

BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION

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BRYAN ESTABLISHES 2020 CLUB

The 2020 Club is a new partnership created between the Bryan Area Foundation and a group of philanthropic investors that endeavor to establish a major initiative in the community that will positively impact and improve the quality of life in Bryan for now and generations to come.

How It Started - After an initial meeting in the fall of 2008, a group of community-minded people gave the “green light” to establish a giving circle to be named the 2020 Club - a reference to the intended completion date of the yet-to-be-determined initiative.

Additionally, the group determined that the 2020 Club would be open to any investor, resident or non-resident of Bryan, who wanted to make an impact and leave a lasting legacy.

How It Works - Donors become “investors” in the Club by making small

but consistent donations to the investment pool. In return for each donation, the donor is credited with purchasing a “share” of the overall investment.

As shareholders, donors will have input and take part in the planning process as the 2020 Club begins the selection process for the major initiative. The cost of a share in the Club is expected to be \$50 with a minimum share purchase of 12 shares per year. Nearly \$1 million could be raised with just 150 investors donating the minimum share requirement. All donations are tax-deductible.

Find Out More - Anyone interested in the 2020 Club is invited to the next planning meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 5:15 - 6:30 at Seasons Coffee & Bistro in downtown Bryan. Call the Bryan Area Foundation at 419-633-1156 to RSVP.

BAF PARTNERS WITH STANFORD UNIVERSITY

“The prime function of a leader is to keep hope alive,” said John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Thanks to the generous donations of several individuals, the Bryan Area Foundation is doing just that – keeping hope alive – by investing its resources in a new youth leadership program called

YELL: Youth Engaged in Leadership & Learning.

After an extensive recruiting process, 20 ninth and tenth grade students from the Bryan area were selected to be part of the inaugural YELL Board of directors. As members of YELL, students have the privilege of participating in a tested leadership curriculum developed

DID YOU KNOW?

- *Only about 30% of the Foundation’s assets are unrestricted for the community at-large*
- *There are over 275 funds administered by the Foundation.*
- *Funds in the Foundation benefit our kids, parks, pets, churches, schools and a whole lot more.*
- *Anyone can contribute any amount to the community fund. Contact the office at 419-633-1156 and find out how!*

JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY!

The Foundation has established a Legacy Society to recognize people who are planning for gifts today that will provide significant benefits to our community in the future.

Find out how you can become a Legacy Society Member by calling 419-633-1156.



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COMMUNITY DRIVEN.**



New Funds Established

Bryan Area Foundation

Pepple Family Community Fund
Roger and Shelley Wanner Designated Fund

Montpelier Area Foundation

Grace Geesey Community Fund

Fund Definitions

Community - Created by an individual for the perpetual benefit of the community

Designated - Created by an individual for the perpetual benefit of a specific, qualified charitable organization

Field of Interest - Created by an individual for the perpetual benefit of an organization serving the needs in a particular area (e.g. animals, parks, youth, women)

Scholarship - Created by an individual for the perpetual benefit of students pursuing a college education

Agency Endowment - Created by a qualified charitable agency for the operational benefit of that organization

Donor Advised - Created by an individual to maintain advisory privileges over distributions with approval of Trustees

Acorn - Created to give individuals, families, and organizations a simple and flexible way to build an endowment fund with the Foundation

Administrative - Created to provide support for the ongoing operations of the Bryan Area Foundation

BAF - STANFORD PARTNERSHIP (CONT'D)

by the John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford University.

YELL Board members will take the skills learned from the John W. Gardner Center leadership curriculum and apply them in an authentic administrative situation where they govern themselves as they manage a youth-led philanthropic board of directors.

“The bottom line is this: students will have real money to give away to real causes and, in order to make that happen, they will have to make real decisions under the direction of real leadership,” says YELL Program Advisor, Rhonda Owens. “Ideally, the Program Advisor will become an administrative assistant to the leadership of the YELL Board allowing

students to be the bona fide voice of their organization.”

As partners with the John W. Gardner Center, the Bryan YELL Board has the privilege of using a tested and honed curriculum, as well as a name – YELL – that encompasses the true essence of the program. In exchange, the John W. Gardner Center is looking to the Bryan YELL group to provide insight into how a philanthropic component can be incorporated into leadership training.

“It’s a win-win situation,” says Owens.

The Bryan Area Foundation is proud to promote YELL. After all, is there a better way to “keep hope alive” than to invest in the youth of one’s community?

TYPES OF GIFTS ACCEPTED BY THE FOUNDATION

- Cash
- Real estate, including business, residential or farmland
- Life insurance
- Securities traded on major exchanges
- Closely held stock
- Oil and gas leases
- Annuities
- Remainder and Lead Trusts
- Retained Life Estate