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## Ashland County Community Foundation kicks off Silver Anniversary season with surprise grants



ASHLAND – Ashland County Community Foundation kicked off its Silver Anniversary season Thursday by surprising three local non-profit agencies with \$5,000 grants.

The grants went to Ashland County Cancer Association, Ashland YMCA and Hospice of North Central Ohio.

“These were the first three organizations, which we call our ‘Partner Agencies,’ to create endowment

funds with ACCF shortly after the foundation’s founding,” executive director James Cutright said. “As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we wanted to thank these agencies for believing in us, investing in us and growing with us for 25 years.”

Representatives from ACCF surprised leaders of each agency with a giant “Thank You” card, an arrangement of Hershey’s Kisses and a check. The \$5,000 grants are unrestricted and can be used at the agencies’ discretion.

These three grants are the first of several special “Silver Anniversary” grants the foundation plans to award in 2020.

“We are really excited to unveil several surprises over the next few months as we celebrate 25 years of philanthropy,” ACCF board member and 25th Anniversary Committee chair Anne Cowen said.

Silver Anniversary grant funding has been made possible through the careful management of the foundation’s resources as well as the participation of two donor families, Cutright explained.



“We are extremely grateful for the partnership support of those families, who wish to remain anonymous,” Cutright said.

Grants will be given in the areas of education, compassion, community improvement and economic development.

The grants will support organizations doing important work in our community; entities that work to



ensure a bright future for Ashland; and specific projects that will benefit the community for years to come, both within the city of Ashland as well as all over Ashland County.

The special season of grant-making and increased visibility will culminate in a celebratory Silver Anniversary event Aug. 20, 2020. Open to the community, the event will be an opportunity to reflect on the foundation's past, celebrate its present and look to the future.

**About Ashland County Community Foundation:** Ashland County Community Foundation advances philanthropy and improves the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities, providing and administering planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of scholarship, as well as individual and organizational funds for specific charities. ACCF has over \$55 million in invested assets and has awarded over \$15.3 million in scholarships, grants and distributions.

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