

Latest Grants

20 Women's Fund Grants totaling \$48,342 were awarded to benefit local women.

14 Spring semester Teacher Mini-Grants totaling \$18,305 were awarded to educators serving Ashland County schools.

21 IMPACT Youth Grants totaling \$28,259 were awarded to organizations serving local youth.

22 Community Grants totaling \$150,000 were awarded to area nonprofits in our inaugural spring cycle.

14 Strategic Grants totaling \$192,510 were awarded in the second half of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

82 Donor Advised Fund Grants totaling \$330,030 were awarded in the second half of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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



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Fall 2024

Celebrating 30 Years of Giving

The number 30 carries special meaning for the Ashland County Community Foundation this year.

Along with celebrating our 30th birthday, we are excited to reach the milestone of giving back more than \$30 million to the community in the form of grants, scholarships and distributions.

Encouraging individuals, families, organizations and businesses to take the next step in their charitable giving seemed like a great way to honor these achievements and continue to honor our mission.

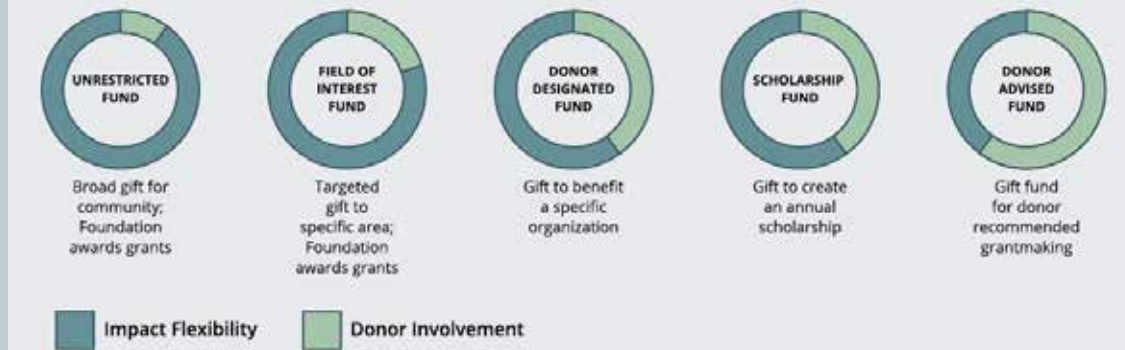
We are celebrating by offering 30 one-time "30th Anniversary Grants". Grants are awarded in the form of \$5,000 matches to create a new endowment fund or donor advised fund at ACCF.



minimums range from \$10,000 for donor advised funds, agency funds and community grants funds to \$15,000 for donor designated funds, field of interest funds, scholarship funds and unrestricted funds.

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Charitable Fund Options



These matches are available until June 30, 2025, or when we have reached a total of 30 new funds. Donors may choose from a range of fund types to match their charitable interests and their desired level of involvement in grant distributions made from their fund. Fund

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ACCF Ford Operations Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Community Grants Endowment	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Unrestricted	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Women's Fund	_____	_____	_____
ACCF Cutty Fund/Youth Empowerment	_____	_____	_____
Individual Fund*	_____	_____	_____

*List charity/charities for approved distribution(s)

+Limited to funds held by ACCF

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Cutty's Corner



GREETINGS, EVERYONE..!

We're wrapping-up yet another successful June 30 year-end here at ACCF!

Our amazing growth story continues, as we finished 2023-2024 with just over \$90 million in assets, spread

across 683 endowment funds under stewardship. This has made it possible for us to reinvest over \$30 million in scholarships, grants and distributions to worthy students and our nonprofit partners over these past 29 years!

I'm trying not to overdo the exclamation points here, but this is exciting stuff, Gang!!

As we look ahead, and as you'll read elsewhere in this publication, we're positioning ourselves to effectively manage this growth by building out a capable team of professionals, matching skill sets to needs, with a view to where we're headed, not where we've been.

Speaking of "building," our unique model of creating very targeted part-time positions produces a desirable work/life balance for our staff, but that also means a higher headcount. So, to accommodate that, we're very pleased

to announce that we will be constructing a new addition on the west side of our building in the coming year!

Thanks to a handful of very generous donor families, we have raised the necessary funds and are hoping to begin construction in Spring 2025.

Aesthetically, the design will mirror the "Dr. Lucille Garber Ford Wing" added to the east side of our building back in 2018. The plan adds sorely needed storage space, as well as six new offices to accommodate current and future staffing. By deconstructing two existing cubicles, we will expand our main floor meeting area. We also will re-purpose one office into a first floor conference room.

One of the tenets of our Cornerstones Strategic Plan is "Organizational Stability" and assuring that ACCF will be here to meet the needs of our community well into the future. That includes making certain the necessary infrastructure is in place...people, systems and physical space.

After all, as you may remember, We're Here for Good..!

Thanks for all you do to help us make a positive impact in the lives of Ashland County residents!

Jim Cutright
President/CEO

make a lasting positive impact in their community, as well as, perhaps, a more attainable entry point for younger donors," Cutright said.

Nonprofit organizations without an Agency Endowment Fund are also able to utilize this offer to begin building sustainability for their organization by creating a source of annual endowment income.

Donors may complete their fund immediately or pledge to make their contributions over a period of five years. No distributions can be made until the minimum threshold is reached and the endowment is fully-funded.

ANNIVERSARY

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"As a community foundation, we believe that philanthropy is not just for the wealthy, but for everyone," said Jim Cutright, ACCF President/CEO. "This anniversary program underscores the community foundation's mission to encourage thoughtful giving and effective grantmaking for the benefit of Ashland County."

This opportunity is for donors who do not already have a personal, named fund relationship with us but who have always desired to give back to the community by investing in its future.

"A \$5,000 boost toward creating a new fund opens up possibilities for charitably-minded people who want to

Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

We recently awarded **300** scholarships totaling **\$491,252** to students across the region.

Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2024 for the first time are pictured below.



Isabella Dalton
Hillsdale High School
Bill & Maxine Stafford
Scholarship



Emilee Dennison
Mapleton High School
Bre McKean Memorial
Scholarship



Kirsten Flora
Mapleton High School
Don & Dreama Beattie
Scholarship



Alexis Luna
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Scott Family Public Safety
Scholarship



Leandra Metcalfe
Loudonville High School
Joe & Deb Allerdig Family
Scholarship



Emily Rhine
Ashland High School
Joy Day AHS Mock Trial
Team Scholarship



Grace Ringler
Loudonville High School
Paul & JoAnne Weber
Scholarship Fund, fbo
Loudonville Livestock Club
Participants



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



Olivia Traylor
Samuel W. Jacobs
Memorial Scholarship



Wyatt Schlauch
West Homes High School
Paul & JoAnne Weber
Scholarship Fund, fbo OSU-
ATI "Dairy Cattle Production
& Management" Students

Harlee Parkins
(Not pictured)

Petrone Scholarship

Staff Updates

As we celebrate 30 years of serving the community, we continue to look for the best ways to make the most of our donors' dollars and honor the community by allocating funds to organizations that need them.

One way we have done this is in shifting and adding to our staff which has helped us to more efficiently fulfill these goals.

The realignment places greater emphasis on the foundation's strategic priorities, including effective grantmaking and community engagement.

President/CEO Jim Cutright continues to focus on vision and strategy, cultivating board and staff leadership and developing donors, while our newly-minted Chief Operating Officer (and long-time employee) Kristin Aspin helps execute our vision and mission as well as manage day-to-day operations.

Courtney McNaull has shifted from Communications Director to Community Engagement Director, and now oversees grant management as well as communications management.

Mindy Howman continues to manage office administration while expanding her grant-related responsibilities in her new position of Grants Administrator.

Liz Hosfeld has been hired as a Communications Specialist to support McNaull's communications strategies and create materials such as newsletters, annual reports, website and social media content, and printed materials. She also assists with general office duties.



Liz Hosfeld

Given Back

In **30** years, ACCF has given back **\$33,558,491** to our community.

Noteworthy

- We are pleased to welcome Vince Crew to our board. He began his four-year term at our annual meeting in July. As a retired private adviser to senior executives, he brings with him a variety of expertise and experience in the areas of leadership and strategy. Our newest board member can also speak to his experience as a former business owner.

- We also want to wish our outgoing board members well: Anne Cowen, Kristi Kirtland and Jamie Black. We are grateful for their time with the Foundation.

We appreciate the leadership and wisdom they have provided in helping to make decisions that will benefit our community's future.

- We extend our congratulations to Foundations Community Childcare on its June ribbon cutting ceremony and opening. Created as a result of our Women's Fund Childcare Initiative, the independent, nonprofit center hosts infants through school-aged children.

- This spring, our Women's Fund launched the EmpowHer Giving Circle, which enables Ashland County women to gather and support other community women through charitable giving.

Women in the circle choose to donate a portion of the dollars pooled from entry donations to go to a local cause. The other portion goes directly to the Women's Fund. At the first two Women's Fund EmpowHer Circle events, the women raised \$660 for OhioHealth Foundation's project to purchase a special camera for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at the OhioHealth Ashland emergency room as well as \$1,146 for Ashland Special Needs Ministry's respite care program.

- Speaking of the Women's Fund, this fall marks 20 years since the Women's Fund was established to enhance the lives of Ashland County women. We hope you'll join us October 21 for the Women's Fund 20th Anniversary Celebration and Giving Circle.

Since 1995, we have awarded **3,895** scholarships totaling **\$4,668,256**