



BRYAN AREA
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Congratulations, Robert!

2022 Good Citizen



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- 2022 Robert Rowan

Congratulations to Robert (Bob) Rowan for winning the 2022 Bryan Area Foundation Good Citizen Award! Nominated by Margie Geisler, Bob has been a resident of Bryan for 72 years and is actively involved in veterans affairs, Wesley United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, and Williams County genealogy and history. Retired from the United States Air Force and ARO Corporation, Bob has profound respect for our nation and flag. This motivates him to ensure all the United States flags around the historic Bryan, Ohio Courthouse are in good condition. He also assists anyone in the area with getting a replacement flag for their business or home.



Presenting Bob with the award are (left to right) Amy Miller, President/CEO of the Bryan Area Foundation; recipient Bob Rowan; and Diana Moore Eschhofen, Bryan Area Foundation Chair.

Bob was presented this prestigious award at the Bryan Area Foundation Annual Members' meeting on Thursday, October 20. Everyone in attendance, including Bob's family, recognized him with a standing ovation. The Bryan Area Foundation is extremely grateful that Bob has made it his mission to improve the quality of life for our community for generations to come. Thank you, Bob!



The Rowan Family: Front row, left to right: son, Robert L. Rowan; daughter, Sylvia Heaton; recipient, Bob Rowan; nominator, Margie Geisler; son, Norman Rowan.

Second row, left to right, daughter-in-law, Kathy Rowan; son-in-law, Rev. Lyle Heaton; granddaughter, Alysia Rowan; and daughter-in-law, Paige Rowan.



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 Chair



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Diana Moore Eschhofen
Chair of the Board

The holiday lights illuminate the Bryan downtown square, and it is more evident than ever that exciting things are happening in our community. As you join the crowds at the Christkindl Market this December, be sure to stop by the new Bryan Area Foundation office, located on the west side of the square (124 South Lynn Street). We will not officially occupy the new building until next year, but the doors will be open during Christkindl for visitors to see our remodeling plans and explore Bryan Area Foundation giving opportunities.

As you drive around the community, take time to notice new shops, improvements to existing buildings, and projects in progress. Keep in mind that so much of what the Foundation does may not be immediately evident but continues to enhance the quality of life for all who live and visit here. And make sure to check out the new Visit Bryan Ohio website, www.visitbryanohio.com. Launched the week of Thanksgiving, this site will help promote Bryan, increase economic growth, and show how to "live the sweet life".

In this season of gratitude and giving, we want to thank you for your past, present, and future gifts to the Bryan Area Foundation. I look forward to working closely with each of you as we continue to pursue projects and opportunities to make our community better than ever.

Diana Moore Eschhofen



In Memory

The Bryan Area Foundation is saddened by the passing of foundation member Tom Noneman and community philanthropist Marion Isaac. Their service and commitment to our community will always be remembered and appreciated. We will miss them and their never-ending support.

Tom joined the Bryan Area Foundation in 1997 and served on the Development, Finance, Good Citizen, Grant Making, and Nominating committees. From 2003-2005, he was a Foundation Trustee and became an Ambassador in 2006. He passed away at the age of 82 on Saturday, November 5.



Tom Noneman



Marion Isaac

Marion was a quiet philanthropist that financially assisted many people over the years. She valued education and although did not attend college herself, she funded numerous scholarships at Northwest State Community College and Defiance College, primarily for first-generation students. Her only request was that they "pay it forward" to others in need of educational funding. Marion was also extremely generous in supporting community projects, including most recently the new Bryan Interactive Fountains in Moore Park. Her contributions allowed the project to significantly expand from its original plans and make it more of a community destination for all to enjoy. Marion died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 25 at the age of 103.

Foundation Organizational Funds



Organizational Funds



Photo includes both organizational and designated fund recipients.

Over \$68,000 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

Academic Booster Club of Bryan City Schools Fund
ACRES, Inc.
Boy Scouts Fund
Bryan Rotary Foundation, Inc. Fund
City of Bryan Senior Center Bldg. Fund
David Betts Double Play Diamond Fund
First Presbyterian Church Fund
Four County Career Center Fund
Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Fund
St. Patrick Church Fund
Stryker Schools Foundation Fund
Trinity Lutheran Church Fund
United Way of Williams County Fund
Veterans Memorial Building Fund

Wesley United Methodist Church Fund
Williams County 4-H Fund
Williams County Fair Foundation Fund
Williams County Family YMCA Fund
Williams County Historical Society Fund
Williams County Humane Society Fund
Williams County Parks Fund
Williams County Senior Center Fund
Williams County Sportsmen's Fund

Montpelier Area Foundation

Hip Klotz MHS Athletic Booster Fund
Montpelier Fire Department Fund
Montpelier Rotary Fund



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.



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



School Assembly

Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham

"Just try 2 more times!"



The Bryan Area Foundation observed Foundation Week, Sunday, October 16-Saturday, October 22. To help kick-off the celebration, the Foundation had Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham roll into town and speak to kindergarten through fifth-grade students and teachers from the Bryan City and St. Patrick's Elementary Schools. A big thanks to The Ability Center and its Executive Director, Stuart James, for helping us to coordinate the day.

Born with Spina Bifida, a birth defect of the spinal cord, Aaron had limited use of his legs and started using a walker, then crutches until the age of eight when he began using his wheelchair full-time. Despite his physical struggles, he was able to find ways to adapt and overcome any obstacle that came his way.



Aaron's first experience at a skatepark was in December 2000 when his father and older brother helped him to the top of a quarter pipe. After some trial and error, eight-year-old Aaron rolled away from his first drop into a ramp and at that moment he was hooked! Where most people see a wheelchair as a limitation, Aaron saw it as freedom!

Now at the age of 31, Aaron competes in Wheelchair Motocross, and tours with Nitro Circus Live. He also travels the world speaking to groups and mentoring others with disabilities. While addressing the students in Bryan, Aaron emphasized the importance of appreciating people of different abilities and encouraged everyone to dream big, no matter what challenges may arise. He told students that it is important to be persistent in achieving one's goals, and when on the verge of giving up, "just try two more times." He said that when you do this, that's when you accomplish your objective.



We are so grateful that Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham came to Bryan to help us celebrate Foundation Week 2022. His motivational words and inspiring message are sure to help all of us reach for the stars.



Grant Deadline



December 30 is the deadline for all grant applications. If you are physically dropping off an application, please remember that our office is closed Friday, Dec. 30. We recommend dropping off all applications on Thursday, Dec. 29, or mail them to PO Box 651, Bryan, OH 43506.

Applications & Instructions can be found @ www.bryanareafoundation.org (GRANTS tab).

Jim Tressel & Mike Doss



Football Legends Come to Bryan

As the Bryan Area Foundation continued celebrating Foundation Week from Sunday, October 16-Saturday, October 22, our gift to the community was to welcome two football icons to Bryan to speak about leadership. Youngstown State University (YSU) President and former Ohio State University (OSU) Football Coach James (Jim) P. Tressel and former OSU safety and Super Bowl XLI Champion Mike Doss delivered their remarks on Tuesday, October 18 at the Bryan Arts and Education Center. Each talked about the lessons they had learned from the game of football that were transferable to their everyday successes. They also had the chance to reminisce on the twenty year anniversary of The Ohio State University Football team winning the National Championship.

Tressel, who will be retiring from YSU in February of 2023, stated that one of the elements of leadership is servanthood and an eagerness to serve others for the benefit of the whole. When asked by Doss who his most significant mentor was, the audience anticipated Tressel's answer would be his father and former college football coach. Tressel instead indicated it was his mother who demonstrated the importance of serving others, whether it was her family, neighbors, or community.

Doss, a high school, college, and NFL champion from Canton, Ohio, spoke about learning how to transition when events



happen that are out of your control. He recalled his high school and college football playing days and how he had to adapt to new coaches when his previous ones left. Being flexible in this way is especially applicable today with hybrid work environments, changing job and family responsibilities, and financial volatility.

If you were unable to attend, the presentation was videotaped. It can be found on our Bryan Area Foundation website and social media platforms. A special thanks to Altenloh, Brinck & Co., and Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers for helping bring Tressel and Doss to Bryan. We are very grateful for their sponsorship and that these OSU and College Football Hall of Fame members made Foundation Week 2022 even more special!

Event Sponsors



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Andrew M. Herman Memorial Scholarship Fund Match Deadline - December 31st

All monies received by Saturday, December 31, in honor of Tom Herman's 90th birthday will be matched by the Herman Family, up to \$15,000 total.

To celebrate Tom, please mail a check to PO Box 651, Bryan, OH 43506 or make an online gift.

Please note "Tom Herman" in your check memo line or in the dedication box if made online.



Community Development

Project Next

Project Next, an initiative of the Bryan Area Foundation, held its first meeting giving participants the chance to meet each other, elect officers, and discuss possible by-laws. This group of like-minded donors will determine the next community asset in Williams County, much like those involved in Project 2020, which raised funds to build the Fountain City Amphitheater and Interactive Fountains.

The officers and chairs will meet in December and at that time, will start to develop the by-laws, review possible fundraising events, and plan upcoming social activities. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the program or becoming a Project Next member, please contact one of the officers, chairs, or the Bryan Area Foundation.

Newly elected officers and chairs are the following: Chad & Jodi Tinkel (Co-Chairs), Rick & Kasey Thormeier (Vice Co-Chairs), Damian Dorsten (Secretary), Amy Miller (Treasurer), Jason Kos (Fundraising), and McKenzie Nau (Membership Chair).



Let us help you with your holiday shopping!



Looking for a unique gift for that special someone? Let the Bryan Area Foundation help you with your holiday shopping! By donating to the Foundation in memory or honor of a loved one, donors celebrate that person and enhance our community for years to come. Those contributing will receive a greeting card that can be given to the recipient or family, advising them of your gift. All donations to the Bryan Inclusive Playground Fund will receive a specially made card created and designed by a Bryan Elementary or St. Patrick School student.

Inspired by the visit and motivating speech Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham gave, these

Inclusive Playground cards express the student's thoughts on what it means to "play together." Preschool through second-grade school children colored their provided card design while third through sixth graders hand-drew their ideas. The Bryan Area Foundation marketing committee chose which artist from each grade level won a ten-dollar Dairy Queen Brazier gift card donated by Mike and Beth Pool. Winners also received printed cards for their families to use.

Let the Foundation help you this holiday season if you struggle to find the perfect gift for that "hard-to-buy-for individual." Donations can be made to any of our funds and are tax deductible. But even better is knowing that your contribution will continue to benefit Williams County residents for future generations.



Hours are 4-8 on the following dates:

Dec. 8 (Th) & Dec. 9 (Fri) & Dec. 10 (Sat)
Dec. 15 (Th) & Dec. 16 (Fri) & Dec. 17 (Sat)



Women's Giving Circle

Since 2016, more than **\$174,000** has been donated
to **30 nonprofits** throughout **Williams County!**

The fourth quarter 2022 PIP meeting was held on Monday, October 24 at the
First Presbyterian Church, Bryan. Three worthy organizations were nominated:



First Presbyterian Church Tuesday Night Free Meal Program: The first presentation, First Presbyterian Church Tuesday Night Free Meal Program, was nominated by numerous PIP members and presented by Diana Moore Eschhofen. Started in 2009, the church has been offering free meals on Tuesday nights for anyone in the community with a need. The eight teams of workers serve an average of 68 people each week. The funds for the meals are donated by church members over and above their annual tithes. This PIP grant would help the program continue and to accommodate even more people in need.

Flair on the Square: Nominated by several PIP members and presented by Kathy Smith, Flair on the Square will be a juried fine arts festival around downtown Bryan and is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, 2023. This first-time event will feature live performances, delicious culinary treats, and a local fresh market. The goal of the festival is to cultivate, encourage, and develop public appreciation and support for the visual arts for the enjoyment of northwest Ohio residents. The PIP grant would be used for expenses related to the event that include marketing, entertainment, and staging. They are trying to raise \$50,000 for the project and are currently seeking funding from a variety of sources.

CPC Women's Health Resource: The last presentation was nominated and given by Cheryl Andres. CPC Women's Health Resource empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, counseling, and compassion care, based on the ministry of Jesus Christ. They provide support and practical assistance to women during and after pregnancy. Their services are free of charge and the PIP grant would be used to help them maintain their program and mission.

And the Winner Is . . . After the votes were tallied, the **First Presbyterian Church Tuesday Night Free Meal Program** was chosen and will be the beneficiary of a **\$6,725** grant.

Second Grant: At the PIP meeting, it was decided that a \$1,000 grant would be awarded to a non-winning nominee from this past year. While several nominations were included, **the Second PIP Winner Is.....Flair on the Square!**

2022 PIP Recipients

1st Quarter Recipient

Williams County Agricultural Society - **\$6,525**

2nd Quarter Recipient

LifeWise Academy, Bryan - **\$6,800**

3rd Quarter Recipient

Bryan Inclusive Playground - **\$6,725**

4th Quarter Recipients

First Presbyterian Church - **\$6,725**

Flair on the Square - **\$1,000**

2022 Total Grants - \$27,775

PIP Endowment Balance - \$45,610

Together we can do great things!





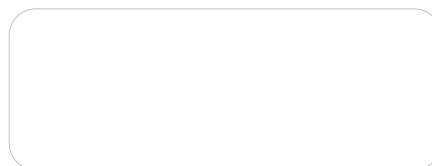
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Holiday Hours

The Foundation office will
be closed on:

Friday, December 23rd

Monday, December 26th

Friday, December 30th

Monday, January 2nd

It's that time again! Yes, we just announced the 2022 Good Citizen Award, and now we are seeking nominations for the 2023 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.

The deadline for nominations is: Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

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

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





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

IRA Charitable Rollover

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 Bryan Area 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.



Our New Home

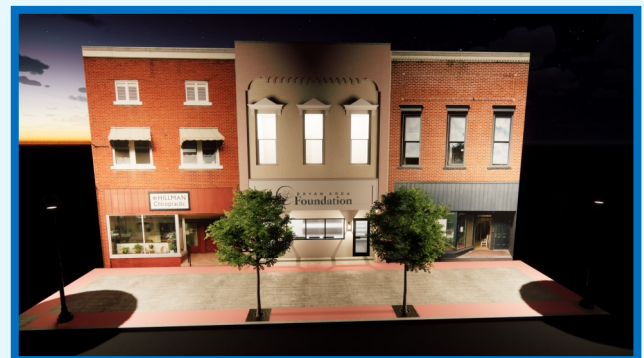
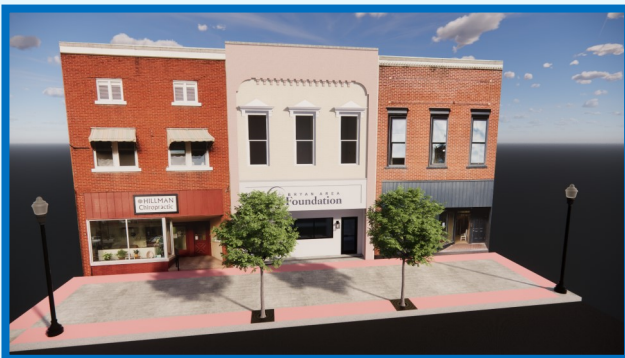
124 South Lynn Street



After 53 years of moving from donated space to leased occupancy, the Bryan Area Foundation will finally own a home in the heart of downtown Bryan. Thanks to the generosity of two Foundation and lifelong community members, the Foundation purchased the former Penrod George Building at 124 South Lynn Street. This new location will provide the Foundation with more space and privacy, a physical mailing address, savings from rental expenses, and a

highly visible spot adjacent to the historic Bryan Courthouse Square. It also reinforces the Foundation's commitment to be a part of the economic growth in downtown Bryan. Together, the Foundation and its current and future neighboring businesses will restore, beautify, and develop the area into a thriving commercial district. This is the hope of the two generous donors, as well as to inspire other members of our community to come forth with funds to help remodel the building's exterior and interior.

Conceptual board renderings have been designed and are available for review. They address separate (non-cubicle) offices, a large conference room, space for hosted events, and room for future growth. If you would like to give back to our community through your financial participation in this renovation project, please contact the Foundation to share your thoughts and ideas.



We look forward to serving our community in our new home in the near future!!

