

Latest Grants

5 Women's Fund Grants totaling **\$16,175** were awarded to support childcare programs and projects.

8 Spring semester Teacher Mini-Grants totaling **\$9,624** were awarded to educators serving Ashland County schools.

12 IMPACT Youth Grants totaling **\$16,763** were awarded to organizations serving local youth.

2 Strategic Grants totaling **\$25,000** were awarded in the second half of the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

58 Donor Advised Fund Grants totaling **\$433,350** were awarded in the second half of the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Find complete lists of recent grant and scholarship recipients at www.ashlandforgood.org.



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Momentum builds for Childcare Initiative

It started two years ago with a question—What is the one thing holding Ashland County women back?

The answer our Women's Fund Steering Committee kept returning to was childcare.

For a single mother with two children, childcare costs account for nearly 75 percent of median income, on average.

Many parents in our community find themselves in a bind. They can't afford to work, but they can't afford not to.

Even when they can come up with the money, families face waitlists for childcare spaces, and they often find care is not available outside traditional work hours.

We're pleased to report that the Women's Fund Childcare Initiative is making strides to expand access to high-quality, affordable childcare in Ashland County.

By starting a new childcare center in our city's industrial park, this initiative is creating additional childcare spaces for families in our community who need them most. A newly-formed nonprofit organization, Foundations Community Childcare, will own and operate the center while striving to meet families' needs for affordability and access.

Located on donated land on Ford Drive in Ashland Business Park, Foundations Community Childcare will be in close proximity to 27 businesses with a combined 1,200 employees.



The center is slated to open by the end of 2023 with a 12,400-square-foot facility and an initial capacity to serve up to 150 children, infants through school age. The 3-acre site allows room for potential future expansion.

The center's innovative funding model includes both income-based and employer-supported tuition assistance as well as grant funding and endowment. This will allow the center to operate sustainably while remaining affordable for families.

Families' needs will determine the center's services, including non-traditional work hours. Ashland County has no licensed childcare available past 6 p.m., and many employees in the industrial park work 12-hour shifts or have second or third-shift jobs.

While Foundations Community Childcare will own and operate the center, our Women's Fund Steering Committee has undertaken a fundraising campaign in support of the new nonprofit.

*See **CHILDCARE**, continued inside*



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Childcare Initiative - Our Women's Fund is making strides to support families.



Scholarships - Our latest scholarships are an investment in future leaders.



Cutty's Corner - An expression of gratitude for another record-breaking year.

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Cutty's Corner



HELLO, FRIENDS...

In spite of having a less-than-impressive return on our invested assets this past year, ending on June 30, we actually had one of our most successful years ever.

In the past 12 months, 51 new endowment funds were created—the most ever in a single year. We're very pleased to report that we have now "given back" over \$22 million to our community, in the form of grants, scholarships and distributions to our nonprofit partners!

Not to mention the great success, thus far, of our Women's Fund Childcare Initiative, which is sure to be the hallmark effort of this next year, so we look forward to sharing that success story with you in 2023.

To share a personal story, my wife, Kris, and I had the grandkids in for a couple visits recently. Last month, we took them to their first-ever Balloonfest and made a visit to the Kroc Center indoor waterpark.

This month, we played putt-putt golf at Brookside Park and pickleball at the new courts at Cahn Grove Park, took them to D-K Playzone, then drove them through downtown past the new welcome arch on Main Street, past Foundation Plaza, and to the intersection of Main and Claremont, where they remember watching the Christmas Parade last year. My 8-year-old grandson, J.J., said, "Wow, Grandpa Cutty, there's a lot of cool stuff happening in Ashland!" Out of the mouths of babes, right?

There are a lot of cool things happening in our community, and philanthropy has played a major role. We're fortunate to have generous, caring families with the resources to make significant improvements in our community. We're also blessed to have a community foundation, where ordinary folks, like you and me, can pool our resources together to make an amazing collective impact.

Our goal is always to make you feel proud of your affiliation with the Ashland County Community Foundation, as we work together to be "Here for Good!"

Have a great day!

Jim Cutright

CHILDCARE

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The Women's Fund Childcare Initiative's \$4.5 million goal includes construction and start-up costs as well as an endowment component for sustainability.

In June, the committee announced a "Month of Giving," inviting the entire Ashland County community to join the campaign.

In a single month, donors gave an amazing \$255,423. The first \$200,000 was matched by SJE, Inc., bringing the total impact of the "Month of Giving" to \$455,423.

To date, the committee has raised \$3.4 million, including grants and support from nearly 200 individual donors and businesses. Committee members hope to wrap up the campaign by the end of the year.

This collaborative project is so unique, it has drawn statewide attention from media outlets, other community foundations and communities who have similar needs.

For more information or to support the initiative, visit www.ashlandforgood.org/childcare.

Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

We recently awarded **254** scholarships totaling **\$383,379** to students across the region. Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2022 for the first time are pictured below.



Hope Abel
Carley Ingram Memorial Scholarship



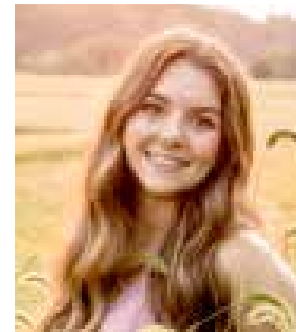
Jenna Book
Loudonville High School
Robert W. & Martha D. Casciani Scholarship



Korban Cominsky
James H. & Mary K. Nearhood Family Scholarship for Education



Tina Foley
Lighthouse Wealth Management Scholarship



Sydney Fry
Loudonville High School
Annette Kline Owens Memorial Scholarship



Shalen Guilliams
Loudonville High School
Stephen P. Kick Memorial Scholarship; Carolyn & Jim Smith Scholarship



Sara Hartson
Ashland High School
James H. & Mary K. Nearhood Family Scholarship for Education



Makenzie Kellogg
Ashland High School
Rotary Club of Ashland Scholarship



Erin McCormic
Ashland High School
Judge Jacob & Janice Fridline Family Scholarship



Katelynn Smeltzer
Hillsdale High School
Robert S. & Carolyn T. Brown Scholarship



Grace Vermilya
Edwin & Ina Ayers Memorial Nursing Scholarship



Scan the QR code above to view the full list of scholarships and recipients.

Since 1995, we have awarded **3,296** scholarships totaling **\$3,713,074**.

Donor Feature

A growing number of Ashland County residents are looking to us to help mark some of life's big milestones.

By starting named funds at Ashland County Community Foundation, these donors can enjoy meaning in the present and look forward to impact long into the future.

Here are a few recent examples:

- A wife surprised her husband with a new donor advised fund as a 75th birthday gift. The husband will enjoy making grants from his fund to support his favorite charities and causes.
- A son created a donor advised fund in celebration of his parents' retirement from their family business. "It's the most awesome gift we could imagine," one of the honorees said. "It's so cool — that we get to live on like this, and other people will benefit? I'm honored."
- A member of the Ashland High School Class of 1972 created a new Community Grants fund and challenged his classmates to donate to the cause as well. Together, the class will contribute at least \$50,000 to bolster ACCF's grantmaking capacity, ensuring the class leaves a legacy of caring for their community.

"While we cherish opportunities to help families remember deceased loved ones with memorial funds, we find that establishing honorary funds can be especially rewarding," ACCF President/CEO Jim Cutright said.

"The honored individuals have a chance to see the impact of the gift during their lifetime, as well as to know their legacy will be carried on in perpetuity."

We have several fund types with varying levels of involvement for donors or honorees. Some fund types allow donors to "set it and forget it," while others give donors the flexibility to steer distributions from their fund.

For more information about starting a new fund at ACCF, visit www.ashlandforgood.org/give or call President/CEO Jim Cutright at (419) 281-4733.

Given Back

In **27 years**, ACCF has given back **\$22,580,006** to our community.

Noteworthy



- Our Chief Financial Officer, Brittany Reep, recently received the J. Robert Tipton Volunteer of the Year Award for 2021 from United Way of Ashland County Ohio. We're proud of Brittany for using her talents to provide leadership and service to our community.
- At our Annual Meeting in July, we bid a fond farewell to retiring board members Al Holdren, Donald Stump and Peggy Yoder. We thank them for their dedicated service to the foundation and our community.
- We are pleased to welcome newly-elected trustees Dustin Beattie, Kenneth Milligan and JoAnn Ford Watson, Ph.D. to our board. Each began their four-year terms at our annual meeting July 25.
- Supporters of our Women's Fund honored or remembered 333 women with donations to the Women's Fund this Mother's Day. Their gifts totaled \$17,350. Contributions will be invested and used to make grants that support and empower women in Ashland County.

