

PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER







James M. Cutright
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To Date

Dollars Given Back:

\$27,086,735

Funds: 651

Donors: 7,521

Assets: \$87,092,442

On June 30, 2023 we wrapped-up another incredible year of progress at the Ashland County Community Foundation!

In the accompanying pages of this annual report, you will discover a number of achievements from an outstanding year, highlighted by the remarkable effort of our ACCF Women's Fund Steering Committee.

Led by Chief Program Officer, Kristin Aspin, this dedicated group of volunteers, 1.) identified a barrier to success for many young families in Ashland County, namely the lack of accessible and affordable childcare, 2.) formulated a workable solution to build a new childcare center, and 3.) designed and executed a fundraising campaign, to include capital funding for the building, as well as an endowment component, raising \$4.8 million in the process...remarkable, indeed!

Kudos to Kristin; Brenda Uselton, chair of the Women's Fund Steering Committee; the Childcare Initiative's inspirational leader, Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson; and all involved for a job well done. We look forward to the spring 2024 opening of the new Foundations Community Childcare Center, which is owned and operated by a newly-formed and independently-governed nonprofit agency.

Additionally, this year, ACCF awarded 299 educational scholarships, in the amount of \$463,930.44, which is the highest number of scholarship awards in our history and the most dollars ever awarded!

We also celebrate the dozens of new donor relationships created in the past twelve months. Among the 40 new funds created this year are some of each type of fund that we hold: agency endowment, field of interest, scholarship, donor designated, donor advised and unrestricted.

Also this year, ACCF received the largest estate gift in our 28-year history, at just over \$4 million, from a couple who had formed a deep bond with our foundation over the years.

Importantly, their gift will benefit 11 different nonprofit agencies in our community. Each agency will have the discretion to use their portion of annual proceeds as they see fit, as the donors placed no restrictions on the use of the distributions. These donors understood that unrestricted gifts are the most forward-thinking types of gifts, allowing changing needs to be met over the years.

And, finally, our board and staff embarked on a strategic planning effort this year, about which you can read in these pages. This plan will form the "cornerstones" upon which we will build the future of our organization, while caring for our community now, each and every day.

If you are already a member of the over 7,500-strong "ACCF Family," we appreciate you; if not, please consider joining us, as we strive "to improve the quality of life in Ashland County, by inspiring thoughtful giving and effective grantmaking," in line with our mission statement.

Regards,

James M. Cutright
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Anne K. Cowen Chair, Board of Trustees



2022-2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our board members set direction and serve as responsible stewards of the foundation's resources. As donors themselves, these community leaders are invested in the future of ACCF and Ashland County as a whole.



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Our dedicated staff members combine professional expertise with extensive knowledge of Ashland County. We love working alongside donors and nonprofits to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Operational support is funded by fee revenue and administrative endowments. We aim to keep operational costs low while providing exceptional donor service. On average, operational costs are 1% of our assets or less.

Volunteer Support

ACCF's volunteer program engages people in a variety of ways – from general office tasks and bulk mailings to advisory committee participation. Alongside the Board and staff, approximately 25 volunteers, this past year, assisted the Foundation in serving the community.

Office/Operational Volunteers

Kathy Bargar Sherry Bryant Harriett Dickinson Pat Edwards Liz Hosfeld Cindy Kerr Kathy Kreiling Linda Mohrman Carol A. Rogers Sandy Sexton Susie Whitted

Advisory Committee Members

Aaron Bates Lynette Cross Cameron Dedrick Denny Edwards Pat Edwards Carl Gerbasi Jennifer Grissinger Katie Hennessy Marty Kral John Miller Patrick Noser Joe Ortiz Jennifer Vaughan Rob Wally Lillian White



Strategic Planning Cornerstones

This year, our board and staff embarked on a strategic planning process that has proved to be informative, energizing and actionable. Together, we defined four "Cornerstones" of our work—community engagement, donor development, effective grantmaking and organizational stability. With these cornerstones in mind, we refined our shared vision, crafted a new mission statement and developed a cohesive roadmap for the years ahead.

Engaging in this planning effort allows us to lay out goals, prioritize initiatives and allocate resources effectively. Importantly, the plan's flexible structure enables us to adapt to emerging challenges and respond to new opportunities. So while we're

already checking off tasks to meet our goals within each cornerstone, we remain committed to addressing the community's most pressing issues, and above all, create lasting positive impact.

We are excited to share with you our new vision and mission statements, along with a brief overview of our detailed plan.

Vision Statement

To impact Ashland County for good.

Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life in Ashland County by inspiring thoughtful giving and effective grantmaking.

Our Voice:



Refine and target our message to effectively engage more people and organizations in our mission

Our Capacity: DONOR DEVELOPMENT



Expand our role as a philanthropic leader by cultivating donor relationships and growing our assets

Our Impact: EFFECTIVE GRANTMAKING



Focus our programs and grow our grantmaking to maximize impact in our community

Our House: ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY



Strengthen systems, procedures, facilities and human capital to support our growth



Refine and target our message to effectively engage more people and organizations in our mission.

- Foster two-way communication with local nonprofits
- Reach a broad audience in our community
- · Tailor messages to specific audiences
- Refine existing communications



"Our activities are complex, but ultimately, we're here to make our community better, and we do that by helping donors give thoughtfully and grant effectively. The new vision and mission statements remind us of our values and help us tell the community, 'This is who we are and what we do.'"

— Courtney McNaull, Communications Director



Expand our role as a philanthropic leader by cultivating donor relationships and growing our assets.

- Increase unrestricted giving
- Engage current and potential donors
- Grow endowment funds
- Educate younger community members

"Unrestricted giving allows us to respond to the ever-changing needs of our community and to seize opportunities as they arise. As we build trust with donors, their confidence in our ability to make an impact for good continues to grow."



- Jim Cutright, President/CEO





Focus our programs and grow our grantmaking to maximize impact in our community.

- · Learn about, and meet, community needs
- Support workforce development
- Refine grantmaking processes
- Grow grantmaking capacity



"We're being very intentional about understanding the needs of our community and its nonprofits. We're focusing on areas of importance to Ashland County residents, such as education and workforce development."

— Kristin Aspin, Chief Program Officer



Strengthen systems, procedures, facilities and human capital to support our growth.

- Strengthen internal communication
- Establish a board and staff leadership succession plan
- Improve infrastructure
- Update policies and procedures

"We are honored to be the stewards of our neighbors' investment in our community, and we take that role seriously. Part of being 'Here for good' is making sure we have the systems and resources in place to provide stability now and in the future."

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— Brittaney Reep, Chief Financial Officer



Community Grants

35 grants awarded in 2022-23 totaling \$300,000

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

ACCESS

Promotional items

Ashland Christian Health Center

A new exam table

Ashland Christian School

Science classroom tables

Ashland County Agricultural Society

Renovation of the sheep barn at the fairgrounds

Ashland County Cancer Association

Office equipment

Ashland County Community Academy

A surveillance system and servers

Ashland County Council on Aging

Audio and visual equipment

Ashland County Park District

Construction of the Davey McClure
Outdoor Education Shelter

Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League

Power upgrades

Ashland Special Needs Ministry

Sensory recreation and technology equipment

Ashland Symphony Orchestra

Summer mini concerts

Ashland University

Testing center startup and marketing

Christ Community Evangelical Free Church

The "Serve" community service project

Flying Horse Farms

Camper scholarships

Hayesville Opera House Restoration Board

A new computer server

Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio

Financial literacy, entrepreneurship and career readiness programs

Living Legacy Foundation

Support to establish a new endowment fund for the Perrysville Branch

Loudonville Church Women, Inc.

Support The Store, Day of Sharing and Back to School programs

Loudonville FFA Alumni & Supporters

Construct an educational greenhouse at Loudonville High School

Loudonville Swim Team Boosters Inc.

Support to establish an endowment fund

LSS The Good Shepherd

The Tovertafel "Magic Table" game system

Mission to Amish People

Safety and accessibility upgrades at Beyond Measure Market

North Central State College Foundation

Workforce training in Ashland

North Central Workforce Alliance of Ohio

Produce videos about in-demand jobs

Paid in Full of Ashland Ohio

Parking lot paving

Polk Jackson Perry Fire Department

A turnout gear locker

Polk United Methodist Church

Commercial kitchen exhaust hood

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

Startup of a new transitional shelter

Savannah Lions Club

Phase III of the Town Hall restoration

Third Street Family Health Services

Accessibility upgrades

United Church Residences of Ashland Ohio/ Mill Run Place

A community garden

Wayne County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

A child molestation awareness and prevention program

The following grandfathered organizations received grant distributions in recognition of Hazel Myers Spreng: Ashland Public Library, First United Methodist Church, United Way of Ashland County



Strategic Grants

10 Grants were awarded in 2022-23 totaling \$60,526

Strategic Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations to support opportunities and meet needs that fall outside our annual grant cycles.

Ashland Christian Health Center

Gap funding for labs and outside testing

Ashland City Schools

AHS Jazz Band Centennial commissioned piece

Ashland County Council on Aging

Alzheimer's and dementia care giver support group

Ashland County

Prosecutor's Office

Vapor drug testing equipment

Ashland County Sheriff's Office,

Dive Team

Dive team equipment

Ashland High School,

Ms. Tracy Morgan

Day-long field trip to Franklin

Park Conservatory, COSI and

Columbus Zoo

Ashland Youth Football League

New helmets for AYFL

Living Waters Outreach Ministry

Tower Garden parts

Mohican Area Growth Foundation

Loudonville pickleball courts

Olive Tree Care

Support to establish an Olive Tree Care agency endowment











IMPACT Youth Grants

14 grants awarded in 2022-2023 totaling \$18,813

IMPACT Youth Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations to benefit youth in Ashland County.









Advocates for Families

Youth mentoring group outings

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center

Youth crisis kits for Ashland City School District

Ashland Bike Project

Equipment for summer youth mountain bike program at Brookside West Mountain Bike Trail

Ashland Bookcase Project, Inc.

Bookcase materials and new children's books

Ashland High School, Lunch Bunch

Supplies for Secret Society Supporting Him/Her project

Ashland Youth Football League

Reconditioning and recertification of current football helmets

Hospice of North Central Ohio

Support for butterfly release at Camp Hope children's bereavement camp

Loudonville Church Women, Inc.

Supplies for Back to School program



Park Street Brethren Preschool

Art room furniture and supplies

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

Camps and camp supplies for youth who have accessed Safe Haven services

RePlay for Kids

High School STEM workshop with Hillsdale FFA to provide adapted toys to children with disabilities

Savannah Lions Club (Youth Program)

Summer program for children in low-income neighborhoods

Southview Grace Brethren Church

Wifflefest field renovations

Team Focus, Inc.

Clothing for young men participating in Team Focus Ohio Summer Leadership Camp

2022-2023 IMPACT Youth Council Participants

Sarah LeVeck, Director

Elijah Barlow Megan Blough Joshua Bonfiglio Andrew Briggs Aubrie Cooke Sara Finks Brendon Hess Megan Hicks

Elly Keener Jianmei Lefelhoc Emily McGovern Katrin Parker Mackenzie Parsons Sydney Polen Emma Roar Emma Schaefer Courtney Stewart Andrew Swartz Jessica Wally



Teacher Mini-Grants

25 grants awarded in 2022-2023 totaling \$29,033

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

Zane Aleman, Ashland Middle School, *Musical Instrument Maintenance*

Travis Beck, Taft Intermediate School, *Making Test Prep/Review Fun*

Ryane Briggs, Ashland High School, Arrow to Arrow Mentoring

Amy Chandler, Reagan Elementary School, *News-o-matic*

Steve Coffey, Mapleton Middle School, *I Robot- Making the Ultimate Robot*

Elizabeth Condit, Ashland High School, *Sensory/Flexible Seating*

Laura Galleher, Edison Elementary School, Self-Regulation Tools for Students with Special Needs

Shari Harlan, Edison Elementary School, *Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader*

Shari Harlan, Edison Elementary School, *We Love Books*

Kelsey Kenney, Loudonville High School, *Exploring Our Job and Life Skills*

Kristen Leiby, Mapleton Elementary School, *Strong Hands*

Andrew Lewellen, Hillsdale Middle School, "All About Animation" and Supplies

Julie McDonnell, Taft Intermediate School, *Ready Set Go-The Kinesthetic Classroom*

Tracy Morgan, Ashland High School, *Real Life Field Scientists*

Amy Nelson, Ashland Middle School, *The Collaborative Classroom*

Alexandria Paulino, Edison Elementary School, *STEM in Action*

Shelby Pummell, Edison Elementary School, *Social Emotional Learning*

Monica Ralph, Mapleton Middle School, *Promoting Positive Participation in the Post Pandemic Pupil* Monica Ralph, Mapleton Middle School, Students Making an Improved Learning Environment - S.M.I.L.E.

Aimee Ross, Loudonville High School, The Art and Science of 'Appreciology': Becoming Leaders

Kelly Shetler, C.E. Budd School, *Time for Kids*

Whitney Snyder, Loudonville High School, *English Language Arts Classroom Library Update*

Bryan Spade, Mapleton Elementary School, *Ready... VEX GO!*

Valerie Welday, Edison Elementary School, *Grow our Classroom Library*

Kyle Wissel, Hillsdale High School, Understanding History Through an American Musical









Our Women's Fund is all about women helping women find power and purpose.

Women's Fund Steering Committee

Brenda Uselton, Chair
Jane Roland, Vice Chair
Nicki Aber
Erin Chandler
Marilyn Harshman
Erin Kick
Kristi Kirtland
Connie Marble
Marcy Myers
Lindsey Roberts-Gasche
Mindy Scurlock
Deborah Sullivan
Christine Thompson
Sandra Tunnell

Melissa Wurster





WOMEN'S FUND

7 grants awarded in 2022-2023 totaling \$23,627

Women's fund grants are competitive grants awarded to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying charitable organizations to support and empower women.

ACCESS

Seed money to pilot a new Foundational Growth program

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center

Monthly kinship care support groups

Ashland Christian Health Center

Mammograms for patients

Ashland County Cancer Association

Funding for Survivor's Dinner

Fostering Family Ministries

Trust-Based Relational Intervention training for Ashland County Job and Family Services staff as well as foster and kinship parents

Park Street Brethren Preschool

Door security improvements

Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven

Exterior repainting of the transitional shelter

Women's Fund Childcare Initiative

In May 2023, Foundations Community Childcare broke ground on a new childcare center that will make quality childcare more accessible for those in our community who need it most

The event marked the culmination of the hugely successful Women's Fund Childcare Initiative, bringing to fruition the vision, dedication and hard work of our Women's Fund Steering Committee and the leadership of Chief Program Officer, Kristin Aspin.

The Women's Fund Steering Committee of Ashland County Community Foundation launched the Women's Fund Childcare Initiative in 2020 with the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, affordable childcare in Ashland County. From that vision, Foundations Community Childcare was founded as a new nonprofit organization to own and operate a new childcare center in Ashland's industrial park.

The Women's Fund developed a detailed plan and a unique funding model for FCC, including 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.

Women's Fund Steering Committee members also raised more than \$4.8 million for construction, startup and endowment of the center. The Women's Fund is deeply grateful to have received eight grants and support from 249 individual donors, 50 businesses and 15 faith-based and service organizations.

Our Women's Fund has now passed the baton to the passionate and skilled board members of Foundations Community Childcare to oversee construction and operation of the center, which will serve up to 150 children. The new organization plans to open the center in spring 2024 to meet the needs of Ashland County families and businesses and support the growth of our community.

Thank you to the more than 300 supporters of the Women's Fund Childcare Initiative Campaign, including the following major donors.

Visionary \$1,000,000+

Robert M. & Janet L. Archer

Champion \$500,000 - \$999,999

Ashland County Commissioners – James Justice, Michael Welch, Denny Bittle Anonymous

Leader \$250,000 - \$499,999

Ashland County Community Foundation
Max & Marilyn Harshman*
State of Ohio
Dr. Johnn Ford Watson

Partner \$100,000 - \$249,999

The Barbasol Foundation BCU Electric, Inc. The Norma Foundation SIE Foundation

Benefactor \$50,000 - \$99,999

Anonymous

Pamela J. Archer Spark Joy Fund
Jerry Baker
William & Martha Buckingham
Chandler Systems, Inc.
Charles River Laboratories
Hire Family Foundation
Elinor & T.W. Miller, Jr. Foundatior
Park National Bank
Simonson Construction Services
Jane L. Taylor*

Ambassador \$25,000 - \$49,999

Jeremiah & Arica Betson
Kokosing Materials, Inc.
Lippert Enterprises, Inc.
Packaging Corporation of America
Sutton Bank

Advocate \$10,000 - \$24,999

Campbell Soup Foundation

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Elyria Charities
Dr. Lucille G. Ford
Fred & Lori Gottfried
Grandpa's Cheesebarn
Donny & Marcy Myers
Novatex North America Inc.
Ohio Children's Foundation
University Hospitals Samaritan
Medical Center
Shawn & Nichole Aber of Valley
Transportation
Rob & Mindy Ward

Includes legacy gift



INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS

In 2023, we awarded 299 scholarships totaling \$463,930 to students across the region.



Thank you to the donors who make these awards possible, and congratulations to the following recipients.

Hope Abel – Believe You Can Achieve Scholarship, Carley Ingram Memorial Scholarship*

Ramey Adkins – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Roger & Debra Lyons Scholarship

Marina Aulger – Carl & Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Jolee Baldner - George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship Elijah Barlow – William K. Wiley Scholarship

Keslar Bates - Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship, Jack Miller/Dick Smail Golf Scholarship

Alexander Becker – Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/ Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship

Blake Benner - Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League David McClure Memorial Scholarship

Caley Biddinger - Warren Applegate Scholarship Gisella Blake – Ashland High School Class of 1957 Scholarship, Warren Applegate Scholarship

Megan Blough - Warren Applegate Scholarship

Kaitlyn Boals - Fred H. Weber III Scholarship Jenna Book - Robert W. & Martha D. Casciani Scholarship*

Naomi Boyer – Joseph & Patricia Denbow Scholarship* Andrew Briggs - Keith Wygant Memorial Scholarship

Grace Bryant - Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship* Emma Burkhalter – Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship, Patti Lee (Mowers) Mowery Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship

Alice Cao - William R. & Constance M. Dravenstott Family Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics

Colin Caram - James E. Fredo Memorial Scholarship, Ashland County Pilot's Association–Leo K. Heyl Memorial Scholarship

Jayden Carrick – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Ralph & Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship

Jacie Caudill - Warren Applegate Scholarship

Allison Cawrse - Gene & Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism, James Sherwood Tipton Scholarship

Allie Chambers - Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Tony Marley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major, James H. & Mary K. Nearhood Family Scholarship for Education, Harold & Pauline Obrecht Education Scholarship

Daniel Cho - Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics*

Michaela Cline - Russell William Blakely Scholarship* Austin Conrad - Robert W. & Martha D. Casciani

Molly Cordonnier - Ashland County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Kelsie Cunningham - Robert (Driz) Young Scholarship Laura Cutlip - Loudonville FFA Alumni Scholarship, Carl H. & Thelma L. Moherman Stitzlein Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship

Mackenzie Cutlip – Russell William Blakely Scholarship,

Jeanette E. Laser Memorial Scholarship for Loudonville High School, Lemon Legacy Scholarship

Allison Daugherty - Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship*, W. Boyd & Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship*

Nykole Doerner – Bruce & Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship, Carley Ingram Memorial Scholarship

Makayla Dreibelbis - Sharon E. Anderson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship

Gabriella Elges – Warren Applegate Scholarship

Elizabeth England - Warren Applegate Scholarship, George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville/ Perrysville Alumni Scholarship, Noel & Ann Shaffer Scholarship

Zoey Essex – Wayne E. & Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship

Payton Fast - Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship, Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship

Dylan Fenton – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Robert & Anna Donelson Scholarship Sara Finks - Richard & Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship,

Don & Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship Adler Fitzgerald – Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics*

Tina Foley - Women's Fund Scholarship Award Lauren Fox – Warren Applegate Scholarship, John E.

Hartzler Scholarship Zachary Frankford – Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship

Alysa Frcka - J. Gailard & Mary Lawrence Hall Scholarship* Christina Galbraith - Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship

Skylar Gall – Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship, Dann L. & Connie J. Marble Education Scholarship, Betty & Bud Plank Scholarship

Ashlee Gantz – Fred H. Weber III Scholarship* Kylie Garn – Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship, Freeman & Penny Hamilton Family Scholarship, Hermon L. & Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship

Issac Gessner - Warren Applegate Scholarship, Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship; Donna & Lawrence Spreng Family Scholarship

Jacob Gessner - George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship Blake Gibb - Warren Applegate Scholarship

Sophia Good – Believe You Can Achieve Scholarship Morgan Graffice – Debra E. "Pebbles" Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale Academic Boosters Scholarship

Chandeler Gribble - Black-Etzwiler Scholarship, Larry & Karyle Mumper Scholarship, Robert & Norma Jear Paullin Memorial Scholarship

Faith Griffiths - Richard & Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship* Linde Hahn – Ashland County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship, Carl & Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen's Association Scholarship, Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship

Korinne Harris – Richard & Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship*

Sara Hartson - W. Boyd & Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship* Mackenzie Haun – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Stephen P. Kick Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Heldenbrand – Warren Applegate Scholarship; Eggerton, McBride, & Oswalt Memorial Scholarship

Grace Heller – Judith Halama Ebert Scholarship, Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship, Stan & June McFarlin Scholarship

James Henley – Robert & Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship, Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship

Olivia Hickey – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship

Megan Hicks – Kim Marquette Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Ashland Scholarship, Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship

Riley Hiller – Steve Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship

Colin Hillman – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Donald E. & Daphne Maras Long Scholarship

Courtney Hollinger - Russell William Blakely Scholarship* Jake Hoverstock - Renee Burnison Memorial Scholarship; Harold (Hank) & Betty L. Hiner Scholarship; Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens & Kyle Cline Scholarship; Debra Slater Memorial Scholarship; Jordan "Joe" Stephens

Memorial Ag Scholarship **Aubrey Hubler** – Warren Applegate Scholarship; Believe You Can Achieve Scholarship, on behalf of Taylor & Sarah Anderson

Braxton Hunt – Dauch-Rule Scholarship, William & Marlene Rose Scholarship

Jalyn Johnson – Warren Applegate Scholarship

Jayden Jones - Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics*

Catlyn Kauffman – George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship Hope Keener – Warren Applegate Scholarship, George & Rhea Wertman Hartman Scholarship, Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship

Emily Keener - David III & Marlene F. Downie Scholarship, Bob & Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship

Mackenzie Kellogg - Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship

Garret Kern - Drew Bates Family Scholarship Kemery Kerschner - Richard & Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship*

Katie Kidwell – Max L. & Marilyn Harshman Scholarship for College Seniors

Gavin Knox – Warren Applegate Scholarship

Hailey Lang – Warren Applegate Scholarship, George J. Valentine Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship

Jonathan Langdon – Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship*

Jerrica Lapointe - Theodore S. & Kathy Smith Smetzer

Goldie Layton – James & Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship **Jianmei Lefelhoc** – Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship, Krishnamurthi Family Scholarship





The following scholarship funds were created in 2022-2023 and will make their inaugural distributions in the coming year(s):

created by Estate of Vita Kay Jacobs

created by Estate of Violette M. Phillips

created by Scott Family and Friends

created by Friends and Family of Nate Shafer

created by Jeffrey W. Slater

Scholarship created by Friends and Family of Ethan Stadler

Destiny LaFever – Ashland County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Gilana Lewis - Warren Applegate Scholarship, Newton E. & Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship, Jay & Ida May Mendenhall Family Scholarship

Emily Ludwig - Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship Reaghan Machin - Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship, Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship, Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship

Grace Macnamara - Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship*

Alyssa Maki - Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship* Joshua Martin - Warren Applegate Scholarship

Audra McBride - AHS Female Athlete of the Year Scholarship, in honor of Darla Plice; Jim & Marilyn Emmons Scholarship; Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship

Zoey McBride – Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship for Animal & Veterinary Sciences

Joseph McCormic – Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics*

lain McDonald - Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship* Emily McGovern – Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship, Ashland County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Judge Jacob & Janice Fridline Family Scholarship, Hayesville & Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship, Earl J. Weikel Scholarship

Katilyn McQuillen - Hiller School/Community Club

Morgan Meeting – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Merle C. & Frances L. Plank Scholarship

Jonathan Metzger – Warren Applegate Scholarship, John T. 'Jack' Miller Outstanding AHS Senior Male Athlete Scholarship, in honor of Stu Martin, Bully Rader, Bud Plank & Brother Bob 'Bulldog' Miller; Project 80

Wrestling Scholarship

Vanessa Miller – Warren Applegate Scholarship, Allison K. Bucher Memorial Scholarship

Hailey Mills – James E. Fredo Memorial Scholarship, Lighthouse Wealth Management Scholarship, Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship

Ariana Mitchell - Loudonville High School Class of 1965 Scholarship

Wyatt Mohrman – Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship, Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship

Tressa Moody - Jane L. Taylor Scholarship

Taylor Morgan - Katherine & Deanna Draper Scholarship, Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship, Brad Mowry Memorial Scholarship, James H. & Mary K. Nearhood Family Scholarship for Education, Ben & Alyce Shaver Memorial Scholarship, Solomon Scholarship

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A Heart and A Vision 100 YEARS OF HESS EDUCATIONAL LOANS

Dr. Gilbert Hess is a familiar name to many Ashland County residents. A veterinary surgeon and pharmacist, Hess became widely known as the founder of Hess & Clark, an Ashland-based stock food manufacturing company that was the largest of its kind in the world.

Reporting in the newspaper upon Hess's death in 1923 indicates that locally, he was equally well-known as a philanthropist.

In addition to giving generously during his lifetime, Hess also created a lasting legacy of good in his hometown through planned giving. He established a \$100,000 trust fund through his will for the purpose of providing local students with educational loans.

Now, 100 years after Hess's death, these loans have helped hundreds of students fulfill their educational ambitions.

Managed by our foundation for the past 25 years, the Hess Loan fund is overseen by our Educational Programs Director, Lanie Hartge, and our Educational Programs Committee. Hess Educational Loans are interest-free while students are in school, as well as the first year after graduation.

"Without that loan opportunity, there are students who would probably walk away from school," said Kelly Gray, a Hess Loan recipient who went on to become a vice president at North Central State College.

After her own experience of using Hess Loans to enter the nursing field as a first-generation college student, Gray has counseled many students to apply for Hess Loans. Applications for Hess Loans are accepted at any time, with review periods in November, February and June.

"It's so exciting that someone who sought so long ago to make a difference was able to impact hundreds of students, and each of them has impacted hundreds more lives with their education," Gray said.

"That's the excitement of philanthropy. You don't have to have a million dollars. You just have to have a heart and a vision."

In 2022-2023, 9 Hess Education Loans totaling \$43,000 were provided to students pursuing higher education. Currently, \$100,443 are in use helping students attend college.



Agency Partners

Nonprofit organizations can establish a type of designated, permanently-endowed fund at 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 and real estate.

Agencies with Endowment Funds currently held at the Ashland County Community Foundation:

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- · Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven Fund

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Ashland Church Community Emergency Shelter Services (ACCESS)

Ashland City Schools Foundation

Ashland City Schools K-12 Literacy Program

Ashland County Cancer Association

- · General Endowment Fund
- Transportation Fund

Ashland County Council on Aging

Ashland County Women of Achievement's Young Woman to

Watch' Award Program

Ashland Family YMCA

- · General Endowment Fund
- · Martha Sanders Davis Fund
- · Partner With Youth Program Fund
- · Seiter Family Fund
- · Ted Jacobs Memorial Fund

Ashland Main Street

Ashland Noon Lions Club

· Eloise Noonan Fund

Ashland Parenting Plus

- · General Endowment Fund
- · CASA Program Fund

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

Ashland Schine's Theatre

Ashland Symphony Orchestra

- · Harold Weller Music Education Fund
- · James E. Thomas Memoriam Fund
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First Presbyterian Church

· Building Fund · Missions Fund · Programs Fund

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- · Building Endowment Fund
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- · Heart of Gold Fund

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Zion Lutheran Church of Loudonville

- · General Endowment Fund
- · Property Endowment Fund

Donors Provide Support To Charitable Organizations

In 2022-2023, 359 distributions totaling \$1,044,988 were made from donor advised and donor designated funds.

Donor advised funds allow donors to decide each year which organizations, programs and projects will receive distributions from their funds.

Donor designated funds are a "set it and forget it" option to provide annual support to charities selected by the donor at fund creation. Donors can create named funds that are designated for a particular charity.

Or, by creating an unrestricted fund designated for Community Grants, Teacher Mini-Grants or a Field of Interest, donors can allow ACCF flexibility to respond to changing needs in the community or in a donor's interest area.

These donor advised and donor designated funds were created in 2022-2023:

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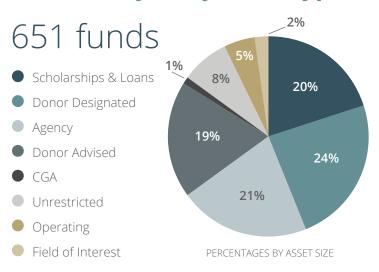
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Ashland County Community Foundation

Summarized Statement of	Assets	
Financial Position: June 30, 2023 and 2022	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,144,846	\$ 2,083,601
Investments	80,829,259	70,589,038
Investments designated for annuity liabilities	523,381	414,528
Educational loans receivable	101,270	83,248
Pledges receivable	940,750	100,531
Property and equipment	493,364	574,616
Other	59,572	34,171
Total Assets	\$ 87,092,442	\$ 73,879,733
	Liabilities and Net Assets	
Agency liabilities	\$ 16,662,926	\$ 15,501,341
Grants payable	1,659,443	1,122,307
Charitable gift annuity	85,128	58,461
Other	96,493	54,380
Total Liabilities	18,503,990	16,736,489
Net Assets	68,588,452	57,143,244
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 87,092,442	\$ 73,879,733

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