

# Sharing

today's gifts with the generations to come

## A BANNER YEAR FOR ACCF

At its Annual Meeting held on July 30, 2018 the Ashland County Community Foundation officially “closed its books” on its 23rd year of operation, and its finest to-date.

Board Chairman Ken Milligan greeted those in attendance and introduced ACCF’s executive director, Jim Cutright, to report on the achievements of the past year. The theme of Mr. Cutright’s comments were “Building for the Future”, as he enumerated the various ways in which the Foundation is creating opportunities for lasting impact in the Ashland County community.

From the fiscal period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 generous donors created an all-time, twelve-month high of 43 new endowment funds, eclipsing the previous mark of 35 established just in the prior 2016-2017 year.



In his remarks, Jim tempered expectations that the Foundation could maintain that rate of growth indefinitely, “While it may not be possible to add this quantity of new funds each year, we recognize that each of the 433 endowment funds for which we currently provide stewardship represents a permanent relationship that carries a tremendous responsibility for us to manage carefully. If no new funds were ever added, due to the perpetuity that endowment represents, we would still have a significant amount of work each year.”

Encouraged by ACCF’s executive committee to reflect on his past six years of service as the Foundation’s first-ever executive director, succeeding ACCF’s venerable founding president, Dr. Lucille Ford, Mr. Cutright provided statistics demonstrating the growth under his “second generation” leadership.

Since 2012, ACCF has developed its donor base from 5,790 to 6,772 individuals having made gifts to the Foundation; endowment fund creation has increased by 76%, from 246 to 433 funds; assets have grown from \$16.2 million to \$49.5 million; and total dollars re-invested in our community, through grants, scholarships and agency distributions has risen from \$5.2 million to \$12.9 million.

In 2015, a new ACCF youth grantmaking/leadership development program was established by Mr. Cutright, branded as the “IMPACT Youth Council” with its director, Ginny Telego, taking this program to a height that was unimagined at the beginning. The acronym IMPACT was created to stand for “Imagine Making Philanthropy an Ashland County Tradition”. This program engages approximately 20 area high school students each year in a 9-month curriculum designed to educate them about philanthropy and allow them full decision-making authority over a pool of grant dollars dedicated to youth programs and initiatives.

Recently, this program was the inspiration for a similar program developed by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, with whom Cutright had consulted over the past few months.

In 2017, the need for additional ACCF staff capacity was addressed by the recruiting and hiring of ACCF’s first-ever chief financial officer, Brittaney Reep, as part of a plan that Cutright terms the Foundation’s “Template for Success”.

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*\*deceased*

### 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, ACCF Friends and Family...greetings from ***"The Corner"***..!

What a great view from here, as I look out upon the sea of smiling faces of those that have been impacted over the past ACCF fiscal year on both sides of what I call the "philanthropic exchange"...those that

have felt the satisfaction of *giving* of their time, talent or resources to improve the lives of others in Ashland County...and those that experienced the joy of *receiving* the blessings that result from those generous gifts.

As you'll read in our cover story, amazing strides have been made in our recent history, as we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and reach even higher.

Since our last newsletter, through the much-appreciated efforts of our part-time Community Relations Director, Ev DeVaul, we've made tremendous strides in continuing our work with our valued "Partner Agencies", those 32 non-profit organizations for whom we hold endowment reserves that provide long-term operational support.

Ev and I have met with a number of these organization's leaders, including directors and trustees, over the past few months to assist them with creating individualized brochures, which are designed to encourage gifting from estate plans, with at least a portion designated for endowment. Design and printing costs are paid by ACCF to add value to our relationship.

This initiative is not intended to jeopardize their current donations, which are needed for immediate support, but instead to help them educate and inspire folks, who already care about them and their mission, to think about how they might perpetuate that support for all time.

To date, ***Ashland Symphony Orchestra, Ashland YMCA, Ashland Christian Health Center, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, Hospice of North Central Ohio, First Presbyterian Church, Ashland County Cancer Association, Ashland City Schools Foundation and Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation*** have completed their brochures, while this work is ongoing with ***Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Safe Haven for Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence, Ashland Parenting Plus, Ashland Council on Aging, ACCESS, United Way of Ashland County and Associated Charities.***

Additionally, as word has spread, we've had the opportunity to meet with several other agencies, whom do not currently have endowment funds established at ACCF, to explore that possibility.

As we continue to encourage capacity-building in our non-profits, as a way of diminishing the need for constant grant-writing, it becomes a way to further leverage our resources to benefit the larger community.

Amazingly, this past year, we had more agency endowment funds created than scholarship funds...a ***"first"*** for ACCF..!

THANK YOU, take care as always, and if you're in our neighborhood, please stop by and check out our new ***"Dr. Lucille Garber Ford Wing"*** building addition..!

## 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](http://www.accommunityfoundation.org)**

## COVER STORY - CONTINUED

Since ACCF has only been in existence for 23 years, the framework has been laid for creating administrative positions that are all now being filled by part-time employees, but allow for maturity into full-time positions as the community foundation grows. At the present time, Jim Cutright is ACCF's only full-time employee.

In ACCF's 2017-2018 fiscal year, the need for additional office space was addressed by the design and construction of an 800-square-foot addition to ACCF's building, the appropriately-named "Dr. Lucille Garber Ford Wing" to add physical capacity, in the form of three additional offices and two handicap-accessible restrooms. One hundred percent of the funding necessary to cover the cost of construction and furnishings was raised prior to its start, with the lead gift being provided by Dr. Lucille Ford. Ground was broken on the addition in August, 2017 and staff moved into the new space in March, 2018.

This past year, Jim developed a new initiative to assist local agencies, for whom ACCF holds endowment, to attract estate gifts. With the invaluable contribution of Ev DeVaul, ACCF's part-time community relations director, a brochure template was created, in which the agencies could insert their personal narratives, co-branded with ACCF, with design and printing costs assumed by ACCF.

During the past six years, with Cutright's emphasis on collaborating with local non-profits, the result has been an increase from 21 agency funds serving 18 agencies to 43 such funds, serving 32 different organizations.

An initiative that is just beginning is the formation of organized "Strategic Partner" alliances with local estate planning professionals to encourage them to consider planned giving that includes the creation of endowment at ACCF.

Lastly, Mr. Cutright provided an update on the Foundation's funding for a City of Ashland "Targeted Action Plan", in close partnership with the city, Ashland County, Ashland University, Ashland City Schools, University Hospital and private investors.

Working with a professional planning firm, OHM Advisors from Columbus, this plan has identified three major targeted areas in Ashland in need of revitalization. As projects from those focus areas emerge, ACCF will consider grant funding over the next three years to inspire and challenge other investors to participate in the improvement of our community.

Jim closed his comments by stating, "In the next year, our goal at ACCF is to be a part of every meaningful conversation in our community and to lead with optimism, where every challenge becomes an opportunity."

Mr. Milligan then concluded the Annual Meeting with the approvals of trustees Al Holdren, Don Stump and Peggy Yoder, entering their second four-year terms.

The ACCF slate of officers for 2018-2019 was approved, and includes Ken Milligan, chair; Dr. Lucille Ford, founding president; Peggy Yoder, vice chair; Anne Cowen, secretary; Jay Myers, treasurer; Dr. Andy Stein, past chair; Jim Cutright, executive director/CEO; Kristin Aspin, chief program officer; Brittaney Reep, chief financial officer; Ann Guthrie, recording secretary.

Other current trustees include Kathy Davis, Brian Hinkle, Connie Marble, John Miller, Marcy Myers and Tom Zupan.

Irwin Financial Associates, Inc. was approved as auditor.

## WOMEN'S FUND

### Mother's Day Cards

Four hundred twelve 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 2,900 Mother's Day cards have been mailed with more than \$137,000 raised to support women and children in Ashland County via grants to non-profit organizations from The Women's Fund.

### Annual Gathering

The Women's Fund Annual Gathering will be held Thursday, September 27th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Ashland University. This will be a dessert social to include presentation of the Lucille G. Ford "Freedom from Selfishness" Award and announcement of the 2018 grants and scholarship recipients. Should you care to attend, please contact the Foundation office. We'd love for you to join us.

### Grants Impact

Eight Women's Fund Grants were awarded totaling \$18,542.



*The mission of the Women's Fund is to create a permanent legacy that enhances the lives of Ashland County women.*





# Ashland County Community Foundation

...for generations to come

## ~INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS~

**211 SCHOLARSHIPS** were recently awarded to students all across Ashland County. *Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2018 for the first time are pictured.*



**Nassem Al-Mehairi**  
*Ashland High School*  
Mr. P.A.R. Palanisamy  
Gounder & Mrs. Lakshmi  
Ammal Honorary Scholarship  
Fred H. Weber III Scholarship



**Maryellen Bliss**  
*Hillsdale High School*  
Renee Burnison  
Memorial Scholarship



**Elizabeth Hohler**  
*Hillsdale High School*  
Renee Burnison  
Memorial Scholarship



**Saylor Lewis**  
*Loudonville High School*  
Robert & Norma Jean  
Paullin Memorial  
Scholarship



**Kailyn Ritenour**  
*Ashland County-West Holmes  
Career Center*  
Ashland County-West  
Holmes Career Center  
Students "NEXT STEP"  
Scholarship



**Tomas Sanchez**  
*Loudonville High School*  
Loudonville High  
School Class of 1965  
Scholarship



**Reece Turner**  
*Hillsdale High School*  
Traci Nebergall  
Memorial Scholarship



**Abigail Wittel**  
*Loudonville High School*  
TW & Marjorie Smith  
Scholarship

For a complete listing of 2018 scholarship recipients, please visit our website at <https://www.accommunityfoundation.org/docpdf/ScholarshipListing.pdf>

## YOUTH PHILANTHROPY NEWS

### 2017-2018 IMPACT Youth Grant Recipients

11 grants awarded totaling \$8,858.77

Ashland Christian School

Ashland County Cancer Association

Ashland High School Lunch Bunch

Ashland Middle School

Catholic Charities Corporation

Fostering Family Ministries

Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Hillsdale Middle School

Hospice of North Central Ohio, Inc.

Mental Health & Recovery Board of Ashland County

Young Life Capernaum

### 2018 Young "Difference-Makers"

Mikah Frye, *Taft Intermediate School*

Serena Quirino, *ACWHCC*

Leanna Wally, *Ashland High School*

Madelyn Williams, *Home-schooled Student*

Elysia Zehner, *Ashland Middle School*

### 2017-2018 IMPACT Youth Council Members

Nassem Al-Mehairi

Taylor Anderson

Blayne Bartter

Gabrielle Bouquet

Gavin Harper

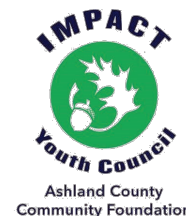
Taylor Hendershot

Elizabeth Hohler

Lucia Mancha

Anna Maust

Mikayla Myers



Hunter Rickett

Lauren Rieser

Megan Shafer

Lily Smith

Alyssa Steury

Leanna Wally

Leah Watson

Will Yeater

Ginny Telego, Director

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



"Celebration of Youth Philanthropy"  
May 9



"Dr. Ford Wing"  
Building Addition  
Dedication  
May 16



Leadership Ashland  
June 14

### ASHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm



#### 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)
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 - BRIAN R. HINKLE



*Brian R. Hinkle*

Brian Hinkle joined the ACCF board of trustees in 2015.

He currently serves as a valued member of the Finance, Community Grants Review and Hess Loan Fund Committees.

Brian is a 1995 alumnus of Loudonville High School and graduated magna cum laude from Ashland University in 1999.

Brian has worked in the financial services industry for 15 years. He came to Farmers and Savings Bank, in Loudonville, in February, 2005, holding various positions within the bank, before being named President in 2013, assuming that role in January, 2014.

He currently holds the position of Area Executive for

the Ashland County Market as a result of the recent consolidation of Farmers & Savings with First Knox National Bank.

Brian's wife, Carol, is the Art Teacher at McMullen School in Loudonville. They have two children, Emma who is 17 and Owen, 15.

He is President of the Mohican Area Growth Foundation and a board member for the Mohican Area Community Fund, chairing MACF's campaign in 2015.

Brian also sits on the board of the Ashland Area Economic Development organization.

He is a member of the Loudonville Rotary Club. He provides commentary for Loudonville basketball games on the local radio station, WZLP.

Brian enjoys golfing, playing basketball and watching his children participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities.