Hoover to speak at Annual Dinner

WCCF’s annual dinner will take place on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Designed to celebrate philanthropy in Wayne County, the annual dinner provides an opportunity to thank our many donors for their support, while sharing news of the Foundation with the community.

Deborah Hoover, president and CEO of Burton D. Morgan Foundation, will be our featured speaker this year. Founded in 1967, the Burton D. Morgan Foundation’s mission is to champion the entrepreneurial spirit. Morgan Foundation serves youth, collegiate and adult entrepreneurs by cultivating transformative opportunities and interlocking networks. Hoover joined the Morgan Foundation in 1999 and has been president since 2007.

Deborah holds a B. A. from Williams College and a Masters degree in Art History from the University of Chicago. She continued graduate studies at George Washington University National Law Center where she earned a J.D. degree and was a member of the Law Review. Deborah completed the “Governing for Non-Profit Excellence” and the “Performance Measurement for Effective Management of Nonprofit Organizations,” executive education programs held at Harvard Business School. She also holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Baldwin Wallace University and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in History at Kent State University.

In addition to her role at the Morgan Foundation, Deborah served from 2013-2015 as Chair of the Fund for Our Economic Future, a philanthropic collaborative created in 2004 to advance the economic competitiveness of Northeast Ohio. She continues to represent the Fund on the Team NEO Board of Directors, serving as Secretary and Chair of the Governance Committee. She is Chair of the Advisory Council for the Foundation Center – Midwest, and serves on the national Board of The Foundation Center, the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Deborah is also a Trustee of Western Reserve Academy and of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on October 10th. The event will be held at the Arden Shisler Center on the OARDC campus with catering by The Wooster Inn. Social hour begins with complimentary appetizers and beverages at 5:30 pm, followed by the dinner and program.
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 significant impact in their local communities.

In January, Christian Children’s Home of Ohio was honored at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. For more nearly 50 years, CCHO has provided a safe environment where abused and neglected children find healing, discover hope and experience unconditional love.

The Salvation Army – Maiwurm Service Center was honored in March at the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. For over 68 years, the Maiwurm Service Center has been meeting basic needs for residents of Orrville and surrounding communities.

The WorthyWorks 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.

**Presentations**
Do you know of a group or organization whose members want to learn 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.

**Fall Grants Deadline**
Fall grant applications are due Friday, September 1, 2017. They must be submitted by 12 noon. Applications for WCCF Community Grants, as well as applications to the Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust, must be submitted electronically. For more information, please visit us online.
Over $500,000 in scholarships awarded

Spring time at the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) is a busy time of year. Managing 130 different scholarship funds, each with its own award criteria and award selection committee, keeps us on our toes!

We are pleased to announce the awarding of over $500,000 in scholarships for the 2017-2018 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 or 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 local young people through scholarships and to work with our donors who see the lasting value of an investment in education.

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.

The Wayne County Community Foundation has opened the nomination process for the “Friend of Philanthropy Award”. This award honors those who make a difference in our communities with their philanthropic activities, which can include financial contributions that benefit the community; volunteering; and giving of time, resources and skills for the betterment of the Wayne County area.

To be eligible for the award, nominees must be an individual, a couple, or a family with a continuing history of volunteer work and/or contributions that advance the quality of life or grow community philanthropy in Wayne County, Ohio. The recipient of the award will be honored at the WCCF Annual Dinner on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the Arden Shisler Conference Center. In addition, a $1,000 grant will be made on the awardees’ behalf to a charity they designate.

Anyone residing or working within Wayne County may recommend deserving candidates. Nominations are due to the WCCF office by noon on July 1, 2017. Full guidelines and nomination forms are available online at www.WayneCountyCommunityFoundation.org or by calling the WCCF office at 330.262.3877.

Previous recipients of the Friend of Philanthropy Award are:

- 2013 Stanley C. & Flo K. Gault
- 2014 The J.M. Smucker Family
- 2015 Donald & Alice Noble Family
- 2016 Greg & Kathy Long
Shapiro to retire from Board

After serving two consecutive three-year terms, Stephen Shapiro will step down from the Foundation’s Board of Trustees at the end of this fiscal year.

Shapiro was instrumental in the creation of The Women’s Fund at the Foundation – bringing the idea to the table and helping identify women who could bring the idea to fruition.

Since his retirement in 2005, Steve has been pursuing his passion in photography. He has also been enjoying traveling with his wife, Cheryl, and spending time with their grandchildren.

“Steve has been an excellent Trustee and an effective advocate for the Foundation,” stated Sara Patton, executive director. “We’ll miss his good ideas and good humor, and we are grateful for his lasting contributions to the growth of WCCF.”