

MUSKINGUM COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
**ANNUAL REPORT**



*Transitions*



# A Letter from the CEO

## Friends of the Community:



I am pleased to release the Muskingum County Community Foundation's "2014 annual report: Transitions."

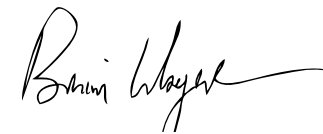
2014 was indeed a year of transition at MCCF, from the completion of two major initiatives in the Muskingum Recreation Center and the Zanesville Prize for Contemporary Ceramics to new leadership on the board and in the CEO office, the foundation is ready to celebrate 2014 with a firm focusing on the future of the organization.

The board has started a strategic planning process, which should finish up in early 2016, to address the next step in philanthropy in Muskingum County. We also have begun a technical transition with upgrades in office equipment and systems, added staff, launched the GEAR UP program and redesigned our website, featuring an easier to use site for donors and Scholarship Central students.

In this report, you'll see a list of new funds and scholarships that were created in 2014 as well as the grant recipients from the 2014 Spring Grant Competition.

This is YOUR community foundation and if there is ever anything we can do for you, please feel free to contact us or better yet stop by the office at 534 Putnam Ave. and see some of the transitions yourself.

Sincerely,



Brian Wagner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Muskingum County Community Foundation



*Scholarship Central*



*Access Program*



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Kasie Winters

## Class of 2018

Drew Baker

Lorene Kelley

Matthew Lewis

Madeline Russell

Rachel Saltz

Alyssa Shawger

Lizzie Wagner

Jordan Williams

# 2014 Grant Winners

The Muskingum County Community Foundation's Distribution Committee reviewed grant requests and voted to provide funding, totaling \$30,000, to the following eight organizations and projects in the spring of 2014:

## Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Muskingum County Commissioners

\$10,000 to help purchase permanent LED lighting on the County Courthouse and buoys on Muskingum River riverbanks

## Artist Colony of Zanesville (COZ)

\$5,000 to underwrite the cost of entertainment for the 2014 Y-Bridge Arts Festival

## Zanesville Ohio Ceramic Arts (ZOCA)

\$2,500 for the Zanesville Prize Exhibition and Conference

## Zanesville Appalachian Arts Project (ZAAP)

\$2,500 for memberships for high school art teachers and artists

## John & Annie Glenn Museum Foundation

\$2,500 to establish an endowment fund at MCCF

## Muskingum County Literacy Council

\$4,000 to distribute books to low income families at Muskingum Valley Health Center

## Community of Voices/ MBRN

\$1,500 for three-on-three basketball tournaments

## C.A.S.S.-M.I.N.D.

\$2,000 to provide mentors for at-risk youth

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# 2014 Grant Winners

## CYF Youth Grant Competition

The annual Youth Grant Competition allows CYF members to learn about the grantmaking process. CYF members are responsible for raising funds to support the awards before reviewing and selecting grant winners.

The Muskingum County Community Youth Foundation (CYF) awarded a total of \$1,500 to four area youth organizations in the spring of 2014:

### Muskingum County Children Services Kinship Program

\$400 for a field trip & pizza party for children and their caregivers

### Franklin Local Community School

\$400 to help build a skate park/bike path in Roseville

### Maysville Cheer/Athletics

\$400 to help pay for a new panther mascot costume

### Zanesville High School Drama Club

\$300 for scripts, backdrops and props



CYF Adornetto's Take-Over Fundraiser 2014

# New Funds

## New Funds started in 2014

Arts Council of Muskingum County Pass Through Fund

East Muskingum Endowment Fund

Elry and Louisa Leasure Charitable Trust

Friends of the MRC Agency Fund

John and Annie Glenn Foundation Agency Fund

Maysville Alumni Foundation Endowment Fund

Maysville Alumni Foundation Pass Through Fund

The Corley and Melodie Thomas Endowment Fund

The Brian and Christine Wagner Fund

Celine Wyatt Foundation Pass Through Fund

Zanesville Museum of Art Pass Through Fund

# New Scholarships

## New Scholarship Funds in 2014

The Julie Mesaros Educational Endowment

Traci Lynne Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Corley and Melodie Thomas Scholarship Fund

William L. and Velma S. Toole Scholarship

Celine Wyatt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donations can be made on  
our website: [www.mccf.org](http://www.mccf.org)



# Special Projects

## Muskingum Recreation Center

One of the major projects in which the Muskingum County Community Foundation was involved, The Muskingum Recreation Center, became a reality in 2014. Opening its doors to the public on March 31, 2014, it marked the end of a 5 year journey for the foundation and its three partners. Using donations and New Market Tax Credits, this community facility was built without public money and is thriving today. Multi-generational programming allows community members of all ages to focus on getting healthy and staying there.

Communities are at their best when working together, and our partnership with Ohio University Zanesville, The Muskingum Family Y and Genesis Healthcare System allowed us to build the best recreational facility in the region. That's the power of the Muskingum County Community Foundation helping the area transition into a healthy community.

## Zanesville Prize

For three weeks in the fall of 2014, the center of the contemporary ceramic world was Muskingum County and the Seiler Studio. The Zanesville Prize for Contemporary Ceramics offered the western hemisphere's largest ceramics best of show prize of \$20,000; with representation from six of the seven continents the selection process was tough. Christine Golden's "Kids in the Garden 2" was chosen as the top prize from the 100 finalists.

But the Zanesville Prize was more than a competition and conference, it was about community development and opening up the potential for more artists to come, work, and live in Zanesville and Muskingum County. Using art as an economic driver is another way the Foundation is helping to transition our region into a thriving, diverse community.



# Groundhog Day 2014

## Once again, a cold night in January turned out to be the hottest ticket in town.

The community gathered at the Ohio University Zanesville/Zane State Campus Center on Friday January 31, 2014 as the Muskingum County Community Foundation held its annual Groundhog Day Celebration. More than 200 live and silent auction items were sold, raising over \$50,000--portions of which were used to support the 2014 Spring Grant Competition.

The evening featured two community members being recognized. The 2014 Dick Johnson Civic Leadership award was presented to local attorney Clay Graham and the 2014 Brian T. Wagner Community Leadership award was given to Jessica McCulloch. By highlighting their commitment to Muskingum County, the Foundation continues to honor individuals who are helping to transition the region for the benefit of all.



## 2016 Annual Groundhog Day Celebration Friday, January 29, 2016

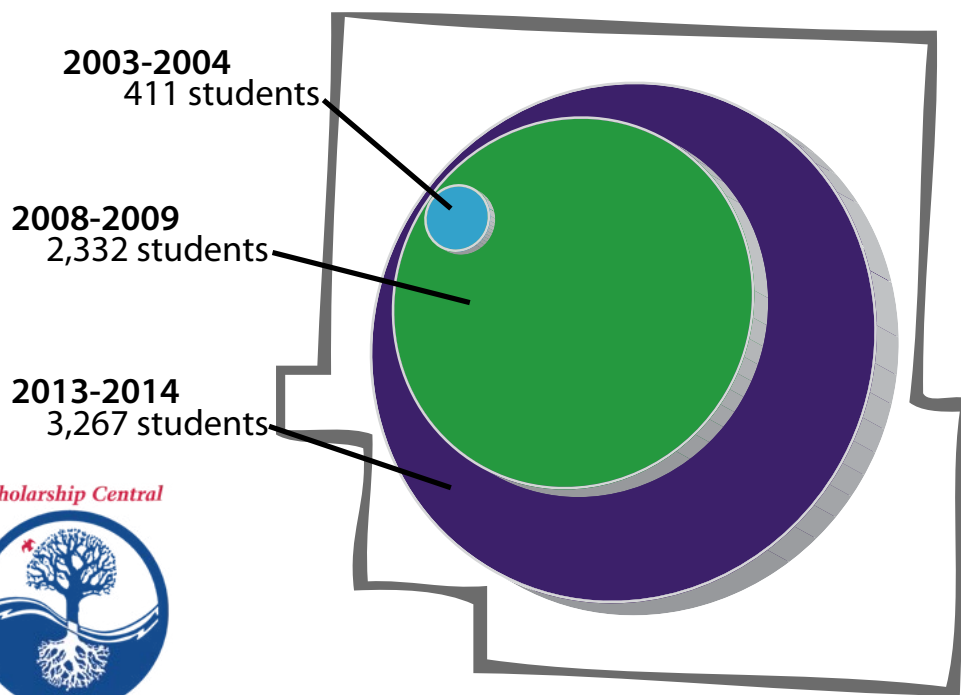




# Scholarship Central

## Students Receiving Assistance

Scholarship Central has helped thousands of area students since its inception, and continues to make an impact on the educational climate in Southeastern Ohio. With the expansion into Perry County starting in 2015 due to the federal GEAR UP grant, Scholarship Central is transitioning into a period of growth and philanthropy for area college access.



# AmeriCorps Ohio College Guides

## College Night 2014

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, over 200 students and their families attended College Night 2014. College Night is an evening of information sessions about the transitions students need to be aware of for the college-going process.



Philo High School junior Kimberly Kelly said that "all of the information was very insightful and helpful. It will definitely help me in planning for college next year. My favorite part of the entire night was winning a scholarship to Muskingum University."



## AmeriCorps Ohio College Guides

### 2013-2014

Katie McCarty  
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