

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Growing, Sharing, Inspiring, Leading



1995 **2015**

Greetings to our Friends and Neighbors in Ashland County!



James M. Cutright
Executive Director/CEO



Anne K. Cowen Board Chair

To Date

Dollars Given Back:

\$8,546,426

Funds: 328

Donors: 6,346

Assets: \$33,333,670

As the Ashland County Community Foundation observes its 20th year of operation, we're not certain that even the most optimistic of our predecessors could have envisioned the stable, successful organization that exists today.

Community confidence in the Foundation's ability to make impact, through grantmaking, is at an all-time high. In the pages of this 2014-2015 Annual Report, you'll see much evidence of this.

Growing an asset base of over \$33 million has only been possible by the generous support of Ashland County donors who care about this wonderful community and by the caring commitment of our all-volunteer Board of Trustees, providing careful stewardship.

Sharing over \$8.5 million with students in need of scholarship assistance and non-profit agencies in need of grants to support their tremendous work in our community is continuing to impact the lives of, literally, thousands in Ashland County.

Inspiring philanthropy by engaging over 6,300 donors, many of them first-time contributors, to participate with us in building endowment for the future has positioned ACCF as a hub of community engagement.

Leading with programs and initiatives that support, among many causes, the interests of women through our ACCF Women's Fund, as well as targeting the needs of youth with our new IMPACT Youth Council, the Ashland County Community Foundation is providing pathways for success in our community.

A strong community foundation builds a strong community. It is exciting, each day, to see what new challenge or opportunity is awaiting us, and, in addition to our faithful donors, we especially appreciate the phenomenal leadership of all of our trustees, volunteers and incredible administrative support staff.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving the residents of Ashland County and thank you for your continued support!

Regards,

James M. Cutright Anne K. Cowen
Executive Director/CEO Board Chair

2014-2015 Board of Trustees

Trustee Roles and Responsibilities

The fundamental role of the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees is to represent the interests of the Ashland County community. The ultimate decision-making authority of the Foundation rests in the hands of these individuals. The Board of Trustees functions as both a policy-making body and working board. Together with professional staff, they form a strong team. All trustees serve on two of the following committees: Advancement, Development, Finance, Grants, Hess Loan, Mini-Grants, Nominating, Scholarship, and Women's Fund. The Board Chair is ex-officio on all committees. Officers of the Board serve on the Executive Committee.



Lucille G. Ford, Ph.D., President Emerita Provost Emerita Ashland University



Anne K. Cowen, Chair Registered Dietician Safety & Wellness Coordinator Cowen Truck Line, Inc.



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Emily S. Hess, Ph.D Visiting Assistant Professor Ashland University



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& Operator (Retired)

Charles A. Holdren CEO Town & Country Co-Op



Michael C. Huber Sales Associate/Realtor Coldwell Banker/Ward Real Estate



John E. Miller Superintendent Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village Schools



Susan D. Shafer Studio Artist & Community Leader



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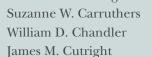
Peggy L. Yoder Community Leader



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*Founding Trustee

+deceased

Staff & Volunteers

The Ashland County Community Foundation endeavors to maintain low operational costs while providing exceptional donor service. Through our grantmaking we connect people who care with causes that matter. On average, operational costs are 1% of our assets. Operational support is funded by fee revenue and administrative endowments. The staff is here to serve you. We invite you to find out more about the Foundation and look forward to finding ways of "growing, sharing, inspiring and leading" in Ashland County.



James Cutright
Executive Director/CEO



Kristin Aspin Vice President– Operations



Lanie Hartge Funds Administrator



Mindy Howman Executive Assistant



Volunteer Support

ACCF's volunteer program engages people in a variety of ways – from routine office tasks and bulk mailings to technology and bookkeeping needs to preliminary scholarship review and advisory committee participation. Joining the Board and staff, approximately 80 volunteers this past year assisted the Foundation in serving the community.

Office/Operational

Carolyn Amstutz
Shirley Austen
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Liz Hosfeld
Kristi Kirtland
Marty Kral
Jean Lonsinger
Joyce Lingenfelter
Pat Perez
Carol Rogers
Sandy Sexton
Charlotte Sheppard
Steve Sloan
Dan Wierbiki

*deceased

Professional Scholarship Readers and Kids Who Care Evaluators

Allison Barnhart **Aubrey Bates** Laura Brenning **Sherry Bryant** Mindy Clever Kelly Cooke Cindy Crist Lynette Cross **Cindy Edwards** Pat Edwards Sara Garska Carl Gerbasi Cheryl Given Melinda Haag Gene Haberman Penny Hamilton Sue Heimann Liz Hosfeld Cindy Kerr Peg Kerr Jacque Lingenfelter Connie Marble

Tami Markel Matt Miller Melanie Miller Nancy Noble Lucille Nuss **James Pifer** Lana Potter Chasta Rhine Mandi Ross Jeanie Shultz Paige Squires Keara Stillwell Dorothy Stitzlein Cathy Stoffer Peg Stover Ann Stump Deborah Sullivan Helen Taylor Hayley Tracy Mary Yordy Danette Young

Advisory Committee Members

Allan Andersen
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Marty Kral
Dwight McElfresh

Debbie McNaull
Jay Myers
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Ron Paugh
Donald Rinehart
Jan Rinehart
Denee Schlotterer
Helen Taylor
Jane Taylor
Becky Thoma
Rob Wally
JoAnn Ford Watson

Your Community Foundation



The Ashland County Community Foundation is among more than 750 community foundations in the United States. Community foundations are tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) public charities that serve local donors who wish to take an organized approach to giving. Because community foundations are public charities, their donors enjoy increased tax advantages not available to private foundation donors. Community foundation donors also receive professional support without hiring staff. Unlike private foundations, community foundations invest and administer a pool of funds contributed by numerous donors. Together, these donors create an endowment - in essence the community's charitable savings account - designed to ensure the long-term health of the nonprofit community.

Ohio is home to more than 90 community foundations, including several recognized nationwide as innovators in the field. Individually and collectively they provide Ohio with a wealth of energy, ideas, leadership, and social and philanthropic capital. These resources help find new and effective solutions to the challenges facing our communities. Community foundations, in essence, represent trust and confidence in the community and a commitment to our future.

Like all community foundations, the Ashland County Community Foundation:

 Has an independent, all-volunteer governing body broadly representative of its community.

- Informs and educates individuals, families and businesses about community issues and grant making opportunities.
- Actively involves individuals, families and businesses in identifying and responding to community issues and opportunities.
- Keeps all information obtained with respect to donors, funds and prospects for new fund creation confidential to the fullest extent possible.
- Honors the charitable intentions of its donors consistent with community needs and applicable laws and regulations.
- Is a steward of charitable funds, investing and prudently managing funds and maintaining accurate financial records, and is accountable to its community and regularly disseminates information on its programs and finances.
- Ensures that its financial resources are used solely in furtherance of its mission.

Donors who give through the Ashland County Community Foundation enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts will be safely and efficiently administered for the charitable purposes they specify, as well as receiving the maximum tax deduction for their contributions.



Supporting Education for a Better Tomorrow

172 SCHOLARSHIPS totaling \$200,268 were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2015 for the first time are pictured to the right.



Kaylee Crossen Hillsdale High School Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship



Brock Hays Hillsdale High School Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship



Mackenzie Gott Mapleton High School Cynthia Johnston and Ed Wahl Scholarship



Allison Schie Loudonville High School James and Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship



Brett Vipperman Ashland High School Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship



Alexander McMillen Ashland High School Kim Marquette Memorial Scholarship Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship



Leif McFrederick Ashland High School Dick Roberts Memorial Music Scholarship Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship



Keayla Harr Hillsdale High School Carl and Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

The following scholarship funds were created in 2014-2015 and will make their inaugural distributions in the coming year(s):

Ashland County-West Holmes
Career Center Students "NEXT
STEP" Scholarship created by
an Anonymous donor

J. Gailard and Mary Lawrence Hall Scholarship created by Lindley and Marcia Hall

Mr. P.A.R. Palanisamy Gounder and Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal Honorary Scholarship created by an Anonymous donor

Bud and Bert Holdren and Sam Jackson Memorial Scholarship created by Charles A. (Al), Vickie and Seth Holdren Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship created by Harold and Nancy Steward Keener

Loudonville High School Class of 1965 Scholarship created by Loudonville High School Class of 1965

Robert and Norma Jean Paullin Memorial Scholarship created by Ted Swainhart, Louise Etzwiler and Beverly Richardson

Rotary Club of Ashland Scholarship created by Rotary Club of Ashland

Scholarship Recipients

Joseph Artrip – Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship Tristan Bender – James and Phyllis McClure Business Scholarship, Donna and

Lawrence Spreng Family Scholarship

Kali Beidelschies – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

Kaela Brown - Robert (Driz) Young Scholarship

Jennifer Brustoski – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in

Mathematics - renewal

Brody Butdorff – Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship

Vanessa Byers – Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism Blake Cary – Black-Etzwiler Scholarship

Justin Cates – Elizabeth Kauffman Baker Scholarship

Dylan Chio – Jordan "Joe" Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship

Ryan Clady – Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship

Erica Clayton - William and Martha Buckingham Scholarship - renewal

Tori Cole – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal

Jaice Cousins – Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship, Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship

Kaylee Crossen – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Gene and Janice Yeater Educational Scholarship

Garrett Crum – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship

Tracy Crum – June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Maxx Davidson - W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship - renewal

Meghan Dawson – Michael Stoops Memorial Award

Dominic Donofrio – Dauch-Rule Scholarship

Dalton Eagle - Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship

Megan Eagle - Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship - renewal

Emily Ehrmantraut – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in

Mathematics – renewal

Amelia Ewing – William K. Wiley Scholarship

Ashley Fickes – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal

Jacob Finley – Ben and Alyce Shaver Memorial Scholarship – renewal

Katherine Fossaceca – Peter Linneman Scholarship

Makayla Gauss – Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics

Ryan Giavasis – Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship

Kurtis Glasener – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Theodore S. and Kathy Smith Smetzer Scholarship

Mitchell Grandy – AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship, Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Gravitt – Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Scholarship

Geneviève Gray – Belle Osborn Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Grundy – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship

Ally Hammer – Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship

Keayla Harr – Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship; Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship; Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship; Jordan "Joe" Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship

Brock Hays – Debra E. "Pebbles" Dilgard Memorial Scholarship; Eggerton, McBride, and Oswalt Memorial Scholarship; Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship; Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship

Andrea Heffelfinger – Russell William Blakely Scholarship

Jillian Hilenski – Sue E. Banks Scholarship, John and Jean Gardner Scholarship, Carl H. and Thelma L. Moherman Stitzlein Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills

Carl H. and Thelma L. Moherman Stitzlein Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hi Farm Agriculture Scholarship

Jeanna Hopton – Robert and Joyce Stokes Family Scholarship – renewal,

Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship – renewal

Sarah Householder – Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Houser – Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship

Andrew Ickes – James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Academic Boosters

Scholarship, Stan and June McFarlin Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship

Michael Itschner – Russell William Blakely Scholarship

Samuel Kellogg – Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Kirby – Helen J. Taylor Scholarship

Gabriel Kral – Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship

Jacquelyn Lewis – Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship

Andrew MacQueen – Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship, Harold and Pauline Obrecht Education Scholarship

Kelsey Maloney - Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship - renewal

Logan Markle – Anderson Community Club Scholarship, William R. and Constance M. Dravenstott Family Scholarship, Ashland County Pilot's Association-Leo K. Heyl Memorial Scholarship, Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship, Stump

Family Cross Country Scholarship, Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics

Leif McFrederick – Dauch-Rule Scholarship, Ferguson/Wertman Memorial Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship

Cally McGee – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship

Alexander McMillen – Cutright Family Scholarship, Newton E. and Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, John E. Hartzler Scholarship, Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship, Jack Miller/Dick Smail Golf Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship, Keith Wygant Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Meixner - Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship

Dylan Miller – Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Scholarship

Dylan Miller – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship, Mary and Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Andreea Nagy – Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship

Trent Newlan - Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship

Travis Pickering – Simonson Family Scholarship

Megan Poynter – Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship

Carter Quay – Ed and Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship

Heath Reineke – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal

Katelyn Reynolds – Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship

Vincent Riffle – Cherise Mims-Kruty Memorial Scholarship

Sam Roberts – Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship – renewal

Leslie Rogers – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship, Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship

Morgan Scarberry – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship

Nate Scarberry – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship

Luke Scarberry - Robert and Colleen Stitzlein Scholarship

Allison Schie – Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship; Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship; Patti Lee (Mowers)

Mowery Scholarship; Perrysville St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship Cassie Schuster – Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship

John Seman – George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship

Hayley Sherman – Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship

Ben Sloan - George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship

Drew Squires – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal

Alexa Stoudt – Russell William Blakely Scholarship – renewal

Erica Strong – Liz Myers Scholarship

Emily Stump – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal

Samuel Swain – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal

Katrina Tibbs – Hayesville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, Jane Maun Memorial Scholarship

Colton Ullman – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship

Will Van Scoy – Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship

Barat Venkataramany – George and Rhea Wertman Hartman Scholarship

Akila Venkataramany – Richard and Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship – renewal

Tyson Vogel – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal

Skyler Ward – Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship

Meg Warnes – Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship

Quinn Watson – Jeane Countryman Memorial Scholarship; Byron E. and Virginia Rapp Dilgard Scholarship; David III and Marlene F. Downie Scholarship; Dave and Diana Kowalka Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or Education; Donald E. and Daphne Maras Long Scholarship; Jeff Williams "Principle" Scholarship

Shelby White – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship, Jim and Marilyn Emmons Scholarship, Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship, Bob and Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship, Tony Marley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major, Hermon L. and Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship, Merle C. and Frances L. Plank Scholarship, Solomon Scholarship, Steve Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Wigton – Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship

Matt Wise – Earl and Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics – renewal Laura Wolgamott – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship

Laura Yeater – W. Boyd and Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship – renewal Heather Young – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship

Kiana Ziegler – David and Carol Burns Scholarship, Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship, George J. Valentine Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship, Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship

Community Grants - 22 grants awarded in 2014-2015 totaling \$180,748.43

Community Grants are competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the community-wide benefit.

Ashland Area Council for Economic Development

Support of the Ashland Area Council for Economic Development's marketing brochure



Ashland Christian Health Center Snow blower and storage shed

Ashland City School District Support enhancement of the new Archer Auditorium

Ashland County Cancer Association

Wellness Seminars to improve awareness about cancer and the agency

Ashland County Historical Society/2015 Bicentennial Committee

Support of the 2015 Ashland Bicentennial with a challenge grant for sustainability.

Ashland County Sheriff's Office DARE/SRO Program

Ashland County DARE graduation materials

Ashland Family YMCA

Emergency replacement of heating unit for the men's and women's locker rooms



Ashland High School Music Department

Audio equipment for the AHS Music Department that utilizes current technology

Ashland Symphony Orchestra Musical Outreach to Seniors program

Brethren Care Village

Wall-mount fold-up stationary wheelchair scale

Clear Creek Township

Clear Creek/Savannah Town Hall parking lot addition

Community Help Mission

New energy efficient windows and doors



Friends of the Ashland County Park District

Support of a portion of the pavement completion for the Freer Field Handicap/Walking Trail

Hillsdale Local School District

Program equipment to implement Hillsdale High School's STEM Academy

Jeromesville Community Fire District

Thermal Imaging Cameras

The Cat House Feline Sanctuary, Inc.

Water Chlorination System project

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

Archery equipment and indoor safety net for the Archery Class/Club

Grandfathered organizations in recognition of Hazel Myers Spreng

Ashland Public Library, Ashland University, First United Methodist Church, Samaritan Regional Health System, United Way of Ashland County



Teacher Mini-Grants

9 grants awarded in 2014-2015 totaling \$6,112.71

Teacher Mini-Grants are competitive grants awarded to teachers grades K-12 in Ashland County accredited public and private schools.



Kathleen Atterholt, Hillsdale Middle School, Adventure in Mohican Outdoors

Anthony Bunt, Mapleton High School, Mountie Science (phase 1) project

Rachel Burgett, Montgomery Intermediate, A New Era of Seating

BreAnn Fennell, Taft Primary South, Light Bulb Moments

Andrew Lewellen, Hillsdale Middle School, New Theatre Sound (ARTSDREAM)

Jeri Millhouse, Ashland Middle School, Linking to Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligences to Boost Vocabulary Acquisition

Sherri Richter, Edison Primary/Taft Primary, Writing For a Purpose-A History of Our Schools (ARTSDREAM)



Chantele Slover, C.E. Budd School, Gifted and Talented Student Inventions and Game Creations



Kevin Valentine, St. Edward School, Kid Scripts

Hess Educational Loans



In 2014-2015, 8 loans totaling \$9,600 were provided to qualifying traditional and non-traditional students pursuing higher education. Since the start of the Foundation's administration of the Fund in 1998, 352 total loans have been awarded. Hess loans have been

available since 1923 to Ashland County residents and graduates of Ashland County high schools. \$47,920 is currently in use helping students attend college.

STEM Camp

The Foundation's Honors Science Camp Endowment Fund, created by The Kettering Fund, sponsored the 2015 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp held at the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. This three-day camp in early July engaged over 40 seventh and eighth graders from eight area schools in such activities as an Invasive Species Scavenger Hunt, a study of stream quality through identification of macroinvertebrates, a "Flaming Cheetos Lab" to measure heat and calories produced, an introduction to physics, and demonstrations on electricity and robotics.

Kids Who Care



ACCF's Kids Who Care program recognizes service by Ashland County individuals ages 5 to 18 who demonstrate outstanding charitable commitment to the Ashland County community. 131 students have been recognized since the program's inception in 2008.

2015 Top Achievers & Ultimate Givers:

Veronica Mounts, junior at Hillsdale High School, for serving on the United Way Community Investment Team, being an outstanding all-around United Way volunteer and dedicated member of Leo Club, and supporting Safe Haven, ACCESS, Akron Children's Hospital and more through various volunteer efforts.

David Gearhart, **Nicholas Guenther** and **Cordell Wyatt**, 8th graders at Ashland Middle School, for initiating ideas to raise money for the Ashland Middle School Relay for Life Team.

Olivia Hickey, 4th grader at Osborn Elementary School, for volunteering at the Humane Society and hosting a birthday party requesting donations/supplies for the Humane Society instead of personal gifts.

Ultimate Givers

Natalee Blackford, junior at Ashland High School, for implementing the Cloverbud Reading Awareness Program and writing a grant to fund it.

Hannah Strickling, sophomore at Ashland High School and **Sophie Strickling**, 7th grader at St. Edward School, for creating a prayer chain to support troops at the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Women's Fund

The mission of ACCF's Women's Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women.
This is achieved through a three-fold purpose:

- Encouraging women to achieve self-sufficiency
- Educating women about community needs
- Encouraging women to participate as donors and to build a permanent endowment.

The Women's Fund celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2014.

Celebrating the impact of the Fund, 150 women gathered to hear keynote speaker Sue Ramsey, AU Women's Basketball Coach, and guest speaker Dr. Emily Hess, AU professor and ACCF Board member.

Women's Fund Steering Committee

Peggy Boales, Chair
Annette Shaw, Vice Chair
Aubrey Bates
Susan Denbow
Rosemarie Donley
Julie Guenther
Shirley Haudenschild
Emily Hess
Connie Marble
Norma McKinley*
Sheila Milligan
Jenn Oliver
Joy Reep
Carol Snyder
Jane Taylor

*deceased

2014-2015 Grants

4 grants awarded in 2014-2015 totaling \$8,600.00

Women's Fund grants are competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations contributing to the community-wide benefit of women.



Ashland Care Center

RealCare Infants with accessories and accompanying parenting curriculum

Ashland Center for Nonviolence

Co-sponsorship of annual conference speaker Joe Ehrmann who is speaking on domestic violence.

Ashland County Family & Children First Council Resiliency Toolkits to strengthen Ashland County families

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

New electric stove and microwave for use by individuals obtaining shelter services

Mother's Day Initiative



This year, 400 women were honored or remembered at Mother's Day with \$20,633 placed in the Women's Fund. Gifts to the Women's Fund generate dollars to award grants to non-profit organizations serving Ashland County women...for generations to come.

Please visit our website for a listing of those who were honored or memorialized this past year.

Lucille G. Ford "Freedom from Selfishness" Award



Created by the Women's Fund Committee in 2013 in honor of ACCF's founding president Dr. Lucille G. Ford, this award recognizes Ashland County women who demonstrate a long-standing commitment to philanthropy. The inaugural award was presented to Nancy T. Davis at the Women's Fund's 10th Anniversary Dinner in October 2014.

Agency Partners

Nonprofit organizations can establish a type of donor-designated, permanently-endowed fund at the Ashland County Community Foundation called an "Agency Fund." The earning distributions from these endowments provide an ongoing source of income for operations and programs. It's a simple and efficient way to build an endowment...and help create sustainability...for the organization. This type of endowment also provides the opportunity for the organization to receive planned gifts of various types, including cash, appreciated stock or real estate.

This past year, two new agency funds were established to benefit,

1.) The Cat House Feline Sanctuary, for its long-term operations and



2.) The Ashland Historical Society,

established as a result of the City of Ashland Bicentennial Committee's fundraising efforts, with a view to providing future funding for city events and activities.

ACCF has provided grant funding to the "Cat House" over the past several years, as its tireless volunteers work to provide spay/neutering and temporary housing for our community's feline friends. It is hoped that the establishment of operational endowment will encourage its donors to think long-term in their support.

Ashland's Bicentennial Committee of industrious volunteers raised an amazing \$500,000-plus to positively impact the city in recognition of its 200th birthday. In addition to celebratory events, many long lasting improvements to the city's landscape were included in these efforts. With a view to sustaining the physical enhancements, such as tree plantings, park benches, decorative lighting and much more, as well as encouraging future events and activities, the Committee established a permanent endowment fund, under the guidance of the Ashland Historical Society and Ashland Main Street organizations, to provide forthcoming funding.

Agency Endowment Funds currently held at the Ashland County Community Foundation:

American Red Cross–Ashland Chapter

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center

Ashland City Schools Alumni Foundation

Ashland County Cancer Association

Ashland County Council on Aging

Ashland Family YMCA

Ashland Historical Society, est. by City of Ashland

Bicentennial Committee, for Ashland City Events/Activities

Ashland Symphonic Youth Chorus

Ashland Symphony Orchestra Fund, in

Memoriam of James E. Thomas

Brethren Care Village

The Cat House Feline Sanctuary

Martha Sanders Davis Fund

First Presbyterian Church – Building, Missions

and Programs

Heart of Gold Fund, for the benefit of United Way -

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Hospice of North Central Ohio

Living Legacy Foundation of the

Loudonville Public Library

Martin T. Greene Fund for Loudonville Youth, Inc.

Park Street Brethren Church

Partner With Youth - YMCA

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

Samaritan Regional Health System

Seiter Family Fund

St. Edward School

United Way of Ashland County Endowment Fund, in honor of J. Robert Tipton

Donors Provide Support to Charitable Organizations

Donors of 125 donor advised and designated funds have directed a percentage of their funds' annual distributions to selected charitable organizations. In 2014-2015, 136 distributions were made totaling \$383,588.

Newly created Donor Designated and Donor Advised Funds benefitting local charities each and every year...

Donor Advised Funds provide donors the opportunity to suggest, year-to-year, their favorite qualified charitable organizations to receive distributions from the fund.

Aaron and Aubrey Bates Family Fund created by Aaron and Aubrey Bates

Diana and W. Stanford Brechbuhler Donor Advised Fund created by Diana and W. Stanford Brechbuhler

Innovation Fund created by an Anonymous donor

John T. (Jack) and Barbara L. Miller Charitable Endowment Fund created by John T. (Jack) and Barbara L. Miller

All benefitting charitable organizations recommended annually by the donor or designated representative.

Donor Designated Funds provide annual support to charities selected by the donor at fund creation. This "set it and forget it" option assures the designated organization(s) receive distributions from the fund into perpetuity.

"Boss Ket" Fund created by Sue Banks benefitting the Village of Loudonville, for maintenance and/ or repair of the Charles Kettering statue, historical sign and fountain in the Southeast quadrant of Loudonville Central Park William and Martha Buckingham
Trinity Fund created by William and
Martha Buckingham benefitting
Trinity Lutheran Church

Norma Elizabeth McKinley Citizenship Education Endowment

Fund created by Michael R. McKinley benefitting Ashland County Public Elementary Schools, and the classrooms thereof, for the Development and Implementation of Citizenship Education, with a Focus on Character-Building

Petrone Hospice-NCO Memorial Garden Endowment Fund created by Dawn and Susan Petrone benefitting the Memorial Garden and Walkway Area at Hospice-NCO for ongoing maintenance

Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Fund created by Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson benefitting needy women and children in Ashland County

Mary Lou Wertman "My Tribute"
Fund created by Mary Lou Wertman
benefitting Precept Ministries, Grace
Brethren Church (building and
missions), ACCF Women's Fund
and ACCF Unrestricted Fund

Dr. Stephen and Peggy Yoder Family Fund created by Dr. Stephen and Peggy Yoder benefitting First
Presbyterian Church

Imogene and Neil Yoho Family Fund created by Imogene and Neil Yoho benefitting Grace Brethren Church

All benefitting specific charitable organizations designated by the donor at fund creation.

Donor Designated Funds, for Community Grants are named, unrestricted funds pooled together for maximum impact in Ashland County, allowing ACCF flexibility to respond to changing needs. These funds provide the corpus from which annual grant distributions are made to worthy 501(c) (3) organizations, through ACCF's Community Grants program each year.

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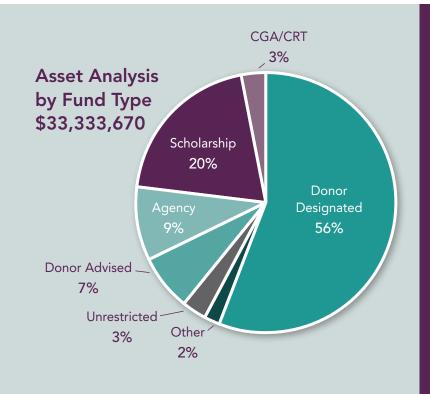
Summarized Statement of Financial Position: June 30, 2015	Assets 2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,621,142
Investments	\$ 30,681,578
Investments designated for annuity liabilities	\$ 464,578
Loans Receivable	\$ 46,253
Pledges Receivable	\$ 172,662
Property and equipment	\$ 347,457
Total Assets	\$ 33,333,670

These Summary Financial Statements were prepared by Irwin Financial Associates, Inc. Copies of the audited statements are available from the Foundation office.

Summary of Financial Statements: The format of our financial statement follows the guidelines issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) for nonprofit organizations.

Liabilities and Net Assets

Agency Liabilities	\$ 2,940,305
Grants payable	\$ 535,624
Charitable gift annuity	\$ 164,825
Charitable remainder unitrust	\$ 415,600
Other	\$ 3,784
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,060,138
Net Assets	\$ 29,273,532
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