Over the past twelve months, the Ashland County Community Foundation has been extremely active in fostering relationships with existing community partners, but in new and exciting ways:

United Way of Ashland County
Ev DeVaul, director of the local United Way, is known, far and wide, as a dynamic leader. In fact, with the recent accomplishment of meeting its 8th consecutive annual fundraising goal, the United Way of Ashland County was recognized as the United Way of the Year in the entire State of Ohio. ACCF’s Board of Directors recently acknowledged this achievement by adding $5,000 to UWAC’s “J. Robert Tipton Endowment Fund”, which provides annual distributions for ongoing support of this fine organization. This one-time celebratory grant is in keeping with ACCF’s mission of encouraging sustainability for its nonprofit agency partners. UWAC is currently engaged in its “A Legacy of Caring Initiative” to promote the concept of creating endowment, through planned giving, to provide long-term support of its efforts to better our community. ACCF is pleased to partner with UWAC in this effort.

Hospice of North Central Ohio
Ralph Tomassi, former ACCF founding board member, recently retired from his long-time position as a development officer at Ashland University and began assisting Linda Hickey and the staff at Hospice-NCO with its efforts to expand its donor base and encourage the establishment of endowment for future operational support. Ralph and ACCF Executive Director, Jim Cutright, friends and associates for many years, have been working closely to enhance the relationship of the two organizations. In this particular instance, Hospice-NCO receives many one-time memorial gifts, but recognizes that long-term funding is best served through the building of endowment funds that can be pooled with other such investments, under the stewardship of ACCF. Named endowment funds may, likewise, be established as a memorial to a loved one; a gift that is made once, but keeps on giving. Hospice-NCO may also be named in an individual’s estate planning.

Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce/Leadership Ashland
Barbie Lange, the director of AACC, has continually improved upon the offerings of our local chamber, in support of local businesses. Among its many initiatives, Leadership Ashland stands out as one of the “jewels”. This past year, ACCF enhanced its relationship with the Chamber, by increasing its membership level to that of “Sustainer”, with its entire dues structure being directed to support this important leadership development program. The Foundation believes that it is especially important to provide our nonprofit agency partners with the opportunity to take advantage of this program, and so is offering one fully-paid tuition “scholarship” each year, for a staff member, with preference given to agencies with which ACCF has an endowment relationship.

Ashland County Park District, et al
The recent announcement of an “inclusive” playground project, to be built on Dale Roy School property is the epitome of community collaboration. In addition to the school, partners with two ACCF anonymous donors include the Ashland County Park District, the Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Snyder’s-Lance, Inc., Fin Feather Fur Outfitters, Dr. Stan and Mrs. Diana Brechbuhler, Robert and Judith DeSanto, Brian and Karen Kellogg and many others. What started as a dream became a reality through the generous joining-of-hands of many in our community. As we like to say, “Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!” Community foundations were created to match people who care with causes that matter, through the pooling of resources. This is an amazing example of that type of teamwork.

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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.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CUTTY’S CORNER)

Amazingly, three years have gone by since I stepped into some pretty big shoes here at the Foundation; that of succeeding the venerable Dr. Lucille Ford, as the visible leader of this organization.

It’s very fitting that she recently served as the “Grand Marshal” of the City of Ashland’s Bicentennial festivities which occurred over the Fourth of July weekend. “Grand” certainly describes her... “impressive, majestic, noble, dignified”. A “Marshal” is one who “arranges things in an orderly fashion”. Sound like anyone we know...and love?! It is her leadership that has become the “foundation” upon which we continue to build, and I will always be tremendously grateful for her support and mentorship, as I assumed this role.

In the past three years, a remarkable 82 new endowment funds have been created at ACCF, bringing our total to 328, and emphasizing the fact that people of generous intent are, more and more, recognizing the community foundation model as one that effectively and efficiently helps them meet their philanthropic goals.

My objective has been, as I have often stated, to emphasize the “community” in our community foundation. The concept is that people of any means, across a broad spectrum, can participate in making an impact in Ashland County. This fact is particularly evident in the past twelve months, as ACCF has received individual gifts ranging from $2 to $1,000,000. Now, that’s about as broad as you can get!

2015 officially marks our 20th year of existence. In that time, we have accumulated over $32 million in assets, engaged over 6,200 individual donors and re-invested over $8 million back into Ashland County through scholarships and grants of many different types.

On the evening of November 4th, we will acknowledge our appreciation of our kind donors that have made this sort of impact possible. Our good friend and benefactor, Matt Underwood, will be a featured speaker that evening. Past trustees will also be honored; those upon whose shoulders we now stand. We hope that many of you will choose to join the celebration. If you’d like more information, please feel free to contact our office.

As you’ll see in the pages of this newsletter, many wonderful things are happening at ACCF! If you’ve not had the experience yet of giving through your community foundation, please stop by and let us tell you how you can get involved and join the “ACCF Family”.

COLLABORATION - CONTINUED

Innovation Fund
The largest gift received this past year, and among the largest ever received at ACCF, was from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. A remarkable act of generosity, with the intent of reinvestment in our community, in the form of a new $1 million gift, was made in December 2014. A glorious day, indeed, for ACCF! This donor’s naming it the “Innovation Fund” alludes to the creativity and desire to make an impact in the Ashland County community that is behind this gift. Needs in areas like economic development, job skills training, career development support, technical education and community progress initiatives are all on the donor’s radar screen, as brainstorming continues. The donor also is hoping that this fund will inspire other community leaders, who are in a position to do so, to consider similar gifting to ACCF for the building of sustainability through endowment.

Going forward, the Ashland County Community Foundation will continue to explore opportunities, as they are presented, to advance its mission. The board and staff view the development of these relationships as complimentary, not competitive. Nonprofit organizations which don’t collaborate will eventually...stagnate. ACCF is interested in soliciting broader thinking and searching out new ways of making Ashland County a better place to work and to live. Your support of our efforts is always much appreciated!

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~SUPPORTING EDUCATION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW~

170 SCHOLARSHIPS were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2015 for the first time are pictured below.

Joseph Atigun – Loudonville-Perryville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship
Kurtin Bowers – Robiim (Doodly) Young Scholarship
Jennifer Bruske – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Brody Budoff – Jeromeville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship
Vanessa Byers – Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism
Blackwater – Black-Fitzwater Scholarship
Jasta Cates – Elizabeth Kauffman Baker Scholarship
Dylan Cio – Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
Ryan Clady – Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship
Eliza Clinton – William and Martha Backman Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Tori Cole – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Jaice Coulson – Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship, Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship
Kiley Crossen – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Gene and Janice Yeager Educational Scholarship
Garrett Curn – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
Tracy Curn – June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Maree Davidson – W. Boyd and Clara A. Wimbler Scholarship – renewal
Merrin Davidson – Michael Stoops Memorial Award
Dominic Donofrio – Daugh-Rule Scholarship
Dalton Eagle – Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship
Megan Eagle – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Emilie Hennantract – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Amelia Ewing – William K. Wiley Scholarship
Ashley Flees – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Jacob Finley – Ben and Alice Scarver Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Katherine Fossuccio – Peter Linneman Memorial Scholarship
Makayla Gauss – Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
Ryan Giavasis – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship
Karen Gla Evan – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Theodore S. and Kathy Smith Smitherman Scholarship
Mitchell Grundy – AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
Sydney Gruwell – Tom VanOudall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Dr. Jorun Ford Watson Scholarship
Geneva Guay – Belle Osborne Memorial Scholarship
Catherine Grundy – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship
Alli Hannas – Amanda Dowler Memorial Scholarship
Kaitlin Harp – Chareline Elliston Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Jeromeville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship, Jordan “Joe” Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship
Brock Hays – Debra E. “Pebbles” Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, Eggerton, McBride, and Oswealt Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship
Andrea Heffelfinger – Russell William Blahkey Scholarship
Jillian Hilinski – Sue E. Banks Scholarship, John and Jen Gardner Scholarship, Carl H. and Thelma L. Mohrmann Stitschen Scholarship, Russell Wenzling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship
Jeanna Hopson – Robert and Joyce Stokes Family Scholarship – renewal, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Sami Holder – Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship
Mara Rose – Hiller School Community Scholarship
Andrew Iceken – James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Academy Boosters Scholarship
Stew and June McFarlin Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Wimbler Scholarship
Michael Ickes – Russell William Blahkey Scholarship
Samuel Kellogg – Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Kirby – Helen J. Taylor Scholarship
Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship – Gabriel Kral
Jacquelyn Lewis – Tom VanOudall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Andrew MacQueen – Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship, Harold and Pauline Obechek Education Scholarship
Kelsey Maloney – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Logan Markle – Anderson Community Club Scholarship, William R. and Constance M. Dravenstot Family Scholarship, Ashland County Pilot’s Association-Lee K. Heyl Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Gott – Mapleton High School, Cynthia Johnston and Ed Walsh Scholarship
Leif McFrederick – Ashland High School
Dale Roberts Memorial Music Scholarship
Michael L. Ermann Memorial Scholarship
Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship, Stump Family Cross County Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics
Leif McFrederick – Daugh-Rule Scholarship, Ferguson/Wertman Memorial Scholarship, Tom VanOudall Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Gally McCoy – Beaumont Hospital Medical Society Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
Alexander McMillen – Cuthbert Family Scholarship, Newton E. and Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, John E. Hartzler Scholarship, Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship, Jack Miller Proof Smart Golf Scholarship, Tom VanOudall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Wimbler Memorial Scholarship, Keith Wyszay Memorial Scholarship
Rachel Meiners – Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship
Dylan Miller – Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville-Perryville Alumni Scholarship
Dylan Miller – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Muzzy – Simmons-Olson, Mark Highower Nursing Scholarship
Tim Newson – Troya J. Young Memorial Scholarship
Travis Picketting – Simonson Family Scholarship
Megan Powel – Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship
Carrie Quay – Ed and Barbarn Hauenschild OSU Scholarship
Heath Reindeke – Richard and Nancy Eschendahl Scholarship – renewal
Evelyn Reynolds – Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship
Vincent Rittie – Cherie Mims-Krino Memorial Scholarship
Sum Roberts – Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship – renewal
Leslie Rogers – Ralph and Donna Cornell Memorial Scholarship, Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Searby – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Nate Searby – Russell William Blahkey Scholarship – renewal, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Allison Schrie – Loudonville-Perryville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville-Perryville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship, Patti Lee (Mowers) Moxoe Scholarship, Perryville St. John Evangelist Lutheran Church Scholarship
Cassie Schneider – Jessica Ewen Memorial Scholarship
John Simon – George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship
Hayley Sherran – Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship
Ben Sloan – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Drew Squire – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Alexa Stoudt – Russell William Blahkey Scholarship – renewal
Ella Sturgis – Linc Myers Scholarship
Emily Stump – Richard and Nancy Eschendahl Scholarship – renewal
Samuel Swain – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Kaitlin Tibbs – Hayesville and Jeromeville Alumni Associations Scholarship, June Maum Memorial Scholarship
Colton Ullman – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship
Will Von Savy – Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship
Barat Venkatakrmy – George and Rhine Wertman Hartman Scholarship
Akila Venkatakrmy – Richard and Nancy Eschendahl Scholarship – renewal
Tyson Vogel – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Skyler Wald – Hillsdale Academy Boosters Scholarship
Meg Warren – Ralph and Donna Cornell Memorial Scholarship
Quinn Watson – Jean Countryman Memorial Scholarship, Byron E. and Virginia Rapp Dilgard Scholarship, David III and Marlene F. Domec Scholarship, Dave and Diane Kowalski Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or Education, Donald E. and Daphnearris Long Scholarship, Jeff Williams “Principle” Scholarship
Shelby White – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship, Jim and Marilyn Enmons Scholarship, Charles B. Goezsch Endowed Scholarship, Bob and Helv Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Tony Murley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major, Hermon L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship, Melrose C. and Frances L. Plank Scholarship, Solomon Scholarship, Steven Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Wigen – Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship
Matt Wise – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal
Laura Wolanogultz – Sunmanian Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship
Laura Yeater – W. Boyd and Clara A. Wimbler Scholarship – renewal
Heather Young – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship
Kiana Ziegler – David and Carol Burns Scholarship, Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship, George J. Valentini Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship, Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship

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**WOMEN’S FUND**

**Women’s Fund Celebrates 10th Anniversary**
This past fall, approximately 150 women recognized the impact of the ACCF’s Women’s Fund. Celebrating women helping women, guest speaker Dr. Emily Hess, AU professor and ACCF Board member, and keynote speaker Sue Ramsey, AU Women’s Basketball Coach, addressed the group. To date, 31 grants totaling $52,099 have impacted 4,033 women and children in Ashland County thanks to the generosity of 400 plus donors to the Women’s Fund.

**Grants Impact**
The five 2014 Women’s Fund grants recipients were announced at the 10 Year Anniversary Dinner.

**Ashland Care Center:** Education Room Renovation

**Ashland County Cancer Association:** Expanded “Mammovan” Day

**Ashland Parenting Plus:** Theatre Trip for Adolescent Girls

**D-R Services:** Community Integration through YMCA

**Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Safe Haven:** Support Group Education Materials

The 2015 grants will be awarded this summer and announced at the Women’s Fund’s Annual Meeting in September.

**Mother’s Day Cards**
Four hundred women were honored and remembered this past Mother’s Day with gifts to the Women’s Fund totaling more than $20,000. Since providing this Mother’s Day opportunity to honor and remember special women, almost 2,000 Mother’s Day cards have been mailed with over $90,000 raised to support women and children in Ashland County via grants to non-profit organizations from The Women’s Fund.

*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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**DR. LUCILLE G. FORD “FREEDOM FROM SELFISHNESS” AWARD**

Nancy T. Davis was named the inaugural recipient of the “Freedom from Selfishness” Award, created and named in honor of Dr. Lucille G. Ford, the Community Foundation’s founding president.

“I was so surprised, so amazed and so grateful to be the first woman chosen to receive this prestigious award named in honor of my dear friend and our ACCF founder, Dr. Lucille Ford,” Davis stated.

“This (award) is a tribute to all women who work hard in their own situations; it is the spirit of love that carries them,” she said. “Love asks for nothing and is fulfilled in itself.”

Davis has been involved in numerous organizations throughout the years, including the Salvation Army Kroc Center, Ashland County Historical Society, Trinity Lutheran Church, YMCA, Ashland City Schools, Ashland Symphony Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Samaritan Regional Health System Foundation, and 20 years with the Community Foundation.

The Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award was created in 2013 by the ACCF’s Women’s Fund. Recognizing and honoring Dr. Ford, who defines philanthropy as “freedom from selfishness,” this award recognizes Ashland County women who demonstrate a long-standing commitment to philanthropy.

We are currently accepting nominations. Visit [www.accommunityfoundation.org/RECEIVE/Women’s Fund Grants](http://www.accommunityfoundation.org/RECEIVE/Women’s Fund Grants) to nominate a woman in our community who exemplifies a lifetime of philanthropy, a giving of self without reservation. Deadline to submit nominations is August 1.

The Award recipient will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Women’s Fund on September 15.
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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.

_____ I have included ACCF in my will/estate plans.   _____ Please tell me how I can include ACCF in my will/estate plans.
Mike Huber became a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees in 2013 and is currently serving as Chair of the Scholarship Committee and as a member of the Advancement Committee.

Mike is heavily involved with community activities and currently serves as a board member for Brethren Care Village, Ashland City-County Health Board, Ashland City Schools Alumni Foundation, D-R Services, and the Ashland Area Community Improvement Corporation. He is a 2008 graduate of the Leadership Ashland program & past president of the Leadership Ashland steering committee. Mike also participates with the Ashland United Way Commercial Division and is a member and past president of the Ashland Noon Lions, as well as past president of the Ashland Board of Realtors and the Dale-Roy School Board.

Mike is a strong believer in giving back to his community with his time, talents and resources. Therefore, he and his wife, Pam established a Donor Designated Fund at ACCF, the proceeds of which will benefit the Ashland Community for years to come.

Mike is a lifelong Ashland County resident who graduated from Hillsdale High School and received both his Bachelor and Master’s Degrees from The Ohio State University. Since 1997, Mike has been a licensed Realtor with Coldwell Banker/Ward Real Estate. He lives in Ashland with his wife, Pam, and their daughter, Jenna. They attend Peace Lutheran Church. Their son, Chris, lives in Powell, Ohio with his wife, Stephanie, and their children Christopher, Jr. and Molly.