



ANNUAL REPORT | 2015 - 2016

CSF



Bill & Rebecca Kershner

SUPPORTING CHURCHES
98%
Indiana

2% Out of State

BILL KERSHNER | Ministry Director

Recently, I have enjoyed building new relationships with more of our supporting churches. This is happening over lunch, visiting on Sundays, meeting mission teams, and listening to ministers. In return, they have taken the opportunity to visit CSF and sit with some of our staff and students. As a former youth minister, now a campus minister, I see the value of both! **If I were still a youth pastor and knowing what I know now, I would be motivated to connect my students to a college ministry before they ever stepped onto campus.**

A youth minister friend was telling me of a book titled *The Slow Fade*. The author, Reggie Joiner, says, "Almost all experts and statisticians are going to say to you that between 60 and 80 percent of teenagers who grow up in the church and graduate from our 'programs' **are dropping out of church.**" This is serious and needs our attention.

I want to support this high school-to-college transition and partner with the local church's investment in young people. When I travel to a partnering church, attend a Sunday school class, or even preach at a weekend worship service, I'm able to experience what God is doing through your local church. As I meet people, I hope to communicate the importance of finding Christian community on college campuses and build on the foundation started in home churches.

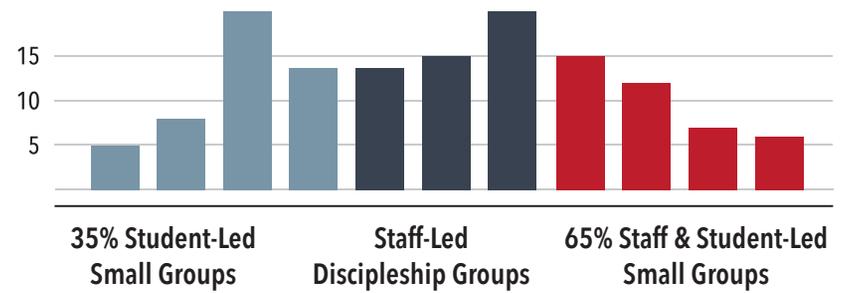
We don't want young people to just survive, but to grow and thrive in their faith while attending college.

I want to humbly and strongly recommend that we work together to bridge the gap, being proactive in helping high school graduates land well in their new surroundings. I'm proud when a member of the local church visits Bloomington and sees first hand Christian Student Fellowship in action. **I enjoy introducing people to students who are involved in our ministry so they can hear how CSF has impacted their college years.** I love how so many are surprised when visiting, meeting, and seeing what is available to students through CSF. I realize not everyone will be able to visit and see what God is doing here at Indiana University, and so for now I hope you take time to read the testimonies of some recent graduates and a parent's perspective! For those who've been impacted by CSF, will you consider personally supporting the ministry this year?

BILL@CSFINDIANA.ORG | Alumni & Friends: Let's reconnect!



Clayton & JoJo De Fur



CLAYTON DE FUR | Nonprofit Management '16

As I reflect on the past four years, I can't help but be grateful. The college years are formative for most people, yet I feel that my time with CSF has had a far greater influence on my life than simply four years of college. **Serving as the Student President of CSF for my junior and senior years has shown me what leadership truly looks like. This experience will forever shape the way I approach my family, my church, and my career.**

Over these four years, CSF has grown and developed as an organization. From the establishment of the Discipleship Program, remodeling of the Campus House, solidifying the CSF Cycling Teams within the Little 500 communities, expansion and redevelopment of Leadership Teams, amongst a multitude of other things, CSF is growing and improving each year. In a seemingly strange way, I'm excited to be moving on because I know that it is being left in even better hands. The young students stepping into leadership are ready to take CSF to new levels of growth and involvement with the university.

Making things even sweeter, I married JoJo Daghe - who I met my freshman year through CSF! As JoJo and I graduate, I know we are both beyond thankful for CSF and the ways it has influenced our lives and relationship leading up to this point. **To those who pray for CSF and continue to support us, thank you. You're empowering a generation of young people to impact their worlds for Christ and shaping a campus.**



Sarah Zinn (right) & Kate



SARAH ZINN | Journalism '16

I was first invited to Encounter at CSF by an old friend. When I walked into the dimly lit room full of students singing, I found a spot among them and simply watched. I wasn't familiar with the songs, but as I listened to the sounds of voices coming together in thanks and praise, I started to cry a little. I wasn't a Christian. In fact, I was barely open to the idea of God at all. Call me "stubbornly" skeptical. **That evening God let me watch a community of people who were committed to each other and something greater than themselves.**

At that time, I couldn't imagine a place where I could trust people to bear my burdens and share my joys. Having spent most of my college career with no family in the state and no truly close relationships to speak of, I put everything I had into schoolwork, drugs, and boyfriends. I was going to work really hard, get a job writing for the Washington Post, and fix my own garbage disposal! I took pride in my ability to do things myself.

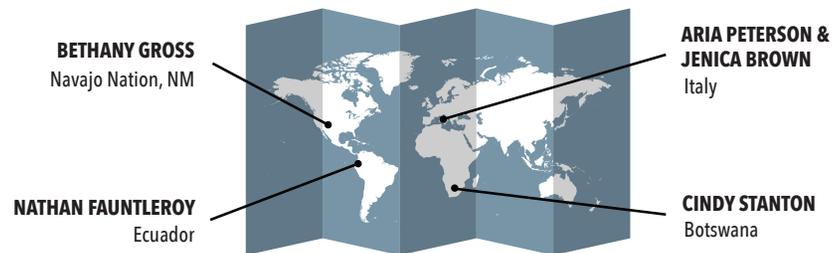
CSF taught me that I need people, and people need Jesus. I was introduced to relationships that completely changed my understanding of love just by watching how they treated others and how they treated me. The staff showed me so much compassion. They were committed to helping me learn the gospel and listened to my incessant questions. My peers embraced me despite differences I used to think mattered so much. They would follow-up with me if I didn't show up for Encounter Worship. Suddenly I had places to hang out that were supportive and positive. **I cannot stress how lucky I am that God showed me the CSF community.** They shined a light in my darkness.

It's been nearly two years, I've been given the resources to pursue an authentic faith, and I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't been so poured into by the community here. I'll continue working at the Boys and Girls Club in Bloomington for another year after graduation, where I'm trying to embrace kids like the CSF community embraced me.



Brittney Ketring (right) & Halle

FAMILY | CSF Alumni Around The World
Where Is Your Story Taking You?



BRITTNEY KETRING | Telecommunications '16

Christian Student Fellowship has not only been my ministry home for my entire college career but my physical home as well for the past three and a half years. Moving into my next season of life could be a terrifying process, but because of the time spent as a part of CSF **I can walk forward confidently, rooted in my relationship with Christ, and always knowing the circle of support that is this ministry no matter where I go.**

CSF has shaped my life in ways far beyond the friendships and faith I expected to find here. **I have learned that transparency isn't a weakness but a way to build honest friendships and give glory to the One who made me.** I have knowledge far beyond memorizing bible verses; I leave knowing how to live out the gospel, articulate my faith, and share stories of God's grace in my life.

Knowing the work God has done in my life through CSF makes me all the more excited for those who will and are currently experiencing this ministry. Putting a lot of time and energy into something can make it hard to leave, but I know that just as God molded and shaped me to be the woman I am today, He is working and building up some pretty incredible people within CSF. **I cannot wait to visit, seeing the ways God has used and grown them, all for His kingdom and to bring glory to His name.**





Mark Duffey & Family

MARK DUFFEY | Father of CSF students

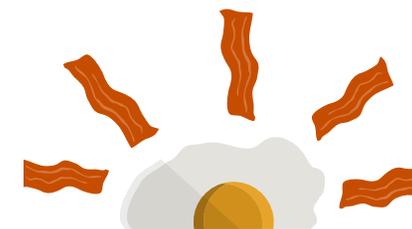
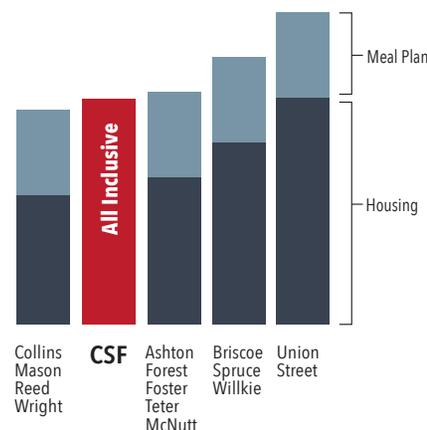
As a parent striving to guide and direct our kids to have an authentic faith of their own, I am extremely thankful for the opportunity my two oldest children have had at CSF. Hearing about the Campus House from a friend, Nolan entered as a freshman in 2011. Two years later, Kristen decided to make CSF her college home in the fall of 2013. **We are thankful for the opportunity CSF has provided and fostered to encourage their growth, maturity, service, leadership, relationships, community and much more on the IU Campus.** The ministry culture strives to not withdraw, be distant or separated from campus life, but engage in the life of Indiana University. No student at CSF misses out on their "college experience" - by contrast, they experience it more fully as they grow in their faith and develop their gifts and callings while living in a community. CSF provides that environment while modeling many attributes and characteristics we want as parents.

So often, college decisions are made based on a degree program or an area of study. The importance of a degree in the workforce is obvious; shouldn't as much or more effort go into a college decision for what our kids will obtain and look like as adults with regard to their character, true maturity and faith? As we journey with our kids in those decisions, CSF at IU should be a part of those conversations and solutions.

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CAMPUS HOUSE VALUE | Cost Of Room And Board Compared To IU Dormitories



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Parent & Grandparent
Tailgate Breakfast

THERE WILL BE BACON!

We emphasize degrees and diplomas, but do we seek the best culture and environment to develop them as people of faith?

What makes CSF a great choice? The environment for our kids to thrive in their faith is not simply an environment to avoid all the bad stuff we know happens on a college campus. **Avoiding the bad stuff only gets them to neutral. We want to see them in a place where they can grow, utilize their gifts, bear fruit, discover their callings, serve others and love those around them - all while being fully engaged and active on campus.** This is the culture that CSF provides as they live in Christian community: doing life together as they are trained in real truth and strive to bless those around them. I am so thankful for CSF and their input into the lives of my kids and other young adults.



LIVE AT THE CAMPUS HOUSE

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We have a few spaces for incoming 2016 students or mid-year transfers!

2017 - 2018 Students:
Apply Now Before Waiting Lists Form

Marraiges (* denotes CSF alum)

Drew & Ryan Wilkins*
Stephanie (Wenning)* & Zach Meyer*
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CSF

HELLO: YOUR STORY HERE

People and their experiences are
CSF's best advocates.

TELL YOURS.

EST. 1968

WELCOME HOME

CSF @ 50

JUNE 2, 2018

We don't want anyone coming to IU and missing the opportunity to experience Christian community at CSF.

CSF can come to your church & connect!

We are excited to welcome back alumni, musicians, storytellers, and friends of CSF in the summer of 2018 for a weekend to celebrate 50 years at IU.

Mark your calendars and invite friends to attend!