100 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of community foundations. Nationally, more than 750 community foundations are at the center of local civic life today.

In 1914, Frederick H. Goff, a Cleveland, Ohio, banker and lawyer, believed that by pooling charitable resources into a single endowment fund, philanthropists of any means in his city could, collectively, improve their community. Today, a full century later, his groundbreaking idea has not only led to the re-investment of more than $1.7 billion in grants in Cleveland through The Cleveland Foundation, it has spawned a form of philanthropy that is improving lives in communities across the country and around the world, including our own Ashland County.

Community foundations in the United States collectively manage more than $48 billion in assets and distribute more than $4.5 billion annually — all to enhance the quality of life in local communities.

While there are over 1,700 community foundations world-wide, more than 750 in the U.S. and 93 in the state of Ohio, there is only one community foundation in Ashland County. We are privileged to be the Ashland County Community Foundation — a charitable organization created by the people and for the people in our community.

Whether it be Brown University, Ashland University or Ohio University, behind the pride of a family sending off its first college-bound child are donors to the Ashland County Community Foundation. Behind the revitalization efforts of those in our towns and villages is the board of the Community Foundation. Behind the innovative classroom projects that motivate students in exhilarating new ways are the committee members and staff of the Community Foundation.

Those of us who work for your foundation or serve on its volunteer board are privileged to be the stewards of community assets. We celebrate the 100th anniversary of community foundations with thanksgiving and recognition of the impact already made in our own Ashland County, excitedly anticipating what is to come in the years ahead.

Thanks to the legacy of giving through the Ashland County Community Foundation, ordinary people are indeed doing extraordinary things. In its 19th year, ACCF’s “family” includes more than 6,000 donors, its assets exceed $26 million, and to date, it has granted over $6.5 million to improve lives in Ashland County. Thank you, ACCF donors, for making a difference!
Were you surprised to learn in our cover story that the very first community foundation was formed in Cleveland, Ohio? Amazingly, the Cleveland Foundation, while returning $1.7 billion to its community, has still amassed a current endowment of over $2 billion! A testament to the power of generosity…and a hundred years!

While the Ashland County Community Foundation observes only its 19th year of existence in 2014, our story is also quite remarkable. In the latest available data, ACCF was ranked 30th of 93 Ohio community foundations, in terms of assets, and 36th in total grantmaking. Our growth is certainly a tribute to the type of people who call Ashland County their home.

Of the tens of thousands of charitable organizations in the U.S., only 750 share a mission similar to that of ACCF, which is to provide a sustainable form of philanthropy.

Community foundations provide current community leadership and problem-solving capabilities, while preparing for the future with permanent endowment.

As is the case with ACCF, community foundations can ease the charitable cash flow requirements of a community by acting as its “charitable savings account.”

Gifts to community foundations can be made in the form of cash, both public and privately-held stock and real estate. Planned giving, through an estate or will, can be made with no cash out-of-pocket today.

In most cases, a gift to a community foundation is made part of a permanent endowment and therefore the intention, the original asset and the name of the donor are preserved forever.

Community Foundations, like ACCF:  
- Know their communities  
- Help you achieve superior tax benefits  
- Make set-up and administration easy  
- Share your interests  
- Care about the future

We would be pleased to tell you more about ACCF and to have a staff member provide a brief presentation on the 100-year history of community foundations to interested groups. Please contact our office for more details.

The Foundation is “lucky” to have many generous and dedicated volunteers throughout the community assist in the operations of the Foundation. Scholarship screeners and readers, regular and occasional office support, newsletter and bulk mail preparers, Kids Who Care evaluators, and more graciously contribute hours of time and talent each year. In total, more than 40 individuals volunteered their time in such capacity last year at ACCF.

In an effort to thank these individuals, the Foundation will host a Volunteer Appreciation Open House on St. Patrick’s Day. To these special people, we say, “Thank you. We are lucky to have you!”

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CUTTY’S CORNER)

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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.

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**www.accommunityfoundation.org**
Nominate Ashland County students who demonstrate “Giving Back”

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

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

NOMINATIONS DUE: MARCH 17, 2014

Recognition event: May 8, 2014

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

KIDS WHO CARE 2013 WINNERS

**Ava Bracken**
Sold t-shirts and ran a lemonade stand to raise money and awareness for ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) in honor of her Grandpa Steve

**Emily Ebert**
Volunteered at the Ashland Public Library for the Summer Reading Program and donated used books to Ashland Middle School

**Jeremy Jackson, Skye Fetters, Dayna Taylor and Stormey Trayter**
Completed projects to raise money, provide support, promote peace and provide leadership development that benefits Ashland County or International Projects of Rotary
Happy 10th Anniversary Women’s Fund!
“Save the date” for a special celebration on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm. More details to come.

Mother’s Day Cards
The opportunity to honor or memorialize the special women in our lives will be available again this year. In honor of the Women’s Fund’s 10 Year Anniversary, all will be encouraged to honor 10 or more special women. 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 2013 Women’s Fund grants recipients were announced at an October dessert reception at ACCF.

Ashland Christian Health Center
Women’s Health—Healthy Hearts

Community Help Mission
Educational component of Community Help Mission

Lutheran Social Services of North Central Ohio
Women’s housing project

Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Safe Haven
Shelter equipment

Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award
In recognition of ACCF’s founding president, the Women’s Fund established the Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award in late 2013. This award will be presented annually and will recognize an Ashland County woman who demonstrates a long-standing commitment to philanthropy.

Dr. Ford, who defines philanthropy as “freedom from selfishness,” demonstrates on a daily basis that a lifetime of dedicated, committed service truly does make our community “a better place to work and to live…for generations to come.” This award program recognizes and honors Dr. Ford and the women in our community who exemplify a lifetime of philanthropy and achievement without boundaries, a giving of self without reservation. The inaugural award will be presented in October 2014 at the Women’s Fund’s 10th anniversary celebration.

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**
  - November 6th

- **Women’s Fund Grants Recipients/Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness Award”**
  - October 8th

- **Teacher Mini-Grants Reception**
  - November 12th

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### PLEDGE CARD

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*List charity/charities for approved distribution(s)________

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

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.

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www.accommunityfoundation.org
Pat has been a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees since 2009, currently serving as Treasurer. In that time she has served on the Executive, Finance and Hess Loan Fund Committees. She has also served as a member of the Women’s Fund Committee since 2004, serving as Chair from 2010-2013. It is through her positive experience with the Women’s Fund that she was introduced to the Foundation.

Pat and her husband place great importance on giving back to the community that they so care about. Supporting the Foundation and its activities with their time, talent and treasure, the Byerlys created a Donor Advised Fund in which their fund’s annual distribution is made to Loudonville Helping Hands. Recently, they established a community grants fund in which the fund’s unrestricted distribution will provide grants for the good of the Ashland County community year after year.

An Ashland High School graduate, Pat married Ted Byerly in 1959 after attending The Ohio State University. She and her husband owned and operated the Byerly Funeral Home in Lucas for 11 years and the Byerly Funeral Home in Loudonville for 21 years, retiring in 1997.

Pat’s recent community service includes 11 years on the Samaritan Regional Health System Board, 13 years on the Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board with current involvement in the Mohican Area Health/Wellness Initiative Committee. She also serves on the Farmers and Savings Bank Board of Directors.

Pat and Ted have two children, Tim of Corpus Christi, Texas and Lynn of Mason, Ohio, and five grandchildren. They attend Grace Brethren Church in Ashland. Pat very much enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, as well as golfing and gardening.