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*The new building and campus will be centrally located in Mansfield on the Balgreen property, close to MedCentral Health System.*



## Ashland University To Build Dwight Schar College of Nursing in Mansfield



**On June 16**, Ashland University broke ground for the construction of a state-of-the-art nursing facility at the corner of Trimble Road and Marion Avenue. A Richland County Foundation grant of \$250,000 over five years will help support the building project. "The decision by Ashland University to locate in Richland County near MedCentral will have a significant economic impact in Richland County while advancing health care and higher educational opportunities region-wide," commented Board Chair, Sid Foltz III. The new campus is expected to bring \$12 million annually to the community through job creation and commerce. This is in addition to providing temporary jobs during construction for more than 100 people.

The nursing college will help fulfill the critical need for nurses as baby boomers age and people live longer. Despite this increase in

demand for qualified nurses, nursing schools have not been able to keep up with the national demand. But with the new building in Mansfield, the College of Nursing will be able to double its enrollment to 750 students within five years. The college offers the only baccalaureate degree within a 50-mile radius. Within five years, they plan to initiate a Master of Science in Nursing and a Nurse Practitioner Program.

Being on campus for the first two years in Ashland and then at the Mansfield campus during their junior and senior years will provide the full college experience for nursing students. Clinical training will be at MedCentral Health System and Samaritan Hospital. The Mansfield campus will include 12,000 square feet of contemporary simulation labs and nine additional classrooms to meet growing class sizes.

### Did you know?

**Community Foundations are considered the Community's Savings Account.**

*By giving directly to the Richland County Foundation, one doesn't have to be a millionaire in order to make a lasting difference right here at home. Gifts to the Community Endowment, from a \$25 memorial gift to a larger end-of-life gift, are pooled for ongoing growth. They support important local projects including the recent grant to help build the College of Nursing.*

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# 66th Annual Meeting

*Brady Groves  
Welcomed  
as New President*

## SEPTEMBER

**Fri 2 – 5:00 pm**  
Applications due date for general grants for October decision

**Mon 5**  
Foundation office closed for Labor Day

**Fri 16 – 5:00 pm**  
Due date for The Women's Fund grant applications

## OCTOBER

**Mon 3 – 5:30 pm**  
Annual Donor Reception at The Renaissance Theatre

## NOVEMBER

**Fri 4 – 5:00 pm**  
Applications due date for:  
• General grants for December decision  
• Connections Fund grant

**Fri 18 – 11:30 am**  
The Women's Fund Annual Luncheon and Grant Awards

**Date to be announced**  
Basic Grant Writing Workshop at Mansfield/Richland County Public Library

**The 66th annual meeting** was held at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center on May 2. Board of Trustees Chair Sidney A. Foltz III presided over the business meeting, attended by over 100 members and friends.

John Kastelic, Sharlene Neumann, Cynthia B. O'Neal, and Dick Walters were elected to the Board of Trustees for their third, three-year terms. Cathy Stimpert and Sam VanCura were elected for their second, three-year terms, and Pat Addeo was elected for her first, three-year term. Serving as officers of the Board for 2011–2012 are Sid Foltz, Chair; Mike Bennett, Chair-elect; Cynthia O'Neal, Secretary; and Dick Walters, Treasurer. Brady Groves was welcomed as the new Foundation president, having started in this position March 21, 2011.

Highlights of 2010 were presented by committee chairs Mike Bennett, Governance; John Kastelic, Audit; Sam VanCura, Finance; and Chriss Harris, Grant Distribution. Sid Foltz reported that the Foundation celebrated its 65th anniversary in 2010. Grants awarded for the year totaled \$3,017,723 and since 1945 have totaled \$54 million.



*Officers: (from left to right) Richard M. Walters, Treasurer; Sidney A. Foltz III, Chair; Michael L. Bennett, Chair-elect; Cynthia B. O'Neal, Secretary*

President Brady Groves commented, "An element of the Foundation that we will look to maximize for 2011 is our nonfinancial assets: knowledge, influence, and leverage. Our board of trustees is so well versed on the needs of the community that their vision for Richland County, combined with their leadership and development skills, can serve as an invaluable resource in assisting the nonprofit community to grow and prosper."



*Pat Addeo elected as new trustee*



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Jo Black



Becky Smith



Betty Wells

## TWIN Program Honors Women

**Jo Black, Becky Smith, and Betty Wells** were recognized at the TWIN (Tribute to Women in Industry) program on May 12 at Mid-Ohio Conference Center. Jo Black served as Chair of The Women's Fund during 2010–2012 and was presented the JoAnn Dutton Award in recognition of her leadership in volunteer service. As one of her volunteer responsibilities, she recently completed six years on The Women's Fund Advisory Committee. Becky Smith, Foundation Program Officer, was one of thirteen TWIN honorees recognized for achievement in their places of business. She has been with the Foundation for eight years. Foundation Trustee Betty Wells was presented the Athena Award for distinguished performance by a woman in business. Betty is Vice President for Institutional Advancement for North Central State College and has been on the Foundation Board for seven years.

## Welcome Reception Held for President Brady Groves

**An evening reception** on June 6 at Café on Main was an informal opportunity for donors, friends, and nonprofit organization representatives to meet Foundation President Brady Groves, who has been with the Foundation since March.



*"It was a great evening to visit with friends and donors of the Foundation. It was an excellent opportunity to get to know people on an informal basis and talk about mutual interests. I look forward to hosting these types of events again."*

## Tax-Free Gift Option from your IRA

**Through the rest of this year**, individuals age 70 1/2 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to charity without incurring federal income taxes today or estate and income taxes in the future. Gifts must be made by December 31, 2011.

Gifts made through the community foundation are a safe and convenient way to support your favorite charities through one place. Gifts of any size\* from your IRA can be directed to any fund at the Foundation, or with a minimum of \$10,000 you can establish your own fund designated to support one or more charities in Richland County and throughout the United States.

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*\* Up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$200,000 for couples.*



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# City Pools Open with Help of Generous Donors



For the third year, generous donors have made it possible to open city swimming pools when the City of Mansfield's budget couldn't support their operation as a result of tough economic times. Donations totaling \$61,000 from Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation provided necessary dollars to open two of the four swimming pools: Liberty Park and Linden. Grants were made from the Gorman Fund, the Jeannette C. Hartman Fund, and from three anonymous funds.

## Progress Achieved as P-16 Continues Work

The regional P-16 Council, Succeed and Prosper-Ashland, Richland, Crawford (SPARC), formed in 2008 as a network of networks continues its progress in achieving the two established ten-year goals. The first goal identifies the need to increase the number of high school graduates who pursue some kind of post secondary education or certification; the second, to increase the readiness of children entering kindergarten.

Since its inception SPARC has been responsible for providing all middle school students in the area free access to the ACT's assessment tool,

EXPLORE. Twenty-nine area high schools have had free access to the ACT planning tool, PLAN. Key to the success of both of these assessment tools is the follow-up that is provided through school counselors and ACT-trained volunteers.

Recently, the University and College Access Network (UCAN) and SPARC merged their efforts under one umbrella. This strong collaborative effort helped to attract a \$350,000 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents. Additionally, a \$22,500 grant from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation will help the organization to further high school readiness.



Children visit the Mansfield Memorial Museum through The Salvation Army Motion Commotion 2 program supported by a grant through Richland County Foundation Summertime Kids.

## Scholarship Program - \$400,000 Awarded

The Foundation awards hundreds of scholarships each year from more than 50 separate scholarship funds. The funds are established by individuals, families, and organizations to support postsecondary education and often are named in memory of loved ones. In addition, the Board of Trustees allocates grant dollars for the annual scholarship program from Unrestricted Funds in the Community Endowment. For the 2011-2012 school year the amount was \$100,000.

### University Club Scholarship Fund Awards \$36,000

Since the fund was established in 2007, \$117,500 in scholarships have been awarded to 55 students. The fund was established by the University Club Educational Foundation with a gift of \$3 million from the estate of Mansfield native, Jim Weldon. The funds were named in memory of Jim and his parents William and Helen Weldon. Students must apply through the Richland County Foundation general scholarship program and meet requirements of financial need.



(Photo at right) University Club Educational Foundation Board SEATED (L-R) Dave Petska, Dick Henry, Dick Bartelheim, Nick Kozimor STANDING (L-R) Brian Schmidt, Ken Zahn, Rod Earick, John Stewart, Bob Keller, Rick Roby, Al Sigg, John C. Roby, Keith Cawrse

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# Classroom Teachers Receive Grants

**Grants were awarded** to thirty classroom teachers at a special program held at the Mansfield Richland County Public Library on May 25. They were awarded through the Teacher Assistance Program (TAP) to support innovative and supplemental programs not covered by school budgets. Grants are awarded up to \$1,000.

*A committee of community and Foundation board members chaired by Foundation trustee Charma Behnke reviews the grant applications. We thank members Jan Beddard, Paula Brunn, Glenna Cannon, Suzanne Davis, Ellen Eckert, Yvette Givand, Debby Henry, Pamela J. Keith, Skip Malaska, Jason Murray, Annette Schutjer, W. Chandler Stevens, Larry VonBlon, and Betty Wells for their participation.*



*Students from Plymouth High School learned coil-building techniques to design and construct their own ceramic pots. The grant for the project was awarded to teacher Jason Martin in 2010.*



## TAP Top-rated Grants for the 2011-2012 Year

Lexington Local Schools – Central Elementary, Edwina Finley for *Mad for Mythology*

Shelby City Schools – Central Intermediate, Lynn Wechter for *B.E.A.R. (Be Excited about Reading)*

Clear Fork Valley Schools – Clear Fork High School, Stephan Shifley for *Metal Bending & Fabrication*

Mansfield City Schools – Mansfield Middle School, Diane Bowers for *Future Entrepreneurs of Ohio*

Clear Fork Valley Schools – Butler Elementary, Diane Brokaw for *Guided Play with Math Manipulatives = Success!*

Mansfield City Schools – Newman Elementary, Sarah Schonauer for *Raising Reading through Reader's Theater*

Shelby City Schools – Dowds Elementary, Carol Mullet for *Getting Technical About Our Learning!*

Clear Fork Valley Schools – Bellville Elementary, Jennifer Campbell for *Fraction Action with Models and Games*

Crestview Local Schools – Crestview High School, Steve Sambroak for *The Leap Ahead Program*

Mansfield City Schools – Newman Elementary, Maria Beal for *Nuts About Nature*

# Women's Fund Elects New Advisory Committee Members

**The Women's Fund** elected five new members to the advisory committee in June to fill the positions of members completing six years of service.

New to the committee are Carolyn Carto, Suzanne Davis, Lynn Fahmy, Pat Schutjer, and Ruby Wilkes-Feagin. Suzanne Davis was one of the original founders in 1996 and is returning to the committee. Billie Brandon, chair for the 2011-2012 year, commented, "As we continue to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Women's Fund, we are excited to work with our new members. We'll be inviting community women to join us as well as we look to the future and how we can best serve women and girls in our community."

Members completing six years of service on the committee are Ivy Amos, Michelle Ballinger, Karen Bierly, Jo Black (2010-2011 chair), and Nancy Joyce.

## Scholarships Awarded to Nontraditional Female Students

The Women's Fund Advisory Committee recommended \$5,000 in college scholarships for women from their grant making budget. Nontraditional female students who have met requirements through the Foundation's scholarship program are eligible for the award. Scholarships for 2011-2012 were awarded to Mandy Beeman, a junior in Education at Ashland University, and to Ashley Forrest and Joan Paterson, both juniors in nursing at Ashland University.



## Foundation Staff Members Help with Downtown Planter Project



*(Pictured above)*

*Top: Program Officer Becky Smith on her way to fill eight planters on the square.*

*Communications Director Susan Madura (far right) with fellow OSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers planted in the rain May 17.*

## Grants Provide Summertime Fun!

**Hundreds of local children** will be participating in a series of summertime activities offered by 20 nonprofits that received grants through the Summertime Kids program. Many of the programs are created for children who would not have opportunities to enjoy camping and other outdoor activities, fun educational programs, or field trips.

*Grant applications are reviewed by a committee of community members chaired by Foundation trustee John Roby. We thank Mike Bennett, Terry Conard, Bruce Cummins, Lynn Fahmy, Don Mitchell, Carol Payton, Sherry Smith, Dave Southward, Cathy Stout, and Diane Tobias for their participation.*



*Camp Mowana, Celebration! Day Camp*

- Boy Scouts Heart of Ohio Council, *Mobile Cub Scout Day Camp*
- Camp Mowana, *CELEBRATION! Day Camp*
- City of Mansfield, *Hooked on Fishing*
- The Center for Individual & Family Services, *Camp PACE/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services - 2011 Youth Program*
- Children's Cupboard, *Summer Fun Program*
- Culliver Reading Center, *Camp Culliver*
- Friendly House Association, *Summertime Fun Program*
- The Fun Center Chordsmen, *Youth In Harmony*
- Harmony House Homeless Services, Inc., *Kids Vacation*
- Hospice of North Central Ohio, Inc., *KIDSCENE*
- Mansfield Urban Youth Athletics, *Mansfield Urban Youth Athletics*
- Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors Inc., *Summer Day Camp*
- RC Board Developmental Disabilities, *Richland Newhope Summer Campership*
- Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning, *Camp Nuhop*
- Ohio Bird Sanctuary, *Nature Camp*
- Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, *Summer Horse Camp*
- Richland County Community Action, *Growing Kids Growing Gardens*
- The Salvation Army, *Motion Commotion 2*
- Village of Bellville, *Bellville Safety Town*
- Village of Butler, *Butler Pre-K Safety Town*

## Grants from Donor Advised Funds

**\$505,200 was recently approved to the following local organizations**

- American Red Cross
- Ashland University
- Ashland University-Ashbrook Center
- Boy Scouts Heart of Ohio Council
- Catholic Charities
- City of Mansfield
- Community Health Access Project (CHAP)
- Discovery School
- Friendly House
- Friends of Crawford Park District, Inc.

- Malabar Farm Foundation, Inc.
- Mansfield Art Center
- Mohican School of the Out-of-Doors
- North Central State College
- North Central State College Foundation
- The Ohio State University-College of Medicine
- The Ohio State University-Mansfield
- Plymouth Area Historical Society
- Richland Academy
- Richland County Children's Auxiliary
- The Salvation Army
- United Way of Richland County

*Donors who establish Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation have the opportunity to make grant suggestions to their favorite public charities anywhere in the United States, to their churches, and to college alma maters.*

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**Ashland University** – *Campaign for the College of Nursing* – received a grant of \$250,000, to be paid over five years. The grant is part of a \$15.5 million campaign to build a College of Nursing facility in Richland County at the Balgreen property located at Trimble Road and Marion Avenue. *Granted from multiple funds.*

**Catholic Charities** – *Richland County Organization for Disaster Assistance (CODA)* – received a grant of \$5,000 to provide case management services for victims of the February 2011 flood who are over the age of sixty and living in the city of Mansfield. *Granted from the Scattergood Fund.*

**The Center for Individual and Family Services** – *Family Practice & Psychiatric Integration* – received a grant of \$50,825 to support collaboration with Third Street Family Services to meet a local need for general practitioners and psychiatric care. The grant will help renovate physician office space and provide training for general practitioners to incorporate treatment of low-level mental illness into the physical treatment of the patient. *Granted from the Mary Mead and Robert Sturges Memorial Fund and the Marion Draffan Wisdom Fund.*

**Children’s Cupboard** – *Southside Outreach* – received a grant of \$7,127 to renovate a handicapped accessible bathroom and build a handicapped accessible entry ramp into the facility. Children’s Cupboard serves children and their families in southeast Mansfield. *Granted from the Ralph C. Lutz Fund.*

**The Domestic Violence Shelter** – *HVAC Replacement* – received a grant of \$38,500 as final dollars needed for the replacement of the facility’s heating and cooling system. *Granted from the Robert B. Black Fund and the Pauline S. Treisch Fund.*

**Little Buckeye Children’s Museum** – *Little Buckeye Museum* – received a grant of \$22,000 for the interactive learning center designed for children up to 12 years of age. *Granted from the Consolidated Memorial Fund.*



**Mansfield/Richland County Public Library** – *First Call 2-1-1 Expansion Project* – received a grant of \$11,000 as final dollars needed to run the necessary technology from the Main Library to service the new location of the First Call 2-1-1 office across the street. First Call 2-1-1 connects individuals to the appropriate social service provider(s) to assist with their needs. *Granted from the Pauline S. Treisch Fund.*

**Mansfield Memorial Homes** received two grants totaling \$35,000 for programs that assist the elderly. The Homemaker Home Health program was awarded \$20,000 to pay for home health services that include personal care, light housekeeping, and limited errand-runs to assist the elderly. The Rotary Adult Daycare Center was awarded \$15,000 to provide activities and socialization for the elderly who may need assistance and can no longer remain alone. *Both grants were awarded from the Floyd H. Lutz Fund.*



**Ohio Bird Sanctuary** – *Roof and Window Replacement Project* – received a grant of \$10,000 as final dollars needed to replace the roof and windows to preserve the integrity of the building used for summer camp, classroom space, and possible use in the future as a visitor center. *Granted from the Katherine L. Parker Fund.*

**Ohio Special Response Team** – *Emergency Response Equipment* – received a grant of \$12,500 to equip a trailer to meet FEMA specifications required for certification. The Ohio Special Response Team members serving Richland County are volunteers trained in search and rescue to respond to man-made or natural disasters. *Granted from the W. Richard Tappan Fund.*

**The Salvation Army** received a grant of \$25,000 to provide emergency rent and mortgage assistance for their clients. *Granted from the Mary Mead Sturges and Robert Sturges Memorial Fund.*

*Children learn as they play in several interactive display areas at Little Buckeye Museum. The learning center opened in May in the Carrousel District in downtown Mansfield.*

## Competitive Grants Awarded from Community Endowment

*Competitive grants are awarded six times a year from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds. These funds were established by donors with little or no restrictions so that the Board of Trustees would have the ability to make grants to respond to ever-changing needs in our community.*

*Mansfield Memorial Homes, Rotary Adult Daycare Program.*



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**It's never too late to join** this group for young professionals who have a desire to foster community involvement and charitable giving. With a focus on philanthropy, Connections awards grants once a year. This year's grant focus will be announced later this summer. The annual grant application deadline is Friday, Nov. 4.

## Attention Professional Advisors!

### Attorneys, CPAs, Financial Advisors, and Insurance

**Professionals** mark your calendars to attend an afternoon seminar on Elder Law. The speaker is Janet Lowder of Hickman & Lowder Company, L.P.A. in Cleveland and is certified in Elder Law. Three hours of continuing education credits will be offered for Attorneys and CPAs.

October 28 | Registration: 11:30 a.m. | Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 pm |  
Program 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Mid Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St.,  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906 | Cost \$50.00 (includes lunch and 3 hours  
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