

**REPORT TO THE
 COMMUNITY
 2016**

OUR MISSION

To enhance and strengthen the quality of life in Greater Fairfield.

OUR VISION

Fairfield Community Foundation—Fairfield's choice for giving.

THE FIRST FOUNDATION GRANT CHALLENGE

And the Winner is... Art & Sole!

Stephen Badin High School art students competed against the Fairfield YMCA in a first-ever Grant Challenge at October's Foundation Annual Meeting. Badin's Art & Sole Project was selected by attendees at the Annual Meeting to receive a grant for \$3,500 to grow their unique student-initiated project. The Fairfield Y received \$1,500 for its Joe Nuxhall Miracle League youth program.

The idea for Art & Sole began when Badin Art Studio student volunteers at local food pantries and a women's shelter observed that many being served needed shoes. They decided to create personalized athletic shoes for those in need. First, they interviewed

those who wanted new shoes and gained background information that they used to make each person a pair of shoes artistically designed just for them. They initially provided shoes for 50 people – children, women and men. The Foundation grant allowed them to grow the program to serve more people in the Fairfield area, including a most recent supply of artfully, personalized athletic shoes for youth at Fairfield's One Way Farm.

In a recent visit to the art class at Badin, students spoke about this exciting project. "It is a way to give people art they can use," says Samantha Sander, a Badin senior. "It is unique for them. It brings them happiness," Sarah continues. Dominic Grime, also a Badin senior, added, "It really is a great way

to give back to the community." Lizzie Kolde continued, "By painting the shoes you give them (the recipients) something unique. You give them a part of yourself."

Sarah Daniels, Badin art teacher and advisor to the Art & Sole Project, confirmed that the project has been so successful that it will continue next year. "We plan to work with outside studio artists to continue and expand this wonderful project," said Daniels.



FAIRFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB PARTNERS WITH FCF TO GIVE

Obie Mills has been active in the Fairfield Optimist Club for 43 years. He is a past-president of the club, as well as a former district governor. "I believe that every kid in Fairfield that has been touched by the Fairfield Optimist Club in some way," Mills proudly boasts. When you look at the number and scope of the programs aimed at young people in Fairfield, Obie is probably correct. They range from sports (soccer and baseball), to Christmas and Easter programs, to Explorer Scouts, to Special Olympics, to an annual fishing derby for special needs children just to mention a few.

Several years ago, the Optimist Club set up a fund with the Fairfield Community Foundation. This fund annually benefits six local organizations who serve youth in our community.

When asked why the Optimist Club does what it does, current vice president, Russ Johnson simply states, "Because we can." Johnson adds, "We see a need in our community and we work hard on addressing that need."

The Foundation is pleased to have been chosen by the Optimist Club to partner with them to enhance the quality of life in greater Fairfield.

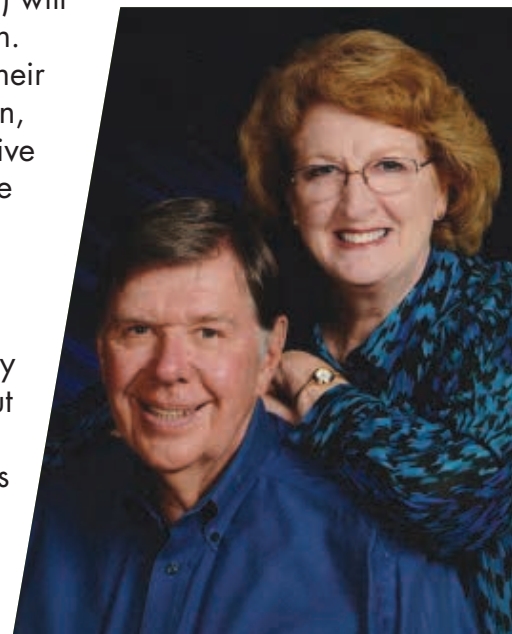


WOLTERMANS' ESTATE PLANS WILL BENEFIT MANY

In 1999 Robert Wolterman, DVM, was a member of a group of visionary Fairfield citizens who saw the need for a community foundation. They believed it would enhance the quality of life in Fairfield and Fairfield Township. The result was the creation of the Fairfield Community Foundation.

Robert and Jenny's support of the Foundation has continued from day one. Robert became a charter member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, guiding the Foundation in its formative years. Robert and Jenny have been Foundation Angels since the inception of this funding program. Now they are guaranteeing that their support of the Foundation and another program they dearly love (The St. Vincent DePaul Society at Sacred Heart Church) will continue long after they have passed on. They have included the Foundation in their estate planning. Through the Foundation, the St. Vincent DePaul Society will receive a yearly donation for its operations. The Foundation will also benefit financially through their estate.

"Fairfield has been our home," says Robert. "It has been very good to Jenny and me. It is not only where we live, but where I owned a successful veterinary business." Jenny agrees. "Fairfield has been good to us, and we want to give back to our community."



THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Effective April 28, I will be retiring from the Fairfield Community Foundation as president. I've served in that role for nearly 3-1/2 years, and it's been a privilege and an honor.

Getting to know more about our donors, our friends and volunteers, our outstanding Board members and the wonderful organizations and individuals we serve through grants and scholarships has been one of the highlights of my life. To each of you, I say a sincere "thank you."

I grew up in Fairfield and I now live in Fairfield Township. I graduated from Fairfield High School, along with two brothers and a sister. My husband taught school and coached at Fairfield Junior High and then went on to work at the city in various capacities. He and I worked

together running the first recreation program in the city – he was paid and I volunteered! We were married at Sacred Heart; our children were baptized there and went to school there. We were part of establishing the first soccer program in Fairfield. This community is in my blood! It is truly part of who I am and what I have become as an adult. So coming back here to serve as president of the Foundation has allowed me (after many years in another community) to reinvest myself in the Fairfield community. I am so thankful for that.

I would like to encourage each person connected with our community to consider becoming part of the Foundation that truly impacts so many in a positive way. You can be a donor, set up a fund, or volunteer. Or you can just talk to others about the

Foundation and let them know that the Foundation is here for our community – to make a better place for all of us. Whether the Foundation is providing scholarships, grants to not for profits, being a sponsor of events, or convening groups, our focus is always on enhancing the quality of life for residents and those who work and/or go to school in Fairfield and Fairfield Township. Please join with the Foundation and help it grow to touch more lives in a positive way.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Diane Ruder, CFRE
President



REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I was honored to have the opportunity to serve on the board of trustees for the Fairfield Community Foundation as well as serving as the board chair for the past year. During my tenure on the board, I've seen amazing growth within the foundation and the Fairfield and Fairfield Township communities. I thank the founding members of the Fairfield Community Foundation for the tremendous efforts they put forth in creating the foundation in the first place and staying committed to supporting the efforts through the years in a variety of ways.

In the past year, the foundation board has looked for ways to broaden the reach and impact within the communities that we serve while working to build relationships with other organizations in the community that are doing so many wonderful things.

One of the great things I love about the Fairfield Community Foundation is the ability

to assist families remember and honor loved ones while also working to make a difference in young people. Two examples of this include the Paul McKendry Memorial Scholarship awarded to Alex Wargo who is continuing his education in Fire service and the Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Fund from which we awarded 26 scholarships. Additionally, we awarded 50 scholarships to students from Fairfield High School through funds set up by many.

During the year, our board of trustees looked to find creative ways to harness the power and energy from businesses, institutions and organizations who work tirelessly to make our community a better place. We arrived at the idea that if we could pool all of our resources together, we could focus our efforts on key issues in an effort to make an even greater impact. This culminated in a group discussion with a variety of people led by Seek, Inc. Seek is a major consulting

firm and they agreed to donate their services to help us through this process. The meeting was very successful and with all agreeing that coming together to better meet the overall needs of the community makes perfect sense. Although we are just at the beginning stages of this movement, I am very encouraged and look forward to see where this goes next.

We are a community foundation. Our vision is to make community a better place. I encourage you to reach out to the Fairfield Community Foundation if you have ideas on how we can help support the community that you live in. Together, we can all make a difference!

Steve Smith
Chair of the Board of Trustees



2015-2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- A Kid Again
- American Spirit Education Alliance
- Big Brother Big Sisters of Butler County
- Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton
- Fairfield City School District
- Fairfield Civitan Club
- Fairfield Family YMCA
- Fairfield High School (Baseball)
- Fairfield High School Afterprom
- Fairfield Tempo Club
- Family Promise of Butler County, Inc.
- Greater Cincinnati Golf Association
- Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra
- Hannah's Treasure Chest
- Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields
- Learning Impacts Family Enrichment, Inc.
- Madison Local Schools
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Mercy Franciscan at St. Raphael
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- One Way Farm of Fairfield, Inc.
- PARACHUTE
- People Working Cooperatively
- Salvation Army Hamilton Corps
- The Center for Family Solutions
- WMKV Radio/MapleKnoll Communities

2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Scholarship Funds provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships in 2016.

- Sherry A. Armstead
- Ben and Greta Bartels
- Sally Braun
- Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial
- Karin Carboy Kaleidoscope
- Ron Chasteen
- LCP Michael J. Cifuentes
- Erick Cook Memorial
- Harold and Pat Craig
- Jan Creed
- Robert Copenbaker
- Larry Deis
- Christy Dennis Memorial
- Jenny Evans
- Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
- Fairfield Champions Fund
- Fairfield Community Foundation Extracurricular Activities
- Fairfield High School Choraliers in honor of Paul Thoms
- Fairfield Women
- Four Seasons Garden Club
- Don Friedman Memorial Music
- Don & Phyllis Graf Family
- Jimmy Hassman Memorial
- Misti Highfill
- Kiwanis Club of Fairfield
- Buddy LaRosa
- Doug Lopina Award Fairfield Boys Soccer
- Dr. Fred Marzan Memorial
- Masanek & Massie Coaches Wrestling
- McClellan Memorial
- Galen McCollum Memorial Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Dennis McRoberts Memorial Baseball
- Anonymous
- Steven Miller Family
- Joe Nuxhall
- Phillip J. Nuxhall Theater Arts
- Olinger
- Clarence and Madeline Phalen
- LCP Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial
- Howard and Katrina Schul Fine Arts
- Kathleen Sullivan Memorial
- Tannenbaum
- Harry & Jerri Thomas Scholarship
- Martha M. Tipton Memorial
- UT Prosim
- Ron Winingham Memorial

Thank you for your generosity!

ANGELS CIRCLE OF CARING

The Angels Circle of Caring is made up of special people who provide charitable gifts to help the Foundation's work in our community. Each donor is an important partner with the Foundation. Gifts listed below were given between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Thank you.



ANGEL

Gifts of \$1000 and Above

- Allan & Dorothy Bailey
- Brian and Barbara Begley
- Ronald and Ann Berg
- Judge Henry & Alida Bruewer
- John H. and Sharon Clemmons
- Frederic J. Holzberger
- Robert and Christine Jung
- Kiwanis Club of Fairfield
- Anonymous
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- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wolterman
- Stephen and Tracey Wolterman

AMBASSADOR

Gifts of \$101 - \$999

- Anonymous
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- Christopher and Nancy Meier
- Steve & Michelle Miller
- PAWS, LLC
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FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Gifts of \$25 - \$100

- Mildred Bramble
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- Dr. Richard W Kennedy DMD

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- Steve and Janet Leiter
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lerer
- William and Connie Miller
- Mother Earth
- Carol and Ervin Oerther
- Ronald and Patricia Petty
- Linda and Robert Singer
- Ted and Diane Sutton
- Larry and Andrea Tischler
- Mark and Melinda Wendling
- Jack and Jean Wesseler
- Mark and Jennifer Westerbeck
- Jane and Kenneth Yelm
- James and Anne Zettler

Special thanks to the City of Fairfield for its continuing support.

FORMER FAIRFIELD EDUCATORS CREATE THE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP

Willard and Lillian Hopkins have funded a new scholarship fund—the Principal's Scholarship. It will be awarded for the first time this May at the Annual Awards Night at Fairfield High School. The recipient will be selected by the principal and guidance counselors.

The Hopkins have also guaranteed that the Principal's Scholarship will continue long into the future by placing it in their estate plans, along with a stipulation that additional funds will go to the Fairfield Community Foundation for additional scholarships. Asked why they are creating the Principal's Scholarship through their estate, Willard & Lillian said, "We want to recognize those who have contributed to scholarships and the Foundation, and encourage others to do the same. We have been blessed and want

to share our blessings."

Willard and Lillian are no strangers to education and the creation of scholarship programs. Willard was principal of Fairfield High School for 18 years and Lillian taught at Fairfield Central Elementary for 20 years.

As principal Willard saw the need to recognize graduating seniors and provide them with a monetary award for their future education goals. His leadership led to the creation of the Fairfield High School Scholarship Fund. Through the generosity of many parents and community members this fund grew rapidly under Hopkins' tutelage.

After his retirement in 1992, Willard continued to manage the funds until the Fairfield Community Foundation came into existence. The Fairfield High School



Scholarship Program became the nucleus for Fairfield Community Foundation scholarships with over \$300,000 becoming the cornerstone for scholarships through the present day.

Now, the Hopkins' current gift to set up their fund along with future gifts from their estate will provide scholarships for graduating Fairfield High School seniors forever.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2016	2015	2014
Cash	191,598	213,514	285,581
Investments	3,201,075	3,305,755	3,218,407
Property & Equipment Net.....	23,667	41,290	3,660
Deposits.....	4,302	18	619
TOTAL ASSETS	3,420,642	3,560,577	3,508,267
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable.....	811	45,052	591
Accrued Payroll & Related.....	344	0	525
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,155	45,052	1,116
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted Net Assets	306,201	366,731	375,962
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	3,113,286	3,148,794	3,131,189
TOTAL NET ASSETS.....	3,419,487	3,515,525	3,507,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	3,420,642	3,560,577	3,508,267

NEW FUNDS CREATED IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Donor Advised Fund
Tim and Jean Meyers Fund

Scholarship Funds
Kenneth and Jean McKay Family Scholarship

The Principal's Scholarship

Pass Through Fund
Ohio National's Baseball Fund



2016

**TAILGATE TUESDAY
 ANNUAL MEETING**

A Fairfield City Schools Pep Squad, Badin Cheerleaders, the Cincinnati Reds' Gapper, and everyone dressed for their favorite teams!! Tailgate Tuesday was a huge success. To top the evening off, Sally Braun's beautiful Ohio State quilt brought \$2,200 in raffle ticket sales to benefit the Karin Carboy Kaleidoscope Scholarship Fund.



THANK YOU!

Halftime Sponsor \$1,000

- Ameritas
- Clemmons & Wolterman Law Firm
- First Financial Bank
- Johnson Investment Counsel
- Anonymous

Goal Sponsor \$500

Jungle Jim's



IRIS MCCLELLAN TIEDT LEAVES BEQUEST

Dr. Iris McClellan Tiedt died in September 2015 in California. As part of her estate plans, she left a bequest from her irrevocable trust of nearly \$30,000 to the Foundation's McClellan Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was established to honor Dr. Tiedt's parents, Raymond and Eralene McClellan.

Dr. Tiedt grew up in the Symmes Corner area of Fairfield. She graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL and was an elementary school teacher in Alaska. She then received her master's degree from the University of Oregon and her doctorate from Stanford University in 1972. She co-authored several

books on education. She served in various capacities at San Jose State College, the University of Santa Clara, Northern Kentucky University, and was Dean of the College of Education at Moorhead State University, in Minnesota. She leaves two children, Ryan Collay and Pamela Tiedt.



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- Unrestricted
- Scholarships
- Character Education
- Arts and Culture
- Parks, Beautification and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Seniors, Youth and Disabilities

TO LEAVE A BEQUEST

You may use the following language: I give and bequeath to the Fairfield Community Foundation, a non-profit corporation, the residue of my estate (or the amount of \$_____) to be used where most needed (or to set up a fund for the purpose of _____). Our tax-ID number (non profit) is 31-1625750.