS



Because of your generosity, our treasured park system and its programs will continue to be responsive to community needs. Each gift, no matter the size, will help ensure that our parks will be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities for generations to come.

*Thank you!*

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