



KNOX COUNTY FOUNDATION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

excitement
UNFOLDING



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When my daughter was younger, she had a mild obsession with origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. She was fascinated by the creative art that could be made by simply folding a piece of paper. We even purchased a few pieces of completed origami and let her unfold them to learn how they were made.

As she got older, her interests and passions changed, but not her curiosity. Like her father, she still enjoys “unfolding” something to better understand how it works and how it could, perhaps, be made to work better.

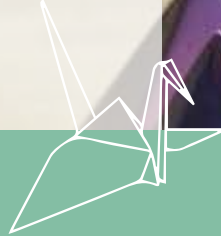
Many of Knox County Foundation’s most successful initiatives and programs often develop just like that, through a process of unfolding. A donor has an idea or a passion. Our organization has some perspective and can bring the right partners to the table. Together, over time, we collectively allow the process to unfold to reveal an opportunity, an underlying strength, or an as-yet unmet need. Sometimes all of the above.

As we continually strive to fulfill our mission of improving the quality of life in Knox County, we are indebted to you, our faithful donors, generous fund advisors, and tireless nonprofit partners, who make possible our charitable investment in our community. I trust you will enjoy reviewing this 2021 Annual Report for Knox County Foundation

and will be encouraged that your philanthropic efforts in partnership with the Foundation are making a significant difference. And, who knows? Perhaps as you read about our past year, a new spark or passion or idea will be born in your own heart and mind and will begin to unfold in new and exciting ways. When that happens, I hope you will reach out to us. We would love to join you in that journey.



Jeffrey Scott
Executive Director



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial information is unaudited and excludes any non-invested assets of supporting organizations including real estate. The most recent audit report and form 990 is available on the Foundation website.

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Summary for the year ended December 31, 2021.

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Endowed gifts	\$1,938,914
Non-endowed gifts	\$1,959,634
Agency (non-profit) gifts	\$3,354,168
Foundation-directed projects /initiatives	\$379,582
Subtotal	\$7,632,298
Investment income	\$15,242,723
Other Income	\$124,084
TOTAL REVENUE	\$22,999,105

EXPENSES	
Grants distributed	\$3,427,171
Scholarships awarded	\$1,045,507
Foundation-directed projects/initiatives	\$1,095,545
Subtotal	\$5,568,223
Administration and development	\$481,766
Investment and professional services	\$192,447
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,242,436

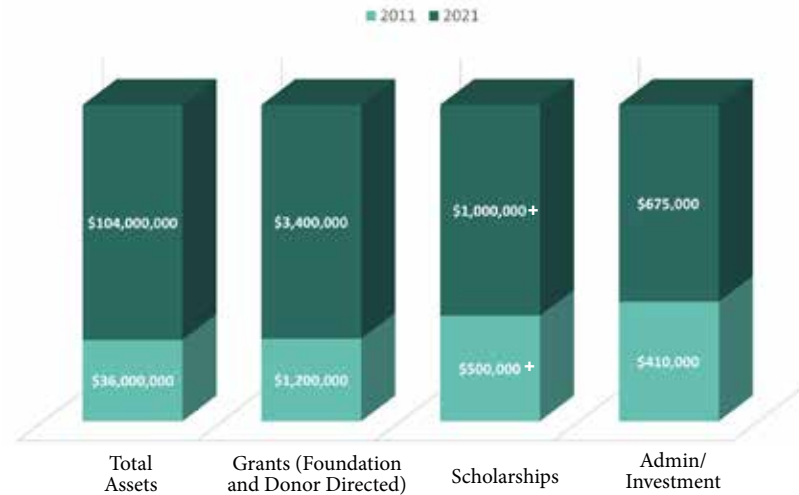
\$87M

Total assets
in 2020

\$104M

Total assets
in 2021

10-YEAR COMPARISON OF ASSETS/GIVING



19%

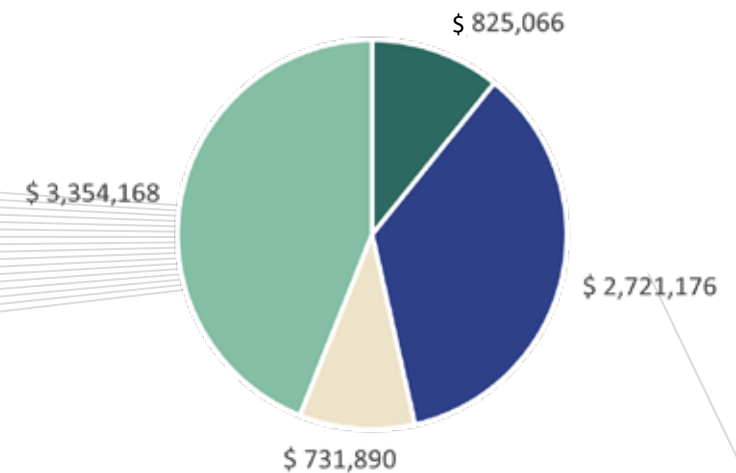
Increase in overall
assets since 2020

190%

Increase in overall
assets since 2011

CONTRIBUTION CATEGORIES

- Non-Profit Directed 45%
- Donor Directed 35%
- Foundation Directed 10%
- Scholarship Focused 10%



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT & IMPACT

Knox County Foundation is especially indebted to those donors who have established funds which provide the resources necessary to support our nonprofit partners through our annual competitive grantmaking program. Each year, these funds generate nearly \$1 million in unrestricted funding to meet new and emerging needs in our community.

Albright/Nagy Family Fund (2021)
Ariel Corporation Fund (2009)
Arthur C. and Ada B. Wolfe Memorial Fund (1969)
Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund (1986)
Belle Shrontz Fund (1983)
Berta H. Schnebly Fund (1992)
Blanche Stevenson Fund (1993)
Charles F. Colville Fund (1959)
Community Foundation Memorial Fund (2009)
Community Impact Fund (2009)
Don & Sigrid Harnsberger Fund (2004)
Donald W. Clutter Fund (2008)
Dorothea M. George Fund (2007)
Douglas & Dianne Mack Community Fund (2020)
Edgar and Joan Eclipse Family Fund (2007)
Edith Hindley Williams Fund (1973)
Eileen Brenner Community Impact Fund (2020)
Ellen Grant Crawford Fund (2008)
Frank L. and Anna Beam Fund (1979)
Frederick and Carol Surlas Fund (1974)
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Harry M. and Lovella R. Foster Memorial Fund (1992)
Havilah Phelps Fund (1995)
Henry L. Beecher Fund (1944)
Herbert Rock - Cutler Family Memorial Fund (2006)
J. R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund (2001)
J. W. Rudin Jr. Fund (1947)

J. W. Rudin Sr. Fund (1977)
James A. McElroy Fund (2009)
James H. Debes Fund (1969)
Jean Ann Wagner Fund (1998)
Jennie J. Debes Fund (1969)
John and Genevieve Minor Foundation Fund (2009)
Kathryn A. Sheedy Memorial Fund (2003)
Knox County Savings Bank Fund (1962)
Lamb Glass Company Fund (1946)
Lawrence and Josephine Lewis Fund (1991)
Lawrence E. & Nancy R. Vail Family Fund (2016)
Lawrence F. and Ruby Williams Fund (2009)
Luke B. Biggs Fund (1991)
M. Elizabeth Cummings Fund (2009)
Margaret Polahar Memorial Fund (1995)
Mary Blanche Stuckey Fund (1994)
Morton M. Hanson Fund (2003)
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Mrs. Walter J. Sperry and Family Fund (1966)
Nancy J. Page Fund (1987)
Ohio Magazine Fund (1994)
Ora & Sue Smith Community Impact Fund (2020)
Perry and Louise Trinkner Fund (1989)
Pond Motors Sales Fund (1953)
Ralph L. and Doris Boyer Fund (1987)
Residential Homes of Knox County Fund (1999)
Rich and Suzanne Cochran Family Fund (2013)
Richard F. Ritter Memorial Fund (2020)

Robert & Elisabeth Meier Fund (2015)
Robert B. and Helen W. Lantz Fund (2006)
Robert T. and Nancy S. Harnsberger Fund (2013)
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Sanderson-Salisbury Memorial Fund (1968)
Ted & Ann Schnormeier Unrestricted Fund (2018)
The Dick & Peggy Mavis Fund (2021)
The Mount Vernon Bridge Company Fund (1945)
W. M. Rudin Fund (1960)
William L. Moore & Geraldine Moore Fowler Fund (2002)
Zenno E. and Mae S. Taylor Fund (1976)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Harold C. and Roberta C. Johnson Fund (2008)
J. William & Helen F. Baird Fund for the Arts (2016)
Ralph Y. & Helen W. Struble Distributable Fund (2020)
Ralph Y. & Helen W. Struble Endowment Fund (2020)
Sue Webster Fund (2014)
The Barone Family Arts in Education Fund (2020)
Thomas F. McHugh Community Engagement Fund (2019)
Vernon P. Johnson Collection Operating Fund (2019)
William and Peggy Stroud Fund (2005)
Youth Philanthropy Initiative(2001)



Centerburg High School students assemble the CNC machine.

CNC MACHINE ALLOWS CENTERBURG STUDENTS TO EXPLORE MANUFACTURING

A grant of \$5,000 was provided to Centerburg Local Schools to purchase a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Machine for Centerburg High School in order to help expand opportunities to students in the area of manufacturing. Students will have the opportunity for real-world applications of a CNC machine by creating intricate projects replicating manufacturing concepts. It is hoped that these real-world applications will encourage students to consider manufacturing jobs in Knox County after graduation, filling a need of several local companies.



L-R: Mount Vernon Mayor Starr, Community Advocate Dan Jackman, and Chief of Police Kit Morgan.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE ASSISTS MVPD IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

Knox County Foundation awarded \$100,000 over two years to fund a pilot community advocate position within the Mount Vernon Police Department. The community advocate will work with police officers to provide much needed services to individuals in crisis such as de-escalating tensions on the scene and conducting a mental health assessment in order to ensure the individuals receive the most appropriate care and services. Providing immediate crisis intervention and beginning the continuum of care has been shown to reduce hospitalizations and incarcerations. The community advocate will also ensure individuals are linked to appropriate social services to receive needed treatment and support.

COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Through the funds listed on page 4, and those who have made them possible, Knox County Foundation was able to provide grants to a variety of projects and programs to improve the lives of Knox County residents in 2021.

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Village of Danville	Property acquisition to connect Kokosing Gap and Mohican Valley bike trails in central Danville; purchase and training of canine for the police department K-9 unit	\$ 130,112
Fredericktown Community Foundation	Fredericktown community amenity project	\$ 70,000
New Directions	Capital campaign for building project	\$ 60,000
The City of Mount Vernon	Community advocate position within the police department; send one individual to the End Violence Against Women International Conference	\$ 52,500
Knox County Educational Service Center	Knox County Career Navigator position; youth enrichment series; Transition U outfits and equipment	\$ 43,000
Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging	Knox County senior housing study	\$ 40,000
Area Development Foundation	Economic Development staffing support	\$ 30,000
Central Ohio Joint Fire District	Purchase of powered extrication tools	\$ 25,000
GiveBACKTuesday Grants	Five small grants to five nonprofit organizations through GiveBACKTuesday campaign	\$ 25,000
United Way of Knox County	Kids Club Giving Tuesday matching campaign; Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$ 19,000
The Salvation Army	Pathway of Hope case management program	\$ 12,500
Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County	Outdoor event equipment upgrades; replace the Gambier branch circulation desk	\$ 9,500
The Village Network	Educational equipment for the Children's Resource Center	\$ 9,102
TouchPointe Marriage and Family Resources	Staff development and training; Starfish project for rehabilitation	\$ 7,750

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Brown Family Environmental Center	Knox County Green Space Celebration map and brochure production	\$ 6,879
LifeCare Alliance Diabetes Camp	Central Ohio Diabetes Association's camp programs	\$ 6,000
Food for the Hungry	2021 annual campaign support	\$ 5,000
Foundation Park Conservancy	2021 summer concert series sponsorship	\$ 5,000
Kenyon College	ATHENAS & BLAST science programs for middle school students	\$ 5,000
Kokosing Gap Trail	Erosion control at Jelloway Creek	\$ 5,000
Prevent Blindness Ohio Affiliate	Vision care outreach in Knox County	\$ 5,000
Centerburg Local Schools	CNC machine to expand opportunities for manufacturing	\$ 5,000
East Knox Local Schools	Replace marching band drums	\$ 5,000
Red Cross of East Central Ohio	Knox County blood drive support	\$ 4,838
Camp Cornish	Facility furniture and equipment replacement	\$ 4,600
Danville Youth Sports Association	Danville baseball field and dugout updates	\$ 4,500
Main Street Mount Vernon	Downtown Mount Vernon muniguide creation	\$ 3,830
Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival	KidsFest educational components	\$ 3,000
Community Roots	Seed Library and seed sharing at the public library	\$ 1,500
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland	Community outreach to girls in underserved populations	\$ 1,500
Knox County Chamber of Commerce	Leadership Knox scholarships for non-profit attendees	\$ 1,390

FUND DONORS

The mission of Knox County Foundation would not be possible without the generous support of our partners in philanthropy. We wish to recognize and express our gratitude for all who gave generously to and through the Knox County Foundation in 2021.

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The Ariel Foundation
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James and Susan Eck
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Marsha Rinehart
Theodore Schnormeier
John and Rebecca Simpson
United Way of Knox County
Ian and Charlotte Watson
YMCA of Mount Vernon

\$50,000-\$99,999

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Amy Zone

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Barbara Barone
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Donald and Ellen Breece
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Lori Jones-Perkins,
 Executive Director
 for New Directions



New Directions' new facility in process of renovation.

NEW DIRECTIONS TO GROW SHELTER CAPACITY, SERVICES & AWARENESS

New Directions opened its doors in 1983 to survivors of domestic violence and has grown to provide many advocacy, prevention, community education, and referral services and other resources. In March of 2020, New Directions purchased a building and launched a \$1.5 million capital campaign to renovate the building as well as update the current shelter space. The new building will be more visible for survivors to access services, have capacity to host community events and trainings, and accommodate staff and volunteers. Additionally, funds will provide extra space for an emergency shelter and improve long-term shelter capacity. Knox County Foundation provided \$120,000 over two years toward the campaign.



Ace Frehley, performing at The Woodward Opera House, and Amy Grant, singing at the Knox Memorial theater, as part of MVAC's inaugural season. Photos by JAMS Photography.

ARTS CONSORTIUM SEEKS TO ENHANCE ARTS EXPERIENCE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS



What began as a small idea to streamline efforts and staffing at Mount Vernon's performance venues has developed into a meaningful initiative with far-reaching impact and long-term importance for Knox County. The Mount Vernon Arts Consortium (MVAC), one of Knox County Foundation's supporting organizations, came together in October of 2020 with Executive Director Martin Booker stepping into his role in spring 2021.

Booker, a Mount Vernon native, spent the last 20+ years honing his skills in the entertainment industry in California. Family drew him back to Knox County, along with the incredible potential he saw here, especially in The Woodward Opera House, Knox Memorial Theater, and Ariel-Foundation Park. He didn't know at the time that the perfect door would open for him to utilize his specialized skills to make a difference in his community.

"Every team needs a leader who can pull the best from each team member, keep an eye on the vision for what is desired, and create a roadmap that moves an organization forward in a meaningful, strategic way," said Jen Odenweller, board chair of MVAC. "The alignment

of timing and interest, coupled with knowledge and lived experience, created a special opportunity to secure an executive director who understands the importance of team building, maximizing, and change management through arts administration."

While most of the last year has been spent developing infrastructure, MVAC has recently stepped into the limelight in Mount Vernon by showcasing such well-known acts as Ace Frehley, Amy Grant, Kevin Nealon, Clint Black, and others. The organization is poised to make tremendous strides in financially impacting not only the venues it serves but all of Knox County by creating a desire for quality entertainment.

"2022 is 'The Year of Interest' for Mount Vernon," explained Booker. "I am fortunate to have inherited a very talented team that enables MVAC to successfully elevate the arts in the community while simultaneously building tourism and driving local business—two reasons MVAC was created. MVAC's focus for 2022 will be the promotion of the three pillar venues through the strategic marketing of high-level events, organization development, support of

key community partners, and fine-tuning MVAC'S day-to-day operations."

This small but mighty team of five full-time employees and a handful of seasonal, part-time event workers is taking on the monumental task of building Mount Vernon into a destination for entertainment in addition to handling most operations responsibilities for three performance venues.

Strategic partnerships with the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Experience Mount Vernon, MTVarts, and the Mount Vernon Music & Art Festival further enrich our community and visitor experiences.

"As a supporting organization, the Arts Consortium operates under the charitable purpose and mission of Knox County Foundation," said Jeffrey Scott, executive director of Knox County Foundation. "Essentially, they are an extension of our work, and are already showing tremendous results in drawing both high-quality artists and visitors to our community. We are excited to see what 2022 has in store through their efforts!"

You can learn more about MVAC and its upcoming events at mvac.org or on social media.



Left: The Arts Consortium's downtown office, conveniently located on South Main Street, opened in spring of 2022. Stop by their box office to purchase show tickets!



**"We believe the arts are essential to a vibrant community. We are proud to support Knox County's rich artistic culture through our partnership with the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium."
- Jeffrey Scott, Executive Director**

Right: The vibrant landscape of downtown Mount Vernon continues to change through the efforts of Knox County Foundation and many others.



NEW RETAIL OPTIONS DOWNTOWN

For the past year, Knox County Foundation has worked to renovate and develop recently vacated retail spaces on South Main Street. Now, that work has paid off, and several new retail tenants are looking forward to serving you in downtown Mount Vernon.

214 S. Main

Mount Vernon Arts Consortium
MVAC will continue to provide leadership on arts and entertainment in Knox County from their new home on Main Street. Ticketing and information will also be available to the public at this location.

212 S. Main

Baxter's Wine and Whiskey Bar
Stacey Baxter will offer a full-service bar concentrating in wine and specialty whiskeys. A limited food menu and retail wine sales will also be featured.

210 S. Main

House of Youth Spa
House of Youth is relocating to Main Street in order to expand their services and better serve their clients. The new space will feature four individual therapy rooms and a comfortable relaxing environment.

206 S. Main

Excitement yet to unfold!
Have a unique idea or a long-standing dream of your own that you'd like to bring to life in downtown Mount Vernon? Connect with the Knox County Foundation today.



THANK YOU

Knox County Foundation is indebted to all of those in the Fredericktown community who gave charitably in the past, and to the following organizations and individuals who have donated recently, to make Kokosing Park a reality:

B & B Farm Service, Inc.
Burch Hydro, Inc.
The Burgett Family Foundation
Consolidated Cooperative
Country Manufacturing, Inc.
Custom Cutters
R. Dave and Kathy A. Daniels
Divelbiss Corporation
Dumbaugh Insurance Agency
Edwards Sheet Metal, Inc.
Bill and Mary Elder
Andy, Jennifer, and Kaelyn Fox
Jim and Sally Fox
Fredericktown Chevrolet
FT Precision, Inc.
Emily Funston
Heights Tower Service, Inc.
Dan and Barbara Humphrey
Knox Community Hospital
Knox Marine LTD
Kokosing
Kokosing Materials, Inc.
Joan Levering

Bill Levering; Levering Mgt.
Will, Shannon, & Trey Levering
The Andy Meade Family
Mike's Marathon
Miller Electrical Solutions
Nature Lovers Garden Club
The OLEN Corporation
Park National Bank
Mark and Denise Ramser
The Richard I. & Arline J. Landers
Foundation
The Dean and Marsha Rinchart
Family Fund
Roby Foster Miller Earick Insurance
Jim and Ana Ronk
Kim and Pam Rose
Jeffrey Salva
Schlabach Builders
Snyder Funeral Homes
TD Landscape
UMD Automated Systems
Richard and Chris Well
Gordy and Fran Yance



VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PAYING OFF

For the past few years, Knox County Foundation has been investing one-third of its discretionary grant investment in economic development strategic plans and community-enhancing projects in the villages of Centerburg, Danville, Fredericktown, and Gambier. This five-year commitment of over \$1 million is starting to offer tangible signs of significant impact.

Each village now has an economic development strategic plan, unique to each village and developed by a broad team of community stakeholders within each village.

Additionally, each village is updating zoning regulations specific to each strategic plan.

Notably, the Village of Fredericktown is leveraging Knox County Foundation grant funding to seek additional state funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the renovation and improvement of their downtown streetscape. Fredericktown's application was accepted, and their streetscape project will begin in 2023.



FREDERICKTOWN



Meanwhile, Danville and Gambier steering committees are hard at work as well. Each village is seeking to enhance the way in which local bike trails move through their villages and connect to their village environments, develop better wayfinding signage, and enhance and expand recreation opportunities and visitor experiences. Danville also created a new business association, Main, Market & Beyond, to revitalize the commercial district and attract businesses and visitors. Fredericktown has a similar association, and Centerburg recently reestablished its as well.



GAMBIER



Village photos by John Wareham

CENTERBURG



DANVILLE



Photos from danvilliohio.org

Perhaps most significantly, Knox County Foundation is excited to open Kokosing Park in the heart of downtown Fredericktown this year. The plaza features seating, year-round heated public restrooms, and a 1200-square-foot splash pad—all just steps away from downtown coffee shops, restaurants, and other businesses. As part of the project, the retaining walls around the parking lot have been replaced and the parking lot itself has been repaired and resurfaced.

“When it is all said and done, the Kokosing Park project will be an investment of more than \$1,700,000 in Fredericktown,” said Jeffrey Scott, Executive Director of the Knox County Foundation. More than \$500,000 of those funds were made available by funds raised in the community years ago. The rest has been developed through additional community fundraising, in-kind donations, and other support.

Each of these villages and each of these projects will be instrumental in furthering the mission of Knox County Foundation to improve the quality of life in Knox County and to position Knox County to be the kind of community that welcomes businesses, families, and tourists and provides vibrant, beautiful, and healthy spaces in which to live, work, and play.

YOUNGER FUND STARTERS SEEK TO MAKE IMPACT

From thinkadvisor.com

The average age of donors who create donor-advised fund accounts has steadily decreased in recent years. Increasingly, more establish them while they are still working. Many learn about DAFs from colleagues and friends, and quickly see how DAFs can be beneficial to them, their families and their favorite charities.

Some specific reasons:

- Their investment returns were strong and they want to support charities that help others.
- They want to be involved and engaged in their giving, often establishing a family giving mission.
- Their businesses have continued to be successful, and their incomes have been significant, so a large tax deduction could be beneficial.
- They want to provide significant support to their favorite charity.
- They inherited wealth.
- They are not married or do not have children, and want to establish a DAF so they can create an impact in their lifetime.
- They want to be more organized and efficient in their giving.
- They want to set up and start to fund a DAF account 10-20 years before retirement so they can continue to make grants while working and in retirement.



FORMER RESIDENT WANTS TO HELP PEOPLE REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Meet Sarah Rowe, a young philanthropist who believes in giving back to Knox County.

Photo submitted.

Tell us a little bit about yourself and your connection to Knox County. How does someone living in the Northeast end up starting a charitable fund in Mount Vernon, Ohio?

I live in the Northeast today but am originally from Knox County. I graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 2009. I moved to New York for work, and have since lived in San Francisco and Massachusetts. One of the challenges I see is that many of the industries and jobs that are growing the most quickly have historically been on the coasts; I'm hopeful that the growth of remote work can help bring new opportunities to Knox County, and that many of the people who work for tech companies on the coasts will have the opportunity to move or move back to the Midwest.

What do you hope to accomplish with your new Donor Advised Fund at Knox County Foundation?

I want to ensure that every resident of Knox County has the ability to live up to their full potential—whether that means supporting scholarships for both traditional and non-traditional students, creating economic opportunities, or supporting social justice initiatives. (Obviously that's way too much for a single fund to achieve, but at least to take steps towards it!)

What inspires you to respond charitably?

Giving back to the community—whether through financial donations, volunteering, or just helping out friends and neighbors—has always been a huge part of my family. It's why I chose to name the fund after my family. I wanted to celebrate that.

Why did you choose to work with Knox County Foundation to further your charitable goals?

I'm paying it forward. I was the recipient of a scholarship from Knox County Foundation when I graduated from MVHS that helped pay for college.

What do you love about Knox County as a community? What parts of the community inspire you?

The friendliness and care people have for each other. When I come home and go running, every single car that passes waves at me.

Contact us today or visit www.knoxfc.org to learn more about starting a Donor Advised Fund.

NEW FUNDS

Knox County Foundation was proud to partner with the following individuals and organizations to establish new funds in 2021.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT (ORGANIZATION) FUNDS

Jacket Boosters Athletic Facilities Fund

The fund was created in 2021 to support Mount Vernon High School and its associated operations related to the construction, repair and maintenance of Mount Vernon High School athletic facilities and equipment.

New Directions Capital Project Fund

This fund is accepting donations toward the New Directions Capital Campaign to enhance and expand their vital services to local survivors of domestic, intimate partner, and sexual abuse. A newly renovated facility will allow for additional shelter space, accommodate a growing staff, and host community events and trainings. For more information, please visit www.newdirectionsshelter.org.

Owl Creek Conservancy Conservation Easement Acquisition Endowment Fund

This fund provides income to defray direct costs of securing permanent Conservation Easements through which the Owl Creek Conservancy implements its mission of conserving natural and agricultural lands in the Knox County area.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Arc of Appalachia Knox County Fund

This fund provides resources for Arc of Appalachia to support specific programs, projects and properties in Knox County, Ohio, consistent with their mission.

Arc of Appalachia Special Projects Fund

This fund is part of a planned estate gift which will provide support to Arc of Appalachia to support special projects consistent with their mission.

Kokosing Park Endowment Fund

This is an endowed fund that provides resources for the ongoing care and maintenance of Kokosing Park in Fredericktown, Ohio.

Mary Ramser Jelloway Methodist Church Fund

This fund provides annual distributions to Jelloway United Methodist Church.

Meharry Family Fund for the Knox Co. Humane Society Cat Shelter

This fund provides annual support for the Knox County Humane Society Cat Shelter.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Bethanne Moore Fowler Fund

The Bethanne Moore Fowler Fund was created in 2021 as a donor

advised fund. The fund shall eventually be reconstituted as a Field of Interest fund assisting shelter and rescue dogs in addition to children on the autism spectrum.

Otho Eyster & Carol Garner Fund

This fund makes grants and distributions to qualifying charitable entities based on recommendations from the fund advisors.

Rowe Family Fund

This fund makes grants and distributions to qualifying charitable entities based on recommendations from the fund advisors.

Sharon Fitzpatrick Fredericktown UMC Fund

The Sharon Fitzpatrick Fredericktown UMC Fund was created in 2021 as a donor advised fund. This fund will eventually be reconstituted as a Designated Fund providing support for the Fredericktown United Methodist Church.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Fredericktown Streetscape Fund

This fund collects donations and makes distributions in support of the streetscape renovation project in downtown Fredericktown, Ohio.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Allan S. Bazzoli, M.D., Medical Student Scholarship Fund

This fund provides scholarships for qualifying Knox County students pursuing a medical degree (M.D. or D.O.) at an Ohio medical school.

Gordon Hart Memorial Trades Scholarship Fund

The Gordon Hart Memorial Trades Scholarship Fund was established in March 2021 to provide scholarships to graduates of a Knox County high school (with preference for Fredericktown graduates) and are enrolled in a technical school with a certain field of study.

James & Susan Eck Scholarship Fund

The James & Susan Eck Scholarship Fund was created in 2021. The fund will provide scholarships to Knox County residents with a planned major in a field of science. The scholarship is for students with demonstrated financial need and a preference for underrepresented and/or disadvantaged populations.

Ron and Julie (Huffman) Burke Family Scholarship Fund

This fund provides scholarships for seniors or graduates of Centerburg High School.

Sammetinger Family Scholarship Fund

The Sammetinger Family Scholarship

Fund was established by Sara Hammond in 2021. The fund distributes annual scholarships to qualifying Centerburg High School seniors and graduates.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Albright/Nagy Family Fund

The Albright/Nagy Family Fund is a Community Impact fund established in 2021 to honor the life of Margene Eloise Albright. The Fund supports the Foundation's competitive grant program and Foundation initiatives as directed by the Board.

The Dick & Peggy Mavis Fund

The Dick & Peggy Mavis Fund is a Community Impact fund established in 2021. The Fund supports the Foundation's competitive grant program and Foundation initiatives as directed by the Board. The Dick & Peggy Mavis Fund was established while Dick Mavis served as the Chair of the Knox County Foundation Board.

OTHER FUNDS

David McElroy Memorial Fund

This fund was created in memory of David J. McElroy by his family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to this fund to honor and remember David, the wonderful life he lived, and the many contributions he made to his community.

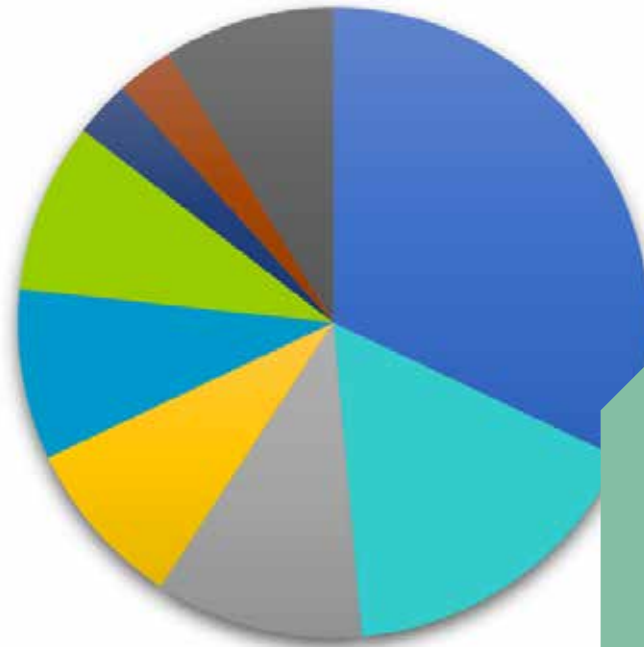
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS


Donor Advised Funds provide donors a simplified and consolidated process by which they can maximize their charitable contributions in a given tax year while also extending the impact their charitable resources can make in the years to come. Donor Advised Fund advisors may recommend grant funding from their funds at Knox County Foundation to qualifying nonprofit entities.

Aaron Christopher Donor Advised Fund (2006)
 AHQ Family Fund (2019)
 Allan S. Bazzoli, M.D. Family Fund (2013)
 Apple Valley Property Owners Association Fund (2005)
 Ariel Corporation Donor Advised Fund (2006)
 Ariel Corporation New Philanthropy Fund (2018)
 Arms of an Angel Anti-Drug Fund (2016)
 Beckett Family Fund (2019)
 Bethanne Moore Fowler Fund (2021)
 Blizzard Family Fund (2009)
 Bob & Gwen Tiell Family Fund (2018)
 Boucher Family Fund (2014)
 C. Watkins Family Fund (1997)
 Chloris A. Fritz Memorial Fund (2015)
 Christopher M. Bazzoli, M.D. Charitable Fund (2018)
 Douglas & Patsy Brenneman Donor Advised Fund (2006)
 Douglas R. & Dianne W. Mack Fund (2015)
 Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Fund (1997)
 Dr. Howard & Jean Kiracofe Fund (2017)
 Fred Barry Jr., Virginia M. Barry, Douglas A. Barry, & Barbara A. Barry Fund (2012)
 Gary W. and Carol A. Didinger Fund (2004)
 Gary's Eagles Fund (2016)
 Givens Family Fund (2006)
 Gordy and Fran Yance Family Fund (2012)
 Gordy and Fran Yance Family Fund II (2020)
 Healthy Soles Fund (2018)
 Ian and Charlotte Watson Family Fund (2012)

James T. & Diane D. Goodrich Family Fund (2019)
 Jean M. Patrick Donor Advised Fund (2015)
 Jim and Beckie Swetlic Legacy Fund (2015)
 Joe and Krys Mortellaro Fund (2012)
 Judith and Leon Marlow Family Fund (2009)
 Julie Davis Family Fund (2021)
 Kim & Pam Rose Family Fund (2015)
 LeFurjah Family Donor Advised Fund (2007)
 Lois and Burt Hanson Donor Advised Fund (2005)
 Madcap Memorial Fund (2012)
 Mankins Family Fund (2012)
 Marc and Jen Odenweller Community Investment Fund (2013)
 Mary Jane and Rick Bayer Foundation Fund (2012)
 Noel and Suzanne Parrish Legacy Society Fund (2010)
 Officer Tom W. Cottrell Jr. Charitable Fund (2016)
 Ora & Sue Smith Fund (2020)
 Otho Eyster & Carol Garner Fund (2021)
 Plocki-McManus Family Fund (2004)
 Ramser Family Fund (2003)
 Randy and Rebecca Cronk Family Fund (2014)
 RevLocal Cares Fund (2015)
 Richard B. & Susan B. Murray Donor-Advised Fund (2008)
 Richard, Barbara & Travis Ritter Fund (2004)
 Robert S. & Carol Jo Gregg Family Fund (2018)
 Rowe Family Fund (2021)
 Ruby and Alan Riedel Fund (2004)
 Sally and Joe Nelson Donor Advised Fund (2004)

Sam and Paula Barone Family Fund (2004)
 Schnormeier Family Fund (1998)
 Sgt. Benjamin J. Laymon Memorial Fund (2008)
 Sharon Fitzpatrick Fredericktown UMC Fund (2021)
 Sheryl A. Hall Memorial Fund (2006)
 Stenger Family Knox County Veterans' Family Donor Advised Fund (2007)
 TBP Family Fund (2019)
 The Burley Family Fund (2017)
 The Dean & Marsha Rinehart Family Fund (2016)
 The Gillen Family Fund (2017)
 The Jack Marlow Family Fund (2021)
 The Mankins - Ball Family Fund (2016)
 The Mowry Family Fund (2014)
 The Murnen Family Fund (2017)
 The Sant - Bernicken Fund (2017)
 Totus Tuus Fund (2005)




\$1.5 M
 awarded in
 charitable grants
 from Donor
 Advised Funds

In 2021, Donor Advised Funds provided more than \$1.5 million in charitable grants, with nearly 70% of these funds supporting local Knox County organizations, programs, and services.

DONOR ADVISED FUND DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Social Services 33%		Sports & Leisure 9%	
Parks & Recreation 17%		Food & Nutrition 3%	
Education 11%		Environment 3%	
Health 9%		Other 9%	
Religion 9%			

Left: With matching funds from the Knox County Foundation, United Way of Knox County was able to raise \$44,135 on Giving Tuesday for East Elementary after-school program. Photos submitted.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship Funds support local high school seniors and those pursuing 2- or 4- year degrees as well as vocational training by making post-secondary education more accessible and affordable.

Alexandra D. Letz General Scholarship Fund (1985)

Alexandra D. Letz Nursing Scholarship Fund (1984)

Aljian-Barnes Scholarship Fund (2010)

Allan S. Bazzoli, M.D., Medical Student Scholarship Fund (2021)

American Legion Post #136 Scholarship Fund (2010)

Anna B. and Ralph V. Mowery Scholarship Fund (1989)

Arck/Crowthers Scholarship Fund (1992)

Ariel Corporation Scholarship Fund (2009)

Art and Joan Cassell Education Major Scholarship (2020)

Arthur and Barbara Packard Memorial Fund (2009)

Arthur and Joan Cassell Scholarship Fund (2013)

Barbara C. Lamb Scholarship Fund IMO Rex M. Lamb, Jr (1985)

Barbara Kurtz Scholarship Fund (2019)

Beverly Jo Dremann Education Scholarship Fund (2010)

Bladensburg SERTOMA Scholarship Fund (2019)

Blake and Chloris Fritz Scholarship Fund (2010)

Brown - McGinnis Scholarship Fund (2019)

Caitlin C. Pugh Scholarship Fund (2007)

Carlos E. and Celestine A. Watkins Scholarship Fund (2006)

Charles and Helen Zerkowitz Scholarship Fund(1969)

Charles E. Cassaday Scholarship Fund (1990)

Charles F. & Zella H. Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund (1998)

Charles Lawson Memorial Scholarship Fund (2013)

Charles M. Zerkowitz Community Service Scholarship Fund (2009)

Charles Pursel Memorial Scholarship Fund (2000)

Chief Thomas E. Bartlett Scholarship Fund (2006)

Clark and Lucy Biggs Scholarship Fund (1991)

Cody L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund (2003)

Crise Family Scholarship Fund (2018)

Daughters of the American Revolution Lucy Knox Chapter Frances Sturtevant Scholarship Fund (2011)

Dean & Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Scholarship Fund (2000)

Dean Rinehart Scholarship Fund (2019)

Deborah Hillier Dwyer Memorial Scholarship Fund (2016)

Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Pi Chapter Mary K. Scoles Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Fund (2012)

Dolly Mae Paige Scholarship Fund (2007)

Don and Phyllis Fuller Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

Donald T. Blizzard Engineering Scholarship Fund (2017)

Doris Jean Dilts Scholarship Fund (2015)

Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Scholarship Fund (1997)

Dr. John D. & Norma L. Hubbell Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

E. Allen Craigo Scholarship Fund (2015)

East Knox Community Scholarship Fund (2010)

Edwin Kaylor Scholarship Fund (2005)

Elizabeth W. Bell Scholarship Fund (2005)

Fred Schuller Scholarship Fund (2007)

Fredericktown H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

Fredericktown H.S. Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund (2016)

Gary and Carol Didinger Scholarship Fund (2008)

Gary's Eagles Scholarship Fund (2021)

Gerald D. & Barbara W. Lindstrom East Knox Scholarship Fund (2018)

Geraldine "Jerrri" Dennis Memorial Scholarship (2010)

Gordon Hart Memorial Trades Scholarship Fund (2021)

Gregg & Cheryl Lloyd Scholarship Fund (2021)

Gregory A. Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund (2014)

Harold B "Cookie" Cunningham Scholarship Fund (1996)

Harold W. Smith Family Scholarship Fund (2013)

Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2009)

Harry & Marguerite Kaylor Scholarship Fund (2015)

Helen Hope Cooke Scholarship Fund (2009)

Henry L. and Alice H. Curtis Scholarship Fund (2021)

Holli Anne Bunnell Scholarship Fund (2015)

Hugh Cameron Roelofs Scholarship Fund (2009)

Ila Ward Kohl Scholarship Fund (1983)

J. R. and Lorene Purdy Scholarship Fund (2001)

Jacqueline & Harold Cordle Centerburg H.S. Scholarship Fund (2016)

James & Susan Eck Scholarship Fund (2021)

James Warren & F. Jane Roeder Scholarship Fund (2021)

Jason and Heidi Crowl Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

Jay M. and Sarah L. Wilson OSU Scholarship Fund (2000)

Joe Divelbiss Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)

John & Nancy Wagner Family Scholarship Fund (2015)

John Ackerman Community Scholarship Fund (2008)

John D. & Mary Ann Lambert Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

John M. Lee Scholarship Fund (2002)

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

Josie L. Kaylor General Scholarship Fund (2016)

Josie L. Kaylor Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund (2013)

Justin T. Richert Scholarship Fund (2010)

Karl W. Brown Writing Award Scholarship Fund (2003)

Kathryn Ann Levering Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)

Kenneth and Margaret E. Lambert Academic Scholarship Fund (2012)

Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon Scholarship Fund (2017)

Knox County Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship Fund (2003)

Knox County Medical Society Fund (1991)

Larry A. Schisler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2002)

Larry Hall Scholarship Fund (2009)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT PAYS IT FORWARD FOR FUTURE SCIENCE STUDENTS

This inspired scholarship recipient and his wife had notable careers in science. Now they are ready to give back to a new generation.

Photo submitted.



"Their staff worked hard with us to understand our goals and went the extra mile to accommodate us."

-Jim Eck

As a scholarship recipient from a low-income family, Jim Eck recognizes what financial assistance can do for a young person. He and his wife Susan decided to "pay it forward" to a new generation of students interested in pursuing science as a career by establishing a scholarship fund in this field.

Jim received a BS in Physics from The Ohio State University in 1969 and an MS in Physics from Purdue. He worked for the Navy doing advanced system research and development for his first ten years, followed by work as a consultant for large real-time software system developments. He then started his own successful consulting company. Susan also worked as an electronics technician and in system configuration management. Between them, they have four children.

After his junior year in high school, Jim was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend a Number Theory class at Ohio State. "I was very impressed that I had even gotten the award. I was the only one, out of 40 Ohio recipients, with nothing more than algebra,

trigonometry, and geometry, not even advanced algebra. Perhaps they saw something in the way I *unsuccessfully* attempted numerous approaches to solve 40 percent of the application test problems without the right tools," explained Jim. "This made a significant impression on me. Being rewarded and encouraged in that way was a great motivator."

From extensive careers in the fields, science and technology remain areas of passion for both Jim and Susan. "Breakthroughs in science, medicine, and technology are required to solve many of the world's important issues. Over the last half century, U.S. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education has fallen sadly behind most of the world," Jim commented. "The Knox County OSU Alumni Association recommended Knox County Foundation for its flexibility and efficiency. I found both to be very true. Their staff worked hard with us to understand our goals and went the extra mile to accommodate us."

When asked what he hopes to accomplish through the new scholarship fund, he said, "The cost of college educations has grown from a tuition of \$300 per year in 1966 at OSU to \$13,000 per year, which is an increase of more than 4300 percent. This has created a huge impediment for disadvantaged talented students to consider or complete college educations. In today's environment I personally would probably not have made it to college. Hopefully this fund will make college a possibility for at least a few."

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Jim and Susan chose to retire to Knox County. While it was closer to relatives, it had all they required for quality living. We're thrilled that Knox County "batted 100 percent," as Jim put it, in ticking off that lengthy list of requirements. We're even more appreciative that they chose to partner with the Foundation in making education a reality for students who are inspired to seek careers in science and technology.

Lillian C. Hickman Scholarship Fund (1996)

Lori Emma's Earthly Angels Scholarship Fund (2017)

LouAnne and Gerald Walker Science Scholarship Fund (2013)

Marjorie Fearn Music Scholarship Fund (2008)

Mark & Elaine Hauberg Vocational Scholarship Fund (2019)

Martha Deppner Scholarship Fund (2005)

Mary Catherine Ritter Scholarship Fund (2004)

Meharry Family Legacy Fund (2006)

Mike Crouch Golf Scholarship Fund (2017)

MVHS Academic Booster Club Fund (2017)

Nancy L. Sinclair Scholarship Fund (2008)

Nick Gaumer Scholarship Fund (2012)

Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund (2001)

Ohio Lodge#199 F&AM Scholarship Fund (2003)

Ohio State University Knox County Alumni Club Scholarship Fund (2007)

Ohiolina Music Scholarship Fund (2013)

Ohio's Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (1987)

Patricia A. and Robert F. Folland Scholarship Fund (2014)

Paul J. Arnold Chemistry Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pauline B. Freeman Scholarship Fund (1982)

Pauline L. Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)

Pauline S. Riel Scholarship Fund (2003)

Pay It Forward Centerburg Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pay It Forward Danville Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pay It Forward East Knox Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pay It Forward Fredericktown Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pay It Forward Mount Vernon Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund (2013)

Perkins Owens CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (2018)

Phil Burghard Memorial Scholarship Fund (2004)

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship Fund (2007)

Psi Iota Xi Vocational Scholarship Fund (2010)

Ralph and Ara Flack Scholarship Fund (2000)

Ralph W. and Gertrude E. Workman Scholarship Fund (2015)

Raymond E. Kinney Scholarship Fund (2011)

Richard T. Poling Scholarship Fund (1992)

Rick L. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund (1999)

Robert & Mary Crise First Congregational U.C.C. Scholarship Fund (2017)

Robert and Wroena Dusthimer Scholarship Fund (2015)

Robert C. Appleton Scholarship Fund (1980)

Robert S. & Carol Jo Gregg Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Roelofs Family Scholarship Fund (2009)

Ron and Julie (Huffman) Burke Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Ron Godfrey Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund (2017)

Roy McKinley Scholarship Fund (2008)

Ruby & Alan Riedel Scholarship Fund (2021)

Ruth Leedy Scholarship Fund (2006)

Ryan Kelly Knox County Career Center Scholarship Fund (2018)

Sammetering Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Sarah Karolin Pressler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2002)

Sims-Rose Scholarship Fund (2002)

Stenger Family Knox County Veteran's Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Stephanie Thompson Sprang Memorial Scholarship Fund (2012)

Stephen J. Short Scholarship Fund (2013)

Stephen W. Zerkowitz Ethics Scholarship Fund (1993)

Stephen W. Zerkowitz Ohio Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (2007)

Strang Memorial Scholarship Fund (1995)

The Carl E. and Sharon K. Holmes Scholarship (2018)

The Judy McDavid Scholarship Fund (2019)

The Robert J. & Arlene K. Griffith Centerburg H.S. Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (2016)

Ulery Knox County Career Center Scholarship Fund (2018)

Utica High School Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund (2013)

Valjean & Charles "Tobe" Knerr Scholarship Fund (2019)

Vaughn Wiester Music Scholarship Fund (2010)

W. Joan Levering Scholarship Fund (2011)

Wilbur Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund (2009)

William Burgett Builder & Contractor Scholarship Fund (2011)

William E. & Helen F. Pond Scholarship Fund (1996)

William E. Wing Music Scholarship Fund (1990)

William S. and Pearlene E. Rowley Scholarship Fund (2012)

William S. Hunter Scholarship Fund (1990)

Yough Family Scholarship Fund (2020)



\$1,045,507

Total scholarship amount awarded

ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR'S, AND MEDICAL SCHOOL

Total Awarded: \$985,857

Total Scholarships: 425

Total Applicants Awarded: 346

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS (CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS)

Total Awarded: \$59,650

Total Scholarships: 27

Total Applicants Awarded: 24

ALL OTHER FUNDS

We are grateful to our partners who make the following designated, agency endowment, and other funds available in support of our community.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT (ORGANIZATION) FUNDS

4-H Planning Committee Facility Fund (2018)
4-H Planning Committee Programming Fund (2020)
Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center Fund (2009)
Ariel-Foundation Park Capital Improvements Fund (2015)
Ariel-Foundation Park Maintenance Fund (2015)
Barbara Butler Fund (2020)
Bladensburg Sertoma Fund (2019)
Community Concert Association of Knox County Fund (2010)
Danville Academic Fund (2009)
Education Gateway Project Fund (2019)
Faith Lutheran Mission Fund (2010)
Foundation Park Conservancy Fund (2013)
Fredericktown Community Fund (2003)
Fredericktown Recreation District Fund (2014)
Fredericktown United Methodist Church (2017)
Friends Cemetery Association Fund (2008)
Friends of Memorial Park Fund (2019)
Friends of the Quarry Chapel Fund (2009)
Gay Street United Methodist Jan Reynolds Fund (2015)
Gay Street United Methodist Boyer Music Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Harold & Ruth Drew Memorial Music Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Henrietta L. Lord Fund In Memory Of Carrie P. Lord (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Irene B. & Faye L. Strang Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Lawler Interest Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Living Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist R.S. Sr. & Carrie Lord Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Ralph M. Rumbaugh Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist White, Wright & Ritter Fund (2016)

Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, Inc. Fund (2015)
Heritage Center Association Fund (2015)
Hospice of North Central Ohio Knox County Endowment Fund (2015)
Interchurch Social Services Fund (1986)
Jacket Boosters Athletic Facilities Fund (2021)
Jacket Boosters Inc. Endowment Fund (2018)
Knox Community Hospital Foundation Fund (2004)
Knox County Agricultural Museum Fund (2016)
Knox County Inclusion Park (2018)
Knox County Junior Fair Building Fund (2017)
Knox County Landmarks Foundation (2017)
Knox County Parks Fund (2007)
Knox County Symphony Association Fund (2008)
Kokosing Gap Trail Fund (2014)
Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. Fund (2015)
Mount Vernon Board of Education Fund (2003)
Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation Fund (2006)
Mount Vernon YMCA Endowment Trust (1996)
Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues Fund (2004)
MVNU South Main Plaza Fund (2021)
New Directions Capital Project Fund (2021)
Owl Creek Conservancy Conservation Easement Acquisition Endowment Fund (2021)
Owl Creek Conservancy Endowment Fund (2020)
Owl Creek Conservancy Memorial Endowment Fund (2018)
Owl Creek Conservancy Stewardship Fund (2019)
Ramser Arboretum Fund (2017)
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio (2012)
Sandra Barrick Knox County Humane Society Fund (2010)
The Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. Fund (2016)
Town & Country Garden Club Fund (2018)

United Way of Knox County Fund (2009)
YMCA of Mount Vernon Fund (2021)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Alice Jewell Memorial Fund (1955)
Altrusa Club of Knox County (1997)
Amy Fairchild Williams Memorial Fund (1953)
Andy Rensing Memorial Fund (1994)
Arc of Appalachia Knox County Fund (2021)
Arc of Appalachia Special Projects Fund (2021)
Arthur E. and Grace E. Rawlinson Memorial Fund (1971)
Beatty B. Williams Community Endowment Fund (1974)
Beatty B. Williams Fund (2009)
Beatty B. Williams Library Fund (1959)
Carlos E. and Celestine A. Watkins United Way Fund (2013)
Carolyn Lord Double Bass Chair Fund (2010)
Character Building Activities Fund (1945)
Charles and Helen Zerkowitz Soroptomist Fund (2006)
Charles Zerkowitz Chamber of Commerce Fund (2007)
Daniel Pealer Memorial Fund (2001)
Delbert C. Schmidt Fund (1992)
Didinger Family Fund For Knox Community Hospital (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for St. Luke Catholic Church (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for The Knox County Humane Society (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for United Way of Knox County (2007)
Doris Zink Endowment for Hospice of NCO/Knox County (2017)
Dorothy Farmer Pike Township Cemetery Fund (2006)
Dr. Anna Quinn Denzer-Emerson New Directions Fund (2019)
Early Learners' Scholarship Fund (2007)
Edith C. Laird Kenyon College Scholarship Fund (2014)
Ellen M. Heckler Memorial Fund (1969)

Emerson Laird Kokosing Gap Trail Maintenance Fund (1993)
Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund (1955)
Ethel V. Jamison Fund (1987)
F. William Kahrl Fund (1964)
First Congregational United Church of Christ Fund (1966)
Fletcher M. Devin Fund (1961)
Fred Barry Jr. Memorial Fund (1993)
Fredericktown H.S. Alumni Endowment Fund (2017)
Friends of the Quarry Chapel Endowment Fund (2013)
Garfield & Mazie Colgin Memorial Fund (1971)
Gelsanliter Family Fund (1965)
George & Ruth Gelsanliter Memorial Fund (1997)
George H. and Eleanor M. Ralston Memorial Fund (2007)
Gordon & Roberta Chalmers Library Fund (1955)
Greg Farmer Memorial Knox County 4-H Clubs Fund (2006)
H. Grant Heckler Memorial Fund (1970)
Hannah Browning Home Fund (1998)
Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Fund (1986)
Harriett Buchanan Lawler Memorial Fund (1986)
Helen E. Zerkowitz Fund (2000)
Helen Hope Cooke Memorial Fund (1994)
Henry L. and Alice H. Curtis Fund (2014)
Howard McDonald Friends Cemetery Fund (2009)
Howard S. Tarr First Congregational United Church Fund (1970)
Ian & Charlotte Watson First Congregational UCC Fund (2020)
Ida T. McHugh Pleasant Street Elementary Library Fund (2008)
J. R. and Lorene Purdy Fund (2001)
James L. Wilson Memorial Fund for Hospice of Knox Co. (2015)
James R. Westerheide Memorial Fund (2009)
Jennie Debes Heart Fund (1969)
Jim and Annette Puster Fund (2013)
Jim Daniels Family 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund (2018)
John & Mary Jane Kaylor Fund (2019)
John Gordon Bone, Jr. Student Aid Fund (2009)
Kathryn Sheedy Sanctuary Memorial Fund (2005)
Kenneth W. and Jean R. Stevenson Fund (2013)
Kiracofe Family Fund (1995)

Knox County Humane Society Endowment (2017)
Knox County Humane Society-Barbara S. Jones Fund (1999)
Knox County Society for Crippled Children & Adults Fund (2004)
Kokosing Gap Trail Endowment Fund (2009)
Kokosing Park Endowment Fund (2021)
League of Friendship Fund (1992)
Lester R. and Mildred E. Bennett Memorial Fund (1993)
Mae S. Taylor Mount Vernon YMCA Fund (1976)
Maize-n-Blue Endowment Fund (2014)
Margaret Jamison Church Fund (2002)
Margaret Louise Jamison Interchurch Fund (2002)
Margaret Louise Jamison YMCA Fund (2002)
Martha Turner Walker Memorial Fund (1980)
Mary Hendrickson New Directions Fund (2014)
Mary M. Frank Fund (2015)
Mary Ramser Jelloway Methodist Church Fund (2021)
Meharry Family Fund for the Knox Co Humane Society Cat Shelter (2021)
Mount Vernon High School Alumni Association Fund (1998)
Mount Vernon Livestock Co-operative Association Fund (1957)
Mount Vernon Theater Guild Fund (1963)
MVDC Parents & Friends Volunteer Association Fund (2015)
Norma J. Cornell Memorial St. Vincent de Paul Education Fund (2001)
Patricia "Trish" Rankin Hospice Fund (2018)
Paul G. Crawford MVHS Student Athlete Fund (2005)
Paul Hothem 4-H Fund (2020)
Pauline Jamison Kartman Fund (2002)
R. B. Kincaid Fund for the First Congregational United Church of Christ (1985)
Richard Landers Fund for Knox County Career Center (1994)
Richard T. Turner Coshocton High School Scholarship Fund (2020)
Riverview Park Care Fund (2021)
Robert B. & Helen W. Lantz Memorial Fund (2019)
Robert Black Fund (1989)
Rose M. Blair American Cancer Society Fund (1959)
Rose M. Blair Knox County Heart Association Fund (1959)
Ruth T. Bemis Knox County Symphony Orchestra Fund (2006)
Sam & Paula Barone Kenyon Endowment Fund (2020)
Sam & Paula Barone United Way Endowment Fund (2020)

Short Term Project Fund (2005)
St. Vincent de Paul School Tuition Assistance (2019)
Stacy Doyle Memorial Fund (1998)
Sterling B. and Edna B. Braddock Fund (1984)
The Mary F. Farmer East Knox Schools Fund (2019)
Thomas A. Mavis Memorial Fund (2014)
Thomas E. Heine Memorial Fund (2002)
W. Glenn Hess Fund (1983)
Walter and Jane Rudin Family Fund (2000)
Walter T. Starr First Congregational United Church Memorial Fund (1965)
Wesley Judd Park for MVNU (2008)
Wilbur Gaunder Fund for the Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church (1999)
Wilbur Gaunder Hospice of Knox County Fund (1999)
Wilbur Gaunder Knox County Humane Society Fund (1999)
Wilbur Gaunder Knox County Red Cross Fund (1999)
Wilbur Gaunder Nursing Scholarship Fund (1999)
Wilbur Gaunder Salvation Army Fund (1999)
William S. and Pearlene E. Rowley Fund (2012)
Woodward Development Corporation Designated Fund (2020)
YWCA Girls' Fund (1984)
Zack T. Hollister Bird Cemetery Fund (1980)
Zelkowitz Family United Way of Knox County Endowment Fund (2007)
Zelkowitz Family YMCA of Mount Vernon Endowment Fund (2007)
Zenko E. & Mae M. Taylor First Congregational Church Memorial Fund (1976)

NON-AGENCY ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Jewish Cemetery Society of Knox County Fund (2013)
Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon Fund (2005)
Knox County Historical Society Fund (1994)
Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 Fund (2004)

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Camp Cornish Foundation (2013)
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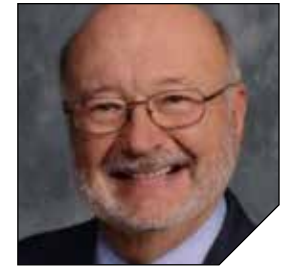
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