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Inside the Foundation

Community Impact at Work

In January of 2021, members of the newly formed Bryan Area Foundation Community Impact Committee traveled to Bellefontaine, Ohio to tour the revitalization efforts spearheaded by visionary Jason Duff, and his firm, Small Nation. In February of 2021, Duff and his team toured Bryan's downtown square, returning later with personalized recommendations for stimulating downtown Bryan. Jason Duff also shared these ideas in October 2021 at the BAF members meeting.

Many of those recommendations are quietly underway now, including the creation of a downtown branding campaign, the addition of creative outdoor spaces, and the establishment of a project fund for seeding ongoing revitalization efforts. The CIC Project fund charter specifically states that the fund may be used *"to support existing business development, promote the establishment of new business or community projects, and enhance the community experience in Bryan, OH for residents and visitors alike."*



Projects supporting these recommendations so far include a \$48,000 grant made to the Bryan Development Foundation for establishing the first Christkindl Market of Bryan, a European style, outdoor Christmas market centered in Bryan's picturesque downtown square during the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plans for next year's Christkindl market are currently underway.



As well, the Bryan Area Foundation Community Impact Project Fund worked alongside community member Renee Isaac, matching her \$15,000 donation to establish a Business Improvement Matching Grant Program facilitated by the Bryan Development Foundation. Grant applications for this new program are now available and can be returned to the Bryan Area Chamber of Commerce by March 31, 2022 for consideration.

These projects are just the beginning for the Bryan Area Foundation Community Impact Project Fund. We are excited about proactively seeking new means to fulfill 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."

If you have questions about the Bryan Area Foundation Community Impact Fund, or wish to learn more about the Community Impact Committee, we welcome your call or email to the Bryan Area Foundation.



Thank You Donors

Message from our Chairman

One of the goals set by the Bryan Area Foundation during the strategic planning process was to be more proactive in leading and driving community progress. I feel a renewed energy and spirit of optimism that we can make a significant difference in the community. I also see signs that Bryan and other small towns are making improvements. Small towns have always embodied a spirit of togetherness and community. It was wonderful to see people socializing at summer concerts at the new amphitheater and enjoying the holidays around the square at the Christkindl Market. To continue our focus on a positive path, we need the help of everyone in the community. With your help, the Foundation can continue to explore new opportunities to make our community more vibrant for our residents, and more welcoming to visitors. We are committed to putting resources into local projects to make this a reality. Please continue to look for ways you can engage and invest in your community. Please consider getting involved with the giving circles like Power in the Purse and the newly formed Project Next.



Michael A. Shaffer

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Chairman of the Board

Downtown Development



In Memory



Ralph Gallagher

The Bryan Area Foundation members and staff are saddened by the passing of long-time foundation member Ralph Gallagher. We are thankful for his service; he will be greatly missed.

Ralph joined the Bryan Area Foundation in 1975. He served on various committees over the years and three terms as Trustee. Ralph also served as the BAF Chairman from 2012-2014.

Following the mission of the Foundation, in 2001, Ralph and Karen established two endowment funds, the Ralph W. and Karen K. Gallagher Scholarship Fund and the Ralph W. and Karen K. Gallagher Community Fund. These funds will continue to serve the community for years to come.

We will always be grateful for Ralph's contribution in helping to shape the Foundation. Ralph passed away on November 29 at the age of 80.

What is NEXT?



In 2009, community members in collaboration with the Bryan Area Foundation, established Project 2020, a community giving circle. Each member made small contributions over several years with a vision of creating a substantial long term community asset. From this vision sprouted our beautiful Fountain City Amphitheater with Interactive Fountains.

This past summer the community enjoyed a variety of acts, entertainment, and music during the inaugural season of the Fountain City Amphitheater. *This project again proved that when we plant the seeds of our time, energy and resources, small things can be made large with patience, collaboration, and collective giving.*



**NEW
Opportunity**



**Fountain City
AMPHITHEATER**

After a long wait due to challenging weather and supply chain issues, the interactive fountains at the Fountain City Amphitheater will be ready in May 2022!

*Coming Soon...
Interactive
Fountains
Dedication*



See the flyer!
Get the Scoop!

Project *Next*

To continue this model of grassroots giving in our community, Chad and Jodi Tinkel have stepped forward to work alongside the Bryan Area Foundation to initiate PROJECT NEXT! Project Next will be modeled in a similar style to Project 2020. You are invited to join this project, become stakeholders, and help determine how we can plant new seeds for growth in our community.

Please join us for an open forum discussion to learn more about Project Next!

Join Us!

**Thursday April 21st
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Parlor 1861- 137 S. Main St. Bryan

We look forward to working alongside you for the betterment of our community!

Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Foundation office at 419-633-1156.

Acorn Funds

may be established as the first step to any type of endowed fund by making convenient contributions over a period of time until the endowed level is met.



Investing in the Future

Leave a Legacy

The Bryan Area Foundation has established the Legacy Society to celebrate and thank those individuals who are planning for gifts today that will provide significant benefits to the community in the future.

Legacy giving does not require a large income or vast estate. Legacy giving only requires a thoughtful intention to make a difference by identifying a charitable organization in your will or estate plan.

Should you choose to include the Foundation in your estate plans, we would be honored to know of your intentions and have you as a member of the Legacy Society.



New Funds Created

Establishing a fund creates a legacy. Endowed Funds are permanent self-sustaining and provide a source of funding forever. The Foundation's role is to align the goals of donors with community needs to champion initiatives and projects that make our community a better place to live.

Many thanks to our donors for investing in our community!

New Community Fund

James A. Martin Community Fund

New Designated Fund

Richard C. Anderson Designated Fund

New Scholarship Funds

Richard C. Anderson Scholarship Fund

Tara Arnold Memorial Scholarship Fund

Gale N. Brillhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lucille B. Carlin and Wayne E. Carlin Scholarship Fund

Vernon L. French Scholarship Fund



If you would like more information on how to establish your own designated fund, please contact Amy Miller at the Foundation office at 419-633-1156.

Designated Funds

Do you have a **PASSION....**
for a specific cause or nonprofit?

If so, a Designated Fund is for you! Designated Funds are established by individuals who have a desire to support a specific nonprofit(s). By providing an annual, sustainable revenue stream, Designated Funds ensure that the causes you care about will continue to receive your support today, and beyond your lifetime.

Once the gift is made, the Bryan Area Foundation will manage the annual distribution, allowing you to rest knowing that your fund will continue to invest in the success of the organization for perpetuity.

FY22 Designated Grants Total \$168,158

The Foundation currently manages 44 Designated Endowment Funds benefiting the organizations listed below.

ACRES, Inc.

American Cancer Society NW Region

American Heart Association-Wms. Co.

Bryan Area Foundation

Bryan City Band, Inc.

Bryan City Schools

Bryan Music Boosters, Inc.

Center Township

Christian & Missionary Alliance
Church

City of Bryan Parks & Recreation Dept.

First Church of Christ

First Presbyterian Church

Friends of West Unity Library

German ME Church Preservation
Association, Inc.

Millcreek West Unity Local School

Montpelier Athletic Boosters

National Audubon Society

Presbyterian Church USA

-WWW Ministries

Share Foundation

St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Catholic School

Taylor University

United Way of Williams County

Village of West Unity - Parks

Wesley United Methodist Church

Williams County 4-H

Williams County Fair Foundation

Williams County Historical Society

Williams County Humane Society

Williams County Public Library

Williams County Senior Support Fund

Williams County Veterans Memorial, Inc.

Williams County YMCA

Thank You Donors!

Start your Designated Fund today!

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Tom and Susan Herman are one of the Foundation's many generous donors that have invested in the community through the Foundation by establishing a Designated Fund.

Their fund benefits the YMCA and fulfills Tom and Susan's passion for the mission of the YMCA. They have also established a scholarship fund, in memory and honor of their son Andy.

"The Foundation has been a part of many good things in the community. The Foundation is the only place we can make certain our funds get to the right place....to the community."

-Tom Herman



Tables & Chairs

\$6,240

United Way Awarded Grant

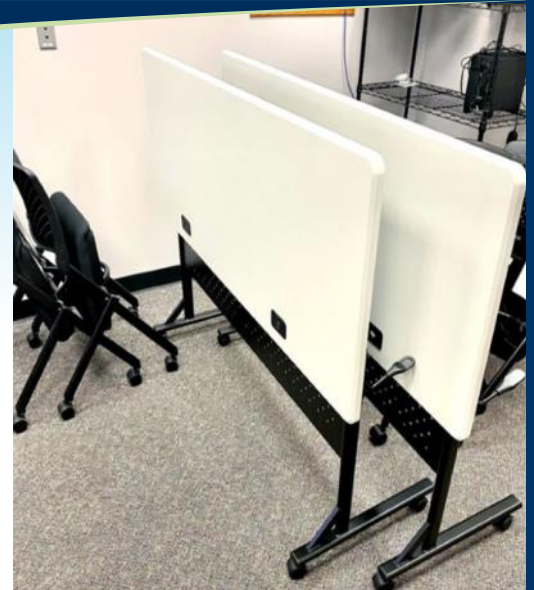
Meeting the Need!

Nonprofit organizations throughout Williams County were in need of a meeting space that provided adequate room, was centrally located, and affordable. To encourage collaboration and to provide nonprofit organizations a space to meet, United Way of Williams County set the wheel in motion to meet the need.

Through a grant from the Bryan Area Foundation of \$6,240 and the generosity of Current Office Solutions providing items at cost, this project became a reality!

The community meeting room is offered free-of-charge to nonprofit organizations in Williams County. The room will accommodate up to 30 people with flexibility of seating and table arrangements. There is a large TV screen for PowerPoint or Zoom capabilities and plenty of parking. Currently United Way hosts eight to ten meetings per month.

Williams County nonprofits may contact the United Way of Williams County for availability of the community room for your next meeting!



The tables and chairs fold up for storage.

“One of the things that United Way of Williams County does is bring people and organizations together. The BAF grant opened the door for us to have many more opportunities to do just that.

One of my favorite sayings is, “When we work together, we can move the needle that much further!” This grant is a true representation of how great our community is! Individuals investing in our community through BAF Endowment Funds, BAF investing in our community (UWWC), and UWWC investing in the community.

Together WE can make a difference! We are extremely grateful to BAF and Current Office Solutions for making this possible!”

*Chasity Yoder, Executive Director
of United Way of Williams County*



Foundation Updates



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Updates

"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?" -Dr. Seuss

Reflecting on my 16 years working at the Bryan Area Foundation, I can certainly relate to the words of Dr. Seuss. It has been such a joy to get to know and work alongside so many of our nonprofit partners, donors, Foundation members and staff.

Happy
Retirement

It has been incredibly rewarding to have worked on numerous projects that have enhanced our community, especially Power in the Purse (PIP). I will always be thankful to the Foundation and the community for their support and encouragement, from the initiation of a women's giving circle, to nurturing PIP and making it a driving force in our community for good.

Congratulations!

Dr. Seuss also said, "You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!" As I get on my way, I am looking forward to hiking a few of those mountains with my husband Michael, and having more time to enjoy my children and grandchildren.

I will cherish my memories and am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the community. Time really does fly by when you're having fun!

Jody



Jody Freeman
Development Director

Check out our new website!

After several months of design and content approval, we are excited to officially announce the launch of our new website! Our goal was to provide our visitors with easy access to the many programs and resources the Foundation has to offer and to optimize the view on any device. Check out our new website and let us know what you think!

Our URL remains the same
www.bryanareafoundation.org



Website design by Natural Design & Graphics



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Outstanding Educator!

Don't miss your opportunity to nominate a teacher who has met the challenges and is an Outstanding Educator!

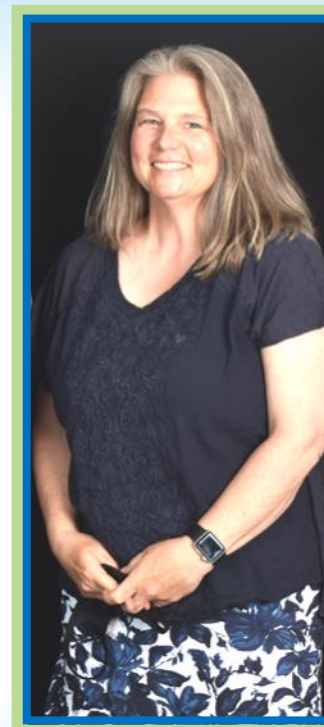
This prestigious award, endowed through the Foundation by the Benedict Family, in memory of Greg Benedict, is presented annually to one of Bryan's outstanding educators.

The criteria and past recipients are listed on the nomination form that can be downloaded on our website at: BryanAreaFoundation.org

The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2022

Please submit the nomination form to the Foundation office
or mail to PO Box 651, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

The 2021 Outstanding Educator



Stephanie Mazur has been a teacher for 29 years, with the past 24 years at Bryan High School teaching various English classes.