L. Bruce Levering retired from our board in December 2007, and was honored by his Foundation colleagues for a decade of volunteer service to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County.

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• Common grant and scholarship applications
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• Recent years’ annual reports
• Historical information on Foundation giving
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Our Cover
The enchanting Falls at Honey Run near Millwood was purchased by the Knox County Park District in April 2007, with a grant from the Community Foundation’s Special Projects Fund. (See “Community Foundation Year in Review” (opposite) for additional information about the acquisition.)
Endowment expands while Foundation grants exceed $1.5 million

The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County marked its fourth consecutive year of million-dollar plus contributions in 2007, receiving gifts totalling $2,412,725 as it opened 22 new funds. Total market value of the Foundation exceeded $33,000,000, making us Ohio’s 16th largest community foundation.

The Foundation Board meanwhile approved grants totalling $1,539,133 million, including more than $373,115 to 38 recipients through its increasingly competitive unrestricted grant process.

Large disbursements, such as $100,000 additional support for the emerging Knox County Campus of Central Ohio Technical College, and $50,000 for Mount Vernon Nazarene University’s new art/education center promise new vitality for downtown Mount Vernon. Just as significant to those who appealed to the Foundation for more modest financial assistance were the numerous grants that supported a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution, helped build school playgrounds, sponsored a countywide Family Fun Day, and helped maintain the popular Kokosing Gap Trail, among many other projects. (See a complete list of grants from unrestricted funds on page 23.)

As it has so often in recent years, the Foundation Board enabled the Knox County Park District to seize an opportunity to acquire a long-coveted natural asset, this time the acreage encompassing the Falls at Honey Run near Millwood. (See cover photo). A $36,000 grant from the Foundation’s Special Projects Fund enabled the purchase of this preserve that affords views of the blackhand sandstone, formed some 350 million years ago. Though not yet open to the public, the Park District is developing plans for community access. The Knox County Park District’s website (www.knoxcountyparks.org) offers several stunning views of the Falls at Honey Run.

Of historical importance in 2007 was the Foundation’s affiliation with its first supporting organization, the Schnormeier Gardens Foundation, which in time will become the operating entity for Ted and Ann Schnormeier’s horticultural magnum opus, named by Budget Travel magazine as one of the top ten gardens in the world.

It is always a pleasure to offer special recognition to those individuals, who either by lifetime investment, or through a bequest, created a new named fund within our 63 year-old Community Foundation. In 2007 the board was honored to add the following new funds:

New Scholarship Funds
• Joe Divelbiss Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by family and friends with contributions of $5,725, for the benefit of Fredericktown High School students.
• Pauline L. Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by Jack and Emily Gordon with a gift of $20,000 in memory of Jack’s sister, a life-long elementary teacher. The scholarship will benefit Mount Vernon High School graduates.
• OSU Knox County Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, established by local alumni and friends of The Ohio State University with contributions totalling $6,450, for the benefit of Knox County students attending OSU.
• Dolly Mae Paige Scholarship Fund, created by a $31,172 bequest from her estate, to provide a scholarship for Mount Vernon Academy students.
• Fred Schuller Scholarship Fund, established with a $26,441 bequest from his estate, to provide scholarships for area students pursuing a career in secondary education.
• Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ohio’s Junior Miss Scholarship Fund, created with a $2,000 distribution from the Columbus
Jewish Foundation trust fund of the late Helen Zelkowitz, to provide a communications award to an OJM participant.

**New Donor-Advised/Organization Funds**

- Edgar and Joan Clipse Donor-Advised Fund, established with a $5,000 contribution from Joan Clipse for future charitable recommendations.
- Knox County Park District Fund, created with a $5,000 transfer from the Plocki-McManus Family Fund, as a permanent endowment to encourage contributions from the general public for support of the Knox County Park District.
- LeFurjah Family Donor-Advised Fund, established with a $15,000 gift from Francis R. LeFurjah, formerly of Edmonds, WA, for future charitable recommendations.
- Mt. Vernon Machine & Tool Fund, established with a $5,000 contribution from Gail and Darlene Stenger for future charitable recommendations.

**New Designated Funds**

- Didinger Family Fund for Danville St. Luke’s Catholic Church, established with a $25,000 gift from Gary and Carol Didinger, for perpetual parish support.
- Didinger Family Fund for Knox Community Hospital, established with a $25,000 contribution from Gary and Carol Didinger, to enhance hospital operations.
- Didinger Family Fund for the Knox County Humane Society, established with a $25,000 gift from Gary and Carol Didinger, to promote animal welfare in Knox County.
- Didinger Family Fund for the United Way of Knox County, established with a $25,000 gift from Gary and Carol Didinger, for the benefit of the local United Way.
- Dorothy Farmer Amity Cemetery Fund, created with a $24,324 bequest from the estate of Dorothy Farmer for perpetual maintenance of the Pike Township cemetery.
- Dorothy Farmer Knox County 4-H Clubs Fund, established with a $72,807 bequest from the estate of Dorothy Farmer to support activities of Knox County 4-H organizations.
- George H. and Eleanor M. Ralston Memorial Fund, established in memory of their parents by Nancy R. Vail and Sheila J. Wagner, for the benefit of First Congregational United Church of Christ.
- Ida T. McHugh Fund for Pleasant Street Elementary Library Fund, established with memorial gifts of $4,355 by friends and family, for the purchase of library books at Pleasant Street Elementary where Ida McHugh taught for 21 years.

**New Unrestricted Funds**

- Dorothea M. George Fund, established with a $30,000 bequest from the estate of Dorothea M. George for needs to be determined by the Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Our all-volunteer board of directors appreciates your 2007, and encourages your 2008, contributions to the Foundation.

– Mark R. Ramser, Chair
Auditors’ Report and Financial Statement

Independent Auditors’ Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the related statement of revenues, expenses and other changes in net asset – modified cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note A, these financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the changes in net assets for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note A.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Supplemental Schedule of Fund Balances is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County

Statement of receipts and disbursements
for the years ended Dec. 31, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2006

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<td>Contributions</td>
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<td>Book Value of assets at year-end</td>
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<td>Market value of assets at year-end</td>
<td>$33,729,716</td>
<td>$31,777,313</td>
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*Supporting organization expenses apply to Foundation-owned assets at Schnormeier Gardens.
The Foundation collaborated with the Community Concerts Association of Knox County, and the Knox County Ohio State Alumni Association, to bring the OSU Women’s Glee Club to the Knox County Memorial Theater for a free community concert.

### Arts & Humanities Funds

**Ruth T. Bemis Knox County Symphony Orchestra Fund (2006)**  
Market Value: $30,042  
Book Value: $29,663  
Distributions: $1,267  
Grantees: Knox County Symphony Orchestra, $1,267.

**Knox County Historical Society Fund (1994)**  
Market Value: $13,791  
Book Value: $13,791  
Distributions: $640  
Grantees: Knox County Historical Society, $640.

**League of Friendship Fund (1992)**  
Market Value: $3,021  
Book Value: $2,503  
Distributions: $127  
Grantees: Knox County Historical Society, $127.

**Mount Vernon Theatre Guild Fund (1963)**  
Market Value: $644  
Book Value: $552.

### Community Improvement Funds

**Community Improvement Fund (2004)**  
Market Value: $110  
Book Value: $108.

**The Didinger Family Fund for the Knox Humane Society (2007)**  
Market Value: $25,021  
Book Value: $25,021  
Contributions: $25,000.  
2007 Contributors:  
Gary and Carol Didinger

**Dorothy Farmer Amity Cemetery Fund (2007)**  
Market Value: $24,324  
Book Value: $24,243  
Contributions: $23,684.  
2007 Contributors:  
Dorothy Farmer Estate

**The Friends Cemetery Fund (2001)**  
Market Value: $26,888  
Book Value: $23,024  
Distributions: $1,128  
Grantees: The Friends Cemetery, $1,128.

**Wilbur Gaunder Fund for Knox County Humane Society (1999)**  
Market Value: $103,225  
Book Value: $95,178  
Distributions: $4,540  
Grantees: Knox County Humane Society, $4,540.

Market Value: $2,418  
Book Value: $2,004  
Distributions: $101  

**Barbara S. Jones Fund for Knox County Humane Society (1999)**  
Market Value: $168,862  
Book Value: $236,076  
Distributions: $4,815  
Grantees: Knox County Humane Society, $4,815.

**Knox County Park District Fund (2007)**  
Market Value: $5,074  
Book Value: $5,065  
Transfer from Plocki-McManus Family Fund: $5,000.  
2007 Contributors:  
Plocki-McManus Family Fund

**Kokosing Gap Trail Fund (1994)**  
Market Value: $6,894  
Book Value: $5,833  
Distributions: $289  
Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, $289.

**Emerson Laird Kokosing Gap Trail Fund (1993)**  
Market Value: $6,894  
Book Value: $5,833  
Distributions: $289  
Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, $289.

Market Value: $108,120  
Book Value: $96,040  
Distributions: $4,214  
Grantees: City of Mount Vernon, $4,214.

**Kathryn Sheedy Sanctuary Fund (2005)**  
Market Value: $59,437  
Book Value: $56,150  
Distributions: $3,265  
Grantees: Salvation Army, $3,265; United Way of Knox County, $3,265.

**Schnormeier Gardens Fund (2005)**  
Market Value: $1,236,079  
Book Value: $1,236,532  
Contributions: $236,076  
Distributions: $40,329  
Expenses related to Foundation-owned real estate: $40,329.  
2007 Contributors:  
Theodore and Ann Schnormeier

**Charles Zelekowitz Chamber of Commerce Endowment (2007)**  
Market Value: $25,647  
Book Value: $25,565  
Contributions: $25,000.  
2007 Contributors:  
Columbus Jewish Foundation

**Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County**
### Summary of Fund Activity by Fund Type

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<th>Restricted Funds</th>
<th>Contributions</th>
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<td>Human and Social Services Funds (8)</td>
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<td>Spiritual Growth Funds (25)</td>
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<td>Youth Enrichment Funds (6)</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
<td>$94,840</td>
<td>$2,019,334</td>
<td>$2,317,039</td>
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**Donor-Advised Funds**

Total Donor-Advised Funds (31) | $1,442,002 | $461,802 | $5,113,741 | $5,282,603 |

**Legacy Society Funds**

Total Legacy Society Funds (1) | $2,500 | $0 | $13,768 | $14,858 |

**Scholarship Funds**

Total Scholarship Funds (79) | $313,522 | $383,204 | $8,135,974 | $9,361,656 |

**Unrestricted Funds**

Named Funds & General Fund (51) | $45,255 | $373,115 | $8,121,804 | $9,890,150 |

**Total Foundation Funds (253)** | **$2,412,725** | **$1,539,133** | **$29,691,705** | **$33,729,716** |
Designated Funds

Education Funds

Harriet B. Lawler Fund (1986)  
Market Value: $298,641  
Book Value: $245,264  
Contributions: $12,040  
Grantees: Gay Street United Methodist Church, $7,224; Muskingum College, $4,816.

Beatty B. Williams Fund for YMCA et al. (1974)  
Market Value: $403,532  
Book Value: $323,511  
Distributions: $20,135  
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $4,027; National Board of YMCA, $4,027; First Congregational United Church of Christ, $4,027; United Way of Knox County, $4,027  
Transfer to General Fund: $4,027.

Amy F. Williams Memorial Fund (1953)  
Market Value: $297,799  
Book Value: $261,190  
Distributions: $15,394  
Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $2,566; The Salvation Army, $3,528; YMCA of Mount Vernon, $9,299.

Education Funds

Altrusa Fund (1997)  
Market Value: $17,936  
Book Value: $15,517  
Contributions: $752  
Grantees: Knox County Career Center, $251; Mount Vernon City Schools, $251; Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, $251.

Mildred Bennett Fund (1992)  
Market Value: $54,143  
Book Value: $44,873  
Distributions: $2,271  
Grantees: Knox County Career Center, $1,136; Knox County Career Center, $1,136.

Central Ohio Technical College Fund (2006)  
Market Value: $62,118  
Book Value: $62,118  
Distributions: $50,000.

2007 Contributors:

- Mark and Denise Ramser

Gordon and Roberta Chalmers Library Fund (1955)  
Market Value: $257,499  
Book Value: $233,859  
Distributions: $10,889  
Grantees: Kenyon College Library, $10,889.

Richard Landers Fund for Knox County Career Center (1994)  
Market Value: $4,754  
Book Value: $3,184.

Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund (1955)  
Market Value: $6,742  
Book Value: $5,588  
Distributions: $283  
Grantees: Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, $283.

Market Value: $4,443  
Book Value: $4,432  
Contributions: $4,355.

2007 Contributors:

- Margaret A. Babiuch
- Sam and Paula Barone
- George and Beverly Berger
- Ronald and Patrice Brown
- John and Marilyn Chidester
- David and Barbara Connelly
- James and Marilyn Cordiak
- Glenn & Rosemary Cox
- Robert and Mary Creager
- Donald and Caroly Datt
- Decosky Dealerships
- Ann M. Desmond
- Sonia L. Donoher
- Max W. Dorfmeister
- Donna L. Gamache
- Tom and Margaret Gibney
- Gary H. Gunter
- Tom and Susan Hayes
- Robert Herald
- Wally and Irma Hood
- James and Mary Lou Imel
- Knox County Democratic Committee
- Dr. Mark and Kathleen Larkins
- Joseph and Joanne Lenkay
- Richard B. Lowe
- Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Mackiewicz
- Gerald F. McCarthy
- John and Connie McHugh
- Kevin and Mary Ann McHugh
- Thomas F. McHugh
- Carolyn N. Metcalf
- Kathy and Jerry Miens
- Alan L. Mollenkamp
- Jeannine H. Moreau
- Sarah J. Mothershead
- Phyllis L. O’Brien
- Edward and Lynne Odorizzi
- John D. and Kathleen O’Shea
- John and Carol Sue Owens
- Marlene Pitts
- Robert Porterfield
- Robert Rock
- Myrtle and Martin Rowan
- Chester and Marie Rutkowski
- Maria Sabia
- Nancy Smythe
- Thomas and Betty Straub
- T. P. Lodge
- Lewis F. Treleaven
- Patricia Uetz
- Paul and Joyce Watters
- Welch’s Lawton Plant Human Resources
- Arnold L. Wilson
- Eileen T. Wimberger
- Ronald and Rita Yarman
- Jim and Sharon Zak
- Richard A. Zaunbrecher
- Lawrence W. Zonsius Jr.

Mount Vernon Academic Boosters Fund (1993)  
Market Value: $2,362  
Book Value: $2,026.

Mount Vernon High School Alumni Fund (1998)  
Market Value: $1,120  
Book Value: $1,089.

Andy Ressing Memorial Fund (1994)  
Market Value: $10,186  
Book Value: $8,739.

James R. Westerheide Memorial Fund (1985)  
Market Value: $3,766  
Book Value: $3,323  
Contributions: $1,100  
Distributions: $110  
Grantees: Saint Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, $110.

2007 Contributors:

- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Westerheide, M.D.

Beatty B. Williams Library Fund (1959)  
Market Value: $95,585  
Book Value: $96,791  
Contributions: $4,012  
Grantees: Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, $4,012.

Early Learners Scholarship Fund (2005)  
Market Value: $84,791  
Book Value: $82,156  
Contributions: $16,260  
Distributions: $1,675  
Grantees: Knox County Education Service Center, $1,675.

2007 Contributors:

- Thomas and Pattie Albaugh
- Amvets Auxiliary Post 95
- Elizabeth B. Annear
- Kathy Blackburn
- Charles and Janet Boone
- Douglas and Patsy Brennan
- Mr. and Mrs. Neil J. Bright
- Katharine Brown
- Bruce Jacklin and Company
- James and Maureen Buchwald
- Dr. James Carhart
- Clarion Corporation
- Fred and Ann Cluff
- Ellen Grant Crawford
- Robert and Eileen Crise
- Kay Culbertson
- James V. Davis Jr.
Health & Wellness Funds

Distributions: $5,644  Grantees: Knox County Mental Health Association, $5,644.

Rose Blair Fund for Knox County Cancer Society (1959)  Market Value: $2,375  Book Value: $1,968  Distributions: $100
Grantees: Knox County Cancer Society, $100.

Rose Blair Fund for Knox County Heart Association (1959)  Market Value: $2,375  Book Value: $1,968  Distributions: $100
Grantees: Knox County Heart Association, $100.

Health & Wellness Funds

Human & Social Services Funds

The Didinger Family Fund for Knox Community Hospital (2007)  Market Value: $25,021  Book Value: $25,021
Contributions: $25,000

2007 Contributors:
Gary and Carol Didinger.

Contributions: $25,000

2007 Contributors:
Gary and Carol Didinger.

Distributions: $4,763
Grantees: Hospice of Knox County, $4,763.

Distributions: $4,763
Grantees: Knox County Chapter of American Red Cross, $4,763.

Distributions: $1,919
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $1,919.

Distributions: $4,862
Grantees: Knox County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, $4,862.


Distributions: $1,412
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $1,412.

Distributions: $16,068
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $16,068.

Contributions: $300
Distributions: $63,409
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $63,409.

2007 Contributors:
Kay Culbertson
Elizabeth A. Lutwick

Distributions: $169

Distributions: $4,643
Grantees: Interchurch Social Services, $4,643.

Distributions: $1,919
Grantees: Interchurch Social Services, $1,919.


Nursing students enrolled in Mount Vernon Nazarene University’s new bachelor’s degree program demonstrate SimMan, a simulation manikin, acquired with a grant through the Foundation’s competitive application process (MVNU photo).
Garfield and Ma zie Colgin Memorial Fund
$4,926; First Presbyterian Church, $4,926; Paul’s Episcopal Church, $4,926; First Congregational United Church of Christ, $20,518.

Book Value: $29,991.

Market Value: $732,971.

Grantees: First Presbyterian Church, $5,026; First Congregational United Church of Christ, $165.

Wilbur Gauden Fund for Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church (1999)
Market Value: $113,544 Book Value: $99,997

H. Grant Heckler Memorial Fund (1970)
Market Value: $6,206 Book Value: $5,143
Distributions: $260 Grantees: Gay Street United Methodist Church, $260.

Thomas E. Heine Memorial Fund (2002)
Market Value: $5,479 Book Value: $4,626
Distributions: $230 Grantees: Zion Lutheran Church, $230.

Ethel V. Jamison Trust Fund (1987)
Market Value: $8,262 Book Value: $6,769

Margaret Jamison Church Fund (2002)
Market Value: $274,538 Book Value: $226,746
Distributions: $11,511 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $11,511.

F. William Kahrl Fund (1964)
Market Value: $3,960 Book Value: $3,282
Distributions: $166 Grantees: Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, $166.

R. B. Kincaid Fund (1985)
Market Value: $55,729 Book Value: $56,009
Distributions: $2,339 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $2,339.

Howard Kiracofe Family Fund (1995)
Market Value: $12,406 Book Value: $10,282
Distributions: $520 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $520.

Daniel Pealer Memorial Fund (2001)
Market Value: $5,400 Book Value: $4,658
Distributions: $227 Grantees: Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, $227.

Market Value: $111,057 Book Value: $94,432
Distributions: $4,686 Grantees: Danville United Methodist Church, $4,686.

George H. and Eleanor M. Ralston Memorial Fund (2007)
Market Value: $5,026 Book Value: $5,023 Contributions: $5,000.

2007 Contributors:
Nancy R. Vail
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Arthur E. and Grace E. Rawlinson Memorial Fund (1971)
Market Value: $29,460 Book Value: $26,133 Distributions: $1,237
Grantees: Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, $1,237.

St Paul’s Episcopal Church Fund (1961)
Market Value: $1,260 Book Value: $1,044 Distributions: $53 Grantees: Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, $53.

Delbert C. Schmidt Fund (1992)

Walter Starr Fund for First Congregational United Church of Christ (1970)

Howard Tarr Fund for First Congregational United Church of Christ (1970)

Zenno and Mae Taylor Fund (1976)

Martha Turner Walker Memorial Fund (1980)
Market Value: $1,248 Book Value: $1,034 Distributions: $52 Grantees: First Presbyterian Church, $52.

Youth Enrichment Funds

Character Building Activities Fund (1945)
Market Value: $4,649 Book Value: $3,989.

Paul G. Crawford MVHS Student-Athlete Fund (2005)
Market Value: $31,100 Book Value: $29,567 Distributions: $1,279

2007 Contributors:
Gary and Carol Didinger.

First Congregational United Church of Christ Building Fund (1959)
Youth Enrichment Funds
Donor-Advised Funds

Grantee: Mount Vernon High School
Athletic Department, $1,279.

Dorothy Farmer 4-H Clubs Fund (2007)
Market Value: $72,807 Book Value: $72,586
Contributions: $71,051.

2007 Contributors:
Dorothy Farmer Estate

Alice Jewell Fund (1955)  Market Value: $1,047
Book Value: $868 Distributions: $44
Grantees: Heart of Ohio Girl Scouts, $44.

Mount Vernon Livestock Fund (1957)
Market Value: $5,104 Book Value: $4,379.

Book Value: $17,541 Distributions: $888
Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, $888.

Charles, Helen and Stephen Zelkowitz
Family Endowment for the YMCA of Knox
County (2007)  Market Value: $20,518
Book Value: $20,452 Contributions: $20,000.

2007 Contributors:
Columbus Jewish Foundation

Donor-Advised Funds

Aaron Christopher Fund (2006)  Market Value:
$5,253 Book Value: $4,957
Distributions: $200 Grantees: Sew Special
Network, $200.

Apple Valley Property Owners Fund (2005)
Market Value: $5,758 Book Value: $5,350
Contributions: $60.

2007 Contributors:
Carl and Sharon K. Holmes

Market Value: $2,950,434 Book Value:
$2,788,669 Contributions: $1,000,600
Transfers In: $100,000 Distributions:
$213,472 Grantees: Mount Vernon B&O
Depot Restoration, $185,000; Kokosing Gap
Trail Resealing, $25,000; Sew Special
Network, $1,000; Kokosing Gap Trail (in
memory of Stacy Doyle), $2,472.36.

2007 Contributors:
Ariel Corporation
Schnormeier Family Fund Transfer

Market Value: $8,933 Book Value: $9,066
Distributions: $250 Grantees: Mount
Vernon YMCA, $250.

Edgar and Joan Clipse Fund (2007)  Market Value:
$5,000 Book Value: $5,000
Contributions: $5,000.

2007 Contributors:
Joan Clipse

Market Value: $58,376 Book Value: $52,540.

Market Value: $368,128 Book Value: $340,677
Distributions: $100,000 Grantee:
Fredericktown Community Foundation.

2007 Contributors:
Fredericktown Community Foundation

Givens Family Fund (2006)  Market Value:
$5,739 Book Value: $5,655
Contributions: $232 Grantees:
Woodward Development Corporation, $232.

2007 Contributors:
Douglas and Susan Givens

Market Value: $15,837 Book Value: $15,504
Contributions: $5,250.

2007 Contributors:
Janice Compton
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Burt and Lois Hanson Fund (2005)  Market Value:
$8,519 Book Value: $8,091
Contributions: $4,875 Distributions: $2,000
Grantees: $1,000 City of Mount Vernon
Hiawatha Water Park and Pool, $1,000;
Knox County Park District, $500; Kenyon
College, $500.

2007 Contributors:
Burt and Lois Hanson

Donald Harnsberger Fund (2004)  Market Value:
$11,345 Book Value: $10,894.

Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon (2005)
Market Value: $6,296 Book Value: $5,865
Contributions: $1,332 Distributions: $2,088
Grantee: Kiwanis Club Scholarship Bond
Program, $88; City of Mount Vernon
Foundation Park, $2,000.

2007 Contributors:
Kroger Company
Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club

Knox Community Hospital Fund (2004)
Market Value: $7,855 Book Value: $7,343

Knox County Park District Fund (2007)
Market Value: $5,074 Book Value: $5,065
Transfer from Plocki-McManus Family Fund: $5,000.

2007 Contributors:
Plocki-McManus Family Fund

Francis R. LeFurjah Family Fund (2007)
Market Value: $9,219 Book Value: $9,139
Contributions: $15,000 Distributions: $6,000
Grantees: Gay Street Methodist
Church, $3,000; Saint Labre Indian School, $3,000.

2007 Contributors:
Francis R. LeFurjah

John and Genevieve Minor Foundation
(1993)  Market Value: $5,818 Book Value:
$5,475 Contributions: $50.

2007 Contributors:
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Mount Vernon Board of Education Fund
(2003)  Market Value: $52,480 Book Value:
$48,405 Contributions: $8,843.

2007 Contributors:
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
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Knox County Colt Football League

Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 Fund
$129,298 Contributions: $28,788.

2007 Contributors:
Mount Vernon Elks Lodge 140.

Market Value: $5,055 Book Value: $5,035
Contributions: $5,000.

2007 Contributors:
Mt. Vernon Machine & Tool, Inc.
Gail and Darlene Stenger

Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation Fund
(2006)  Market Value: $42,244 Book Value:
$40,923 Contributions: $10,000.

2007 Contributors:
Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation

“Totus Tuus” Fund (2005)  Market Value:
$264,913  Book Value: $255,559  
Contributions: $100,000  Distributions: 
$50,000  Grantee: St. Gabriel Radio, 
$50,000.

2007 Contributors: 
Anonymous


Ohio’s Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (1987)  Market Value: $9,026  Book Value: $9,026  
Contributions: $12,315  Distributions: 

$21,500  Grantees: Scholarships for Ohio’s Junior Miss Contestants, $21,500

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Heart of Ohio Girl Scouts Council Executive Director Yvette Livers snips a ribbon inside the new Camp Cornish Lodge (inset) as Council President Chrystal Rardin conducts the dedication from the podium and area Girl Scouts lend a helping hand.
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State Farm Companies Foundation
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Joanne Van Sant
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Market Value: $106,177  Book Value: $99,344
Distributions: $10,000  Grantees:
Transfer to Knox County Park District Fund, $5,000; Kenyon College, $5,000.

Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy (1997)
Market Value: $18,481  Book Value: $17,312
Distributions: $710  Grantee: Gay Street United Methodist Church, $710.

Market Value: $21,908  Book Value: $20,521
Distributions: $1,500  Transfer to: Community Foundation General Fund for Community Concerts Sponsorship, $1,500.

Market Value: $12,044  Book Value: $11,756
Contributions: $5,000  Distributions: $2,000
Grantees: City of Mount Vernon Signage Project.

2007 Contributors:
Alan and Ruby Riedel

Market Value: $5,727  Book Value: $5,383.

Schnormeier Family Fund (1998)
Market Value: $704,677  Book Value: $792,793
Distributions: $140,500  Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, $23,000; Hospice of Knox County, $16,000; New Directions, $1,000; Community Concerts Association, $500; Transfer to Ariel Corporation Advised Fund (C.O.T.C. Building Fund), $100,000.

2007 Contributors:
Jeld-Wen Foundation
Ted and Ann Schnormeier

William A. and Peggy Stroud Fund (1997)
Market Value: $260,561  Book Value: $243,101
Distributions: $10,000  Grantees: Knox Community Hospital, $10,000.

C. Watkins Family Fund (1997)
Market Value: $44,599  Book Value: $42,485
Contributions: $9,980  Distributions: $2,600
Grantees: Hospice of Knox County, $200; Mount Vernon Nazarene University, $200; United Way of Knox County, $2,000; Knox County Symphony, $200.

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The long awaited opening of the restored Mount Vernon B&O Depot in October of 2007, attracted huge crowds, due in part to the visit of Ohio Central Railroad’s Steam Locomotive #1293. Bo Gray of Lexington, KY, captured this evocative photo during one of the locomotive’s overnight vigils.

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The Community Foundation enables donors to accumulate annual contributions of $1,000 or more toward the goal of establishing a permanent fund, such as a donor-advised or scholarship fund. A unique benefit of membership in the Legacy Society is the fact your fund is exempt from a portion of the usual administrative fees while it is building toward the $5,000 minimum for a permanent fund. Establishing a Legacy Society fund with the Community Foundation is easily accomplished, and is an excellent option for tax-wise charitable giving prior to year-end.


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Scholarship Funds

Robert C. Appleton Fund (1980)  Market Value: $152,566  Book Value: $122,828  Distributions: $7,000  Grantees: Allison M. Nauman (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Milligan College; Maradith L. Noonen (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Bowling Green State University; Nathan C. Short (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Grace College; Carolyn R. Sigler (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Otterbein College.


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Edith Vernon
Theresa Vernon
Carl and Debbie Warner
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Dennis and Amanda Ziccardi

Elizabeth W. Bell Scholarship Fund (2005)  Market Value: $11,963  Book Value: $11,765  Contributions: $2,000  Distributions: $1,000  Grantee: Emily C. Bumpus (Centerburg), $1,000, Lipscomb University.

2007 Contributors:
Gretchen A. Bell

Clark and Lucy Biggs Fund (1991)  Market Value: $286,741  Book Value: $242,520  Distributions: $10,000  Grantees: Craig A. Barcus (Mount Vernon), $2,000, University of Cincinnati; Michelle E. Eker (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Otterbein College; Emma G. Lang (Centurburg), $2,000, Youngstown State University; Mary C. Vonk, $1,000, The Ohio State University-Newark; Anna K. Wagenhouser (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Baldwin-Wallace College; Rachel N. Winter (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Denison University.


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Charles E. Cassaday Fund (1990)  
Market Value: $5,370  Book Value: $4,770.

Helen H. Cooke Fund (1994)  
Market Value: $835,857  Book Value: $672,100  
Distributions: $35,000  Grantees: Amber M. Braddock (Fredericktown), $3,000, Wright State University; Ashley E. Cannon (Fredericktown), $1,500, The Ohio State University; Michele E. Darsee (Fredericktown/KCCC), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Sarah E. Fergus (Fredericktown), $1,000, Bowling Green State University; Michael B. Gregg (Fredericktown), $4,000, Purdue University; Jennifer L. Hart (Fredericktown), $2,000, The Ohio State University-Mansfield; Kara N. Hulse (Fredericktown), $4,000, Youngstown State University; Kyle P. Pelc (Frederick-town), $1,000, The Ohio State University-Mansfield; Corinne A. Salva (Fredericktown), $5,000, Capital University; Tabitha L. Streby (Fredericktown), $500, Malone College; Jason M. VanHouten (Fredericktown), $2,000, The College of Wooster; Christo-pher D. Weiler (Fredericktown), $2,000, The Ohio State University-Mansfield; Michael R. Weiler (Fredericktown), $2,000, The Ohio State University; Joy E. Gardiner (Fredericktown), $1,000, Grove City College; Sarah E. Imboden (Fredericktown), $2,000, The Ohio State University; Karl T. Salva (Fredericktown), $1,000, The Ohio State University.
Scholarship Funds

Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund (2001)
Market Value: $320,649 Book Value: $282,650
Distributions: $12,000 Grantees: Tabitha M. Baughman (Mount Vernon), $2,000, The Ohio State University-Newark; Ammie L. Boggs (Centerburg), $1,000, Ohio Wesleyan University; Jillian A. Heizer (Utica/KCCC), $1,000, Central Ohio Technical College; Josannah A. Heizer (Utica/KCCC), $2,000, Central Ohio Technical College; Kelsey E. Rife (Centerburg), $4,000, Baldwin Wallace College; Jennifer L. Scarbrough (Centerburg), $2,000, Otterbein College.

Norma J. Cornell Memorial St. Vincent dePaul Education Fund (2001)
Market Value: $312,781 Book Value: $275,226

Harold “Cookie” Cunningham Fund (1997)
Market Value: $18,676 Book Value: $15,568
Distributions: $700 Grantee: Laura A. Packard (Mount Vernon), $700, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Market Value: $35,640 Book Value: $30,284
Distributions: $1,300 Grantees: Jamie M. Banbury (Danville), $650, The Ohio State University; Danielle C. Gray (East Knox), $650, Ashland University.

Martha Deppner Scholarship Fund (2005)
Market Value: $26,197 Book Value: $25,748
Contributions: $8,749.

2007 Contributors:
Martha Deppner

Gary and Carol Didinger Scholarship Fund (2006)
Market Value: $99,319 Book Value: $98,661
Contributions: $100,000
Distributions: $3,600 Grantees: Matthew B. O’Rourke (Danville), $1,800, Otterbein College; Melanie R. Morningstar (East Knox), $1,800, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Joe Divelbiss Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)
Market Value: $5,846 Book Value: $5,821
Contributions: $5,725.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Von Blon
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Education & Scholarship Fund (2004)
Market Value: $1,218  Book Value: $1,239.

Ralph and Ara Flack Fund (2000)
Market Value: $27,947  Book Value: $25,560
Distributions $1,000  Grantee: Lesley A. Alton (East Knox), $1,000, Central Ohio Technical College.

Fredericktown Academic Loan Fund (1991)
Market Value: $10,129.28  Book Value: $10,489.

Pauline B. Freeman Fund (1983)
Market Value: $1,116,001  Book Value: $901,934
Distributions: $37,001  Grantees: Dayne M. Baughman (Danville), $1,000, Kenyon College; Emily J. Branstool (East Knox), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Andrew O. Butler (East Knox), $1,000, Unity College in Maine; Autumn L. Durbin (East Knox), $2,000, Otterbein College; Wilford O. Durbin (Danville), $2,000, Xavier University; Samantha M. Emler (East Knox), $1,000, Shawnee State University; Amber N. Frost (East Knox), $2,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Ryan M. Hunter (East Knox), $5,000, Kenyon College; Dashaia R. Knight (East Knox), $2,000, University of Cincinnati; Bethany D. Lahmon (East Knox), $2,000, Medical College of Nursing; Kayla D. Lund (East Knox), $2,000, Southeastern University; Elizabeth K. Mackey (East Knox), $1,000, Ohio University; Joelle M. Magers (East Knox), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Deanna K. Mizer (Danville), $2,000, Bradford School; Andrew J. Parkhurst (East Knox), $1,000, The Ohio State University; Christina E. Ricketts (East Knox), $1,000, University of Findlay; Tyler R. Sellers (East Knox), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Naomi R. Washatka (East Knox), $5,000, Cedarville University; Emily M. Weaver (East Knox), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Brittany D. Workman (Danville), $1,000, North Central State College.

Wilbur F. Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund (1999)
Market Value: $1,392,131  Book Value: $1,272,821  Distributions: $40,000  Grantees: Abraham C. Harrod (Northbridge), $15,000, The Ohio State University; Andrew J. Wilson (Mount Vernon), $15,000, Ohio Northern University; Kyle J. Wittel (Loudonville), $15,000, University of Akron.

Wilbur F. Gaunder Nursing Scholarship Fund (1999)

Gelsanliter Family Fund (1965)

General Fund Scholarships
Distributions: $18,000  (See “Unrestricted Funds” note)
Grantees: Deanna R. Baker (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Boston University; Renee C. Bonsell (Mount Vernon), $1,000, The Ohio State University; Julian J. Brainard-Reichwein (Mount Vernon), $2,000, The Ohio State University-Mansfield; Katharine E. Green (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Case Western Reserve University; Elyse L. McConnell (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Naropa University; Laura A. Packard (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Ohio Wesleyan University; Nathan K. Ramsey (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Wittenberg University; Caitlin A. Rice (Mount Vernon), $5,000, Grinnell College; Emily R. Shooter (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Miami University; Lauren E. Shriver (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Capital University; Fred Lorey General Fund Scholarship: Sean T. Moore (Centerburg), $1,000, Heidelberg College.

Pauline L. Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)
Market Value: $20,373  Book Value: $20,295  Contributions: $20,000.

Larry Hall Fund (1980)
Market Value: $3,663  Book Value: $3,254.

Donald and Sigrid Harnsberger Fund (2000)
Market Value: $70,111  Book Value: $54,658.

Distributions: $500  Grantee: David E. Burt (Mount Vernon), $500, The Ohio State University.

Lillian C. Hickman Fund (1996)
Market Value: $488,130  Book Value: $389,789  Distributions: $18,500  Grantees: John D. Idoine III (Mount Vernon), $3,250, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jessica M. Jones (Home-School), $3,250, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine; Katherine J. Radcliffe (Mount Vernon), $6,000, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine; Kyle L. Randall (Fredericktown), $6,000, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Charles F. and Zella Horn-Simpson Memorial Fund (1999)

William S. Hunter Fund (1990)
Market Value: $21,302  Book Value: $17,298  Distributions: $1,100  Grantee: Kristen S. Crawford (Centerburg), $1,100, Wright State University.
Scholarship Funds

Cody L. Johnson Memorial Fund (2003)  
Market Value: $7,573  Book Value: $7,412  
Contributions: $1,043  Distributions: $500  
Grantee: Matthew A. Thomas (KCCC), $500,  
Columbus State Community College.  

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William and Jennie Johnson Fund (1965)  

Edwin Kaylor Scholarship Fund (2005)  
Market Value: $102,460  Book Value: $104,282  
Contributions: $2,000  Distributions: $1,043  
Grantee: Central State College; Jeremy R. Holley  
Columbus State Community College.

Knox County FOP Lodge #147 Fund (2003)  
Market Value: $7,760  Book Value: $7,604  
Contributions: $2,000  Distributions: $500  
Grantee: Brandon Smith (Centerburg), $500,  
Central Ohio Technical College.  

2007 Contributors:  
Knox County Fraternal Order of Police  
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Knox County Ohio State University Alumni  
Scholarship Fund (2007)  
Market Value: $6,500  Book Value: $6,490  
Contributions: $6,450.  

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Ida Kohl Fund (1983)  
Market Value: $8,725  Book Value: $7,745.

Rex M. Jr. and Barbara C. Lamb Fund  
(1985)  
Market Value: $67,220  Book Value: $54,054  
Contributions: $54,054  Distributions: $2,500  
Grantee: Lisa M. Lloyd (Mount Vernon), $2,500,  
Bowling Green State University.

Harriett B. Lawler Fund (1986)  
Market Value: $102,872  Book Value: $82,626  
Contributions: $4,800  Distributions: $4,800  
Grantee: James D. Beckett (Mount Vernon), $3,000, Kenyon  
College; Timothy L. Galietti (Mount Vernon), $1,800, The Ohio State University.

John Lee Memorial Fund (2002)  
Market Value: $11,306  Book Value: $9,810  
Contributions: $500  Grantee: Tycus L.  
Patete (Mount Vernon), $500, University of  
Northwestern Ohio.

Distributions: $3,300  Grantee: Joseph P.  
Barone (Mount Vernon), $3,300, The Ohio  
State University. Note: this fund was  
exhausted by design in 2007.

Russell & Pearl Leedy Scholarship Fund  
(1991)  
Market Value: $24,474  Book Value: $24,210  
Contributions: $3,000  Grantees:  
Tiffany N. Bartram (Fredericktown), $1,000,  
Ashland University Danielle M. Sliva  
(Fredericktown), $1,000, Med Central  
College of Nursing; Courtney N. Testa  
(Fredericktown), $1,000, University of  
Akon.

Ruth Leedy Scholarship Fund (2005)  

Alexandra Letz Fund (1983)  
Market Value: $28,677  Book Value: $24,949  
Distributions: $1,000  Grantees: Amanda A.  
Schlemmer (Mount Vernon), $1,000,  
Culinary Institute of America.

Alexandra Letz Nursing Fund (1984)  
Market Value: $45,913  Book Value: $40,235  
Distributions: $1,800  Grantee:  
Holly E. Israel (Mount Vernon), $1,800,  
Cedarville University.

Kathryn Ann Levering Memorial Fund  
(2001)  
Market Value: $21,665  Book Value: $19,930  
Contributions: $665  Distributions: $750  
Grantees: Jennifer L. Hart  
(Fredericktown), $750, The Ohio State  
University-Mansfield; Tabitha L. Streby  
(Fredericktown), $750, Malone College.  

2007 Contributors:  
Daniel and Kris Almdendinger  
Pamela Demnings  
Kenneth M. Iwashita  
Lori A. Macbeth  
Kimberly and Daniel Miller  
Mary Margaret Moore  
Adam F. Rendina  
The Hall Family Trust  
The Lubrizol Foundation

Meharry Family African-American/  
American Indian Nursing Scholarship Fund
Sabrina Pugh (left) had the pleasure of presenting the first Caitlin C. Pugh Memorial Scholarship, in memory of her daughter, to 2007 Fredericktown High School graduate Ashley E. Cannon, who applied the scholarship to her first-year tuition at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Regional Campus.

John and Kathy Frank
Mr. and Mrs. Gregg E. Gehring
Jennifer J. Havens
Ruth Noren Mallett
Rebecca L. Mitchell
Roger J. Porterfield
Sabrina Pugh
Kelley L. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Tinney

Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Fund

J. R. and Lorene Purdy Fund (1997) Market Value: $1,048,492 Book Value: $923,023 Distributions: $40,500 Grantees: Rachel M. Anderson (Centerburg), $2,000, The University of Toledo; Terra K. Britt (Centerburg), $1,000, Central Ohio Technical College; Lauren K. Burley (Mount Vernon), $2,000, Kenyon College; Fletcher J. Coleman (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Swarthmore College; Leslie L. DeChant (Fredericktown), $2,000, Excelsior College; Zachary H. DiMarco (Centerburg), $2,000, The Ohio State University-Marietta; Francine R. Dudgeon (East Knox), $2,000, The Ohio State University; Lindsey M. Eibach (Centerburg), $1,000, Grace College; Christian M. Gilbert (Mount Vernon), $2,000, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; Chantele K. Hazen (Danville), $4,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Barbara J. Hindle (Loudonville), $1,000, Knox County Career Center LPN; Sarah E. Jackson (Mount Vernon), $4,000, Wright State University; Russell L. Melick (Mount Vernon), $3,000, Harvey Mudd College; Jimmy D. Pedder (SSPM School (Pune, India)), $2,000, Central Ohio Technical College; Sara N. Randall (East Knox), $4,000, Wright State University; Daniel A. Shaffer (Mount Vernon), $5,000, Cedarville University; Marcus A. Yoder (East Holmes), $1,000, The Ohio State University-Newark; Norita D. Yoder (Peniel Christian), $1,000, The Ohio State University.

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Shamrock Plastics
Snyder Funeral Homes
James Sweftic D.C.
Jay Tharp
Steven and Kristine Tier

Shane M. Chapman (Highland), $500, The Ohio State University-Marion.

Mary Catherine Ritter Memorial Fund (2004)
Market Value: $21,587 Book Value: $21,757 Contributions: $120 Distributions: $1,000 Grantee: Daniel R. Hoar (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

2007 Contributors:
Joan C. Fithian
Bonita Warren

Roelofs Family Scholarship Fund (2005)
Market Value: $2,828 Book Value: $2,467.

Hugh Cameron Roelofs Scholarship Fund (2005)
Market Value: $5,634 Book Value: $5,715.

2007 Contributors:
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Kay Culbertson

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“Cheesehead” and Librarian John Chidester and Nancy Vail enjoy the traveling Smithsonian exhibit “Key Ingredients: America by Food” which visited the Public Library, supported by a Foundation grant. A few of the exhibit’s many artifacts are also pictured (right).

Gault’s Plaza Cleaners & Laundromat
William and Heidi Hanna
Hanna Farms
Chuck Harris
Peter Henry
Jason and Kimberly Hinkle
Jeff Holt
Randall and Laura Kessler
Killbuck Savings Bank Co.
Koch Filter Corporation
Doug Krumlauf
Brent and Michaele Lavigne
Dr. Wayne T. Mahar

Matthew and Angela Trpp
Jeffrey Vansloun
Ver-Mac Industries
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vest
David and Mary Westerbeck
Ronald and Rita Yamman

John P. and Agnes D. Rentz Scholarship Fund (2006)

Market Value: $10,617 Book Value: $10,115 Distributions: $500 Grantee:

Larry Schisler Memorial Fund (2002)
Market Value: $27,773 Book Value: $25,114 Contributions: $3,950 Distributions: $3,000 Grantees: Robert T. Calkins (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Ohio Northern University; Adrienne D. Hazen (Mount Vernon), $1,000, DeVry University; Charles D. Peters II (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Ashland University.

2007 Contributors:
Jan Compton
Janet Schisler
Kay Culbertson
Fred Schuller Scholarship Fund (2007)  
Market Value: $26,770  Book Value: $26,701  Contributions: $26,441.  

2007 Contributors:  
Fred Schuller Estate

Rick L. Scott Memorial Fund (1990)  
Market Value: $56,397  Book Value: $48,651  
Distributions: $3,000  Grantees: Chalryn R. Dobson (Mount Vernon), $1,500, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Christian M. Glibert (Mount Vernon), $1,500, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.  

Sims-Rose Family Fund (2002)  
Market Value: $10,221  Book Value: $9,338  
Distributions: $1,000  Contributions: $500  
Grantee: Ashley N. Noggle (Mount Vernon), $500, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.  

2007 Contributors:  
Kim and Pam Rose

Dean and Audrey Spearman “Rollin’ Buckeye” Fund (2000)  
Market Value: $188,003  Book Value: $179,341  
Distributions: $56,757  Contributions: $6,000  
Grantees: Sonnett A. Chapman (Centerburg), $1,500, The Ohio State University; Bryan A. Bunnell (Fredericktown), $1,500, The Ohio State University; Marie E. Martin (East Knox), $1,500, The Ohio State University; John M. Vonck (Mount Vernon), $1,500, The Ohio State University.  

2007 Contributors:  
Dean and Audrey Spearman

Strang Family Fund (1995)  
Market Value: $28,274  Book Value: $22,799  
Distributions: $1,000  Grantee: James H. March (Mount Vernon), $1,000, Ohio Northern University.  

Student Scholarship Fund (1964)  
Market Value: $606  Book Value: $538.

Market Value: $505,413  Book Value: $505,826  Contributions: $100,000  
Distributions: $20,000  Grantees: Rhett M. Butcher (Mount Vernon), $4,000, Ohio University; Aaron L. Henley (West Holmes), $4,000, Capital University; Sarah E. Henley (West Holmes), $4,000, The Culinary Institute of America; Timothy J. Kennedy (Mount Vernon), $4,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Casey S. Simon (Ashland), $4,000, University of Akron.  

2007 Contributors:  
Carlos and Celestine Watkins.

Market Value: $85,169  Book Value: $77,832  Contributions: $4,000  
Distributions: $2,500  Grantees: Eric C. Bolender (Mount Vernon), $1,000, The Ohio State University; David E. Burt (Mount Vernon), $1,500, The Ohio State University.  

2007 Contributors:  
Jay M. Wilson

William E. Wing Fund (1990)  
Market Value: $16,829  Book Value: $14,611  
Distributions: $1,200  Contributions: $1,500  
Grantee: Michele E. Darsee (Fredericktown/KCCC), $1,500, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.  

Charles M. Zelkowitz Community Service Fund (1973)  
Market Value: $39,618  Book Value: $34,396  
Distributions: $1,500  Contributions: $500  
Grantees: Whitney D. Mentzer (Mount Vernon), $750, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Katherine M. Moore (Centerburg), $750, The Ohio State University.  

Market Value: $41,536  Book Value: $36,096  
Distributions: $1,450  Contributions: $700, The Ohio State University; Jarrod J. Fiecoat (Mount Vernon), $750, Miami University.  

Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ohio’s Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (2007)  
Market Value: $2,053  Book Value: $2,042  Contributions: $2,000.  

2007 Contributors:  
Columbus Jewish Foundation

Please note: refunds of $6,801 were credited to the Scholarship Fund during 2007.

Unrestricted Funds

Following the list of unrestricted funds is a summary of grants approved by the board of trustees in 2007 through our competitive grants process. Unrestricted funds also provided $18,500 for scholarships, which are reported as “General Fund Scholarships” in the “Scholarship Funds” section.

Ariel Corporation Fund (1997)  

Frank L. and Anna Beam Fund (1979)  
Market Value: $21,325  Book Value: $15,773.

Henry L. and Alice M. Beecher Fund (1954)  
Market Value: $8,019  Book Value: $5,931.

Market Value: $200,009  Book Value: $147,935.

Ralph L. and Doris Boyer Fund (1987)  

Charles F. Colville Fund (1959)  
Market Value: $2,131  Book Value: $1,576.

George Culbertson Fund (1967)  
Market Value: $11,813  Book Value: $11,639.

Cutler Family Memorial Fund (2006)  

2007 Contributors:  
Herbert Rock

James H. Debes Fund (1969)  

Jennie J. Debes Fund (1969)  

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Fairchild Fund (1960)  
Market Value: $3,199  Book Value: $2,366.

Harry and Lovella Foster Fund (1994)  

General Fund of the Foundation (1944)  
Market Value: $2,491,284  Book Value: $1,850,286  Contributions: $4,975  Transfer from Beatty B. Williams Fund for YMCA et. al.: $4,027.  

2007 Contributors:  
First-Knox National Bank  
Thomas and Anne Fosnaught  
Ron and Loretta Godfrey  
H & H Wholesale Services, Inc.  
Owen and Joan Jones  
Kahl & Company Insurance, Inc.  
Doug and Dianne Mack

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Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Nelson & Nelson, Inc. CPAs
Mark and Denise Ramser
Dr. Deborah and Frederick Reeder
Dorothea Snack Estate
Snyder Funeral Homes, Inc.
Sarah Warren

Dorothea M. George Fund (2007)  
Market Value: $30,638  
Book Value: $30,392  
Contributions: $30,580

2007 Contributors:
Dorothea M. George Estate

Market Value: $225,570  
Book Value: $217,483.

Knox County Savings Bank Fund (1962)  
Market Value: $8,530  
Book Value: $6,309.

Lamb Glass Company Fund (1946)  
Market Value: $10,660  
Book Value: $7,885.

Market Value: $26,002  
Book Value: $24,918  
Contributions: $5,000.

2007 Contributors:
Robert B. Lantz Trust

Lawrence and Josephine Lewis Fund (1991)  
Market Value: $41,864  
Book Value: $30,964.

Community Foundation Memorial Fund (2004)  
Market Value: $222,570  
Book Value: $217,483.

Berta H. Schnebly Fund (1992)  
Market Value: $30,750  
Book Value: $22,744.

Kathryn A. Sheedy Fund (2004)  
Market Value: $467,630  
Book Value: $460,227.

Belle Shrontz Fund (1983)  
Market Value: $1,301,129  
Book Value: $962,369.

Community Foundation Special Projects Fund (1989)  
Market Value: $236,580  
Book Value: $242,049  
Transfer from General Fund: $25,000  
Distributions: $98,000  
Grantees: Mary Miller life estate, $12,000; Knox County Park District.

Mrs. Walter Sperry Family Fund (1966)  
Market Value: $5,986  
Book Value: $4,427.

Blanche Stevenson Fund (1993)  
Market Value: $20,594  
Book Value: $15,232.

Mary Blanche Stuckey Fund (1994)  
Market Value: $19,459  
Book Value: $14,392.

Frederick and Carol Surls Fund (1974)  
Market Value: $5,873  
Book Value: $5,578.

Zenno and Mae Taylor General Fund (1976)  
Market Value: $616,521  
Book Value: $506,792.

Perry and Louise Trinkner (1989)  
Market Value: $29,054  
Book Value: $25,409  
Contributions: $3,050.

2007 Contributors:
Dr. Perry and Louise Trinkner

Market Value: $48,247  
Book Value: $20,982.

Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund (1985)  
Market Value: $1,091,238  
Book Value: $961,272.

Edith Williams Fund (1973)  
Market Value: $20,755  
Book Value: $80,755.

Lawrence F. and Ruby Williams Fund (1969)  
Market Value: $322,423  
Book Value: $291,751.

Market Value: $42,649  
Book Value: $31,545.

Grants from Unrestricted Funds:
$100,000 – Ariel Hall renovation at Downtown Mount Vernon’s Knox County Campus of Central Ohio Technical College (payment deferred to 2008).

$50,000 – City of Mount Vernon for additional support of the Hiawatha Water Park and Pool (from Special Projects Fund).

$50,000 – Mount Vernon Nazarene University Downtown Mount Vernon Art and Continuing Education Center.

$36,000 – Knox County Park District purchase of the Falls at Honey Run property near Millwood (from Special Projects Fund).

$25,000 – Woodward Development Corporation matching grant for exterior rehabilitation effort.

$25,000 – Mount Vernon Nazarene University Nursing Program purchase of clinical simulation mannequin.

$25,000 – Danville Local Schools renovation of science laboratory facilities.

$25,000 – Knox Community Hospital “Hope Accelerated Campaign” to create radiation oncology service (final installment of $125,000 commitment).

$20,000 – Heart of Ohio Girl Scouts completion of new Camp Cornish lodge.

$20,000 – Knox County Agricultural Museum expansion at Knox County Fairgrounds.

$20,000 – Mount Vernon YMCA North Main Street facility exterior repairs.

$5,000 – Village of Danville Community Park Phase I improvements.

$5,000 – Knox Local Foods Council effort to create a licensed facility for local farmers and chefs to create and market value-added food products.

$4,000 – Annual support for Food for the Hungry campaign.

$4,000 – Sponsorship of the Knox County Education Service Center’s “Youth Enrichment Series” (YES), providing every Knox County elementary school student a live theatrical or musical experience.

$3,000 – East Knox School District stadium scoreboard replacement.

$3,000 – Knox County Health Department public health partnership project.

$2,700 – Brick and masonry repairs at the Freedom Center drug and alcohol abuse counseling facility.

$2,475 – Ohio Grantmakers Forum for annual dues component related to promotion of community philanthropy.

$2,000 – CareNet Pregnancy Services for purchase of infant cribs and bedding.

$2,000 – Heritage Centre Association wayfinding study of historic Downtown Mount Vernon area.

$1,590 – Tuition subsidies for non-profit organization participation in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Leadership Knox training program.

$1,500 – Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County to support Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit: “Key Ingredients: America by Food.”

$1,000 – Knox Education Service Center summer enrichment program tuition subsidies for area gifted students.

$1,000 – Sanctuary of Danville community action center facility assessment.

$1,000 – Sponsorship of Ohio Citizens Corps first annual picnic for families of emergency first responders.

$1,000 – Centerburg Elementary School playground renovation.

$1,000 – Visiting Nurse Association communication equipment to facilitate expansion of services in Knox County.

$1,000 – Kenyon Review Knox County Reads Program to purchase of books for distribution to community participants.

$700 – Knox County Art League purchase of display system for periodic artist exhibitions.

$400 – Support for Kenyon College Wellness Collaborative exhibit: “Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family.”

The Freedom Center on East Gambier Street sought and won a Foundation grant to assist with masonry repairs to its porch and sidewalks, assuring safer client access to its drug and alcohol abuse counseling services.
antique toys. His leisure interests include classic cars and Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio.

Foundation Board.

drain- is a graduate of Jefferson High School in

Church, the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon

pany. He and his wife Patsy have three

members of the Central Ohio Technical College board, and is a board member of the Mount Vernon YMCA. He enjoys tennis and Knox County history.

Douglas O. Brenneman, Vice Chair – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Doug is retired CEO of Brenneman Lumber Company. He and his wife Patsy have three adult children and eight grandchildren. He is a graduate of Jefferson High School in Ashtabula County, and also received training in hardwood lumber at the N.H.L.A. School in Memphis. He is Past Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio and a current member of Mount Zion Lodge #9 F&AM, Gay Street United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon and the Salvation Army board. He also chairs several committees of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio. His leisure interests include classic cars and antique toys.

Sally Nelson, Treasurer – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Sally is managing partner of Nelson & Nelson, CPAs. She and her husband Joe have two daughters. Prior to launching her own accounting firm in 1984, Sally worked as a CPA for Price Waterhouse. She received her bachelor’s in business administration from The Ohio State University. In addition to serving as treasurer for Food for the Hungry and on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Woodward Development Corporation and the Community Foundation, Sally is past-president of the United Way of Knox County and Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and is a member of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation. She enjoys theater, travel and reading.

Robert L. Rauzi, Secretary – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Bob is a partner in the law firm of Murray & Rauzi, Ltd. He and his wife Penny have two adult children. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and The Ohio State University Law School. In addition to his service as secretary of the Community Foundation board, Bob is active in the Mount Vernon Rotary Club and lists golf, fishing, gardening and photography among his leisure pursuits.

Leroy Bumpus – Appointed by the Knox County Commissioners. Leroy is retired after 40 years with First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Centerburg where he was Secretary/Appraiser and CEO. He is married to Juanita, has seven children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Leroy is a graduate of Centerburg High School and Bliss School of Business. Since 1973 he has served on the Centerburg Board of Education and serves on the board of Willow Brook Christian Communities. He has also served 20 years on the Republican Central Committee, and is an 18-gallon blood donor. He enjoys being a grandpa, yard work, and travel. He has visited every state capital in the U.S.

Thomas R. Fosnaught – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Tom is an account executive with Capital Securities. He and his wife Anne have two adult children. Previously he was affiliated with the New York Life Insurance Co., the Ohio Company, and G. R. Smith & Company. He graduated from Delphos Jefferson High School before earning his bachelor’s degree in business at Miami University. Tom is a member of the Knox Community Hospital board, past-president of the KCH Foundation, and a member of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys golf, fishing and family time.

Ronald Godfrey – Appointed by The Foundation Board. Ron is past-president and CEO of Kahrl & Co. Insurance, and owner of Ron Godfrey Insurance. He and his wife Loretta have two adult children and four grandchildren. Prior to entering the insurance industry Ron was a teacher and high school football coach. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Glendale (WV) State College. He has volunteered as a youth coach in the community as well as serving on the Mount Vernon City Recreation Board and the Mount Vernon YMCA board. He is a member of the Gay Street United Methodist Church and enjoys sports, especially golf.

Marc Hawk – Appointed by the Knox County Courts of Common Pleas. Marc is president of ECR Computer, Network and Web Design and Cartridge Services, a Division of ECR. He and his wife Tonya have three school-age children. Previously he was senior vice-president of commercial lending for United Bank, a Division of Park National Bank, and worked for Ernst and Young Accounting. Marc received his B.S. in business from the University of Notre Dame with a concentration in accounting. He attended University of Dayton and graduated from Danville High School. He is currently a member of the board of directors of Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and the Mount Vernon and Knox Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Mount Vernon Rotary Club. Marc lists his interests as his faith, family, the Buckeyes and Danville Football!
Bruce E. Hawkins – Appointed by Mount Vernon City Council. Bruce is CEO of the Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network. He has previously served as superintendent of both the Knox County Education Service Center and of the Danville Local Schools, as well as assistant superintendent of Knox County Schools. Bruce holds the M.A. and B.S. degrees from The Ohio State University. He is married to Jill and has three children. Hawkins has served as senior warden of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, is a past-president of United Way of Knox County, a member of the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon and a member of Mount Vernon City Council. He enjoys travel, skiing, hiking, and swimming.

Joan E. Jones – Appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. Joan, president of Peoples Bankshares of Gambier, has 35 years experience in the banking industry. She and her husband Owen have two adult children and five grandchildren. She is a graduate of Howard High School, business school, and has attended Otterbein College. Joan is treasurer of the Knox Community Hospital Board of Trustees, and a member of Rotary International, Alpha Beta Sorority, past president of the Heritage Centre, past-treasurer of the Area Development Foundation, a member of the Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce and its Ambassadors Club and is past-chair of the Community Bankers of Ohio. She enjoys travel, camping and reading.

Dr. Deborah Reeder – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Deborah is an ophthalmologist with Central Ohio Eye Surgeons and is married to Fred. She is a graduate of Kenyon College and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Deborah completed her internship in ophthalmology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and her residency at the University of Cincinnati before beginning her practice in Mount Vernon. She is a member of the Knox County Medical Society and emeritus Chief of the Medical Staff at Knox Community Hospital. Deborah is a past-member of both the Kenyon College Alumni Foundation Board and the Kenyon Fund Executive Committee and currently serves the college as a Volunteer Leader. She enjoys flying and scuba diving.

Karen Buchwald Wright – Appointed by the Foundation Board. Karen Buchwald Wright is Chairman, President and CEO of Ariel Corporation, the world leader in manufacture of reciprocating natural gas compressors for the global oil and gas industry. She holds a B.S. from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and has been with Ariel in numerous capacities since 1980. She is married to Tom Rasin, PhD, Mechanical Engineering, and has four sons. Karen quietly supports many community initiatives, both monetarily and in an advisory role. The Mount Vernon COTC campus, the MVNU downtown Mount Vernon Art Department and Continuing Education Center, the Kokosing Gap Trail, the Woodward Opera House, Knox Community Hospital, the B&O Depot and the Hiawatha Water Park, as well as numerous smaller projects, have all received significant backing from Karen personally and through Ariel Corporation. She is an avid reader, in-line skater and equestrian in her spare time.

Samuel Barone, Executive Director. Sam Barone became executive director of the Foundation in July 2002. He previously served in leadership positions with Mid-Ohio Transit Authority, U.S.D.A., Ohio Democratic Party, Jardine Associates and Kenyon College. He has also been Knox County BMV deputy registrar for 20 years. Sam earned a bachelor’s degree from Kenyon College and a master’s degree from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. He and his wife Paula have three children and two grandchildren. Sam is secretary of the Knox Community Hospital Board of Trustees, a distinguished past-president of Kiwanis, vice-president of the B&O Depot Restoration Board and a former College Twp. volunteer fireman and EMT, among other community endeavors.

Ian Watson, Investment Manager. Ian Watson is a senior vice-president and trust officer of First-Knox National Bank, and serves as the investment manager for the Foundation. He and his wife Charlotte have two adult sons and four grandchildren. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics, and an MBA in finance, both from Michigan State University. Ian is president of the Mount Vernon School Board and also chair of the distribution committee of the Knox Community Hospital Foundation board, treasurer of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, treasurer of Owl Creek Conservancy, and treasurer of the Public Library Endowment Board, as well as a member of the Kenyon College Community Choir. He enjoys gardening and reading, as well.

Gordon Yance, Ex-Officio. Gordon Yance is President of the First-Knox National Bank, investment manager for the Community Foundation. He and his wife Fran have two adult children. Yance was employed by Coopers & Lybrand before joining First-Knox in 1978. He holds a bachelor’s in business administration and an MBA from Ohio University. Gordy serves as president of the Knox Community Hospital board and is a member of the Area Development Foun-dation, Rotary Club of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and golf.
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.