



# ONWARD TOGETHER

*A Journey of Transformation  
in Licking County*

**LICKING COUNTY  
FOUNDATION**

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR MISSION

Improve the quality of life for all citizens of Licking County

## OUR VISION

Licking County is an inclusive and caring community where residents feel welcome and safe to lead happy, healthy and hopeful lives

## OUR VALUES

We value kindness, respect, compassion, inclusion, diversity, transparency, accessibility, confidentiality, stewardship, collaboration, boldness, humility, honesty, fairness, optimism and innovation

## OUR PURPOSE

The Foundation exists to build trust, encourage giving, realize dreams, inspire hope, connect community, promote well being and improve lives

## OUR ACTIONS

We strive to act proactively, strategically, responsibly and collaboratively

# OUR 2023 IMPACT

67th Year of Operation

Grants & Scholarships – \$4,644,807 awarded\*

Grants – 380 given, \$3,344,079 awarded\*

Scholarships – 411 scholarship, training, and academic award recipients, \$1,300,729 awarded

Gifts – 661 received, \$3,207,407 contributed from 424 donors†

New Funds – 13

Total Active Funds – 324

Total Assets – \$143,837,881

(as of December 31, 2023)

\* - Includes grants from agency funds

† - Includes gifts to agency funds



The Village Network



Licking County Library



Future home of Explore Licking County



We truly appreciate the photography provided for this report by individuals, nonprofit organizations and others.

# Dear Friends,

If you are like many of us, you probably enjoy a change of scenery every now and then. Whether it's a hike in the Himalayas, a visit to a seaside town, or a bike ride across some of Licking County's beautiful trails, a journey of any size helps us refresh our perspective, renew our energy, and appreciate how far we've come. You might even capture a few photos along the way to remember the stories, friends, and memories you made as you traveled.

**As Licking County Foundation's journey continued in 2023, we were so fortunate that our donors and community partners continued with us as our fellow travelers on a quest to improve lives in Licking County. With our mission as our compass and strategic road map, we know that every step brings us closer to achieving that mission to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Licking County.**

Our annual report is a bit like a travel diary that chronicles everything we accomplished together in 2023, a very special year for the Foundation. We celebrated Connie Hawk's nearly 17 years of unflagging leadership, and are incredibly grateful that she continued on in a new role as Strategic Initiatives Director, heading up the completion of the Sullivan, expanding our role in the housing arena – and helping me to land safely in my new role as President. We kicked off the final phase of the restoration of the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark which will become the spot where visitors and residents in Licking County can start their own journey learning about our wonderful community and its history. We learned together about priorities and opportunities arising in our growing community, and provided service to our donors, investing in our community, learning together and creating opportunities for the future by growing our endowment.

We know that change can inspire us as well as provide a new perspective, but also sometimes create uncertainty. That's why we continued to share the impact of our work while keeping our donors and partners informed about our executive transition every step of the way. Thanks to the continuing leadership of our Governing Committee, our dedicated and growing team, the investments of our supporters, and the collaborative partnership of our nonprofit community, civic leaders, and others, we were able to explore new and exciting initiatives and again make investments into our community of more than \$4.6 million in grants and scholarships. On the pages that follow, you'll read stories about donors and their passions, enjoy snapshots from some of our nonprofit partners, meet scholarship recipients on their academic and career journeys, learn about new strategies we developed to grapple with opportunities related to our community's unprecedented growth, and read about changes on our team to expand and deepen our impact in nonprofit and educational support.

**On behalf of our Governing Committee and staff, we thank the donors and partners who stayed the course with us and the new explorers who joined us on our voyage to improve life in Licking County. We are grateful to our many community and civic partners who rolled up their sleeves and worked with us to make sure we kept moving forward, and to our donors for their deep generosity and steadfast trust. Thank you for believing that we're on the right path and can advance our mission with clear direction and unwavering resolve.**

With Deep Gratitude,



Mike Schmidt  
President



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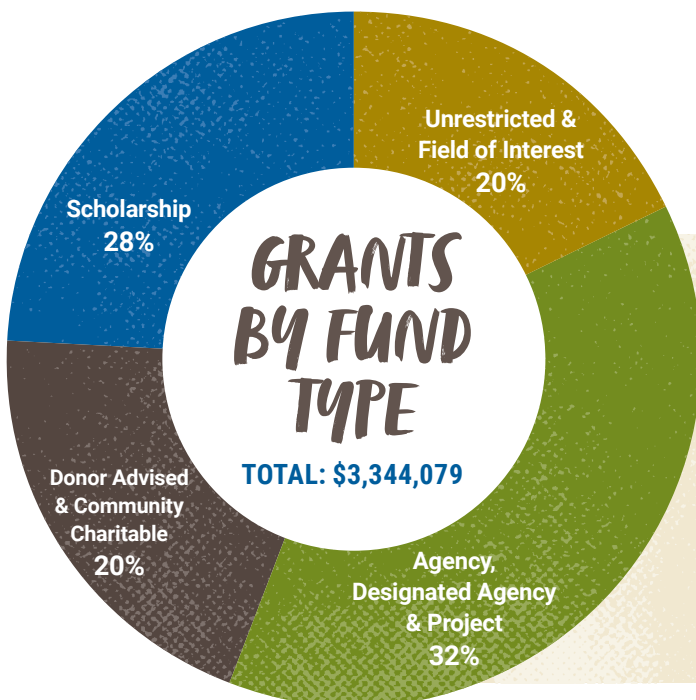
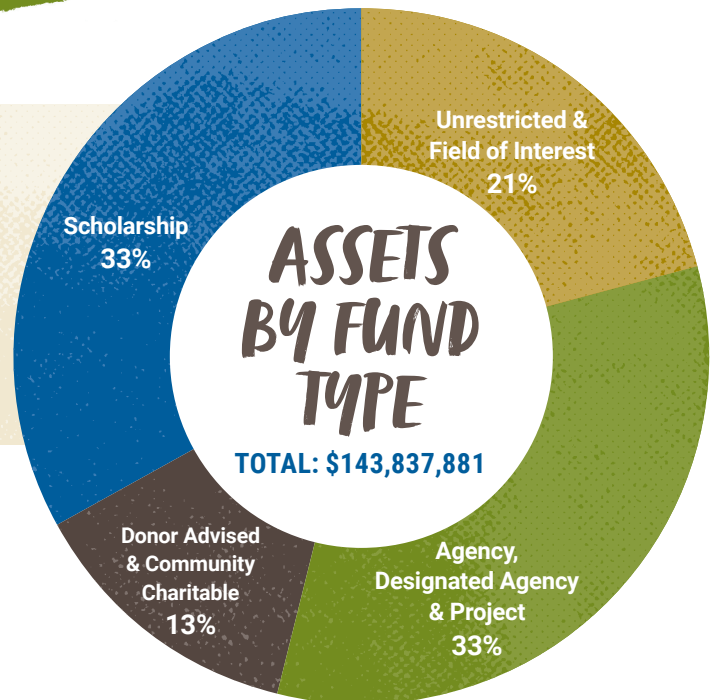
# Our FUNDS

BEGUN IN 1956,  
THE EPIC ADVENTURE  
CONTINUES

Every fund has a purpose inspired by the donor's passion for helping the community. Since 1956, thousands of caring donors have invested in the future of the community they love through gifts to the Licking County Foundation. Our donors have always come from every walk of life, and generations later, they still do. They are individuals, families, businesses and organizations. Their gifts come in all sizes and their interests are diverse, but they have a common desire: to improve the lives of people who live, work, play and learn in Licking County. They also understand they are walking the same path our donors walked nearly 70 years ago – and that their generosity will continue to live on well into the future.

LCF's endowment – the community's endowment – enjoyed a more positive position in 2023 thanks to the impact of gifts from decades of donors as well as new gifts, ending the year with **\$144 million in total assets**. Growth is reinvested back in the community through our grants, scholarships, and capacity building to support our nonprofit partners.

*(Foundation assets as of December 31, 2023)*



From strategic grants awarded from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds to critical support provided by Scholarship, Donor Advised, Designated Agency, Agency, Project, and Community Charitable Funds, **LCF investments in the community totaled \$3.3 million**. Donors who established these funds made it possible for us to shore up essential services to those in greatest need, increase access to health care and mental health services, reduce hunger, take on unique projects, advance scholars toward their futures, and enhance our community's recreational areas and public spaces.

# NEW FUNDS: Inspiration At Work

The impact shared by our grant partners on pages 8-11 is just a snapshot of the lasting change made possible by donors who have invested in our community since 1956. Below are the new funds who joined the journey in 2023. We also welcomed one anonymous planned gift. We are grateful to these donors who believe in our community and partnered with us to create their legacies of improving the quality of life for everyone. [View a complete list of our funds beginning on page 24.](#)

### Dr. Robert A. and Betty A. Barnes Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established in 2011 by Dr. Robert A. and Betty A. Barnes as a planned gift. It supports Licking County high school seniors with financial need and who are pursuing degrees at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical or vocational education institution. Betty Barnes passed away on November 16, 2023, and the family requested that memorial gifts be made to this fund. Their planned gift will support the perpetuity of this fund. *Established: August 17, 2023 (planned gift)*



### Behavioral Health Emergency Center Fund

This project fund established by Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc. will help the organization build and operate a multi-faceted Behavioral Health Emergency Center for providing a

continuum of care in one facility and serving the growing needs of individuals and families in Licking County, Knox County and surrounding counties. *Established: February 22, 2023*

### Buckeye Valley Family YMCA Fund for the Muskingum Valley YMCA

This agency fund was established by the Buckeye Valley Family YMCA to help support the activities of the Muskingum Valley YMCA, which provides programs and services to meet the recreational, social and educational needs of families in Zanesville and surrounding communities in Muskingum County, Ohio. *Established: December 12, 2023*

### Edna Felumlee Mercer Scholarship for Students Touched by Breast Cancer Fund

Michelle Hanger created this scholarship fund in memory of her mother, Edna Felumlee Mercer, who lost her battle to breast cancer in 2005, and in celebration of surviving her own battle with breast cancer. This renewable scholarship assists Licking County residents who graduated from a Licking County high school who also have been directly affected by breast cancer. The scholarship will be offered for the first time in 2025. *Established: August 29, 2023*

### Robert J. and Ellamae (Van Wey) Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kaylaann Hughes established this scholarship fund in loving memory of her parents, Robert and Ellamae Hughes, who devoted their lives to farming and to family. Both Robert and Ellamae were generational farmers; Robert's farm had been in the family for four generations, and on Ellamae's side, for three. Kayla earned her teaching degree from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in Motor Learning from Kent State University. Her professional career included teaching physical education and science from preschool to college level, managing a fitness club and teaching SNAP eligible students about nutrition and thrifty shopping. After her father passed away in 2000, Kayla returned to help her mother work both farms, and she continues farming to this day. Kayla retired from teaching in 2014. This scholarship honors both Kayla's love of teaching and the importance of education, and her family's agricultural legacy and commitment to farming. A planned gift also has been arranged to support the perpetuity of this fund. *Established: February 22, 2023*

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Every fund has a purpose...





**Adah Grace Krokonko Spirit of Life Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established to honor the memory and loving spirit of Adah Grace Krokonko, who was lost to her family and friends on July 7, 2022. The Spirit of Life scholarship celebrates Adah’s creative spirit, compassionate personality, love for the Licking Valley School District and gift of life she provided through organ donation. The establishment of this scholarship fund provides a means of keeping Adah’s spirit alive, while also helping give back to a school and community that has shown endless support for Adah and her family. This annual scholarship will be made available to graduating Licking Valley High School seniors and will be offered for the first time in 2024, the year Adah would have graduated. Recipients will have demonstrated history of academic achievement, creativity, leadership, community service and personal responsibility.

*Established: September 18, 2023*

**Licking County Housing Initiatives Fund and Licking County Housing Investment Fund, LLC**

The Governing Committee of the Licking County Foundation established this Field of Interest fund for the broad purpose of creating supportive, safe and livable communities for all citizens of Licking County by addressing the critical level of housing scarcity and enhancing housing affordability. The LLC was formed with a single purpose: to aggregate funds to make a single, collective investment in the Affordable Housing Trust’s Regional Impact Fund and other similar funds to build and/or preserve affordable and workforce housing in Licking County, Ohio. These investments are meant to address Licking County’s significant lack of housing as part of a broader effort to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in our area, now and for generations to come.



**Newark Walking History Fund**

The City of Newark created this project fund to support the manufacture and installation of plaques delineating the history of multiple downtown Newark area buildings. The fund will also support adjacent educational components, such as self-guided walking tours using signage and digital elements, to benefit the public’s understanding of and appreciation for Newark’s history.

*Established: January 24, 2023*



Newark Walking History Fund



*Sam, Rachel, Dawn, Mike and Winnie*

**Mike Schmidt and Dawn Egelston Family Fund**

The Mike Schmidt and Dawn Egelston Family Fund, established by Michelle Cramer, Founder and Principal of Cramer & Associates to celebrate Mike's service to the firm and his appointment as the President of the Licking County Foundation, is a Community Charitable Fund to allow Mike, Dawn and their children Sam and Rachel to make a meaningful impact in the community by supporting causes close to their hearts. With a strong commitment to education, environmental conservation, animal welfare, the arts and social services, the family aims to foster positive change and enrich the lives of others. As active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Granville, their values of compassion and service guide their philanthropic efforts, ensuring that their contributions create a legacy for generations to come. *Established: October 5, 2023*



*Jane Ann Smith*

**Jane Ann Smith Fund**

This designated agency fund was established by the Governing Committee of the Licking County Foundation in order to carry out Jane Ann Smith's wishes to support the American Red Cross, the Licking County Coalition for Housing, the Salvation Army and Licking Memorial Hospital. Jane was born December 6, 1941 in Chesterhill, Ohio, and was the daughter of the late Estel Ray and Flossie Anna (Work) Smith. She was a 1959 graduate of Utica High School and worked the first five years of her

career at State Farm in Newark, and then spent 49 years and six months in the office of the Shelly company in Thornville. Jane was a member of Chatham United Methodist Church and was a long-time member of the Order of Eastern Star. Jane's bright smile, beautiful blue eyes, wonderful laugh, and delightful personality endeared her to everyone she met. Jane passed away on August 25, 2023. *Created: December 7, 2023*

The donors of today understand  
**THEY ARE WALKING THE SAME PATH OUR DONORS WALKED NEARLY 70 YEARS AGO,**

*and that their generosity will continue to live on well into the future.*



**PLANNED GIFT**

**Martha "Marti" Andrews Fund**

Marti Andrews created this unrestricted fund in her name to address the needs of our community forever.





*The Village  
Network*

# IMPACT

*HELPING OUR COMMUNITY ALONG  
THE ROAD TO IMPROVING LIVES*



By the end of 2023 the Foundation was home to 324 active philanthropic funds. Of those, our Unrestricted and Field of Interest funds generously established by generations of donors to forever support specific charitable purposes form the basis of our strategic grantmaking. Once approved by the Foundation's Governing Committee, these grants are where the partnership journey begins for these nonprofits.

Informed by convened group conversations, data supplied by charitable organizations, the donor's purpose behind each fund, and regular engagement with our grant partners, our

"trust based" approach helps direct resources effectively to qualified charitable organizations serving residents in every corner of Licking County. Annually, the Foundation sets priority and focus areas in alignment with its strategic plan, and invites eligible organizations serving Licking County to enter into a grant "partnership" with LCF as part of a strategic grant making process to support new and existing programs, emerging needs, and innovative services that might not be started or continue were it not for LCF funding.

See the full list of 2023 grant partners beginning on page 28.

## GRANT PARTNERS SHARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR JOURNEY TO IMPROVE LIVES

Licking County Foundation donors through the generations have invested in us so we could invest in our community. We invited a few of our grant partners to share how the LCF's support of their work has helped them to fulfill their missions. Our story is told through the hard work, success, and impact of our grant partners. You can read a few of those special stories here.

### FOSTERING FURTHER



Dedicated to meeting the needs of kids, families, emancipated youth, and social workers of central Ohio foster care.



#### MULTI-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

"Funding from the Foundation allows us to continue to operate our transitional housing apartment building, Hope Landing. Together with the generous support of our community, we are able to provide quality, safe, affordable housing for young adults who have aged out of foster care." – Yvonne Williams, Executive Director

#### FAST FACT

When young adults move into Hope Landing, the units are furnished with the basics and stocked with kitchen, cleaning, laundry and hygiene supplies which they are able to take with them once they move on from Hope Landing.

#### 2023 STATS

- In 2023, 10 young adults were able to call Hope Landing "home" as they launched out on their own after aging out of foster care.
- 5 of those 10 young adults learned to drive while at Hope Landing, an essential skill for success that they are not typically able to obtain while in foster care.
- Volunteers and staff provided hundreds of hours of mentoring, instruction, transportation assistance to job interviews, medical appointments and more.

### GRANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT



#### ONE-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

"The Granville Police Department is using funds provided by the LCF to build a K9 training facility for members of the Licking County K9 Training Group, including the Licking County Sheriff's Office, Newark Police, Heath Police and other local agencies. SGT Dailey and Moke and Officer Nicodem and Leo perform a variety of functions for the Granville Police Department and are trained in Patrol Tactics, Search and Recovery, and Explosive Detection." – Chief William Caskey

#### FAST FACT

Police K9s live with their handlers, and when they retire, they stay with their handlers and the family they know and love.

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# LICKING COUNTY TNR

Licking County TNR exists to improve the welfare of Licking County community cats.

## ONE-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

Did you know that a female cat can have 100 kittens in her lifetime? Licking County TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) exists to improve the welfare of Licking County community cats, which is defined as unowned cats living outdoors in Licking County.

*“Support from the Licking County Foundation has allowed Licking County TNR to improve the welfare of community cats along with improving the welfare of the people living near them. LCF funding has supported the training of caregivers, medical care for unowned strays and spay/neuter of stray community cats to control population growth. And, LCF’s educational programs have helped our program become more mature and professionally run to allow us to serve more cats and people.”*

– Dr. Joanna Reen, Executive Director; Founder

## FAST FACT

In 2023 Licking County TNR completed a 1.5-year project to remodel a 36 ft. RV into a mobile surgical unit exclusively for TNR.

## 2023 STATS

- Total community cats serviced in 2023: 949...all free of charge!
- Licking County TNR is nearly 100% volunteer run.
- Over 125 colony caregivers have or are using their services.
- It costs about \$30 for LCTNR to service one colony cat.
- Sixty-five Licking County residents attended educational meetings on community cat and colony management.



# PATHWAYS OF CENTRAL OHIO

Pathways is the gateway to services which empower the community

## MULTI-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

*“The funding provided by the Licking County Foundation over the past three years has helped Pathways of Central Ohio ensure that we are always able to “answer the call”. The funds have been used to hire and retain the staff that answer our 211, 988 and crisis hotline calls.”*

– Kristin McCloud, Executive Director

## FAST FACT

Pathways has operated a crisis hotline since 1970! They have provided 211 to Licking County since 2007.



## 2023 STATS

- Pathways provided recovery line, answering service, disaster response, crisis and information and referrals services to 11,492 callers.
- The greatest number of calls were for financial assistance such as rent, utilities, food, clothing, and prescriptions.
- Over 500 people called because they were homeless.
- Nearly 800 callers were experiencing loneliness.
- Over 300 callers were having thoughts of suicide.

# THE VILLAGE NETWORK

Empowering youth and their families to build brighter futures.

## MULTI-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

*"The Village Network-Newark has utilized funds from the Foundation for general operating costs in our outpatient programming. These funds have helped us to support a day treatment program that serves clients with the most critical needs, helping them to build skills for success in the community."*

– Amanda Plant, Clinical Supervisor

## FAST FACT

The Village Network-Newark serves a diverse age population, from as young as 3.5 years old through adulthood.

## 2023 STATS

- The Village Network-Newark began installing a garden for our clients and staff to grow and enjoy produce.
- The Village Network-Newark partnered with C-TEC and Par Excellence Academy to serve children in the school setting to decrease barriers to service.
- In partnership with Licking and Fairfield County Juvenile Courts, The Village Network-Newark provided respite beds and services for youth in lieu of lock up for family conflict and domestic violence.
- Day Treatment programming was launched, serving those with developmental needs, trauma and problem sexual behaviors.



# LICKING COUNTY AGING PARTNERS

To improve the quality of life for Licking County seniors by contributing to their independence and healthy lifestyles.

## MULTI-YEAR AND ONE-YEAR GRANT PARTNER

*"Funds from LCF help us make dignity a right for our older adults in our community – not a luxury."*

*Support from LCF allows LCAP the gift of reminding our county's most experienced citizens that their impact is still important to our community – and their story is still being written. We just want the honor of being a part of that story.*

*Getting older isn't always glamorous, but it doesn't have to be uncomfortable. With LCF's assistance, essentials such as incontinence supplies and vision assistive technology help our neighbors age with grace and dignity – something we can all appreciate."*

– Melissa Owens, Executive Director

## FAST FACT

Center for Visual Improvement started its low vision aid program in 1988, and it continues today. Anyone facing a visual impairment can come test out different assistive tech/vision aids and borrow them for as long as needed!

## 2023 STATS

- Sixty-four (64) percent of older adults served by LCAP are solo agers, which matches the growing trend of individuals living alone.
- LCAP medical drivers traversed 128,065 Licking County miles taking people to and from appointments in 2023.
- LCAP serves more than 1,000 hot meals daily, with the longest Meals on Wheels route covering 150 miles roundtrip!
- If LCAP only had one meal driver, they would have to deliver a meal every 2 minutes to get them all delivered in one year (over 243,000 meals served in 2023).
- LCAP served nearly 5,000 Licking County residents in 2023, with services in their home, at our building, and everywhere in between.



# Scholarships

## SUPPORTING LEARNING & INSPIRING FUTURES

Since the first scholarship fund was established in 1964, the Foundation has been committed to helping students afford education and training beyond high school. Inspired donors then and now made possible more than \$1.3 million in scholarships in 2023 to help area students graduating from high school, renewing their scholarships, pursuing graduate or professional degrees, or deciding to start a training program or college a few years after high school. The impact on Licking County is significant. Students share their stories as they set out on their career and academic journeys. For a complete list of 2023 scholarship offers, see page 30.



### Ava Wandersleben

#### Kayla N. Hurst Memorial Scholarship

- Graduated from Watkins Memorial High School
- Attending Georgia Institute of Technology
- Major in Computer Science

Fun Fact: In 2023, Ava graduated summa cum laude and salutatorian from Watkins Memorial High School and summa cum laude from Columbus State Community College with an Associate of Science degree.

*"Your scholarship allows me to spend fewer hours working a minimum wage job, and more time following my passion of furthering accessible computer science education."*

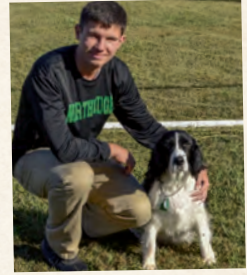
### Zeena Culberston

#### Dick and Clara Francis Scholarship

- Graduated from Newark High School
- Attending The Ohio State University
- Studying Japanese

Fun Fact: Zeena shares a passion for travel with Clara Francis

*"Dick and Clara Francis' love for education has gifted me the chance to pursue mine."*



### Jackson Knerr

#### Julius F. and Beula C. Lenz Scholarship

- Graduated from Northridge High School
- Attending The Ohio State University
- Studying Civil Engineering, minor in surveying

Fun Fact: Jackson hopes to use his education to become a county engineer.

*"I'm glad they (Julius and Beula Lenz) were happy to teach people because I know that I love to learn about new things and facts."*

### Alysha Wallace

#### Letha P. Headlee Licking County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

- Graduated from Granville High School
- Attending Cedarville University
- Studying Education—Elementary Intervention Specialist

Fun Fact: While in high school, Alysha was the editor of the school magazine and captain of the soccer team.

*"I hope to become an amazing teacher and intervention specialist after college and be able to give back to the community. I hope that I make you guys proud, and you don't ever question why I was rewarded with this scholarship!"*



### Alexandra Spence

#### Licking Heights Alumni Association Skilled Trades Award

- Graduated from Licking Heights High School and C-TEC
- Attending Central Ohio Technical College
- Studying Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology

Fun Fact: Alexandria attended both Licking Heights High School and C-TEC and completed the Clinic Care Program.

*"I was both honored and surprised to be awarded the skilled trades field scholarship. Your generosity is allowing me to pursue both my short- and long-term future plans."*



### Cassalyn Orr

#### Phoebe C. McMahon Scholarship

- Graduated from Licking Valley High School
- Attending Ohio Christian University
- Studying Business

Fun Fact: Cassalyn made the dress she is wearing in this photo.

*"I am very blessed to have all the help in my life that I do, and I hope that the work I will be doing while earning a degree, and even after, can help give back to those in need and be a blessing to them!"*



### Ava Markham

#### Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Memorial Scholarship

- Graduated from Licking Heights High School
- Attending Ohio Dominican University
- Studying Data Science

Fun Fact: Ava has learned about data visualization and manipulations, and has completed a project in Tableau Public that gives insight into Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and their enrollment and demographic trends over the years.

*"I cannot express my gratitude enough, but I think it is pertinent to reiterate that this scholarship helps to make my dream of graduating college a reality. You lifted a weight off of my shoulders for my next academic year, and, for that, I am deeply grateful!"*



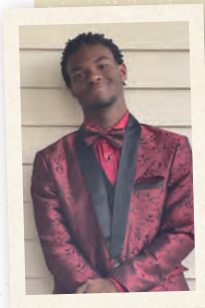
### Jayden Alexander

#### Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Memorial Scholarship

- Graduated from Licking Heights High School
- Attending Florida Institute of Technology
- Studying Aeronautical sciences, minor in flights

Fun Fact: Jayden will be getting his pilot license while studying engineering and the science behind it with hopes to earn his master's degree as well.

*"I find it truly remarkable when someone who's acquired their own success finds value in aiding the success of others."*



### Chloe Campbell

#### Ralph S. Wyeth Scholarship

- Graduated from New Albany High School
- Attending Otterbein University
- Studying Mechanical Engineering

Fun Fact: Chloe's family owns a small horse farm and was encouraged to pursue a career in STEM by her mother and grandmother who are/were math and science teachers.

*"I am prepared to work hard and take advantage of all of the learning opportunities made available to me. I cannot thank The Licking County Foundation enough for selecting me to be the recipient of the Ralph S. Wyeth Scholarship. It is financial support like this that will help to make my engineering dreams become a reality."*



### Story Laing

#### Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Memorial Scholarship

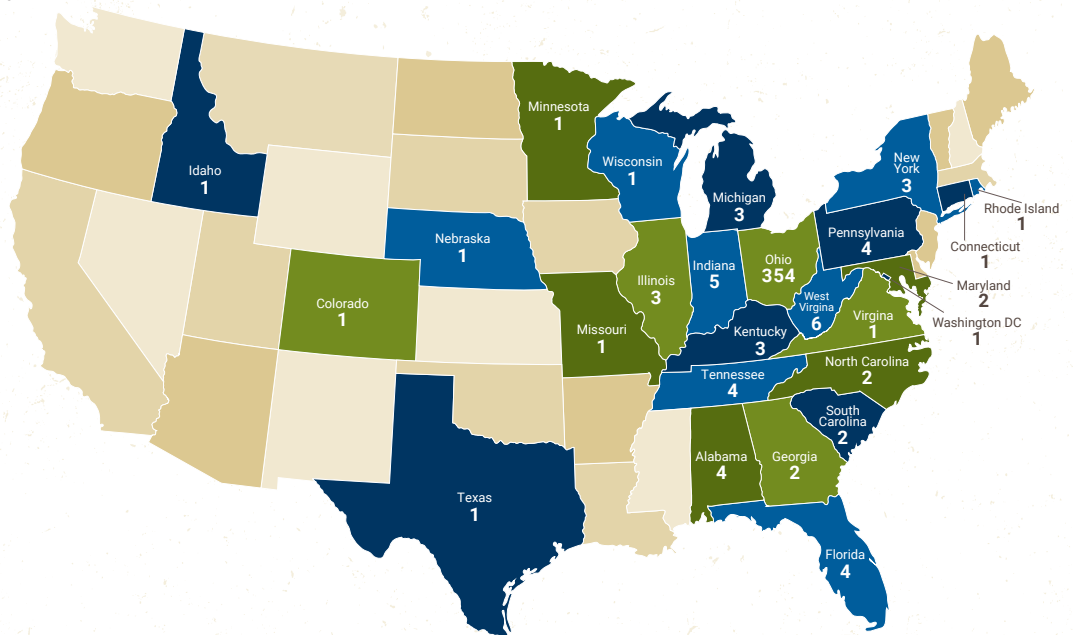
- Graduated from Granville High School
- Attending Wittenburg University
- Major in biology, minor in marine biology

Fun Fact: Story also signed on to be an athlete on the University's track and field team for women's pole vaulting.

*"I appreciate you placing your trust in me as I pursue my passion for biology."*



**WHERE  
THEY ARE  
HEADED...**



# A Celebration of Giving

## Dear Connie...

### Celebrating a lasting leadership legacy

In 2007, Connie Hawk strolled across the street from the Midland Theatre to take on a new role as President of the Licking County Foundation. When she made the bittersweet decision to retire at the end of 2023, we celebrated Connie and her extraordinary tenure, which saw unprecedented growth for the Foundation in nearly every way.

*"In 2007 when I stepped into the President's role, I gained new perspective on my life in Licking County and the thousands of generous people who live and work in our community. Looking back over my 16 years with LCF, without question they have been the most satisfying, challenging, and joyful years in my career."*

Connie led the Foundation through a remarkable period of growth. She assumed the helm when it was just a director and one and a half part-time staff persons managing an endowment of 88 Funds and \$43 million in assets. At the end of 2023, the team had grown to eight people and nearly 320 funds, assets approaching \$150 million, and grants and scholarships totalling more than \$5 million.

What made this strategic growth possible is the care with which Connie approached every single aspect of the Foundation's work, from our internal operations, to external opportunities, the compassionate leadership she brought to growing and supporting her team, and most especially her care, concern, and commitment to our donors.

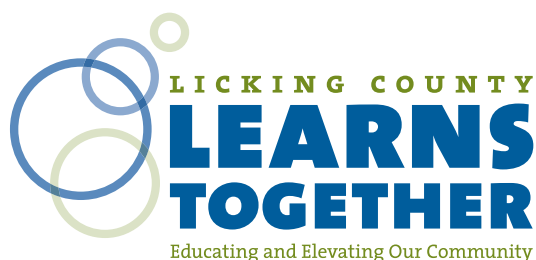
As the organization opened a new chapter, it goes without saying that Connie's legacy of leadership forged a path for our future success in improving lives. The Licking County Foundation is so fortunate that she remains on our team as our Strategic Initiatives Director – a new role that perfectly captures her passions, talent, and experience and allows us the joy of continuing to work with her.

## Thank you, Connie!



# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Every year, Licking County Foundation takes on special opportunities to improve lives in addition to offering our financial support. We continued our Licking County Learns Together educational programming, tackled a tough problem in a new way, and celebrated the restart of work on our Louis Sullivan Building of Newark. Read on to learn where these journeys led us!



This initiative is a collection of programs, partnership and educational opportunities that help our community gain, give and grow by promoting nonprofit organizational effectiveness and sustainability, developing the philanthropic skills of donors and professional advisors, and nurturing civic engagement and leadership. We continued our journey of learning together in 2023 with four well-attended public programs.

## Overground Railroad

In collaboration with The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology, The Ohio State University at Newark, Licking County NAACP and Newark City Schools, LCF was honored to support a visit by author and Columbus native Candacy Taylor to discuss her book, "The Overground Railroad," with nearly 300 students from Newark High School and members of the community. A grant from LCF provided copies of the book to all Newark City Schools sophomores. LCF donors were invited to have lunch with Candacy following the discussion.



## Subtle Acts of Exclusion

More than 100 nonprofit and business professionals as well as community members gathered at Licking County Aging Partners to learn about unconscious bias and how to address it.

Dr. Melissa Crum, Founder of the Mosaic Education Network, helped attendees understand how subtle acts of exclusion in the workplace can harm morale and what they can do to help prevent it.



## Estate Planning Basics for Everyone

Guest speakers Bethany Stickrad, Partner with Reese Pyle Myer PLL, and Matt Hatfield, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, tackled a complex topic with good humor, and provided an excellent foundation for attendees interested in starting or refreshing their estate plans.



## Allyship Training

Licking County Foundation presented two sessions of this seven-hour training to volunteers, business and community partners and nonprofit organizations to explore how to understand and utilize individual and collective areas of social privilege to advance racial justice through an intersectional lens.

Whitney Parnell, Founder and CEO of Service Never Sleeps, helped participants to understand and commit to practicing allyship.





# LICKING COUNTY HOUSING INITIATIVES FUND:

*The Creative Power of Philanthropy Changing Lives*

In 2022, Licking County Foundation conducted a community survey that asked one question: **“If you had to choose one thing to improve the quality of life for others in Licking County, what would it be?”**

**More than half of our 300+ respondents raised the same concern: the lack of affordable housing for people who want to live and work in Licking County.**

Adding to the research of this issue, the FRAMEWORK project, led by the Thomas J. Evans Foundation, conducted a commuting study that found more Licking County workers lived in other counties because of the lack of affordable housing, defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as rent and utilities costs that are at or below 30% of the occupants’ total income.

In 2023, based on all we learned, LCF took a significant step toward contributing to a solution by committing to support the Regional Impact Fund (RIF), a pooled fund operated by the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County (AHT). The RIF would make below-market loans to developers who commit to its affordability criteria to increase and preserve the number of affordable multi-family units of projects in Licking and nearby counties.



**LICKING COUNTY HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND, LLC**

Partnering to support safe and affordable housing.

The Licking County Foundation established the Licking County Housing Initiatives Fund and formed the Licking County Housing Investment Fund, LLC. The goal: raise philanthropic gifts as well as investments to contribute to a Licking County development project in need of gap funding to remain affordable to the AHT RIF. When the first project is identified, the LLC will make the first program-related investment (PRI) in the Foundation’s history.

The broad purpose of LCF’s housing initiative is to create supportive, safe and livable communities for all citizens of Licking County by addressing the critical level of housing scarcity and enhancing housing affordability, including:

- Building more places for people to live within existing thriving neighborhoods and communities.
- Prioritizing residents who are most severely or disproportionately affected by the shortage of affordable housing, including working families, veterans and older adults on fixed incomes, young adults aging out of foster care, and people transitioning from shelter programs.
- Making sure our growing workforce can fulfill their housing needs.
- Protecting lower income residents who are approaching or experiencing housing instability.
- Affording access to emergency shelter resources for those who are dealing with homelessness.
- Making concerted efforts to increase home ownership and provide affordable rent, creating a better housing market for all and allowing for generational wealth building.
- Supporting organizations which provide lending or funding to projects that address these concerns but might otherwise not be able to attain it.

**This initiative represents a new, creative way for the Licking County Foundation to help improve lives. LCF leveraged public and private funds to impact housing directly by stabilizing and expanding housing for all in Licking County. The process inspired coalition-building and will stimulate economic activity; support working households, seniors, and special needs populations; and help create access to housing for all.**





# THE LOUIS SULLIVAN BUILDING OF NEWARK ARRIVES AT THE *“Old Home” Stretch*

**After a necessary pause to focus on other community needs during the global pandemic, Licking County Foundation launched the final leg of restoration work on the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark.**

In 2023, this reset included a re-estimation of the project and a fun-filled live auction that kicked off the On The Old Home Stretch Challenge campaign! We set out to raise \$2.2 million to secure a \$1.1 million matching grant from our steadfast friends at The Jeffris Family Foundation to help us fully restore the Sullivan Building’s ornate interior.

We also marked the 10-year anniversary of stewarding this legacy gift from Newark native Stephen Jones that started it all! Here’s a snapshot of the excitement and progress made toward reaching the finish line.



### **Restarting the race, regaining momentum**

The pandemic caused unprecedented construction market conditions—and the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark project was no exception. Our dedicated project partners, Danis Building Construction Company and Rogers Krajnak Architects, brought their expertise to help us prepare to hit the ground running. Our first hurdle was to re-estimate the final phase of the project to ensure that LCF knew what our refreshed fundraising goal should be for the restoration of the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark’s iconic interior (which features the finest existing example of the famed architect’s elaborate hand-stenciled murals) and the renovation of The LeFevre Foundation Annex at 10 West Main (which will house an elevator to provide access for everyone regardless of mobility).

*With approval by LCF’s Governing Committee, the construction team mobilized and began the last phase of construction in November 2023!*



**In March 2023, nearly 100 friends of the Licking County Foundation, new and longtime supporters of the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark restoration, and followers of Louis Sullivan gathered in person and virtually at Apple Tree Auction Center in Newark for a lively auction to support the On The Old Home Stretch Challenge campaign.**

More than \$40,000 was raised toward the \$2.2 million goal that would allow LCF to secure a generous \$1.1 match from The Jeffris Family Foundation. Apple Tree’s Sam Schaidt and his experienced team provided outstanding professional services and generous support for this first of its kind event for LCF. Members of the dedicated Friends of Sullivan group stepped up to help promote, secure auction items, and set up and host the evening.

Limited edition fine art prints of the building, custom designed jewelry by Pugh’s Designer Jewelers, a behind-the-scenes tour and dinner, and a one-of-a-kind hand-blown glass lion joined rescued artifacts of terra cotta artfully displayed in wrought-iron stands custom designed by Wade Ranck of Eagle Welding in Newark comprised some of the 40 exclusive items. In a starring role, Tim Samuelson, the Cultural Historian Emeritus of the City of Chicago and one of the world’s foremost experts on Louis Sullivan, co-emceed the live auction with Connie Hawk, who has led the project from inception in 2013.

*The event proved to be the perfect way to celebrate the relaunch of the project that will culminate in a grand opening in 2025 – exactly 110 years from the bank’s first opening.*

### **Thanks to all who continue to support the project and cheer us on to the finish line!**

A dedicated and enthusiastic team of LCF board members, staff, volunteers and funders re-engaged to lead the fundraising effort. Warm appreciation goes to the core Saving Our Sullivan storytelling and fundraising team: Leslie Bline, Dean Busack, Eschol Curl, Jennie Dawes, Friends of Sullivan, Connie Hawk, Molly Ingold, Diane Marshall, Dan Moder, Jeanetta Pyle, Mike Schmidt, and Dr. Joe Tebben. They’re eager to share this community asset with both locals and visitors. **When complete, the building will serve as the new home of Explore Licking County, Licking County’s travel and tourism bureau and countywide direct marketing organization.**

# LEADERS FOR LEARNING Awards



*Celebrating 30 Years of Honoring Educators*

Our Licking County teachers have dedicated themselves to improving lives through their work to educate others. Since 1993, the Lindorf-Warner Memorial Fund of the Licking County Foundation has supported the Leaders for Learning program to recognize outstanding teachers who promote excellence in education in our public schools. The following individuals, nominated by their district leaders or principals, joined the more than 400 teachers who have been honored since this program began. Honorees received an art-glass apple award and a \$1,000 grant for professional development or to help purchase classroom equipment or supplies. We celebrated these teachers and their commitment to excellence in Licking County classrooms.

NAME	DISTRICT	SCHOOL
Andrea Scott	C-TEC	C-TEC
Jennifer Glaser	Granville Exempted Village Schools	Granville Intermediate School
Danielle Higgins	Heath City Schools	Heath Middle School
Megan York	Johnstown-Monroe Local School District	Johnstown Elementary
Michelle Vayansky	Lakewood Local School District	Lakewood Middle School
Kelli Weaver	Licking Heights Local School District	North Elementary
Robyn Mills	Licking Regional Educational Services Center	Phoenix Central
Adam Britton	Licking Valley Local School District	Licking Valley Middle School
Elizabeth Crist	Newark City Schools	Hillview Elementary
Barbara Almendinger	North Fork Local School District	North Fork Middle School
Ashley Ramsey	Northridge Local School District	Northridge Elementary School
Kelly Parker	Southwest Licking Local School District	Watkins Middle School

**CELEBRATING EDUCATORS LEADING STUDENTS ON A LEARNING ADVENTURE**



Andrea Scott



Jennifer Glaser



Danielle Higgins



Megan York



Michelle Vayansky



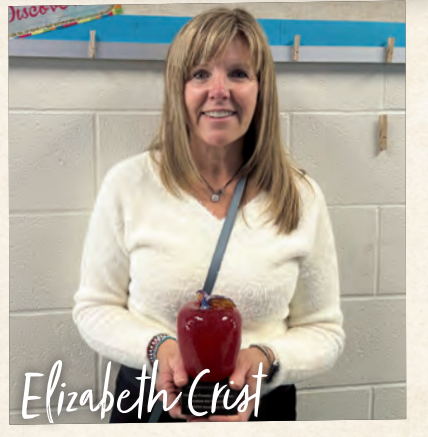
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Ashley Ramsey



Kelly Parker

Italy



Traveler: Sydney McNeil



# TIBBIE LESLIE



**SOMETIMES IT'S  
ABOUT THE JOURNEY...  
AND THE DESTINATION.**

For Tibbie Leslie, traveling the world as a teacher helped her understand how experiencing life and cultures in other countries can help us find ways to improve lives at home and in the classroom. Since 1999, the Tibbie Leslie Fund has supported area educators with the opportunity to travel outside the United States and expand their horizons and those of their students. The program was made possible through the bequest of Elizabeth "Tibbie" Leslie, a Newark native who traveled the world throughout her 30-year teaching career and was inspired to help other educators to enjoy the same learning experiences through international travel. Read on to hear more from our 2023 "Tibbie Travelers."

# 2023 TRAVELER SNAPSHOTS



## Sydney McNeil, Licking Heights High School, Spain, Italy, and Greece

"Before taking this trip, I had never been to another country or been immersed in another language, yet every day, this is an experience that the English Language Learners who I teach have. During this trip, I went to three countries, where three different languages were spoken (Spanish, Italian, and Greek). In each country, I had to navigate things like asking where the bathroom was, asking for directions, and reading menus in languages I did not fully understand. Some of the people with whom I interacted were very kind and patient with me while others became frustrated when I could not understand what they were saying, and I became so thankful for the kind store owners, tour guides, and waiters who were patient with me when I spoke their language poorly. In my career as an ELL teacher, I have always understood that it takes a great deal of patience and an increased amount of effort to understand many of my students when they communicate with me and I with them, but this trip allowed me to sort of put myself in their shoes, which I think will make me a better and more empathetic educator moving forward."

## McKenzie Davis, Johnstown Elementary School, Italy

"There are innumerable ways to tie this experience into my classroom of blooming engineers, architects, and designers... I am currently designing an archeologist unit from my time in Pompeii in which students will uncover "artifacts" and make inferences about the time period based on their findings, by hiding items in plaster of Paris to learn about proper techniques, documentation, and collaboration with their teams to make sense of the items they discover. ....I think I learned more about context and using history to frame future decisions, so in my classroom, I am looking to incorporate more background information to support student problem solving. If they know how others have attempted or succeeded in building, they may be able to use that as inspiration."



Traveler: McKenzie Davis



Traveler: Amy Shuppe



## Amy Shuppe, Watkins Middle School, Wales

"I will be using the information I gained during my trip to Wales and the various castles I visited to work collaboratively with my history teacher. The students will study the castles of Wales and read the book *Castles*. Upon conclusion of this, they will do a capstone project in which they will further research how castles were built along with their purposes. They will then work in teams to design and build their own castle projects. Students will be shown various materials gained at Hadrian's Wall in order to gain a better understanding of what the land was like at the northernmost point of the Roman Empire. These include books, coins, pictures, and models."

# Gifts

## DONORS FUELING OUR JOURNEY

In 2023, donors in Licking County made 661 gifts totaling more than \$3.2 million to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. Gifts established new funds, grew existing funds, celebrated special people or milestones, and helped realize special community projects – all to create impact in our community.

**We appreciate each and every gift and the donor behind it, including 14 anonymous contributors.**

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TO A BRIGHTER  
LICKING COUNTY



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**Licking County Trails Fund** – Preservation, promotion and maintenance of the recreational trails in Licking County

**Lift All Voices Fund for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – Professional development and capacity building for community leaders and decision makers to make progress in diversity, equity and inclusion

**Alice McFadden and Jack Barnett Fund** – Care and comfort of children with special medical needs

**William E. and Annie S. Miller Memorial Fund** – Medical care of needy children in Licking County

**William S. and Sue O. Moore Fund** – Non-operating and non-recurring beautification projects in parks and public land within the City of Newark

**J.P. Shai, II Fund** – Promotion of the arts

**Kathryn Wickham Shannon and Ora C. Shannon Memorial Fund** – Horticultural projects to beautify Licking County

**Ernestine and John David Spencer Memorial Fund** – Education and care of low-income children

**Daniel and Sharon Stricker Fund** – Recreational and educational activities for youth with preference given to economically disadvantaged children

**John Tegtmeier Memorial Fund** – Health and wellness, outdoor leadership and education, and music performance and education

**Fred B. Wollins Memorial Fund** – Improvement, promotion or beautification of downtown Newark

**Agency Funds**  
Created by local charitable organizations to provide ongoing support for their operations and programs.

Buckeye Valley YMCA Fund for the Muskingum County YMCA\*  
Camp O'Bannon Improvement Endowment Fund  
Centenary United Methodist Church at Granville Legacy Endowment Fund





Davis-Shai House Fund  
 Dawes Arboretum Fund  
 Food Pantry Network of Licking County Fund  
 Food Pantry Network of Licking County Endowment Fund  
 Goodwill Industries Fund  
 Granville Public Library Association Endowment Fund  
 Granville Public Library Association Gifts Fund  
 Grow Licking County Workforce Development Fund  
 Johnstown Area Community Foundation Fund  
 Paddy K. Kutz Community Mental Health Fund  
 LEADS Fund – LEADS Community Action Agency  
 Licking County Aging Program Foundation Fund  
 Licking County Aging Program Fund Supporting Visual Improvement  
 Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities Endowment Fund  
 Licking County Coalition of Care Endowment Fund in Recognition of Carol Bradley  
 Licking County Coalition of Care Reserve Fund  
 Licking County Coalition for Housing Fund  
 Licking County Courthouse Lighting Fund  
 Licking County Library Fund  
 Licking County Library Endowment Fund  
 Licking County Library Frances M. Banton Fund  
 Licking County Library Jessie C. Thomas Fund  
 Licking County Spay/Neuter Fund  
 Licking County Veterans Memorial and Education Center Fund  
 Licking Park District Fund  
 Licking Park District Boyd Wilkins Reserve Fund  
 Licking Park District Palmer Road Swamp Preserve Fund  
 Mental Health America of Licking County Fund  
 Midland Theatre Endowment Fund  
 Mound City Little League Fund  
 Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund  
 Newark High School Sinfonia Fund  
 Par Excellence Learning Center Fund  
 Reese Adult Day Care Center Fund

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio Fund  
 Southwest Licking Schools Educational Foundation Fund  
 United Way of Licking County Community Fund  
 United Way of Licking County Endowment Fund  
 Weathervane Playhouse Endowment Fund  
 Welsh Hills School Endowment Fund  
 Welsh Hills School Fund  
 The Woodlands Family Counseling Services Foundation Fund  
 The Woodlands Center for New Beginnings Capital Campaign Fund  
 YMCA Foundation Fund  
 YMCA Foundation Endowment Fund

### Project Funds

**Created by individuals, groups, and organizations to hold contributions raised to cover the costs of a particular project.**

**Behavioral Health Emergency Center Fund** – To provide a continuum of behavioral health care in one facility\*

**Don Edwards Park Improvement Fund** – Upgrade baseball fields

**Friends of Sullivan Community Projects Fund** – Promote awareness and foster appreciation of the Sullivan Building of Newark

**A Home for Central Ohio Youth Ballet Fund** – Procure, renovate and maintain a facility for the Central Ohio Youth Ballet

**Horns Hill Park Improvement Fund** – Upgrade and maintain mountain bike trails

**Mental Health America of Licking County YES Clubhouse Fund** – To cover costs of repair not covered by insurance following a fire in 2021

**Newark Walking History Fund** – Install historic plaques on selected buildings and add educational signage\*

**Northridge Athletic Boosters Facilities Improvement Fund** – Renovate the athletic facilities of Northridge School District

**Pickleball Facilities Fund** – Construction of public pickleball courts on Sharon Valley Road

**On the Old Home Stretch Challenge Fund** – For gifts and pledges to secure a \$1.1 million matching grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation

**Lou and Gib Reese Ice Arena Expansion Fund** – Expansion of the ice arena facility

**Saving the Sullivan Fund** – Restoration of an architectural treasure in downtown Newark

### Designated Agency Funds

**Created by donors to provide permanent, continuous support to particular nonprofit organizations or programs.**

**Albright-Rieder Fund for Bishop Flaget Scholarships** – Tuition assistance for students

**Alford Family Ice Sports Fund** – Scholarships and/or equipment for individuals who otherwise would not be able to play hockey at the Newark Ice Hockey Arena

**Alpha Chi Omega Legal Assistance Fund** – The Center for New Beginnings

**John A. and Dorothy L. Brown Fund** – Newark High School Booster Club, Newark Catholic High School Foundation, Church of St. Edward the Confessor

**CARE Fund** – Licking County Coalition of Care

**Lucy E. Cotterman Memorial Fund** – Licking County Humane Society

**Pam DeVaul Giving Back Fund** – Village of Hebron, Lakewood Local School District

**Elias and Bertha Edwards Fund** – Croton United Methodist Church, Croton Church of Christ, Hartford Library Association

**Clarence W. and Grace Marie Feil Fund** – Second Presbyterian Church, Marshall University, Ohio University/Ironton Branch

**Ben and Kay Finkel Fund** – Licking County Humane Society, Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio

**Flory Park Fund** – Improvement of Flory Park

**Grow Your Music Fund** – Scholarship support for Licking County students in grades 7-12 who participate in band or orchestra but whose families cannot afford private instruction for continued study

**Patti Guanciale Fund** – Newark Catholic High School library

**John Garlinger Hazlett Fund** – First United Methodist Church (New Lexington), First United Methodist Church (Newark), Licking County Family YMCA, Licking County Historical Society, Licking County Humane Society, Newark High School, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Education Fund, Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

**Dr. Henry Lynn Hook Fund** – Central Christian Church (Newark), Dr. Henry Lynn Hook Medical Scholarship, Herman S. Bauman Scouting Achievement Award, Hospice of Central Ohio, Licking County Alcoholism Prevention Program, Licking County Foundation Unrestricted Fund, Licking County Historical Society, Licking County Humane Society, Respiratory Therapy Department of Licking Memorial Hospital, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, The Salvation Army, Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, United Way of Licking County, The Works

**“I Need” Principal’s Fund** – Newton Elementary School, Utica Elementary School

**Mary A. Irvine Fund** – Trinity Episcopal Church in Newark

**Darrell S. Jones Fund** – Scholarships to COTC/OSU-N, Second Presbyterian Church

**KGMCAM Fund** – Alan R. Miller Journalistic Cross Country Award/Newark Catholic High School, University of Massachusetts/Engineering scholarships

**Licking County Historical Society Fund** – Unrestricted support for operations and programs

**Licking County Independent Insurance Agents Fund** – Licking Memorial Hospital, United Way of Licking County

**Lindsey-Tallman Fund\*** – Second Presbyterian Church in Newark, Lindsey-Tallman Scholarship Fund

**Ann Kiser Lowder Legacy Fund** – Robbins Hunter Museum programs

**Robert and Grace Luikart Fund** – Camp O'Bannon, Spencer House

**Jerry and Selma Markowitz Fund** – A Call To College, A Special Wish Foundation-Newark Chapter, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Center for New Beginnings Shelter, Camp O'Bannon, Mental Health America of Licking County, Par Excellence Academy

**Selma Markowitz Fund** – Hospice of Central Ohio

**McConnell Fund – A Call To College Louis A. Mitchell Fund** – Annual spring trip to Washington DC for all 8th grade students in Newark City Schools

**Newark Campus Endowment Fund** – Scholarships and other campus uses

**Newark Campus Property Fund** – Campus property on Sharon Valley Road

**J.L. Phillips / Newark Kiwanis Club Endowment Fund** – Camp O'Bannon, Licking County Sports Association and other qualifying youth programs

**Plymouth Church Legacy Fund\*** – Food Pantry Network of Licking County, Heartbeats for Life, The Center for New Beginnings Shelter and Services

**Betty and Tom Powell Fund** – Camp O'Bannon, Licking County Foundation Unrestricted Fund, Mental Health America of Licking County, Second Presbyterian Church (Newark)

**Cyril G. and Barbara A. Ransopher Fund** – A Call To College, Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio for Moundbuilders Guidance Center, The Dawes Arboretum, Licking County Historical Society, Licking Memorial Hospital, Newark Campus Development Fund, Newark Midland Theatre Association, Newark Granville Symphony Orchestra, United Way of Licking County

**Kathleen Reed Memorial Fund** – Language arts education at St. Francis de Sales Junior High School

**David E. Reese Endowment Fund** – A Call To College

**Reese Evans Midland Theatre Endowment Fund** – Midland Theatre

**Reese Evans The Works Endowment Fund** – The Works

**Marian S. Rogers Endowment Fund** – A Call To College, Par Excellence Academy

**Jane A. Smith Fund** – American Red Cross, Licking County Coalition for Housing, Salvation Army, Licking Memorial Hospital\*

**John A. and Dorothy E. Ruff Fund** – Nationwide Children's Hospital, residents of Harrison Township (Ohio)

**David F. Thomson Memorial Fund for the Newark Kiwanis Club** – J.L. Phillips/Newark Kiwanis Endowment Fund

**Treble Clef Fund** – North Fork Local School District's K-6 music education programs

**Gregory and Dixie Trial Family Fund** – Newark Catholic High School scholarships

**Lois Ferne Tucker Fund** – Newark City School District scholarships

**John and Christine Warner Fund for the Boys & Girls Club of Newark** – Support for operations

**Richard and Kathy Wenzelberger Fund** – Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities Endowment Fund, Selma Markowitz Fund

### **Scholarship Funds** Created by donors to help students across Licking County achieve their academic goals.

John W. Alford Scholarship Fund  
Mary E. Alford PEO Chapter DL Scholarship Fund  
Allen-Good-Willey Scholarship Fund  
Bill "Army" Armstrong Scholarship Fund  
Patricia O'Brien Armstrong Scholarship Fund  
Baker, Chilcote and Jones Scholarship Fund

Larry, Jean, Mike, Tim and Darren Brandt Family Scholarship Fund  
Brinkerhoff Award Fund  
Robert Ernest Buckey, Virginia Woltjen Buckey and Scott Buckey Richards Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Buddy Calliccoat Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Camp O'Bannon Scholarship Fund  
Matthew David Card Scholarship Fund  
Austin Careins Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Chamberlain-Powers Memorial Mathematics Scholarship Fund  
Coach Hardin/Coach Klontz Bulldogs Forever Scholarship Fund  
Tony B. Crisp Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts Fund  
Davis Family Scholarship Fund  
Grace Dils Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Marcia W. Downes Scholarship Fund for A Call To College  
Gracie D. Dudgeon Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dupler Brothers Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund  
Beth Barton Eckels Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Explore Licking County Tourism Scholarship Fund  
Clarence and Grace Marie Feil Scholarship Fund  
Dick and Clara Francis Scholarship Fund  
Pam and Dave Froelich Crimson Frog Educational Award  
Nathaniel James Gard Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Chief Jim Glover Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Granville Business Alliance Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship Fund  
Granville Garden Club Scholarship Fund  
George and Catherine Greider Scholarship Fund  
Guthrie-Hoover Scholarship Fund  
Hanover-Toboso / Licking Valley Alumni Association Scholarship Fund  
Letha P. Headlee Licking County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund  
Heath Education Foundation Scholarship Fund

Bill and Sue Henry Family Scholarship Fund  
Richard K. and Ione D. Hill Scholarship Fund  
Maxine and Diane Hite Scholarship Fund  
Dr. Henry Lynn Hook Medical Scholarship Fund  
John A. Hoover, Betty J. Hoover and Linda Ann Hoover Scholarship Fund  
Robert J. and Ellamae (Van Wey) Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund\*  
Kayla N. Hurst Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Wilbur and June Stagers Jenkins Scholarship Fund  
Mike Johnson McDonald's Scholarship Fund  
C. Vernon Johnston Scholarship Fund  
Kenneth Johnston Scholarship Fund  
Robert D. and Janet Schultz Jones Scholarship Fund  
Doris Orr Kaspar Scholarship Fund  
George and Louise Kinsey Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dorothy and Kay Klineman Scholarship Fund  
Adah Grace Krokonko Spirit of Life Scholarship Fund\*  
Lechner-Holsinger Scholarship Fund  
Julius F. and Beula C. Lenz Scholarship Fund  
Licking County Bar Association Scholarship Fund  
Licking County Foundation Alumni Scholarship Fund  
Licking County Foundation Horizon Scholarship Fund  
Licking County NAACP Scholarship Fund  
Licking County Pharmaceutical Society Scholarship Fund  
Licking Heights Alumni Association Scholarship Fund  
Lindsey-Tallman Scholarship Fund\*  
Charlene Litterini Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Jared Dean Lowery Scholarship Fund  
Floyd A. Mahard and Alberta W. Mahard Scholarship Fund  
Larry G. and Geraldine D. Marston Scholarship Fund  
Diane Kay Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Mazzone Family Scholarship Fund

Edgar W. and Phyllis L.  
McCauley Scholarship Fund  
McCray Family Scholarship Fund  
Carl and Maybelle McKee Math  
Award Fund  
Carl and Maybelle McKee  
Nursing Scholarship Fund  
Phoebe C. and Joseph P.  
McMahon Scholarship Fund  
Edna Felumlee Mercer  
Scholarship for Students  
Touched by Breast Cancer Fund\*  
Perry L. Miles Scholarship Fund  
Miller Elementary School PTO  
and Thelma Bounds  
Scholarships Fund  
Irma H. Morrow Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Irma H. and E. Clark Morrow  
Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Herbert J. Murphy Jr. Building  
Trades Scholarship Fund  
My Brother's Garden Keeper  
Scholarship Fund  
NHS Varsity Volleyball "PASS  
IT ON" Ghiloni Educational  
Award Fund  
Newark High School Class  
of 1951 Scholarship Fund  
Newark High School Class of  
1953 Scholarship Fund  
Steven T. O'Neill Scholarship  
Fund Partnering Education  
and Employment  
Oyler Agrarian Scholarship Fund  
Pastorius Battat  
Scholarship Fund  
Raymond H. and Beryl Dean  
Penick Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Robert "Bob" Pricer Award Fund  
James W. Pyle Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Thelma E. and Francis J. Rauch  
Scholarship Fund  
Hubert and Oese Robinson  
Culinary Arts Scholarship Fund  
Hubert and Oese Robinson  
History Scholarship Fund  
Hubert and Oese Robinson  
Horticultural Scholarship Fund  
Ross Moran Family Nursing  
Scholarship Fund  
Dale E. and Virginia D. Roth  
Medical and Nursing  
Scholarship Fund  
Nancy Schaller Scholarship Fund  
Anne and Walker Seidel  
Scholarship Fund  
Philip Z. Shannon / Wilson,  
Shannon & Snow, Inc.  
Scholarship Fund

Alethea E. and Norman R.  
Sleight Scholarship Fund  
Alethea E. Sleight PEO Chapter  
DL Scholarship Fund  
Noble and Kathleen Snow  
Scholarship Fund  
Anna E. McCullough Tharp  
Award Fund  
TrueCore Federal Credit Union  
Scholarship Fund  
Mary E. and Robert E. Turner  
Scholarship Fund  
Richard and Sally Uhde STEM  
Scholarship Fund  
Universal Veneer  
Scholarship Fund  
Utica Going Onward (UGO)  
Scholarship Fund  
Robert N. and Martha Jane  
Watts Culinary Arts Award Fund  
Alfred Wells Scholarship Fund  
B. David Whiteman Newark  
Kiwanis Scholarship Fund  
Williams Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
George F. and Virginia W. Wince  
Scholarship Fund  
Ralph S. Wyeth Scholarship Fund  
Rob and Beth Anne Young  
Scholarship Fund  
Young Leaders of Licking  
County Scholarship Fund

### Donor Advised Funds

Created by donors to benefit the charitable organizations they care about most in a flexible and convenient way.

Alford Family Fund  
Anonymous Fund  
Anonymous Fund  
Mary E. Babcock  
Foundation Fund  
Gina A. Buckey Fund  
Buckeye Lake Region  
Community Foundation Fund  
Jeff and Jane Cox Family Fund  
Heath Education  
Foundation Fund  
Hinderer Family  
Foundation Fund  
John Kozak Memorial Camp  
O'Bannon Future Projects Fund  
Lindorf-Warner Memorial Fund  
Cecil L. Mauger Charitable Trust  
Strategic Projects Fund  
Edgar W. and Phyllis L.  
McCauley Fund  
McConnell Fund  
B & J Mortellaro Fund  
Mulroy Fund for Social and  
Environmental Justice

Frank B. and Kay M. Murphy  
Fund  
Kathleen A. Murphy  
Foundation Fund  
Murphy Houck Family Fund  
Patrick W. and Cathy A.  
Murphy Fund  
Robin H. and Michael H.  
Murphy Fund  
Roney J. Murphy  
Foundation Fund  
O'Neill Foster Youth Fund  
Steven and Charlotte Price Fund  
Reese Pyle Meyer  
Community Fund  
Susan and Jerry Reid Fund  
Jim and Tammy Roberts  
Family Fund  
Rotary Club of Newark-Heath  
Fund  
Shiple Family Fund  
Noble and Kathleen Snow Fund  
State Farm Fire Safety Fund  
Joe L and Sue W. Yee Fund  
Pauline Chambers Yost Fund

### Community Charitable Funds

Created by donors to simplify their annual giving and support their favorite nonprofit organizations throughout the year.

Anonymous Fund  
Ronald B. Alford Fund  
John and Mary Jane Bakos Fund  
Paul R. Barnes Fund  
Busack Family Fund  
Michael and Barbara Cantlin Fund  
Nancy and Robert Dix Fund  
Robert Matthew Dix Fund  
Emergency Warming Center Fund  
Charles A. Flory Fund  
F. Trevor Gamble Fund  
Molly C. Ingold Fund  
Brenda L. Kutan Fund  
Mauger Charitable Trust Fund  
Jerry and June Nethers Fund  
Newark Kiwanis Community  
Fund  
John and Ann Oberfield Fund  
Random Acts of Kindness Fund  
Mike Schmidt and Dawn  
Egelston Family Fund\*  
Karen Sullivan Memorial Fund  
Trek Together Community Fund  
Julie and John Uible Fund  
Young Leaders of Licking  
County Giving Fund

### Supporting Organizations

We are honored to work hand-in-hand with these affiliate foundations whose grants are in harmony with Licking County Foundation's mission.

The John and Mary Alford  
Foundation  
The LeFevre Foundation  
The Lindorf Family Foundation  
The Patricia R. and Herbert J.  
Murphy Foundation

### Planned Gifts

Created by donors who want to ensure a positive future for our community through their estate or financial plans. If you have made plans to leave a gift to the Foundation and wish to be added to this list, please let us know.

Glenn F. and Alice Ann Abel  
Martha "Marti" Andrews Fund\*  
Anonymous (23)  
Dr. Robert A. and Betty A. Barnes  
Scholarship Fund\*  
Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter Fund  
Mary Eikelberry Scholarship Fund  
John B. Ewald  
Barbara Fletcher Memorial Fund  
L. James Gordon and Jane B.  
Gordon Fund  
David W. and Jean A. Goss  
Scholarship Fund  
Drs. Thomas and Mary Beth Hall  
Constance and Steven Hawk  
Robert J. and Ellamae (Van Wey)  
Hughes Memorial  
Scholarship Fund\*  
Kendal at Granville  
Endowment Fund  
Alexander Laskay and Patricia  
Luzio-Laskay Scholarship Fund  
Dorothy and Larry Layton  
Scholarship Fund  
Douglas B. Marston Fund  
Margery Lusk Mitchell Fund  
Patricia R. and Herbert J.  
Murphy, Jr. Fund  
Deborah Reid Fund  
Nancy and Harry Shepherd Fund  
Orville and Vi Benedetti  
Varasso Fund  
Timothy J. Young AIM Fund

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LCF's multi-year grant partnerships address priority areas related to **Arts & Culture, Capital Projects, Community Development, Education, Health, and Supportive Communities**

## 2022-2024 Cohort (Year 2, 2023)

American Red Cross of East Central Ohio  
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc  
Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio  
Buckeye Valley Family YMCA  
Fostering Further  
Friends of the Licking County Library  
GROW Licking County Community Improvement Corporation  
I Am Boundless, Inc.  
Licking County Agency Partners  
Licking County Coalition for Housing  
Licking County HOPE (for Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools of Licking County)  
Licking Memorial Health Foundation  
Licking Park District  
Mental Health America of Licking County  
Newark Development Partners  
Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra  
Newark Midland Theatre Association  
Ohio State Legal Services Association (for Southeastern Ohio Legal Services)  
Pathways of Central Ohio  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio  
The Salvation Army  
The Village Network  
Whole Living Recovery  
The Woodlands of Central Ohio (Center for New Beginnings)

LCF's one-year grant partnerships address strategic initiatives, specific donor fields of interest, capital needs, and focus areas related to **Advocacy for the Poor and Underserved, Animal Welfare, Mental Health Services & Support for Women and School-age Children, Transportation for Emergency & Health/Basic Needs, and Quality of Life for Seniors**

## 2023 One-Year Cohort

Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc.  
Business Volunteers Unlimited  
Canal Market District  
Catholic Social Services  
City of Heath  
Granville Center for the Arts  
Granville Police Department  
Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild  
Hospice of Central Ohio (Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio)  
Licking County Aging Partners  
Licking County Community Center for 60+ Adults  
Licking County Community Health Clinic  
Licking County Humane Society  
Licking Memorial Health Foundation  
Licking County Players  
Licking County TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release)  
Lower Lights Health  
Mid-Ohio Food Collective (for Food Pantry Network of Licking County)  
Newark City Schools  
Newark Development Partners  
Newark Think Tank on Poverty  
Newborns in Need  
North Newark Little League  
Northridge Athletic Boosters  
St. Vincent De Paul Housing Facilities  
Together We Grow Gardens  
Turban Project  
The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology

## Random Acts of Kindness Grants

Licking County Foundation provides one-time Random Acts of Kindness grants to organizations undertaking a wide variety of educational activities and community initiatives, or to support those with extraordinary needs. These grants are internally facilitated by the Foundation's Governing Committee and staff to support the good work happening in our community.

Granville Exempted Village School District  
Granville Rotary Foundation  
Hawaii Community Foundation  
Heartbeats for Life  
Fostering Further  
Licking County Aging Partners  
Licking County Coalition of Care  
Licking County Job & Family Services  
Licking Regional Educational Service Center  
St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities, Inc.  
Vermont Community Foundation  
The Village Network  
The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio, Inc.

**Donor-Interest Grants – Donors on a Journey to Create Impact Grants from donor advised, community charitable, agency, designated agency and project funds reflect the priorities of their donors and sustain the operations, projects and programs of hundreds of vital organizations serving Licking County.**

A Call To College  
A Special Wish Foundation - Central Ohio Chapter  
Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter  
American Heart Association  
American Red Cross, East Central Ohio Chapter  
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties  
Bishop Flaget School  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
Blessed Sacrament School  
Bonita Bay Veterans Council  
Boys & Girls Club of Newark  
Buckeye Lake 2030 Corporation  
Buckeye Valley Family YMCA  
Cafe of Life



Cambridge Area YMCA Foundation  
 Camp O'Bannon of Licking County, Inc.  
 Cancer Support Community Central Ohio  
 Capital University  
 Center for Disability Services  
 Central Ohio Technical College  
 Central Ohio Youth Ballet  
 City of Newark  
 Classified  
 Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation  
 Columbus Zoo and Aquarium  
 Companion Hearts Transport and Rescue  
 Convoy of Hope  
 Croton Church of Christ  
 Croton United Methodist Church  
 C-TEC Career & Technology Education Centers  
 The Dawes Arboretum  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Flourish Foundation  
 The Food Pantry Network of Licking County  
 Fostering Further  
 The Michael J. Fox Foundation for  
 Parkinson's Research  
 Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.  
 Give NeuroHealth, Inc.  
 Granville Exempted Village School District  
 Granville Police Department  
 Granville Public Library  
 Granville Recreation District  
 Habitat for Humanity MidOhio  
 Hartford Library Association  
 Hartford Township Fire Department  
 Heartbeats for Life  
 Heisey Wind Ensemble  
 Her Song  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 (Trinity Hope House)  
 Hope Valley - Helping Others Through  
 Personal Experiences  
 Hospice of Central Ohio  
 The Immokalee Foundation  
 Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio  
 Kingdom Pillars  
 Laces of Love  
 Lakewood Local Schools

Licking County Aging Partners  
 Licking County Alcoholism Prevention  
 Program  
 Licking County Board of Developmental  
 Disabilities  
 Licking County Champions Network  
 Licking County Coalition for Housing  
 Licking County Coalition of Care  
 Licking County Courthouse Lighting  
 Committee, Inc.  
 Licking County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center  
 Licking County Health Department  
 Licking County Historical Society  
 Licking County Humane Society  
 Licking County Library  
 Licking County Players  
 Licking County TNR  
 Licking Memorial Health Foundation  
 Licking Memorial Health Systems  
 Licking Memorial Hospital  
 Licking Park District  
 Licking Regional Educational Service Center  
 Look Up Ministries  
 Marshall University Foundation, Inc.  
 Mental Health America of Licking County, Inc.  
 Mid-Ohio Food Collective  
 NAMI Ohio  
 National Park Foundation  
 Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation  
 Naval Aviation Museum Foundation  
 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society  
 Neighborhood War on Drugs, Inc.  
 New Lexington United Methodist Church  
 Newark Campus Development Fund  
 Newark Catholic High School  
 Newark Catholic High School Foundation  
 Newark Central Christian Church  
 Newark City Schools  
 Newark Development Partners  
 Newark High School Booster Club Inc.  
 Newark Midland Theatre Association  
 Newark Sport and Event Commission  
 Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra  
 North Fork Local School District  
 Northridge Local School District

The Ohio State University Foundation  
 The Ohio State University at Newark  
 The Ohio University Southern  
 Par Excellence Academy  
 Phi Delta Theta Foundation  
 PLAN of Central Ohio  
 Robbins Hunter Museum  
 Rock City Church  
 Saint Edward the Confessor Church  
 St. Francis de Sales Church  
 St. Francis de Sales School  
 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Inc  
 Saint Luke's Episcopal Church  
 St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities, Inc.  
 Samaritan's Purse  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Serenity Street Foundation  
 Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America  
 Southwest Licking Local School District  
 Spring Hills Baptist Church  
 Susan G. Komen  
 The Salvation Army  
 The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry  
 & Glades Counties  
 Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance  
 The Turban Project  
 UNICEF USA  
 United Way of Lee County  
 United Way of Licking County  
 USA for UNHCR  
 Village of Hebron  
 Weathervane Playhouse  
 The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio, Inc.  
 The Works: Ohio Center for History,  
 Art & Technology  
 WOSU Public Media

*"As we work to create light for others,*  
**WE NATURALLY**  
**LIGHT OUR**  
**OWN WAY."**

— MARY ANNE RADMACHER



**Scholarship Recipients**

**John W. Alford Scholarship** - Taylor Conaway, Sarah Ghiassi, Audra Lacy, Brooklyn Smith

**Allen-Good-Wiley Scholarship** - Sarah Moody

**Larry, Jean, Mike, Tim and Darren Brandt Family Scholarship** - Nicholas Strauch

**Robert Ernest, Virginia Woltjen Buckey and Scott Buckey Richards Memorial Scholarship** - Morgan Layne, Caleb Payne, Emerson Wells

**Buddy Callicot Memorial Scholarship** - Olivia Pierce

**Camp O'Bannon Scholarship** - John Strawn

**Coach Hardin/Coach Klontz Bulldogs Forever Scholarship** - Brielle Keck

**Tony B. Crisp Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts** - Carter Russ

**Davis Family Scholarship** - Brendon Austin, Reese Callan, Emma Carlson, Kyleigh Clark, Hanna Clark, Avon Dunn, Afia Fosu, Camille Fuller, Abigail Gabe, Shala Graham, Austin Masters, Kylie Sopher

**Dupler Brothers Law Enforcement Scholarship** - Brice Kelley

**Beth Barton Eckels Memorial Scholarship** - Abigail Twaddell

**Explore Licking County Tourism Scholarship** - Morgan Powell

**Clarence & Grace Marie Feil Scholarship** - Angel Andreoli, Samuel Bennet, Hunter Beverley, Braden Bookless, Jacob Broehl, Brayden Buchs, Megnath Chamiagai, Addison Gordon, Cory Johnston, Soressa Kebede, Stephanie Kendall, Kristofer Lamb, Nathan Lubera, Alexis McPeek, Darren Mickley, Colton Milner, John Montgomery, Dylan Neighbor, Mathew Sheppard, Grant Spiess, Tyler Swank, Kristen Webster, Chad West, Tiernen Wolfe, Joshua Wright, David Yeremenko

**Dick and Clara Francis Scholarship** - McKenna Broyles, Zane Burke, Maxwell Burton, Anna Chapman, Katherine Chittum, Kalene Close, Haley Cook, Zeena Culbertson, Jacob Elam, Kiera Geiger, Lauren Riggelman, Caroline Sedor

**Chief Jim Glover Memorial Scholarship** - Brody Booher

**Granville Garden Club Scholarship** - Grady Galbreath

**Guthrie-Hoover Scholarship** - Jonah Ball, Alexandra Cannone, Grady Galbreath

**Hanover-Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Association Scholarship** - Allie Judd, Brenden Moore

**Letha P. Headlee Licking County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship** - Connor Fee, Alicia Graham, Emily Lipscomb, Alysha Wallace

**Heath Education Foundation Scholarship** - Abigail Ewing

**Richard K. and Ione D. Hill Scholarship** - Kathryn Branstool, Rachel Jurich, Tryphena Sarpong, Ashley Villa, Alaina Wycuff

**Maxine and Diane Hite Scholarship** - Nathaniel Streby, Sydney Wuertzer

**John A., Betty J. and Linda Ann Hoover Scholarship** - Aubrey Barger, Spencer Bowman, Violet Caton, Alexis Crawford, Kelebrant Hays, Mikayla Holtz, Emma Keyse, Samuel Lepley, Alexandra Mazik, Charles Meadows III, Carson Miller, Ciara Murphy, Kaitlyn Nash, Casey Oakleaf, Gabriella Pound, Emilee Redfern, Ethan Strauch, Jeremy Stuller

**Kayla N. Hurst Memorial Scholarship** - Megan Austin, Megan Rosengarten, Ava Wandersleben



**Wilbur and June Staggers Jenkins Scholarship** - Brandon Bishop, Sage Chesser, Makynzie Claypool, Evan Fee, Ethan Hersey, Nathaniel Higgins, Brayden Kaufman, Elijah Kyle, Emily McCullough, Kristen Minton, Erin Montgomery, Faith Ricket, Abigail Scott

**Mike Johnson McDonald's Scholarship** - Shelby Francis, Cierra Hawkins, Jillian Hunter

**C. Vernon Johnston Scholarship** - Alliyah Brooks

**Robert D. and Janet Schultz Jones Scholarship** - Ryleigh Jones, Christopher Leimgruber, Fallon Pitts, Madeline Vogelmeier

**George and Louise Kinsey Memorial Scholarship** - Natalee Breckenridge, Karlee Clark

**Lechner-Holsinger Scholarship** - Chloe Hamilton

**Julius F. and Beula C. Lenz Scholarship** - Lane Goetz, Gracyn Gullifer, Michael Hardesty, Dayavionne King, Jackson Knerr, Lillian Miles, Izabella Orr, Isaiah Rush, Isaac Rush, Austin Rush, Jaiden Stratton

**Licking County Bar Association Scholarship** - Luke Doyle

**Licking County Bar Association Law School Scholarship** - Kalene Close

**Licking County NAACP Scholarship** - Jenna Shackelford

**Licking Heights Alumni Association Scholarship** - Samantha Coe, Matthew Lammers

**Licking Heights Alumni Association Skilled Trades Award** - Alexandra Spence

**Charlene Litterini Memorial Scholarship** - Taylor Goodin, Cameron Neil,

**Jared Dean Lowery Scholarship** - Caleb Payne

**Floyd A. Mahard and Alberta W. Mahard Scholarship** - Austin Combs, Justin Flora, Kora Garee, Nicholas Novotny, John Platt, James Thomson

**Larry G. and Geraldine D. Marston Scholarship** - Shelby Autherson, Brienne Priest, Holly Skinner

**Diane Kay Martin Memorial Scholarship** - Zane Ramsey

**Mazzone Family Scholarship** - Makenna Wiley

**Edgar W. and Phyllis L. McCauley Scholarship** - Carly Householder, Nathan Hughes, Keryn Neil, Henry Pausch, Molly Rudduck

**Carl and Maybelle McKee Math Award** - Zane Burke

**Carl and Maybelle McKee Nursing Scholarship** - Elise Adelman, Hannah Cook, Kaylee DeBevoise, Katherine Morehouse, Elijah Morris, Julia Patton, Ella Porterfield, Amber Ritchey, Carley Schmidt, Marie Weis, Carter Wickham

**Joseph P. McMahon Scholarship** - Rachel Bollo, Charles Britton, Andrew Carr, Julie Haley, Zachary Lammers, Hannah Mohler, Dylan Niedermeyer, Rose Pasqualetti, Gabrielle Pastorius, Avery Spiker, Meghan Yeagle

**Phoebe C. McMahon Scholarship** - Cole Boroff, Sarah Davis, Carson Gano, Rowan Jackson, Avery Koester, Jonathan Marty, Cassalyn Orr, Ella Pegher, Seth Phelps, Aaliyah Roark, Lanie Schott

**Perry L. Miles Scholarship** - Bryce Isler, Adalynn Triplett

**Miller Elementary School PTO and Thelma Bounds Scholarships** - Caroline Sedor

**Irma H. Morrow Memorial Scholarship** - Hannah Rockwell

**Herbert J. Murphy Jr. Building Trades Award** - Wyatt Conley

**My Brother's Garden Keeper Educational Award** - Andrew Brett

**Newark High School Class of 1951 Scholarship** - Katie Smith, Elizabeth Wright

**NHS Varsity Volleyball "PASS IT ON" Ghiloni Educational Award** - Avery Reagan

**Steven T. O'Neill Scholarship Partnering Education & Employment** - Lauren Aamodt, Emily Bates, Lindsay Drumm, Georgia Gamble, Michaela Hanger, Siarra Hoover, Benjamin Kozlowski, Sydney Mason, Corey McCarty, Anna Mialky, Sophia Mitton-Fry, Sarah Reen, Isabella Marie Rodgers, Ryan Schmechel, Kathryn Selfe, Katherine Slayman

**Oyler Agrarian Scholarship** - Alayna Crawford

**Pastorius Battat Scholarship** - Alaina Barton, Arthur Brennick, Kylie Doon, Ciera Gayman, Melanie Giffin, Eve Harrison, Alexis Herrmann, Madison Holbert, Claudette Jackson, Zoe Kelly, Madisen Kussmaul, Heather Mitchell, Zachary Paulus, Andrew Reinhold, Ethan Starner, Hannah Swingle

**Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Memorial Scholarship** - Jayden Alexander, Elisabeth Arnold, Christian Arruda, Patrick Beharry, Henry Bell, Trina Boley, Amelia Bone, Aidan Bowman, Clara Britton, Jonathan Brower, Joseph Brower, Riley Bunstine, Josie Bunstine, Jill, Carter, Madison Cartnal, Lauren Chadock, Emma Chapman, Noah Charlton, Joshua Cook, Alayna Curran, Kenneth Davenport, Ainsley Decker, Carrie Dietz, Alexandra Farnsworth, Kennedy Firth, Annabel Fish, Kwasi Fosu, Craig Fouts, Olivia Garee, Hannah Gero, William Gilbert, Brianna Gullett, Perrianna Haga, Nicholas Harvey, Victoria Harvey, Andrew Harvey, Elizabeth Hedger, Lindey Helwagen, Marykate Hill, Grant Hoff, Ella Hoover, Kenzie Householder, Mia Hyme, Aidan Isler, Jaylen Jackson, Braden Kim, Story Laing, Jesse Lau, Augustine Lemert, Mya Lepley, Emily Manning, Ava Markham, Camryn Martindale, Clare Mialky, Seth Mitchell, Anya Mitton-Fry, Macey Myers, Logan Nethers, Hunter Nickell, Elizabeth Ohl, Ryan Ostrander, Allissa Pfister, Jarrett Pfister, Brynley Platt, Tatum Poulton, Celia Powers, Lacey Purvis, Holly Purvis, Mary Quick, Jack Rehbeck, Aevian Ricketts, Abigail Ruffle, Abigail Sanders, Sydney Sapp, Aiden Schmoll, Jeremy Schweiger, Julieta Schworm, Claire Shank, Graham Shoaps, Zachary Shrewsbury, Anna Singh, Kenneth Sloan, Samuel Smith, Audrey Sturgeon, Darya Sulkouskaya, Cormac Thress, Christopher Vadala, Ava Vadala, Colin Voorhis, Dylan Wells, Katie Wilkens, Jonah Williamson, Danielle Wydick, Steven Zurawick

**STEMfest Awards from the Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Memorial Scholarship Fund** - Amelia Bone, Kennedy Firth, Antony Goldenberg, Bryan Harms, Mitchell Mazzone, Cole Scarborough, Madison Thomas, Elizabeth Wright, Steven Zurawick

**James W. Pyle Memorial Scholarship** - Tacia Hendricks, Madelyn Hill, Amy Lantz, Emma Savage

**Thelma E. and Francis J. Rauch Scholarship** - Ellie Boggs

**Hubert and Oese Robinson Culinary Scholarship** - Hailie Drake

**Hubert and Oese Robinson History Scholarship** - Henry Mills

**Ross Moran Family Nursing Education Scholarship** - Ashley Clouse, Trinity Harmon, Rylee Higgenbotham, Sarah Selfinger, Cheyanne Williams

**Dale E. and Virginia D. Roth Medical and Nursing Scholarship** - Alyssa Angus, Allyson Carr, Amelianna Conigy, Abigaile Davies, Alison Hottle, Carlyanne Mayer, Brooklyn Shonebarger

**Anne Owens Seidel Scholarship** - Anna Belt

**Walter Seidel Scholarship** - Annabel Fish

**Noble and Kathleen Snow Scholarship** - Bryn Womer

**Alethea E. and Norman R. Sleight Scholarship** - Ella Blanton, Andrew Brett, Alyssa Brown, Brooklyn Cecil, Owen Croak, Cricket Eller, Jasmine Hallaway, Sophie Hunt, Griffen Jones, Nathan Loudermilk, Samantha McDonald, Alexandra Moon, Hafsa Muhammad, Tanka Neupane, Ameera Rasoul, Teagan Ratycz, Camryn Robbins, Nasrin Smith, Reagan Smith, Ainsley Work Mary E. and Robert E. Turner

**Alethea E. Sleight P.E.O. Chapter DL Scholarship** - Allison Dietz, Alasandra Spears

**Mary E. and Robert Turner Scholarship** - Brianna Gullett

**Richard and Sally Uhde STEM Scholarship** - Bladen Siu

**Universal Veneer Scholarship** - Spencer Showalter

**Alfred Wells Scholarship** - Sadie Holman

**B. David Whiteman Newark Kiwanis Scholarship** - Nicholas Richards

**Williams Memorial Scholarship** - Gwendolyn Blasco, Ashley Burgess, Olivia Carnevale, Lindsey Castillo, Rylan Celajes, Madeline Daugherty, Joshua Hare, Drew Oberholtzer, Olivia Perry, Avery Reagan, Alexa Schwabe, Lillian Six, Benjamin Smith, Lauren Tucker, Abigail Warner, Carolyn Williams

**Ralph S. Wyeth Scholarship** - Mackenzie Blume, Brody Booher, Chloe Campbell, Anthony Franks, Kaylyn Hopf, Camryn Mauter, Olivia Pierce, Macey Ranck, Amanda Shults, H. Luke Swearingen, Anabela Vivero, Hannah Yantiss



**411**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**RECIPIENTS**  
**\$1.3 MILLION**  
**AWARDED**

\*Including externally selected scholars.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**RANGE FROM**

**\$1,000-**  
**\$9,000**



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Stewarding Charitable Assets and Legacies

*“Go into the world  
and do well.*

*But more importantly,*

**GO INTO  
THE WORLD  
AND DO  
GOOD.”**

– MINOR MYERS, JR.

### The Licking County Foundation & Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2023 and 2022

ASSETS	2023	2022
Cash	\$58,735	\$64,071
Receivables, net	559,549	345,496
Prepaid expenses	18,775	18,225
Charitable lead annuity trust receivable, net	197,819	227,253
Investments		
Private equity funds	291,443	478,590
Marketable securities	132,447,483	116,415,595
Total investments	132,738,926	116,894,185
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	2,684,360	2,447,126
Property and Equipment, Net	7,579,717	7,539,170
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$143,837,881</b>	<b>\$127,535,526</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$33,206	\$18,009
Grants payable	324,630	284,450
UBIT payable	-	426,450
Agency fund liabilities	13,076,175	11,441,490
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,434,011</b>	<b>12,170,399</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Donor advised	17,915,206	15,600,123
Community charitable and project	5,074,987	4,987,005
Designated	26,189,285	23,127,340
Field of interest	14,628,400	12,919,241
Scholarship	46,469,604	41,044,573
Other	16,468,845	14,483,090
	126,746,327	112,161,372
With donor restrictions	3,657,543	3,203,755
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>130,403,870</b>	<b>115,365,127</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$143,837,881</b>	<b>\$127,535,526</b>

*This financial information was excerpted from the Licking County Foundation's audited financial statements dated August 8, 2024, for which an unmodified opinion was expressed. A copy of the audited financial statements is available by visiting the Foundation's website: [www.thelcfoundation.org](http://www.thelcfoundation.org).*



Stewardship of the assets entrusted to us is one of our most important responsibilities. When gifts are placed in our care, donors can count on the Foundation to operate efficiently and invest wisely so that their gifts serve the community forever.



### The Licking County Foundation & Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2023 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2023 Total	2022 Total
<b>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Contribution revenue	\$2,420,814	\$492,802	\$2,913,616	\$7,512,557
Investment gain (loss), net	17,090,158	6,758	17,096,916	(19,075,938)
Change in value of beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-	370,372	370,372	(541,083)
Real estate rental revenue	31,752	-	31,752	31,752
Change in present value of annuities	-	7,386	7,386	8,312
Miscellaneous revenue	15,617	20	15,637	14,412
<b>Total revenues, gains (losses) and other support</b>	<b>19,558,341</b>	<b>877,338</b>	<b>20,435,679</b>	<b>(12,049,988)</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	423,550	(423,550)	-	-
<b>Total revenues, gains (losses) and other support</b>	<b>19,981,891</b>	<b>453,788</b>	<b>20,435,679</b>	<b>(12,049,988)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services	4,703,508	-	4,703,508	5,767,322
Management and general	354,534	-	354,534	816,373
Fundraising	338,894	-	338,894	332,594
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>5,396,936</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,396,936</b>	<b>6,916,289</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>14,584,955</b>	<b>453,788</b>	<b>15,038,743</b>	<b>(18,966,277)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>112,161,372</b>	<b>3,203,755</b>	<b>115,365,127</b>	<b>134,331,404</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$126,746,327</b>	<b>\$3,657,543</b>	<b>\$130,403,870</b>	<b>\$115,365,127</b>

# About Us

**CARING, COMMITTED  
AND CONNECTED**



## Governing Committee... Dedicated Community Leaders

The Foundation's board members are dedicated to ensuring that each gift entrusted to LCF is used within the donor's intent to enhance this area's quality of life.

### FY 2023 – Board Members

- Molly Ingold – Chair
- Warren Weber – Vice Chair
- Joan Franks – Secretary/Treasurer
- Noble Snow – Immediate Past Chair
- Kim Coplin
- Doug Feller
- Chase Ghiloni
- Andrew Guanciale\*\*
- Scott Hayes\*\*
- Deborah Kohman
- Cynthia Menzer
- Ryan Mills\*
- Janine Mortellaro\*
- Robert O'Neill
- Jeanetta Pyle
- Michael Whitehead

\*Retired 2023 \*\*Appointed 2024

Emeritus – Jerry McClain, Bill McConnell,  
Frank Murphy, Stu Parsons  
Founders – Howard LeFevre, Gib Reese

A team of caring board, staff and volunteers provide philanthropic leadership that inspires citizens, stimulates change and supports efforts to improve the quality of life in the community.



## Staff... Here to Help

The Foundation's staff appreciates the opportunity to help donors and community partners improve lives across Licking County.

### Current Staff

- Leslie Bline – Donor Services and Communications Manager
- Dean Busack – Vice President of Finance and Operations
- Jennie Dawes – Donor Services Officer
- Amy Dell – Program Officer, Education and Scholarship
- Connie Hawk – Strategic Initiatives Director
- Becca Mastroianni – Finance and Program Associate
- Diane Marshall – Administrative Associate
- Bobby Persinger – Program Officer, Grants and Capacity Building
- Mike Schmidt – President

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS... HELP ADVANCE OUR MISSION FORWARD

What Licking County Foundation achieves would not be possible without the help of nearly 200 community volunteers. Our committees report to the full Governing Committee and consist of board members and other community volunteers who are vital to keep our mission moving forward.



Scan QR code for a full listing of these committees and the dedicated local volunteers who serve on them.  
**To learn more about volunteering for one of our committees, please contact us at 740.349.3863.**

# JOIN THE JOURNEY

*Transform Lives Through Generosity*

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Helping donors on their journey to help others is our first priority, whether they are inspired to make a gift today or plan to leave a legacy. Every gift to the Licking County Foundation is a gift back to the community and helps us to continue our mission to improve lives: gifts provide stability for important ongoing community programs, create a safety net for essential services in tough times, and make it possible to explore new opportunities. Our donors are individuals, organizations, and businesses. Every gift, no matter the size, adds to our ability to create hope and improve lives.

We offer a full range of philanthropic services to help donors. Our understanding of the Licking County community can be a resource to you in choosing an organization or cause to support. Our team is knowledgeable about many kinds of gifts and works closely with exceptional professional advisors. We can work with you directly or with your advisors to help create a giving strategy that supports what you care about most in a way that fits with your financial goals.

## **The Community's Endowment – For Licking County, Forever**

The Licking County Foundation's endowment has grown over the last six decades not because of a few large donors, but because of thousands of gifts of all sizes from people who care deeply about changing lives. A donor can:

- Create a named fund to support specific charitable interests.
- Contribute to any fund at the Foundation at any time and in any amount.
- Contribute to honor or remember special people or celebrate life events and milestones.
- Contribute to the Foundation's Unrestricted Fund to address the area's most immediate needs at any time, year after year.

## **How To Give**

The Licking County Foundation can accept gifts in many forms to fit a donor's needs:

- Gifts of cash (check or credit card) or publicly traded securities
- Assignments of life insurance policies
- Charitable IRA Rollovers
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Bequests
- Transfer of private foundation assets
- Real estate
- Gifts of tangible personal property

We would love to help you support what you care about most. To learn more about establishing a fund or making a gift to the Licking County Foundation to reach your philanthropic goals, please contact:

**Mike Schmidt** – 740.349.3863 x102  
mike@thelcfoundation.org

**Jennie Dawes** – 740.349.3863 x101  
jennie@thelcfoundation.org

\*There are restrictions for some fund types on tax deductibility of certain assets. We encourage you to work with your estate planning professional or tax advisor to determine the type of gift that is right for you and your family.

# LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION

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EVERYONE.**

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*Foundation Park*

See page 35 for information on how you can turn your compassion into action, or call 740.349.3863 to learn more.