



WCCF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER



The Wyandot County Community Foundation is excited to welcome new board member Randy Brown. He is a 1976 graduate of Ashland College with a degree in Business and a minor in Economics. He was employed at Wyandot Inc. from Spring of 1976 until late summer of 1979. At that time he went back to the family farm where he currently farms with his son Kyle. Randy currently serves on the Wyandot Popcorn Museum Board, the U. S. Pork Center of Excellence Board, and the Ohio Consumer Council Governing Board. In the past, Randy has been on the Ridgedale School Board (serving two years as president), the Ohio Pork Producers Council Board (holding several offices including president for two years), the National Pork Board for six years (serving on several different committees). He has also served on numerous committees at Epworth United Methodist Church in Marion. Welcome Randy!

A MESSAGE FROM FORMER BOARD MEMBER DARREN FRANK

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Wyandot County Community Foundation Board of Directors. I can still remember the day I met Sara Lou Binau at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast in the Masters Building like it was yesterday. I had just started with First National Bank of Sycamore and being from Wyandot County, growing up in Sycamore, it felt like I was home. I had served on Jr. Fair Board and rode my motorcycle on the roads around the farm and Parker Covered Bridge as a teenager. I attended Mohawk High School and lived in the same house in Sycamore until I married. During our conversation with Sara Lou, she must have sensed I longed to become more involved in the county I called home. So to make a long story short, I was asked to serve on the Board of the Community Foundation. During my tenure on the board, I gained valuable knowledge on how a Foundation works. We set goals to make our organization more visible in the community and focused on the purposes of the organization which are to:

- 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, and
- provide leadership on vital issues affecting Wyandot County.

I'd like to think during my time on the board we have accomplished many of the above and the board will continue to meet these very important goals of the Foundation to continue serving the citizens of Wyandot County. I never thought I would be writing a farewell announcement for this newsletter, but one thing is certain in life. Things change. I recently accepted the position of Marketing Director at Old Fort Banking Company in Tiffin where I reside. After two months in my new position, I can say I truly love the new challenges and working where I live, but HOME will always be Wyandot County to me. Thank you for allowing me to serve and as my father always said, "Leave things in a better place than you found them" and I hope that I have contributed in a small way that works to accomplished the wise words of my father.

Sincerely, Darren Frank



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2022 WCCF Charitable Giving

Giving Summary Through 12/31/2022

**\$33,821 Funded
23 Scholarships**



GRANTS



**\$21,724 Funded
9 Community
Grants**

**\$182,340 went to
Organizations of
the Donor's
Choice**



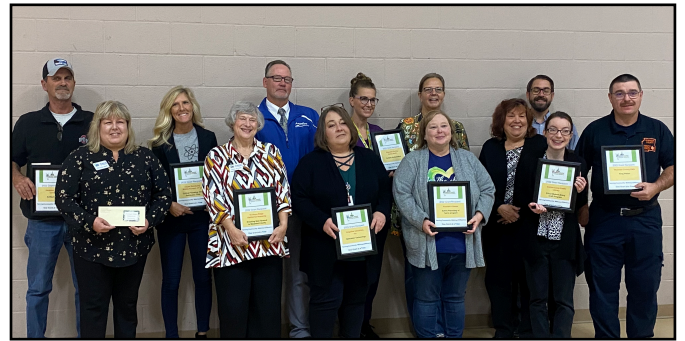
**TOTAL
GIVING**

Since 2001 - Over 2.7 Million

WCCF Fund Balance

Dec. 31, 2022 from 22 Funds

\$6,314,976.00



Grant Awards Presented at Fall Awards Program

McCarthy Family Fund Recipients

- Angeline Industries Inc.: Operation Technology - \$1913.28
- Upper Sandusky Middle School, 6th Grade: Critical Thinking, One Swing at a Time - \$2917.72

WCCF Community Fund Recipients

- Hannah's House: Active Parenting of Teens Program - \$618.00
- Harpster Village Council: Softball Field Improvements - \$3000

Gottfried Community Fund Recipients

- Buckeye Ridge Habitat for Humanity: Breaking Ground in Wyandot Co - \$2500
- Dorcus Carey Public Library: Cricut Maker/Library Craft Program - \$1280
- Wyandot County EMS: King Vision Airway Clearance Device - \$3000
- Wyandot County Public Health: Portable Audiometers - \$3000
- Wyandot Improvement Network: Wyandot "Yodel" Communications - \$3500

**COMMUNITY
IMPACT**



An all-volunteer group first met in 1999 when 25 citizens saw a need for a county-wide community foundation. The goals were to complete a mission statement, acquire nonprofit status, write bylaws and guidelines for a Board of Trustees, find a means for investing and managing funds and create a public awareness to let citizens know the Wyandot County Community Foundation will be here “Doing Good. Forever.” Under the umbrella of the

Greater Toledo Community Foundation, WCCF donors created scholarships, developed designated funds and established unrestricted funds to support community grants.

Looking ahead the WCCF Board of Trustees identified five goals for future growth.

1. Hire a paid part-time director
2. Establish an independent “main street” Office
3. Effectively coordinate and communicate the Foundation’s mission and resources with donors and community
4. Coordinate meaningful partnerships with educators, facilitators and business leaders
5. Establish a minimum of three new funds annually

Step by Step planning is proceeding to ensure potential costs are considered carefully to assure the Foundation continues to benefit citizens of Wyandot County

Thank You!

Forty-seven donors generously gave to the Wyandot County Community Foundation Annual Appeal. Their contributions will sustain the Foundation's mission and support future growth as determined by a Strategic Plan of Action the Board of Trustees approved recently.

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 Wyandot Counseling Associates

Grants Make a Difference for Wyandot County Nonprofits

Dorcus Carey Public Library

Dorcus Carey Public Library was awarded \$1,280.00 from the Wyandot County Community Foundation to purchase a Cricut Maker machine and a heat press, along with a variety of blades, accessories, and a wheeled cart for portability and storage. Arts and crafts activities at the library provide creative exploration, socialization, and stress relief. We have already used the Cricut Maker to cut pieces for our January adult craft class and are excited to plan more craft programs with these new resources in the future.



HARPSTER READY TO PLAY BALL!

A Wyandot County Community Foundation Grant helped the Village of Harpster purchase a backstop at the Lewis Park Baseball Field. Benches have been donated and a new pitcher's mound will be in place when practice/games begin. The new Baseball Field will give more options for kids in Wyandot County to play the game.



Hannah's House

Supervise Visitation and
Exchange Home



Thank you to Wyandot Community Foundation for the grant to purchase Active Parenting for Teens, a program that is anticipated to make a significant difference in many Wyandot County families. On February 8, 2023, Hannah's House held its inaugural class. Seven parents were in attendance to participate in the six session training program. Hannah's House has already established a wait list for the next session of classes as Judge Rowland is routinely requiring many parents of juveniles on probation to participate in the program. We are excited for this program and look forward to the growth of it as the community becomes more familiar with it being offered.



Wyandot County EMS

A WCCF Community Grant was used recently to purchase King Visions for the Wyandot County EMS. A King Vision is used to magnify a person's airway so inserting tubes can be performed very quickly and with accuracy. Prior to the King Vision a laryngoscope was used. While it was a useful tool, it was hard to use and not efficient. The day the King Vision was put into service on a EMS ambulance, Emergency Medical Technicians had a patient with a compromised airway. The King Vision made placing the breathing tube quicker and more efficiently, as in any issues with airway, time is critical.



The Wyandot County Community Foundation hosted a Donor Appreciation Soup Cook-Off at the Gottfried Nature Center last October. The event was kicked off with WCCF president, Jean Gottfried giving a warm welcome followed by introductions, accomplishments and vision for the future. Six board members showed off their talents by preparing their favorite soups while other board members provided delicious side dishes and desserts. Everyone taste-tested the variety of soups, then voted for their favorite. Laurie Vent's Italian Sausage Soup won the WCCF Souper Duper Soup Award. The Foundation is considering making this an annual event. It was a beautiful fall day to be appreciated by all.



Community Supports WCCF Raffle

John Hall WCCF Board Member, congratulates Kristin Luzader, winner of the Wyandot County Community Foundation Raffle. Her prize package included an Ace Hardware-Carey Flattop Blackstone Grill, Schilling Propane Service Propane Tank and A & A Groceries Meat Package.



The Wyandot Improvement Network (WIN) board members would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous \$3,500 grant, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles & Jean Gottfried by whom the funds were made possible. The awarded funds were quickly utilized to pay for the implementation and first year service fee of the new Yodel Community Calendar (<https://events.yodel.today/wyandotcounty>). This new county-wide calendar officially launched in January and is quickly picking up traction with both organization and user sign-ups.

Some of the key metrics WIN tracked for the calendar in February are:

- 438 events in Wyandot County this month (average of 28 per day)
- 39 total organizations represented
- 498 unique visitors since launch



Wyandot County Imagination Library



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Give the Gift of Books! The Imagination Library mails free books each month to children from birth to age five. 50% of eligible youth are currently enrolled in Wyandot County.

To enroll your child, visit ohioimaginationlibrary.org

To donate, visit WyandotCommunityFoundation.org





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_____ establishing an WCCF fund _____ giving through estate plan

Thank you for supporting the Wyandot County Community Foundation

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CHARITABLE CHAMPION - \$1000 +
FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION - \$500 +
FOUNDATION SUPPORTER - \$100 +
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