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Richland County Foundation President
Brady Groves

From the President...

Welcome to the new format for the Richland County Foundation (RCF) Newsletter with style and content changes symbolizing the Foundation's renewed donor-focused approach. We hope the content serves as a vehicle for understanding the benefits of giving through a community foundation for our donors and professional advisors as it offers grant news and event updates.

More than just a grant-making institution, RCF offers personalized service to donors, is a source of information for nonprofits, and acts as a convener of people around an emerging issue (s).

To quote Winston Churchill, "What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone."

Recent Grant Highlights...

Partnership Results in Saving Vital Service

With grants from two donors of advised funds and unrestricted funds at the Richland County Foundation, Third Street Health Services will be able to complete the vital dental system replacement necessary to continue business. Without these services available to them, hundreds of clients would turn to the emergency room at MedCentral Health System for their dental care.

With thirteen operatories, four full-time and three part-time dentists, the clinic served over 6,000 clients in 2011.

Grant Helps Leverage Campaign Funds

The Board of Trustees approved a \$1 for every \$2 of new money raised toward the Ohio Bird Sanctuary's Capital Campaign for renovation and expansion of their facilities.

As interest in the Sanctuary continues to build, the current facilities strain to accommodate the growing staffing and bird care needs. Plans to revamp the existing "dining hall" structure into the official Visitor Center and classroom areas share a priority list with paved pathways for those with physical disabilities and expanded paved parking which will accommodate the increasing number of tour and school busses which visit the facility.

Ed Kulka, board member of the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, proudly introduces Bruce Cummins, RCF board member, to the very noisy red-shouldered hawk named Diesel.



Dr. Anne Morgan
Philanthropic Consultant



Richland County Foundation (RCF) hosted its 67th Annual Meeting on Monday, May 7 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center with over 100 in attendance. As a springboard in rolling out its renewed donor-focused approach the Foundation featured Dr. Anne Morgan, a nationally-recognized consultant in the field of philanthropy who shared anecdotes on board relationships, donor viewpoints and achieving individual philanthropic goals.

Foundation Hosts 67th Annual Meeting

Michael Bennett was elected to serve as Chairman of the RCF Board of Trustees. As a trustee, Bennett has served on the Finance, Distribution and Executive Committees as well as a number of the grant making committees during his tenure.

In final business, the membership voted to approve two new trustees: David D. "Duffy" Carto and Michael L. Chambers.

David Carto is the managing partner with the law firm of Weldon, Huston & Keyser, LLP. He has been in local practice for over 30 years and has served on a number of nonprofit boards. Mr. Chambers is a partner with J & B Acoustical, a third-generation company which specializes in many aspects of the commercial construction process.



Michael Bennett, Chairman



David D. Carto, Trustee



Michael L. Chambers, Trustee

Foundation Announces Staffing Changes

Long-time RCF Program Officer Becky Smith has been promoted to Director of Philanthropic Services. This new position allows Smith to apply her expertise in more effectively focusing on all areas of the donor relationship. In addition, she will coordinate donor and professional advisor events and act as editor of the Foundation's annual report and newsletters.

RCF President Brady Groves commented, "With our renewed donor-centric approach and Becky's knowledge of our nonprofit community and the emerging needs of Richland County, we will more fully concentrate on fulfilling the philanthropic passions of our donors."

Allie Watson has joined the Richland County Foundation staff as Program Officer. A long-time resident of Mansfield, Allie formerly served as the Donor Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross. She is a graduate of St. Peter's High School, received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Women's Studies from Ohio Wesleyan University and her Master of Science in Management from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Allie and her husband Sam Chamberlin, a social studies teacher at St. Peter's High School, are the parents of two children and reside in Mansfield.

Allie Watson (left) with Becky Smith



Women's Fund

The Advisory Committee of the Women's Fund (WF) of Richland County Foundation recently completed their formal business of the year by hosting a luncheon for current and past Advisory Committee members at Kingwood Center. With 25 in attendance, chair Billie Brandon reviewed the year's events and grant making and thanked the committees for their hard work over the past year.



Pictured: Ruby Wilkes-Feagin, Ivy Amos and Judie Collins

Setting the stage for 2012-2013, Brandon introduced in-coming chair Judie Collins who announced Carolyn Carto as her co-chair. Collins shared the 2012-2013 grant making focus will again center on the theme of wellness. A grant writing workshop is planned for Wednesday, August 15 for organizations interested in applying. Applications will be available online after that date.



Pictured above with WF chair, Billie Brandon (left), Joan Paterson (middle) and Ashley Forrest (right). Both are seniors at Ashland University's Dwight Schar College of Nursing and expressed how important this kind of support is in helping non-traditional students continue toward self-sufficiency and independence.

For more detailed grant information visit www.rcfoundation.org

Foundation Awards over \$360,000 in College Scholarships

The Richland County Foundation Scholarship Committee awarded 408 college scholarships to Richland County students for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students will attend 73 public/private universities or colleges. Eighty-five students will attend one of the four local colleges in our area.

Summertime Kids Program Grants

The Richland County Foundation's Summertime Kids Program awarded \$31,552 in 16 grants to agencies which provide summertime programming for school-age kids.

Some programs can be educational, some only fun-filled, while others are a combination of both. Programs may also include a mid-day meal, a field trip out of the county and/or field trips within the city limits to the Carrousel, the Art Center or city parks. All programs afford kids opportunities to have fun in a supervised, safe environment.

Teacher Grants Approved

The Richland County Foundation's Teacher Assistance Program (TAP) committee approved over \$13,000 in TAP grants to 20 individual classroom teachers for the 2012-2013 year. Teachers from nine districts attended the special awards program on Tuesday, May 22.

Started in 1995, the mission of this special grants program is to assist individual classroom teachers in their efforts to provide additional creative and innovative experiences beyond what the school's budget will cover.

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CALENDAR

August 13 – 11:30 a.m.

Board of Trustees regular meeting

August 15 – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Women's Fund Grant Workshop

September 7 – 5:00 p.m.

Due date for general applications

September 21 – 5:00 p.m.

Due date for Women's Fund grant applications

October

Annual Donor Reception and Recognition

October 3 – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Connections Fund Grantwriting Workshop

October 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Board of Trustees regular meeting

November 2 – 5:00 p.m.

Due date of general applications and Connections Fund grant applications

November 15

National Philanthropy Day

December 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Board of Trustees regular meeting



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Connections Fund

For Members and Guests:

- **Tuesday, July 24** – Cypress Hill Winery
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Appetizers provided,
cash bar. Featured Program – Richland
Community Development Group
- **Wednesday, August 1** – United Way
Day of Caring

Be sure to check this out: **Friday, September 14** – Mansfield Reformatory: **Connections members will be the guests of honor for an up-close and personal view inside the prison walls with a privately led "Ghost Walk."** Call the Foundation office for details: 419-525-3020. Call NOW!

Did you know?

Gifts of any amount can be made to any of the Foundation's Designated Funds. The Richland County Foundation has 28 Designated Funds which yearly support local charitable organizations. Grants from the investment earnings of these funds endowment support the general operations of the specific designated charity. Your gifts are added to the fund of your choice, helping that fund increase in value. As the endowment value grows, additional grants can be made!

Your gifts do make a difference!

For more information, please call the Foundation office (419-525-3020) or visit us online at www.rcfoundation.org and visit the Guide to Giving Section/Giving to Designated Funds.

For detailed information on grants and events, please check our website: www.rcfoundation.org

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