

# Community Connections

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
SHARING YOUR LIFE WITH SOMEONE YOU MAY NEVER MEET

## Jarrett, Proper join WCCF Board

Steve Matthew, President of the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF), announced at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the appointment of two Trustees: Mike Jarrett, representing Orrville, and Roger Proper, representing the Wooster area.



Mike Jarrett, president of Jarrett Companies, Inc., is a 1983 graduate of Norwayne High School. He currently serves as a member of Heartland Education Community, Farmers National Bank Advisory Board, and the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals. Jarrett has received numerous awards for growth of his company, including: Inc. 500, Entrepreneur Magazine, Weatherhead 100, and Cascade Capital. Mike earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from University of Mount Union, and his MBA from University of Akron. He has been inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame and the Mount Union Sports Hall of Fame. He resides in Orrville with his wife, Diane, and their two daughters.



Roger Proper is a partner at Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd., and practices in the areas of business law and business succession planning; estate planning and probate; tax-exempt organizations, and oil and gas law. Roger received his undergraduate degree in finance from Miami University, his J.D. from the University of Toledo, and his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from Case Western Reserve University. Roger is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association Specialty Board as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. He has been active in the community, serving on the boards and governing committees of numerous organizations including Main Street Wooster, Inc., Wooster Noon Lions, Wooster Young Professionals, West View Manor, Wayne-Holmes Estate Planning Council, and FirstMerit Bank Advisory Board. Roger is also Chair-Elect for the Viola Startzman Clinic.

## Friend of Philanthropy

Do you know someone who has made a difference in Wayne County? Nominate them for the 2016 *Friend of Philanthropy Award*! The award honors individuals or couples who demonstrate a continuing history of advancing the quality of life or growing community philanthropy in Wayne County through their philanthropic activities – including financial contributions; volunteering; or giving of their time, resources and skills. Applications are available on the WCCF website or by contacting the Foundation Office. Applications will be accepted until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Let us hear from you!

## Save the Date!

The 2016 Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arden Shisler Center on the OARDC Campus. Watch your mailbox for more information.





Dear Friends,

How many times have you heard the old adage: “Money can’t buy happiness”? Most of us would probably agree with that statement, though the number of lottery tickets sold every week might indicate otherwise.

In a recent “TED Talk” on National Public Radio, social scientist Michael Norton asserts that money can buy happiness...provided you don’t spend it on yourself. In what he calls “The Money Paradox”, Norton argues that **the key to greater happiness is “social spending that**

**benefits not just you, but other people”**. People who share what they have—whether it’s a little or a lot—report higher levels of personal satisfaction and happiness as a direct result of their generosity to others. Interestingly, this is true not just in the United States, but in 136 countries around the world.

I would suggest that this will come as no surprise to the friends of Wayne County Community Foundation. By giving generously to support the causes you care about, and working to meet the needs of our community, you have already discovered the truth revealed by Norton’s research. Since its founding in 1978, WCCF has become a growing source of strength for the citizens of Wayne County, thanks to hundreds of friends like you who have invested in funds and projects to improve the quality of life for all.

As you read through this newsletter, you’ll see that we all have a lot to be happy about. Thank you for your own part in the life of WCCF, and please call if we can be of service.

With warm regards,

*Sara L. Patton*

## Funds raised with Style The Women’s Fund benefits from fashion show

When Sheer Professionals and Spoon Market threw a New York style fashion event in November, it was not simply to show off the latest looks. The show raised money to empower women, too, with over \$7,000 in proceeds from the event being donated to The Women’s Fund, an affiliate of Wayne County Community Foundation.

With hair and makeup done by the staff of Sheer Professionals, the “Fashion at the Excelsior: Holiday Preview” took place in Spoon Market’s Excelsior Room. During the four-part show, models showed off active wear, casual wear, business wear and holiday wear with outfits provided by Clothes Minded, Poppy by Pursesnickety, Ride On, Winning Image, Flex Yoga, Maurices, and Friendtique. Decorations were provided by Green Thumb Floral and other materials supplied by All Events Rental.

The Women’s Fund was center stage throughout the evening. In addition to raising dollars for the Fund, the event created awareness of it and the programs it supports. Women who graduated from Wayne County Common Good’s Women’s Empowerment Program, the first grant recipient of the Fund, participated in the makeover portion.



Sarah Hider, Miss Ohio 2015, served as the master of ceremonies for the fashion show on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

# WorthyWorks Awards

## Two Wayne Co. nonprofits honored

Each year the Foundation, in conjunction with the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce, honors two local non-profit organizations that make a significant impact in their local communities.



In January, Habitat for Humanity was honored at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Habitat is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year of service in Wayne County. The organization is committed to developing partnerships and communities by building and renovating houses in order to enhance the lives of partner families. Since it formed in 1986, the organization has constructed over 75 homes in Wayne County!

Orrville Historical Society will be honored for their contributions to the Orrville area on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. OHS serves to collect, preserve, and share the Orrville area's history in order to educate the community and its visitors.



The award is made on the basis of an organization's commitment to the quality of life, social conscience and betterment of the community, and it includes a \$1,000 contribution from the WCCF to support the continuing efforts of the organization.

WorthyWorks Award



## Funding Spotlight

### James A. Boyd Fund

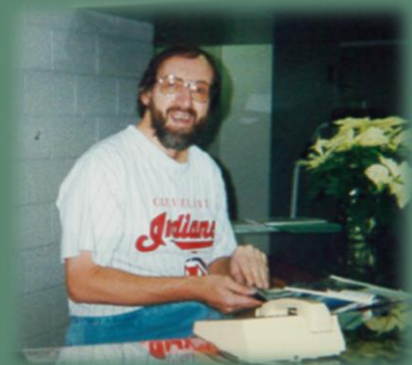


Established in 2011, the James A. Boyd Fund is a permanent endowment to be used for youth athletic activities, health and fitness programs, and support for non-profit agencies in financial need.

A sudden heart-attack took Jim Boyd's life just a few weeks before his 60th birthday, but his memory lives on through his selfless acts of kindness and compassion. Some may remember Jim on his family farm near Berlin or during his Hilland High School days or his classes at Malone College. Others may recall his days working at Wooster Community Hospital and The College of Wooster. Still others will remember his passion for baseball and marathons.

But most will remember him as the longest serving staff member of the Wooster YMCA. While that 35-year tenure is impressive, it is Jim's quality interaction and genuine care for others at the YMCA fitness center that people recall most vividly.

Jim's legacy will not be forgotten because community leaders helped establish the James A. Boyd Fund. Gifts are still being accepted to honor Jim's life and to enrich the lives of Wooster community members of all ages. Contributions may be made online or via check, made payable to WCCF with "James Boyd Fund" in the memo line.



# Celebrate Mother's Day

by honoring...

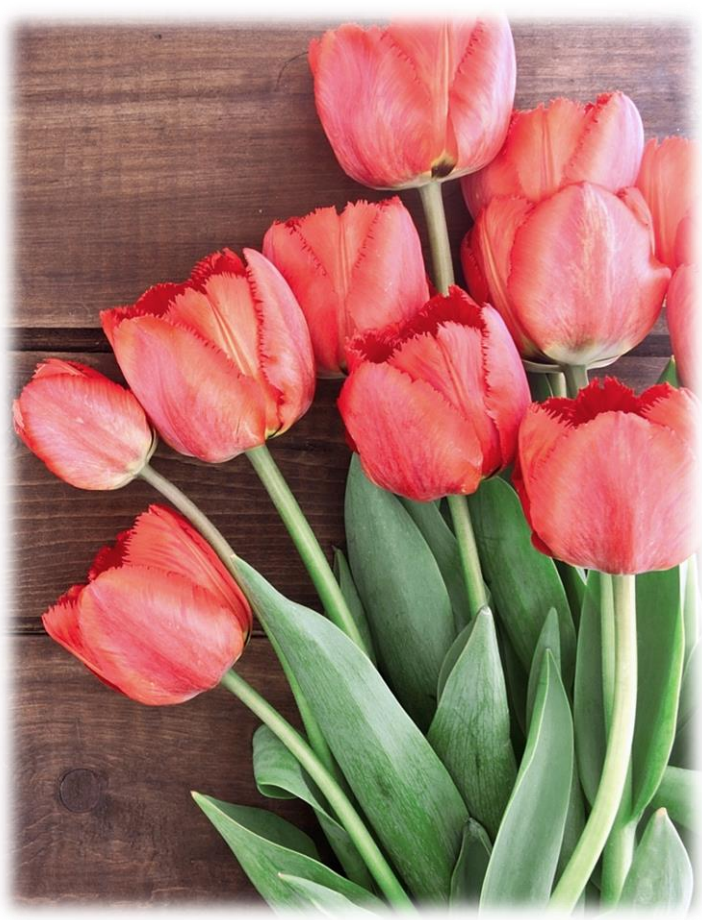
Your Mother, Grandmother, Wife, Daughter,  
Aunt, Sister, Friend  
...or any woman who has made  
a lasting difference in your life.

Make a gift in her name to **The Women's Fund**

Each woman you honor will receive  
a beautiful Mother's Day card telling her of your tribute.

It's a *wonderful* way to celebrate  
the women in your life!

Contact the Foundation at 330.262.3877 or visit  
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for more information.



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## Vision

To effectively leverage Wayne County's resources to  
improve the quality of life in our community.

## Mission

To provide philanthropic leadership to our community.

## Goals

1. To encourage individuals, organizations and businesses to share part of their resources for the good of our community.
2. To assist community charitable organizations in the creation and management of endowments.
3. To provide oversight of investment and disbursement of funds devoted to charitable purposes.



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