

FALL 2023



## DUELING PIANOS EVENT NETS \$15,000

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, **Thank You to our 66 donors** for underwriting sponsorships, in-kind gifts and prizes, totaling \$20,220 from local businesses, individuals, and attendees of the “T and Rich” Duelling Pianos special event. “T and Rich,” of Duelling Pianos entertained about 200 people at the Loyal Order of Moose in Upper Sandusky.

Financial proceeds from the special event will benefit individuals and organizations in Wyandot County. “T and Rich” performed a plethora of songs requested by the audience. Financial tips totaling \$1,424 from the audience, were given to the WCCF by T and Rich!! The special event also included a dinner buffet catered by the Corner Inn. Thank you again for a meaningful evening packed with fun, food and entertainment.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMMUNITY GRANTS MATTER

### WCCF SCHOLARSHIP STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Meredith (Logsdon) Mates, a 2004 Christina L. Minehart Memorial Scholarship recipient, explained how scholarships helped to achieve her educational goals at a celebration of foundation accomplishments October 4, 2023. Mates said “Scholarships allowed me to further my education and worry less about borrowing money and paying it back. I could not have done what I do without my degrees and certifications. Scholarships provide a ripple effect for not only the person who receives the scholarship but everyone they impact after using the scholarship to obtain their degree.” Dr. Mates is currently part of the a core faculty at Capella University.

### 8 GRANTS TOTALING \$9,700 ASSIST CAREY LIBRARY

At a recent Donor Appreciation Event, Mandy Huston, Dorcus Carey Public Library Assistant Librarian and grant writer, shared how beneficial Wyandot County Community Foundation grants have been to expand the Library’s diverse programming. “Since 2014, 8 grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,846 have been awarded.” said Huston “Grants have supported children’s, teen, and adult programming and have helped to upgrade network equipment to improve Wi-Fi access. Other materials and program purchased through WCCF grants are an entrance sign, kitchen range and cooking tools, STEM programming for science and engineering classes, and learning toys and storage in the Children’s play area.

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# Lillian Orians, An Educational Journey.

BY ELLEN SHEAFFER



Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship recipient and 2018 Upper Sandusky High School graduate, Lillian Orians, developed an interest in biomedical engineering when a high school friend needed surgery. “My friend was having knee surgery and her doctors were working with biomedical engineers. I thought the field seemed to mesh my love for math and science with health and medicine,” Orians recalls.

Orians earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 2023. One of her favorite experiences in college was being a part of an organization called EnableUC, a volunteer-lead student organization that uses 3D printing and engineering to provide prosthetics and assistive devices to those in need, at no cost to them. She noted, “A favorite project of mine within that organization was designing a pair of body-powered hook prosthetics for a boy in Bolivia who had lost his hands in an accident. My team designed custom prosthetics for him when the club’s traditional prosthetics were not meeting his needs. The project had a lot of challenges,

including two language barriers, but was incredibly rewarding. Applying the skills, I was learning in class, to real-world problems was great, and knowing I played a part in improving someone’s everyday life was super fulfilling.” (If you would like to read more about this project: [https://www.newsrecord.org/news/features/this-is-a-story-of-perseverance-enable-uc-provides-prosthetic-arm-for-12-year-old/article\\_58c33d36-64f4-11ed-a1e4-5f0a565e1959.html](https://www.newsrecord.org/news/features/this-is-a-story-of-perseverance-enable-uc-provides-prosthetic-arm-for-12-year-old/article_58c33d36-64f4-11ed-a1e4-5f0a565e1959.html))

She completed five internships while earning her degree, which helped her decide on a career path after college. She is currently working as a biomedical engineer for JALEX Medical, in Westlake Ohio, that specializes in medical device development.

She is grateful for the scholarship, “I think scholarships are an amazing thing for students because, not only does it help with the financial burden of college, but also tells students that someone is investing in their future. I always felt that someone willing to award me a scholarship was telling me they believed I would be successful, and I think that can be a huge motivation for a lot of people.”

## UNITED WAY OF WYANDOT COUNTY ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENT FUND

United Way of North Central Ohio presented the Wyandot County Community Foundation \$10,000 to establish the first ever United Way of Wyandot County Endowment Fund at a celebration of WCCF accomplishments held in October at the Wyandot EMS Building. The endowment will continue to grow with earnings reinvested and charitable gifts added to the fund. Annual distributions will benefit United Way programs that serve the people of Wyandot County.



# 2023 WCCF DUELING PIANO EVENT

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WYANDOT COUNTY YOUNGER PROFESSIONALS FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE BALLOON POP!

# MORE THAN \$23,000 AWARDED TO LOCAL NONPROFITS



At its annual grant awards presentation held at John Stewart Methodist Church on October 20th, the Wyandot County Community Foundation (WCCF) awarded \$23,879 in grants. Awards were given to eleven local nonprofit organizations and governmental units that are aligned with the Foundation's mission and most significantly meet the educational, cultural, health, social service, safety and recreational needs of the community. The Foundation is pleased to partner with such a diverse group representing Wyandot County, Carey, Sycamore, Pitt Township and Upper Sandusky.



## GOTTFRIED COMMUNITY FUND RECIPIENTS

### **ANGELINE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Emotional Support Animals - \$3000

### **CAREY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS**

ROX Program - \$1500

### **COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OF WYANDOT COUNTY**

Promotional Materials - \$1151

### **DORCAS CAREY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

STEM Lab Makerspace Cart - \$2846.24

### **SYCAMORE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE**

Autopulse Batteries - \$2421.78

### **WYANDOT CO. SKILLED NURSING & REHABILITATION**

Sensory Stimulation Through Cooking - \$1600

## MCCARTHY FAMILY FUND RECIPIENTS

### **UPPER SANDUSKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Story Walk - \$3793.21

### **WYANDOT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mannequins - \$1567.25

## WCCF COMMUNITY FUND RECIPIENTS

### **CAREY CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE**

Laptop Printer - \$1000

### **MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Accessible Playground - \$3000

### **PITT TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Lighting - \$2000

## MEMORIALS GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF MARY PARKER, MCCUTCHENVILLE, OHIO TO THE DWAIN SAYRE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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**From the Executive Director,**

For over two decades, the WCCF has been on a mission; to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in Wyandot County! You have a big heart... and a big Opportunity. You can transform lives with your financial gifts to WCCF! What would you like to accomplish with your money that would be meaningful to you?

Please consider making a gift to WCCF! Below are creative ways to fund your gift. Questions? Please call me 419-310-2490. May this holiday season be a memorable one. Wishing you quiet and peaceful moments with family, and friends.

*Jim Minehart*

**Yes, I/we would like to make a year-end gift and align my philanthropic passion with the Wyandot County Community Foundation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$2500** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1000** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$500** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$250** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100** \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER**

*WCCF accepts Cash, Personal Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order. Enclose your check to WCCFoundation and mail to PO Box 364, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. You will receive a thank you confirmation from the Wyandot County Community Foundation.*

**Credit/Debit Card Giving:** Go to the WCCF website at <https://www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org/contributions>. Click on the **Blue Credit/Debit Card - WCCF Button**. Gifts can be made to WCCF operations, Imagination Library or Grant Program . Enter your gift amount. A Minimum of \$25.00 is required. Enter the required information in fields required. Be sure to include your donation type. When completed, click submit. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

**Established fund by credit card:** Go to the WCCF website, click on the **Orange Credit - Established Funds Button**. You will reach the **Greater Toledo Community Foundation** Donation Page. Designate your gift to various funds listed. A minimum of \$25.00 is required. You will receive an email receipt from the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

**AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAX BY GIVING A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK**

**Stock Transfer** - If you have physical securities; please hand deliver them to WCCF or mail the stock and stock power separately. If you do not have possession of the physical securities instruct your broker to electronically transfer your intended shares using the information provided on the website. Please call Jim Minehart at 419 310 2480.

**ROLLOVER INTO TAX SAVINGS**

**Distributions from a Qualified IRA** is a great way to give to the foundation. You may give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity without having to pay income taxes on the distribution. This is known as the IRA Charitable Rollover. Because this transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. Please call Jim Minehart 419 310 2490 for details.

**THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN WCCF.**

**GIVE.**



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# FOCUS 2024

## **OUR MISSION**

*The Wyandot County Community Foundation is a Public Charitable Organization created to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families of Wyandot County, Ohio.*

## **GOALS**

*The Wyandot County Community Foundation has established goals to fulfill its objective of operating and growing this organization's scope of service to the community:*

- Develop a permanent endowment for Wyandot County citizens
- Assess and respond to changing community needs
- Serve as a mechanism for donors at all levels of charitable giving
- Provide financial assistance to groups that most significantly will meet the educational, cultural, health, social service and recreational needs of the people of Wyandot County
- Provide leadership on vital issues affecting Wyandot county

## **STRATEGIC PLANS FOR 2024**

- Continue the search for an independent office space
- Coordinate partnership with educators, facilitators and business leaders to identify the needs of the community
- Coordinate and communicate foundation purpose and resources with donors and community
- Develop a minimum of three funds