



Summer 2021

## Vent Welcomed As New Board Member



**Laurie Vent**

You may know Laurie Vent from her past years at Upper Sandusky E.V. Schools, where she started her career in 1983 as a teacher and most recently retired as Superintendent in 2020.

When asked why she wanted to be part of the Community Foundation, she responded, "I wanted to be part of the Community Foundation because it does so much good for Wyandot County!" I like that it is ongoing support focused on enriching the lives of Wyandot county residents. The grants and scholarships it provides benefit so many individuals. "Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?" stated Vent.

Charles and Laurie have been married for 37 years, living and farming in Mifflin Township. They have four children: triplet daughters Ashley, Danielle, & Wendy, and a son, Tyler. The three girls are married and have given them six grandchildren with a seventh on the way, due in October. Ashley and Danielle live with their families in the Mount Vernon, Ohio, area. Wendy and her family live in Madisonville, KY. Tyler lives in Libby, Montana. (He does grizzly bear research.)

**The Dueling Piano  
Show of "T" and Rich  
is coming to Upper  
Sandusky!  
Mark Your Calendars!  
Saturday, November 6**

**Moose Lodge,  
Upper Sandusky**



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## **CHARLES C. STEWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED**

The family of Reverend Charles C. Steward recently established a WCCF Scholarship Fund in his name. Memorial gifts given by individuals, families, businesses, and First Evangelical Lutheran Church made the scholarship fund possible.

Distributions from the fund will support an annual one-time, post-secondary scholarship award to a graduating senior from Upper Sandusky High School to attend an accredited two- or four-year educational institution or qualified trade school program; or to obtain the certification needed to practice a trade or occupation. Applicants must submit a brief essay with their application describing how church involvement has influenced their life. Priority shall be given to applicants who attend First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Upper Sandusky, who attend church regularly as evidenced by the required essay, and or are interested in a career in Christian education. In years when no applicants fit within given priorities, all other applicants for the scholarship award will be considered.

## **REVEREND CHARLES C. STEWARD SCHOLARSHIP DONORS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

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Thank You to families who have established scholarships for Wyandot County Youth. Many of the scholarships are memorial gifts given in memory of a loved one. Some scholarships support the students seeking a degree in a specific field, while others assist students with financial need.

## 2021 WCCF Scholarship Recipients

### Andy Koehler Medical Scholarship

\$1000 Ashley Carmona (University of Toledo)

### Robert P Lee Memorial Scholarship

\$2000 Angel Baker (Marion Technical College)

### Agnes Lutz Scholarships

\$1297.53 Andrew Kuenzli (BGSU)

\$1297.53 Payton Rodriguez (BGSU)

### Dwain Sayre Agricultural Honor Scholarships

\$1100 Alec Bollinger (Marietta)

\$1100 Taylor Lawhorn (The Ohio State University)

### Martha Stephan Weaver & Rita Stephan Stangby Nursing Scholarship

\$1500 Angel Baker (Marion Technical College)

### McCarthy Family Scholarships

\$1500 Angel Baker (Marion Technical College)

\$1500 Ashley Carmona (University of Toledo)

### Christina L Minehart Scholarship

\$2090.17 Allison Parker (Ohio Northern University)

### Gottfried Scholarships

\$1500 Emma Brown (University of Findlay)

\$1500 Jennifer Gonzalez (The Ohio State University)

\$1500 Tyler Littlejohn (Georgetown University)

### Gottfried Scholarship Renewals

\$1500 Benjamin Borkosky (Ohio Northern University)

\$1500 Kevin Dong (The Ohio State University)

\$1500 Alexa Konkle (The Ohio State University)



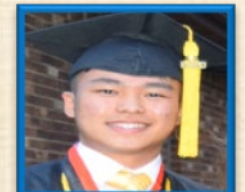
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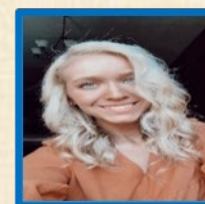
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Payton Rodriguez

# Congratulations!!!





# **The Christina L. Minehart Memorial Scholarship: *Then and Now* by Carol and Jim Minehart**

Our daughter Christina died in October of 2001, at the age of 15, as a sophomore at Upper Sandusky High School, nearly 20 years ago now. To help carry on her memory and legacy, we established her scholarship for an Upper Sandusky graduating senior in 2004 through the Toledo Foundation. 2004 would have been Christina's year to graduate, so those senior classmates knew her well. In order to receive this scholarship, (then and now) applicants must write an essay and have an interview with the Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee. In the essay, applicants are asked to explain how their own life reflects the values Christina had for her own life, those of faith, hard work, and perseverance in the midst of adversity. Through the years, it has been a highlight for us when honors night at our high school rolls around and a very significant way for our family to remember our Christina. We want her memory to live forever.

In 2004, the first year, four seniors were awarded her scholarship: **Anna (Barrett) Guillozet, Nick Barth, Blake England, and Meredith (Logsdon) Mates**. Perhaps you'd like to see where they are today, 17 years later.

--(Rev.) Anna (Barrett) Guillozet graduated from Ohio Northern in 2008 and is now an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church, serving as senior pastor at Linworth United Methodist Church in Columbus.

--Nick Barth graduated from the University of Findlay in 2008, first pursuing math and finance, then earning a degree in law enforcement, and Nick is currently with the Delaware Police Department (Ohio).

--Blake England graduated from Hillsdale in Michigan with a BA and earned his MA at the University of Dayton. With his education degrees, Blake is currently the Principal of St. Peter's School in Upper Sandusky.

--Meredith (Logsdon) Mates holds a Master's Degree in applied behavior analysis and is currently working on her Doctor of Education in Performance Improvement Leadership. As a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst, clinical director of an autism center, and core faculty member at Capella University, she consults with schools. She also works with children with autism and behavioral challenges.

In addition, all four original recipients are married, have children, and are valuable, productive citizens in their home communities. Great success stories!

Every year since 2004, one senior has received the award. So, since that first year, 17 more seniors have been awarded.

This year, In May 2021, it was an honor to present **Allison Parker** with our Christina L. Minehart Memorial Scholarship. Allison is attending Ohio Northern University and will double major in criminal justice and sociology with a pre-law minor. Such a bright future ahead for your life, Allison!

Our plan is to carry this on yearly, far into the future! We have included this scholarship in our estate plan. Our hope is that many students will benefit from this scholarship in the future, even though they may not know who Christina Minehart was. And, as it continues to impact students, this is a way our family continues to heal and to remember our wonderful daughter, whose life and light ended, for us, too soon.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our story.

Jim & Carol Minehart

**Allison Parker**





# WCCF Grant Dollars at Work

During the past year, WCCF Grant Recipients have been busy fulfilling their grant awards. Financial support from the Foundation, additional support from other sources, and many hours of work went into achieving project goals. We are excited to share a few of the completed projects.

## Project Hope

A WCCF grant assisted Upper Sandusky Middle School Counselors Jodi Holman and Andrea Dunn in establishing Project Hope. This program helps students become aware of warning signs of suicidal thoughts and behaviors amongst their peers, provides support to them, and refers them to an adult for help. Dunn and Holman met with Hope Squad members weekly to teach the curriculum. It was a great success and will continue at USMS for many years to come.

## Technology for Loan

The Upper Sandusky Community Library added to their Wi-Fi hot spot lending services because of a 2020 WCCF Community Grant they received. The service provides free internet access at home to community members who may not otherwise have access. This is valuable for schoolwork, job searching, and access to government services, as well as for entertainment.

## Bright and Cheery Rooms

Because of a WCCF community grant, Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center purchased new bedspreads for the center's rooms. Their goal is to achieve a feeling of home by offering warm and comfortable living areas.

## Cancer Support

Debbie Dilley, Patient Navigator at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, receives gas cards from Minnie Danner, Founder of "No One Fights Alone," a non-profit cancer patient support group which provides cancer care bags for those fighting cancer. With a grant from WCCF, gas cards were purchased to help patients with the cost of travel to and from doctor and treatment appointments.

## Project Hope Team Leaders



## Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Room Renovation



## Transportation Assistance for Cancer Patients receiving treatment at Wyandot Memorial Hospital







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