McNaull joins ACCF as Communications Director

With a talent for words and a passion for bettering Ashland, Courtney McNaull is joining the Ashland County Community Foundation team as the organization’s first-ever Communications Director.

“We couldn’t be more thrilled to have Courtney joining our staff at ACCF,” said Jim Cutright, executive director and CEO of ACCF. “As we’ve grown, we saw the need for someone to share the amazing stories that exist on each side of the philanthropic exchange, where we connect donors with the causes about which they care. So, I immediately thought of Courtney for this position, as I’ve always been impressed with her writing style and careful attention to detail.”

A native of Fairlawn, Ohio, McNaull has spent the past seven years as a local news reporter in Ashland and Mansfield, most recently as lead reporter for the online news outlet Ashland Source.

Previously, McNaull worked for the Mansfield News Journal and the Ashland Times-Gazette, where she was an Ohio Associated Press Media Editor’s award-winning journalist.

McNaull, who is currently on maternity leave, looks forward to starting her new role effective December 2.

“Ashland County Community Foundation is a common thread that ties together so many of the ‘good news’ stories in this community,” McNaull said. “I’m thrilled to be in a position to help tell those stories on behalf of the foundation.”

By shining a spotlight on people who care and causes that matter, McNaull believes she can help the foundation fulfill its mission of advancing philanthropy and improving the quality of life in Ashland County.

McNaull holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Miami University as well as dual minors in Communications and English Rhetoric/Writing.

She lives in Ashland with her husband, Philip, and newborn daughter, Zoe.

As part of the foundation’s commitment to financial stewardship and grantmaking, ACCF strives to use its staff efficiently. With the exception of Cutright, all members of the organization’s administrative office serve in part-time roles, as will McNaull.
“Each of the staffers in our office is a parent with young children and enjoys the flexible work schedule and the opportunity to serve in these important capacities,” Cutright said.

The mission of the Ashland County Community Foundation is to advance philanthropy and improve the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities in the community, providing and administering a variety of planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of scholarship, as well as individual and organizational funds for specific charities.

ACCF currently holds assets of approximately $55 million, providing stewardship for over 485 individual endowment funds and has re-invested more than $15.3 million into the Ashland County community from the earnings of these funds.