Greetings to our Friends and Neighbors in Ashland County!

On June 30, 2017, the Ashland County Community Foundation completed its 22nd year of operation, and what an “empowering” year it’s been!

With much thanks to those that support ACCF, with a philanthropic spirit that is unique for a community our size, we continue to make great strides in impacting our community in a positive way.

Those of us who have served as trustees, volunteers or staff are amazed at the rate of growth that ACCF has experienced. Few of us could have envisioned, at this point in our history, having 390 endowment funds under administration, with $44 million in assets and the awarding of over $11 million in scholarships and grants.

This growth has allowed our donors to feel empowered, as they witness their gifts making a difference in the lives of those with needs in Ashland County.

Students pursuing higher education are empowered by the prospect of having someone who doesn’t even know them being willing to invest in their future through ACCF’s scholarship program.

Our Women’s Fund provides a grantmaking framework for women to empower other women.

Non-profit agencies are experiencing the empowerment of knowing that sustainability can exist for their respective organizations through the strength of endowment-building.

At ACCF, a special youth envoy has been empowered through participation in our IMPACT Youth Council, where they have become grantmakers, furthering empowering other young people in Ashland County, by providing much-needed support for youth-oriented programs and initiatives.

(Do you sense a theme yet?) Interestingly, a synonym for the word, “empower” is “endow”.

So, endowment = empowerment.

Empowering others through the creation of endowment is why a community foundation exists. Our donors become enablers of progress in our community.

If you are already a member of the “ACCF Family”, we thank you; if not, please consider joining us in empowering others in Ashland County.

Regards,

James M. Cutright
Executive Director/CEO

Dr. Andrew M. Stein
Board Chair
2016-2017 Board of Trustees

Trustee Roles and Responsibilities

The fundamental role of the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees is to represent the interests of the Ashland County community. The ultimate decision-making authority of the Foundation rests in the hands of these individuals. The Board of Trustees functions as both a policy-making body and working board. Together with professional staff, they form a strong team. All trustees serve on two of the following committees: Advancement, Development, Finance, Grants, Hess Loan, Mini-Grants, Nominating, Scholarship, and Women’s Fund. The Board Chair is ex-officio on all committees. Officers of the Board serve on the Executive Committee.

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The Ashland County Community Foundation endeavors to maintain low operational costs while providing exceptional donor service. Through our grantmaking we connect people who care with causes that matter. On average, operational costs are 1% of our assets. Operational support is funded by fee revenue and administrative endowments.

The staff is here to serve you. We invite you to find out more about the Foundation and look forward to “empowering others” in Ashland County.

Staff & Volunteers

Volunteer Support

ACCF’s volunteer program engages people in a variety of ways – from routine office tasks and bulk mailings to technology and bookkeeping needs to preliminary scholarship review and advisory committee participation. Joining the Board and staff, approximately 90 volunteers this past year assisted the Foundation in serving the community.

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The Ashland County Community Foundation is among more than 750 community foundations in the United States. Community foundations are tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) public charities that serve local donors who wish to take an organized approach to giving. Because community foundations are public charities, their donors enjoy increased tax advantages not available to private foundation donors. Community foundation donors also receive professional support without hiring staff. Unlike private foundations, community foundations invest and administer a pool of funds contributed by numerous donors. Together, these donors create an endowment - in essence the community’s charitable savings account - designed to ensure the long-term health of the nonprofit community.

Ohio is home to more than 90 community foundations, including several recognized nationwide as innovators in the field. Individually and collectively they provide Ohio with a wealth of energy, ideas, leadership, and social and philanthropic capital. These resources help find new and effective solutions to the challenges facing our communities. Community foundations, in essence, represent trust and confidence in the community and a commitment to our future.

Like all community foundations, the Ashland County Community Foundation:

- Has an independent, all-volunteer governing body broadly representative of its community.
- Informs and educates individuals, families and businesses about community issues and grant-making opportunities.
- Actively involves individuals, families and businesses in identifying and responding to community issues and opportunities.
- Keeps all information obtained with respect to donors, funds and prospects for new fund creation confidential to the fullest extent possible.
- Honors the charitable intentions of its donors consistent with community needs and applicable laws and regulations.
- Is a steward of charitable funds, investing and prudently managing funds and maintaining accurate financial records, and is accountable to its community and regularly disseminates information on its programs and finances.
- Ensures that its financial resources are used solely in furtherance of its mission.

Donors who give through the Ashland County Community Foundation enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts will be safely and efficiently administered for the charitable purposes they specify, as well as receiving the maximum tax deduction for their contributions.
YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

IMPACT Youth Council

I-M-P-A-C-T is an acronym for “Imagine Making Philanthropy an Ashland County Tradition” and is the branding for a new group of high school-aged grantmakers that we call our ACCF IMPACT Youth Council. The IMPACT Youth Council is ACCF’s newest program, providing a community service opportunity for sophomores, juniors and seniors from Ashland, Hillsdale, Loudonville and Mapleton high schools, the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center and Home Schoolers.

2017 Young “Difference-Makers”

ACCF’s Young “Difference-Makers” Program (formerly Kids Who Care) recognizes individuals or groups of young people, ages 5 to 18 in Ashland County, who have initiated activities and/or programs from the heart, impacting others in profound and meaningful ways.
IMPACT Youth Grants  14 grants awarded in 2016-2017 totaling $13,365.30

IMPACT Youth Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations to benefit youth in Ashland County.

**Appleseed Community Mental Health Center**
Create new therapeutic program for youth impacted by trauma that teaches mindfulness techniques to manage anxiety, worry & stress.

**Ashland Bookcase Project, Inc.**
Provide up to 80 hand built bookcases, each w/approximately 40 books, to at-risk youth ages 3-4.

**Ashland County Family and Children First Council**
AU pool facility rental fees for 4 sessions for families with special needs to connect with each other and enjoy fun family time.

**Ashland High School**
Obtain adaptive equipment for students with sensory needs.

**Ashland Parenting Plus**
10 group sessions of equine education for Ashland County youth involved in the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program.

**Associated Charities of Ashland Ohio, Inc.**
Purchase new clothing for New Clothes Closet - available to children in Ashland County.

**Fostering Family Ministries**
Provide supplies such as educational aids, sensory assistance items, skill-building items and weighted blankets to foster children.

**Friends of the Ashland Public Library**
Install “Little Free Libraries” in 8 locations within the City of Ashland.

**Hillsdale FFA Chapter**
Start a safety education program for Hillsdale Elementary School.

**North Central Ohio Workforce Alliance**
Fund a day-long career education event that highlights women in “non-traditional” female roles in the workplace. I.E. Construction, welding, etc.

**Perrysville Firefighters’ Association Inc.**
Funds for materials to start a youth fire and safety program.

**Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven**
Purchase educational materials for new Teen Awareness Council for outreach to schools on human trafficking, sexual violence & dating violence.

**Savannah Lions Club**
Funding for summer meal and education program for children not able to travel to City of Ashland for programs.

**Young Life Capernaum**
Provide funding for approximately 6 youth to attend Capernaum Camp.

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2017 Young “Difference-Makers” were recognized as follows:

**Corinna Baker**  
Loudonville Jr. High School

**Kennedy Estridge**  
Ashland High School

**Anna Maust**  
Loudonville High School

**Tristan Reiheld**  
Loudonville High School

**Camden Snively**  
home-schooled student
Investing in Tomorrow’s Leaders

187 SCHOLARSHIPS were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2017 for the first time are pictured to the right.

The following scholarship funds were created in 2016-2017 and will make their inaugural distributions in the coming year(s):

- **Petrone Scholarship** created by Dawn and Susan Petrone
- **Captain Fred Schwan Firefighter/Paramedic Memorial Scholarship** created by Friends and Family of Fred Schwan
- **James Sherwood Tipton Eagle Scout Scholarship** created by the Charitable Remainder Trust of J. Robert and Ruth L. Tipton
- **Fred H. Weber III Scholarship** created by The Estate of Fred H. Weber

**Strategic Grants** - 2 strategic grants awarded in 2016-2017 totaling $15,850

Strategic Grants are pro-active grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the community-wide benefit.

- Ashland County Mental Health and Recovery Board
  Educational video for community-wide effort to build a trauma informed community

- North Central Workforce Alliance
  Pilot program to link local educators with local employers to better prepare youth for employment opportunities
Scholarship Recipients

Jacob Baumberger – Ed and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship
Nikolas Beebe – Ronald Crab Family Scholarship, Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship, Peter Linneman Scholarship, Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship
Kai Bedelichies – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Faith Belcher – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
Adam Benway – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Carly Bland – Barbara Lamson Miller Teacher Scholarship
 Rachel Borer – Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Scholarship
 Hannah Brightbill – James and Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship, Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship
 Jennifer Brustoski – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Stetson Bryson – William and Martha Buckingham Scholarship – renewal
 Kyleigh Buhl – Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship
 Max Butler – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Eugene Cho – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal
 Jackson Cleland – Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship, Bob and Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Belle Osborn Memorial Scholarship, Dick Roberts Memorial Music Scholarship
 Tony Cole – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Kara Conn – Theodore S. and Kathy Smith Smetzer Scholarship
 Austin Crust – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Lindsay Crane – Ashland Co. 4-H Committee Scholarship, Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship, Hillsier School/Community Club Scholarship, Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship
 Tracy Crum – June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship
 Chloe Davidson – Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Hannah Danforth – Dauch-Rule Scholarship, Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
 Emma Dollar – Ashland Co. 4-H Committee Scholarship; Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship; John E. Hartzler Scholarship; Dave and Diana Kowalka Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or Education
 Garrett Dottson – Black-Etzwiler Scholarship, Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1942 Scholarship
 Faith Edwards – Judith Halama Ebert Scholarship, Cynthia Johnston and Ed Wahl Scholarship, Simonson Family Scholarship
 Amanda Ehrmantraut – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Sean Fitzsimmons – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
 Jules Frazier – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship
 Makayla Gaus – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Griffin Gerwig – Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship
 Morgan Geyer – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Mitchell Grandy – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Olivia Groves – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Kasey Harr – Charlene Ellison Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Brianna Hart – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Andrea Helfelfinger – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Madison Helfer – Debra E. “Pebbles” Dilgard Memorial Scholarship; Eggerton, McBride, and Oswald Memorial Scholarship; Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship; Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship; Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship; W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship
 Jeanna Hopp – Robert and Joyce Stotes Family Scholarship – renewal, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Calvin Hord – Linda S.Hey Memorial Scholarship; Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
 Andrew Ickes – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Michael Itschner – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Heather Jamieson – Jim and Marilyn Emmons Scholarship, Stump Family Cross Country Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
 Holly Johnson – Barbara Lamson Miller Teacher Scholarship
 Victoria Jones – Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Levi Kaiser – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Cole Kirkbride – Ashland County Pilot’s Association-Lee K. Hey Memorial Scholarship, Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship, Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship, John and Jean Gardner Scholarship, Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship
 Carla Koons – Simmon-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship
 Monique Leninner – Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship
 Megan LeMaster – Steve Wetz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship
 MacKenzie Leon – AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship, Harold & Pauline Obrecht Agricultural Scholarship
 Paige Lewis – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship; Jeromeville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship
 Tyler Lovell – Dauch-Rule Scholarship
 Logan Markle – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Ryan Markley – Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, Hayseville and Jeromesville Alumni Association Scholarship, Carl H. and Thelma L. Mohrer Stitzlein Scholarship
 Bryanna Masters – Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship
 Alyssa McFrederick – David III and Marlene F. Dawne Scholarship
 Leif McFrederick – Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Alexander McMullen – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Robert Merchant – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
 Garrett Merle – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship
 Caroline Monger – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
 Tiffani Morris – Larry D. and Catherine H. Paxton Scholarship
 Veronica Mounts – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Sidney Ohl – Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship
 Macy Payne – Charlene Ellison Memorial Scholarship – renewal
 Rayna Phelps – Robert (Dru) Young Scholarship
 Lynsey Plues – Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship, Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship
 Tristan Reihle – Sue E. Banks Scholarship
 Heath Reineke – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal
 Elizabeth Rhamy – Loudonville FFA Alumni Association Scholarship, Liz Myers Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Carl and Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen’s Association Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
 Megan Rhoades – Anderson Community Club Scholarship, Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Adrianna Rogers – Katherine and Deanna Draper Scholarship, Charlene Ellison Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship, George and Dorothy Kinsa Memorial Scholarship, Lisa Math Memorial Scholarship, Brad Mowry Memorial Scholarship, Solomon Scholarship, Helen J. Taylor Scholarship
 Nathaniel Scarberry – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
 Sandra Schumaker – Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship, Perrysville St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship
 Natalie Shultz – Cutright Family Scholarship, Hillsier School/Community Club Scholarship, Barney Littrell Memorial Scholarship, Jack Miller/Dick Small Golf Scholarship, Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship, Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Scholarship
 Malery Sloan – Newton E. and Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, Hayseville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, Jane Maun Memorial Scholarship, Ben and Alyce Shaver Memorial Scholarship, Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
 AdriAnne Snyder – Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
 Jaret Statler – Patti Lee (Mowers) Mowery Scholarship
 Reagen Steffen – David and Carol Burns Scholarship; Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
 Hannah Strickling – Jeff Williams “Principle” Scholarship
 Emily Stump – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal
 Samuel Swain – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
 Matthew Taylor – Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship
 Austin VanSickle – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
 Akila Venkataramany – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal
 Sarah Walker – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Bob and Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Herman L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship, Merle C. and Frances L. Plank Scholarship
 Ilona Webel – Byron E. and Virginia Rapp Dilgard Scholarship, Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship, Bill and Gay Harris Scholarship, Herman L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
 Emily Weber – Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship
 Emily Wesner – Cerise Mims-Kruty Memorial Scholarship, Carl and Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen’s Association Scholarship
 Casey Wilson – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship, Tony Marley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major
 Sam Wittel – Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship
 Andrew Wolc – James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Laura Yeater – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal
 Heather Young – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
 Austin Zody – Ed and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship

Community Grants - 25 grants awarded in 2016-2017 totaling $153,766.80

Community Grants are competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the community-wide benefit.

Ashland Area Economic Development, Inc.
Executive Pulse Software and 1-year licensing agreement

Ashland Christian Health Center
Education, awareness, community marketing and outreach support for the ACHC

Ashland County Agricultural Society
Building costs for a permanent restroom at east end of Fairgrounds

Ashland County Cancer Association
Office equipment to better serve patients and community

Ashland County Sheriff’s Office
Hummingbird Helix 12, side scan sonar unit with battery for dive team

Ashland Symphony Orchestra
Equipment for enhancing the experience of performers & audience members at Archer Auditorium

Community Help Mission
Roofing renovation costs

Hayesville Opera House Restoration Board, Inc.
Digital projection equipment

Heart of Ohio Council, Boy Scouts of America
Materials and supplies for Cub Scout School Night Recruiting

Kiwanis Club of Ashland
Technological and bookkeeping equipment

Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation, Inc.
Establish an Operations Endowment Fund to be held at ACCF

Mission to Amish People
Building costs for temporary housing for MAP clients

Olive Tree Care
Seed money to include equipment and programming costs for after school care

Park Street Preschool
Multifunction School Activity Bus to comply with State standards

Perrysville Firefighter’s Association
Rescue equipment for the Perrysville Fire Department

Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp
Assistance with cost reduction of summer camp for eligible children

Polk-Jackson-Perry Fire Department
Magnetic microphone clips for department vehicles

Sullivan Township Trustees
Wreaths for placement on headstone of 153 veterans during Veteran’s Day program

United Community Club Districts 1 & 2 of Mohican Twp.
Building and roof repairs to the historic one room schoolhouse

UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading-Youth Development Program
Scholarship awards fund to assist families with program costs

Grandfathered organizations in recognition of Hazel Myers Spreng
Ashland Public Library, Ashland University, First United Methodist Church, UH/Samaritan Medical Center, United Way of Ashland County
UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading Youth Development Program
Hess Educational Loans

In 2016-2017, 9 loans totaling $19,800 were provided to qualifying traditional and non-traditional students pursuing higher education. Since the Foundation’s administration of the Fund in 1998, 369 total loans have been awarded. Hess loans have been available since 1923 to Ashland County residents and graduates of Ashland County high schools. $71,507 is currently in use helping students attend college.

STEM Camp

The Foundation’s Honors Science Camp Endowment Fund, created by The Kettering Fund, sponsored the 2017 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp held at the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. This three-day camp in early July engaged over 40 seventh and eighth graders from eight area schools in such activities as an Invasive Species Scavenger Hunt, a study of stream quality through identification of macroinvertebrates, a “Flaming Cheetos Lab” to measure heat and calories produced, an introduction to physics, and demonstrations on electricity and robotics.

Teacher Mini-Grants

13 grants awarded in 2016-2017 totaling $7,701.98

Teacher Mini-Grants are competitive grants awarded to teachers grades K-12 in Ashland County accredited public and private schools.

Lisa Blackley, Ashland Middle School, “Kicked! A Bullying Prevention Program”
Lisa Bowersock & Adam Kime, Mapleton Middle School, “Literature Comes Alive” (ARTSDREAM)
Kendra Carnegie, Loudonville High School, “Plasma Cutter”
Kara Edgell, Mapleton High School, “Novels for Spanish Classroom”
BreAnn Fennell, Reagan Elementary School, “Go, Go, Gadget”
Linda Hawk, Taft Intermediate School, “Ukulele in the General Music Classroom” (Sandy Brown Honorary Vocal Music)
Laurie Keller, St. Edward School, “Exploring the Indigenous Culture of Uganda”
Andrew Lewellen, Hillsdale Middle School, “Theatre Follow Spotlight” (ARTSDREAM)
Jeri Millhouse, Ashland Middle School, “Today a Reader; Tomorrow a Leader” (ARTSDREAM)
Tari Mole, Ashland City Schools, “STEM for Kindergarten”
Kevin Valentine, St. Edward School, “Jewish Culture in Music and Heritage”
Kim Wolbert, Ashland High School, “Mini-Wireless Portable Speaker System” (Sandy Brown Honorary Vocal Music)
Women’s Fund

The mission of ACCF’s Women’s Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women. This is achieved through a three-fold purpose:

• Encouraging women to achieve self-sufficiency
• Educating women about community needs
• Encouraging women to participate as donors and to build a permanent endowment.

Women’s Fund Steering Committee

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Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award

Created by the Women’s Fund Committee in 2013 in honor of ACCF’s founding president Dr. Lucille G. Ford, this award recognizes Ashland County women who demonstrate a long-standing commitment to philanthropy. This year’s award was presented to Nancy E. Kopp at the Women’s Fund’s Annual Gathering in September 2016.

2016-2017 Grants

11 grants awarded in 2016-2017 totaling $17,427

Women’s Fund grants are competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the community-wide benefit of women.

American Red Cross Lake Erie/Heartland Chapter
Citizen CPR classes for women residing at Safe Haven Domestic Violence Shelter

Ashland Care Center, Inc.
Technology equipment and “Before You Decide” educational app to enhance sessions with millennials

Ashland City Schools
Healthcare modules for girls in STEM program

Ashland County Cancer Association
LiveStrong organizational guide and planner sets

Ashland County Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Inc.
“Breaking My Boundaries” Conference in Columbus for women in recovery

Associated Charities of Ashland Ohio, Inc.
Supplies for Kids Clothes Closet to help with back to school needs

Catholic Charities Corporation/Community Services of Ashland County
Materials for Pathways Peer Support participants

Hospice of North Central Ohio
Trauma Counseling Certification for HCNO’s bereavement coordinator

North Central Workforce Alliance
A day long program for 6th grade girls and their parents to explore future career options

Olive Tree Care
Equipment for after school program along with storage that meets fire safety codes

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven (Appleseed)
EMDR training and certification for Safe Haven therapist

Mother’s Day Initiative

This year, 408 women were honored or remembered at Mother’s Day with $17,025 placed in the Women’s Fund. Gifts to the Women’s Fund generate dollars to award grants to non-profit organizations serving Ashland County women...for generations to come. Please visit our website for a listing of those who were honored or memorialized this past year.

The Women’s Fund held its Annual Gathering in September 2016. Over 60 women gathered to recognize the impact of the ACCF’s Women’s Fund and to hear highlights of the year, recognize current year grant recipients and present the Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award.
Agency Partners

Nonprofit organizations can establish a type of designated, permanently-endowed fund at the Ashland County Community Foundation called an “Agency Fund.” The earning distributions from these endowments provide an ongoing source of income for operations and programs. It’s a simple and efficient way to build an endowment...and help create sustainability...for the organization. This type of endowment also provides the opportunity for the organization to receive planned gifts of various types, including cash, appreciated stock or real estate.

This past year, five new agency funds were established, four of which wish to be publicly acknowledged, to benefit: 1.) Ashland Care Center, 2.) Ashland Christian Health Center, 3.) Ashland Noon Lions Club, in recognition of Eloise Noonan, and 4.) Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation, Inc.

Ashland Care Center, also known as Ashland Pregnancy Center, provides free, confidential services, including educational programs, in a safe environment for its clients. It is hoped that the establishment of operational endowment will encourage its donors to think long-term in their support.

Ashland Christian Health Center, demonstrated the wisdom of planning for the future, by establishing a new endowment fund at ACCF to provide operational sustainability. This fund was made possible by a gift from a supporter of the organization who wishes anonymity.

Income from the newly-created Ashland Noon Lions Club’s endowment fund, in recognition of Eloise Noonan, the donor who provided the original gift to the club, will provide financial support for sight and vision projects and initiatives, in keeping with the worldwide mission of the Lions Club International.

The Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation, Inc. established a new agency endowment fund this past year at ACCF to provide long-term operational support, in keeping with its philosophy of sustainability of its grantmaking capability for programs, projects and initiatives that benefit the Loudonville-Perrysville School District.

ACCF appreciates the confidence these organizations have demonstrated in our ability to provide long-term stewardship of these important assets.

Agency Endowment Funds currently held at the Ashland County Community Foundation:

- American Red Cross–Ashland Chapter
- Appleseed Community Mental Health Center
  - General Endowment
  - Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven
- Ashland Care Center
- Ashland Christian Health Center
- Ashland City Schools Alumni Foundation
- Ashland County Cancer Association
- Ashland County Council on Aging
- Ashland Family YMCA
  - General Endowment
  - Partner With Youth program
  - Martha Sanders Davis Fund (maintenance)
  - Seiter Family Fund (Ben’s playground, discretionary)
- Ashland Historical Society, est. by City of Ashland
  Bicentennial Committee, for Ashland City Events/Activities
- Ashland Parenting Plus
- Ashland Symphony Orchestra Fund, in Memoriam of James E. Thomas
- Associated Charities
- Brethren Care Village
- The Cat House Feline Sanctuary
- First Presbyterian Church
  - Building
  - Missions
  - Programs
- Hospice of North Central Ohio
  - General Endowment
  - Hospice Special Wishes Program
  - Sandra J. Rule Dauch “Hospice-NCO Volunteer of the Year Award” Fund
- Living Legacy Foundation of the Loudonville Public Library
- Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation, Inc.
- Martin T. Greene Fund for Loudonville Youth, Inc.
- Eloise Noonan Fund, for the benefit of Ashland Noon Lions Club
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  - General Endowment, in honor of J. Robert Tipton
  - Heart of Gold Fund
Donors Provide Support to Charitable Organizations

Donors of 149 donor advised and designated funds have directed a percentage of their funds’ annual distributions to selected charitable organizations. In 2016-2017, 170 distributions were made totaling $468,705.

Newly created Donor Designated and Donor Advised Funds benefiting local charities each and every year…

Donor Advised Funds provide donors the opportunity to suggest, year-to-year, their favorite qualified charitable organizations to receive distributions from the fund.

William and Marlene Rose Donor Advised Fund created by William and Marlene Rose

Donor advised funds each benefit charitable organizations recommended annually by the donor or designated representative.

Donor Designated Funds provide annual support to charities selected by the donor at fund creation. This “set it and forget it” option assures the designated organization(s) receive distributions from the fund into perpetuity.

Ashland City School Fund created by Mary Lou Wertman benefiting the Ashland City School District’s Outdoor Learning Center

Anonymous Fund benefiting one boy and one girl annually participating in the Ashland YMCA Partnership with Youth program

Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston Charitable Fund created by Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd. benefiting the United Way of Ashland County

James M. Cutright “CUTTY Fund for Youth Empowerment” created by the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees benefiting organizations promoting Collaboration, Understanding, Teamwork, Traditional values, and empowerment of Youth

Dr. Robert and Nancy Davis Family Fund created by the family of Dr. Robert and Nancy Davis benefiting Ashland High School performing arts

L. Dean and Helen L. White Family Fund created by the Estate of L. Dean and Helen L. White benefiting the beautification of the grounds of Ashland University

Larry and Lucille Ford Fund, in memory of Ora and Edna Garber created by Dr. Lucille Garber Ford benefiting First Presbyterian Church of Ashland, Ohio

Nancy E. Kopp Fund created by Nancy E. Kopp benefiting the Rape Crisis Center of Ashland, Ohio

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Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Fund created by Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson benefiting the Ashland Symphony Orchestra

Richard and Helen Taylor Memorial Fund created by the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees benefiting Grace Episcopal Church

Robert and Joyce Stokes Fund, in memory of Dr. Virgil and Hazel Crosby created by Robert and Joyce Stokes benefiting First Presbyterian Church of Ashland, Ohio

J. Robert and Ruth L. Tipton Fund created by the Tipton Charitable Remainder Trust benefiting First Christian Church of Ashland, Ohio (Disciples of Christ)

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Donor Designated Funds, for Community Grants are named, unrestricted funds pooled together for maximum impact in Ashland County, allowing ACCF flexibility to respond to changing needs. These funds provide the corpus from which annual grant distributions are made to worthy 501(c)(3) organizations, through ACCF’s Community Grants program each year.

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More than 100 individuals and/or couples have notified ACCF of their plans to include the Foundation in their will/estate planning.

With the support of over 6,600 donors, more than $11.2 million has been given to our Community via scholarships, grants and individual fund distributions.

$11,249,775 DISTRIBUTED THROUGH:

| 2,098 scholarships |
| 1,320 individual fund distributions |
| 61 women’s fund grants |
| 187 pass-through distributions |
| 1,179 agency fund distributions |
| 456 community grants |
| 176 teacher mini-grants |

educational loans to students, $71,507 currently in use helping students attend college

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### Asset Analysis by Fund Type

390 funds

- **Scholarships**: 22%
- **Donor Designated**: 49%
- **Agency**: 6%
- **Donor Advised**: 2%
- **CGA/CRT**: 1%
- **Unrestricted**: 20%