



Community Connections

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Over \$417,000 in scholarships awarded

Spring time at the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) is a busy time of year. Managing 97 different scholarship funds, each with its own award criteria and award selection committee, keeps us on our toes!

We are excited to announce the awarding of over \$417,000 in the form of 187 scholarships, for the 2012-2013 academic year, to assist students throughout Wayne County in reaching their goal of higher education.

Scholarships serve so many people in so many ways. A scholarship can be the difference between going to school and having to take a year off to work and save. A scholarship can prevent the burden of funding a college education from falling fully on a family's shoulders. And Wayne County reaps the benefits of scholarships through young people gaining the opportunity to train their minds and be better equipped to become our future leaders.

WCCF is indebted to our many donors and community organizations who continue to generously support the scholarship program. For many donors, there is no greater joy than making higher education possible for deserving recipients. WCCF is honored to play a part in rewarding our communities' young people through scholarships and to work with the donors who see the lasting value of an investment in education.



See what a few of our scholarship recipients have to say about the awards. For more information on our scholarship program or to learn how you too can make a difference for a deserving recipient, please contact WCCF at 330.262.3877.

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Sharing your life with someone you may never meet.®





The older I get, the more I reflect on the great number of people who have helped shape and influence my life. This was especially true listening to Jennifer Vanica, while I attended my niece's commencement exercises at Wittenberg University. Vanica is the former president and CEO of the Jacobs Family Foundation and Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. She told the audience that at her high school graduation, her English teacher tapped her on the shoulder and gave her \$1,200 in cash to go to college. The teacher then asked her to commit to do what she thought was the equivalent for someone else later in life in the name of education. That gift and a scholarship from Wittenberg became a turning point in her life.

The cover story for this newsletter is about scholarships and WCCF's commitment toward giving students the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills required to attain some of their lifelong goals. That commitment could not be achieved without the donors who established scholarship funds to honor their high school, college, profession, or area of personal interest. Some scholarships are given based on academic excellence, others for outstanding contributions in sports, music, and the arts, while others are based on community service, and some for financial hardships. Applications range from a handful per scholarship to nearly 5 dozen for one of our scholarships in the health and wellness field.

Hundreds of community members sit on scholarship committees throughout the county to evaluate application forms, letters of reference, transcripts, and personal essays and our trustees present the awards at each school assembly with some historical information about the donor in gratitude of their legacy gift. I thank all of you who are involved in the process, as do our recipients. Please see some of the letters in the center of this newsletter.

Scholarships can be established now for immediate awards or they can be part of an estate plan to fund a scholarship in the future. Scholarship awards are a long-lasting way to honor individuals, families, organizations, or business enterprises. Please see the story about the Wooster Motor Ways Taylor Funk Memorial Scholarship Fund on page 6.

But our story does not end with scholarships, because we make grants in 7 other major categories of interest including the support of key community projects. For example, the construction site on Route 585 is the location of the future in-patient facility for Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County. As the community conduit for their "A Place Like Home" capital campaign, we have processed nearly 1,000 gifts toward that project ranging from a few dollars to pledges of significant size. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider it for the facility dedicated to making end-of-life experiences surrounded in a home-like setting with family and friends.

In addition to the WCCF's competitive grant evaluation, our Board is also the advisory to the Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust, held with PNC Bank. Between the two, a total of \$99,760 was granted to support local causes.

Our Foundation is your foundation because you represent the energy, the values, the beliefs, and hope for our children, families, and local communities... now and into the future. You represent an engaged community embraced to improve itself, to share ideas, and to provide safety nets for current and upcoming challenges. Thank you for being the turning point in someone's life!

Foundation's board awards grants

The Wayne County Community Foundation Board of Trustees approved more than \$42,000 in competitive grants when they met in May. Competitive grant applications from nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organizations are accepted March and September each year. Unrestricted community funds and field of interest funds permit the board to be responsive to the changing needs of the community. The following organizations received discretionary grants:

Apple Creek Historical Society was granted \$2,500 from the Margaret Hauenstein Memorial Fund to help construct a building, that resembles a barn, to provide for a community learning center.

Learn 'N Play of Wooster was granted \$2,840 from the Charles R. and Henrietta Yenne Fund to replace 10 cribs to meet new federal standards.

Northwestern High School was granted \$3,500 from the WCCF General Fund to support Skype 4 Life, a student created proposal, to purchase netbooks to allow patients at Akron Children's Hospital to keep in contact with family, friends, and classrooms, through Skype, while in the hospital for treatment.

Orrville City Schools was granted \$2,333 from the John Kaylor Memorial Fund for Orrville High School to purchase a Guralp Seismic Sensor, a back-up battery and two flat screen monitors for the S.H.A.K.E.E. (Students Honing and Acquiring Knowledge of Earthquake Education) Project, which involves constructing a seismic vault, to teach science with a real world application.

Orrville Historical Society was granted \$2,500 from the Margaret Hauenstein Memorial Fund to organize and preserve numerous artifacts that are currently housed in several Orrville locations.

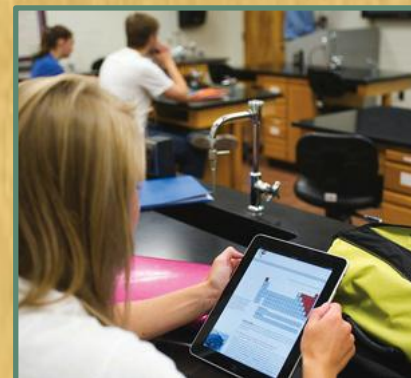
Orrville YMCA, Inc. was granted \$13,500 from the John Kaylor Memorial Fund for fire alarms and handicap doors in two additions currently under construction at the Orrville facility.

University of Akron/ Wayne College was granted \$5,000 from the John Kaylor Memorial Fund for their iPads for Access program to improve ease of access to classroom content, activities, and materials for students with disabilities.

Wayne Growth Partnership was granted \$7,000 from the WCCF General Fund for the Fund For Our Economic Future (FFEF) Northeast Ohio Economic Development Initiative.

The Wooster Township Fire and Rescue Association was granted \$3,500 from the John G. Taggart Community Fund to help purchase two Zoll Auto Pulse mechanical CPR devices for the Advanced Life Support ambulances.

In addition, the WCCF Board of Trustees also serves as the advisors for the Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust, which awarded \$57,087.00 in grants to local Wayne County organizations in during their May meeting. Grant guidelines and application forms are available at the Foundation or on our website. Donations to Community Funds allow for greater future grant opportunities.



The iPads for Access initiative at The University of Akron's Wayne College will provide students with disabilities unprecedented access to curriculum content and academic support materials, enriching the learning experience and fostering independence among participants.

Oil and gas leases: reduce taxes while benefiting the community

A renewed interest in oil and gas leasing in Ohio has the potential to provide landowners with substantial new revenue. Many landowners may find this to be an excellent opportunity to give back to the community and fulfill their charitable desires, while also managing income taxes. Owners of mineral rights have an opportunity to make important gifts to the Wayne County Community Foundation that may yield charitable deductions and avoid capital gains taxes. These gifts require careful planning, however, and tax benefits will vary depending on the type of interest owned and whether the donor is an investor or a business operator.

Lease bonus and royalty payments can be substantial, and so can the taxes on the income received from them. Contributions made to qualified organizations, such as WCCF, can help lower tax liability. Current contributions are limited to 50% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income with excess contributions permitted to be carried to future years.

There are many options available to donate oil and gas related assets and income to the Foundation. Please consider the following options, but be sure to consult a tax advisor to best determine the impacts on your particular financial situation:

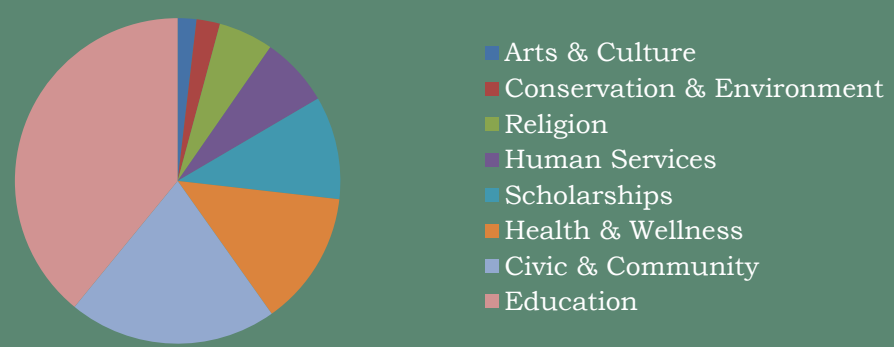
- Offsetting bonus lease income
- Offsetting royalty income tax
- Donating severed mineral rights
- Donating an undivided interest in royalties
- Donating land including the mineral rights
- Donating working interests
- Gifts during life or upon death
- Gifts with retained interest, providing you income for life



Making a gift to the Wayne County Community Foundation is beneficial to everyone. While WCCF utilizes these donations to expand charitable resources and create a better community, the donor can fulfill their philanthropic needs and create a lasting legacy, all while reducing their tax liabilities. For more information on how you can make a difference in the community, please contact us at 330.262.3877 or wccf@sssnet.com.

The Foundation does not provide tax advice and encourages donors to consult their accountant, financial advisor, or tax counsel, regarding all tax matters related to gifts to the Foundation.

Grants Awarded for Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/12



Dear Mrs. Shoolroy,

As my college career comes to a close, I wanted to thank you again for your wonderful scholarship. **These have undoubtedly been the best four years of my life, and without your help none of this amazing experience would have been possible.**

I am graduating The Ohio State University this Sunday, with a Bachelor of Arts. I majored in Public Relations and Marketing, and also had two minors: one was in English, the other a new program titled Music, Media and Enterprise. I have held a job with the Athletic Department since I've been here, and was also able to have two internships in the music industry—all of which I absolutely loved, learned from, and am incredibly thankful for the experience gained.

This summer I will begin a full time job as an Internet Marketing Specialist, helping out local businesses here in Columbus. I feel so blessed to have a job after receiving such a wonderful education, and I have you to thank for all of that. I have made my best friends in college, and honestly enjoyed each class I took. I got to participate in intramural sports and so many other great opportunities this university has to offer.

Again, I can't thank you enough for giving me this amazing opportunity. **I am eternally grateful for your generosity and am so thankful for your belief and support in the importance of higher education,** for I have now truly learned more than I ever imagined possible.

~Jenna Backus

Four Year Recipient (2008-2011)

Frances G. Shoolroy Educational Fund Scholarship

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for choosing me to represent the memory of your mother and grandmother as I begin a new college experience...at the Aultman School of Nursing. Your gift has helped to make my life-long dream of becoming a nurse a reality. I consider being awarded this scholarship an honor. I want you to know that I will do my best to become a successful and caring nurse.

~Emily Livengood

Mabel N. Wenger Memorial Scholarship Recipient

I honestly don't even know how to thank you enough for your incredible generosity!

~Brooke Worstell

Recipient of the Mathilda "Tillie" Lorincz Scholarship,

Wallace & Catherine Lytle Family Scholarship,

and Edward, Arlene & Kaye Maibach Career Center Scholarship

I am so thankful for kind, generous people like you who are willing to invest in the future of others and help them achieve their dreams.

~Kathy Rufener

Mother of Brooke Worstell

I am honored to be a recipient of the Aharon Woodruff Scholarship. I thank you for your generous support of this award and for helping local Wayne County residents with financial need afford college. I will begin my freshman year of college at the University of Akron - Wayne College, where I plan on pursuing a degree in education. I one day will be working in Special Education, being an Intervention Specialist, sharing my abilities with children. My parents have always stressed the importance of education and the value of a college degree. I hope one day to share these same lessons with my students to help prepare them for success in their future and possibly college. Once again, I want to thank you for making this scholarship possible and for your generosity towards the Wayne County community. I will represent the Aharon Woodruff Scholarship in a positive manner and give back to my community as you have.

~Brandon Doty

Aharon Woodruff Scholarship Recipient

I was so excited when I found out I received this scholarship! Your generosity makes it possible for young people like me to achieve my dreams of a college education. Thank you for the scholarship and for helping make my dreams a reality.

~Samantha Johnson

Lillian Long - P.E.O. Scholarship Recipient

Wooster Motor Ways Awards New Scholarship

Wooster Motor Ways is pleased and proud to announce the awarding of the 1st WMW-Taylor Funk Memorial Scholarship to Rebecca Thomas in the amount of \$1000 by the Wayne County Community Foundation. Rebecca is the daughter of Wooster driver, Tom Thomas. She is currently attending the University of Cincinnati in her Senior year with a major in Communications and a certificate in Public Relations. Rebecca is also a graduate of Perry High School in Massillon.

“The scholarship is a living memorial to our commitment as a company to education and to the sons, daughters and grandchildren of the people who share in its success” said Paul Williams, President of WMW. Dave Funk, Director of Maintenance, brought the original idea of using the revenue from our accumulated scrap to fund a scholarship for children of WMW employees and so the process began. Sadly, just as the final details of the scholarship were being finalized Dave’s daughter, Taylor, was diagnosed with leukemia and passed away a month later. The Williams’ family decided to honor Taylor’s memory by naming the scholarship her dad envisioned after her.

The Wooster Motor Ways Taylor Funk Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Wayne County Community Foundation. Each spring applications will be accepted by WCCF from eligible children and grand-children of Wooster Motor Ways employees that are or will be attending a two or four year college or vocational/technical school full time. Congratulations again to the 1st recipient, Rebecca Thomas. The WMW family wishes Rebecca much success in her future endeavors.



Pictured from left to right: Paul Williams, President of WMW, Rebecca Thomas, her father Tom Thomas and Dave Funk.

Espy to speak at Annual Dinner

WCCF will be holding their annual dinner on Wednesday, October 10th. Designed to inform our donors and the community of the Foundation's recent events and accomplishments, the annual dinner is a time to celebrate philanthropy in Wayne County and provides an opportunity to thank our many donors for their support.

We are very pleased to have as our speaker this year Mr. George E. Espby, president of Ohio Grantmakers Forum (OGF). Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, OGF is the statewide association of foundations, corporate giving programs and other grantmaking public charities.



Mr. Espby has been with OGF since 2000, having served as the director of its NE Ohio office before assuming his present position. He chairs the board of directors of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers - a national philanthropic network of regional associations; and is also the chair of the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council. He is a member of the board of directors of the Council on Foundations, and is on the executive committee of Midwest Community Foundation Ventures, a four state capacity building collaborative for community foundations.

Mr. Espby holds a B.A. in history from the University of Pittsburgh, has earned two graduate degrees from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, is an ordained Presbyterian minister, is married with three children, with one being a College of Wooster graduate.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and join us on October 10th. This year, the event will be held at the Arden Shisler Center on the OARDC campus with catering by The Wooster Inn. Social hour will begin with complimentary appetizers and beverages at 5:30 pm, followed by the dinner and program.

New website for WCCF

Wayne County, Ohio has some pretty amazing people, places and stories. And you can find them on our new website at www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org.

The new website features stunning photos, stories of courage and hope, information about scholarships and grants, and funding opportunities.

Launched in March 2012, the new website is part of a strategic brand update for the Foundation. Offering a traditional yet elegant look, the site is designed for a more interactive experience.

New sections of the website will be added, so be sure to continue to check back as more content is added.

Presentations

Do you have a group or organization that is interested in learning more about the Wayne County Community Foundation or how to qualify and get grant awards? We'd be glad to present! Contact us at 330.262.3877 or wccf@sssnet.com.

Options for receiving newsletters

We're happy to continue to mail newsletters to you, but wanted you to be aware of another option. We have begun sending newsletters through email! If you'd prefer to receive your newsletter electronically, just let us know by sending an email to wccf@sssnet.com.

Mark your calendar!

Due to the holiday, fall grant applications are due at Noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Is it your will – or someone else’s?

All your life *you’ve* made the decisions about how your assets will be used—about how you’ll provide for yourself, for your family, and for the charitable organizations you believe in. But will you be able to retain that same control over your *legacies*—over those things you will leave behind? You can, *if* you have an up-to-date, well-planned last will and testament.

Estate planning is not just for older or wealthy people. Younger people, especially those with minor children, need to have a will and estate plan in place in order to give instructions to their loved ones to follow in the event of a debilitating accident or untimely death.

With a will, you can:

- Provide for each of your loved ones at *you* judge their needs;
- Choose caring, responsible guardians for your minor children;
- Make special arrangements, such as a trust, for a loved one who will need extra care;
- Choose the people who will administer your estate; and
- Make gifts to the charitable organizations that have meant the most to you during your life.



Without a valid will, you put every one of these decisions in the hands of others, including guardians appointed by the court.

We know, we know: you don’t want to think that far into the future. And planning can be a chore. But you’ll gain peace of mind and reassurance when the job is done, and your family will breathe easier, too, knowing that you’ve worked out a financial plan for their future.

And yes, we’ll be grateful, too. Every future bequest that we can count on builds our long-term financial strength, and helps us plan with more confidence.

It’s easy to do—here’s our suggested language to include for a bequest that will benefit your community:

“I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Wayne County Community Foundation, a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), federal tax ID #34-1281026, located at 517 N Market Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691, the sum of \$_____ dollars (or ____ percent of my estate or ____ percent of my residuary estate), for its general charitable purposes.”

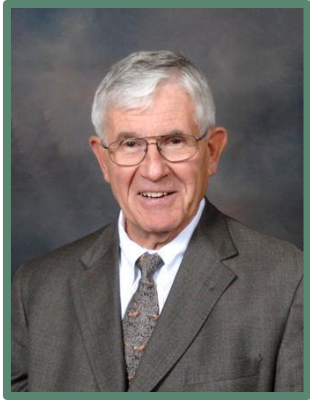
We’d be happy to help you get started! Give us a call at 330.262.3877 or email us at wccf@sssnet.com.

Quick facts about bequests:

- ❖ *Bequests to WCCF are deductible for federal estate tax purposes and are generally not subject to state inheritance or estate taxes.*
- ❖ *A bequest is a revocable commitment—one that you can change by creating a new will or adding a codicil to your current will.*
- ❖ *Including a bequest for WCCF in your will qualifies you for recognition in the Legacy Society.*



Wagner named Emeritus Trustee



Richard (Dick) Wagner has been appointed as an Emeritus Trustee at the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF), a non-profit community organization dedicated to strengthening the community by connecting donors with causes that matter.

Wagner's involvement with WCCF began in 1978, the year the organization was formed; he has since held a variety of roles in the organization including serving as the initial Treasurer of the organization. This most recent honor, Emeritus Trustee, is given to Trustees of the Board who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to the organization.

"As one of the initial members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees nearly 34 years ago, Dick's service is not only noteworthy because of the length of time it covers, but also because his efforts have produced a number of significant funds that now benefit the Orrville community and Wayne County as a whole," stated WCCF Board President, J.C. Johnston III. "While Dick will no longer be a trustee, his long record of service to the Foundation has resulted in his being named an Emeritus Trustee, and so we certainly hope to see Dick at future trustee meetings."

Wagner was the senior partner of the firm Kropf, Wagner & VanSickle LLC and is now of counsel. In addition to his volunteerism with WCCF, he also sits on the Board of Directors for the Orrville Public Library and has previously served the City of Orrville as the City Law Director and on the Board of Directors for The Savings Bank & Trust Company, Wayne Bancorp, Inc., the Will-Burt Company, and was a Trustee of The Wayne-National City Foundation.

"It has been very gratifying to me to be a part of the Foundation from inception until the present" said Wagner. "The Foundation was a great idea and we have the initial organizers to thank for the concept. As a result, charitable organizations and students of Wayne County have benefited greatly by the many grants, scholarships and endowment funds. I leave knowing the Foundation is in good hands and will continue to provide valuable service for Wayne County charitable organizations and the people they serve."

Kirkbride appointed to Board of Trustees

Cheryl Kirkbride has been appointed to serve on the WCCF Board of Trustees, which is composed of 18 volunteers who represent all of Wayne County. She will represent the Orrville area.

Kirkbride is a partner at Kropf, Wagner, & VanSickle, L.L.P. and has worked for the firm in various capacities since 1992. A graduate of Smithville High School, she earned her undergraduate degree from John Carroll University in English, obtained her teaching certificate from the College of Wooster and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Akron Law School in January 2001. In addition, Kirkbride serves the Village of Smithville as Solicitor.



Kirkbride serves as president of the Wayne County Volunteer Guardianship Association. In addition, she serves as a Trustee for the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club, is involved with the Wooster Oilers Jr. Hockey League and is an active member of Orrville Christian Church. She previously served on the Board of Trustees for both the Orrville Public Library and Orrville Area Development Foundation.



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Ambassador Program kicks off

A new program launched at WCCF is helping connect more community leaders while creating a win-win situation for the Foundation and the community. By teaming up with these business and civic leaders, the Foundation will be able to support more nonprofit organizations and greatly strengthen the community in which we all share.



An ambassador is a person who helps promote the WCCF in the course of her or his daily activities. Being an ambassador means sharing information, spotting opportunities and spreading the word about community philanthropy.

Ambassadors for WCCF will not only be providing a connection for the Foundation to their local communities, they will also have the opportunity to provide input in how donated funds are distributed throughout the county. In addition, the Ambassador Program will serve as a pool and training ground for future WCCF Trustees.

With an initial group of 20 community leaders accepting the 3-year commitment, the Foundation plans to grow the program to involve 120 Ambassadors at any given time. The program is expected to greatly expand awareness of the Foundation throughout Wayne County.

Serving as an Ambassador or Trustee for the Wayne County Community Foundation is a one-of-a-kind experience. It involves governing a remarkably complex nonprofit entity, provides a unique vantage point for understanding — and addressing — local needs, and offers an unmatched opportunity to champion community philanthropy.

If you are interested in learning more about the Ambassador Program, please contact Lacie Neal, development coordinator at 330.262.3877 or lneal_wccf@sssnet.com.

Find thousands of free grant dollars!

Free grant research and grant writing seminars will be held at the Wayne County Public Library.

Session 1: Monday, October 1st 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm OR
 Saturday, October 13th 10 am – 2 pm

Session 2: Monday, October 29th 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm OR
 Saturday, November 3rd 10 am – 2 pm

To register, call 330.262.0916 ext. 7140.