



Inside the Foundation

Fulfilling our Mission Strategically

THE PROCESS - On March 5th, 2020, members and staff of the Bryan Area Foundation, along with OnPointe consulting gathered with the objective to design a roadmap for the Bryan Area Foundation's continued growth, success, and strategic development over the next three years. Post retreat, a strategic planning committee assembled, working alongside Foundation staff to review and refine the intel gathered. The refinement continued throughout the spring and summer and culminated in the creation of a strategic plan with intended outcomes identified, along with the projects, action items, and timeline required to achieve the objectives. The **2021-2023 Strategic Plan** was approved by the Foundation Trustees on September 10, 2020 and presented to Foundation Members in October 2020.

THE PLAN - The Bryan Area Foundation Strategic Plan has a key theme woven throughout the various projects, and that theme is **to be proactive in fulfilling our mission** to "enhance the quality of life for all citizens of our area now and for generations to come by building community endowment, addressing needs through grant making, and serving as a leader, catalyst, and resource for charitable giving."

THE OUTCOME - The projects completed throughout the course of this fiscal year have all been done with this **proactive lens** in mind. Examples of this include our 25% "Meet your Match" Community Fund Matching Campaign, which to date has initiated 12 NEW Community Funds, shifted 5 Acorn Funds into fully funded status, and has raised over \$160,000 in Community Fund donations. We also initiated the Williams County High Five to Thrive campaign aimed at increasing positivity and community despite the pandemic and the dark months of winter. This campaign was well received, as evidenced by the "high fives" that could be seen hanging up in Williams County businesses and schools. This spring, we added a new Founder's Grant program for grant requests up to \$2,500 with an expedited and simplified application process, and to date, 10 Founder's Grants have been awarded, with three of the recipients being brand new to applying to the Foundation. We also established a new "Community Impact" committee with the sole purpose of **proactively** seeking ways to enhance and improve the quality of life in our community, **and we are just getting started!**

As we continue to work on our strategic plan, you can expect to see more evidence of our conscious decision to **proactively** fulfill our mission to **enhance, build, serve, and give.**



Dave Schumm, BAF Member, and Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO hand out chocolate at Bryan's Chocolate Walk held on May 6th.



Message from our Chairman

With gratitude, it seems we have rounded a corner. Pandemic restrictions are lifted and it is a pleasure to resume community activities, and to greet smiling faces without masks. Activities at the Fountain City Amphitheater are now in full swing.

Enclosed is a listing of the amphitheater's summer events or you may find the latest information on the City of Bryan's website www.cityofbryan.com/fcampitheater/. Also the interactive fountains at the amphitheater are now under construction and should be completed by mid-summer.



It is an exciting time for the Bryan Area Foundation as we explore ways to become more intentional about putting fund dollars into action within the community. This was one of the significant items that came from our recent strategic planning process. We are confident that we can meet the mission of the Foundation and improve the quality of life for citizens by taking a more active role in identifying, funding, and investing in projects within the community. If you have ideas for improving our area, please share them with the Foundation office.

I look forward to all the upcoming concerts and events this summer....see you at the amphitheater!

Michael A. Shaffer
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Chairman of the Board



Meet YOUR Match

25% Community Fund Match

There's still time to take advantage of the 25% MATCH for donations to any NEW or EXISTING Community Fund. The deadline is June 30th or until the \$50,000 is exhausted. Currently, we have just \$9,852 available for matching funds.

Act soon to secure your match!

Thank You Donors... for Investing in our Community!

Nonprofit Webinar!

Join us for a

FREE

WEBINAR

Wednesday, June 16th

12pm - 1pm

Via ZOOM



Join Us
Webinar!

*You will learn what an
Organizational Fund is, and how
it can help to secure your
organization's future!*

Why create an Organizational Fund?

- ✓ You are a nonprofit organization with an IRS 501(c)(3) status.
- ✓ You want to support the growth and stability of your organization.
- ✓ You seek to demonstrate security and vision to leverage current funding opportunities for your nonprofit organization.
- ✓ You are eager to increase investment efficiencies. Funds at the Bryan Area Foundation are pooled to receive maximum return and lower fees.
- ✓ You seek an annual source of income.
- ✓ You want to provide another opportunity for donors to contribute to your organization.
- ✓ You aspire to build your Endowment Fund through planned gifts and estate planning strategies.



To Register

Visit www.BryanAreaFoundation.org
and click on the link to register or
call 419-633-1156.



142 Scholarships
Awarded in 2021

Scholarships

Edgerton High School

Montpelier High School



Deb Clum (L), Montpelier Area Foundation President, presents Lyndsi Engels with the Flightner Nursing Scholarship and Asasia Bostater with the Flightner Education Scholarship.



Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO, presents Kale Merillat with the Edgerton High School Scholarship.

Did You Know?

The Bryan Area Foundation and its affiliates, award scholarships to the following high schools:

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



Hilltop High School



Hilltop High School students are all smiles after receiving scholarships from the Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation.

Scholarships

Fairview High School



Fairview High School students, Brook and Cassandra Mavis, received the Ford Family Scholarship.

Scholarships
Awarded

CONGRATULATIONS

Total Scholarships
\$227,400

This year a total of \$227,400 was granted in new scholarships. Bryan students received \$121,500, Montpelier students \$38,000, Edon students \$25,700, West Unity students \$7,750, and another \$34,450 was awarded to students county-wide. In total, 142 scholarships were awarded through the Bryan Area Foundation and its affiliates in 2021.

Bryan High School



Bryan High School students pose for a photo after receiving their Bryan Area Foundation scholarship.



\$23,707
Founders Grants

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How do you spell SUCCESS?

The recent launch of the Bryan Area Foundation's new Founders Grant Program has proven very successful. There were 10 new grants awarded for a wide array of projects and programs. Check out the full listing below!

Next
Grant Deadline
June 30th



Founders Grant

Williams County YMCA - Gym LED Lighting - \$2,500

Fountain City Festival - Cinderella Musical - \$2,500

CPC Women's Health Resource - EWYL Updates - \$2,132

A Renewed Mind - Saving Lives Defibrillator & Training - \$1,975

Sandy Cay, Inc. - Four Doors - \$2,500

Bed Brigade of Williams County - 2021 Builds - \$2,500

St. Patrick Catholic School - Summer Reading Program - \$2,100

Ohio Operation Lifesaver - Geo Fencing PSA Campaign - \$2,500

Bloom Kids Closet - Hanger Program - \$2,500

Bryan Development Foundation - High Five to Thrive - \$2,500



Rail Safety Education!

Operation Lifesaver is a national nonprofit whose goal is to reduce/eliminate all rail related incidents through rail safety education. Ohio is the fifth busiest rail state in the country with 5,700 crossings and approximately 5,000 miles of railroad tracks. Williams County is one of the busiest rail lines with over 80 trains a day.

Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO, presents a \$2,500 grant to Alan Stouder from Operation Lifesaver for rail safety education in Williams County.

Founders Grants support projects/programs up to \$2,500. The Founders grant application has been abbreviated from our traditional grant application as a means of simplifying and expediting the application process for nonprofits seeking funds for smaller (yet still impactful) projects and programs. Founders grants follow the same deadlines for submission and include the same eligibility requirements.

Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation



\$11,776

WUAF Community Grants



Let's Play Ball!

The Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation awarded \$5,000 to the Hilltop Community Little League to purchase a tractor to prep the fields for softball and baseball games. Pictured from (L) is Zac Rising, president of the Hilltop Community Little League and Bart Westfall, Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation President.



Coming Soon...New Park Swing!

The Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation awarded \$5,426 to the Village of West Unity to purchase a new swing set for the East North Street Park. What a great addition to the park! Pictured from (L) is Josh Fritsch, West Unity Village Administrator; Lew Hilkert, Millcreek West Unity Area Foundation Trustee; and Don Leu, West Unity Village Mayor.



To Serve and Protect!

A grant of \$1,350 was recently awarded to the Williams County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of bullet resistant vests. Deputies are required to wear a vest when they are on duty and vests must be replaced every five years. These new vests are just a third of the weight of the old vests and represent the finest ballistic technology to keep our officers safe. Thanks for serving and protecting our communities! Pictured from (L) is Williams County Commissioner Lew Hilkert, Sheriff Tom Kochert, Detective Ben Baldwin, and the Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation President Bart Westfall .



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Outstanding Educator

Stephanie Mazur



Dedication and passion are some of the characteristics of this year's Outstanding Educator, Stephanie Mazur. Stephanie has been a teacher for 29 years, with the past 24 years at Bryan High School teaching various English classes.

Stephanie engages students in literature and writing through creative and innovative ways, and she strives to teach children learning skills to serve them throughout their lives. Stephanie challenges students not to settle for competency, but to seek excellence, while also modeling this behavior. By showing kindness and recognizing individual needs, she inspires and teaches lessons that will last a lifetime. Stephanie Mazur is certainly an Outstanding Educator!

This prestigious award, endowed through the Foundation by the Benedict Family, in memory of Greg Benedict, is presented annually to one of Bryan's outstanding educators.



The 2021 Outstanding Educator, Stephanie Mazur, accepts the Outstanding Educator Award from Scott Benedict.