In the interest of enhancing both the donor and grant recipient experience, the Ashland County Community Foundation unveiled its newly-refreshed website in July, providing much new content, more “user friendliness” and a new section dedicated to planned giving.

The website is primarily divided into four sections:

LEARN
In this introductory portion, you’ll meet ACCF’s dedicated board and staff, discover more about our agency partners, our history and mission and “learn” how a community foundation improves life in our community.

GIVE
Here you’ll find information dedicated to our faithful donors and encouragement for those who may wish to “give” to Ashland County causes about which they care. It provides answers to the “Why, How and What” of charitable giving through ACCF. Importantly, you can read feature stories of caring individuals who are making a difference in our county.

RECEIVE
This section addresses the needs of those who are seeking to “receive” grant assistance, whether it is scholarships, community grants, Women’s Fund grants or teacher mini-grants. Furthermore, information can be secured about our Hess Loan Fund program. The “Grantee Stories” tab relays tales of meaningful impact being made by the agencies and individuals who are availing themselves of ACCF grant assistance.

PLAN
Our financial advisor partners and their clients will find much useful information under this heading to assist in estate planning. The simple steps for utilizing the Foundation as an “instrument for good” are outlined, as philanthropically-minded individuals “plan” for the future needs of their families and the community they love.

Additionally, the website will be updated with the latest ACCF news and events. Copies of past newsletters and annual reports are available for viewing, as are our current topical brochures.

Please take a moment to visit with us at www.accommunityfoundation.org. When doing so, you’ll have the opportunity to contact us if you would like additional information about any of our programs. If you wish to make an online donation through our secure portal, please just press the DONATE tab and you’ll be given a complete listing of all ACCF funds, any of which may receive a donation in any amount, and be guided through that process.

ACCF’s website is not intended to replace all traditional forms of communication. We certainly recognize the continued importance of the printed word and personal contact, but we’re excited at the prospect of adding this important tool to our “charitable toolbox”, as we advance the cause of philanthropy in Ashland County. Thank you all for your continued support of ACCF and its mission.
In my fiscal year-end report at ACCF’s Annual Meeting in July, I pointed out that, by nearly every conceivable metric, it has been a significant past 12 months here at the Ashland County Community Foundation.

Obviously, we’re proud of the Foundation’s cumulative numbers, over the past 19 years: 6,130 engaged donors; $30 million in assets; $7.5 million re-invested in Ashland County.

Equally impressive, as ACCF matures, is the fact that an amazing 33 new endowment funds were created this past year… the most ever in a 12-month period… bringing the total number of funds under stewardship to 299!

Ashland County residents are recognizing, more and more, that the community foundation structure provides tremendous flexibility when it comes to meeting their philanthropic goals. Donors have many choices, whether it’s using cash, appreciated stock, even real estate to fund their accounts, or choosing from a variety of options for those charitable organizations that will be the recipients of the earnings from their funds.

The board and staff of ACCF are excited at the prospects for the future, as we have built a solid “foundation” upon which to grow… our feet are firmly planted in Ashland County… and as the saying goes, ACCF now “has legs”. In other words, donors are coming to the Foundation because they are confident in a standard of excellence in stewardship and grantmaking that has been created and maintained since 1995.

As we approach our 20th anniversary in 2015, we are exploring ideas to celebrate that milestone. Meanwhile, in the next few months, our Women’s Fund will be observing its 10th year of existence, culminating in the presentation, on October 14th, of the very first Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” award to a deserving Ashland County woman of philanthropic achievement. Also, on November 5th, we will hold our Annual Donor Appreciation Reception.

As the cover story indicates, there is a new look and feel to the ACCF website, so please check it out for additional updates on these and other items of news and interest. By the way, much thanks to Allan Andersen and Dan Wierbiki for their “tech-savviness” and invaluable contributions to our improved online presence.

As always, if the Foundation staff may be of any assistance at all, please give us a call or stop by the office. We’d love to brainstorm about how to “grow a better tomorrow” in Ashland County.

Come Celebrate!

~10 YEARS OF WOMEN HELPING WOMEN~

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Waters’s Edge Event Center
170 Summerset Drive, Ashland

Dinner Event
Keynote speaker - Sue Ramsey
Ashland University Women’s Basketball Coach

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Your check of $20.00 per person will serve as your reservation.

Please make check payable to ACCF and mail to 300 College Avenue, Ashland, OH 44805

Invite your moms, daughters, sisters and friends to join us in celebrating and empowering women of all ages.
The Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) held its 19th annual meeting on July 28, 2014. The group recognized the 6,130 donors whose generosity has made possible the distribution of $7,505,404 to the community by way of grants, scholarships and donor fund distributions. Invested assets of the organization total more than $30,000,000.

Retiring trustees Bill Chandler, Nancy Davis, Bill Harris, Debra Lyons, Jay Myers, and Dr. Donald Rinehart were recognized at the meeting and will be honored at ACCF’s Annual Donor Appreciation Reception, to be held November 5, 2014.

Harris served on the Finance and Development committees; Lyons on Grants, 20/20 and as board vice chair. Rinehart chaired the Hess Loan Fund committee, for which he will remain an advisor, and the Scholarship and Grants committees. Chandler and Myers are past board chairs and will continue to serve, respectively, on the Finance and Grants committees. Davis was an original founding trustee, serving in several capacities for 17 of ACCF’s 19 years of existence, and will remain on the Development Committee.

Emily Hess, Al Holdren, Donald Stump and Peggy Yoder were elected to the ACCF Board of Trustees for four-year terms beginning July 2014. Hess is a professor of American History at Ashland University. She will serve on the Advancement, Scholarship and Women’s Fund Committees. Holdren is the CEO at Town & Country Co-Op, formerly Agri-Mark in Ashland, and will serve on the Development and Finance Committees. Stump is the Vice President of Nonclinical Safety Science at WIL Research. He will serve on the Grants and Scholarship Committees. Peggy Yoder is an active community leader, having served on the Board of Education for Ashland City Schools. Yoder will serve on the Advancement and Scholarship Committees.

The following officers were elected for 2014-2015: Anne Cowen, chair; Dr. Andy Stein, vice chair; Kenneth Milligan, treasurer; Patricia Byerly, secretary; and Jim Hess, past chair; Lucille G. Ford, president emerita; Jim Cutright, Executive Director/CEO; Kristin Aspin, Vice President - Operations. Irwin Financial Associates was elected as auditor for the 2014-2015 year.

Women’s Fund

Mother’s Day Cards
More than 480 women were honored or memorialized this past Mother’s Day with gifts to the Women’s Fund totaling $14,395.

Grants
Women’s Fund grants for 2014 total $5,910.36. The five recipient organizations will be announced at the October 14th anniversary celebration reception. (See page 2 of this newsletter.) We hope you can join us.

New and Retiring Committee Members
Three new members have joined the Women’s Fund Steering Committee: Jenn Oliver, Joy Reep and Jane Taylor were elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1. Elected to serve second three-year terms were Sheila Milligan, Annette Shaw, and Carol Snyder. Retiring from the Committee are original members Pat Byerly and Susan Shafer, now emeritus members, along with Mindy Ward. We welcome our new members and sincerely thank our retiring members.

Mission
The mission of the Women’s Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women.

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For generations to come

~CHANGE THE WORLD BY CHANGING A LIFE~

158 SCHOLARSHIPS were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. Recipients of the 12 scholarships awarded for the first time are pictured to the right.

Jacob Allton – Harley Jonas Freer Athletic Memorial Scholarship
Kara Bandt – Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship, David and Carol Burns Scholarship, David III and Marlene F. Downie Scholarship, Tony Marlene Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major
Abigail Belsterling – Hillier School/Community Club Scholarship, George J. Valentine Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship
Annalise Bokenkamp – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
Nicolete Bowserok – Jack Miller Dick Smull Golf Scholarship
Savannah Bowman – Robert (Driz) Young Scholarship
Chantelle Brady – Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship, Jeff Williams “Principle” Scholarship
Jennifer Brustoski – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Jeane Countryman Memorial Scholarship, Bob and Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Hermon L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
Cheyenne Bryson – Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism
Abigail Bucher – Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship, Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship, Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship
Erica Clayton – William and Martha Buckingham Scholarship – renewal
Aslihe Cline – Hayesville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship, Brad Mowry Memorial Scholarship
Christina Coffy – June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Tori Cole – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Conkle – Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship, Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship
Maxx Davidson – John E. Hartzler Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbiger Memorial Scholarship
Megan Eagle – Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Emily Ehrentraut – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Shanna Essenburg – Loudonville FFA Alumni Association Scholarship, Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship, Harold and Pauline Obrecht Agricultural Scholarship, Donna and Lawrence Spreng Family Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
Ashley Ferguson – Bill and Cary Harris Scholarship, William K. Wiley Scholarship
Ashley Fickes – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Jacob Finley – Ben and Alyce Shaver Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Alivia Forshey – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
Marcus Fuller – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Kurtis Glasener – Elizabeth Kauffman Baker Scholarship, George E. Bert Memorial Scholarship
Casey Greene – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
Riley Harpster – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
Joshua Harris – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
Shaiannnt Herrera – Dave and Diana Kowalka Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies and Education
Elena Hoover – James and Phyllis McClure Business Scholarship
Jeanna Hopton – Cutright Family Scholarship, William R. and Constance M. Dravenstott Family Scholarship, Ferguson-Wertman Memorial Scholarship, Bamey Luttrell Memorial Scholarship, Robert and Joyce Stokes Family Scholarship, Dr. Joann Ford Watson Scholarship, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
Mariana Houser – Hillier School/Community Club Scholarship
Michael Ischener – Russell William Blakely Scholarship
Sabrina Johnson – Ed and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship, Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Scholarship
Daniel Kettering – Steve Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship
Miranda Kiner – Marjorie and T.H. Robinson Scholarship
Amanda Kinsey – Christine Mims Krumt Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Kocab – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship
Valerie Lance – Sue E. Banks Scholarship
Olivia Lane – Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship, Pattie Lee (Mowers) Mowery Scholarship, Perrysville St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship
Gabrielle Benton – Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship
Akila Venkataramany – Ashland High School Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship
Kyle Conkle – Ashland High School Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship
Maxx Davidson – Ashland High School Stump Family Cross Country Scholarship
Alexis Stoops – Ashland High School Jessica Brown Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Brustoski – Ashland High School Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship
Shaiannnt Herrera – Ashland High School Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship
Abigail Shafer – Hillsdale High School Katherine and Deanna Draper Scholarship
Logan Lucas – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
William MacDonald – Belle Osborn Memorial Scholarship
Kelsey Maloney – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Alexes Martin – Liz Myers Scholarship
Rachel Meixner – Hillier School/Community Club Scholarship
Erin Michel – Anderson Community Club Scholarship, Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Jamie Naum Memorial Scholarship, Earl J. Weikel Scholarship
Brenden Moore – Ralph and Hattie Anderson Convell Memorial Scholarship
Madison Mosher – Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship
Zachary Obrecht – Merle C. and Frances L. Plank Scholarship
Caroline Pape – Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship, Harold and Pauline Obrecht Education Scholarship
Aaron Pauly – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship
Bryce Payne – James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship
Emily Peterson – Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
Julie Pickering – Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship
Coleman Quay – Dav and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship, Robert and Colleen Stitzlein Scholarship
Heather Rawlinson – Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship
Charles Reed – Carol Pederson Music Scholarship
Heath Reineke – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship
Kyle Rhodes – Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship
Sam Roberts – Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Morgan Scarbary – Black-Etzwiler Scholarship, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Peter Linneman Memorial Scholarship
Nate Scarbary – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
Abigail Shafer – Linda S. Heyl Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Earl J. Weikel Scholarship
Stephen Shanno – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship
Ben Simon – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Jerrica Smith – Ralph and Donna Convell Memorial Scholarship, Simonson Family Scholarship
Kaitlyn Smith – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Kristin Smith – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
Samantha Spredre – Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
Drew Squiers – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Alexis Stoops – Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship
Alexa Stoop – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal
Emily Stump – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Samuel Swain – James E. Fred Memorial Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
Shelby Van Sickle – Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship
Megan Valentine – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Akila Venkataramany – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Tyson Vogel – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Teresa Williams – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Caleb Winfield – Jim and Marilyn Enmons Scholarship
Matt Wise – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Laura Wolfgatott – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
Michael Woode – Keith Wyzant Memorial Scholarship
Logan Lucas – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Laura Yueter – Debra E. “Pebbles” Dillard Memorial Scholarship; Eggerton, McBride and Osvald Memorial Scholarship; Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship; Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship; Helen J. Taylor Scholarship; W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbiger Scholarship; Gene and Janice Yeater Educational Scholarship
Ty Young – Newton E. and Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship; John and Jean Gardner Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship

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**RECENT ACTIVITIES**

The Kids Who Care Recognition event on May 8th recognized 27 local students.

Fifteen 7th-9th graders studied energy — batteries, fuels, nutrients, fires and more at ACCF’s Kettering Honors Science Camp held June 16-19 at AU.

This year, our Donor Thank You Luncheon on June 24th recognized the creation of 15 individual funds.

The Scholarship Donor/Recipient Luncheon on June 17th recognized the donors and inaugural recipients of 12 new scholarships.

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**PLEDGE CARD**

Yes, I/we believe in the work of the Foundation.
I/We subscribe the sum of $_______ for the following. Total Gift $_______

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Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. Please make gifts payable to The Ashland County Community Foundation and mail to 300 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

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John Miller became a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees in 2011, currently serving as Chair of the Hess Loan Fund Committee and as a member of the Scholarship Committee. He has also served as Chair of the Marketing Committee and as a member of the Hess Loan Fund Committee.

He first became aware of the positive impact of community foundations while working in various administrative positions with Troy City Schools in Troy, Ohio. One of his responsibilities was to write and manage grants for the district which gave him the opportunity to interact with The Troy Foundation, and to realize how such an organization benefits a community over a sustained period of time.

John believes that ACCF provides opportunities to give back to Ashland County communities, and that it does so in a responsible and professional way enabling donors to leave a lasting legacy. Therefore, John and his wife, Penny established a Donor Designated Fund, the proceeds of which will provide operating funds to ACCF for years to come.

John is Superintendent of the Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village School District, a position in which he has served for 16 years. He and Penny, a School Counselor with Crestline Schools in Crawford County, have a son, Rob (LHS ’12) who is a junior at Miami University (Ohio) majoring in History and Rhetoric.

John currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce and the Loudonville Agricultural Society. He is an active member of several professional organizations and advisory committees.