



BRYAN AREA
Foundation

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Congratulations Connie! 2021 Good Citizen



Previous Good Citizens

- 1980 John Dwyer
- 1981 Forrest Witzerman
- 1982 Rosa Isaac
- 1983 Howard Rogge
- 1984 Lemuel Hawk
- 1985 Grant Brown
- 1986 Ernestine Spangler
- 1987 Arthur Spletzer, Jr.
- 1988 Neva Ringer
- 1989 John & Virginia Hartman
- 1990 Mildred Mayberry
- 1991 Luke & Mary Thaman
- 1992 Tom Voigt
- 1993 Tom Herman
- 1994 Tony Gretick
- 1995 Bill Pepple
- 1996 George Isaac
- 1997 Markey & Anderson Families
- 1998 Paul & June Webster
- 1999 Theodore Spangler
- 2000 Laura Kesler
- 2001 Bruce Benedict
- 2002 Richard Buchsteiner
- 2003 Rusty Brunicardi
- 2004 Albert Horn, Jr.
- 2005 Wayne Shaffer
- 2006 Feroen Betts
- 2007 David Newcomer
- 2008 C. Gregory Spangler
- 2009 James & Richard Bard
- 2010 Dr. Robert Woodgeard
- 2011 Dr. George & Julie Brown
- 2012 Lou Mollett
- 2013 Dr. Richard & Charlene Hess
- 2014 Richard L. Reed
- 2015 Angelike Schreder
- 2016 Dave & LeeAnne Perkins
- 2017 Dr. John Moats
- 2018 George H. Gardner
- 2019 Dean Spangler
- 2020 J. Chip Wood
- 2021 Constance Tipton

The list is long of the many organizations Connie Tipton has been a part of. She has served in many leadership roles and has been instrumental in many community projects. One of Connie's most outstanding accomplishments was the creation of the Imagination Station playground. Connie brought the idea to Bryan, organized and served on the steering committee, and participated in the coordination of thousands of volunteers in a labor of love that brought the community together. After 27 years, the Imagination Station still brings joy to children, and will for many years to come!



Congratulating Connie (L to R) is Mike Shaffer, BAF Chairman; Connie Tipton, Good Citizen; and Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO.

Connie is a 23-year member of the Bryan Area Foundation. She has served as a Trustee and chair of the Grantmaking and Development/PR Committees, along with many other committee assignments. Connie also helped to organize Power in the Purse and served on the board as Program Director. The Bryan Area Foundation is grateful and applauds Connie for her service in the Bryan community. Congratulations Connie!



Connie's family pictured L to R is Alex Tipton, Emily Evans, Stan and Connie Tipton, Jasmine, Anna, Natalie, Mark and Tyler Tipton.



This prestigious award, endowed by the Hawk family in memory of their parents, Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk, is presented annually to one of Bryan's outstanding citizens.



Message from our Chairman

This time of year gives all of us the opportunity to give thanks, count our blessings and enjoy the season of giving. The leadership team of the Bryan Area Foundation is fortunate to experience the joy of giving year-round. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we serve as stewards of our many resources and assist our donors in carrying out their intentions. It is also our privilege to utilize the community fund dollars to infuse resources into various projects and support other unfunded needs which continue to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in the Bryan area. Please consider a gift to the Foundation and feel free to contact Amy at 419-633-1156 to discuss the many fund options that are available.



Michael A. Shaffer

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Chairman of the Board



Charitable Tax Deductions

The CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) include tax incentives for donating in 2021. Charitable giving can play a key role in your tax planning while you support organizations whose missions are important to you.

One important limit to keep in mind is that, traditionally, you can deduct charitable contributions only if you itemize deductions. However, the CARES Act generally allows up to \$300 of cash contributions to public charities to be deducted "above the line." This means the deduction reduces your adjusted gross income (AGI) and you don't have to itemize deductions to claim it. The CAA extended this break through 2021 and also, increases the maximum deduction to \$600 for married couples filing jointly.

The Bryan Area Foundation and its affiliates are qualifying charitable entities for your donation. If you'd like to take advantage of the CARES Act charitable tax deduction, we'd like to invite and encourage you to make a donation to the fund of your choice, or our General Community Funds which are used to fund and serve the most timely and urgent needs of Williams County.

Mail donations to:

Bryan Area Foundation
PO Box 651, Bryan, OH, 43506
or donate on our website at

www.bryanareafoundation.org

by clicking on the "Donate" button.



Bethany Hamilton Event



THANKS
for
Coming!

Bethany Hamilton



It was standing room only at the Bryan Arts and Education Center this past October, as community members gathered to hear Bethany Hamilton's inspirational message of determination, faith, and hope.

Bethany's passion for surfing compelled her, against all odds, to return to surfing after losing her left arm in a shark attack at the tender age of 13. Hamilton has gone on to become one of the leading professional surfers of all time, and she has done so through perseverance, having a positive outlook, and using her personal A.D.A.P.T. method, which she shared with attendees. Bethany's love of life, joy of family, and humble spirit made for a truly remarkable evening.

This free community event was made possible through a grant from the John C. Markey Charitable Fund of the Bryan Area Foundation, and generous donations by community sponsors Altenloh, Brinck & Co, and Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers (CHWC).

The Bryan Area Foundation would like to thank the community for their interest and attendance, and all the community partners that made the evening possible including Bryan City Schools, Community Advocates for Healthy Families (CAHF), Tony Malanga Productions, and Room 108.



Event Sponsors



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Organizational Funds

How Can an Organizational Fund Benefit Your Organization?

- * Endowment Funds provide an annual source of income
- * Endowment Funds ensure long-term financial security
- * Endowment Funds support the growth and stability of your organization
- * Endowment Funds protect the longevity and legacy of your organization
- * Endowment Funds provide opportunity for donors to contribute to your organization's future



Foundation Organizational Funds



Over \$72,000 Awarded in Organizational Grants!

Thank you to our nonprofit organizations who help to secure their future by establishing an Organizational Fund. The Foundation currently manages 26 Organizational Endowment Funds.

Bryan Area Foundation

ACRES, Inc.
David Betts Double Play Diamond Fund
Black Swamp Area Boy Scouts Fund
Bryan Academic Booster Club Fund
Bryan Rotary Foundation, Inc. Fund
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Four County Career Center Fund
Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Fund
St. Patrick Catholic Church Fund
Stryker Schools Foundation Fund
Trinity Lutheran Church Fund
United Way of Williams County Fund
Wesley United Methodist Church Fund

Williams County 4-H Fund
Williams County Fair Foundation Fund
Williams County Historical Society Fund
Williams County Humane Society Fund
Williams County Parks Fund
Williams County Senior Center Fund
Williams Co. Sportsmans Education Fund
Williams County Veterans Memorial Fund
Williams County Family YMCA Fund

Montpelier Area Foundation

Bob E. Rose Fund
Montpelier Fire Department Fund
Montpelier Rotary Fund
Hip Klotz MHS Athletic Booster Fund

**If your organization would like more information on how to establish a fund
Call Amy Miller at 419-633-1156 or email amiller@bryanareafoundation.org**

Bryan Area Foundation Grants

Bryan Girls Softball Association

Receives \$110,000 Grant!



**Bryan Girls Softball
\$110,000**

Bryan Girls Softball Association (BGSA) received a grant of \$110,000 from the Bryan Area Foundation to help fund improvements to Field 5 in Bryan's Recreation Park. Recently, the existing press box was taken down and concrete was poured behind home plate, extending from the visitor dugout to the home team dugout, allowing for increased seating capacity, ADA accessibility and better visibility.

A new press box will be added on top of the home dugout/concession stand, complete with a new sound system and scoreboard. Field 5 is utilized for kids ages 6-18 in the BGSA summer softball programs and is the primary diamond for Bryan's JV and Varsity softball teams.

In addition, this field is used to host district tournament games for northwest Ohio area teams. These improvements will allow for more opportunities to host future tournaments as well.

"BGSA is thankful for the generous grant provided by the BAF and feel the grant will provide a solid foundation towards further community support in making our vision a reality".

Jodi Arnold, President of BGSA



2021 Bryan High School Girls Softball Team



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Bryan Youth Activities Fund

Awards \$6,000 to Bryan Youth Sports



The Bryan Youth Activities Fund was created to support Bryan youth sports activities. Since 1996, over \$151,000 has been awarded to local sports organizations.

This year, \$1,200 each was awarded to the Bryan Swim Team Association, Bryan Soccer Association, Bryan Baseball Association, Bryan Girls Softball, and Bryan Little Bears Football.



Pictured (L to R) is JC Moore, Bryan Swim Team Association; Mandy Hanna, Bryan Soccer Association; Doug Deckrosh, Bryan Baseball Association; Ashley Epling, Bryan Girls Softball; Mark Miller, Bryan Little Bears Football; and Jason Beals, Bryan Area Foundation representative.



Pictured (L to R) is Katie Shaffer, Executive Director of Sarah's Friends, Sammi the horse, and Jami Young, Founder and Executive Director of Lily Creek Farms.

Sarah's Friends

\$2,500 Founders Grant



Sarah's Friends was the recipient of a \$2,500 Founders Grant to support their new therapeutic horseback riding program for survivors of crime.

This new collaborative program with Lily Creek Farms will provide survivors of crime in Williams County with an additional avenue to receive therapeutic services in their journey of healing emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Sarah's Friends is a safe haven for those harmed by crime in Williams County.

"Survivors of crime are unique and it's so helpful to be able to offer unique services as the healing process for each survivor is not a one size fits all model."

Katie Shaffer
Executive Director, Sarah's Friends

Edon Area Foundation Grant

Edon Area Foundation

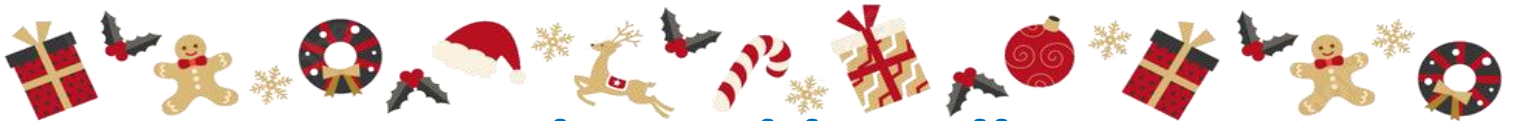
Awards \$21,572 Grant!



Walz Park
\$21,572



The Edon Area Foundation (EAF) recently awarded a grant of \$21,572 to the Village of Edon to update the playground equipment at Walz Park. Pictured (L to R) representing the EAF Board is Mike Krill, LaRue Reitzel, Cody Best, Susan Allomong, and Estle Wyrick. In the center is Duane Thiel, mayor of Edon accepting the donation. Other EAF board members are Lee Dick, JoAnn Luce, Father Fred Duschl, Tricia Bloir and Jim Gallehue. Missing from the photo is John Toner.



IRA Charitable Rollover

Looking for a way to give back to your community and support your charitable interests?

Turn your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) into a tax-saving charitable gift through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). In 2015, the IRA QCD became a permanent part of the internal revenue code. People 70 ½ or older are allowed to transfer up to \$100,000 annually (or \$200,000 for a couple) from their IRA accounts directly to a charity, without first having to recognize the distribution as taxable income potentially saving federal, state and local income taxes.

The Foundation can help you support your charitable interests by offering several fund options: a community fund, designated fund, scholarship fund or a field-of-interest fund. The law prohibits QCD's to a donor advised fund.



Planning today can ensure the causes you care about will continue to be supported beyond your lifetime.

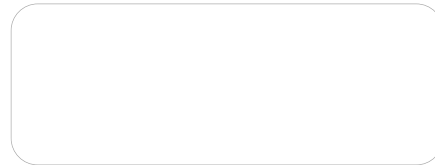
To learn more, please contact Amy Miller at 419-633-1156 or email amiller@bryanareafoundation.org.



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Holiday Hours

The Foundation office will
be closed on:

Thursday, December 23rd

Friday, December 24th

Thursday December 30th

Friday, December 31st

It's that time again! Yes, we just announced the 2021 Good Citizen Award, and now we are seeking nominations for the 2022 Good Citizen.

Good Citizen Award

This prestigious award, endowed by the Hawk family in memory of their parents, Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk, is presented annually to one of Bryan's outstanding citizens.

Pick up a nomination form at the Foundation office or download on our website:
BryanAreaFoundation.org.

The deadline for nominations is: February 1, 2022.

Completed nomination forms may be dropped off at the Foundation office or mailed to:

Bryan Area Foundation, P.O. Box 651, Bryan, OH 43506

