

2020 EDITION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

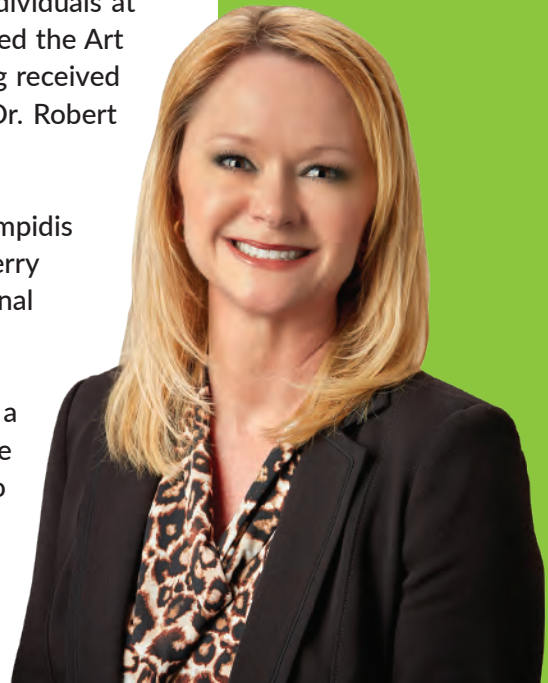
This community, that I call home, has again stepped up to make our Valpo Parks and their programs phenomenal. In 2019 a Youth Sports Fund was started to help “kick it up a notch”, a Challenger Baseball League was formed and ValPAWraiso Dog Park broke ground. Creekside Trails was started and completed in record time. The parks department invited the public to take a look at the new Horticulture greenhouse and my personal favorite (as a softball mom), the new comfort station at Bicentennial Park.

The Valpo Parks Foundation also recognized some exceptional individuals at our Friends and Legends Reception, Mayor Jon Costas was awarded the Art and Irene Malasto Legends Award, Sharon Swihart and Bill Oeding received the Legendary Friend Award and our community champion was Dr. Robert Behrend.

In 2019 we welcomed Dr. Jim McCall, Brandi Anstine and Alex Olympidis to our board and thanked outgoing board member, Dr. Jerry Rodenbarger, Jackie Stutzman and Monica Clark for their exceptional service.

Valpo Parks Foundation hosted a kick ball tournament in June and a sold out First Skate in November. In 2020, the parks will be celebrating 75 years! Remember how lucky we are to be able to enjoy all of Valparaiso's beautiful parks.

*Jamie*



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Valparaiso Community Schools

**Brandi Anstine**  
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# Thank you! FOUNDATION PARTNERS

## PREMIER PARTNERS



## PLATINUM PARTNER



## GOLD PARTNERS



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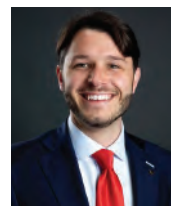
## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



**Brandi Anstine**  
Chief Branding Officer  
HealthLinc



**Dr. Jim McCall**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Valparaiso  
Community Schools

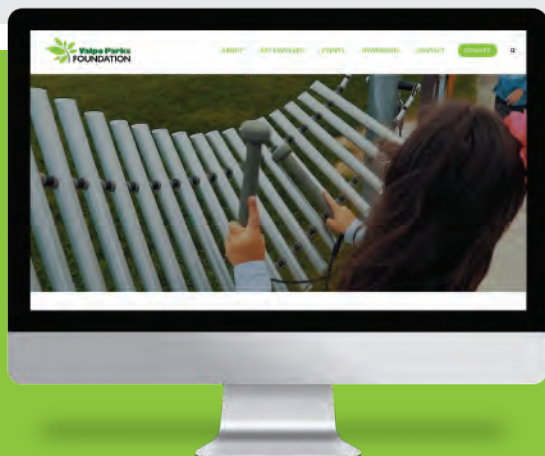


**Alex Olympidis**  
Family Express  
President of Operations



# 2019 DONORS & SPONSORS

|   |                                      |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st Source Bank                                     | Elegan Customwear                    | Molly Maid                           |
| AM Stabilizers                                      | Family Express                       | Nupnau Lawn & Snow                   |
| Absolutely Dry                                      | First Merchants Bank                 | Ocean Life Construction              |
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| Anderson Winery                                     | Gariup Construction                  | Porter Regional Hospital             |
| Anton Insurance                                     | George & Julie Douglas               | Pressure Tech<br>Maintenance         |
| Anytime Fitness                                     | HealthLinc                           | Puntillo & Crane<br>Orthodontics, PC |
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*Thank you!*

New Valpo Parks Foundation Website  
Donated by WeCreate Media



# 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 Mayor Jon Costas to give recognition and appreciation of his leadership and support to Valpo Parks. The 2019 Legendary Friend Award honorees were Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Swihart and City Administrator, Bill Oeding. The "Community Champion" Award was presented to Dr. Robert Behrend to honor his demonstrated leadership and stewardship in the community. The 2019 Friends & Legends reception was held on Thursday, May 2 at Butterfield Family Pavilion in front of 400 people. Circle "R" Electric was the event's title sponsor.

## Party In The Park



Valpo Parks Foundation "Kicked It Up A Notch" at this year's Party in the Park Fundraiser! Friends met at Fairgrounds Park on Saturday, June 1 for some good ol' fashioned kickball fun! Fourteen teams participated with the final match between Valpo Police and Valpo Fire as the main event! Following the kickball fundraiser, the Valpo Parks Foundation celebrated the day with friends and partners inside the official Foundation Club Tent. The tent event included premium food & open bar, live music by Chris & Lou, raffles, and more!

# Creekside Classic



This one-of-a-kind golf outing gives kids an opportunity to play in a real shotgun start, best ball outing! 2019 was a record year for Creekside Classic with 32-hole sponsors, 25 four-somes and 15 youth skills participants. Team CSI won lowest NET score and was the 2019 Creekside Classic 14-hole champion. This fun-filled day of golf includes a Classic t-shirt, food, awards, and swag for all participants.

# First Skate



This exclusive, family friendly, first skate took place on November 16. Each attendee receives admission, skate rental, pizza, and of course, bragging rights of being the first on the ice! More than 500 people attended, and all left with smiles that the ice season had begun. The event was proudly sponsored by Anytime Fitness of North Valparaiso.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020!

**creekside**  
CLASSIC

**Thursday, July 16, 2020**  
Creekside Golf Course  
*Juniors & Adults golfing together for a good cause*

**FRIENDS**  
& legends

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**  
Butterfield Family Pavilion  
*Honoring those who love and care for our community*

**party**  
IN THE PARK

**Friday, October 2, 2020**  
William E. Urschel Pavilion  
*Celebrating 75 Years of the Valpo Parks Board*

**FIRST** skate

**Saturday, November 14, 2020**  
Ice Rink at Central Park Plaza  
*Be the first to experience the ice this season*



# Your Support Helped Us...



## Creekside Trails

*More than just golf on the Creekside property*

Creekside Trails is home to six miles of multi-use soft surface trails. The Creekside property was purchased by the City of Valparaiso in 1992 from the Johnson family. The property remained unaltered until spring 2019 when a group of community members approached the Parks Department with a vision to bring mountain biking to Valparaiso. In March of 2019, volunteers led by lead trail designer Bob Spaulding, Jr, broke ground and by October of the same year the trail was deemed safe to hike, bike and jog.



## ValPAWraiso Dog Park

*Unleashing the paw-sibilities in Valpo*

Valpo Park's newest addition broke ground in 2019 with an opening date to follow in spring of 2020. This dog park spans over 2 acres while featuring a large and small dog area, pavilion shelters, concrete pathways and a plaza complete with PAW print bricks and archway. The second phase coming Summer 2020 will feature a restroom, drinking fountain for both humans and dogs, as well as a paw wash!

# 2019 FUNDRAISING

FOUNDATION  
EVENTS  
\$128,888



CREEKSIDE  
TRAILS  
\$23,632



YOUTH SPORTS  
FUND \$25,083

OTHER  
FUNDS  
\$2,970



DOG PARK  
\$24,483



# 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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