



Sharing

today's gifts with the generations to come

LIFE LIVES ON THE ELLISTON STORY



Robert O. and Charlene Elliston

Robert O. Elliston came to my office several years ago. He sat down with a sense of sadness – a heavy heart from long years of labor and the pain of his wife's death. They had no children. His wife Charlene was a 5th/6th grade teacher in Ashland County Schools for 36 years full-time and 12 years part-time. She loved her students like none other. Robert was a farmer who spent two years in the Army during World War II, three years Medical Division in the South Pacific. Now a farmer and limestone transporter for more than 40 years.

He said, "I just can't handle the idea that our lives mean nothing, the value of our dedication and hard work gone, gone forever!" "Oh, no, Mr. Elliston," was my response. "The value, the impact of your lives can live on and on; as we say...for the generations to come. It is true one life has a very short time in the annals of history – yet each life can leave a long shadow of "good." At this meeting we spoke briefly of ACCF's many options to provide lasting impact, the impact he sought.

But most of our time that day was spent talking about his wife and her love of teaching; about his success in expanding/developing a farm and the joy of "working the land." Especially our conversation turned to the couple's years and years of happiness together. Additionally, he spoke of their travel which covered at least six continents to include: South Africa, Australia, South America, Spain and Hawaii.

This conversation with Mr. Elliston was the year 2007. Our conversation continued with his several visits to my office to explore options to provide the couple's impact. His choice was predictable: a scholarship in honor of his wife. The scholarship was completed one year later.

The Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship designed April 21, 2008 is for a Hillsdale High School graduate. The evaluation of recipient: Work/Community Service, Leadership/Responsibility and Financial Need; the selection committee is chaired by the Hillsdale Guidance Counselor. The Fund Balance distributions of 5% cannot invade principal, and the



*Kelsey King, 2010
Elliston Scholarship recipient*

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ACCF Mission

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 designated scholarships and individual funds for specific charities.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



James M. Cutright

Greetings to all! The months have flown by, but I'm settling into my new position here at the Ashland County Community Foundation. We have a remarkable team...a small, but mighty staff...that is dedicated to our mission of advancing philanthropy in our

Ashland County community.

We accomplish that, of course, by serving as a Donor Agent, assuring donors' wishes are carried out; by acting as a Grant Provider, meeting the ever-changing needs of our county; and by being involved as a Community Player, engaging in activities that make Ashland County a better place to work and live.

Spring is a busy time at ACCF!

- Scholarship season is upon us, as we prepare to award over 140 academic scholarships to worthy Ashland County students.
- Nominations are still being accepted for our sixth annual Kids Who Care event, as we are pleased to recognize youth who are looking beyond themselves with their charitable efforts.
- Our 20/20 Committee of young "millennials" will soon announce a new project, targeting

interaction with Ashland County youth, about which they are extremely excited.

- The Women's Fund continues their outstanding work with women facing challenges in our community, and is engaged in its annual Mother's Day initiative. New participants are always welcome!
- Dr. Lucille Ford, ACCF President and Senior Advisor, is spearheading an expanded effort to assist our 20 Ashland County partner agencies, for whom we hold endowment funds, by offering her expertise and experience to enhance the growth capabilities of each organization.
- Our Development Committee also is working hard to bolster our Community Grants program, by offering opportunities for named funds, from which the distributions would be unrestricted by the donor, so that our Grants Committee has the flexibility to react to ever-changing needs in Ashland County.
- In April, we will be recognizing, at our second annual Impact Awards event, those non-profit agencies that have made exceptional use of ACCF grant dollars in the prior year, providing valued service to our community.

Exciting times! Please feel free to call or stop by the office any time, if we may ever be of service. I would welcome the opportunity to meet each of you and discuss how we might work together to make a lasting impact in Ashland County.

THE ELLISTON STORY CONTINUED

scholarships become renewable once estate dollars are added. This is a perpetual scholarship; to the honor and joy of Charlene Elliston's life.

It is now 2012, April 22. Mr. Elliston joined his beloved wife. During those four years, Mr. Elliston and I had many opportunities to sit in conversation, and in spirit on his journey; truly, a rare privilege to share his life – his commitment to young people; an enrichment for me and I trust an enrichment for him.

Mr. Elliston provided in his will all estate residual to this Memorial Scholarship; a powerful gift that makes possible four individual scholarships each and every year of more than \$10,000 each. ACCF's largest single gift to date – a permanent recognition to honor and to cherish Robert O. and Charlene Elliston.

Indeed, LIFE LIVES ON.

Lucille G. Ford, Ph.D.

NOMINATE A KID!

Ashland County Community Foundation Kids Who Care Awards

Nominate Ashland County students who demonstrate "Giving Back"

Criteria: Initiative/Creativity, Community Benefit/Impact, Generosity

Award Categories: Grades 1-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12

NOMINATIONS DUE: MARCH 15, 2013

Recognition event: May 9, 2013

Nomination forms available on ACCF website or by calling 419-281-4733

KIDS WHO CARE 2012 WINNERS



Ultimate Giver

Isaac Coffy, Bethany Corbett, Taylor Franklin, Lacy Gray, Andrew Hawk, Tyler Portner, Jeremiah Swope, and Matthew Wise for a video project in response to teen suicides in Ashland County in the Fall 2011 and to help those struggling with depression and/or suicidal thoughts

Grades 9-12



Taylor Krause for designing, procuring and selling t-shirts in support of a teacher with cancer

Grades 1-6

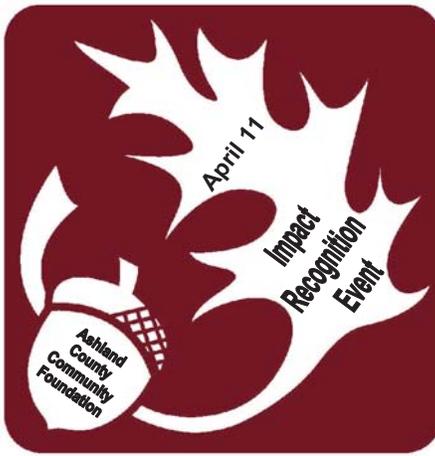


Keegan and Jaiden Gupta for organizing the train bank fundraiser at Taft Elementary

Grades 7-8



Chelse Butcher for being a dedicated member of the Kroc Crew and "All Star Academy" tutor



ACCF's Impact Recognition Event is intended to say "Thank You" to county-wide non-profit organizations for their extraordinary community benefit.

Eligible organizations for 2013 Impact Awards are:

Education

- Ashland Christian School
- Ashland County SPARC Task Force
- Ashland Co.-W. Holmes Career Center
- Ashland Middle School
- Loudonville Public Library
- North Central State College Foundation

Health/Human Services

- Ashland Community Breakfast Center
- Ashland County Cancer Association
- Ashland County Health Department
- Ashland Family YMCA
- Hospice of North Central Ohio
- Senior Citizens of Ashland County, Inc.

Community Progress/Arts/Environment

- Ashland County Agricultural Society
- Ashland County Airport Authority
- Ashland Symphony Orchestra
- Community Improvement Corp.
- Jackson Township
- Perrysville Youth Association
- Village of Polk

Teacher Mini-Grants

- Ashland Middle School
- Hillsdale Middle School
- Mapleton Middle School
- Montgomery Elementary School
- Osborn Elementary School
- St. Edward School
- Taft Elementary School



SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1

All eligibility criteria and applications are available at www.accommunityfoundation.org or in high school guidance offices

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

ACCF has a newly designed volunteer program that engages individuals in a variety of ways. Should any of the below listed areas appeal to you, please visit our website for the volunteer form or contact our volunteer coordinator Annette Shaw at 419-651-7148 or dashaw@zoominternet.net.

Office Support

- Answer phone/Make calls
- Clerical/General office
- Fold brochures
- Mailing preparation
- Screen/Read applications

Arts/Writing

- Arts/Crafts
- Graphic design
- Photography
- Writing

Physical Dimension

- Building maintenance/Repairs
- Driving/Deliveries
- Greet Guests
- Landscaping
- Physical set-up/Tear-down

Technology

- Computers/Technology
- Social Media

We hope you will join us.

WOMEN'S FUND

Mother's Day Cards

The opportunity to honor or memorialize the special women in our lives will be available again this year. Be watching your mail or check our website.



Apply for a Grant

Non-profit organizations with programs and projects to benefit Ashland County women are eligible to apply for Women's Fund grants. Application deadline is May 15. Application forms and information are available on our website or at the ACCF office.

Grants Impact

The four 2012 Women's Fund grants recipients were announced at an October dessert reception at ACCF.

Ashland County Cancer Association

Women of Hope support group *impacting women returning to work after treatment*

D-R Services

materials to teach implementation strategies when presented with real-life exploitative situations *impacting women with developmental disabilities*

Hospice of North Central Ohio

retreat to "honor their grief" *impacting younger widows (ages 40-60)*

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

empowerment program *impacting at-risk girls ages 11-13*

Mission

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



RECENT ACTIVITIES



ACCF's Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner/Reception
October 31st



ACCF's inaugural Agency Partnership Luncheon
February 13th



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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.

	Founder (\$10,000 +)	Fellow+ (\$1000-9999)	Sustainer+ (\$1-999)
ACCF General Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Building Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Unrestricted	_____	_____	_____
Ford Leadership/Operations Fund	_____	_____	_____
Community Grants Fund	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Women's Fund	_____	_____	_____
Individual Fund*	_____	_____	_____

*List charity/charities for approved distribution(s)

+Limited to funds held by ACCF

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.

_____ I have included ACCF in my will/estate plans. _____ Please tell me how I can include ACCF in my will/estate plans.

Total Gift \$ _____ Paid Herewith \$ _____

Pledge Term _____ years Balance \$ _____

To be Paid: _____ Annually _____ Other _____

Name* _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Memorial Name _____

*The names of Founders, Fellows and Legacies will be printed in our Annual Report as written above unless otherwise noted by you.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE - KEITH BOALES



Keith Boales

Keith has been a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees since 2008. In that time he has served on the Development Committee and as Chair of the Grants and Teacher Mini-Grants Committees.

Placing great importance on our Ashland County community and desiring to give back far into the future, Keith feels strongly that his personal philosophy fits well with the Foundation's mission to make Ashland County a better place to work and to live...for generations to come. It is for this reason that he and his wife support the Foundation and its activities with their time, talent and treasure.

Keith is an insurance agent, owning and operating Boales Insurance Agency, Inc. since the mid-1970s. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and currently serves as president of the Ashland County Veterans Services Commission, President of Ashland County Community Improvement Corporation and Chairman of the Ashland County Republican Party Executive Committee.

Keith enjoys adventure. Among many experiences, he has been to the Amazon and has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. He has visited 41 countries with plans to make Antarctica and the South Pole his next major destinations.

An Ashland native, he and his wife Peggy married in 1973 and have one daughter, Jessica. They very much enjoy traveling (having visited many places around the world, Italy is a favorite), reading, golfing and being active in their community.

They are looking forward to their next big adventure: becoming grandparents this summer.



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