



November 2020

'Tis the Season to be Thankful

The Wyandot County Community Foundation, despite cancellations and other setbacks due to the coronavirus, is thankful for its many blessings.

I personally want to thank our Board of Trustees, Volunteers, Fundholders, Donors, Community Backers, and the Greater Toledo Community Foundation for their support.

We could not succeed without the contributions of many. I also extend a special Thank You to the Kern Family and the Wyandot Baptist Church for creating new funds and the McCarthy Family for becoming a community grant partner this year. Their decision to support community grants with a portion of their fund's annual distribution is so appreciated.

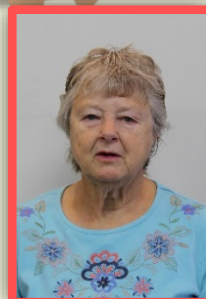
Jean Gottfried, President



Jim Gilliland



Vicki Charlton



Clara "Mickey"
Ekleberry

Bidding farewell to Jim, Vicki, & Clara

It's not too often that an organization our size can have the dedication and devotion as Jim Gilliland, Clara "Mickey" Ekleberry, and Vicki Charlton have given during their tenure as committed board members.

We have been blessed to have the three of them on our board for many years. Jim and Vicki began their board service in 2012, and Clara followed in 2014.

These three board members have collectively worked on many foundation projects and have developed many connections with various community members to strengthen our organization.

We will truly miss their presence at our board meetings and wish them the best.

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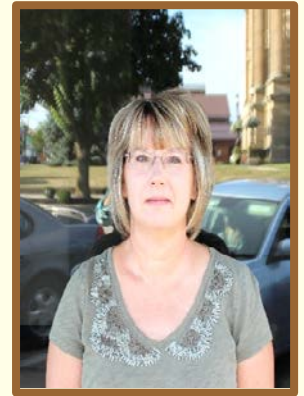


NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Rodney Gilliland, McCutchenville, and Elaine Tschanen, Upper Sandusky, recently agreed to serve on the WCCF Board of Directors. Gilliland is Vice President of Sales and Supply at Morral Companies LLC. Tschanen is an Office Associate for the Wyandot County Office of Economic Development and OSU Extension. Both bring a variety of skills and talents to the board.



Rodney Gilliland



Elaine Tschanen

New Funds Established



Wyandot Baptist Church Fund - September, 2020

Hal Sheaffer (left) and Richard Smith (right) surviving members of the Wyandot Baptist Church wanted remaining funds of the church to stay in Wyandot County. The Charitable Fund they created will benefit Wyandot County Citizens Forever. Yearly distribution of one-half of the fund's earnings will support charitable grants and operations of the Foundation. The other one-half will remain in the Fund to ensure its growth.

The Kern Tuition Assistance Program Fund - June, 2020

A tuition assistance scholarship fund established by Richard and Elaine Kern will at the time of their deaths provide financial assistance to Mohawk students pursuing an associate degree or certification from a two-year technical college or a bachelor's degree in education. Assistance will also be available for a master's degree in education and studies beyond an associate degree or certification.



DO YOU WANT YOUR STORY TO LIVE ON THROUGH OTHERS?

Planning your philanthropic giving takes time and thought. You will want your gifts to reflect your beliefs and values in life. The Wyandot County Community Foundation offers many advantages that may help you in your decision-making process.

Donors Can Choose from a Variety of Investment Vehicles

The Wyandot County Community Foundation is entrusted to support projects with a community focus, based on community needs. Depending on personal interests, donors may select to put their dollars to work in any of a variety of Fund types within the Foundation. The following are examples of the kinds of Funds you may wish to create.

Designated Funds: Specially created Funds may be designed to accomplish your charitable goals. The investment earnings from these Funds may be used to support one or more specific charitable organizations. The Fund will be operated as a permanent endowment, and the investment earnings will be regularly distributed to the organization specified when the Fund is created.

Donor-Advised Funds: This type of Fund allows the donor(s) to select a charitable organization(s) that reflect their beliefs and values to receive annual distributions. The donor determines advisors of the Fund.

Endowment Funds: A nonprofit organization or governmental entity may choose to establish an endowment Fund or decide to place its own endowment Fund under the Wyandot County Community Foundation's auspices. The investment earnings can then be regularly returned to the agency or reinvested in the principal to build assets for the future.

Scholarship Funds: Special Funds are designated to provide opportunities to help people of all ages continue their education.

Community Needs Funds: These Funds are established with the idea that the Wyandot County Community Foundation will monitor the charitable needs of the community and allocate resources through an annual grant selection process.

Methods of Giving

A cash gift

Donations of appreciated **publicly-traded securities** are accepted. This avoids a capital gains tax and allows the maximum tax deduction for the gift's full market value.

A **bequest** in your will is a simple way to leave a lasting legacy.

A **life insurance policy** can name the Foundation as the owner and/or beneficiary of the policy.

Retirement Fund accounts are often your largest asset. All or part of these assets can be given to the Foundation during your lifetime or at your death.

Real estate can be donated to the Foundation and deducted at full market value, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

A charitable remainder **trust** allows you or other named beneficiaries to receive lifetime income. Upon your death, the remaining principal creates a Fund at the Foundation.

- All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- A variety of Fund types are available to meet your philanthropic needs.
- Designated Funds can provide annual income to a variety of charitable organizations in accordance with your wishes.
- Community Needs Funds support the ever-changing needs of the community, providing maximum assurance a Fund will remain timely and relevant.
- Funds are invested and managed by the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.
- Professional staff from the Toledo Foundation are available to meet with donors and their financial advisors to discuss benefits and services available to meet individual charitable objectives.

If you are interested in learning more about establishing a Fund, please reach out to any of our board members or call the office at 419-294-3556.



Thank You to families who have established scholarships for Wyandot County Youth. Many of the scholarships are memorial gifts given in memory of a loved one. Some scholarships support the students seeking a degree in a specific field, while others assist student with financial need.

In a thank-you note sent to a donor family, Alivia Oney said, "I cannot thank you enough for your investment in the lives of students like myself. I am so grateful for people like you who are willing to help me reach my academic and career goals." Alivia is currently a sophomore at The Ohio State University studying Medical Dietetics and on track to graduate in the Spring of 2023.

2020 WCCF Scholarship Recipients

Andy Koehler Medical Scholarship

\$1000 Storm Rife (Marion Technical College)

\$500 Reagan Ward (University of Findlay)

Robert P Lee Memorial Scholarship

\$1500 Katherine Homburg (Taylor University)

Agnes Lutz Scholarship (pd. 2021)

\$1252.86 Justine Kay Messmer (Riverdale)

\$1252.86 Taylor Marie Yoder (Riverdale)

Dwain Sayre Agricultural Honor Scholarship

\$1100 Trent Baum (renewal-The Ohio State University/Marion)

\$1100 Alec Bollinger (renewal-Marietta College)

Martha Stephan Weaver & Rita Stephan Stangby Nursing Scholarship

\$1500 Storm Rife (Marion Technical College)

Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship

\$1500 Benjamin Borkosky (Riverdale)

\$1500 Kevin Dong (Upper Sandusky)

\$1500 Olivia Coppler (Carey)

\$1500 Alexa Konkle (Mohawk)

Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship Renewals

\$1500 Sydney R. Arend (Miami University)

\$1500 Rachael L. Herring, (Purdue University)

\$1500 Alivia M. Oney (Ohio State University)

\$1500 Abigail R. Thiel (Ohio State University)

Christina L Minehart Memorial Scholarship

\$2011.34 Emily Elizabeth Hill

Goodman Scholarship for Upper Sandusky High School

\$1000.00 Keaton Cunningham, Miami University

RGA Goodman Scholarship for Wayside School

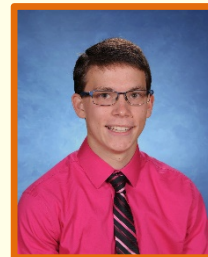
\$1000 Nicolas Garcia



Kevin Dong



Regan Ward



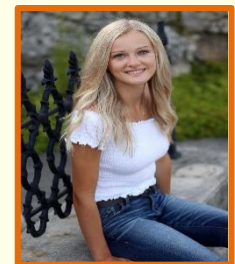
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Olivia Coppler



Alexa Konkle





Grant Recipients

Gottfried Community Fund Recipients are:

- Angeline Industries** -From Seed to Table - Tower Garden Project - **\$1,555.**
- Carey Christian Assistance** -School Lunch Support and Budgeting Basics - **\$2,000.**
- Dorcus Carey Public Library**- Network Equipment Upgrade - **\$1,194.**
- Health Services of Wyandot County** - Bereavement Support of Bobby's Books and Grief Recovery Programs - **\$500.**
- No One Fights Alone** -Cancer Care Bags for Cancer Patients - **\$1,000.**
- Upper Sandusky Community Library**- Wi-Fi Hotspots for Community Loan - **\$1,380.**

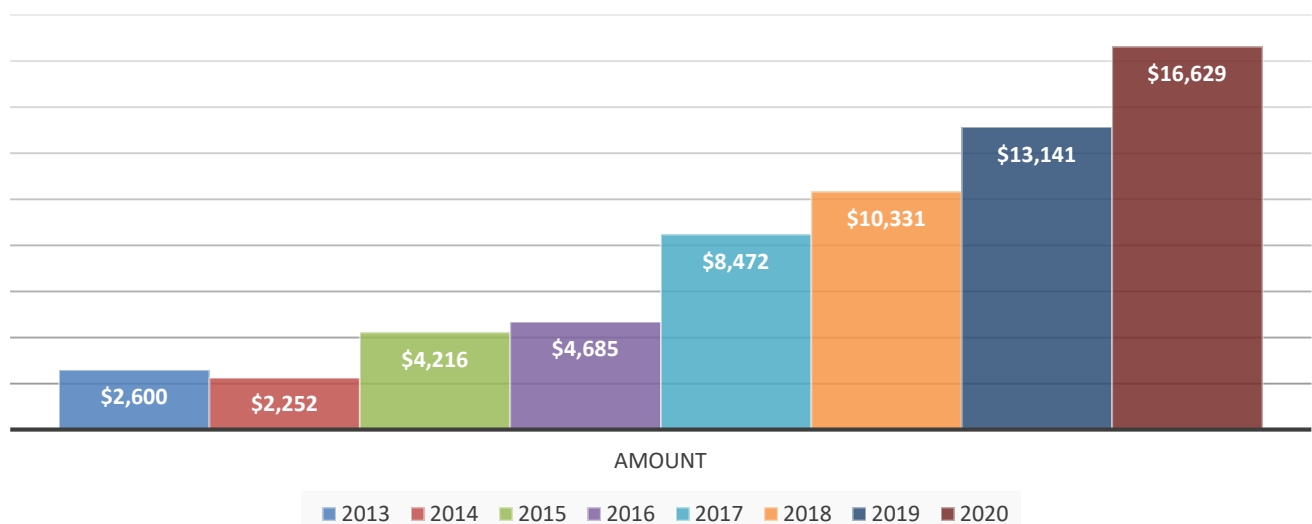
McCarthy Family Fund Recipients are:

- Upper Sandusky EV Schools** Project Hope Suicide Prevention Program - **\$2,000.**
- Upper Sandusky EV Schools** Learning and Leading with Technology for Diverse Learners - **\$2,000.**
- Steps Christian Preschool** Covid 19 Sanitation Supplies for a Safe and Sanitary Preschool Environment - **\$1,000.**

WCCF Community Fund Recipients are:

- Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**- Renovation Project - Bedspreads - **\$2,000.**
- Wyandot County EMS**- Improve Client services with Equipment Upgrades- **\$2,000.**

Grant Dollars Awarded 2013-2020



WHAT A YEAR!



The year 2020 will long be remembered. It brought many challenges but it also brought hope. This year many did without, while others helped fulfill the wants and needs of others. Family, friends, and neighbors stepped up to help the fragile and those who were most vulnerable.

In 2020 the Wyandot County Community Foundation (WCCF) saw its mission being fulfilled. Scholarships safeguarded by the WCCF were awarded to the best applicants. Additional funds were established by benevolent and community-minded individuals and families. Grants made by funding provided through the Foundation were given to help improve services and/or establish programs to allow young and old to live a better quality of life.

You can become part of the Foundation's mission to benefit charitable nonprofits and governmental organizations that serve the community. To this end, the WCCF is providing people with a chance to join in and help maintain the Foundation's mission.

GIVING TUESDAY

On the upcoming "Giving Tuesday" December 1, 2020, the WCCF extends an invitation to become part of the hand that assists grant applicants with projects that are out of the scope of their normal budgeted money and provide for the day to day operations of the Foundation. Please consider supporting the Mission of the Wyandot County Community Foundation. Make a contribution to the WCCF - Grant Fund or WCCF - Operations.

**Return this form with check(s) payable to: WCCF - Grant Fund or WCCF - Operations
PO Box 364, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351**

Enclosed is my/our gift: _____\$50 _____\$500 _____\$1000 _____Other\$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

_____ I would like my donation to remain anonymous.

_____ I would like information on including the WCCF in my estate plans.

_____ I would like additional information on establishing a fund.

We invite you to think of things you are thankful for that start with each letter of the alphabet. Keep this as a daily reminder that even during these challenging times, we have so much to be thankful for!

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Our Mission

The Wyandot County Community Foundation is a public charitable organization created to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families of Wyandot County, Ohio.

The Foundation's purposes are to:

- Develop a permanent endowment for Wyandot County citizens.
- Assess and respond to changing community needs.
- Serve as a mechanism for donors at all levels of charitable giving.
- Provide financial assistance to groups that most significantly will meet the educational, cultural, health, social service and recreational needs of the people of Wyandot County, and provide leadership on vital issues affecting Wyandot County.

