



AUGUST 2026



WE'VE MOVED! SAME MISSION, NEW HOME.

Exciting things are happening at Wyandot County Community Foundation! As we celebrate 25 years of serving Wyandot County, we're also beginning a new chapter. We're pleased to announce that we have moved to a new office location!

Our new address and phone number:

115 East Finley Street • Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
419-595-0033

Our PO Box, email address, and commitment to strengthening Wyandot County remain exactly the same. Whether you've partnered with us through a charitable fund, supported Wyandot County Imagination Library, received a grant, established a scholarship, or simply cheered us on over the past 25 years, thank you for being part of our story. We can't wait to welcome you to our new office and continue building a stronger Wyandot County together.



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WCCF 25 YEARS STRONG:
Supporting Wyandot County EMS & Firefighters



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH @ 6PM

THE MOOSE LODGE • 381 N WARPOLE ST, UPPER SANDUSKY, OH 43351

**TICKETS ARE \$25 PER PERSON, LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR TABLES OF 8 FOR \$350
(PROCEEDS FROM TABLE SALES GO TO WYANDOT COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY)**

ALL SPONSORSHIPS WILL GO
TOWARDS SUPPORTING WCCF'S
OPERATING FUND AND WYANDOT
COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY.

ALL PROCEEDS AT THE EVENT WILL
GO TO BENEFIT WYANDOT COUNTY
EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.



**SCAN THIS QR CODE
TO GET YOUR TICKETS!**



Join us for a fantastic evening of music by local favorites Modern Relics, food from The Corner Inn, auctions and fun to all support Wyandot County EMS and Firefighters.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WYANDOTCOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.ORG/ABOUT-1](https://www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org/about-1)

Want to sponsor this event? You know you do! Email Erin at wyandotfoundation@gmail.com

GRANTS AT WORK

Recipients of WCCF's Grant Program are asked to share the impact of their grant and how it is making a difference in our community. Receiving these grant reports is one of the most rewarding parts of our program! Across Wyandot County, organizations are working hard to provide meaningful services, create opportunities, and strengthen our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with these organizations and support the important work they do through our grant program.

GIFTS OF GRAIN GIVES BACK

This spring, WCCF awarded grants to local high school FFA chapters. These grants were made possible through the generous donations of local farmers to WCCF's Gifts of Grain program! From classroom resources and equipment to innovative project funding, these grants will help empower the next generation of agricultural leaders. The following high schools received grants: Carey High School, Mohawk High School, Riverdale High School, Upper Sandusky High School and Wynford High School. WCCF's Gifts of Grain Program, directed by local agricultural experts, continues its mission to strengthen the local agricultural community and invest in future generations.

As we approach harvest, consider joining our 100 Bushel Club! The 100 Bushel Club is a special recognition group within the Gifts of Grain program. Farmers who donate at least 100 bushels during the harvest season are welcomed into this club as leaders in agricultural philanthropy.



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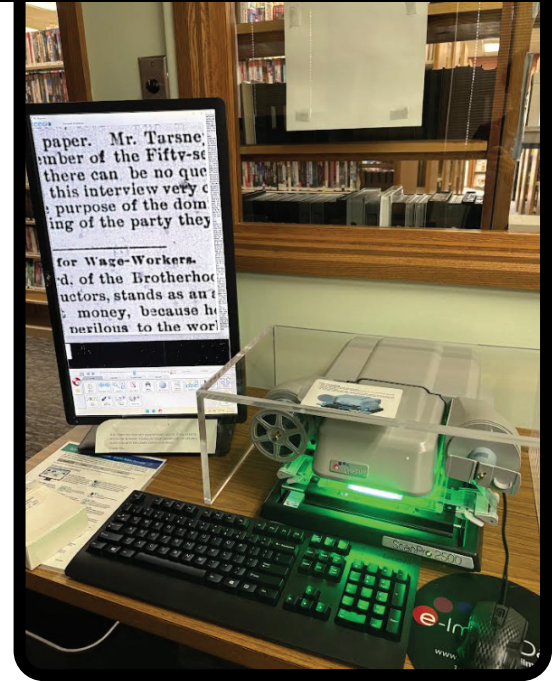
NEW MICROFILM SCANNER A REALITY

The Upper Sandusky Community Library purchased A Digital Microfilm Scanner that replaced a 2013 model that had reached the end of its service life. The purchase was made possible with joint financial support from the:

- Wyandot County Community Foundation Grant Program
- Mizick Miller's "Pedal with a Purpose" Donation
- Library's Operating Fund

A microfilm reader provides access to local historical records that are available nowhere else. Library staff and patrons can access records of local newspapers dating back to the 1850s. These and other historical records are kept on microfilm and are available to anyone doing historical research.

The new scanner has automatic scanning features that will allow staff to quickly digitize local information on Microfilm or make records available remotely on the internet in the future.



CRITICAL FREEZER STORAGE FOR CRITICAL CARE

The laboratory at Wyandot Memorial Hospital serves a vital role in supporting patient diagnostics, vaccine management and public health readiness. Reliable cold storage is essential for maintaining the integrity of lab samples and ensuring accurate test results, particularly for time-sensitive conductions such as infections, cancer and metabolic disorders. A \$2,500 grant from the Wyandot County Community Foundation, donations from individuals and hospital funds made the purchase of a -20 C Laboratory Freezer for laboratory use possible. The freezer has variable speed Compressor Technology that adjusts cooling performance to the conditions, cold wall convection with temperature uniformity, quiet operation, casters for easy mobility and self-closing doors.



STAR PLAYERS

Four actors from a July production of OLIVER! show off mics and body pacs that were purchased, thanks to a generous WCCF grant awarded to the Star Players. The grant finished a sound system upgrade started at the theater by a donation from David Romich. Barb McClain, grant writer said, "the new sound equipment improved the overall experience at the theatre for both people involved in the production as well as those watching the show." Cast members pictured with the new equipment are Timothy Frost (Sykes), Reid Barth (Fagin,) Andrea Schneider (Nancy), and Ben Schneider (Oliver).



2026 WCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ethan Shoemaker



Claire Lortz



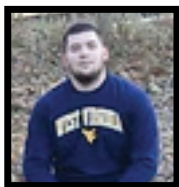
Arden Stansbery



Bailey Field



Paige Courtad



Garrett Boes



Evan Hinesman



Jacob Nieset



Brynlee Cundiff



Trinity Reinhart



Bailey Hinesman



Jack Ren



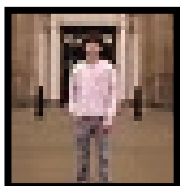
Taylor Fredritz



Riley Yost



Kyla Conley



Owen Zunk



**Kenzie
Cunningham**



Ethan Hill



Javen Coburn



Sam Smith



Sergio Espinoza

ANDY KOEHLER MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Bailey Hinesman (Miami University)

\$1000 - Javen Coburn (Capital University)

\$500 - Aleena Bendele (Marion Tech)

ROBERT P. LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1300 - Rylee McCreary (OSU-Marion)

\$1300 - Ethan Shoemaker (Ohio Wesleyan University)

WYANDOT CLASSICS & CRUISERS SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Kyla Conley (The Ohio State University)

\$1000 - Bailey Field (University of Toledo)

\$1000 - Rylee McCreary (The Ohio State University-Marion)

\$1000 - Cara Peterson (Owens Community College)

\$1000 - Brock Saam (The Ohio State University-ATI)

\$1000 Owen Zunk (University of Findlay)

AGNES LUTZ SCHOLARSHIP

\$1600 - Paige Courtad

\$1600 - Regan Boutwell

CB SWEIGARD TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

\$2500 - Emily Byrum

\$2500 - Arden Stansbery

ELIZABETH BARDON SCHOLARSHIP

\$750 - Bailey Field

\$750 - Arielle O'Flaherty

ELLEN MATTESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$750 Arielle O'Flaherty

CHARLES & JEAN GOTTFRIED SCHOLARSHIP

\$2500 - Riley Yost (Bowling Green State University)

\$2500 - Taylor Fredritz (University of Findlay)

\$2500 - Jack Ren (OSU Marion)

\$2500 - Rachel Berger (Mount Vernon Nazarene University)

\$2500 - Emily Weber

\$2500 - Carter Bame

\$2500 - Jazmin Zink

\$2500 - Garrett Boes

\$2500 - Brynlee Cundiff

MCCARTHY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

\$1500 - Ella Frombaugh (Marion Tech)

\$1500 - Rylee McCreary (The Ohio State University-Marion)

MARTHA STEPHAN WEAVER & RITA STEPHAN STANGBY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

\$1500 - Javen Coburn

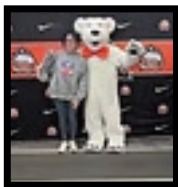
2026 WCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CONTINUED



Evan Hill



Lauren Baker



Jazmin Zink



Aleena Bendele

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE GROWING!

We are proud to announce an increase in scholarship opportunities for local students in 2026! Thanks to the generosity of our donors and scholarship fund partners, we awarded more scholarships than ever before—helping more students pursue higher education, skilled trades, and career training. Every scholarship represents an investment in the future of Wyandot County and the dreams of the students who call it home. This year WCCF distributed \$77,250 in scholarships to 48 recipients compared to \$57,242 to 34 recipients last year. Interested in starting a scholarship fund with us? Please reach out!

REVEREND CHARLES C. STEWARD SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Jacob Nieset (Ohio Northern University)

JOSEPH D SHEAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Sergio Espinoza

\$500 - Kyla Conley

RANDY AND CHRIS BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 - Ella Frombaugh (Marion Tech)

DR. PRASAD C. KAKARALA SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Trinity Reinhart (University of Toledo)

\$1000 - Bailey Field

\$1000 - Samuel Stuckman

KATHERINE ARTZ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 - Ethan Shoemaker

TAMMY K. CLIFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 - Joshua Heilman (Heidelberg University)

\$1000 - Rylee McCreary (The Ohio State University-Marion)

LOGSDON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$3000 - Evan Hill

\$3000 - Ethan Hill

\$3000 - Claire Lortz

\$2000 - Sam Smith

\$2000 - Evan Hinesman

\$2000 - Kenzie Cunningham

\$2000 - Lauren Baker

GOODMAN SCHOLASTIC AWARD

\$1000 - Bailey Field

CHRISTINA L. MINEHART SCHOLARSHIP

\$2700 - Aleena Bendele





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Not too long ago I came across a folder that our late Executive Secretary Sara Lou Brown Binau labeled simply as “WCCF – History.” For a good hour, I paged through newspaper clippings, notes in her signature hand-writing and mementos she saved marking special occasions. I tried to piece together a timeline of events over the past 25 years. How I wish she was still here so I could ask her all of the questions I have! One thing is clear though – her passion for WCCF is what has carried us through to our anniversary milestone of 25 years.

It has been a special thing to add to her folder a few items from the last couple years – a grant awards program from 2024, a group shot of the Board from our Tunes by Tracks event in 2025, a picture of a few of us meeting Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend and Wyandotte Nation Princess Veyda Marlow and most recently a “We’ve moved!” change of address notification sent to our email subscribers and posted to Facebook. (By the way - are you following us on Facebook because you should be!)

WCCF has been through many changes over the last 25 years, but one thing has stayed consistent through it all – our commitment to giving back to the people of Wyandot County. In our 25 years, between our scholarships, grant program and donations made through our fundholders to the non-profits of their choice, WCCF has invested **\$3.8 million back into our community.**

\$3.8 Million.

Let that sink in. We may be a small community foundation, but clearly we are mighty. I am grateful for each board member past and present who put in time and effort to get WCCF to where it is today and what it will be in the years to come – and for each donor who has entrusted us to be good stewards of their hard-earned money. This is not something that we take for granted. We couldn’t do this without you.

Take care,

Erin Smith, Executive Director

