IMPACT Youth Council

What does IMPACT look like to you? At the Ashland County Community Foundation, IMPACT looks exciting, diverse and “youth”-ful!

I-M-P-A-C-T is an acronym for “Imagine Making Philanthropy an Ashland County Tradition” and is the branding for a new group of high school-aged grantmakers that we call our ACCF IMPACT Youth Council.

Replicating a model of youth philanthropy that originated with community foundations in Michigan, the IMPACT Youth Council is a new program, providing a community service opportunity for sophomores, juniors and seniors from Ashland, Hillsdale, Loudonville and Mapleton high schools, the Ashland-West Holmes Career Center, Veritas Academy and Home Schoolers.

The students chosen to participate in this first year of the IMPACT Youth Council have been working as a team, through a rigorous nine-month curriculum, designed for them to gain awareness of the needs of youth in Ashland County and then collectively reviewing applications for programs that provide services to meet those needs.

This year’s inaugural participants are: Nassem Al-Mehairi, Natalee Blackford, Alexis Hopkins, Joshua Jerabez, Jonah Moretz, Mikayla Myers, Isabella Simpson, Hannah Strickling and Andrew Stump, from Ashland High School; Elizabeth Hohler, Veronica Mounts and Will Yeater, from Hillsdale High School; Hannah Purdy and Amberlynn Schuterra, from Loudonville High School and Mark Gorsuch, Alexa Rakosky and Daniel Ritchey, from Mapleton High School.

Participation on the IMPACT Youth Council has required a time commitment involving attendance at scheduled meetings, which have been held primarily on Sunday afternoons, once monthly.

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From The Executive Director (Cutty’s Corner)

Jim Cutright (Cutty)

This past Fall and Winter have been a rewarding and fruitful time at YOUR community foundation. In the quarter ending December 31, 2015 a remarkable 15 new endowment funds were created at the Foundation; most ever in a 3-month period! ACCF now provides stewardship for 348 funds. Just for historical perspective, it took 9 years, when our Women’s Fund was created in 2004, as the 100th fund, to reach that milestone. In the past 3-1/2 years alone, 102 new funds have been established.

But, as I’ve said many times, it’s really the people behind the numbers that we celebrate. At our November Donor Appreciation and 20th Anniversary Event, we certainly did that, by honoring those upon whose shoulders we now stand, by recognizing current ACCF donor-leaders who are making a difference in our community at this very moment-in-time and by introducing our new IMPACT Youth Council, who will lead us into the future.

At ACCF, we’re constantly looking for ways to become an “agent for change” in our communities, through both reactive and strategic grantmaking. We welcome your input.

In closing, I must acknowledge the loss of a dear member of the “ACCF Family”. Dr. Don Rinehart, who passed away on January 24, 2016, faithfully served on the ACCF Board of Trustees for eight years. His impact on our Scholarship and Hess Loan Fund programs is immeasurable, and his wisdom, as part of our Grants Committee, was highly valued by those with whom he served.

Don’s personal encouragement to me, as I transitioned from a trustee into the ED role in 2012, will stay with me throughout my life. He showed me that there could be strength in gentleness and that leadership can be kind, as he “modeled the way” for all of us here at ACCF. We grieve the passing of Dr. Rinehart, as members of his extended family.

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The students have had the opportunity to participate in an overnight youth conference, held at Kenyon College, a half-day retreat at Wager’s Way equestrian learning center, periodic field trips to non-profit agencies within Ashland County, and have engaged leaders from six different agencies as speakers at their Sunday sessions.

Leadership and curriculum design has been provided by Ginny Teleo, director of the program, ACCF trustees Peggy Yoder and Sue Shafer, community volunteer Margaret Ann Hess, as well as Jim Cutright, ACCF’s executive director.

The 2015-2016 IMPACT Youth Council program will culminate in a family dinner event, to be held on May 10, 2016, where the students will be recognized for their participation and representatives from the agencies which presented successful grant applications will receive their awards. Additionally, the Council will honor individuals or groups of youth, K-12, who are Young “Difference-Makers” in our communities.

Just “Imagine Making Philanthropy an Ashland County Tradition”, and you’ll feel the pride that we all do in knowing that these students are making a huge IMPACT...not only now...but for many generations to come.
**Women’s Fund**

**Women’s Fund Annual Gathering**
This past fall, approximately 65 women gathered to recognize the impact of the ACCF’s Women’s Fund. The Women’s Fund Annual Gathering served to bring Women’s Fund donors and friends together to learn about the Women’s Fund, hear highlights of the year, recognize current year grant recipients and present the Dr. Lucille G. Ford “Freedom from Selfishness” Award. To date, 35 grants totaling $65,636 have impacted 4,903 women and children in Ashland County thanks to the generosity of 400 plus donors to the Women’s Fund.

**Grants Impact**
The four 2015 Women’s Fund grants recipients were introduced at the Annual Gathering.

**Ashland Care Center:** RealCare Infants with accessories and accompanying parenting curriculum

**Ashland Center for Nonviolence:** Co-sponsorship of Speaker Joe Ehrmann, speaking on domestic violence

**Ashland County Family and Children First Council:** Resiliency Toolkits to strengthen Ashland County families

**Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Safe Haven:** New electric stove and microwave

**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.

*The 2016 grants will be awarded this summer and announced at the Women’s Fund’s Annual Gathering in September.*

**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.

*The mission of the Women’s Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women.*
A C C F H O L D S A N N U A L M E E T I N G

The Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) held its 20th annual meeting on July 27, 2015. The group recognized the 6,346 donors whose generosity has made possible the distribution of $8,546,426 to the community by way of grants, scholarships and donor fund distributions. Invested assets of the organization total more than $32,000,000.

Retiring trustees Anne Cowen and James Hess were recognized at the meeting and were honored at ACCF’s Annual Donor Appreciation Reception, held November 4, 2015.

Cowen and Hess are both former board chairs. Cowen has also served on the Marketing Committee, was a long-time chair of the Scholarship Committee and will continue to serve on the Grants Committee. Hess was an original founding trustee, serving in several capacities for 19 of ACCF’s 20 years of existence, and will remain on the Finance Committee.

Brian Hinkle and Marcy Myers were elected to the ACCF Board of Trustees for four-year terms beginning July 2015. Hinkle is the President of Farmers and Savings Bank, Division of Park National Bank, in Loudonville. He will serve on the Grants Review and Hess Loan Committees. Myers is a Licensed Attorney and active community leader, and will serve on the Scholarship and Women’s Fund Steering Committees.

The following officers were elected for 2015-2016: Dr. Andrew Stein, chair; Kenneth Milligan, vice chair; Patricia Byerly, treasurer; Michael Huber, secretary; and Anne Cowen, 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 2015-2016 year.

N O W A C C E P T I N G N O M I N A T I O N S


Recognizing Young “Difference-Makers” In Ashland County

Nominate Ashland County Students who are “Making a Difference” By Giving of their Time, Talent or Treasure

Criteria: Initiative, Community Benefit, Generosity Award Categories: Grades K-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12

N O M I N A T I O N S D U E : M A R C H 3 1 , 2 0 1 6 Recognition event: May 20, 2016

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

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S C H O L A R S H I P S a v a i l a b l e

for current year graduating high school seniors, recent graduates, non-traditional students and more

Apply online at www.accommunityfoundation.org

Application deadline: March 15

H E S S E D U C A T I O N A L L O A N S a v a i l a b l e

Interest-free loans of $2,000 or more for current Ashland County residents or graduates of Ashland County high schools

Apply online at: www.accommunityfoundation.org

Application deadline: June 15

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Pledge Card

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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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Board Member Profile - Dr. Andrew Stein

Dr. Stein (Andy) has been a member of the ACCF Board of Trustees since 2012 and began his term as Chairman of the Board in July 2015. He has served as a member of the grants and scholarship committees and is now on the executive committee. Andy and wife, Jenny, have contributed to several foundation campaigns over the years. They recently established and funded an unrestricted fund in their family’s name. This fund will be used to support community grants at the discretion of the Foundation and its grants committee.

Andy received his BS from the University of Notre Dame and his MD from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his training as an Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon) at Case Western University/University Hospital of Cleveland. He, his wife, and 2 children moved to Ashland in 1996. In 1999 they were blessed with their third child. In July of 1996 Andy began his career here in Ashland as a solo otolaryngologist and has been Owner/President of his practice for 19 years.

Andy’s community service includes serving on and as President of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce, the local National City Bank Board, the Samaritan Hospital Board, and the Country Club of Ashland board.

Andy and his wife, Jenny, have three children, Shelby, Andrew and Katie. Shelby and Andrew are both in college while Katie attends Ashland High School. They attend St. Edwards Catholic Church in Ashland. Andy enjoys golfing, tennis and most sports. He and his wife also enjoy traveling and spending time with their children and very much look forward to retirement.