



BRYAN AREA
Foundation

Inside the Foundation

Welcome Amy...

Get to Know Amy!



What hobbies do you enjoy?

Running, reading, and cheering on our boys at their various sporting events.

What is your favorite food?

Strawberry Shortcake (it has to have a homemade biscuit, though!)

What book are you currently reading?

I just finished *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho, and I am currently reading *Making Room* by Billie Jauss as part of a Bible Study with some of my favorite people. I'm also currently listening to *Shackleton's Way* on audiobook which is a really fascinating story of survival and leadership.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Bryan Area Foundation and the community. The mission of the Foundation is to "enhance the quality of life for its citizens now and for generations to come" aligns with my personal mission, goals, and ambitions to leave the world and others better than I found them.

A graduate of Miami University with a BA degree in Business, I previously held the position of Executive Director/CEO of ISFA (International Surface Fabricators Association) a nonprofit trade association serving the building materials industry. The skills and experience I received at ISFA provided me with an excellent foundation in nonprofit leadership. I am thrilled to use this experience to grow the Foundation's gifts, grants, and scholarships awarded each year, and to be an advocate for the power of philanthropy.

The community has a vested interest in the success of the Bryan Area Foundation, and I assure you that I share in your passion and commitment. Bryan is my home; it shaped who I am, and I feel incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of shaping it for future generations.

I would love the opportunity to connect with you and I welcome your call, email, or visit. I thank you for your continued support of the Bryan Area Foundation, and I look forward to serving you for years to come.



My husband Ryan and I were Bryan High School sweethearts. We returned to Bryan in 2008 to raise our sons, Jackson (now 16) and Tucker (now 12). As a family, we enjoy being active in our community through church, sports, and serving on a variety of boards.





Message from our Chairman



Welcome Mike...

As I commence my two-year term as Chairman of the Bryan Area Foundation, I do so with a sense of gratitude, responsibility and pride. It is my goal to perpetuate the fine work of the Foundation and to encourage our membership to consider bold new ideas.



I would like to extend a thank you to my predecessor, Pam Bard Steel, for her leadership and cheerful optimism. I would also like to congratulate Jack Brace on his retirement. He will be missed, however, I am confident that Amy Miller is poised to seamlessly transition into her new position.

The Bryan Area Foundation leadership team is busy finalizing the strategic planning process and hopes to have a report in the coming weeks. Committees continue to meet via Zoom and in person when possible. While Covid-19 has presented challenges to doing business, I have been impressed as to how well the staff has adapted and carried on the work of the Foundation.

The Foundation continues to give support to the Fountain City Amphitheater project spearheaded by Project 2020. I am pleased to report construction is on schedule and the amphitheater is scheduled for completion in October. Due to the uncertainty and delay in the availability of the state funding, the interactive fountain installation has been delayed until spring. The Foundation is excited to be a part of the project and will be initiating discussion to

stimulate the planning of amphitheater events for the coming year.

I am very much looking forward to serving the community over the next two years. I am hopeful we can reenergize the pride in our community and continue to make a difference for those who reside in the Bryan area.



Fountain City Amphitheater



Michael A. Shaffer

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Chairman of the Board

Continuing Education Scholarships



Scholarship Awards



The Robert F. Flightner Law Enforcement Scholarship

is presented annually for the training and education of law enforcement officers in Williams County.

Beth Pool (left), BAF Scholarship Committee, presents Patrolman John Rathke of the Bryan Police Department, with the Robert F. Flightner Law Enforcement Scholarship for \$249. John will attend a two-day class on "The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics" through Street Cop Training, a well known officer training program.

Congratulations John!



The Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship is presented annually to a student who has completed at least one year of college and is working to support their college education.

Mary Thaman (right) presents Lucas Nye with the Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship for \$878. Lucas is a 2017 graduate of Bryan High School and is majoring in Accounting and Finance at Defiance College while working at Shultz Huber & Associates.



Good luck Lucas!



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

Pictured (left) is Courtney Montagu, awarded \$2,000 and is majoring in Media Production and Photography at BGSU; Tom Turnbull BAF Scholarship Committee Chair; and Tye Towns awarded \$1,000, majoring in Education at Western Governors University.



Best of luck Courtney and Tye!



Community Impact Grants

Grant Application Deadlines!



September 30
for consideration in December

December 29
for consideration in March

March 31
for consideration in June

June 30
for consideration in September

Grant applications and
instructions can be found at
www.bryanareafoundation.org
under the GRANTS tab.

Amy Miller
President/CEO



Grants Available

Over \$280,000 Available for Community Impact Grants!

The Foundation is excited to announce that over \$280,000 is available in grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects that benefit Williams County Residents!

Community Impact Grants allow the Foundation to address the most urgent needs of the community.

Grants are made possible from the investment earnings on our 134 established community funds.



Amy is happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the grant application process or to set up a fund.

Call Amy Miller at 419-633-1156 or email
amiller@bryanareafoundation.org

Animal Welfare Grant



Field of Interest Funds



Pictured from left is Diana Savage, BAF Grant Chair; Alicia Strup and Kelly Rummel from the WC Humane Society; and Cliff Oberlin, BAF Grant Committee, with his sons Max and Luke.

A grant of \$1,602 was awarded to the Williams County Humane Society for their Community Cat Program. This program offers spay and neuter vouchers for cats in Williams County to help with the stray cat population. For more information on the services they offer, visit their website at williamscountyhumanesociety.com.



Williams County Humane Society \$1,602 Grant

Thanks to these Field of Interest Funds, the Goldie Newman Animal Fund and the Kit Kat Fund, for making this grant possible!



Alzheimer's
or
Autism



Agriculture



Animal Welfare



Bryan
Beautification



Bryan City
School



Forestry



Scouting

Field of Interest Funds Connect People With Their Passions!

This year over \$41,000 is available for grants from our Field of Interest Funds for nonprofit organizations. Field of Interest Funds are established by donors to support a specific cause. Currently we have Field of Interest Funds that support Alzheimer's, Autism, Agriculture, Animal Welfare, Bryan Beautification, Bryan Schools, Forestry, and Scouting.



**\$20,000
Pickleball Courts**

Bryan Parks & Recreation Department

Bryan Parks & Recreation



\$20,000 Grant

Pickleball Basics

Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages that combines the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

Players use special paddles and a whiffle ball. The court and net are smaller than in tennis and the rules are easy to learn.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation according to the USA Pickleball Association and has had a 650% increase over the last six years.

Pickleball is a convenient way to get exercise while having fun. It is a great activity for the whole family.



The Bryan Area Foundation awarded a grant of \$20,000 to the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department to transform Bryan's East End Park tennis courts into six pickleball courts.

The project included a new asphalt surface, new nets, and dividers between the courts along with painting and lining of the courts. Electrical upgrades for the lighting system and improved fencing will be done as needed.

The Bryan Parks and Recreation plan on offering a Pickleball Clinic beginning in September. For more information visit their website at cityofbryan.com/parks-recreation/.



Pictured in front with paddles in hand are Miles and Riley Miller. Second row from left are Amy Miller and Connie Tipton from the Bryan Area Foundation, Deb Pietrykowski, Bryan Mayor Carrie Schlade, Ben Dominique Bryan Parks and Recreation Director, and Gabe Pietrykowski.

Stryker Friends of the Library



\$17,000
Stryker Library



Pictured holding the check from left is MaryJo Andres, Stryker Friends of the Library President; and Mark Miller, BAF Grant Committee member. Second row from left is Connie Aeschliman, Stryker Library Branch Manager; Jeff Yahraus, Director of the Williams County Public Library; and Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO.

Stryker Friends of the Library



\$17,000 Grant

Community Funds made this grant possible!



The Bryan Area Foundation is pleased to partner with the Stryker Friends of the Library, Bryan Parks and Recreation, and the Williams County Humane Society in support of our community.

The Stryker Friends of the Library were awarded a grant of \$17,000 for renovations to the Stryker Library, a branch of the Williams County Public Library. The renovations will include painting, new flooring, shelving, and furniture.

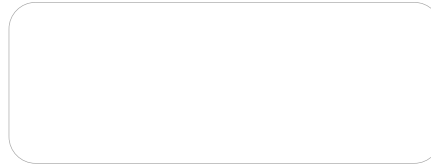
These updates will also offer more gathering space and transform the library to reflect the changing needs of the community. For more information on the Stryker Library visit their website at <https://www.mywcpl.org/stryker>.



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Fundraising Webinar



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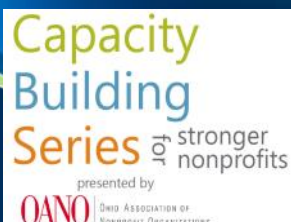
Fundraising is a necessary part of the life cycle of nonprofit organizations.
This session will cover cultivating the donor, fundraising, and capital campaigns.



Emily Croak
Aly Sterling Philanthropy

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