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On the cover

The North Branch of the Kokosing River shimmers Monet-like as it rims the recently acquired Education and Nature Center in Fredericktown. Public treasures like this 57-acre park reveal the Community Foundation’s commitment to enhancing quality of life throughout Knox County. Similarly, our story about the Danville Sanctuary, which begins on page 5, demonstrates the Foundation’s county-wide reach.

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Foundation launches youth program amid steady growth

Modest though it was, endowment growth was registered in 2011 by the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County, as the national and world economies sought to accelerate the pace of their recoveries. The Foundation’s year-end market value of $36,120,651 reflected an increase of 1.3 percent over year-end 2010, thanks to the continued recovery of our investment portfolio, and the receipt of $1,446,628 in new charitable gifts. This was the eighth consecutive year in which contributions to the Foundation exceeded $1 million.

While 2011 may not have been a spectacular financial success for the Community Foundation, the year is certain to be remembered for another signature achievement: the establishment of its Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI, or “why-pie” for short). In a personal recollection beginning on page 24 of this annual report Ellen Blanchard, a 2012 Kenyon College graduate from Petoskey, Michigan, who is singularly responsible for YPI’s successful debut, reveals her dedication to youth philanthropy in general, as well as to the 12 extraordinary local high school students she deftly advised. Not to steal Ms. Blanchard’s thunder, but her timely appearance on our doorstep (almost literally) in January of 2011 enabled us to realize one of the board of directors’ long-range development objectives.

Four new funds added to Community Foundation

This section of the annual report is where we traditionally celebrate charitable funds that are appearing for the first time in our catalog of Community Foundation funds, beginning on page 8. We are proud to report four new funds were created in 2011—all of them intended to provide college scholarships for accomplished area students.

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New Community Foundation fund honorees...

Foundation Fact: In 2011 the Community Foundation board of directors considered 57 requests for project funding, providing grants to 90 percent of all applicants.

- Mount Vernon YMCA Capital Improvements – To address critical needs at the North Main Street facility, including physical improvements and equipment replacement for its fitness center, $40,000.
- Danville Athletic Boosters – A collaborative effort to construct a running track for interscholastic competition, training and for general community use, $40,000.
- Central Ohio Technical College – A grant from the Harold and Roberta Johnson Fund for economic development to complete the lower level renovation of Ariel Hall as part of COTC’s Downtown Mount Vernon campus expansion, $26,250.
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University – A grant from the Harold and Roberta Johnson Fund for economic development to complete construction of the MVNU School of Nursing & Health Sciences, located in the former Montgomery Ward/Mount Vernon Sewing Center building, adjacent to Buchwald Hall in Downtown Mount Vernon, $26,250.
- Salvation Army – For the third consecutive year the Foundation awarded an economic stabilization grant to a local charitable organization, upon the recommendation of the executive committee of the United Way of Knox County. Such grants may be used to supplement regular operations of an agency when economic conditions significantly threaten its charitable mission. The local Salvation Army was able to use this infusion of local operating support to leverage additional operating grants from the regional office of the Salvation Army, $25,000.
- Centerburg Local Schools – A grant to assist with the purchase of equipment for the Centerburg Wellness Center, $20,000.
- HopeNow Inc. – Purchase of a used box truck enabled the HopeNow organization to more efficiently pick up and deliver used home furnishings for needy area families. Previously, the task was undertaken in piecemeal fashion using the personal vehicles of volunteers, $10,000.
- Saint Vincent de Paul School – The Foundation provided asbestos removal assistance in connection with a gymnasium floor replacement project in the school, $6,325.
- Knox County Educational Service Center – For the eighteenth year the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County was the principal funder of the Youth Enrichment Series (Y.E.S.) which enables every elementary school student in Knox County to attend a live musical or theatrical presentation in the Knox County Memorial Theater, $5,000.
- Danville Foundation for Student Achievement – Matching funds were provided for a start-up academic booster organization that intends to enhance the educational experience for Danville students, $5,000.
- Ohio Grantmakers Forum – A portion of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County’s dues to OGF is paid in the form of a grant. OGF, a statewide consortium of community, private and corporate foundations, informs us about changes in legislation affecting philanthropy and is a forum for charitable organizations to share best practices in fund-raising and grant making, $3,318.
- The Village Network – Sponsorship of the Village Network’s first “Gathering of Friends” enabled the organization to connect with more than 100 local donors in the context of a tour of three historic homes. Along the tour route guests enjoyed elegant food contributed by The Alcove, Ariel Corporation and AVI Foodsystems at Knox Community Hospital, and became acquainted with The Village Network’s Children’s Resource Center, a local residential facility for at-risk children and adolescents, $3,000.
- Knox County Renaissance Foundation. – A second grant was provided to assist with renovation of the historic Odd Fellows Building in Downtown Mount Vernon, $3,000.
Foundation Fact: The total dollar amount of grants awarded from the Community Foundation’s 56 unrestricted funds in 2011 was $426,326.

- **Danville Athletic Boosters** – Purchase of wrestling mats for a new junior high, high school and “biddy” recreational wrestling program projected to serve up to 80 Danville youths, $3,000.

- **Science-Play Initiative (City of Mount Vernon, fiscal agent)** – The Foundation awarded a capacity building grant to this all-volunteer organization, which seeks to provide stimulating science-based experiences to children of all ages, $3,000.

- **Knox County Educational Service Center** – Fulfillment of a 2010 grant for the “Play to Talk” conference presented by Dr. James MacDonald, in support of families with children experiencing delays in talking, due to autism, Asperger’s, Down Syndrome and other developmental conditions, $3,000.

- **Knox County Habitat for Humanity** – Grant provided for the purchase of a pallet truck to be used at Habitat’s new ReStore retail space. The resale of salvaged building supplies provides a steady stream of funding for the organization’s home building mission, $2,945.

- **Talk Through Me Project (Station Break Senior Center, fiscal agent)** – This all-volunteer effort brings technology to older Knox Countians living in retirement facilities, allowing them to connect with family and friends electronically, and to capture personal histories, $2,362.

- **Knox County 4-H** – Equipment necessary for conducting canine agility programs was acquired with this grant, $2,014.

- **Knox County Community Concerts Association** – Funding for the first annual Vaughn Wiester Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert was provided through the Foundation’s event co-sponsor, $2,000.

- **United Way of Knox County** – The Imagination Library, a creation of country music star Dolly Parton, provides monthly reading material to young readers through this county-wide program coordinated by our area United Way program, $2,000.

- **Compassionate Friends**, The local chapter of this support organization for parents of deceased children has constructed an “Angels of Remembrance” memorial to their loved ones near the entrance to Knox Woods on Coshocton Road, $2,000.

- **Equine Assisted Therapy** – A grant was provided to this Centerburg-based program to assist with the renovations of a horse barn, $2,000.

- **A Hand at Home (Station Break, fiscal agent)** – A capacity building grant was provided to this start-up organization in Gambier, which seeks to improve the lives of local seniors through neighbor to neighbor assistance with household activities, $2,000.

- **Fredericktown Local Schools** – Completion of a 2010 commitment to Fredericktown Local Schools to study native plant species, $2,000.

- **Knox County Commissioners** – Replacement parts for the Steinway concert piano residing in the Memorial Theater was enabled by this grant. Labor to complete the project was donated by Kenyon’s John Reitz, himself a concert pianist, $1,592.

- **Fredericktown Community Foundation** – Community Foundation sponsorship of the first annual 5K Run-Walk assisted our partner philanthropic organization in its fund-raising venture, $1,500.

- **Knox County Ohio State Alumni Association** – Sponsorship of an early summer concert appearance by the OSU Alumni Marching Band in the new Kenyon College athletic complex added scholarship dollars to the Knox County OSU Alumni Fund, $1,500.

As the 2011 Community Foundation Annual report goes to press we are watching Rolls-Royce’s new 35,000-square-foot office building being craned into place on the northwest corner of North Sandusky and East Chestnut Streets. The $10 million project, which will house some 300 Rolls employees, replaces the Rolls Tech Center on North Adams Street (formerly the Mount Vernon Bridge Company). The Community Foundation’s Harold and Roberta Johnson Economic Development Fund and the William and Peggy Stroud Family Fund has contributed $72,000 in 2012 to the City of Mount Vernon to acquire the former Certified gas station property (pictured lower right), which Rolls-Royce has improved to maintain parking capacity. The project also involves future intersection and landscaping improvements at the site.


• Community Garden Initiative (First Congregational United Church of Christ, fiscal agent) – Purchase of equipment to facilitate community gardening was enabled by this grant, $1,500.

• Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau – Support for the organization’s pursuit of National Historic District designation for Downtown Mount Vernon, $1,500.

• Mount Vernon B&D Depot Restoration Committee – Co-sponsorship with the Ariel Foundation of the fall 2011 exhibit of prints by iconic steam railroad era photographer O. Winston Link, $1,500.

• Knox County Health Department – Financial assistance to underwrite the cost of a community needs assessment, $1,500.

• Knox County Health Department – Grant for the purchase of patches used in the community-wide “Knox Out Tobacco” smoking cessation program, $1,500.

• City of Mount Vernon – Access to the new Hiawatha Pool was eased for disabled swimmers unable to use traditional pool stairs with the acquisition of a lift device, $1,500.

• Kenyon Review – Sponsorship of the “Knox Reads” program once again provided free books for participants in advance of an author visit to Knox County, $1,500.

• CareNet Pregnancy Services – Update of “Earn While You Learn” parenting curriculum, $1,155.

• Brown Family Environmental Center – Co-sponsorship of 2011 Earth Day Festival, $1,000.

• Knox County Partnership for Arts & Culture – Grant for the purchase of chairs to be used in the Place at the Woodward performance space in Downtown Mount Vernon, $3,000.

• Food For the Hungry – Sponsorship of the 2011 food pantry campaign, $1,000.

• Mount Vernon Nazarene University – Support for the Students in Free Enterprise “Read, Plan, Love” collaboration with Columbia School, $850.

• Distinguished Young Women of Ohio – Financial assistance for the rebranding expenses of the former Ohio’s Junior Miss Scholarship Program, $825.

• Mount Vernon City Schools – Co-sponsorship of a school visit by Ohio author Michael J. Rosen, $800.

• Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau – A grant to facilitate the designation of State Route 3, the “3-C Highway”, as an Ohio Scenic Byway, $750.

• Knox County Educational Service Center – Sponsorship of a KCESC staff member’s participation in the “Leadership Knox” program, $685.

• Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland – A grant to purchase supplies for the Girl Scouts’ “Lunch Bunch Program”, $534.

• Buckhaven Learning Center – Support for Knox County veterans’ participation in the “Wounded Warrior” sportsman’s program, $500.

The former Ohio’s Junior Miss Scholarship Program, which has long been based in Mount Vernon, was re-branded as the Distinguished Young Women program.

We get letters…

...a lot of letters, as you might expect, from grateful grantees in our community. We have selected a few thank you letters to share, so that readers of our 2011 Annual Report might better appreciate the impact the Community Foundation has had in Knox County.

“We with financial assistance from the Community Foundation the City of Mount Vernon was able to purchase fiberglass steps to allow arthritis victims easier access to the Hiawatha Water Park pool. The steps were a huge success at the water park this season and we are grateful for the support given by the Foundation.”

– Mount Vernon Mayor Richard K. Mavis

“We truly appreciate your generosity in providing $10,000 towards the purchase of a truck for HopeNow, Inc. We were in urgent need since the volunteer, who had used his personal vehicle to pick up and deliver donated household goods, was no longer able to do so.”

– HopeNow, Inc. Secretary Bev Actis

“We want to thank you for your financial support of our inaugural 5K race. We had hoped at least 60 runners and walkers would participate, but ended up with 121 participants. Such was our success, that we will be able to continue funding high school scholarships”

– Jennifer McMahon Smith
President, Community Foundation of Fredericktown

“Several individuals reached out to us last fall following the tragic events in Knox County. These were individuals who did not have severe mental illness but needed assistance dealing with events that left our community in shock. Your $30,000 grant last year enabled us to meet needs that could not have been met without your support.”

– Laura Edelblute, Senior Vice President and CEO
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc.

“Thank you for your contribution to our gym project for tile and asbestos removal. I am glad to know generations after me will be able to learn in a safer environment. Thank you for everything you do.”

– Taylor Pfeifer, Seventh Grader, St. Vincent DePaul School

“I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County for its support of the Earth Day Festival. The Foundation’s support was key in helping us reach a wider audience at the event.”

– Heather Doherty, Program Manager
Brown Environmental Center, Kenyon College

“Thank you for helping us update our “Earn While You Learn” parenting curriculum. This vital program will have a lifelong impact on parents and their children by helping to break cycles of neglect and abuse. May God bless you and may the good work you do live on for future generations.”

– Lois Carter, Executive Director
CareNet Pregnancy Services
Danville finds sanctuary in teamwork
Community completes social services facilities on-time and on-budget

Improving the quality of life for people in Danville and Eastern Knox County has been the mission of Sanctuary Community Action for nearly 20 years. Last year a community effort of immense proportion demonstrated the breadth and depth of that mission in its community. Convinced of the commitment of the greater Danville community and the Sanctuary board, the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County signed on as a funding partner for a capital improvement project that would change the face of the organization for the better, and for decades to come.

The story of this little community that could – and did – actually begins in 1994, when the Association of Danville Ministers (ADAM) organized Sanctuary Community Action to provide centralized health, education, and social services to eastern Knox County.

From the outset a vast array of services were offered under The Sanctuary umbrella, including the Danville branch of Interchurch Social Services, Life-Line Screening, WIC (Women, Infant and Children) nutrition programs and immunizations, women’s health screenings, mobile mammography, Safety Town for kindergarten children, Amish Safety Day, home delivered meals, homemaker services and lawn mowing program for individuals 60 years of age and older. The Sanctuary has no church affiliation and performs its coordinating function without the assistance of government money.

Operating for years out of the former Danville Church of Christ at 302 South Market Street – which had been acquired by the ministerial association with the help of an anonymous gift from a community member – Sanctuary Community Action and Interchurch Social Services have thrived. The Sanctuary’s offices and clinics were located in the top floor of the old church, while Interchurch, with its independent board and staff, operated a thrift store and food pantry below. Although the property was paid for, and services were being provided for the community, there remained some issues, according to Sanctuary Director Barb Mickley.

“Our second floor space was not handicapped accessible, and over time that became an issue with many of our clients.” For example, the Sanctuary’s GED program, a path to high school diploma equivalency, had to be discontinued because of the lack of accessibility. In general visitors to the Sanctuary had to walk up an outside iron stairway, which could be hazardous during the winter months. “It was God’s blessing no one ever fell down the stairs,” Mickley said.

A vision of what lay ahead for the Sanctuary took shape years ago. “We knew we needed more space early on, as well as a building that was accessible to everybody,” said Mickley, even as the organization functioned in less than desirable quarters, delivering essential services to thousands of area residents each year.

The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County board had provided financial assistance along the way, enabling the Sanctuary to get the most out of its limited physical space for as long as it could. The pathway to a long-term solution for Sanctuary Community Action started coming into sharper focus in October 2010, about the time Mark Ramser – though not a Danville Community member – bought and donated to the Sanctuary what became known as “the yellow house” to the south of the old church. For Ramser, who was completing his 14th and final year on The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County board, buying real estate for donation or bargain sale to a charitable organization was something he had done several times before. “The Sanctuary itself is a coordinating organization. A number of agencies provide services under one roof. That’s why I thought the project was important to the Danville community,” Ramser said.

In this community project, however, Ramser would be a bit more hands-on, agreeing to serve as co-chair of a fund-raising committee with Phyllis Colopy, manager of the Danville branch of First-Knox National Bank, to renovate the yellow house as a new home for The Sanctuary and to construct a new adjacent facility that could be leased to Interchurch for its operations. The proposed fundraising goal was $420,000.

“From the outset, we knew it would take a combination of private donations and grants – from the Community Foundation and other foundations – to make all this possible,” said Ramser. Though Ramser accurately predicted The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County (as well as the Richard and Arlene Landers Foundation and The Energy Cooperative’s “Operation Roundup”) would find merit in the project, he might not have foreseen how the Danville Community at-large would coalesce around the effort.

Community member Don Hawk, who donated his services as project manager, remembered the committee’s presentation to the Community Foundation Distribution Committee: “We went to them in February of 2011 with our hand out because we definitely needed some help. The Community Foundation initially granted $60,000 for the project, which, as it turned out, was the largest single grant they made that year. That definitely got us going.” From there the fund-raising effort spread to all of the area churches. “Most congregations made a donation, as did many individuals within the various congregations,” said Hawk.

Bruce Hawkins, Ramser’s successor as chair of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County, remembered the project’s progress. “We knew the project was too big for one church and needed to be a community project.” Hawkins credited the Rev. Don Hawk for rallying the churches and the people of Danville under the banner of a project that would continue and expand the number of services the Sanctuary offered.

In the end, the Sanctuary secured a commitment of the greater Danville community. Convinced of the community effort of immense proportion that would change the face of the organization for the better, and for decades to come.

The July 23, 2011 Amish “frolic” succeeded in raising the new Sanctuary owned, Interchurch occupied, facility in just one day. Just a few feet to the left is the former home of both social service agencies.
Knox County board, knew the project was destined for success from his past experience as superintendent of Danville Schools. “We look for evidence of matching funds and broad-based local support, as well as assurance that a project is going to generate benefit for the community. This particular project seemed to have it all. I believe it stands as a model for other communities with a dream, who come to the Foundation in search of financial assistance,” Hawkins said.

With enough cash in hand to get underway, renovation of the yellow house began immediately that winter with Hawk, who had previously worked on an expansion project at the Knox County Agricultural Museum at the Knox County Fairgrounds, pinching pennies and effecting cost-savings every way possible.

“Don donated all his time and was a master at getting others to do likewise,” said Barb Mickley. New plumbing and wiring were installed in the house at a deep discount by Mickley Plumbing and Heating and Buckingham Electric, while Mullet Cabinetry of nearby Holmesville supported the Menno-nite community’s donation of labor by contributing all the cabinetwork for the facility. “This outpouring of generosity kept me going – everybody kept coming forward wanting to do their part for the project,” Hawk said.

By no means was the process a breeze. “We constantly worked on the budget,” Hawk said, “and the elevator to make the building American Disabilities Act accessible to the second floor was surely a budget-breaker. We opted to install the elevator on the outside of the building. Otherwise, we would have had to reconstruct the entire second floor of the house.”

“We succeeded in blending it into the house,” said Mickley of the new elevator, which was encapsulated around a fire escape. “Hawk credits Steve Stein of JBA Architects of Newark, who also donated his services, for maintaining the historic value and the aesthetics of the house.

“We had made a commitment to the village that we would try to maintain the residential appearance of the structure. We felt the community would be more receptive to fixing up what was already here rather than to tear down and start over. This house had some history to it,” said Mickley, who explained it was constructed some time between 1908 and 1914, from a kit delivered to the building site by Sears.

All of the original woodwork was retained and was restored to the degree possible. Original flooring was kept in the front room of the house, which now serves as a reception area. An old kitchen and dining room were converted into three medical exam spaces and an office. A few doors had to be refitted to allow a wheelchair to pass through. Trim was saved around many doors and windows from the old house. Renovation was for the most part complete by late summer, by which time work on the new adjacent building was also underway. Small’s Sand and Gravel and Small’s Concrete came forward to provide discounted materials for the foundation, and Latorre Concrete Construction donated all the labor for footers and concrete walls, which were dug on July 5. Even the utility companies pitched in, Hawk said, mentioning American Electric Power’s offer to trim trees and to reroute electrical lines for the new building.

Contractor Alvin Yoder, who had led the construction effort in the yellow house, brought up the idea of an Amish barn-raising – similar to an Amish barn-raising – to frame the new building in a single day. After consulting with his steering committee Hawk gave Yoder the green light to proceed and the frolic took place July 23. An Amish crew arrived early in the day to begin framing the building with the help of a donated crane and operator to swing the trusses into place. By noon all the walls and roof trusses were up, and by late afternoon roof decking was completed and prepared for shingling.

The new Interchurch building was ready for temporary occupancy in September, though finish work continued on the building through November.

Joy Harris, director of Interchurch Social Services, participated in the planning for the new structure, and her staff and volunteers prepared and served meals for the Amish crews on the day of the frolic. “It was a wonderful, worthwhile project that proved to be the answer to prayers,” said Harris. “The facility is now on one floor, weatherized and is much more economical to operate. Across the board Interchurch is seeing more people. Eastern Knox County definitely has a need, and there are more and better opportunities to serve people.” Interchurch

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– Rick Bayer, Sanctuary volunteer
the painted windows, steeple cross and a ladder leading to the steeple. After Hawk was given a “green light” from the Environmental Protection Agency to remove asbestos shingles, members of the Nunda Amish community completed the work, as well as the remainder of the demolition. By mid-November the old structure was completely gone from the site, which now serves as a parking lot for both the Sanctuary and Interchurch operations, thanks in part to a supplemental $5,000 grant provided by the Community Foundation.

“A lot of people in the Danville community really pulled together both financially and in other ways to support this effort,” said Ramser. “I was impressed by the about investing in the community,” said Bayer about the Community Foundation’s Mount Vernon & Knox County’s leadership grant. “Our project was seen by the Community Foundation as grass roots and very cooperative. We didn’t use government money of any kind, and we raised all of what was needed in the community. A good portion of the work was completed with in-kind services, and, I believe, from past experience with the Danville community the Foundation had a high comfort level with the people they were working with. As a relative newcomer to the Danville area, what I learned about this community is that there are a lot of really good people with big hearts, who want to help others. I was privileged to be a part of this community effort.”

Community Foundation Executive Director Sam Barone was quick to echo, “The Sanctuary project is one of the finest community collaborations our Foundation has ever supported. Our board members are gratified that each dollar we contributed to the effort leveraged many times its value in additional donations and in-kind services. All of Danville, including its neighboring Amish and Mennonite communities, worked tirelessly to complete the Sanctuary expansion on-time and on-budget. What more could a funder like the Community Foundation ask for?”

Barone added, “I had the opportunity to visit the construction site and was impressed by the resourcefulness of the Sanctuary board in preserving and re-purposing existing facilities, while constructing cost-effective space to meet the needs of their highly-integrated social service programs. There was a home-grown quality to the project that encouraged widespread community participation and created enthusiasm.”

Organizations like the Sanctuary do not run themselves, but instead rely on community volunteers to provide both the vision and leadership to fulfill their missions. In this particular instance superb vision and leadership were provided by board president Dennis Rawson; vice president Art Lund; secretary Anita Hollis; treasurer Laurie Vess; and members Dorothy Thompson, Roberta Rawson, Ruth Collier, Mary Ellen Durbin, Roberta Thomas, Corrine Lund, Martha Stuller, Pastor Mary Murtha, Fr. Richard Snoke, Barb Mickley and Amy McDonald.

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Mark Ramser was not the only non-Danville resident attracted to the project. Steering committee member Rick Bayer, a New Albany resident with a weekend home in nearby Apple Valley, learned of the effort through his attendance at Saint Luke’s Catholic Church in Danville. According to Mickley, Rick Bayer was on board from the initial planning phase, facilitating and keeping the entire project on schedule and on budget.

Manner in which the Sanctuary board coordinated its efforts with those of Interchurch. Everything came together, and though the amount of money that was needed seemed daunting, we were able to accomplish it.” Ramser was especially lavish in his praise of Hawk for keeping the project on schedule and on budget.
Partners in Philanthropy

The phrase “Partners in Philanthropy” is much more than a slogan; it is an apt definition of the Community Foundation’s leadership role in promoting philanthropy throughout Knox County. Our principal tool in forging philanthropic partnerships is a collection of nearly 300 individual funds, each of which targets a specific community organization or initiative. You will find them listed by category immediately below and in this space on the following pages, along with a page number that will lead you to detailed information about each fund.

Honor rolls of Community Foundation donors (in alphabetical order), scholarship judges, committee members, youth philanthropists and foundation board members are also published in this space.

Partners in Philanthropy all, they make Knox County a better community in which to live, work and play!

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(S–2008) MARKET VALUE: $14,293; CONTRIBUTIONS: $750; CONTRIBUTORS: M. Loretta Ackerman and Mr. Earl Bechtel; Ms. Melana L. Ackerman; Ms. Melissa A. Ackerman; DISTRIBUTIONS: $500; GRANTEES: Brooke A. Hinkle (FHS), The Ohio State University - Mansfield, $500.

Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center Fund
(O–2009) MARKET VALUE: $33,648; CONTRIBUTIONS: $10,000; CONTRIBUTORS: Mather Fund.

Aljarian-Barnes Scholarship Fund
(S–2010) MARKET VALUE: $5,678; DISTRIBUTIONS: $554; GRANTEES: Hayley M. Derikito (FHS), Capital University, $500.

Altrusa Club of Knox County
(D–1997) MARKET VALUE: $14,495; DISTRIBUTIONS: $520; GRANTEES: Knox County Career Center, $188; Mount Vernon City School District, $188; Public Library of Mount Vernon & Knox Co, $188.

American Legion Post #136 Scholarship Fund
(S–2010) MARKET VALUE: $64,063; DISTRIBUTIONS: $2,000; GRANTEES: Nicholas P. Pitzer (CHS), Otterbein College, $1,000; Morgan C. Sinecett (DHS), Denison University, $1,000.

Robert C. Appleton Fund
(S–1980) MARKET VALUE: $126,809; DISTRIBUTIONS: $4,500; GRANTEES: Anthony G. DePasquale (MVHS), DePauw University, $1,000; Caroline G. Caldwell (MVHS), Bates College, $1,500; Michael S. Murray (MVHS), Xavier University, $2,000.

Apple Valley Property Owners Association Fund
(O–2005) MARKET VALUE: $4,888.

Arck/Crowthers Fund
(S–1992) MARKET VALUE: $5,753.

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Ariel Corporation Stacy Doyle Fund
(D–1998) MARKET VALUE: $16,186; DISTRIBUTIONS: $2,192; GRANTEES: Kokosing Gap Trail, $2,192.

Ariel Corporation Scholarship Fund
(S–2009) MARKET VALUE: $542,810; CONTRIBUTIONS: $463,000; CONTRIBUTORS: Ms. Karen B. Wright and Mr. Thomas Rastin; DISTRIBUTIONS: $268,601; GRANTEES: Evan M. Todd (Beechcroft), The Ohio State University, $10,000; Benjamin S. Johnson (Blue Valley), Brigham Young University, $5,000; Justin K. Hershberger (CFHS), The Ohio State University, $5,000; Megan E. Bailey (CFHS), The Ohio State University, $2,500; Anna C. Easterday (Chardon), College of Wooster, $2,500; Katelyn S. McCombs (CHS), Walsh University, $2,500; Amelia B. Nyhart (DHS), The Ohio State University, $5,000; Anna M. Lamb (DHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $5,000; Garrett J. Blue (DHS), Muskingum College, $2,500; Martin S. Renemans (DHS), Ashland University, $5,000; Megan S. Iverson (DHS), The Ohio State University, $5,000; Natalie R. Dalton (DHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $2,500; Courtney S. Byers (Edison), Ohio Valley College Technology, $2,500; Caitlin Stahl (EKHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $5,000; Chelsea E. Clark (EKHS), Denison University, $5,000; Jonathon C. Lear (EKHS), Ohio University, $1,500; Tessa M. Simons (EKHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $5,000; Amy M. Newman (FHS), Wayne State University, $10,000; Michelle A. Lansford (FHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $2,500; Brennan K. Goepinger (FHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $5,000; Cierra A. Bennett (FHS), Central Ohio Technical Col-

Abbreviations used in fund listings:

(D) Designated Fund • (A) Donor-Advised Fund • (L) Legacy Fund • (O) Organization Fund • (S) Scholarship Fund • (U) Unrestricted Fund • (CHS) Centurber High School • (DHS) Danville High School • (EKHS) East Knox High School • (FHS) Fredericktown High School • (KCCC) Knox County Career Center • (MVA) Mount Vernon Academy • (MVHS) Mount Vernon High School • (Year) fund was established • (IMO) In memory of

Fund values, contributions and distributions at year-end 2011
Ohio State University, $2,500; David M. Fernandez (MVHS), ITT Tech, $2,500; John A. Lortie (MVHS), Ohio University, $5,000; John P. Fernandez (MVHS), Ohio Northern University, $5,000; Katherine N. Doup (MVHS), Ohio University, $2,500; Kayla D. Moxley (MVHS), Ohio Wesleyan University, $2,500; Kolton H. Wilson (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $2,500; Kyle W. Clinkedinst (MVHS), Muskingum College, $2,500; Leanne M. Nixon (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $3,334; Maxwell D. Whitney (MVHS), Ohio University, $5,000; Nicholas B. Maloney (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $2,500; Noah C. Evans (MVHS), Cuyahoga Community College, $1,500; Rachel E. Fernandez (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $2,500; Zechariah Thompson (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $5,000; Kevin D. Burke (New London), North Central State College, $1,500; Rachel M. Johnson (Northridge), Brigham Young University, $5,000; Jennifer N. Guyton (Northwest), Kent State University - Stark, $15,000; Ryan S. Egle (Pickerington), Kent State University, $2,500; William J. Boling (Talmaide Ellet), University Of Akron, $5,000; Dustin D. Sherman (Utica), Otterbein College, $2,500; Jay F. Kunzi (Walterspot Memorial), Ashland University, $2,500; Jenna I. Bittner (Westerville Central), Ohio Northern University, $2,500; Rebecca E. Laux (Woodridge), University Of Akron, $2,500.

Sam and Paula Barone Fund

Sandra Barrick Knox County Humane Society Fund
(O–2010) MARKET VALUE: $32,963; DISTRIBUTIONS: $22,530; GRANTEES: Knox County Humane Society, $22,530.

Fred Barry Jr. Memorial Fund
(D–1993) MARKET VALUE: $35,042; DISTRIBUTIONS: $6,964; GRANTEES: Kenyon College, $6,964.

Chief Thomas E. Bartlett Scholarship Fund
(S–2006) MARKET VALUE: $15,389; CONTRIBUTIONS: $700; CONTRIBUTORS: Ms. Cynthia L. Gilman; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Heffernan; Ms. Candis Bartlett Workman.

Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues Fund

Frank L. and Anna Beam Fund
(U–1979) MARKET VALUE: $18,519; DISTRIBUTIONS: $6,664; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $6,664.

Henry L. Beecher Fund
(U–1944) MARKET VALUE: $6,964; DISTRIBUTIONS: $5,000; GRANTEES: St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at the corner of East High and North Gay Streets is one of many area churches that receives annual distributions from a designated fund of the Community Foundation. Creating a perpetual fund to benefit your favorite fund or charity is easily accomplished with an establishing gift of $5,000.
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Karl W. Brown Writing Award
(S–2003) Market Value: $13,654; Contributions: $2,100; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brenneman; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly E. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brusheber; Ms. Carolyn Grimm; The Hall Family Trust; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hules; Mr. and Mrs. John Stone; Distributions: $500; Grantees: Kinsey Pritchard (PHS), Ohio University, $500.

Hannah Browning Home Fund
(D–1998) Market Value: $568,088; Distributions: $22,016; Grantees: Faith Lutheran Church, $3,669; First Congregational United Church of Christ, $3,669; First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, $3,669; Gay Street United Methodist Church, $3,669; Mulberry Street Methodist Church, $3,669; St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, $3,669.

William Burgett Builder & Contractor Scholarship Fund
(S–2011) Market Value: $24,618; Contributions: $25,000; Contributors: Ms. Janenne Burgett; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brian Burgett; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Burgett; Mr. James L. Matusik; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rinehart.

Phil Burghard Memorial Scholarship Fund
(S–2004) Market Value: $23,500; Distributions: $800; Grantees: Cody Young (Highland), University of Northwestern Ohio, $800.

Charles E. Cassaday Fund

Central Ohio Technical College Fund

Gordon & Roberta Chalmers Library Fund
(D–1955) Market Value: $206,551; Distributions: $22,016; Grantees: Christ Church at the Quarry Church, $3,669; St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, $3,669; Mulberry Street Methodist Church, $3,669; Congregational United Church of Christ, $3,669; Community Improvement Fund, $98,262.

Character Building Fund

Christ Church at the Quarry Restoration Fund
(O–2009) Market Value: $7,849; Contributions: $975; Contributors: Mrs. Phyllis J. Baldeschwiler; Mr. Henry S. Enck; Mr. Jeffrey J. Henderson; Mr. and Ms. Thomas J. Hoffman; Ms. Judith M. Johnson; Mr. James J. Zeyen; Distributions: $919; Grantees: Trustees, $919; Grantees:

Aaron Christopher Fund

Donald W Clutter Fund
(U–2008) Market Value: $68,036; Contributions: $10,985; Contributors: Donald W. Clutter Trust; Distributions: $2,046; Grantees: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $2,046.

Garfield & Mazie Colgin Memorial Fund

Charles F. Colville Fund

Community Concert Association of Knox County Fund

Community Improvement Fund

Community Foundation General Fund and Unrestricted Funds
(U–1944) Market Value: $1,997,555; Contributions: $6,636; Contributors: The Alcove, L.L.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barone; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bumpus; First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Centerville; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Godfrey; Mr. and Mrs. James N. Imel; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mack; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Meier; Dr. Amy Murmen and Mr. Chris Kuchers; Nelson & Nelson, CPAs; Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Ramser; Dr. Deborah J. and Fred Reeder; Mr. and Mrs. Kim M. Rose; Snyder Funeral Homes; Staples; Ms. Carole J. Tannenhil; Ms. Laurie Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Yance; Distributions: $346,665; Grantees: Austin S. Daniels (CHS), Ohio Wesleyan University, $5,000; Zachary M. Liston (CHS), Miami University, $1,000; Paige J. Bragg (KCCC), Harford Community College, $1,000; Ceejay L. Boyce (MVHS), University Of Cincinnati, $5,000; David C. March (MVHS), Otterbein College, $2,000; Dustin C. Miller (MVHS), College Of Wooster, $1,000; Joseph M. Kasper (MVHS), Taylor University, $4,000; Kathleen M. Curry (MVHS), Ohio University, $2,000; 4-H Clubs of Knox County, $2,014; Buckhaven Learning Center, $1,500; Buckhaven Learning Center, $1,000; Care Net Pregnancy Services, $3,000; Danville Local Schools, $1,000; College Of Wooster, $1,000; Dustin C. Miller (MVHS), College Of Wooster, $1,000; Kathleen M. Curry (MVHS), Ohio University, $2,000; 4-H Clubs of Knox County, $2,014; B & O Depot Restoration Committee, $1,500; Buckhaven Learning Center, $500; Care Net Pregnancy Services, $1,255; Centerburg Local Schools, $1,000; Central Ohio Technical College, $265; Community Concert Association of Knox County, $2,000; Community Foundation Fiscal Agent, $435; Danville Athletic Boosters, $3,000; Danville Local Schools, $20,000; Equine Assisted Therapy, Inc., $2,000; First Congregational United Church of Christ, $1,500; Food For The Hungry, $1,000; Fredericktown Community Foundation, $2,500; Fredericktown Local Schools, $2,000; Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, $2,945; Heart Of Ohio Girl Scouts, $534; HopeNow Inc,
$10,000; Kenyon College, $1,000; Kenyon Review, $1,500; Knox County Commissioners, $3,592; Knox County Educational Service Center, $695; Knox County Educational Service Center, $3,000; Knox County Educational Service Center, $5,000; Knox County Health Department, $1,500; Knox County Health Department, $1,500; Knox County Performing Arts Council, $1,000; Knox County Renaissance Foundation, $3,000; Mount Vernon City Auditor, $1,500; Mount Vernon City Auditor, $3,000; Mount Vernon City School District, $800; Mount Vernon Nazarene University Development, $850; Mount Vernon Nazarene University Development, $26,150; Ohio Grantmakers Forum, $3,318; Saint Vincent De Paul School, $6,325; Sanctuary Community Action, $60,000; Schell Scenic Studio, Inc, $374; The Compassionate Friends, $2,000; The Salvation Army - Mount Vernon, $25,000; The Station Break, $2,000; The Station Break, $2,352; The TBDBITL Alumni Club, $1,500; The Village Network, $3,000; United Way of Knox County, $2,000; Woodward Development Corporation, $750; Woodward Development Corporation, $1,500; YMCA Of Mount Vernon, $1,000; TRANSFERS TO UNRESTRICTED GRANTS FUND FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS: $315,483.

Community Foundation Memorial Fund

(-U–1994) MARKET VALUE: $26,209; CONTRIBUTIONS: $100; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barone; DISTRIBUTIONS: $920; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $920. (SEE SIDEBAR OF MEMORIAL FUND HONOREES.)

Community Foundation Special Projects Fund

(–U–1998) MARKET VALUE: $266,397; CONTRIBUTIONS: $25,000; CONTRIBUTORS: Community Foundation Interfund; DISTRIBUTIONS: $12,000; GRANTEES: Community Foundation Interfund, $10,000; Mary Miller Life Estate, $12,000.

Helen Hope Cooke Scholarship Fund

(–S–1994) MARKET VALUE: $699,405; DISTRIBUTIONS: $24,000; GRANTEES: Anna M. Miller (FHS), Miami University, $4,000; Brooke A. Hinkle (FHS), The Ohio State University - Mansfield, $4,000; Christa B. Thomas (FHS), Wright State University, $2,000; Courtney R. Wills (FHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $1,000; Emily J. Newman (FHS), Rochester Institute of Technology, $5,000; Gary L. Gregg (FHS), Iowa State University, $1,000; Haylee W. Burgess (FHS), Malone College, $2,000; Hayley M. Derikito (FHS), Capital University, $2,000; Lisa M. Earnest (FHS), Wright State University, $2,000; Miss Maggie Brown (FHS), University Of Findlay, $1,000; Taylor N. Keener (FHS), North Central State College, $1,000.

Helen Hope Cooke Fund


Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund

(–S–2001) MARKET VALUE: $269,818; DISTRIBUTIONS: $9,000; GRANTEES: Austin J. Long (CHS), University Of Akron, $3,000; Blake E. Daniels (MVHS), The University of Chicago, $1,000; Caleb R. Sinzinger (MVHS), Anderson University, $2,000; Catherine E. Klesner (MVHS), Grinnell College, $3,000.

Norma J. Cornell Memorial Saint Vincent De Paul Fund

(–S–2001) MARKET VALUE: $260,960; DISTRIBUTIONS: $9,858; GRANTEES: Saint Vincent De Paul School, $9,858.

Ellen Grant Crawford Fund

(–U–2008) MARKET VALUE: $36,405; DISTRIBUTIONS: $1,305; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $1,305.

Paul G. Crawford Fund

(–D–2005) MARKET VALUE: $25,140; DISTRIBUTIONS: $5,000; GRANTEES: Mount Vernon City School District, $5,000.

M. Elizabeth Cummings Fund


Harold B “Cookie” Cunningham Fund

(–S–1996) MARKET VALUE: $14,062; DISTRIBUTIONS: $25,000; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Lambert; DISTRIBUTIONS: $2,000; GRANTEES: Cody D. Vermillion (FHS), The Ohio State University, $1,500; L. Alex Lambert (MVHS), Capital University, $500.

Samuel and Marie D. Curen Fund


Cutter Memorial Fund


Danville Academic Fund

(–O–2009) MARKET VALUE: $11,211; DISTRIBUTIONS: $8,868; CONTRIBUTORS: Ms. Carolyn E. Addair; Community Foundation Interfund; Danville Foundation for Student Achievement Inc.; Mr. Joseph Harlett, St. Luke Knights of Columbus Council #910.

Community Foundation Memorial Fund Honorees

The Community Foundation is pleased to recognize the following individuals in whose name a memorial or honorary contribution has been made to a Foundation fund during the past year, as well as those who have been remembered with a qualifying contribution of $250 in prior years.

Helen Armstrong • William and Frances Arnold • Thomas D. Badger • Timothy Barnes • Herbert L. Belden • Ruth Bemis • Eric Biggs • Kelly Borror • Blaine Bower • Ronald Brechler • Arlene Bross • Karl Brown • John L. Burgoon • Clyde G. Conley • Ziggy Coyle • Leona Culbertson • Elizabeth Devalon • Margaret Devalon • Justin E. Devalon • Joseph Divelbiss • Stacy Doyle • Beverly Dremann • Andrew Dudgeon • Norma Duquette • Stephen Elliott • Owen Ernsthausen • Carl Fritz • Joyce Garvic • William Gillogly • Bonnie Glass • Bohdan Gudz • Marie Haas • Mike Haas • Robert Hansberger • Josephine Haschak • The Ralph Headington Family • H. Grant Heckler • Samuel Hughes • Anne Hillier • Departed Friends of Mr. & Mrs Howard Hollinger • Dr. George and Lucille Imhoff • William and Jennie Johnson • Fred W. Kahrl • Philip Kozlow • R. M. Lamb • Sgt. Benjamin Laymon • Mitchell Lee • Francis R. LeFurjah • Marie McClay • Joe McDonough • James McElroy • Robert McLeod • Louise Meltzer • John E. Mickley • John M. Miller • Robert Nitzel • Elda Patrick • Daniel Pealer • George Perry • Jean Prosser • Charles Pursel • Agnes Devalon Rentz • Frederick J. Rentz • John D. Rentz • Stephen P. Rentz • Paul Rex Jr. • Sue Ann Rex • Thomas Ritter • David Mark Rose • George Sasser • Hazel Scott • David Shriver • John and Nancy Sinclair • Kenneth Sisk • Paul E. Slaughter Jr. • Annie Sommerville • Harry Strodbeck • Ed Studer • Fred A. Surls • Departed member of the Symposiarchs • James W. Tighe • James K. Tighe • Lewis Treleaven • Claude F. Turben • Mildred Van Aman • Karen Vonck • William Kay Walker • Esther Weller • Kay Wiggins • Justine Devalon Williams • “Wilson” the dog • Richard Wolford • Helen Zelkowitz • Jack Zeller

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(S–2011) Market Value: $5,103; Contributions: $5,125; Contributors: Mr. Robert B. Lantz; Lucy Knox Chapter, DAR.

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(D–1965) Market Value: $28,187; Distributions: $1,096; Grantees: Knox County Heart Association, $1,096.

James H. Debes Fund

Jennie J. Debes Fund
(U–1969) Market Value: $273,466; Distributions: $9,800; Grantees: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $9,800.

Geraldine “Gerri” Dennis Scholarship Fund
(S–2010) Market Value: $13,850; Contributions: $300; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Capwell, Ross Brothers Salvage, Inc.; Distributions: $1,000; Grantees: Ashley R. McKeever (KCCC), Marion Technical College, $1,000.

Martha Depnner Scholarship Fund
(S–2005) Market Value: $59,398; Contributions: $8,000; Contributors: Ms. Martha Depnner; Distributions: $1,000; Grantees: Ashlee N. Townsend (DHS), Notre Dame College, $1,000.

Fletcher M. Devin Fund
(D–1961) Market Value: $1,018; Distributions: $40; Grantees: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, $40.

Gary W. and Carol A. Didinger Fund

Gary and Carol Didinger Scholarship Fund
(S–2008) Market Value: $84,401; Distributions: $650; Grantees: Cody C. Totten (EKHS), Wilmington College, $1,250.

Didinger Family Knox Community Hospital Fund

Distinguished Young Women of Ohio Scholarship Fund
(S–1987) Market Value: $11,708; Contributions: $20,063; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Arciero; Ms. Karen B. Wright and Mr. Thomas Rastin; Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Atkinson; Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Atwell; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barone; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Buchwald; Community Foundation Interfund; Ms. Janice Compton, Copper.Net, Inc.; Kinsey L. Crow; Ms. Mary Kim Elkins; First-Knox National Bank Division; Mr. Blake M. Fritz; Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Gessner; Mr. F. Steven Hall; The Kroger Company; Ms. Elizabeth A. Lutwick; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Mack; Mr. and Mrs. Randall S. Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Mavis; Ms. Marilyn Nagy; Ohio's Distinguished Young Women; Orthodontic Associates Inc.; Dr. and Mrs. David A. Pressler D.D.S.; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Reed; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rezabek; Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ronk; Ms. Brandi A. Shepard; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Shepard; Mr. Joseph F.
Joe Divelbiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
(S–2007) Market Value: $5,955; Contributions: $4,500; Contributors: Ms. Carolyn Grimm; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hulett; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Parker; Distributions: $500; Grantees: Lisa M. Earnest (FHS), Wright State University, $500.

Beverly Jo Dremann Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund
(S–2010) Market Value: $7,252; Contributions: $1,500; Contributors: Mr. Arthur K. Dremann; Distributions: $500; Grantees: Shelbi Guy (FHS), Otterbein College, $500.

Early Learners’ Scholarship Fund
(D–2007) Market Value: $103,336; Contributions: $3,765; Contributors: Ms. Loretta Ackerman and Mr. Earl Bechtel; Baldridge Logging, LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Briggs; Mr. and Mrs. Todd E. Burson; Mr. and Mrs. John Capper; Community Foundation Interfund; Ms. Kay Colbertson; First-Knox National Bank Division; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Givens; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Grove Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Harezag; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Hawkins; Ms. Mary Hendrickson; Ms. Diane L. Henwood; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Herron; Ms. Monica L. Hite; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Laudeman Jr.; Ms. Toma Lord; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Lyons; Mr. Thomas F. McHugh; Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Michaels; Montenory Rentals, LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Peterson; Dr. and Mrs. William F. Pomputius Jr.; Mr. Gary L. Prushing; Ms. Jennifer L. Roberts; Hon. and Mrs. Paul E. Spurgeon; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wagner; Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Weston; Distributions: $3,440; Grantees: Knox County Educational Service Center, $3,440.

Education & Scholarship Fund
(F–2002) Market Value: $12,205.

East Knox Community Scholarship Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Fairchild Memorial Fund
(U–1959) Market Value: $2,778; Distributions: $100; Grantees: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $100.

Faith Lutheran Mission Fund

Greg Farmer Memorial Knox County 4-H Clubs Fund
(D–2006) Market Value: $18,816; Distributions: $2,299; Grantees: 4-H Clubs of Knox County, $2,299.

Dorothy Farmer Pike Twp. Cemetery Fund
(D–2006) Market Value: $19,666; Distributions: $768; Grantees: Pike Township Trustees, $768.

Marjorie Fearn Music Scholarship Fund

First Congregational Church Building Fund

First Congregational Church Fund

Ralph and Ara Flack Scholarship Fund
(S–2000) Market Value: $23,183; Distributions: $1,000; Grantees: Kayla M. Fletcher (EKHS), Hocking College, $1,000.

Harry M. and Lovella R. Foster Memorial Fund

Fredericktown Academic Loan Fund
(S–2006) Market Value: $9,266.

Fredericktown Community Center Fund

Fredericktown Community Foundation Fund
(O–2003) Market Value: $14,577; Distributions: $3,000; Grantees: Austin Hoeflich (FHS), Lake Erie College, $500; Brooke A. Winkle (FHS), The Ohio State University - Mansfield, $500; Emily J. Newman (FHS), Rochester Institute of Technology, $500; Haylee W. Burgess (FHS), Malone College, $500; Taylor N. Keener (FHS), North Central State College, $500; Gabriella Oster (KCCC), North Central State College, $500.

Pauline Freeman Scholarship Fund
(S–1982) Market Value: $926,887; Distributions: $36,000; Grantees: Ashlee N. Townsend (DHS), Notre Dame College, $1,000; Edward J. Gonzales (DHS), The University of Toledo, $1,000; Kaitlin Q. Durbin (DHS), Ohio Northern University, $1,000; Kelsey L. Urban (DHS), Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School, $1,000; Kelsey M. Durbin (DHS), The Ohio State University, $4,000; Morgan C. Sinnett (DHS), Denison University, $4,000; Tabyth K. Arthur (DHS), Denison University, $2,000; Tracy M. Payne (DHS), Walsh University, $1,000; Chelsea E. Clark (EKHS), Denison University, $1,000; Cody C. Totten (EKHS), Wilmington College, $2,000; David P. Downey (EKHS), University of Pittsburgh, $3,000; Hannah M. Oliver (EKHS), The Ohio State University, $5,000; Kelly M. Dobbins (EKHS), Hawaii Pacific University, $4,000; Scott E. Martin (EKHS), Carnegie Mellon University, $3,000; Brooklyn P. Mulisano (Home School), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $1,000.

Friends Cemetery Association Fund
(O–2008) Market Value: $20,337; Distributions: $8,477; Contributors: Howard McDonald Friends Cemetery Fund.

League of Friendship Fund

Blake and Chloris Fritz Scholarship Fund
(S–2000) Market Value: $20,484; Distributions: $10,025; Contributors: Mr. Blake M. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Massa; Distributions: $1,000; Grantees: Caleb R. Sinzinger (MVHS), Anderson University, $500; Kinsey L. Crow (MVHS), Auburndale University, $500.

Mount Vernon YMCA patron Brian Jones fits in a lunch hour workout at the newly remodeled and re-equipped fitness center in the North Main Street facility. A $40,000 Community Foundation grant helped enable the improvements.

Smarrella; Ms. Carol J. Tannehill; Trio Lanes, Inc.; Mr. Samuel Vucelich and Mrs. Dana Ullom-Vucelich; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce White; Mr. and Mrs. L. Craig Wright; Distributions: $12,850; Grantees: Jillian Smith (Canfield), Youngstown State University, $1,000; Allysun M. Mellick (Clear Fork), Northern Kentucky University, $400; Michele Theodore (Elida), The Ohio State University, $850; Natalie Mason (Elida), The University Of Toledo, $350; Lisa Miller (Gahanna Lincoln), The Ohio State University, $500; Katherine Bokenkamp (Loudonville), University of Illinois, $500; Taylor France (Maumee), Bowling Green State University, $300; Victoria Fox (Northwest), University Of Akron, $3,400; Olivia Van Winkle (Solid Rock Christian Academy), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $1,250; Karyln Johnston (Sylvania Southview), Brigham Young University, $100; Allison Ge (Ursville), Stanford University, $2,500; Kimberly Sausman (W esterville Central), Troy University, $1,300; Alison Scudds (Westland), University Of Miami-Florida, $400.
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Wilbur Gauner Engineering Scholarship Fund
(S—1999) Market Value: $123,125; Distributions: $16,000; Grantees: Scott E. Martin (EKHS), Carnegie Mellon University, $8,000; Andrew L. Tomes (FHS), Ohio Northern University, $15,000; Leanne M. Nixon (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $15,000; Mason R. Smith (MVHS), West Virginia University, $6,000.

Wilbur Gauner Hospice of Knox County Fund
(D—1999) Market Value: $91,845; Distributions: $3,571; Grantees: Hospice Of Knox County, $3,571.

Wilbur Gauner Knox County Humane Society Fund
(D—1999) Market Value: $87,546; Distributions: $3,404; Grantees: Knox County Humane Society, $3,404.

Wilbur Gauner Knox County Red Cross Fund
(D—1999) Market Value: $91,845; Distributions: $3,571; Grantees: American Red Cross of Knox County, $3,571.

Wilbur Gauner Nursing Scholarship Fund
(D—1999) Market Value: $95,152; Distributions: $3,620; Grantees: Knox Community Hospital, $3,620.

Wilbur Gauner Salvation Army Fund

Gelsanliter Family Fund
(S—1965) Market Value: $14,107; Distributions: $537; Grantees: Kenyon College, $537.

George & Ruth Gelsanliter Memorial Fund
(D—1997) Market Value: $19,425; Distributions: $10,729; Grantees: Hospice of Knox County, $7,141; Interchurch Social Services, $3,588.

Dorothea M. George Fund

Givens Family Fund
(A—2006) Market Value: $5,015; Distributions: $10,000; Grantees: American Red Cross of Knox County, $2,851; Bladensburg Church Of Christ, $1,851; Briarhaven Church Of Christ, $1,851; Danville Church Of Christ, $1,851; Martinsburg Church Of Christ, $1,851; The Salvation Army - Mount Vernon, $1,851; Utica Church Of Christ, $1,851.

Lillian C. Hickman Fund
(S—1996) Market Value: $405,083; Distributions: $15,500; Grantees: Kelsey M. Durbin (DHS), The Ohio State University, $2,500; Corinne A. Salva (FHS), Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, $3,000; Anthony G. DePascaule (MVHS), DePauw University, $1,000; Erin J. McIlvain (MVHS), Earham College,
$2,000; John R. Herald (MVHS), Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, $2,500; Patrick T. Murmen (MVHS), Oberlin College, $1,500; Perry B. Devlin (MVHS), University of Miami-Florida, $3,000.

Zack T. Hollister Bird Cemetery Fund
(D–1980) Market Value: $1,954; Distributions: $32; Grantees: Bird Cemetery, $76.

William S. Hunter Fund
(S–1990) Market Value: $76.

Interchurch Social Services Fund
(O–1995) Market Value: $97,800; Contributions: $525; Contributors: Drs. Kevin and Dorothea Edward E. Curry; Ms. Lisa Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Schafer; Mr. and Mrs. John Thatcher; Zelkowitz, Barry & Cullers, LTD; Distributions: $818; Contributors: CES Credit Union; Mr. and Mrs. Sandra J. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O. HopeNow volunteers (from left) Art Schad, Bev Actis, Anita Anderson, Charlie Miller, Linda Aikman and Richard Anderson pose with a used delivery truck acquired in large part with a $10,000 grant from the Community Foundation. HopeNow assists some 60 families a month with contributed furniture and household goods.

Margaret Jamison Church Fund
(D–2002) Market Value: $221,691; Distributions: $8,625; Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $8,625.

Margaret Louise Jamison Interchurch Fund

Alice Jewell Memorial Fund

Cody L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund
(S–2003) Market Value: $10,348; Contributions: $818; Contributors: CES Credit Union; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Kinney Scholarship Fund

Edwin Kaylor Scholarship Fund
(S–2005) Market Value: $84,518; Distributions: $3,000; Grantees: CES Credit Union; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Altizer; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Payne; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Peters; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pruett; Ms. Nancy J. Sanborn; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Scarbrough; Miss Elizabeth J. Schlanker; Ellen Scott; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Siegel; Mr. Jerry Slaughter and Ms. Joni Johnson; Ms. Sandra J. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O.
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Henry L. Beecher Fund, $9
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Ralph L. and Doris Boyer Fund, $9
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Charles F. Colville Fund, $10
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M. Elizabeth Cummings Fund, $11
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Lawrence and Josephine Lewis Fund, $17
James A. McElroy Fund, $17
John and Genevieve Minor Foundation Fund, $17
William L. Moore and Geraldine Moore Fowler Fund, $17
The Mount Vernon Bridge Company Fund, $17
Ohio Magazine Fund, $18

The Kroger Company; Mr. and Mrs. Marc J. Odenweller; Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Thomas; DISTRIBUTIONS: $100; GRANTEES: Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon, $100.

Knox Community Hospital Foundation Fund

Knox County Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship Fund
(S–2003) MARKET VALUE: $10,650; CONTRIBUTIONS: $500; CONTRIBUTORS: Knox County Fraternal Order of Police #147; DISTRIBUTIONS: $500; GRANTEES: Hannah M. Oliver (EKHS), The Ohio State University, $500.

Knox County Historical Society Fund
(O–1994) MARKET VALUE: $12,360; DISTRIBUTIONS: $4,860; GRANTEES: Knox County Historical Society, $4,860.

Knox County Medical Society Fund
(D–1992) MARKET VALUE: $1,892.

Knox County Parks Fund
(O–2007) MARKET VALUE: $43,479; CONTRIBUTIONS: $35,140; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Albert; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barone, Bradley W. Biggs and M. E. Newman-Biggs; Mr. David Bilenko; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blubaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bodart; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Bostic; CES Credit Union; Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cochran; Miss Alma M. Cockerham; Mr. Thomas L. Costanzo; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Daniels; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dice; Mr. and Mrs. David Durbin; Lisa A. Easterday; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goeppinger; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goeppinger; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley W. Harbison; Mr. and Mrs. William Higgs; Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Hogue; Jackson Family; Mrs. Dorothy Kempton; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Laubie; Melissa Love; Mr. Donald W. Magee; Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Moehring; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Mossholder; Nationwide Business Solutions; Mr. and Mrs. Don Newton; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nielson; Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Phelan; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Phillipi; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porterfield; Ms. Cheryl Pursel; Margaret M. Raasch; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Reynolds; S. R. Allison LTD; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey J. Schraeder; Mr. and Mrs. Steve H. Sheffer; Genevieve Spolarich; L. S. Strawber; Mr. and Mrs. David M. Stuller; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sweder; Ms. Carole J. Tanzer; Mrs. David M. Stuller; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wasserman; Wells, LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce White; Ms. Karen B. Wright and Tom Rastin.

The Science Play Initiative received a $3,000 capacity building grant from the Community Foundation to help launch its downtown Mount Vernon interactive science play space. SPI founder Rachel Garcia (foreground right) and volunteers Sarah Goslee Reed (rear left) and Amy Hendrickson work with students on an experiment to determine acidity levels of common substances.

Ila Ward Kohl Scholarship Fund
(S–1983) MARKET VALUE: $6,173.

Kokosing Gap Trail Fund
(D–1994) MARKET VALUE: $7,693; CONTRIBUTIONS: $7,786; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Karen B. Wright; Ms. Beverly Morse and Mr. Brian Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Noell; Wanda J. Short; Distributions: $374; GRANTEES: Kokosing Gap Trail, $374.
Emerson Laird Kokosing Gap Trail Fund  

Barbara C. Lamb Fund IMO Rex M. Lamb, Jr  
(S–1985) Market Value: $56,416; Distributions: $2,000; Grantees: Kinsey L. Crow (MVHS), Auburn University, $2,000.

Lamb Glass Company Fund  

Richard Landers Fund for Knox County Career Center  

Robert B. and Helen W. Lantz Fund  
(U–2006) Market Value: $43,972; Contributions: $5,172; Contributors: Robert B. Lantz; Distributions: $1,421; Grantees: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $1,421.

Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Fund  
(D–1986) Market Value: $14,956; Distributions: $5,437; Grantees: Gay Street United Methodist Church, $5,437.

Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Scholarship Fund  
(S–1986) Market Value: $85,614; Distributions: $2,800; Grantees: Rebecca M. Roberts (CHS), Wilmington College, $800; Alec W. Curty (MVHS), Otterbein College, $2,000; Hayden G. Brass (MVHS), University Of Cincinnati, $1,000.

Carolyn Lord Double Bass Chair Fund  
(D–2010) Market Value: $6,652; Contributions: $600; Contributors: Ms. Toma Lord; Ms. Dorothy Rex.

Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund  

Leedy Student Aid Fund  
(S–2005) Market Value: $10,841; Distributions: $3,000; Grantees: Katherine R. Hinger (FHS), Ohio University, $2,000; Kayla C. Perkins (FHS), Kent State University, $1,000.

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Carolyn Lord Double Bass Chair Fund  
(D–2010) Market Value: $6,652; Contributions: $600; Contributors: Ms. Toma Lord; Ms. Dorothy Rex.

Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund  

James K. Lyman Memorial Fund  
(D–1950) Market Value: $268; Distributions: $11; Grantees: American Red Cross of Knox County, $11.

Judith and Leon Marlow Family Fund  
(A–2009) Market Value: $761,691; Distributions: $23,100; Grantees: Campus Crusade for Christ, $1,000; Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc, $3,300; Grace Centers of Hope, $1,650; HeartBeat of Morrow County, $3,300; Pregnancy Resource Center of Athens County, $1,000; Recovery and Prevention Resources of, $3,300; Richland United Methodist Church, $300; YMCA Of Mount Vernon, $1,300; YMCA Of Mount Vernon, $2,000; Young Life, $1,000; Young Women’s Christian Association, $3,300; Zion Evangelistic Temple, $2,650.

Howard McDonald Friends Cemetery Fund  

Ida T. McElroy Seymour Library Fund  

T. McCune Pleasant Street Library Fund  
(S–2008) Market Value: $8,836; Contributions: $500; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Max W. Dorfmeister; Distributions: $141; Grantees: Mount Vernon City School District, $141.

Roy McKinley Scholarship Fund  
(S–2008) Market Value: $8,836; Distributions: $500; Grantees: Jacob D. Haip (FHS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, $500.

Meher Family African American/American Indian Scholarship Fund  
(S–2006) Market Value: $7,428; Contributions: $50; Contributors: Mr. Ronald L. Meharry.

John and Genevieve Minor Foundation Fund  

Wm. L. Moore & Geraldine Moore Fowler Fund  

Mount Vernon Academic Boosters Fund  

Mount Vernon Board of Education Fund  

The Mount Vernon Bridge Company Fund  

Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #740 Fund  
(U–2004) Market Value: $130,326; Contributions: $5,532; Contributors: Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #740; Distributions: $8,200; Grantees: Cody A. Burke (CHS), Kent State University, $700; Rebecca M. Roberts (CHS), Wilmington College, $700; Edward J. Gonzales (DHS), The University Of Toledo, $700; Kelly B. Hammons (DHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $750; Eric A. Frazee (EKHS), Ohio University, $700; Hannah M. Oliver (EKHS), The Ohio State University, $700; Emily J. Newman (FHS), Rochester Institute of Technology, $700; Jacob D. Haip (FHS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, $700; James S. Huggett (KCCC), Sullivan University, $700; Haley Finnell (MVHS), Columbus State Community College, $700; Joseph M. Kasper (MVHS), Taylor University, $700; Michelle Dobson (MVHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $700.

Mount Vernon High School Alumni Fund  

Mount Vernon Livestock Coop Association Fund  

Mount Vernon Machine & Tool Fund  
(A–2007) Market Value: $26,864; Contributions: $5,000; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Gail Stenger.

Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation Fund  

Mount Vernon Theater Guild Fund  

Anna B. and Ralph V. Mowery Scholarship Fund  
(S–1989) Market Value: $54,140; Distributions: $2,000; Grantees: Edward J. Gonzales (DHS), The University Of Toledo, $1,000; Shaun M. Durbin (DHS), University Of Akron, $1,000.

Richard B. and Susan B. Murray Fund  
(A–2008) Market Value: $14,610; Contributions: $3,250; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Murray.

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(A–2008) Market Value: $14,610; Contributions: $3,250; Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Murray.
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Ms. Peggy L. Batz
Mr. & Mrs. Terry R. Baughn
Joanne Bechtel
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Beckholt
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Bell
Ms. Elaine S. Benedict
Bradley W. Biggs & M. E. Newman-Biggs
Mr. David Bilenko
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey T. Bills
Mr. James E. Blanchard
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Blanchard
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Blazard
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blubbaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bodart
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boone
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Borchers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Bostic
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher J. Bowman
Ms. Joy A. Bradley
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Sarah Karolin Pressler Memorial Scholarship Fund (S–2002) Market Value: $11,444; Contributions: $4,500; Grantees: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barone; Ms. Patricia Mickley; Dr. and Mrs. David A. Pressler D.D.S.; Distributions: $750; Grantees: Tatiana Leis (MVHS), University Of Cincinnati, $750.
Psilota Xi Scholarship Fund (S–2007) Market Value: $20,223; Contributions: $509; Grantees: Psilota Xi Sorority; Distributions: $750; Grantees: Rebecca C. McMillan (MVHS), Indiana Wesleyan University, $750.
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The Ohio State University Alumni Band made its first appearance in Knox County in recent decades in June 2011, playing to an appreciative audience in the Kenyon College Athletic Center (KAC). The free concert, which invited contributions to the Knox County OSU Alumni Scholarship Fund, was co-sponsored by the alumni association, the Community Foundation and the Community Concerts Association of Knox County.

J. Myers (EKHS), Mount Vernon College of Nursing, $5,000; Katherine M. Zeller (KCCC), Lincoln College of Technology, $3,000; Amber Smith (MVHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $3,000; Kristen N. Yerxa (MVHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $5,000; Sarah J. Kettell (MVHS), Central Ohio Technical College, $5,000; Paige A. Stewart (Whitehall Yearling), Notre Dame College, $5,000. **J. R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund** (U–2000) MARKET VALUE: $816,372; DISTRIBUTIONS: $29,255; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $29,255. **Charles Purse Memorial Scholarship Fund** (S–2000) MARKET VALUE: $44,964; CONTRIBUTIONS: $12,487; CONTRIBUTORS: A&A Ohio Club; Airflow Products; Arbion Steel & Services Co., Inc.; Ariel Coporation; Brenneman Lumber Company; Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Capwell; Clover Oil LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Connell; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Craig; Mr. Kevin D. Dean; Mr. and Mrs. John DeCosky; Demsey and Associates; Donley Ford Lincoln Mercury of Mt Vernon; Fastenal, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Corey Firebaugh; FFT Cleveland LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Blake M. Fritz; Gault’s Plaza Cleaners & Laundromat, LLC; Mr. Harold M. Hanna Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hanna; Mr. Donald F. Harmon; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Herald; Koch Filter Corporation; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Levenson; Mr. and Mrs. David P. Lieberth; Matandy Steel and Metal Products LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Jason McCulloch; Medquest Evaluators, LLC; Mr. John P. Meier; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Milillo; Mohican Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation; Nelson & Nelson, CPA; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nuce; Ohio Funeral Support Services; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Pursel; Ms. Jodi Pursel; Ms. Patricia Pursel; Mr. and Mrs. William Pursel; Mr. and Mrs. William Purpel; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Reynolds; Ross Brothers Salvage, Inc.; Sapp’s Fat Fender Farm; Spearman Financial Service LLC; T. J. Melonic, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Tier; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tripp; Ver-Mac Industries; Mr. and Mrs. David R. Westerbeck; Mr. and Mrs. Joshua M. White; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Yarman; DISTRIBUTIONS: $1,000; GRANTEES: Caleb R. Sinzinger (MVHS), Anderson University, $500; Kathleen M. Curry (MVHS), Ohio University, $500; Apple Valley Golf Club (Fundraising expense), $4,459. **George H. and Eleanor M. Raiston Memorial Fund** (D–2007) MARKET VALUE: $2,796; CONTRIBUTIONS: $521,000; DISTRIBUTIONS: $23,804; GRANTEES: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $159. **Russell E. Ramser Jr. Memorial Fund** (U–1996) MARKET VALUE: $15,963; DISTRIBUTIONS: $572; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $572. **Ramser Family Fund** (A–2003) MARKET VALUE: $18,299; DISTRIBUTIONS: $5,570; Burgandi A. Walker (MVHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $1,000; Community Concent sponsorship, $1,500. **Arthur E. and Grace E. Rawlinson Fund** (D–1971) MARKET VALUE: $23,808; DISTRIBUTIONS: $926; GRANTEES: St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, $926. **John P. and Agnes D. Rentz Scholarship Fund** (S–2006) MARKET VALUE: $5,850; CONTRIBUTIONS: $200; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rentz. **Residential Homes of Knox County Fund** (U–1999) MARKET VALUE: $19,104; DISTRIBUTIONS: $682; GRANTEES: Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $682. **Andy Ressing Memorial Fund** (D–1994) MARKET VALUE: $9,987. **Justin T. Richert Scholarship Fund** (S–2010) MARKET VALUE: $8,650; CONTRIBUTIONS: $500; CONTRIBUTORS: Jean Marie Hensley; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richert; Mr. and Mrs. William F. Stout; DISTRIBUTIONS: $1,000; GRANTEES: S. Brody Harwell (MVHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $1,000. **Ruby and Alan Riedel Fund** (A–2003) MARKET VALUE: $23,804; CONTRIBUTIONS: $5,000; CONTRIBUTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Riedel; DISTRIBUTIONS: $1,000; GRANTEES: Knox Community Hospital Foundation, $1,000. **Pauline S. Riel Scholarship Fund** (S–2003) MARKET VALUE: $8,816; DISTRIBUTIONS: $500; GRANTEES: Krisandra Gardner (Highland), Miami University, $500. **Mary Catherine Ritter Scholarship Fund** (S–2004) MARKET VALUE: $19,081; DISTRIBUTIONS: $750; GRANTEES: Kimberly G. Shaffer (MVHS), Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $750. **Richard, Barbara & Travis Ritter Fund** (A–2004) MARKET VALUE: $5,665. **Roelofs Family Scholarship Fund** (S–2005) MARKET VALUE: $2,796. **Hugh Cameron Roelofs Scholarship** (S–2005) MARKET VALUE: $5,571.
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Distributions: $664; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund, $664.
J. W. Rudin Jr. Fund
(U–1947) Market Value: $1,852; Dis-
tributions: $66; Grantees: Transfer to
Unrestricted Grants Fund, $66.
J. W. Rudin Sr. Fund
(U–1977) Market Value: $4,018; Dis-
tributions: $444; Grantees: Transfer to
Unrestricted Grants Fund, $444.
W. M. Rudin Fund
(U–1960) Market Value: $1,853; Dis-
tributions: $66; Grantees: Transfer to
Unrestricted Grants Fund, $66.
Walter and Jane Rudin Family Fund
Distributions: $3,399; Grantees:
Mount Vernon City Auditor, $3,399.
Sanderson-Salisbury Memorial Fund
(U–1968) Market Value: $52,107;
Distributions: $3,807; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund,
$3,807.
Larry A. Schisler Memorial Scholarship Fund
(S–2002) Market Value: $54,444;
Contributions: $890; Contribu-
tors: Ms. Janice Compton; Ms.
Kay Culbertson; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt
Schisler; Distributions: $1,000;
Grantees: Rachel A. Hartong
(MVHS), Marietta College, $1,000.
Delbert C. Schmidt Fund
(D–1992) Market Value: $5,190; Dis-
tributions: $297; Grantees: Faith
Lutheran Church, $297.
Schnormeier Gardens Foundation
Supporting Organization
(O–2005) Market Value: $2,038,405;
Contributions: $98,830; Contri-
butors: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H.
Schnormeier.
Schnormeier Family Fund
Contributions: $200,000; Contri-
butors: Jeld-Wen Corporation;
Distributions: $200,000; Grantees:
Community Concert Association
of Knox County, $1,000; Community
Foundation Interfund, $10,000;
First Congregational United
Church of Christ, $8,000; Hidden
Lakes Gardens, $1,000; Knox
Community Hospital Foundation,
$5,000; Knox County Art League,
$1,000; Knox County Symphony
Association, $1,000; Mental Health
America of Knox County, $1,000;
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Development, $80,000; MFTVarts,
Inc., $1,000; New Directions,
$1,000.
Berta H. Schnebly Fund
(U–1992) Market Value: $16,703;
Distributions: $957; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund,$957.
Fred Schuller Scholarship Fund
(S–2007) Market Value: $22,271;
Distributions: $750; Grantees: S.
Brody Harwell (MVHS), Mount Ver-
non Nazarene University, $750.
Rick L. Scott Memorial Scholarship
(S–1999) Market Value: $51,749;
Contributions: $1,000; Contri-
butors: Madcap Memorial Fund;
Distributions: $2,000; Grantees:
Jarrod C. Vance (MVHS), Otterbein
College, $1,000; Kathleen M. Curry
(MVHS), Ohio University, $1,000.
Kathryn A. Sheedy Memorial Fund
Distributions: $14,666; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund,
$14,666.
Kathryn Sheedy Sanctuary
Memorial Fund
Distributions: $1,853; Grantees:
Morrow County Park District, $1,853.
Belles Shrontz Fund
(U–1983) Market Value: $1,129,912;
Distributions: $50,491; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund,
$50,491.
Charles F. & Zella H. Simpson
Scholarship Fund
(S–1998) Market Value: $44,438;
Distributions: $1,500; Grantees:
Chelsea L. Boutin (MVHS), Denison
University, $1,500.
Sims-Rose Scholarship Fund
(S–2002) Market Value: $12,664;
Contributions: $1,250; Contribu-
tors: Mr. and Mrs. Kim M. Rose;
Distributions: $500; Grantees:
Elizabeth A. Holsoeple (CHS), Wright
State University, $500.
John N. and Nancy L. Sinclair
Scholarship Fund
(S–2008) Market Value: $5,412;
Contributions: $2,600; Contribu-
tors: Mr. John N. Sinclair; Distributions:
$500; Grantees: Kayla N. Paff
(MVHS), University Of Cincinnati,$500.
Dean & Audrey Spearman Rollin’
Buckeye Fund
(S–2000) Market Value: $161,986;
Distributions: $7,500; Grantees:
Nicholas T. Thissen (CHS), The Ohio
State University, $500; Anna M.
Lamb (DHS), Central Ohio Technical
College, $5,190; Bradley M. Jones
(EKHS), The Ohio State University,$500.
Mrs. Walter J. Sperry and Family
Fund
(U–1966) Market Value: $5,190;
Distributions: $186; Grantees:
Transfer to Unrestricted Grants Fund,
$186.
The Community Foundation collaborated with the Ariel Corporation and the Mount Vernon B&O Depot Restoration Committee to bring a widely sought after collection of iconic steam engine era photographs by O. Winston Link to the depot for a month-long exhibit in the fall of 2011. Kim Parker, director of the O. Winston Link Museum in Roanoke, Va., came to town to hang the show and present an engaging lecture about Link’s work, life and times at a pre-opening reception for patrons.
Caitlin Hedge, the inaugural winner of the Vaughn Wiester Music Scholarship in 2011, took a break from her studies at the Baldwin Wallace College Conservatory of Music to showcase her winning talent during the March 2012 scholarship fund benefit concert by the Vaughn Wiester Famous Jazz Orchestra. The Knox County Memorial Theater audience was mesmerized by the violinist’s demonstrated mastery of multiple musical genres, and by her captivating showmanship.

Mr. Bonita B. Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Ian Watson; Craig M. Wiester; Eric Winterhalter; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Yance; Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Zupan; Distributions: $2,500; Grantee: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ian Watson; Craig M. Wiester; Eric Mr. Bonita B. Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. and Ruby Williams Community Foundation Interfund, YMCA Of Mount Vernon, $2,536.

Beatty B. Williams Library Fund (D–1959) Market Value: $77,351; Contributions: $100; Contributors: Mr. James S. Merson; Distributions: $3,004; Grantees: Beatty B. Williams Library Fund


Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund (D–1973) Market Value: $15,312; Distributions: $750; Grantees: Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Zupan

Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund (D–1959) Market Value: $77,351; Contributions: $100; Contributors: Mr. James S. Merson; Distributions: $3,004; Grantees: Beatty B. Williams Library Fund


Beatty B. Williams Library Fund (D–1959) Market Value: $77,351; Contributions: $100; Contributors: Mr. James S. Merson; Distributions: $3,004; Grantees: Beatty B. Williams Library Fund


Jay M. and Sarah L. Wilson Scholarship Fund (S–2000) Market Value: $82,714; Contributions: $3,000; Contributors: Mr. Jay M. Wilson; Distributions: $2,000; Grantees: Benjamin L. Robinson (MVHS), The Ohio State University, $2,000.
Youth Philanthropy Initiative: lessons in the craft of giving

By ELLEN BLANCHARD
Kenyon College Class of 2012
Youth Philanthropy Initiative Advisor

Dear Mr. Barone,

I am Ellen Blanchard, a sophomore at Kenyon College from Petoskey, Michigan. I have been involved with philanthropy since my freshman year of high school, specifically as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSACF), and I am currently a member of the Michigan Community Foundation Youth Project (MCYFYP) Committee.

Our community foundation established a youth fund in the early 1990s because of the vast number of grants that benefited youth and youth programs. There was also a youth fund initiative by the Kellogg Foundation in Michigan encouraging community foundations to set up committees made up of youth allocating funds to youth. There are over 80 YACs across the state of Michigan, and every summer the MCYFYP Committee organizes a summer conference that highlights philanthropic endeavors by youth and youth empowerment. Youth Philanthropy is something that I am passionate about, and I am very curious if a youth committee has ever been considered for the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County.

Thus began my rewarding journey with the Youth Philanthropy Initiative – a brief inquiry via e-mail to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County, from a nostalgic 19-year-old college student yearning for the chance to empower youth. Now, only 18 months after its inception, the YPI (“Why-Pie”) has conducted a needs assessment of more than 600 area youth, has granted nearly $7,000 to local nonprofits for youth programming, has launched an endowment fund, and is poised to start its second year with twice the membership of its inaugural year.

As my January 2010 email to Sam Barone reflects, midway through my college career I sensed a disquieting absence of youth philanthropy in my life. So I did what any normal college sophomore would do, right? I contacted the executive director of the local community foundation to inquire about youth participation in philanthropy in Knox County. I received an immediate and positive response from Mr. Barone, who eagerly invited me to lunch with him and Development Committee Chair Sally Nelson to learn more. I had no idea at the time of the serendipitous nature of our correspondence. Three months earlier creating a youth philanthropy organization had been identified as a priority at the Foundation’s strategic planning retreat, even though there was considerable question, according to Mr. Barone, that the resources to do so were readily at hand. Timing is everything, they say.

I explained to Mr. Barone and Ms. Nelson how I had become involved in philanthropy, thanks to an initiative in the early ‘90s that launched 82 youth philanthropy committees in Michigan. The question had been raised among community foundation leaders in my home state, “Why not include youth in the decision making process for the multiple grant requests each year involving young people?”

Below, YPI members share profiles of their respective school districts during a Sunday afternoon meeting in the B&O Depot to develop a country-wide youth needs assessment survey.

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After all, youth are experts on youth. Involved adults volunteer, donate money, serve on boards, and attend churches. Young people can be just as active in their communities at school, playing sports, volunteering, and leading service groups. As a bonus, youth serving on a philanthropic committee might be more likely to become philanthropic adults, continuing to volunteer, donate money, and engage with their communities because it was instilled in them at an early age.

Having convinced Sam and Sally of my relative expertise with youth philanthropy— and my willingness to volunteer my services over the remaining two year of my Kenyon College career— we began planning in earnest. Even though I would be spending the first semester of my junior year studying in India, we accomplished a great deal during the summer months, including creating an application process for interested high school students in Knox County, and mapping out a plan for selecting and training students in the basics of philanthropy the following winter and spring. Upon my return from India we hit the ground running.

Our first committee of 12 impressed me from the moment I saw their applications. They represented five schools, participated in many activities including sports, band, newspapers, Key Club, and church youth groups. The application had asked how each would choose to allocate $2,000 dollars for charitable use in Knox County. The students’ responses demonstrated they already had an understanding of community needs, suggesting they would donate to United Way of Knox County, CareNet Pregnancy Services, the Knox County Park District and the New Directions women’s shelter, among others. Our would-be YPI members had engaged themselves in philanthropy even before all knew how to pronounce the word!

The YPI accomplished so much before issuing its first call for grant applications prior to the holidays. In the spring of 2011, Mike Goorhouse from the Council of Michigan Foundations led a full day of training on philanthropy and grantmaking. Three of our members attended the Summer Leadership Conference at Michigan State University, led by the Michigan Community Foundation Youth Project Committee, where they learned even more best practices for youth philanthropy, along with youth funders from the Midwest.

In the fall YPI began meeting two Sunday afternoons per month to plan, distribute, and tabulate a youth needs assessment completed by more than 600 Knox County students. YPI members designed their grant application in October, and at the Community Foundation’s annual Partners in Philanthropy dinner in November they officially announced they were inviting grant applications. As a result of the YPI members’ progress report at the Foundation dinner, they received an incredibly generous donation from Mr. Tom Rastin, which effectively doubled the grant pool to which they had been staked to by the Foundation board.

In February 2012 our youth funders reviewed numerous grant applications, interviewed project representatives, and awarded their first grants in the community. The projects funded ranged from a successful robotics club at Centerburg High School, to a tile mosaics project pairing fourth-year Latin Students at Mount Vernon High School with developmentally disabled classmates, to youth-focused outdoor activities sponsored by the Knox County Park District.

But the year was far from over. The YPI’s attention shifted to replenishing and expanding its ranks for the following year, and making a grant application of its own to the Ariel Foundation to establish a permanent endowment in support of its future activities. At the end of the year the group met for dinner to bid farewell to its five graduating seniors — six if you count me as a graduating college senior — and to welcome 18 new high school YPI’ers for the 2012-13 school year.

As advisor to the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, one thing that stands out from a very successful inaugural year is not necessarily apparent in press releases or financial reports. It is the great friendships that were forged among students from across Knox County as they immersed themselves in the world of philanthropy. YPI members confidently made presentations to Community Foundation Distribution Committee members; they mingled with Foundation donors at the annual meeting; they reached out to their peers at school to discern pressing youth needs; and they engaged non-profits throughout the grant-making process — all while coming to know and appreciate each others’ talents.

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative truly brought together youth, adults, non-profits and the community in a way, I am confident, will benefit Knox County for years to come.

It was an honor to share my passion for community service with these 12 remarkable students, and in turn be inspired by their own.

Ellen Blanchard is now a college coach with College Possible Twin Cities in Minnesota, and continues to counsel the Youth Philanthropy Initiative from afar.
Scholarship selection committees

In addition to these scholarship committee members, the Community Foundation is indebted to scores of high school administrators, guidance counselors, faculty members and volunteers, whose efforts facilitated the award of $616,584 in college scholarships.

General Scholarships
Ms. Mary Cannon
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Mr. Bruce E. Hawkins
Management Council of OECN Foundation Chair
Ms. Beverly Morse
Kenyon College

Wilbur Gaunder Engineering Scholarships
Mr. Philip Butta
Ariel Corporation, Retired
Mr. Ronald Cochran
Kokosing Construction Co.
Mr. Terry Divelbiss
Divelbiss Corporation Foundation Board Member

Lillian Hickman Medical Scholarships
Dr. Amy Murnen
Family Practitioner Foundation Board Member
Dr. Jennifer Ogle
Family Practitioner
Dr. Deborah Reeder
Ophthalmologist
Ms. Marsha Rinehart
Kokosing Construction Co. Foundation Board Member
Dr. Brad Smith
Family Practitioner

J.R. and Lorene Purdy Non-Traditional Scholarships
Ms. Sandra Beidelschies
Knox Community Hospital
Ms. Joan Jones
Peoples Bank of Gambier
Dr. Amy Murnen
Family Practitioner Foundation Board Member

Youth Philanthropy Initiative

The following students were charter members of the Community Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Initiative. (Read more about YPI on Page 24.)

Centerburg High School
Matthew Pozderac ’12
Daniel Schuster ’13

Danville High School
Paige Arthur ’12
Monica Honabarger ’14
Brendan Urban ’13

Mount Vernon High School
Matthew Omahan ’12
Daniel Tharp ’13
Amanda Tier ’14
J. Levi Zolman ’12
YPI Advisor
Ellen Blanchard ’12
Kenyon College

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### Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County

#### Statement of financial position
For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

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<tr>
<th>Assets</th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<td><strong>Current assets</strong></td>
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<td>$35,670,127</td>
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| Liabilities & net assets           |            |            |
| Liabilities                        |            |            |
| Grants payable                     | $16,175    | $87,014    |
| Funds held as agency funds         | 2,310,981  | 2,253,068  |
| **Total liabilities**              | 2,327,156  | 2,340,082  |
| **Net assets**                     |            |            |
| Unrestricted                       | 5,825,093  | 5,759,661  |
| Temporarily restricted             | 12,971,554 | 12,752,364 |
| Permanently restricted             | 14,996,848 | 14,818,020 |
| **Total net assets**               | 33,793,495 | 33,330,045 |
| **Total liabilities & Net assets** | $36,120,651| $35,670,127|

#### Statement of activities
For the year ended December 31, 2011

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<th>Revenues, gains &amp; other support</th>
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<td>Dividends &amp; interest</td>
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<td>Realized &amp; unrealized gains (losses)</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues, gains &amp; other support</strong></td>
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<td>Grants &amp; scholarships</td>
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<td>Less: Awards made for agency funds</td>
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<td>General &amp; administrative</td>
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<td>Investment management fees</td>
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<td>Personnel</td>
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<td>Consulting &amp; professional services</td>
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<td>Schnormeier Gardens Fund expenses</td>
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<td>Special events</td>
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<td>Development &amp; marketing</td>
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<td>409,603</td>
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<td>Less: allocated to agency funds</td>
<td>(26,628)</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>$1,821,629</td>
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| Change in net assets               | 463,450    |
| Net assets, beginning of year      | 33,330,045 |
| **Net assets, end of year**        | $33,793,045|

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2011 Community Foundation board members and staff

(Board members serve without compensation)

Bruce E. Hawkins, Chair
CEO, Management Council of Ohio Education Computer Network
Appointed by Mount Vernon City Council
Term expires: December 31, 2013

Karen Buchwald Wright, Vice Chair
President & CEO, Ariel Corporation
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2016

Robert L. Rauzi, Secretary
Murray, Rauzi and Kidwell, Ltd.
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2013

Kurt E. Schisler, Treasurer
Kurt E. Schisler, CPA, Inc.
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2016

Marc C. Hawk, Member
President, RevLocal and ECR Computer Services, Inc.
Appointed by the Judges of the Knox County Courts of Common Pleas
Term expires: December 31, 2016

R. Leroy Bumpus, Member
CEO, Retired, First Federal Savings and Loan of Centerburg
Appointed by Knox County Commissioners
Term expires: December 31, 2016

Gene S. Jackson, Member
Vice President/Retail Banking, PNC Bank of Mount Vernon
Appointed by Chamber of Commerce
Term expires: December 31, 2014

Dr. Amy D. Murnen, Member
Family Practice Physician
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2014

Marsha K. Rinehart, Member
Vice President, Kokosing Construction Co.
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2015

Kim M. Rose, Member
Attorney, Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd.
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2016

Gordon Yance, Member
Board Chair, First-Knox National Bank
Appointed by the Foundation Board
Term expires: December 31, 2015

Others who have led the Community Foundation

Past Board Members:
Benjamin C. Betner Jr. (1954-56)
J. Gordon Bone (1966-78)
Douglas O. Brenneman (2001-10)
Maureen Buchwald (1986-99)
Clyde G. Conley (1944-68)
Past Board Secretaries:
Fred Barry, Jr. (1974-76)
James J. Cullers (1977-94)
Charles M. Zelkowitz (1944-73)

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Our mission

• To improve the quality of life in Mount Vernon and Knox County through charitable giving

• To provide a vehicle for donors of varied interests to support charitable and community activities.

• To assess and respond to emerging and changing community needs in the fields of education, youth services, recreation, arts and culture, social services, and civic and community development.

• To develop a permanent endowment for the community, and to serve as a catalyst for the initiation of vital projects.

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The Fredericktown Recreation District’s Education and Nature Center is nestled amongst 57 acres of woods, including more than two miles of hiking trails adjacent to the North Branch of the Kokosing River. The park was acquired in part with generous grants in 2009 and 2011 from the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County.