



OCCF Executive Director Sheca McGrew.

Message from OCCF's Executive Director: Approaching OCCF's 25th Anniversary Year

Not every newsletter message I write for you will feature a big announcement, but here's an exception. I am excited to announce that in 2024, Ottawa County Community Foundation will celebrate its 25th anniversary year (1999-2024).

There is much to celebrate and much to be thankful for. We celebrate the generosity of donors whose gifts have enabled OCCF to distribute more than \$7 million in grants to nonprofits and \$1.75 million in student scholarships since 1999. And, we thank you for your contribution to those remarkable

numbers, as well as to the most important number of all — the thousands of Ottawa County people whose lives have been touched by charitable giving through OCCF.

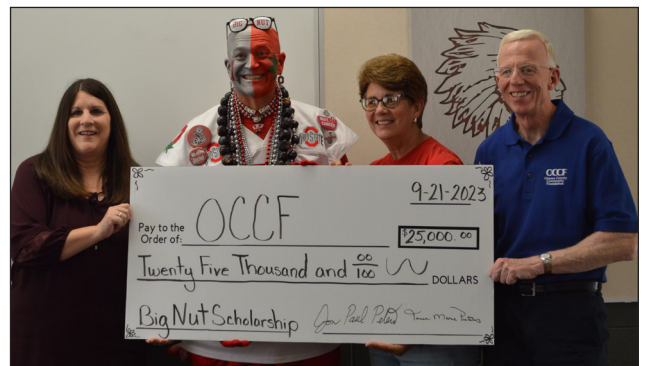
OCCF's next 25 years hold great promise. In 2024, we will look to expand our ability to serve the needs of Ottawa County citizens. With you as our partner, OCCF can expand its impact and continue to embrace the mission that drives us every day: "Doing Good. Forever."

"Big Nut" Starts Fund to Provide Ottawa County Student Scholarships

Annually, students seek financial aid as they take their next steps into adulthood via higher education. Jon Peters, the "Big Nut" superfan for The Ohio State University (OSU), recently partnered with OCCF to address that need. He and his wife Terese ("First Lady Nut") presented a check for \$25,000 to establish an endowed fund to provide scholarships to Ottawa County students going to OSU.

"It's not what you take with you when you leave this world. It's what you leave behind ... We wanted to do something for Ottawa County," says Jon. "It's about adding more scholarships and touching more lives."

Peters graduated from Oak Harbor High School and has provided a scholarship for Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School



OCCF President Deb Harmeyer, "Big Nut" Jon Peters, Terese Peters and OCCF Executive Director Sheca McGrew with a big check for student scholarships.

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Upcoming Grant Deadline

Now is the time for local organizations to prepare their request for funding for the 2024-2025 grant cycle. Grant requests will be accepted Jan. 1 - Mar. 1, 2024.

Guidelines for Grant Seekers is an excellent source of information and available at ottawaccf.org/grants. Grants will be awarded on June 20.

Questions regarding the grant application process may be directed to Mary Coffee, Grants Chair, 419-341-7400.



Archivist Kasie Harrington, of the Lakeside Heritage Society, received grants to help preserve Lakeside's history.

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District students for the last several years, as well as a scholarship for Woodmore students. The Peters plan to add the other Ottawa County high schools.

Big Nut and First Lady attend OSU's regular season games. In 1995, Jon won a Best Dressed contest, which proved to be the unexpected start of his game-winning notoriety. The Peters have used the "Big Nut" attention as a way to give back. When asked to do public appearances, the compensation the "Big Nut" received turned into a scholarship fund for high school students.

"Advanced education is so expensive," says Executive Director Shea McGrew. "Jon and Terese's generosity will allow many young adults to finance their dreams. We are here to help facilitate that giving."

In 2023, more than \$184,000 was awarded to 153 students via more than 55 individual OCCF scholarship funds. Organizations, families and individuals may set up an OCCF scholarship fund with specific parameters. The criteria for student eligibility may include graduating from a particular high school, attending certain post-secondary institutions, pursuing a degree in a designated field of study, and/or residing in a specific geographic area. Endowed scholarship funds require a minimum amount to establish, and annual earnings fund the scholarship.

Interested parties may also offer scholarships on a one-time basis, or over several years, until the gift is fully utilized. While the majority of OCCF scholarships are for graduating high school seniors, there are several scholarships available for non-traditional students, college students seeking to study abroad, and students at a specific college. The range of OCCF scholarships available may be found at www.ottawaccf.org/scholarships.

To set up a scholarship fund, visit www.ottawaccf.org or contact Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750, ottawaccf@gmail.com.

“Thank You” to OCCF’s Business Partner

OCCF thanks Jim and Heather Stouffer, of Catawba Island Club (CIC), for becoming 2023 members at the highest Benefactor level of OCCF’s Business Partners Giving Society. Jim also serves as a valuable member of OCCF’s Advisory Council.

“Our family, for over a half century, has enjoyed calling Port Clinton our home,” says Jim Stouffer. “The culture and commitment of the OCCF inspires us, along with many individuals, to view the future of this great community with optimism and confidence. We appreciate their dedication and support for future generations!”

Originally established as The Catawba Cliffs Beach Club, Inc., this private, family-oriented resort was purchased in 1967 by James Stouffer Sr., son of Stouffer Foods founder Vernon Stouffer. It was given new life by the Stouffer Family as a premier yachting and country club ... the CIC. Known for its unique location along the coastal shorelines, its stunning views and luxurious experience, this “home away from home” allows members and their families to cultivate new friendships and rekindle old ones. Visit cicclub.com for more information about this premier Lake Erie Club.



Heather & Jim Stouffer of the Catawba Island Club.



Catawba Island Club

Business Partner contributions enable OCCF to continue the important work of grant-making and promoting charitable giving across Ottawa County. Thank you, CIC and all OCCF Business Partners!



Supporters, donate to OCCF today!

For details about becoming a Business Partner, visit www.ottawaccf.org or contact Executive Director Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750.

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to the many friends who joined OCCF in raising nearly \$50,000 during our first OCCF GALA fundraiser, held at the Catawba Island Club. Such generous support will help OCCF to continue its efforts of "Doing Good. Forever."



2023 OCCF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 147 scholarships = \$187,215.88

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Institution Attending</i>	<i>Scholarship Fund</i>
Owen Auxter	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU - Firelands	Steven G. Benko Family Memorial
Ethan Ranzenberger	\$1,000.00	PC	Concordia University	Steven G. Benko Family Memorial
Melissa Ali	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Carlie Blaeving	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Mackenzie Martinez	\$750.00	PC	Mercy College of Ohio	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Jacob Weldon	\$750.00	PC	Miami University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Tristan Lyons	\$895.44	D	Brigham Young University	Blair Scholarship
Jacob Mischler	\$895.44	D	The Ohio State University	Blair Scholarship
Alice Lentz	\$838.94	PIB	The Ohio State University	Mayor John W. Blatt, Mayor of Put-in-Bay
Logan Dale	\$1,265.33	PC	University of Cincinnati	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Macy Ladd	\$1,265.33	PIB	Kent State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Emma Rettig	\$316.00	D	Heidelberg University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Canna Stephens	\$317.33	D	Kent State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Kamil Stephens	\$316.00	D	University of Mount Union	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Alexis Wunder	\$316.00	D	United States Coast Guard Academy	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Preston Sorg	\$1,265.34	W	Eastern Michigan University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Owen Miller	\$1,265.33	OH	Kent State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Gabriella Millner	\$1,265.33	G	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Brayden Hayes	\$880.46	OH	Ohio State University	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Leyton Losie	\$880.46	OH	University of Cincinnati	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Melissa Ali	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Ann Bolte Achievement
Colleen Warner	\$2,668.46	OH	University of Toledo	Linda Kaiser Carsten
Emily Elizabeth Kessler	\$2,000.00	-	Xavier University	Catawba Is. Club Employee
Gabrielle Johnson	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Toledo	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary
Grace Smothers	\$1,000.00	PC	Denison University	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary
Paige Smothers	\$1,000.00	PC	Denison University	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary
Landon Dunlap	\$517.00	D	The Ohio State University	Coffin Memorial
Jacob Mischler	\$900.00	D	The Ohio State University	Coffin Memorial
Emma Rettig	\$900.00	D	Heidelberg University	Coffin Memorial
Natalie Rose	\$521.02	D	University of Dayton	Coffin Memorial
Kamil Stephens	\$517.00	D	University of Mount Union	Coffin Memorial
Alexis Wunder	\$900.00	D	United States Coast Guard Academy	Coffin Memorial
Hannah Perry	\$1,164.10	OH	Owens Community College	William and Frances Druckenmiller
Scott Kigar	\$2,500.00	W	University of Toledo	Pamela Graver-Koenig Memorial
Emily Holcomb	\$1,500.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Marlene Gulas and Family
Darik Hoyt	\$1,251.18	PC	Bowling Green State University	Dorothy Jean (Armbruster) Gulau
Connor Hand	\$1,922.59	OH	Bowling Green State University	JoAnn Hablitzel Memorial
Alexis Wunder	\$1,545.02	D	United States Coast Guard Academy	Ron Harger Memorial
Jaden Hefflinger	\$808.09	PC	Bowling Green State University	James Jacob Lee "Jake" Hefflinger Memorial
Olivia Vogelpohl	\$443.30	W	Bowling Green State University	Hellwig-Clements Family
Emily Holcomb	\$771.41	PC	Heidelberg University	Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education
Lilly Strong	\$642.83	W	The Ohio State University	Ian Huffman Memorial - Woodmore Grads
Ja'Lea Swiggett	\$500.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace	Port Clinton Community
Lillie Rolen	\$639.14	PC	Capital University	Lester J. Klenk
Natalie Rose	\$850.72	D	University of Dayton	Joseph J. Kristenak Memorial
Jacob Mischler	\$1,627.59	D	The Ohio State University	Jane M. Krynock
Logan C. Brown	\$703.63	-	Terra State Community College	Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance
Lydia Boykin	\$3,500.00	PC	Capital University	James W. Longe
Faith Chapman	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Grace Heilmann	\$3,500.00	PC	Kent State University	James W. Longe
Rebekah Koehl	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Zavier Manning	\$3,500.00	PC	Ohio University	James W. Longe
Kaylee Phillips	\$3,500.00	PC	Northern Michigan University	James W. Longe
Cadence Wallace	\$3,500.00	PC	Siena Heights University	James W. Longe
Averie Webb	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Lilli Rolen	\$750.00	PC	Capital University	Thomas W. Maher
Mia Sanchez	\$1,075.13	PC	Capital University	Thomas W. Maher
Brigitte Schroeder	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Thomas W. Maher
Ian Arias	\$1,359.89	OH	University of Toledo	David B. and Virginia B. Martin
Hezeki Webb	\$1,101.68	G	University of Michigan	Jennifer K. Martin
Liberty Contos	\$1,101.68	G	Kent State University	Jennifer K. Martin
Jaelyn Croy	\$1,185.30	OH	Miami University	John and Carolyn Miller
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Diane Heschel	\$1,000.00	OH	University of Akron	Oak Harbor Rotary
Owen Miller	\$1,000.00	OH	Tiffin University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Christopher Snyder	\$1,000.00	OH	Owens Community College	Oak Harbor Rotary
Olivia Perry	\$1,000.99	PC	John Carroll University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Gracie Rohrer	\$1,000.99	PC	Grace College	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Cadence Wallace	\$1,000.99	PC	Siena Heights University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Cadence Wallace	\$669.62	PC	Siena Heights University	1999-2004 Port Clinton Walleye Festival
Lily DeTray	\$672.40	OH	Manchester University	Joshua D. Priddy
Paige Smothers	\$1,581.00	PC	Denison University	Julia A. Quayle Educational
Isabella Marvicsin	\$500.00	PC	Tiffin University	Priscilla Rhiel

OTTAWA COUNTY STUDENTS AIM FOR THEIR DREAMS

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Institution Attending</i>	<i>Scholarship Fund</i>
Canna Stephens	\$500.00	D	Kent State University	Richmond Fund for the Arts
William Rahm	\$1,657.00	OH	Tiffin University	Marvin and Alice D. Rohloff
Carly Robinette	\$1,057.05	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Adam Thorbahn	\$1,057.05	PC	University of Findlay	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Owen Auxter	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Zoey Barr	\$730.58	PC	Wells College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Taylor Bollinger	\$3,500.00	PC	Ashland University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Isabella Cross	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Kirsten Cuevas	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Parker Fanning	\$3,500.00	PC	Miami University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Olivia Felbinger	\$2,000.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Claudia Gillum	\$3,500.00	PC	Ohio University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Alyssa Libben	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Toledo	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Akella Nardecchia	\$2,000.00	PC	High Point University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Carlito Otero	\$3,500.00	PC	Miami University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Alexis Ranson	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mia Sanchez	\$730.58	PC	Capital University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Addisynne Siefke	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Grace Smothers	\$3,500.00	PC	Denison University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Paige Smothers	\$2,000.00	PC	Denison University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Makaila Webb	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Noah Yurista	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Noah Zimmerman	\$1,000.00	PC	Ohio Northern University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Zoey Barr	\$1,000.00	PC	Wells College	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Lydia Boykin	\$2,000.00	PC	Capital University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Emily Holcomb	\$2,000.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Gabrielle Johnson	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Toledo	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Alyssa Libben	\$2,000.00	PC	University of Toledo	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mackenzie Martinez	\$2,000.00	PC	Mercy College of Ohio	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Olivia Perry	\$2,000.00	PC	John Carroll University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mia Sanchez	\$2,000.00	PC	Capital University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Cadence Wallace	\$2,000.00	PC	Siena Heights University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Makaila Webb	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Keston Wallerman	\$2,227.02	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jack Schiller Family
Brandon Conners	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Rollie W. Sidell Memorial
Andrew Berlin	\$1,899.92	OH	Bowling Green State University	Les and Barb Sprouse
Landon Dunlap	\$530.88	D	The Ohio State University	Doris E. Stamm
Tristan Lyons	\$530.88	D	Brigham Young University	Doris E. Stamm
Jacob Mischler	\$530.88	D	The Ohio State University	Doris E. Stamm
Kamil Stephens	\$530.88	D	University of Mount Union	Doris E. Stamm
Mia Sanchez	\$944.22	PC	Capital University	George and Lois Svehla
Noah Zimmerman	\$944.21	PC	Ohio Northern University	George and Lois Svehla
Beverly Divya	\$1,530.86	-	Eden Theological Seminary	Sue Ann Van Rensselaer Weibel Coyle
Lily DeTray	\$1,407.38	OH	Manchester University	Arthur Van Rensselaer
Blake Barker	\$1,381.01	D	Terra State Community College	Richard and Joyce Wadsworth
Olivia Marie Vogelpohl	\$1,000.00	W	Bowling Green State University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Sophia Marie Cashen	\$1,000.00	G	Bowling Green State University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Emma Pearl Kayser	\$1,000.00	W	Bowling Green State University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Violet Warren	\$1,000.00	OH	Miami University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Parker Jacob Fanning	\$1,000.00	D	Miami University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Assoc.
Carsen Szakovits	\$1,000.00	W	Tiffin University	Rothert Family Farms
Brayden Schwartz	\$1,000.00	W	Wright State University	Rothert Family Farms
Makaila Webb	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Tom Brown
Olivia Perry	\$1,000.00	PC	John Carroll University	Catawba Island Historical Society
Owen Auxter	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU-Firelands	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Cody Berndt	\$1,000.00	OH	Bowling Green State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Ella Dedes	\$1,000.00	OH	Bowling Green State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Jaxon Martinez	\$1,000.00	PC	Case Western Reserve	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Alexis Meggitt	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Michaela O'Donnell	\$1,000.00	PC	Roger Williams University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Ella Roberts	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Dayton	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Jacob Weldon	\$1,000.00	PC	Miami University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Zachary Weldon	\$1,000.00	PC	Ohio University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Kaylie Simpson	\$1,750.00	PC	OSU - Stone Lab	Beck Family Fund
Layne Blessing	\$100.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Graydon Casey	\$100.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Adriana Davenport	\$100.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Aubrey Harris	\$100.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Tristan Herbert	\$100.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
CJ Carlson	\$150.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Clayton Mahler	\$150.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Charlie Nowak	\$150.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Kalanie Owen	\$150.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice
Gordon Strnad	\$150.00	D	EHOVE	Michael Justice

**Scholarship due dates
coming soon!**

**Students may check
with their high school
counselors for details
and/or
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