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RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION

Our Community Newsletter • Fall 2008

Generations Served by Friendly House

Grant Approved for Roof Restoration

"The restoration will reduce annual maintenance costs and provide a safe environment so that Friendly House can continue to provide important services to the community," said Program Officer Becky Smith.



Terry Conard, Executive Director of Friendly House, with after-school children.



Friendly House neighborhood boys circa 1945

Friendly House has served the needs of Mansfield's north-side neighborhoods together with all of the Mansfield community for over 100 years. Families and other neighborhood residents are assisted with meals, clothing and social activities. In recent years the organization has been recognized for its effective after-school programs, such as Club 36, that provide children a hot meal, tutoring and homework assistance, opportunities for art expression, and martial arts for physical education.

Families and schools from across the community participate in the affordable programs offered by Friendly House, including swimming, basketball and summer camps. Youth can stay a week or more at Hidden Hollow or choose day care and recreation, for those with working families, at Happy Hollow.

Generous support over the years from a broad community base has included individuals, the United Way, and various grants, including those from Richland County Foundation.

In 1948 the new Richland County Foundation awarded its very first grant for the construction of the new Friendly House building (current building) on Mulberry Street. Sixty years later, Richland County Foundation once again partnered on a major project with a \$52,000 grant to help restore and repair the roof over the swimming pool and gymnasium.

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NOVEMBER

Thurs 6 – 8:00 am-noon
Basic Grant Writing Workshop
at the Mansfield/Richland
County Public Library

Fri 7 – 5:00 pm
Applications due date for:
• General grants for Dec.
decision
• Connections Fund grants

Week of Nov 10
National Community
Foundation Week

Wed 12 – noon-1:30 pm
Women's Fund Annual Grant
Awards Luncheon

JANUARY

Fri 2
Due date for general grant
applications for Feb decision

Wed 14 – 11:00 am
Summertime Kids
grant writing workshop

Sat 24
Connections Winter Gala

FEBRUARY

Wed 11 – 4:00 pm
TAP grant writing workshop

Fri 13 – 5:00 pm
Due date for Summertime
Kids grant applications

MARCH

Fri 6 – 5:00 pm
Due date for general grant
applications and individual
assistance grant applications
for April decision

Fri 13 – 5:00 pm
Due date for TAP applications

APRIL

Wed 1 – 5:00 pm
College scholarship
application deadline

Thanking Our Donors

Donors and guests enjoyed a lively evening at the Mansfield Art Center in the company of Foundation trustees, staff and other members of the community on October 6 at the Annual Donor Reception.

As part of a presentation, former trustee, Allen Sanford, encouraged and inspired the audience to seek out ways to give back to their community through their time, talent, and resources. Allen and his wife, Boots, have been long-time supporters of the foundation.

One of Allen's favorite quotes is from George Bernard Shaw, which includes . . . "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and, as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can . . ."



Larry and Cathy Stimpert with Judy and Loyal Bemiller



Tom and Nancy Depler with Lois McCullough



John Black and Mary Ann Konstam



Judy and Tom Croghan



Allen and Boots Sanford

The Opportunity of a Lifetime to Give the Gift of a Lifetime . . . Extended!

The Charitable Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Gift Rollover has been extended through a provision in the recent federal financial bailout. It allows gifts from IRAs to be made directly to charities in 2008 and 2009 and is retroactive to January 1, 2008.

Assets held in Individual Retirement Accounts are not only subject to income tax when withdrawn during one's lifetime or by survivors, but they may also be subject to estate tax if left to loved ones other than a spouse. For that reason, IRAs may be a good choice for some when deciding how to fund charitable gifts.

A gift of \$10,000 or more from your IRA to the Richland County Foundation can establish a new fund in you or your family's name to meet your personal charitable interests. Gifts of any size can be made to most funds, but not to donor advised funds.

Key provisions include the following:

- Donors must be age 70½ at the time the gift is made.
- Charitable gifts must be made directly from an IRA to the charity.
- An individual can give a maximum of \$100,000 in 2008 and an additional \$100,000 in 2009. A spouse can give an equal amount from his/her IRA.
- The \$100,000 can include gifts to multiple charities.
- Donors who are required to make minimum required distributions can direct the entire amount to charity to satisfy this minimum distribution.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Doug Freer, VP for Finance and Operations at Richland County Foundation 419.525.3020.

Foundation Invests for the Long-Term

We are living through extraordinary economic times and the financial and investment landscape has changed dramatically in recent weeks and continues to change on a daily basis. It is clear that there will be continued volatility in all investment markets for some time to come.

In these times, important concepts like liquidity, quality, and diversification are even more relevant in making decisions regarding investments. Long-term investing requires faith, confidence and an ability to weather short-term market dislocations.

The Foundation has invested the assets of its funds across a diverse mix of asset classes, subclasses and managers to provide long-term returns with reasonable risk.

Will Foundation funds be affected by these turbulent times? The answer is clearly yes. However, we believe that in the long term things will get better. In the mean time the Foundation Board of Trustees will continue to work with our investment consultant to make sure that Foundation investments are positioned and structured to provide the best possible outcome, over the long-term, to allow each component fund of the Foundation to provide grants both now and in the future.

Donate the Tree But Keep the Fruit

Income for today, a gift for tomorrow

Giving through a Charitable Gift Annuity allows you to arrange a generous gift to your community, while providing yourself a new income source you can count on for the rest of your life.

Charitable Gift Annuities work like this: in exchange for a gift of cash or marketable securities, Richland County Foundation agrees to make fixed payments for life to one or two annuitants. You may qualify for a significant charitable tax deduction and also receive a stream of income that is fixed, regardless of market conditions. Payments to the annuitant(s) are partly tax-free.

Upon your death, the remaining balance of your original gift will be placed into a permanent endowed fund that will make grants in accordance with your charitable direction.

A Charitable Gift Annuity can be funded with as little as \$10,000. The current schedule of annuity rates for one annuitant, which are set according to age, are listed below:

AGE	RATE
60	5.5%
65	5.7%
70	6.1%
75	6.7%
80	7.6%
85	8.9%
90 & Over	10.5%

To receive a brochure and more detailed information relevant to your personal situation, please contact Doug Freer, VP for Finance and Operations at Richland County Foundation 419.525.3020.



Chan Stevens (center) chairs the Rehab Center's successful capital campaign with leadership and help from the "Dream Team." (Left to right: Jay Goyal, Dave Carto, Lydia Reid, Cliff Schutjer, Chan Stevens, Gayle Freeman, Jon Taylor, Grant Milliron, Dick Taylor)

Trustees Approve Community Grants



Rehabilitation Service of North Central Ohio received a \$350,000 grant for the *Rehab Renewal Campaign*. The grant, to be paid over a three-year period, was made as part of a \$3.6 million campaign to

restore and make vital repairs to the facility on Sterkel Blvd. A successful campaign will also provide the opportunity to purchase modern equipment and to relocate New

Beginnings (a halfway house for individuals with addictions) into a new structure on Sterkel Blvd. *Granted from the Marion B. Bowers Fund and the Mary Mead Sturges & Robert Sturges Memorial Fund.*

Friendly House received a \$52,000 grant for the *Roof Restoration Project*. The grant from the Foundation will be used to restore the roof over the swimming pool and gymnasium. *Granted from the Katharine C. Bristol Fund and the Consolidated Memorial Fund.*

Kids Connection of Ohio received a \$25,000 grant for the *Empowerment Program: "Developing Leadership in Youth."* This highly-structured and goal-oriented program includes follow-up mentoring and behavior modification for at-risk youth in Mansfield City and Shelby City Schools. *Granted from the Marion B. Bowers Fund.*

Richland Agricultural Society received a grant for \$3,389 for the *Junior Fair Building Addition*. The grant will be used for exterior siding and to install a gas line and hook-up to allow usage of the building throughout the entire year. *Granted from the Florence Fox Fund.*

Village of Shiloh received a \$7,128 grant for a *Food Pantry Parking Lot*. Grant dollars will improve the existing parking area. *Granted from the Mary S. Wilson Fund.*

The Salvation Army received a \$5,000 grant for *Bridging the Gap for Emergency Food Programs*. Salvation Army grant dollars will be used to supplement both the food pantry and the monthly hot meals, as the agency responds to unexpected increased demand. *Granted from the Heloise H. Tappan Memorial Fund*



Empowerment Program at Shelby Intermediate School with Kid's Connection board chair Mark Hess

In Honor and Remembrance

The Foundation lost several good friends recently, including a current trustee and three former trustees. Their willing service to the Foundation and to the whole community will surely be missed and long remembered.



May 1998 – Board Chair Wray Smith (left) passes the gavel to Donald Beddard

The “Memory Book” Legacy

In the early days of the Foundation, it was called the “Memory Book” and contained the names of every person for whom the Foundation received a memorial gift.

Today this endowment, the Memorial Fund, has grown to over \$1 million dollars, thanks to the thousands of contributions, \$25, \$50 or \$100, that have come as memorial gifts to honor a friend or relative.

The earnings of the Memorial Fund have been used to continue the good work in the community. That work has included the following: helping Friendly House replace their roof, awarding TAP grants to area classroom teachers for innovative and creative projects, providing Summertime Kids grants to agencies that provide summer enrichment programs for children, and helping the City of Mansfield restore the historic Blockhouse.



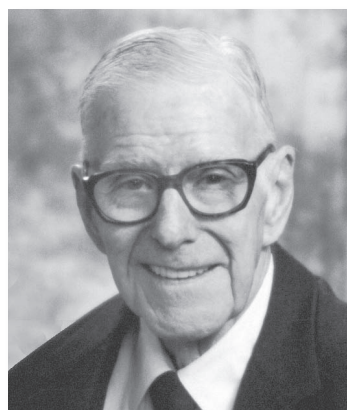
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Dr. Donald N. Beddard



Rev. Wray C. Smith, D.D.



William McCarrick

\$70,900 Awarded to Support Those in Need

At recent board meetings, the Board approved several grants to local social service agencies that provide emergency assistance to clients in need.

Catholic Charities, emergency rent and utilities

Center Street Community Clinic, for the HIV client hygiene & cleaning pantry

Hospice of North Central Ohio, to assist individuals or families dealing with cancer

Ohio District V Area Agency on Aging, for the HEMEN program to provide essential needs that help the elderly remain in their own homes

The Salvation Army, for assistance with rent and utilities

In making these grants, the board utilized the earnings of several funds directed by donors for these purposes: *George W. Blymyer Fund, Frances Fern Eckel Fund, Richard David Gardner Fund, James H. Hoffman Fund, Ralph C. Lutz Fund, The Scattergood Fund, Heloise H. Tappan Estate Fund, and the Voegel-Bahl Endowment Fund.*

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Annual Grant Awards Luncheon ... Join us!

The Women's Fund Advisory Committee invites the community to its Annual Grant Awards Luncheon. The luncheon is an opportunity to meet and recognize past grant recipients as they share their stories. It is also a time to congratulate this year's recipients and celebrate the work of The Women's Fund.

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Westbrook Country Club. Make your reservation by calling the Foundation office and sending a check for \$15.00 to Richland County Foundation, 24 West Third Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. Deadline for reservations is Friday, November 7.

The Women's Fund

The Advisory Committee of the Richland County Foundation's Women's Fund, in partnership with the Renaissance Theatre, welcomed Bonnie St. John on October 14, 2008 as she delivered her heart-moving story of perseverance to an audience of mostly women, from all backgrounds and of all ages.

"Thank you so much for making it possible for several of our program moms to be inspired and encouraged by Bonnie St. John's incredibly moving story," said Lorie Daugherty, Parent Aide Program Director

Much sought after as an inspirational speaker and known as a paralympian downhill skier, Ms. St. John shared her message of falling and getting back up as best expressed by the following: "If a one-legged, African-American girl from San Diego with no money and no snow can go to the Olympics as a ski racer..." people think to themselves, "surely I can follow my dream and find the joy in my life."



It's been four years since a group of vibrant, young professionals helped to establish a new fund at the Richland County Foundation to encourage other young leaders to "get connected" with their community and to learn more about philanthropy.



Amazing Women, Inspiring Lives Series



Bonnie St. John with two students from Mansfield Senior High

The partnership with the Renaissance Theatre continues for another presentation on March 10 by Debbi Fields, founder of Mrs. Fields Cookies. The Women's Fund donors, students and nonprofit agencies with programs that support women will receive another invitation to that up-coming lecture.

Connecting with the Next Generation

While the majority of the annual membership dues supports the endowment and grant awards, a smaller portion covers the costs for a variety of social and educational events throughout the year. The 2008 Advisory Committee is co-chaired by Terri Hamilton and Josh Taylor.

The grant focus is once again on "Youth and Education," with the deadline for application on Friday, November 7, 2008. This year's grantees will be announced and recognized at the annual Winter Gala in January 2009. Call the Foundation office for details at 419.525.3020.

Prospective members and interested friends are encouraged to contact the Foundation office to join at any time.

Astronomy for Youth family night at Malabar Farm

Donor Advised Grants Support Donors' Interests

Donor Advised Funds are an easy and rewarding way for donors to support multiple charitable interests over time. When a **donor advised fund** is established (or additional contributions are made) donors receive an immediate tax deduction for their gift and then may suggest grants to any public charity in the USA, including churches and college alma maters.

For many families, a donor advised fund becomes an attractive alternative to creating a private foundation. In addition to offering the greatest tax advantage, donor advised funds are simple to establish and easy to operate. Foundation staff handles all the administrative functions allowing families to focus their time on grantmaking.

Since January, approved grants from donor advised funds have totaled \$782,140.

The Board of Trustees recently approved donor advised grants including the following:

- Ashland University
- Community Health Access Project (CHAP)
- Dayspring
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Friendly House
- Kids' Connection of Ohio
- Mansfield Art Center
- MedCentral College of Nursing
- North Central State College
- Ohio Bird Sanctuary
- Plymouth Area Historical Society
- Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center
- Rehabilitation Center of NCO
- Richland Academy of the Arts
- United Way of Richland County

If you are interested in knowing more about a donor advised fund at Richland County Foundation, call Pam Siegenthaler at 419.525.3020.



Richland Academy of the Arts Spring Dance Review

Mark Your Calendar for The Women's Fund Winter Lunch Series

The Women's Fund will be holding an informational series this winter on nutrition related topics including:

- Feeding a Family on the Run
- The Locally Grown and Organic Movement
- Obesity: A National Crisis

The Tuesday lunch series will be held January 13, February 10, and April 14 in downtown Mansfield at the Main Street Café Kobacker Room. Details will be available soon (including the cost of lunch) and will be on our website www.rcfoundation.org. Call the Foundation office at 419.525.3020 if you would like to receive a flyer about attending the series.

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OANO Clinics Help Nonprofits with “Standards for Excellence”

“Standards for Excellence,” the comprehensive ethics and accountability program offered by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) was repeated for twelve area nonprofit organizations in September and October. Richland County Foundation, the Hire Family Foundation and the Fran and Warren Rupp Foundation jointly sponsored the four-part clinics that cover the areas of public accountability, mission and program, financial and legal, human resources, governing board, conflict of interest, fundraising, and public policy.

“In these times of financial unrest, having the public’s confidence and providing accountability has never been more important to the success of public charities.” commented Pam Siegenthaler, President of Richland County Foundation.

Participating organizations included Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY), Dayspring, Friendly House, Harmony House, Mansfield UMADAOP, Mary McLeod-Bethune Intervention and Enrichment, Ohio Genealogical Society, Parent Aide, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Rehabilitation Center of NCO, Richland Newhope Industries, and the Shelby Foundation.



Jennifer Williams, president of OANO, with clinic participants

The Mansfield Art Center Executive Director, Paul Kemerling, said of the earlier clinics he and his staff attended, “We recognize that in the current economic environment that the Art Center must continue to strive to be ever more effective, efficient, and beyond ethical reproach . . . And these workshops have further empowered us in our pursuit of these goals.”

The organizations having perfect attendance at the clinics are eligible to apply for capacity building grants to help them implement what they learned.



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