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Building social capital in our community

Richland County Foundation President Brady Groves led the annual meeting in May.

Here are part of his comments:

In a letter to the Committee Chairman: "Dear Sir, It is desirable, as well as good practice, to remind people from time to time of the Richland County Foundation and the work it is doing and can do..."

The letter was penned by Secretary-Treasurer Norman A. Wolf and addressed to committee chairman Harold Osmond, March 8, 1951.

Heeding Mr. Osmond's advice, I share with you the work done by the Foundation in 2014.

A community foundation essentially has three functions:

It is a vehicle to fulfill the philanthropic wishes of individuals, corporations and agencies.

It is a grant maker.

And a community foundation, as an independent entity, is a community leader that addresses difficult

issues and advocates for programs, services and policies.

The new era of community foundation leadership has donors and foundation boards forging solutions. In order for the strategies to be successful, the Foundation must create social capital within our community. Think of social capital as the glue which facilitates cooperation, exchange and innovation.

In his book "Bowling Alone" author Robert Putnam summarizes a large body of empirical science documenting communities with the highest level of social capital have better physical and mental health, stronger economies and better systems for educating and caring for youth.

Social capital is a strong independent factor in explaining which communities struggle and which communities thrive.

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The annual report details the areas impacted by our fund holders, agencies and board through its unrestricted grant making.

Chaired by Duffy Carto, the Finance Committee, with the help of financial consultant Hartland, managed a growing asset pool of \$140 million. Making investment and spending decisions for 328 funds that will ensure a lifetime of grant making.

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Chaired by Sam VanCura the 2014 audit performed by Riester, Lump and Burton received another unqualified financial audit.

Thank you to our board members for their service and dedication to the Foundation and our community:

Chairman John C. Roby, Chair Elect Beth DeLaney, Treasurer Bruce Cummins, Secretary Mark Masters, Pat Addeo, Mike Bennett, David Carto, Michael Chambers, Chris Harris, Dr. Bruce Jackson, Justin Marotta, Julie McCready, Gunther Meisse, Jason Murray, Glenna Cannon Plotts, Chandler Stevens, Cathy Stimpert and Sam VanCura.

And finally, our most visible example of acting as a change agent is the board's decision to move its office to 181 South Main Street. Thanks to a generous donor with an affinity for historic buildings, the Foundation made a permanent investment to improve the southern entrance to Mansfield.

The new home of the Foundation gives credence to our motto: For Good. For Ever. 



Family members reminisce about playing at the William Ritter House

Brother and sister, Bob Jacobsen and Jan Petrik, played under the staircase in the William Ritter House growing up. It was the home of their grandmother, Clara Calvert Woodard. They shared their childhood memories with foundation staff members.

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RCF Board approves grants totaling \$350,000.

The grants were awarded from various funds to meet emerging needs in Richland County during the June meeting.

The following grants were made from unrestricted funds; Catalyst Life Services – The Center received a grant for a Collaborative Parenting Education program, Foundation Center for general operating, Mansfield YMCA for the Open Doors program, Neos Dance Theatre for Ballet in the Brickyard and Third Street Family Health Services to renovate an office building in Shelby to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care services.

Two grants were made from the Individual Assistance Funds to Mansfield Memorial Homes for Homemaker/Home Health and Rotary Adult Daycare.

The Board of Trustees also approved grants from donor advised funds to the following nonprofit organizations:

- Avita Health Foundation
- Booth Western Art Museum
- Boy Scouts of America Heart of Ohio Council
- Crawford County Economic Development
- Dayspring
- Delaware Community Foundation
- Downtown Mansfield Inc.
- First Congregational Church
- Friendly House
- Fun Center Chordsmen
- Funk Heritage Museum
- Galion Center YMCA
- Harmony House
- Junior Achievement of NCO
- Mansfield Art Center
- Mansfield City Schools
- Mansfield Playhouse
- North Central State College Foundation
- North Central Ohio Land Conservancy
- Ohio Special Response Team
- Ohio State University Mansfield Library
- Planned Parenthood
- Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center
- Renaissance Performing Arts
- Salvation Army

Malabar students learning experience



Program Officer Allie Watson expresses her appreciation to Malabar students and staff for a “Thank You” banner that was displayed during the school’s Math Literacy Night.

Malabar Intermediate School students unfurled a huge banner to thank the Fran and Warren Rupp Fund and the Richland County Foundation for their kindness and generosity.

The banner was displayed in the Malabar Cafeteria during a Math Literacy Night.


Malabar received a \$94,162 grant from the Fran and Warren Rupp Fund, the bulk of it, \$62,000, for the purchase of a five-year series of Go MATH! text books and related materials. The grant also included \$25,029 for field trips this past school year.

“Our students have benefited so much from this grant,” said Assistant Principal Tom Hager.

“Some visited the campus of the Ohio State University in Columbus for a college awareness day. Other trips were taken to the Cleveland Aquarium, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Ashland University’s Dwight Schar College of Nursing.

“These trips supported classroom work and state academic standards while stimulating students’ thinking about career interests. We couldn’t have offered these opportunities without the support of the Fran and Warren Rupp Fund and the Richland County Foundation.”

Grants also paid for after school math tutoring by students from the Ohio State University-Mansfield, promotion of Malabar’s two Math Literacy Nights and classroom projectors.

The board of education accepted with gratitude an additional \$77,621 from the Fran and Warren Rupp fund through the Foundation to pay for field trips by students at all district buildings. 



Attorneys, CPAs and other professional advisors learned about income tax related to trusts during a continuing education seminar hosted by the Foundation. Seminar presenter Attorney Edwin P. Morrow, III, Key Private Bank Wealth Strategies manager, talked with Elder Law Attorney Jack Stewart during the session at the North Central State College Urban Center.



Connections Fund members Krista Schmidt, Amy Staker Breiting, Carrie Fanello, Ashley Twedt and Rachel Schag

The Connections Fund of the Richland County Foundation held a Progressive Dinner in downtown Mansfield. Establishments that participated in the dinner were Martini’s, City Grille, The Phoenix Brewing Company and Blackbird Bakery.



Congratulations to JoAnn Dutton Award winner Jeanne Meisse



The award is sponsored by the Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation and was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton, former executive director of the Mansfield YWCA.

Jeanne Meisse was selected for the volunteerism award for her work in the community including

Other organizations Jeanne volunteers for include The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation, Mansfield Symphony Orchestra, Renaissance Performing Arts, and Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Community Development Group Beautification Sector, Friends of Kingwood Center Gardens and Pleasant Valley Garden Club.

The award honors JoAnn Dutton and all women in our community who on a daily basis demonstrate that individual volunteer service makes a community a better place to live.

The JoAnn Dutton award was presented at the annual TWIN Awards banquet held in May.

many years devoted to Catalyst Life Services, formerly known as the Rehabilitation Center of North Central Ohio. Jeanne and her husband, Gunther, have raised over \$1.7 million for Catalyst Life Services through an annual telethon aired on WMFD-TV. She also helped raise funds for the Ashland University Dwight Shar College of Nursing Capital Campaign.

<i>Past recipients include:</i>	2007 Betty Finlayson
2014 Joanne Humphrey	2006 Reba Gribben
2013 Chris McQuillan	2005 Lucy Amsbaugh
2012 Nancie Cummins	2004 Suzanne Schamadan
2011 Jo Black	2003 Mary Riedl
2010 D'Wisnberger	2002 Bets Risser
2009 Geneva Cummins	2001 Pat Bell
2008 Suzanne Davis	



Vickie Kane, Harmony House, Kathy Ezawa, Domestic Violence Shelter, Mary Jo Hull, Friendly House board member and Chelsie Thompson, Renaissance Theatre COO participate in the marshmallow challenge during the Osborne Meese Academy

Building capacity for nonprofit organizations

The Osborne Meese Academy, a program designed to build and support nonprofit organizations, will continue through November at the Richland County Foundation.

Half-day educational workshops have covered topics such as Standards of Excellence, Board Development, Human Resources, Fundraising, and Marketing & Social Media.

The Academy encompasses three key components: education, professional support and grant writing assistance. The new initiative was named to honor the Foundation's founding father.

Twenty nonprofit organizations were selected for the first year of the program based on the following criteria: willingness to collaborate to address community issues, willingness to embrace organizational change and growth, current strength of an organization with regards to programming, governance, staff leadership, financing, administrative, staffing and marketing.

Applications for the 2016 Osborne Meese Academy will be available in the fall.

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Scholarship awards increase this year



The Richland County Foundation has 75 scholarship funds established. The \$1,500 Ashley Yetzer Memorial scholarship was presented by Tom and Char Yetzer to Marilyn Day during the Shelby High School ceremony. Pictured Right: The Madison High School students standing were selected by their teachers to be interviewed for the University Club Scholarship. The Madison recipient, Arizona Hess, received a \$1,500 renewable scholarship.

Donors of the Richland County Foundation are passionate about education. It represents about 60% of all grants.

This year was no exception as the Foundation awarded \$441,415 in scholarships to 324 students. The average scholarship amount was \$1,362 this year compared to \$1,038 in 2014.

Of the scholarships awarded, \$210,000 went to 145 freshmen, \$78,250 went to 63 sophomores, \$73,574 went to 59 juniors and \$79,591 went to 57 seniors. Eighty five of the scholarship recipients are enrolled for classes at area colleges.

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and specific criteria established by the donor. New applicants and high school seniors must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA); returning applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA, attend an accredited college or university on a full-time basis and be a resident, high school graduate or student in Richland County.

To make a donation to an existing scholarship fund visit richlandcountyfoundation.org and click the "donate to a fund" tab. If you would like to establish a scholarship fund please call 419-525-3020. 📄

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The Women's Fund Advisory Committee awarded scholarships, welcomed new members and a leader during its June luncheon. The new members are left to right Jodie Dees, Susan Gentile, Kristie Massa and not pictured Dr. Erin Fain.



Scholarships were awarded to Katherine Gerhart, Jennifer Wicker and Jennifer Jordan. The incoming chair is Edie Humphrey.

What if we all gave on the same day?

First comes Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends.

Next is Black Friday. You buy the newspaper and methodically sort coupons and map a shopping route. The calendar flips to Small Business Saturday.

Cyber Monday is just a few short days later. Again you plan a strategy to buy gifts.

Have you thought about the next day?

Tuesday. . . . #Giving Tuesday

This is the third year for the worldwide day of giving launched via social media. It encourages people, businesses and nonprofit organizations to celebrate giving and acts of kindness during the holiday season.

December 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will be the local day of giving called Richland Gives hosted by the Foundation. It will be a chance for you to make an impact in our community by giving to a local charity.

A giving platform/website paid for by the Foundation will launch in August. The Foundation is seeking sponsors for the day of giving to provide challenge grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the 12-hour giving day.

If your company or organization would like to sponsor Richland Gives please contact Maura Teynor at mteynor@rcfoundation.org or 419-525-3020.

Thank you to initial sponsors Key Bank and Richland Bank for supporting the nonprofit community.

Women's Fund offers community lecture series

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation is offering a series of free educational lectures in the community.

Mark your calendar to hear Ohio State University at Mansfield Associate History Professor Heather Tanner speak at the Foundation September 9 at 7 p.m. on the current crises in the Middle East; "21st Century Middle East – Reform, Resistance and the Search for a Just Society."

Lectures presented earlier this year included "Cultivating Giants: The Art of Escorting Children to Greatness," by North Central State College Urban Center Director Cheryl Carter and "He Said ...

She Said...: How Gender Plays a Role in Communication" by Braintree Business Development Center CEO Bob Cohen.

The Women's Fund will celebrate its 20th anniversary next year. It was established to promote philanthropy among women and to provide funding to programs to empower women and girls.

Since its inception the Women's Fund has awarded close to \$269,000 in grants, including 22 scholarships to non-traditional female undergraduate students.

To support the Women's Fund go to richlandcountyfoundation.org and click the "Donate to a Fund" tab.

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