



ESTATE GIFT CREATES TEACHER MINI-GRANTS ENDOWMENT

A recent estate gift to the Ashland County Community Foundation demonstrates the effectiveness of good planning, wise counsel and responsible stewardship.

Edward G. Bare, a retired Ashland County educator and administrator, passed away on December 26, 2018, at age 88, but his legacy will live on, and the impact it will make on area teachers will be felt forever.

ACCF has had a Teacher “Mini-Grants” program in place since 2003, with grant awards in the range of \$500-\$750 being made available to Ashland County educators, to supplement classroom needs that may exist outside the scope of their respective school budgets. Over that period of time, 204 such awards have been made, totaling \$102,233, resulting in the creation and support of numerous beneficial projects and initiatives.

Funding for this program over these past years has been the result of segregating dollars from ACCF’s Community Grants Program, since a permanent endowment fund, specifically designated to support these mini-grants had not existed...not until now!

Due to the tremendous generosity of Mr. Bare, and with the advocacy of ACCF’s role as steward by his local attorney, David Stimpert, a gift came to the Foundation this spring that will ensure the perpetuity of this program.

“Ed was never married, and therefore had no children or other heirs when he died, so as we were discussing his intentions regarding where he wished to distribute the assets from his estate, I suggested that the Ashland County Community Foundation was an excellent option to ensure that the community would benefit from his life’s work,” stated Attorney Stimpert. “Even so, he made no stipulations or restrictions on how his gift to ACCF would be used. I felt comfortable telling him that the folks at the Foundation would know best how to utilize this gift for maximum community impact.”

When executive director, Jim Cutright, was notified of the coming gift and learned of Edward Bare’s background, he suggested to the ACCF board that at least a portion of his gift should be placed into endowment to benefit education in some form, and he could think of no better option than to endow ACCF’s Teacher Mini-Grants Program, which will now carry the name of Edward G. Bare.

The board was in full agreement, and thus \$250,000 was placed into this new fund, with the remainder of his estate gift placed into a second named fund, designated for ACCF operations.

A wall-mounted commemorative has been created and will be displayed in ACCF’s offices, reminding those who visit of this remarkable man and his legacy of assisting teachers now and forever. A more public press release is planned for the near future to expand on this magnificent story.



Creating an estate plan with your community in mind is a great way to leave a lasting legacy in Ashland County, and your local community foundation makes this an easy process. ACCF works with many local attorneys, accountants and investment advisors to facilitate after-life giving for those who are charitably-minded. Over 100 families have indicated such intent to us, and many are listed in our “Legacy Book” displayed in our offices and on the ACCF website.

If you would like to learn more about how create an estate plan that could provide perpetual support for an organization or cause about which you care, please contact Jim Cutright.

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ACCF Mission

To advance philanthropy and improve the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities in the community, providing and administering a variety of planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of designated scholarships and individual funds for specific charities.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CUTTY'S CORNER)



Jim Cutright (Cutty)

Hello to our ACCF Friends and Family... Greetings from my little "corner" of the world...or at least Ashland County..!

As of June 30th, our board and staff are putting the wraps on another hugely successful and rewarding year, here at ACCF, as our donors keep "raising the philanthropic bar" to new heights.

A remarkable 36 new endowment funds were created in the past 12 months, bringing our total funds under stewardship to 469. Just 7 years ago, when I came into this position, we were shepherding 246 such funds.

We're especially pleased to be adding to our list of agencies who are allowing us to hold their reserves, as we know it takes great discipline for an organization to set aside dollars for its future, as there are always pressing needs that could be addressed. We now hold 47 such "agency funds" for 35 different non-profit organizations.

Donor-advised funds continue to attract the interest of those who love this community, and wish to use ACCF as their "conduit for good", allowing them to give on their own schedule and distribute to causes about which they care on another. It brought me great joy recently to have a new donor come in, carrying a copy of our last newsletter, where

the cover story I wrote explained the value of donor-advised funds, and saying, "This is what I want to do!"

As we're completing our 24th year of existence, we continue to look ahead for new ways to make an impact in our community. In 2020, as we observe ACCF's "*Silver Anniversary*", we are planning several new special opportunities for impact, culminating in a celebratory event to be held on August 20th. (More to follow in the coming months!)

On September 24th, our amazing Women's Fund group will celebrate its 15th year of existence, with an evening of "historic" proportions. If you want to know more, please contact Mindy Howman in our office.

Speaking of Mindy, she recently was given a new title, "Office Administrator", as she does so much more than her previous title of "Executive/Grants Administrative Assistant" would indicate. So, if you stop in to see us, please give her a pat on the back, as she keeps our office humming along and is a vital part of our success!

Did I mention that we awarded an all-time-high 225 scholarships for just over \$312,000 this Spring? Wow...think what an impact on our future that assistance will make! Lanie Hartge, our Educational Programs Director, has a weighty responsibility for managing this robust program, which, by the way, is a 12-month-a-year process, and she does just a fantastic job!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'm sure I'll see you around the county somewhere...

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Community Grants

Competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the betterment of our community.

Application deadline: September 1

Teacher Mini-Grants

Competitive grants awarded to teachers grades K-12 in Ashland County accredited public and private schools.

Application deadline: September 8

IMPACT Youth Grants

Grants awarded to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, schools and governmental agencies to benefit youth.

Application deadline: February 1

Apply online at www.accommunityfoundation.org



Ashland County Community Foundation

...for generations to come

~INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS~

225 SCHOLARSHIPS were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. *Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2019 for the first time are pictured.*



Michael Steward
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Sharon E. Anderson
Culinary Arts Memorial
Scholarship



Grace Scarberry
Loudonville High School
Allison K. Bucher Memorial
Scholarship
Lemon Legacy Scholarship
James Sherwood Tipton
Eagle Scout Scholarship



Nicole Weber
Loudonville High School
Murmur Calhoun
Scholarship



Jacob Ashby
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Bud and Bert Holdren
and Sam Jackson
Memorial Scholarship



Collin Crist
Ashland High School
Emily Kramer Memorial
Scholarship



Tara Friesen
Ashland High School
Emily Kramer Memorial
Scholarship



Cordell Wyatt
Ashland High School
Dann L. and Connie J.
Marble Education
Scholarship



Travis Pickering II
Captain Fred Schwan
Firefighter/Paramedic
Memorial Scholarship



Taylor Hendershot
Ashland High School
Jane L. Taylor
Scholarship

For a complete listing of 2019 scholarship recipients, please visit our website at <https://www.accommunityfoundation.org/docpdf/ScholarshipListing.pdf>

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY NEWS

2018-2019 IMPACT Youth Grant Recipients

19 grants awarded totaling \$18,155.58

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center
Ashland County 4-H Committee
Ashland County Community Academy
Ashland County Department of Job and Family Services
Ashland County Young Life Capernaum
Ashland Parenting Plus
Ashland Youth Baseball Association
Boy Scout Troop 521
City of Ashland
Flying Horse Farms
Fostering Family Ministries
Greater Cleveland Food Bank
Mapleton High School
McMullen Elementary School
Neos Dance Theatre
Pathfinder Farms
RePlay for Kids
Ruggles Troy Youth League
Savannah Lions Club (Youth Program)

2018-2019 IMPACT Youth Council Members

Hope Abel	Alaina Reed
Sarah Anderson	Elyse Reed
Taylor Anderson	Skylar Rickett
Blayne Bartter	Lauren Rieser
Myles Frederick	Clay Schoen
Taylor Hendershot	Leanna Wally
Clara Kral	Anna Watson
Lucia Mancha	Sarah Yeater
Anna Maust	Ginny Telego, Director



ACCF HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) held its 24th Annual Meeting on July 29, 2019, called to order by Board Chair Ken Milligan.

The organization recognized the 6,989 donors whose generosity has made possible the reinvestment of over \$15.3 million into the community by way of grants, scholarships and endowment fund distributions to benefit Ashland County students in pursuit of higher education and job skills training, as well as local non-profit and charitable agencies.

Executive Director/CEO, Jim Cutright, reported in his “State of the Foundation Address” that ACCF assets, as of June 30, 2019, total more than \$55 million, with a remarkable 36 new endowment funds having been created in the past 12 months. He expressed praise for the leadership of the ACCF board, staff and volunteers, as well as gratitude for the donors that have made possible ACCF’s rapid growth of recent years, demonstrating the Foundation’s role as an anchor institution in the Ashland County community.

Also, Mr. Cutright revealed plans for a public celebratory event recognizing ACCF’s 25th “Silver Anniversary”, to be held on August 20, 2020, which will be the culmination of several special opportunities for community impact to be unveiled in the coming months.

Retiring trustee John Miller was recognized at the meeting and will be honored at ACCF’s Annual Donor Appreciation Reception, to be held on November 12, 2019.

Miller has served on the ACCF Scholarship and Advancement committees and presided as long-time chair of the Hess Loan Fund Committee.

Dwight McElfresh was newly-elected to the ACCF Board of Trustees for a four-year term, beginning July 2019. McElfresh, retired Dean of the Founders School of Continuing Education at Ashland University, will serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee and as chair of the Teacher Mini-Grants Committee.

The following officers were elected for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: Peggy Yoder, Chair; Al Holdren, Vice Chair; Jay Myers, Treasurer; Anne Cowen, Secretary; Ken Milligan, Past Chair; Lucille G. Ford, Founding President; James Cutright, Executive Director/CEO; Kristin Aspin, Chief Program Officer; Brittaney Reep, Chief Financial Officer; Ann Guthrie, Recording Secretary. Irwin Financial Associates was selected as Auditor for the 2019-2020 year.



John Miller



Dwight McElfresh

WOMEN’S FUND

Mother’s Day Cards

Four hundred five women were honored and remembered this past Mother’s Day with gifts to the Women’s Fund totaling more than \$15,000. Since providing this Mother’s Day opportunity to honor and remember special women, over 3,200 Mother’s Day cards have been mailed with more than \$153,000 raised to support women and children in Ashland County via grants to non-profit organizations from The Women’s Fund.

Save the Date: Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Ashland University.

The Women’s Fund 15-year celebration will be held Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Ashland University. Join us in *Celebrating the Past and Envisioning the Future* with a multi-generational celebration of women, philanthropy and community impact.

The evening's program will include a plated dinner, living history vignettes featuring historic Ashland women, testimonials from past grant recipients and remarks by Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson.

Reservations are required by **Thursday, September 12**. Please make your check of \$25.00 per person payable to ACCF or make reservations **online at www.womensfundcelebration.eventbrite.com**.

Grants Impact

Ten organizations serving Ashland County women were awarded grants totaling \$16,000.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



"Celebration of Youth Philanthropy"
May 14



Strategic Grant - Ashland Middle School
students for the DK Playzone project.
June 7



Leadership Ashland Graduation
June 12



Legacy Fund Created for
Ashland Implement, Inc.
June 14

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PLEDGE CARD

Yes, I/we believe in the work of the Foundation.

I/We subscribe the sum of \$ _____ for the following.

	Founder (\$10,000 +)	Fellow+ (\$1000-9999)	Sustainer+ (\$1-999)
ACCF General Endowment	_____	_____	_____
Ford Leadership/Operations Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Community Grants Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Unrestricted Fund	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Women's Fund	_____	_____	_____
ACCF CUTTY Fund/Youth Empowerment	_____	_____	_____
Individual Fund*	_____	_____	_____

*List charity/charities for approved distribution(s) _____

+Limited to funds held by ACCF

Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. Please make gifts payable to The Ashland County Community Foundation and mail to 300 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

_____ I have included ACCF in my will/estate plans.

_____ Please tell me how I can include ACCF in my will/estate plans.

Total Gift \$ _____ Paid Herewith \$ _____

Pledge Term _____ year(s) Balance \$ _____

To be Paid: _____ Annually _____ Other _____

Name* _____

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Signature _____

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Memorial Name _____

*The names of Founders, Fellows and Legacies will be printed in our Annual Report as written above unless otherwise noted by you.

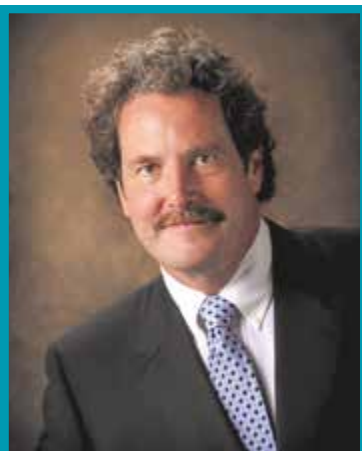


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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE - THOMAS G. ZUPAN



Thomas G. Zupan

Tom Zupan joined the ACCF board of trustees in 2016.

He currently serves as chair of the Community Grants Committee, as well as serving on the Finance and Nominating Committees.

Tom was born and lived in Cleveland until moving to Northern Ashland County with his

parents and 10 siblings in 1969. His first love was farming and raising Charolais cattle on the family operation.

He attended Mapleton High School before joining his father to open a machine shop in Wellington in 1972. By 1991, the enterprise grew to 50 employees, at which time Tom acquired the business, known as

Whirlaway Corporation.

Over the next 15 years, the Company expanded to 800 employees and 4 plants in Ohio and Arizona. All operations specialize in high precision, high volume metal components and assemblies produced under long-term contracts for Fortune 500 automotive and industrial durable goods customers. The business was sold to a public company in 2006, and Tom stayed on until 2011 to help guide the operation through the Great Recession.

Currently, Tom serves on several corporate and non-profit boards and is also a commercial real estate developer and Gentleman Farmer.

He and his wife, Patricia, have been married for a “really long time”, and have raised four young adult children who share a passion for the Rocky Mountains and snow skiing. Tom is also an avid pilot and uses their turboprop airplane to travel around the country with friends and family.