



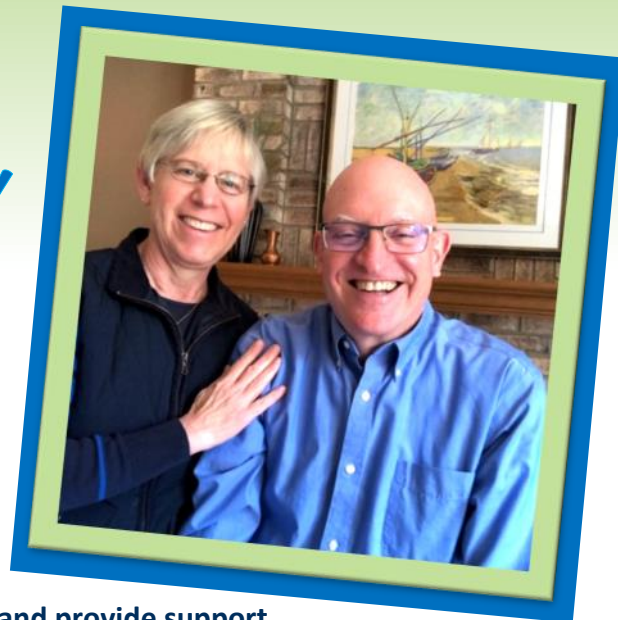
BRYAN AREA
Foundation

Inside the Foundation

Look who's RETIRING!

It's amazing how quickly seven plus years can go by. Working at the Bryan Area Foundation has been an extremely rewarding experience. I can't thank the staff, our members and our donors enough for their support and encouragement.

From the Community Expo in 2014 to our busy 50th Anniversary celebration year in 2019, the Foundation continues to support Williams County with the mission to enhance the quality of life and provide support for our local non-profits. We have a strong community that is very supportive, evidenced by the growth of \$10 million in Foundation assets while giving back \$5 million in grants and scholarships during my tenure.



Congratulations

Through my years as a volunteer and in my professional career, I have developed many meaningful relationships that I will always treasure. My retirement will give me

more time to broaden my involvement in the community. Amy and I hope to do some traveling as well as spend time with our children and grandchildren attending their many activities.

Wishing you all the best!

Jack



Jack and Amy's grandchildren above are Elly, Caleb, Corinne and Lael; and at right are Joshua, Jackson and Jonathan.





Message from our Chairman

Hope you are all well and ready to get back to some sense of normalcy as our community starts to open again. It will be great to see you at our local restaurants, salons, parks, businesses, and all the other wonderful community places that make us proud to call Williams County "home."

As our community and the whole country experienced "stay-at-home" orders and closures due to COVID-19, the Foundation staff continued working, although many normal operations were modified. Just like many of you experienced, staff worked from home and meetings became virtual. Inside this newsletter check out how students were interviewed for scholarships and how PIP members were determined the "show must go on." Unfortunately, some events were cancelled or postponed. Two very important announcements were postponed until fall, the Good Citizen Award and the Benedict Family Outstanding Educator Award.

One thing not postponed is the retirement of our President/CEO, Jack Brace, at the end of June. We certainly will miss Jack's leadership and wish him a wonderful retirement full of all the things he enjoys the most!

Also not postponed is my term as Chairman that will end on July 1st. I cannot thank our members enough for the support you've provided me over the past two years. Although it is bittersweet knowing I won't be as involved in foundation operations, I know the Bryan Area Foundation is in great hands with our new Chair, Mike Shaffer, and Vice-Chair, Diana Moore Eschhofen. I look forward to seeing the great things we will accomplish under their guidance and leadership.



Changes and challenges are inevitable; however, the Bryan Area Foundation will always remain a community advocate and supporter especially in this time of uncertainty. The office is open, and all staff members are back at work in full force to serve you and our community.

Stay Healthy!

Pam Bard Steel
Chairman of the Board

Farewell Pam...

It has been a joy to work with Pam as our Chairman over these past two years. She gave countless hours of her time, always served with a smile and enthusiasm, and was willing to tackle whatever was needed to get the job done! Throughout our jam-packed 50th anniversary celebration, Pam continually rose to the occasion in planning and organizing events. Pam will certainly be missed, although we know she will continue to be involved and one of the Foundation's biggest cheerleaders!

From the Staff

Nonprofit Workshops



Register Now
\$20
Per Person

Social Media

Wednesday, August 5, 2020



Alice (Hohl) Foeller
CEO, SiteInSite

Are you not sure whether you should be spending your time blogging, posting on social media, building an email newsletter, or updating your website? This session will help layout a plan to streamline your content into a simple and time-saving strategy.

Alice Foeller (formerly Alice Hohl) is a published, full-time writer, editor, PR practitioner and CEO of SiteInSite. Alice specializes in corporate communications, writing for the Web, and Web design. She assists small businesses and nonprofits to improve their web presence, rank higher on searches, and find new customers.

Fundraising

Wednesday, October 7, 2020



Emily Croak
Aly Sterling Philanthropy

Fundraising is a necessary part of the life cycle of nonprofit organizations. This session will cover cultivating the donor, volunteers, fundraising, and capital campaigns.

Emily Croak is an experienced facilitator and coach with Aly Sterling Philanthropy. She has a passion for helping nonprofits build strong relationships and stakeholder engagement that lead to successful missions with clear and actionable strategies.

Wesley United Methodist Church,
903 Wesley Ave, Bryan, Ohio
Fellowship Hall

Join Us!

Registration & Light Breakfast: **8:30am**
Speaker: **9:00am - 12:00pm**

Sponsored by:



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Williams County



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To register call 419-633-1156 or
e-mail jfreeman@bryanareafoundation.org



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Scholarships During COVID Times

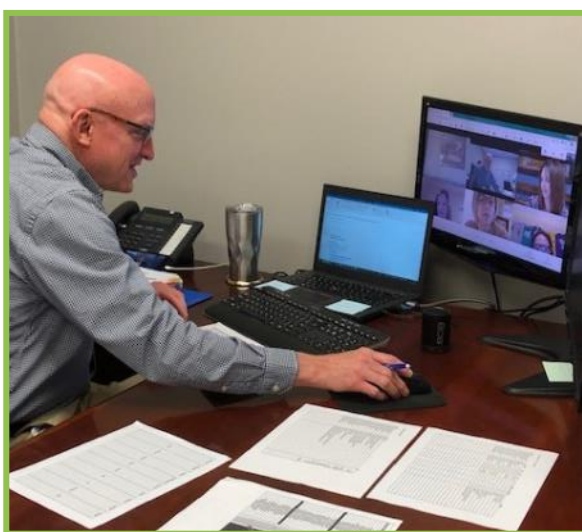
Life throws us many challenges but awarding scholarships during the COVID-19 pandemic is a challenge we never anticipated. With dedicated guidance counselors and scholarship committee members, all working virtually and many from home, the 2020 scholarship season was completed.

Bryan and Edon held virtual student interviews. West Unity, Montpelier and our county-wide scholarships were selected based on the scholarship application.

Did You Know?

The Bryan Area Foundation and affiliates award scholarships to the following high schools.

Bryan
Edon
Edgerton
Fairview
Four County
Hilltop
Montpelier
North Central
Morgan County, GA



Jack shares how virtual scholarship interviews took place.

Thank you to the school guidance counselors, scholarship committee members from Bryan, and our affiliate foundations for their flexibility and dedication for a successful 2020 scholarship season.

Total Scholarships \$204,400

This year a total of \$204,400 was granted in new scholarships. Bryan students received \$113,100, Montpelier \$30,800, Edon \$25,200, West Unity \$7,100, and another \$28,200 was awarded to county-wide students. In total, 93 students received a scholarship through the Bryan Area Foundation and its affiliates in 2020. On the following page we highlight a few of our county-wide scholarships.

County Wide Scholarships



**SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED**

Mary Jestine Flightner & Ruth Johnson Spence Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to
a Williams County senior
majoring in Education.



**Edon High School graduate
Riley Bloir will attend
Bowling Green State University.**

Mary Jestine Flightner Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to
a Williams County senior
majoring in Nursing.



**Edon High School graduate
Melody Nofziger will attend
Indiana University at Fort Wayne.**

Bryan Area Business Women's Club of Bryan, Ohio Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to
a Williams County senior
majoring in Business.



**Hilltop High School graduate
Brianna Bell will attend
Baldwin Wallace University.**

Congratulations

Richard and James Bard Technical Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a
Williams County or Fairview High
School senior majoring in HVAC,
Engineering or Manufacturing
Skilled Trades.

**Bryan High School graduate
Adam Cook will attend
Trine University.**



Alzheimer Caregivers Program



\$12,000

**Grant to Alzheimer's
Association of
NW Ohio**

Recently the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio was awarded a grant of \$12,000 from the Ralph A. and Helen C. Miller Memorial Alzheimer's Field of Interest Fund. The Alzheimer's Association

provides care and support for those affected by Alzheimer's. They also educate caregivers and raise awareness of the disease, are committed to research of treatments and prevention, and advocate for the needs and rights of those facing Alzheimer's.



alzheimer's 
association®

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Caregivers of these individuals often times are overwhelmed and face high levels of stress, anxiety and exhaustion as patients may live with the disease for many years. This grant will help to recruit and support the training of volunteers that will represent the Alzheimer's Association at community events, facilitate caregiver support groups, and present evidence-based educational programs. These trained volunteers will have a lasting impact on the outreach to caregivers in the four-county area and provide support to better preserve caregivers emotional and physical health.

Community Grant

The United Way of Williams County Ohio COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund was launched on March 19, 2020, to help ensure individuals, children and families in need are supported during this pandemic. United Way of Williams County and their partners are working with the human services sector to identify immediate needs and make emergency funds available to organizations working directly with vulnerable populations. 100% of donations go directly to Williams County organizations who are serving those in need due to the pandemic.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO
COVID-19 COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC RELIEF FUND
GIVE NOW**

United Way of
Williams County



"It is vital that we continue to seek donations for this fund. Donations stay local...100% goes towards helping those people who need it the most."

Chasity Yoder,
Executive Director
United Way of Williams County

Given the increased needs in our community, the Bryan Area Foundation responded with a matching dollar-for-dollar \$10,000 grant to the United Way of Williams County for the COVID-19 Economic Relief Fund. Power in the Purse also responded with a \$5,750 donation. Along with individual and business donations, over \$35,000 has been received to date.

Together we can make a difference!

The Bryan Area Foundation is pleased to partner with the Alzheimer's Association and United Way of Williams County to support our community.

**BRYAN AREA
FOUNDATION**
Your Community Partner
Since 1969



**\$10,000
Matching Grant
to United Way**

**United Way
COVID-19 Economic
Relief Fund
Grants-to-Date**

\$1,500 – Open Hands Caring
Hearts Food Pantry/Food

\$2,500 - Helping Hands Food
Pantry/Food

\$5,000 – Northwestern Ohio
Community Action Commission/
Rental Assistance

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Williams County
through their website
at unitedwaywc.org**



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Scholarship Opportunities!



The Foundation has two Continuing Education Scholarship opportunities available.

The Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship provides assistance for those who have completed at least one year of college and are working while attending college.

The Harlan G. and Ernestine B. Spangler Continuing Education Scholarship is for adults who are returning to school to complete their education.

To see if you qualify for these continuing education scholarships, please visit the Foundation website at www.bryanareafoundation.org and click on the scholarship tab for more information.



Application Deadline is July 1, 2020