MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Economic Vitality
Education
Arts & Culture
Wellness & Recreation

CORNERSTONES
March 2017

I am pleased to release the Muskingum County Community Foundation’s “2016 Annual Report: Cornerstones.”

2016 was the year the board approved our strategic plan and we started to focus our work around four Cornerstones: Arts & Culture, Wellness & Recreation, Economic Vitality, and Education. We are looking forward in 2017 to meeting and working with community leaders in each of those areas to begin collaborating on opportunities to improve Muskingum County.

In this report, we’ll dive deeper into the Cornerstones, you’ll see a list of new funds and hear the story about one of the many new scholarships created in 2016. We’ll recap the spring scholarship recognition event. Finally, you’ll learn about projects that received a grant from the 2016 Spring Grant Competition.

As I have said many times before, MCCF is YOUR community foundation and if there is ever anything we can do for you please feel free to stop by the office at 534 Putnam Avenue, call us at 740-453-5192, or visit us online at www.mccf.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Wagner
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In 2015, MCCF served as the fiscal agent for four charitable projects that distributed nearly $546,000. These projects were not repeated in 2016.

Refer to the Foundation’s 2015 Audit for information about the assets related to the MRC.

In 2015, MCCF served as the fiscal agent for a large charitable project completed in 2016.
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In April 2016, CYF awarded grants to two youth projects:

**Muskingum Valley Park District**
$1,000 to build four “Little Free Libraries” (book drop-off containers)

**Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club**
$200 to purchase ping pong tables

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.

To learn more about applying for our CYF Youth Grants, visit our website, [www.mccf.org](http://www.mccf.org)

Pictured above: CYF President Abigail Neal and Muskingum Valley Park District Commissioner President Brian Newton at the Little Free Library dedicated at Mission Oaks Gardens in June 2016.
Groundhog Day 2016

MCCF’s 31st Anniversary Celebration!

On Friday, January 29, 2016, Muskingum County residents gathered at the Ohio University Zanesville / Zane State Campus Center for MCCF’s annual Groundhog Day Celebration. The event marked the Foundation’s 31st anniversary. Nearly 400 guests attended, purchasing hundreds of items featured in silent and live auctions. More than $55,000 was raised and the Foundation recognized two community members for their accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of life in Muskingum County (See opposite page.) If you want to learn more about the past recipients of the Dick Johnson Civic Leadership Award or the Brian T. Wagner Community Leadership Award, visit our website, www.mccf.org.

Pictured at right:
CYF members Emma Lee and Amanda Carpenter lend a hand at the Coat Check.

Pictured at left:
Guests at the Groundhog Day Celebration look at items on the Silent Auction tables.
The Brian T. Wagner Community Leadership Award went to Joey Osborn, who has worked with numerous Muskingum County area non-profits, specifically Eastside Community Ministry. She has volunteered with Muskingum County 4-H, Zanesville Daybreak Rotary, MCCF, and the Women of the Achievement Steering Committee. She owns a photography business with her husband.

The Dick Johnson Civic Leadership Award was given to Larry Triplett, a long-time Muskingum County entrepreneur. Triplett co-founded the healthcare software company Resource Systems in 1980, and later founded the East Central Ohio Tech Angel Fund, a private/public collaborative that helps Southeastern Ohio's entrepreneurs find private equity investors.
2016 Spring Grant Winners

MCCF’s Distribution Committee reviewed grant requests and voted to provide more than $36,000 in funding to the following organizations and projects in the spring of 2016:

Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention & Visitors Bureau
“A Storybook Christmas” holiday beautification project... $3,000

Artist Colony of Zanesville (COZ)
Children’s area at the 2016 Y-Bridge Arts Festival... $3,000

Zanesville Community Theater
Renovation of Women’s Restroom Facilities... $4,000

Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Lighting at Zane’s Landing Park... $4,000

Appalachian Hills of Ohio Territory (AHOOT)
“All Ohio Contemporary Ceramics Competition Prizes... $2,500

Eastside Community Ministry
Operation & Programming Costs for the Youth Program... $4,000

Franklin Local Youth Baseball, Inc.
Complete 4 New Ball Fields at Bergin Park, Duncan Falls... $4,000

Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland Council, Inc.
Funding for imagineCON program... $2,520

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Six County
“Quinn Family Bash” and “Recovery is Beautiful” Walk... $2,500

Police Athletic League of Zanesville-Muskingum County
Equipment for “Life Fitness” program... $2,500

Zanesville Concert Association
$1,500 to provide free concert admission to students

Zanesville Memorial Concert Band
$2,500 to purchase new music and aid in administrative costs
Spring Grant Spotlight:

Quinn Family Bash

Each spring, MCCF awards grants to Muskingum County organizations whose goal is to improve the quality of life in the community.

One of 2016’s recipients was the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Six County.

MCCF’s Distribution Committee awarded the grant to the organization in order to assist with finances for the 17th annual Quinn Family Bash.

The Quinn family hosts this yearly event to recognize those dealing with mental illnesses. More than 200 guests attended 2016’s bash, consisting of consumers, family members, caregivers, and friends involved with mental health awareness.

The Quinn family provides entertainment and music, with each family member taking a turn on lead vocals. The event is meant to provide those suffering with mental health issues one day to forget about their illnesses and have fun.

“The Bash has grown over 17 years,” Paul Quinn said. “Paying for the facility, audio system, gifts, prizes, snacks, and refreshments has become expensive for our small not-for-profit affiliate. The support of MCCF ensures the success of this signature event, saves our funds for programs, and allows us to be more inclusive.”

To learn more about applying for our Spring Grant Competition, visit our website www.mccf.org.
New Funds in 2016

Muskingum County Dog Pound Building Pass -Through Fund
Kirby, Mitchell, Montgomery & Spillman Endowment Fund
VEX Robotics Pass -Through Fund
Project Relief Fund
Coach Keller Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund
Howard & Norma Lavy Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Howard Chandler Christy Documentary Pass -Through Fund
Bricks to Brushes Documentary Pass -Through Fund
Herb P. "Tim" Jones Music Scholarship Fund
Gracie Bateson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Muskingum County Dog Park Pass -Through Fund
Cornerstone Fund
Allwell Behavioral Health Services Endowment Fund
The Varsity Foundation Pass -Through Fund
The College Access Advisor Scholarship Fund

*East Muskingum Component Funds:*
John & Annie Glenn Appalachian Scholarship Endowment
Susan E. Mahoney Writing Award Scholarship Endowment
Jenny Cornelius & Susan Mahoney Memorial Scholarship
Jack Hazard Memorial Scholarship
New Concord H.S./John Glenn H. S. Alumni Scholarship Endowment
Sue Bates Scholarship
Roger Bates Award Scholarship
Kathryn McCoach Scholarship
Ken Reed Scholarship
Walt Thieman Scholarship
Norwich Homecoming Association Scholarship
Larry Miller Fund
New Funds

Matthew B. Robinson Scholarship

2016 brought about the establishment of a new fund: The Matthew B. Robinson Scholarship. Established in memory of Robinson, the scholarship provides financial assistance to college students majoring in Special Education. The fund’s first scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Dingey, a student attending Marietta College.

Born on June 7, 1976, Matthew Robinson graduated from Zanesville High School. He later influenced the lives of many students as a kind, caring, and dedicated Special Education teacher. He first taught at Greenville City Schools; however, he went on to teach at Marysville Exempted Village Schools and London City Schools. Later, Robinson returned to his hometown to teach at his alma mater. His teaching career spanned 16 years.

Robinson passed away on February 14, 2015, but through the Matthew B. Robinson Scholarship Fund, he is still making an impact in the lives of local students.

If you have any questions about MCCF’s scholarship funds or want to establish one of your own, go to www.mccf.org.

Scholarship Awards 2012-2016

Scholarships awarded in 2016 included:

**Margaret Carol Barringer Scholarship**
Harlee Rush, Philo High School

**Bucci-Dietz Art Scholarship**
Normandy Pierce, West Muskingum High School

**Ryan Church Scholarship**
Caleb Zinn, Maysville High School

**Ashley Cordial Memorial Scholarship**
Olivia House, West Muskingum High School

**Oliver Flanagan Scholarship**
Sarah Holdren, Elon University

**Jesse Miller Scholarship**
Shelby Hewitt, West Muskingum High School

**Muskingum County Democrat Club Scholarship**
Shelby Peadon, Mid-East Career and Technology Services

**Traci Lynne Reed Scholarship**
Kaylie Callihan, John Glenn High School
Scholarships awarded in 2016 included:

**Matthew B. Robinson Scholarship**
Elizabeth Dingey, Marietta College

**Pamela Smith Jackson Scholarship**
Lydia Beardsley, Waterford High School
Blake Stubbins, West Muskingum High School

**Michael Strohl Scholarship**
April Bartenschlag, Philo High School

**Corley and Melodie Thomas Scholarship**
Kassandra Settles, Zanesville High School
Caleb Saunders, Philo High School

**Nick Tilton Memorial Scholarship**
Brandon Swope, West Muskingum High School

**Carolyn Ann Weiner Scholarship**
Parker Moore, Bishop Rosecrans High School
Jamera Goins, Zanesville High School

**Celine Wyatt Scholarship**
Alexis Baker, John Glenn High School
Erin Rockstroh, William Mason High School

**Grant Hickman Scholarship**
Sydney Nicholson, Bishop Rosecrans High School
Noah Townsend, Home School Program
Kaylie Callihan, John Glenn High School
Madeline Dunn, Tri-Valley High School
Ben Kaufman, Zanesville High School
Emma Kimberly, Zanesville High School
Kassandra Settles, Zanesville High School
Meagan Ulbrich, Zanesville High School

**Tom Johnson Memorial Scholarship**
Carmelita Shook, Zanesville High School

**Gene Menhorn Athletic Scholarship**
Carmelita Shook, Zanesville High School

**Charles & Charlotte Love Education Fund**
Helen Davis, Ohio University Zanesville
Montana Green, Muskingum University
Scholarships awarded in 2016 included:

Beckwith Farm Scholarship
Kelsey Baker, Youngstown State University
Marisa Bishop, Ohio University
Tyler Blake, University of Akron
Tabitha Burch, Ohio University Zanesville
Hannah Daley, Muskingum University
Elizabeth Dingey, Marietta College
Andrew Dorman, Capital University
Amanda Fitz, Ohio University Zanesville
Katlyn Flowers, Ohio University Zanesville
Ashley Hoffer, Ohio University
Kimberly Kelly, Miami University
Aubrey Lyons, Ohio University Zanesville
Marissa McConaha, University of Rio Grande
Bailee Mumford, Ohio University Zanesville
Darci Robinson, Muskingum University
Hunter Smith, Capital University
Tayler Swingle, Ohio University Zanesville
Richelle Whitehouse, Ohio University Zanesville
Cadelyn Bell, Philo High School
Drake Dozer, Philo High School
Kassandra McConaha, Philo High School
Madison Smith, Philo High School

Josephine Sebach Scholarship
Cassaundra Eicher, Bishop Rosecrans High School
Elizabeth Beattey, The Ohio State University
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Alexus Bell, Maysville High School
Cale Miller, Philo High School
Caleb Saunders, Philo High School
Mollie Baker, Tri-Valley High School
Daniel Nahra, Tri-Valley High School
Greg Kanavel, West Muskingum High School
Andrew Hoskinson, Zanesville High School
Christopher Kennedy, Zanesville High School

Ray & Eva Thomas Scholarship
Aaron Berry, Ohio University Zanesville
Amanda Walton, Ohio University Zanesville
Scholarship Reception

Each spring, Muskingum County high schools host assemblies to award senior scholarships. However, not every scholarship is awarded at these events. Therefore, MCCF hosted its own scholarship reception to celebrate winners who were not recognized at their schools.

Nearly 50 guests attended the reception, which took place at MCCF on May 31, 2016. Old and new generations of Muskingum Countyleaders mingled during the event, as recipients were able to interact with scholarship donors and selection committee members.

The event proved to be a success for Scholarship Central, whose many goals include seeing an increase in Muskingum County students pursuing education past high school.

Scholarships awarded in 2016 included:

- Forest M. and Meryl C. Cale Scholarship
  - Tyler Blake, University of Akron
  - Ellison Fellers, University of Miami
  - Bradley Palmer, Zane State College
  - Sophie Didier, UMKC School of Pharmacy
  - Andrew Thomas, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
  - Hannah Stephen, University of Akron
  - Amanda Fitz, Ohio University Zanesville
  - Ashonda Underwood, University of Pikeville
  - Shala Daniels, Zane State College
  - Jacelyn Fisher, Ohio University
  - Capria Hall, Ohio Dominican University

- Charles and Mary Lou Heck Educational Scholarship
  - Hannah Stephen, University of Akron
  - Jacelyn Fisher, Ohio University
  - Carmelita Shook, Muskingum University
  - Ashonda Underwood, University of Pikeville
GEAR UP

GEAR UP, What Is It?

GEAR UP - Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. GEAR UP is a nationwide competitive grant program that works to increase the number of students who are prepared for and are successful in postsecondary education. Scholarship Central at MCCF was awarded the GEAR UP grant in 2014 and has expanded services to students at Crooksville Exempted Village Schools.

The project's goals reflect a commitment to eliminate major college access barriers for priority students and:

• Improve academic performance
• Assist with preparation for postsecondary education
• Increase rates of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education
• Increase students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation, and financing

GEAR UP includes educational, college access, and business partners, providing direct services and scholarship funding support to students. The grant works under the direction of, and in partnership with, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Moving forward, increased community involvement will help sustain the sites and spread GEAR UP practices to other school sites and communities across Southeastern Ohio.
GEAR UP

Scholarship Central Access Program and GEAR UP are focused on embedding a college-going culture in schools and communities to increase the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Scholarship Central has helped thousands of area students since its inception and continues to impact the education climate in Southeastern Ohio. To get involved, contact scholarshipcentral@mccf.org or gearup@mccf.org!
Scholarship Central

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