

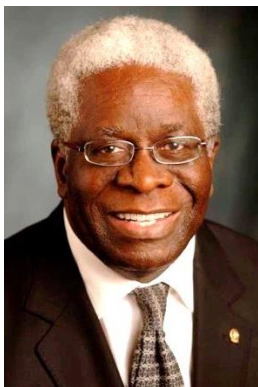
# Community Connections

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## Foundation celebrating 40 years Williams to speak at Annual Dinner



WCCF will commemorate its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday at the annual dinner on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. 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.

C. "Reggie" Williams will be the featured speaker at this year's event. A native of Orrville and a graduate of The College of Wooster, Williams brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in charitable giving and the non-profit sector. He currently serves as the Vice President of Advancement for Hallmark University in San Antonio, Texas.

Prior to joining Hallmark University, Williams retired from serving as the President and CEO of the San Antonio Area Foundation, where he guided the organization in accomplishing its mission of "...helping donors achieve their charitable goals for the greater benefit of the community." He has served on the Council on Foundations Community Foundations Leadership Team, as one of 15 elected members representing the nation's community foundations.

Reggie holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from The College of Wooster; Master of Education Degree from Westfield State Teacher's College, Westfield, MA, and has accomplished Doctoral Study at Auburn University, Auburn, AL. He is a graduate of the Defense University's Armed Forces Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, as well as numerous technical and business courses. After graduating from college, Reggie was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel.

His accolades include being awarded the Alamo Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award, The College of Wooster Distinguished Alumni Award, and the San Antonio Area Foundation's recognition of naming its resource Library "The Reggie Williams Resource Library." In 2015, Williams was the Honorary Chairman of the San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. Named among Orrville High School's Outstanding Alumni in 2015, Reggie was an accomplished athlete and has been recognized by induction into the Sports Halls of Fame of Orrville High School, Wayne County, and The College of Wooster.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Lowry Center on The College of Wooster campus. Social hour begins with complimentary appetizers and beverages at 5:30 pm, followed by the dinner and program.

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## Donor strategies for the new tax law Guiding your philanthropy in changing times

Wayne County citizens pride themselves on their philanthropy. When we give our time and gifts to nonprofit organizations on behalf of a worthy cause, we shine.

While experts and pundits are divided on how the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* will affect charitable giving, Wayne County Community Foundation remains optimistic – and we offer some strategies for how you can continue to support the organizations you care about while maximizing the tax benefits.

**Donate stock.** The capital gains tax remains unchanged, so gifts of appreciated stock are an advantageous way to make a charitable donation. This type of gift usually enables donors to give more money to the charity than they would if they sold the stocks on their own, paid taxes on the gains, and then donated the cash to the organization.

**Consider a starting a Donor Advised Fund.** You can establish a Donor Advised Fund with \$10,000 or more. Donors can make a contribution to their Fund



in one year that exceeds the standard-deduction limit, (\$12,000 for single people and \$24,000 for couples, under the new rules) and then make gifts from the fund over several years to charities they support. The full tax deduction will apply in the year you give to the fund.

Working with the Foundation may provide the tax benefits you desire, but we offer you far more opportunities than that! By working with us, you will benefit from 40 years of experience in encouraging philanthropy and supporting nonprofit organizations from A-Z. To find out how we can work together to strengthen philanthropy in Wayne County, call us today at 330.262.3877.

## 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 significant impact in their local communities.

In January, **Wayne County Children's Advocacy Center** (WCCAC) was honored at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. The Center is a child-oriented facility which serves as a centralized



location for interviewing and examining children who are victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. WCCAC collaborates with more than 30 agencies across Wayne County to provide a specialized response to the investigation, intervention, treatment, and prosecution of child sexual and physical abuse cases.



**Rails to Trails**  
of Wayne County  
*Inspiring Movement*

**Rails-to-Trails of Wayne County** was honored in March at the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Rails-to-Trails is dedicated to the promotion, development, and conversion of unused railroad and greenway corridors into multi-purpose, non-motorized, public paths. Their most recent project is *Heartland Trail*, which will connect Orrville to the *Towpath Trail* in Clinton, Ohio.

The WorthyWorks Award recognizes 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.

## GIVE 365 completes second year Grants made to support children's health & wellness

Building on the success of year one, GIVE 365 grew in membership – and in grant dollars available to award local non-profit organizations. The program brings together emerging philanthropists to make an impact in Wayne County. GIVE 365 allows members to leverage their charitable contributions with others' to support nonprofits throughout Wayne County. The larger the membership of the fund, the greater the impact.

While members can be as actively involved in the program as they wish, each member has the opportunity to vote on the annual theme, as well as on grant recipients.

This year, members opted to focus on addressing children's health and wellness issues in Wayne County – and were able to award over \$10,000 in grants to support local organizations. **Viola Startzman Free Clinic** received a Grant of \$7,500 for their *Wayne County Kids Smiles Project*, which focuses on increasing oral health and oral health education for underserved children throughout the county. **O'Huddle**, a youth mentoring organization, received \$3,000 to expand services to youth in both Orrville City Schools and Green Local Schools.

GIVE 365 membership is currently enrolling members for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. You can make a difference every day. Give \$365 – a dollar a day – to make Wayne County a better place, today and in the future. To find out how **YOU** can join, email Lacie Neal at [lneal\\_wccf@sssnet.com](mailto:lneal_wccf@sssnet.com) or call 330.262.3877.



## Notable Dates Mark your calendar

### Friend of Philanthropy

Do you know someone who has made a difference in Wayne County? Nominate them for the 2018 *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 Foundation's website or by contacting the Foundation at 330.262.3877. Applications will be accepted until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Let us hear from you!



### Fall Grants Deadline

Due to the Labor Day holiday, fall grant applications will be Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Applications for WCCF Community Grants, The Women's Fund, and Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust, must be submitted electronically. For more information, visit [www.WayneCountyCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.WayneCountyCommunityFoundation.org).

### Annual Dinner

The 2018 Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Lowry Center, on The College of Wooster Campus. Reggie Williams will be our key-note speaker, see full story on page 1.



### 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](mailto:wccf@sssnet.com)



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## Youth Foundation graduates Over \$7,500 granted to area nonprofits



Wayne County Community Youth Foundation (WCCYF) wrapped up its fifth year in May with the graduation of 42 students representing 10 area high schools. Under the advisement of Ferenc M. Relle, Jr., WCCYF gives local youth a voice in providing financial and human resources to projects and programs benefiting youth in Wayne County. Throughout the academic year, members meet monthly – gaining valuable leadership experience while learning more about local charitable giving and the nonprofit organizations serving Wayne County.

Members distributed \$7,723 in grants to projects and programs serving our local youth. The following organizations received grants from WCCYF:

- Akron Canton Regional FoodBank (\$1,000)
- Wooster Hope Center (\$1,000)
- St. James Episcopal Church Free Meal Program (\$723)
- Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio (\$2,030)
- Boys and Girls Club of Wooster (\$1,600)
- Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio (\$750)
- Rails to Trails of Wayne County (\$620)

In addition to financial support, members of the Youth Foundation also participated in several community service projects. Members volunteered at the County Line Trail Rainbow Run in Creston, did landscaping and various maintenance projects for Viola Startzman Free Clinic in Wooster, and refinished a deck for Central American Medial Outreach (CAMO) in Orrville.

